



Tuckahoe Lodge

No. 347

A.F. & A.M.



Chartered: February 14, 1923 by the Grand Lodge of Virginia
Stated Communication: First Thursday of every month
Send Mail to: 10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6490
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*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. Take due notice thereof.

STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, November 6, 2008

- 5:45 P.M. - Stewards Assemble
- 6:30 P.M. - Dinner, by 'Master Chef' Whitley, served in the Lodge Dining Hall - Our Ladies are always invited.
- 7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Committee Reports
Program – Past Master's Night
Officer's dress: Black Tuxedo
Members dress: Coat and Tie

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Wednesday, November 12, 2008 **NOTE: Wednesday....instead of Thursday!**

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

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, November 20, 2008

- 7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Master Mason Degree.

Dress for all Called Communications is coat & tie

All Master Masons who are members in good standing of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M. are welcome to attend meetings of Tuckahoe Lodge.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1st: Masonic recognition day
- November 7th and 8th: Grand Lodge meets at the Sheraton West (I-64 & Broad St.)
- November 13th: Masonic class and degree rehearsal, 7:00pm
- November 19th: Masonic class and degree rehearsal, 7:00pm
- November 21st: Past Master's Degree at Tuckahoe, 7:00pm
- November 22nd: Masters & Wardens Association meets at the SRT, 8:00am.
- November 27th: Thanksgiving....no Masonic class held...enjoy the holiday with your family.



Virtue and Honor



Mt. Wor. Edmund Cohen's theme for 2008

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* J.O. Harris 1923-1924
* A. N. Revere. 1925
* C. M. Selph 1926
* P.L. Ruehrmund. 1927
* N. C. Phillips 1928
* H. J. Perrin 1929
* M. H. Dicks. 1930
* R. C. Parks. 1931
+ R. D. Powers 1932
* W. Pierce. 1933
* J. W. Snedden. 1934
* E. L. Copley 1935
* A. E. Call. 1936
* J. M. Jennings. 1937
* B. H. Bradley. 1938
+ W. A. Rudasill. 1939
* T. B. Towill. 1940
* R. K. Allen. 1941
* W. S. Brent, P.D.D.G.M. 1942
* F. W. Biesecker. 1943
* J. W. Mullins. 1944
* G. G. Finney. 1945
* J. H. Russell. 1946
* W. R. Perkins. 1947
* J. E. Kirk. 1948
* J. G. Johnson 1949
* B. O. Baird. 1950
* W. G. MacDonald. 1951
* T. J. Rumley. 1952
* R. D. Stahl. 1953
* G. T. Taylor. 1954
* F. G. Wood. 1955

* R. S. Love. 1956
* J. V. Elliott. 1957
* H. O. Butler 1958
* G. E. Wright, P.D.D.G.M. 1959
* W. H. Lovern, P.D.D.G.M. 1960
* W. Y. Roper, Jr, P.D.D.G.M. 1961
* J. H. Shinault 1962
* G. A. Tuckwiller. 1963
E. F. McCune, Jr 1964
* R. D. Woolard. 1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr. 1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M. 1967
* J. G. Clark. 1968
X 1969
E. L. Walker 1970
* D. Williams. 1971
* E. W. Oakley. 1972
* P. D. Lawrence. 1973
* G. F. Paul. 1974
W. Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M 1975
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* J. C. Lewit, II. 1978
C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M 1979
* O. J. Oaks. 1980
D. Mck. Messimer 1981
D. A. Powers, III. 1982
* J. McD. Wolf. 1983
R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M. 1984
* R. W. Carpenter. 1985
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
* L. A. Jackoway 1996
C. H. Hilgenhold 1997
R. S. Lanier. 1998
* D. G. Thomson. 1999
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) 6 times
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
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J. S. Gilmore, III

SEVENTY-YEAR MEMBER

Bro. A. J. Drescher

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

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

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. D. J. 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

LIFE MEMBERS IN PERPETUITY

H. L. Atwell, C. D. Bailey, C. D. Barbour, G. W.
Boswell, *R. L. Boswell, Jr., *R. L. Boswell, Sr.,
*G. F. Burnley, *A. H. Campbell, R. W. Carpenter,
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Jarrell, C. P. Johnson, D. M. Lovelace, *W. H.
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Roper, III, D. W. Samuels, J. G. Smith, *A. H. Tignor,
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Wood, D.E. Wright, D. L. Wright, R. A. Wright
* Deceased

NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(548 years of Masonic Service)

Boswell, G. W.	24 th	Hingley, J.P.	27 th	Roper, W.Y., III	39 th
Culler, J. N.	38 th	Martin, B.S.	47 th	Schwartz, G.L., III	2 nd
Durrer, C.B.	35 th	Maxwell, R.S.	16 th	Smith, B.K.	2 nd
Fanning, J.A.	5 th	Mize, J.D.	16 th	Tuck, S.E., Jr.	45 th
Ferguson, W.S.	22 nd	Nochta, R.E.	32 nd	Vine, N.E.	26 th
Frye, J.H.	42 nd	Reid, L.L.	22 nd	Wadle, R.J., Jr.	1 st
Gray, T.G., Sr.	6 th	Roach, G.A.	1 st	Westbury, R.F., Sr.	53 rd
				Young, L.W.	47 th

Those in need of our prayerful concern

The following Brethren were mentioned specifically at our last stated communication. Some have current health issues or are recovering; others have life events or perhaps a crisis within their family. Take a moment and call or send a note, and do remember them in your conversations with God. It's part of your obligation... 'to ever remember a Brother's welfare as your own'. [Butch Hubbard](#), [Bill Roper III](#), [Moe McKinney](#), [Terry Lyman](#), [Art Gregory](#), [John Talbot's mother \(in Texas\)](#), [Chris McPherson \(a proud new Dad!\)](#)

Show your support for Virginia Masonry

The Grand Lodge office has for sale a beautiful color bumper sticker with the outline of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the American flag, and the Square and Compass. At the top of the sticker, is the inscription, "Proud to be an American," and at the bottom, are the words, "Proud to be a Mason." The stickers are available for purchase from the Grand Lodge office at a cost of \$5 each. The net proceeds will be the used to benefit the Grand Lodge Masonic Relief Fund.

FROM THE EAST: [Marshall H. Messimer, Jr., Worshipful Master](#)

The standard delicious dinner prepared by Sir Master Chef Whitley and served by his Stewards preceded a unique program at our Stated Communication for October; Past Grand Masters' Night.

The evening featured three Past Grand Masters of Masons in Virginia who are also members of Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347. They were Most Worshipful James Bernard Wilkinson, Grand Master in 1996, whose theme was "God, Country and Brotherhood", Most Worshipful Frederick Garrison Martin III, 2003, "Freemasonry – Pass It On" and Most Worshipful John Randall Quinley, 2005, "Living Freemasonry Daily".

Most Worshipful Quinley opened the Master Masons' Lodge. The Worshipful Master then conducted the business of the Lodge, and introduced the Lodge Education Officer, who spoke on "The Perfect Cubit – What Is It?" Most Worshipful Martin, who as our Founder's Day speaker briefly, but engagingly, described the development of the Jewel of Virginia Freemasonry, The Masonic Home. Most Worshipful Martin then closed the Master Masons' Lodge.

As is our custom, November's Stated Communication program will be Past Masters' Night. Right Worshipful J. Ned Culler will open the Master Masons' Lodge with the support of a number of distinguished Past Masters who have so greatly contributed to Tuckahoe Lodge.

The month of November's calendar will feature the 2008 Grand Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, which will open on Friday, November 7 at 9:00 AM and continue through Saturday, November 8. If you have never attended a Grand Annual Communication I encourage you to do so as it will be a positive experience and an opportunity to meet new Brethren and renew old acquaintances in the Craft.

Also, in November we will pass an Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft and raise another Fellowcraft to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The conducting of these Degrees will be a perfect opportunity for you to relive your experience with our newest Brothers. They will appreciate your presence!

The Secretary's Corner: Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.

I published this column once before, but it is worth reading again. Please study it carefully as it speaks to Masonry, what Masonry means, and why Masonry is important to us all.

What is Freemasonry? It means many things. Freemasonry is the science by which morality is taught through the visible symbols and instructive traditions associated with the erection of King Solomon's Temple many, many years ago. Freemasonry is supportive of every religion believing in one God. Freemasonry is a broad system of ethics, a science of human duties, and a system of morals accepted by all religions as essential to human excellence based upon the recognition of Divine Truth, that mankind has a common origin and a common destiny; that God is the Creator and Father of all of us. Freemasonry is not a mere pastime; nor a mere amusement. It is an active, living principle. Its ritual, its symbolism, and its drama are not empty ceremonies. They serve to exemplify and impart important truths for mankind. Freemasonry adapts its theories, its ethical thought and its teachings to the practical relations of life.

What has Freemasonry given to mankind and society? It helped pave the way for freedom of speech. It has ever been the enemy of any power that suppressed free thought and the enslavement of the mind. It rejects bigotry, superstition, and persecution of all types; and the ignorance and fanaticism that invented instruments of torture and deprivation. It points out to man that free thought and free speech, and the study of the sciences, are necessary for mankind's mental and intellectual emancipation; that the study of nature brings man's soul nearer to his Creator; and that knowledge drives out ignorance and superstition.

The structure of Freemasonry includes many organizations which we call our "Masonic Family." Just to name a few; Masonic organizations include (in part) the Blue Lodges, the Scottish and York Rite, and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Ladies organizations include the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Amaranth, with membership open to men who are Freemasons. Youth organizations include Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls for young women, and the Order of De Molay for young men.

Each of these organizations has its own unique ceremonies, and supports charitable and philanthropic causes. Every day the Masonic Family is responsible for contributing, literally, millions of dollars in charitable donations, and thousands of volunteer hours to worthwhile causes of every kind.

This, my Brethren, is Freemasonry. May it live on, through us, for countless ages, and may we be ever worthy to spread Masonic Light for the generations yet to come.

Don't forget to support your Lodge and your officers. Develop your abilities by attending the meetings of your Lodge, and possibly serving as a Lodge officer, committee member, or volunteer. The values that were important even before our country was formed are still important now - loyalty, patriotism, liberty, courage, and faith. Take your Masonry, live your Masonry, be an active participant in Masonry and your Lodge, and, above all, **"Do Good Unto All"** and **"Pass It On!"**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- * Masonic Recognition Day - the first day of every month.
- * Tuckahoe Masonic Class - Meets every Wednesday or Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except in the month of December.
- * 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, except in June, July, August and December.
 - * 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 any case of illness or distress to our Junior Warden, or any officer of the Lodge. Phone numbers are listed on page 2. *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 a Lodge meeting or event, please let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know.
 - * Give the gift of Life...Give Blood. Our Virginia Blood Services donation number is 1779.
 - * The Lodge Telephone Number is 804-288-5166.

A 'mini-nugget' from the Quarry....

In February of this year Tuckahoe celebrated its 85th anniversary. Wow! 85 years! To some of you 85 years old probably sounds 'ancient', and to others it's not as old as you once thought....all depends on where you are in the 'time line' of life. When you look around at some other Lodges in Virginia, No. 10 for example, we are still youngsters! Many brethren have asked me over the years what is the oldest Masonic Lodge in the world. I have always heard that Mother Kilwinning was the oldest,... but, alas, history may have proved me wrong. I hope you find this information as fascinating as I did.

The oldest Masonic Lodge in the world is the **Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, Edinburgh, Scotland**...sometimes known as Mary's Chapel. Back in July of 1949, it observed the 350th anniversary of its establishment. That means that right now, 2008, Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 is a little over 409 years old.

Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 has records to prove its long time existence as the Oldest Masonic Lodge. Most impressively, its first five pages of minutes incorporate the Schaw Statutes, which are dated December 28, 1598. Six months later, on **July 31, 1599**, is found the entry in the minutes which confirms the lodge's claim as having the oldest existing Masonic minutes.

Two new Masonic Trivia links are on the Tuckahoe website...check it out!



Virginia Freemasonry...So good to be part of it !