



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
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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, January 8, 2009 NOTE: meeting date changed to the 2nd Thursday because of the New Year Holiday.

- 5:45 P.M. - Stewards assemble 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 – Presentation of the 2009 budget and the Worshipful Master's remarks – Masonic Education 'Nugget'
- Officer's dress: Coat and Tie
- Members dress: Coat and Tie

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, January 22, 2009

- 7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Master Mason Degree.
- Dress for *all* Called Communications is coat and tie

Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of every month!

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

- * January 10th: Annual blood drive at the Lodge in memory of Mt. Wor. Albert Hugh Tignor. Breakfast served beginning at 8am, with the blood drive from 8:30am till 12:30 pm.
 - * March 21st: Division Leadership Conference at the SRT.
 - * April 2nd: 15-C District Deputy Al Dranoff's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.
 - * May 7th: Grand Master Hodges' official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.
- * May 9th: Grand Master's official visit to the 15th Masonic District – Acca Temple (car pooling is suggested).



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

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* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

* J.O. Harris1923-1924
* A. N. Revere1925
* C. M. Selph1926
* P.L. Ruehrmund1927
* N. C. Phillips1928
* H. J. Perrin1929
* M. H. Dicks1930
* R. C. Parks1931
+ R. D. Powers1932
* W. Pierce1933
* J. W. Snedden1934
* E. L. Copley1935
* A. E. Call1936
* J. M. Jennings1937
* B. H. Bradley1938
+ W. A. Rudasill1939
* T. B. Towill1940
* R. K. Allen1941
* W. S. Brent, P.D.D.G.M.1942
* F. W. Biesecker1943
* J. W. Mullins1944
* G. G. Finney1945
* J. H. Russell1946
* W. R. Perkins1947
* J. E. Kirk1948
* J. G. Johnson1949
* B. O. Baird1950
* W. G. MacDonald1951
* T. J. Rumley1952
* R. D. Stahl1953
* G. T. Taylor1954
* F. G. Wood1955

* R. S. Love1956
* J. V. Elliott1957
* H. O. Butler1958
* G. E. Wright, P.D.D.G.M.1959
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* G. A. Tuckwiller1963
E. F. McCune, Jr1964
* R. D. Woolard1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr.1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1967
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X1969
E. L. Walker1970
* D. Williams1971
* E. W. Oakley1972
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D. McK. Messimer1981
D. A. Powers, III.1982
* J. McD. Wolf1983
R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M.1984
* R. W. Carpenter1985
L. E. Stott1986
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Bro. James A. Dabney

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Bro. Lin Schwartz

INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS:

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

G. W. Boswell1990
W. A. Edmonds1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr1992
C. H. Hilgenhold1993
W. M. McClintock1994
J. Larry Mason1995
* L. A. Jackoway1996
C. H. Hilgenhold1997
R. S. Lanier1998
* D. G. Thomson1999
C. D. Barbour2000
R. A. Wright2001
J. G. Cooke2002 - 2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M2004
J. T. Quinley2005
H. H. Eades, Jr.2006 - 2007
M. H. Messimer, Jr2008

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
W. R. Heltzel (10) 2008

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

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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

JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(662 years of service)

Conner, R.H.	43 rd	House, M.A.	54 th	Smith, S.C.	45 th
Crowder, J.H.	30 th	Jones, H.C.	51 st	Strong, N.T.	36 th
Evans, J.T.	2 nd	Lovelace, D.M.	55 th	Talbott, J.H.	1 st
Fagg, R.L., III	51 st	Matich, N.T.	27 th	Todd, J.B.	14 th
Franklin, H.E.	53 rd	Moore, T.L., Jr.	61 st	Wood, F.S., Jr.	44 th
Gilmore, J.S., III	26 th	Randell, M.J.	26 th	Wright, B.L.	43 rd

Those in need of our prayerful concern

The following 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'. [Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold as he continues his recovery from recent shoulder surgery, and his wife, Jane, as she deals with her own health issues.](#) [Bro. Terry Lyman, Jr., as he recovers at home from recent surgery to remove his right foot and part of his leg as a result of infection.](#)



FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master

Brethren: Thus begins a New Year.....not that the old year was bad. Rather, this is a time to contemplate the past year, both the good and the bad, and look to the future. The New Year represents a *new* opportunity for each of us to make a difference and a *new* opportunity for each of us to make a change in direction. This opportunity not only exists in our personal life, but it also exists in your Masonic life.

As I said during my remarks during our Open Installation on December 6, I am truly humbled by the opportunity you have given me to serve as Master of this Lodge in 2009. I appreciate the support of all who attended the Installation, as well as the regular and thoughtful encouragement and coaching I have received from the members of the Lodge. I will continue to exercise the promise that you made to me that "there are well-informed Brethren who will be as willing to give as I will be to receive instruction." I know that I do not have all of the answers and that this year will not be without some obstacles, but I am confident that there are Brethren in the Lodge with the answers and that they are willing and able to help in overcoming any obstacles we may encounter.

For 2009, one of my goals is to help the Lodge become more active. This means an increase in attendance for Stated and Called Communications and for other Lodge events. As part of the effort to achieve that goal, I would like input from any of you who would be willing to share. I would also appreciate any thoughts you might have or suggestions you would like to offer for improvements. If you are willing to lead or be involved in implementing your solution or suggestions, I would like to know that as well.

I hope that you had a joyful Christmas or Hanukah and pray that God will bless you and your family in the New Year. Remember to always share with those who are less fortunate – friends and strangers, alike.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve. I am looking forward to 2009 with anticipation and hope that you are too.



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

Brethren, I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. At the end of the 2008 Masonic Year, the average age of Tuckahoe Lodge was 64.7438 years. This is a decrease of .4187 years from the end of 2007, and is the second consecutive decrease. Let's keep it moving down. The members of the Lodge have accumulated 6,811 years of Masonic service.

By now, or at least by January 1st, your dues should be paid for 2009. Wouldn't it be great if I didn't have to include pleas for the payment of our dues so that the Lodge can meet its obligations? This space can surely be put to more educational use.

Remember to support Freemasonry and your Lodge. Tuckahoe needs you. Every Master Mason should realize and be conscious of his responsibility to live Masonry in his daily life. In short, we should practice what we preach. Remember your responsibilities to your Lodge, to your Country, to your God, to your Family, and to yourself. We have the responsibility of living our Masonry before the world. Every Master Mason is charged with practicing those principles and ideals as taught in the Masonic Degrees. Finally brethren, remember when you thank God for your blessings, ask Him --- "Now God, what can I do for you?"

Please come out and support your officers as they start a new year with work in the Degrees. We have a Master Mason Degree scheduled for January. Check the Trestleboard. We can use your help.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- * Report any case of illness or distress promptly to our Junior Warden or any officer. *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.*
 - * Report any change of residence or email address to our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
 - * Dues for 2009 are \$68.00, due and payable January 1st.
- * 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.
- * Tuckahoe Masonic Class meets every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. (or Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled Thursday).
- * 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.

**Just a thought.... "Go ahead, go through the ritual,
and then let the ritual go through you." Douglas Messimer, PM**

