



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.

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. Take due notice thereof.

STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, December 4, 2008

5:45 P.M. - Stewards gather in the dining hall.

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 - Present 25 year pins- Annual Memorial Service - Close the Lodge of Sorrow - Election of Officers for 2009.

NOTE: There will be a brief rehearsal for the open installation following tonight's meeting.

Officer's dress: Black Tuxedo

Members dress: Coat and Tie

PUBLIC MASONIC EVENT – Saturday December 6, 2008

2:00 P.M. - Public Installation of the officers of Tuckahoe Lodge for 2009. Your personal invitation is included in this issue of the Trestleboard!

Officer's dress: Black Tuxedo

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Saturday, December 6, 2008

Immediately following the Installation of Officers: for the singular purpose of opening a Lodge of Sorrow.

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

* In the midst of your Holiday shopping and celebrations, take some time and visit with the brethren and ladies at your Masonic Home.

* No Masonic classes at Tuckahoe during December...check your Masonic Directory for dates and times, and visit other Lodges in the district.

* **Because the first Thursday in January is New Year's Day, the Stated Communication will be moved to January 8th.**

* Saturday, January 10th is the first of three blood drives to be held in 2009.



Mt. Wor. Jeffery Hodges' theme for 2009 - "Discovering our Potential"

ELECTED OFFICERS

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BUILD PROGRAM:

Bro. J. Ronald Childs. (H) 641-2985
Bro. John T. Gaywood. (H) 360-0244

PAST MASTERS

* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

* J.O. Harris1923-1924
* A. N. Revere. 1925
* C. M. Selph1926
* P.L. Ruehrmund. 1927
* N. C. Phillips 1928
* H. J. Perrin 1929
* M. H. Dicks. 1930
* R. C. Parks. 1931
+ R. D. Powers1932
* 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
J. N. Culler, P.D.D.G.M 1976
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M 1977
* 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
D.E. Wettstone, P.D.D.G.M. (207) 1984
S. E. Tuck, Jr (207) 2002 & 2005
D.G. Price (207) 2006

APPOINTED OFFICERS

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LIBRARY & SPECIAL PROJECTS:

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BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Wor. Herb Eades (H) 270-2215
Bro. Willy Hall. (H) 749-3687

PLANNING:

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

GREETERS:

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

INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

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

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mt. Wor. F. G. Martin, III, Mt. Wor. J. R. Quinley,
Rt. Wor. C. E. Whitley, Rt. Wor. J. N. Culler, Bro.
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,
Jr., *W. R. Cosby, J. N. Culler, H. H. Eades, Jr., R. C.
Eades, Sr., *C. L. Farmer, *William P. Gilliam, Jr.,
W. T. Hall, W. R. Heltzel, B. B. Hubbard, Jr., T. B.
Jarrell, C. P. Johnson, D. M. Lovelace, *W. H.
Lovern, Jr., T. E. Lyman, Jr., *F. G. Martin, Jr., J. L.
Mason, D.M. Messimer, M. H. Messimer Jr., J.D.
Mize, *G. N. Pruden, *W. Y. Roper, Jr., W. Y.
Roper, III, D. W. Samuels, J. G. Smith, *A. H. Tignor,
Jr., S. E. Tuck, Jr., D. E. Wettstone, J. C. Wood, R. C.
Wood, D.E. Wright, D. L. Wright, R. A. Wright
* Deceased

DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Lee, W.G. 58th Morriss, C.T. 10th Westbury, W.R., Jr. 51st
Newell, V.H. 48th

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. You have an obligation...‘to ever remember a Brother’s welfare as your own’. [Chuck Hilgenhold, and the family of Jack Wolf. It was nice to see Woody Brooking, Butch Hubbard, and Bill Roper back in Lodge as their health continues to improve.](#)



Wor. John McDevitt (Jack) Wolf

Entered Apprentice.....8/14/1970
Fellowcraft.....9/18/1970
Master Mason.....10/23/1970
Served as Worshipful Master in 1983
Entered Eternal Rest.....11/7/2008

Freemasons...Our principles make a difference

FROM THE EAST: Marshall H. Messimer, Jr., *Worshipful Master*

"I've been to many Lodges for dinner and I still think ours is the best!" I heard this comment during a recent conversation with several Tuckahoe Brothers. We are indeed fortunate to have the leadership and skills of Rt. Worshipful "Master Chef" Clarence Whitley in our kitchen. Throughout this year Rt. Wor. "Whit" and his stewards have consistently made our dinners an excellent start for an evening of Masonry and fellowship. He and his staff deserve our praise.

At Past Masters Night, Rt. Worshipfuls Ned Culler, '76, and Bill Roper III, '75, presided in the East and were ably supported by Rt. Worshipfuls Clarence Whitley, '79, and Rob Eades, '77 and '04; Worshipfuls Wade McClintock, '94, Larry Mason, '95, Jim Woolard, '88, Jack Cooke, '02-'03, Wayne Boswell, '90, Doug Messimer, '81, Herb Eades, '06-'07, Al Wright, '01 and Clawson Barbour, '00.

Wor. Doug Messimer presented the program for the evening, another of his thought-provoking "Nuggets from The Quarries of Freemasonry", entitled "Clean Slate/Blank Screen"

Again in 2009 we will participate in three blood drives; JANUARY 10 at Tuckahoe in memory of Most Worshipful Albert Hugh Tignor, JULY 18 at Tuckahoe and SEPTEMBER 19 at Glen Allen Lodge No. 131. I encourage each of you to contribute if able and if not, bring a friend or family member who can. If you can't make the drive itself, be sure to go to a VBS site and use our VBS Group #1779. Remember, this is another way to help our neighbors!

As I come to the end of my year as the Worshipful Master of Tuckahoe Lodge, I see we have been very active in this our 85th year, including; improving the appearance of the grounds of the Lodge, refinishing Lodge furniture, making our library accessible to all the Brethren, Raising new Master Masons, paying our last respects and mourning our Brethren who have advanced to the Celestial Lodge, continuing to improve our ritual, expanding our Masonic education through our monthly educational programs, singing and laughing together at our musical/educational entertainment, extending our ladies programs, continuing our commitment to the Grand Lodge Blood Program with regular blood drives and between-drive contributions, continuing our record of charitable contributions, family picnics and fish fry's.

We have been awarded the James Noah Hillman and Seymour Jonas Levy Awards, again one of the few Lodges in the Commonwealth to receive both.

While this may look like an imposing list (and there may be some activities not noted) these are pretty standard for Tuckahoe Lodge.

Reflect on this: these new and continuing activities are not the result of any Worshipful Master's decrees or dictates, but from each Brother contributing in his own way to "do the right thing" which advances the tenants of Free Masonry; friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Being the Worshipful Master of Tuckahoe Lodge has been a most positive and rewarding experience. To be associated with and for a brief period presiding in the East is an honor and one I will cherish always. Thank you for the opportunity and your support.



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

Brethren: By the time you receive this Bulletin, you should have received your dues notice. Please help your Lodge by fulfilling your monetary obligation. Your dues are due and payable on January 1st for Masonic Year 2009. Please note that the dues are \$68. For those members 70 years of age or older, the dues are \$60.

What is a Mason?

This question is often asked by those who are not yet members and by those who have been in Lodge for some time. This question is often a difficult one to answer. We know that we enjoy being Masons but do not know how to explain this. Freemasonry affords men the opportunity to be with others who have the same interests. Freemasonry is one of the few places that we can gather in confidence that we will leave with all that we arrived with. If disaster should befall us, the Lodge will help to the best of its ability. Freemasonry can help good men to become better men. Freemasonry teaches that the road to happiness is found in the journey towards perfection of spirit, intellect and soul. Freemasonry teaches men to reach their fullest potential. From the time the Entered Apprentice Mason stands in the northeast corner of the Lodge and is told that he is a just and upright Mason, he becomes a worker on the building of Freemasonry. The building he works on is never finished.

When we put these things together we arrive at the bottom line. This is the simple explanation that a Mason is a good man who, by the teachings of the Fraternity is working to become a better man and the Fraternity is all the Masons working, one with the other, toward the same goal. Each brother should examine how he is helping to build the Fraternity. Please help brethren, Freemasonry can't do it by itself. Freemasonry needs **YOU!**



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- * Masonic Recognition Day - the first day of every month.
- * Tuckahoe Masonic Class meets every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. (or Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled Thursday).
- * No Masonic classes held during 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 our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
 - * Dues for 2009 are \$68.00, due and payable January 1, 2009.
- * 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.



*The pleasure of your company is requested
at the
Open Installation
of the Officers of
Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347
A.F. & A. M.
for
Masonic Year 2009*

*On
Saturday, December 6, 2008
at 2:00 PM*

*At
Tuckahoe Masonic Lodge
Bethlehem and Dickens Roads
Richmond, Virginia*