



Tuckahoe Lodge

No. 347

A.F. & A.M.



Chartered: February 14, 1923

Stated Communication: First Thursday of every month

Send Mail to: 10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6490

On the Internet at: www.tuckahoelodge347.org

*May the Glow of Masonic Wisdom Light
Our Pathways Through Life.*



*May Logic and Reason Forever Prevail
Within The Grip of All Freemasons.*

TRESTLEBOARD

Dear Brother,

You are requested to attend the following Communications of your Lodge to be held in the Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, Bethlehem and Dickens Roads, Richmond, Virginia.

STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, September 4, 2008

5:45 P.M. - Stewards Assemble

6:30 P.M. - Dinner prepared by "Sir Master Chef" Whitley - **Ladies Invited!**

Program - Ladies Night, with entertainment by The James River Trio

Open Master Mason's Lodge

General Business – Ballot

Committee Reports

Dress for Officers – Tuckahoe Lodge shirts and khakis

Dress for Members – Collar sport shirt and slacks

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, September 11, 2008

7:00 P.M. – Work expected in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, September 18, 2008

7:00 P.M. – Work expected in the Fellowcraft Degree.

Dress for all Called Communications is coat & tie

DATES TO REMEMBER

- * **Tuckahoe Masonic Class**—Meets every Wednesday or Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except in the month of December. Renew and improve your Masonic Skills. Come out and support your officers.
- * **Robert Lewis Gibbs Saturday Night Masonic Class** —Meets every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at Scottish Rite Temple except in December and on the 4th Saturday when Masters and Wardens meet.
- * **Masters and Wardens**—Meets the 4th Saturday at Scottish Rite Temple. (No meetings in June, July, August and December)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- * Report any change of address to Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr., Secretary.
- * Dues for 2008 were due and payable January 1, 2008 in the amount of \$68.00.
- * Report cases of Illness or Distress to our Junior Warden, Brother Barry Faison or any officer of the Lodge. Phone numbers are listed below. *It is extremely important that you tell your spouse, a family member, or a friend to inform the Lodge if you are indisposed in any way.*
- * If you need transportation to any Lodge Meeting or Special Event, please let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know.
- * The Lodge's Blood Donation Number is 1779.
- * The Lodge Telephone Number is 288-5166.

LODGE OFFICERS – 2008

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Wor. J. Larry Mason (H) 741-5736
Wor. R. Alton Wright (H) 360-5598

MASONIC EDUCATION:

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Wor. R. Alton Wright (H) 360-5598
Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr., (D.I.W.) (H) 794-3661

LIBRARY/SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Wor. Jack Cooke (H) 752-2117

BUILDING TEAM:

Wor. Herb Eades (H) 270-2215
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MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

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FUNERAL:

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SUNSHINE:

Bro. Barry C. Faison (H) 741-2331
and all Lodge Officers

PLANNING:

Wor. R. Alton Wright, Wor. Marshall H. Messimer, Jr., Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr., and Bro. James A. Dabney

BLOOD PROGRAM:

Bro. J. Ronald Childs. (H) 261-2155
Bro. John T. Gaywood (D.B.C.) (H) 360-0244

GREETERS:

Wor. Clawson D. Barbour, Bro. Donald J.L. Bloomquist, Bro. Dorman Watts, Bro. Lin Schwartz

INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

Wor. Douglas Messimer, Bro. Ben Smith, Bro. Nelson Pruden

LIVING PAST MASTERS

E. F. McCune, Jr. 1964
E. L. Walker 1970
W. Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M. 1975
J. N. Culler, P.D.D.G.M. 1976
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M. 1977
C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M. 1979
D. Mck. Messimer 1981
D. A. Powers, III. 1982
J. McD. Wolf. 1983
R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M. 1984
L. E. Stott 1986
T. B. Jarrell 1987
J. L. Woolard 1988
W. P. Gilliam, Jr. 1989
G. W. Boswell. 1990

W. A. Edmonds 1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr. 1992
C. H. Hilgenhold. 1993
W. M. McClintock 1994
J. Larry Mason 1995
C. H. Hilgenhold. 1997
R. S. Lanier 1998
C.D. Barbour 2000
R. A. Wright 2001
J. G. Cooke 2002 - 2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M. 2004
J. T. Quinley 2005
H. H. Eades, Jr. 2006 - 2007

ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

F. G. Martin, III, P.G.M. (344) 1989
G. H. Brooks. (352 & 10)
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. (211) 1990
N. E. Vine (Charles River, MA) 1990
C. T. Morriss (302) 2005
J. H. Crowder, P.D.D.G.M. (177) 2004-05
J.B. Wilkinson, P.G.M.....(207) 1959
D.E. Wettstone, P.D.D.G.M.....(207) 1984
S.E. Tuck, Jr.,(207) 2006
D.G. Price..... (207) 2002 & 05

HONORARY MEMBERS

Rt. Wor. C. E. Whitley, Rt. Wor. J. N. Culler, Bro. J. S. Gilmore, III, Mt. Wor. F. G. Martin, III, Mt. Wor. J. R. Quinley

SEVENTY-YEAR MEMBER

Bro. A. J. Drescher

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. W. H. Lawrence, Jr., J. F. Hayes, I. W. Kuper, H. S. Brown, T. L. Moore, Jr.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. D. J. L. Bloomquist, W. G. Lee, J. W. Hurt, A. O. Ballinger, H. L. Atwell, C. P. Johnson, R. C.

Wood, D. M. Lovelace, J. G. Smith, J. C. Wood, C. D. Bailey, M. A. House, F. L. Elmore, Jr., J. R. Williams, C. C. McCoy, R. F. Westbury, Sr., H. E. Franklin, J. B. Datig, E. F. McCune, Jr., R. W. Weitzel, P. F. Giles, C. R. Hodge, F. J. Trexler, Jr., W. R. Westbury, Jr., R. L. Fagg, III, H. C. Jones, L. E. Stott, J.F. Minton, Jr



FROM THE EAST

Marshall H. Messimer, Jr., *Worshipful Master*

Rt. Wor. Sir "Master Chef" Clarence E. Whitley has done it again! Our dinner at the August Stated Communication was indeed a special one. The pork was ever so tender, moist and delicious! While visiting another Lodge, I was approached by a Brother who had visited with us at the August meeting; he made special note of how much he liked visiting Tuckahoe and enjoying our "Master Chef's" dinners. Our thanks to Rt. Wor. Whit and his staff for their contributions to Tuckahoe Lodge.

Our Jr. Warden, Bro. Barry Faison, presided in the East at Jr. Warden's Night. Though this was Bro. Barry's first time presiding in the East at a Stated Communication, he was thoroughly prepared as the results showed. He certainly has earned a "well done".

Ms. Marie Barnett, Librarian for the Allen E. Roberts Masonic Library, Inc., was the guest speaker for the evening. She presented a very interesting narrative on the Library's history and research opportunities and featured some documents from Tuckahoe's history that are retained in the Library.

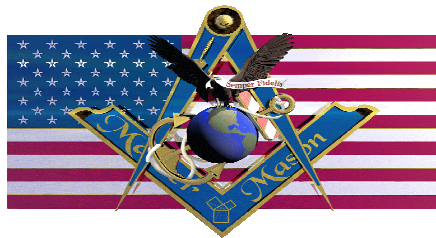
We balloted on 3 petitions for the Degrees in Freemasonry and read another for the first time. One of those elected was initiated at our Called Communication on August 14th and we raised two others at the One-Day Conferral held at the Scottish Rite Temple on August 16th.

At our September Stated Communication we will recognize our widows and ladies. Brother Richard Turochy, our Lodge Musician, is again bringing "The James River Trio" to take us "on a musical train trip thru the South" as our program for the evening. Be sure and bring your ladies to this special program!

SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

253 Years of Masonic Service

Clevinger, H.C.	36 th	Gates, C.H., III	9 th	McClure, R.D.	19 th
Collins, R.L.	36 th	Harlin, E.F., Jr.	2 nd	McGavic, R.L.	16 th
Eades, H.H., Jr.	45 th	Lanier, R.S.	15 th	Whitley, C.E.	43 rd
Elicerio, J.M.	23 rd	Williams, R.E., Jr.	9 th		





FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, Secretary

Welcome back from what I hope has been a restful summer. It certainly has been hot and sticky and gave us thanks for our air conditioning. Vacations for many were the first order of business. I hope you have enjoyed your rest and relaxation. Let us pause to reflect on our commitments of fulfilling whatever Masonic endeavors we hold true to our hearts. More importantly, get involved with the workings of your Lodge. Seek out your enlightenment. Fulfill your commitment by attending your Lodge meetings.

My thanks to those who have paid their 2008 dues. Unfortunately, we still have several brethren who have not paid their dues to help the Lodge meet its expenses. Please check your dues card and make sure it reads 2008. Dues notices, as always, will be going out before the end of the year. Dues for 2009 will remain at \$68. For those 70 years of age and over, the dues are \$60. Now is a good time to consider that Life Membership in Perpetuity. It is \$1,088 for those under 70 and \$960 for those 70 years of age and older. Help yourself and help your Lodge. Tuckahoe Lodge will continue to receive your dues forever. What better way to leave a memorial in your name for your Lodge. Call me for the details. My numbers are in the bulletin.

If you are reading this message online, and are not a Mason, I hope that you will take advantage of the information made available to you.

If you are a Mason accessing this site, please avail yourself of our Masonic invitation to attend Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347. Sojourning Masons are always welcome. For a Stated Communication, just bring your appetite, your lady if you live in the area, and your current Blue Lodge dues card. We'll do the rest.

THE SECRETARY'S MASONIC TIDBITS

Candidates during the time of the Operative Masons took their obligations on the Old Charges and not on a Holy Book.

By 1700, Freemasonry consisted of two degrees. It was not until the 1720's that the three degree system made its appearance.

The gavel is one of the oldest working tools used by man; one of the first explained to the new Mason as an Entered Apprentice; and is the emblem of authority in the hands of the Worshipful Master. It has on occasion been called a 'Hiram'.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is referred to as 'Right Worshipful', whereas in all other United States jurisdictions he is called 'Most Worshipful'.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is the only Grand Lodge in the United States that has a name only for their Lodges, no number (such as Tuckahoe No. 347).

**THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER**