



# 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](http://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, February 5, 2009**

- 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 - Masonic Education 'Nugget' on:  
"Women in Freemasonry?.....You've got to be kidding!"  
Officer's dress: Coat and Tie  
Members dress: Coat and Tie

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday February 19, 2009**

- 7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason's Degrees  
Officer's dress: Coat and Tie  
Members dress: Coat and 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.*

**Masonic Recognition Day is the first day of every month**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- \* March 21<sup>st</sup>: Division Leadership Conference at the SRT.
- \* April 2<sup>nd</sup> : 15-C District Deputy Al Dranoff's official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.
- \* May 7<sup>th</sup>: Grand Master Hodges' official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge.
- \* May 9<sup>th</sup>: Grand Master's official visit to the 15<sup>th</sup> Masonic District – Acca Temple (car pooling is suggested).



*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

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\* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

\* 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  
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  
M. H. Messimer, Jr..... 2008

**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. Morris..... (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  
W. R. Heltzel..... (10) 2008

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**PLANNING:**

Wor. R. Alton Wright, Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr., the Stationed Officers,  
and other selected members of the Lodge.

**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, 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

**FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS**

(601 Years of Masonic Service)

Atkinson, E.F.	45 <sup>th</sup>	Johnston, J.K., Jr.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Peaco, C.D., III	39 <sup>th</sup>
Bailey, S.A.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Longfellow, D.C.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Smith, J.G.	55 <sup>th</sup>
Barbour, C.D.	30 <sup>th</sup>	Lyman, T.E., Jr.	34 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, N.J.	36 <sup>th</sup>
Blaylock, W.D.	45 <sup>th</sup>	Martin, K.F., Jr.	36 <sup>th</sup>	Wood, J.C.	55 <sup>th</sup>
Desmond, M.P.	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mason, J.L.	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wood, R.C.	56 <sup>th</sup>
Gallant, P.L.	26 <sup>th</sup>	McClintock, W.M.	40 <sup>th</sup>	Wright, D.L.	9 <sup>th</sup>

**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 to 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'. Our sympathies to Bro. Floyd Bowen in the recent passing of his wife, Juanita, and Wor. Al Wright in the loss of his brother-in-law. Remember Bro. Terry Lyman, Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold, and Bro. Gray Bradford as they continue their recovery from recent surgeries. Bro Gray Bradford's wife (Linda) fell and broke her arm several days after Gray's surgery. Wor. Doug Messimer continues his recovery from pneumonia. Bro. Jim Hurt is recovering from bone tumor surgery, Bro. Horace Brown still suffering with Parkinson's, Bro. Rusty Davis's father-in-law, and Bro. Ben Smith's grandfather are both ill. R.W. Deane Wettstone needs our prayers as he deals with his cancer and the chemo treatments. Gloria Shorter was in the hospital for some therapy. Bro. Stuart Mackenzie (a recent Lodge visitor from England) returned home in early January, and sadly passed away on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his family (Stuart's wife is Bro. John Gaywood's sister), And, finally, a praise....R.W. Rob Eades is a grandfather again!!



**Bro. Ivanhoe Wilson (Ike) Kuper**

Entered Apprentice.....01/12/1944

Fellowcraft.....10/26/1944

Master Mason.....04/26/1945

All degrees received in Cabell Lodge 152, Huntington, West Virginia  
(According to the official List of Lodges, Cabell Lodge is no longer in existence)

Affiliated with Tuckahoe Lodge 10/13/88

Entered Eternal Rest.....12/28/2008

**Just a thought.... 'good and worthy fellows have traveled this road before you.'**

**Keith Watkins PM (NZ)**



## **FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, *Worshipful Master***

Brethren.....Thank you, thank you, thank you...

For those in attendance as the January Stated, I thank you for the warm welcome, the encouragement, and the supportive comments following the meeting. For those who were not, you were missed. I encourage you get involved in Lodge and attend the February Stated, if possible. I also want to thank the members of the Blood Committee and all those who came out to give blood and support our Blood Drive on January 10.

The Grand Master's theme for 2009 is "Discovering our Potential". That is what we are going to do at Tuckahoe this year as well. Tuckahoe has a wonderful location, thoughtful and caring members and a reputation for Masonic service, but what is our potential and how is it achieved? How can we best serve each other and our fellow man?

The Grand Master's pin also contains a scripture reference. Its is Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These are very powerful words and I believe appropriate for this time in our Lodge's history. For us to discover our potential and prosper, we need to plan. Therefore, I have reactivated the Lodge Planning Team.

Our Planning Team will be headed by Wor, Al Wright who will be assisted by Wor. Herb Eades. The Team will also include the three stationed officers and other members of the Lodge. The objective is to evaluate our current operations and develop a strategy for the future. The goal is to determine where we expect to be in the future, and what actions the Lodge needs to take now and in the future in order to achieve those expectations.

Serving as the Master of Tuckahoe Lodge, I will do my best to champion the planning effort. However, I know that any successes that the Lodge may have will be the result of the hard work and dedication of its members. Thank each of you for that hard work and dedication.

PS. Don't forget your Sweetie on Valentine's Day.



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

Our candidates are the future of Tuckahoe Lodge. When was the last time you signed a Petition for the Degrees? I'm sure all of you know a worthy friend, relative, or business associate who ought to be a Mason. Ask them, "Why haven't you ever joined a Masonic Lodge?" Ask them, "Why aren't you a Mason?" Ask them, "Would you like some information about Masonry?" If you feel uncomfortable pursuing their answers, refer them to one of your officers. We'll take it from there. Make that first contact and ask that first question. Please notice that you are NOT asking him to join the Lodge, but asking him why he hasn't become a Mason. If there is interest, he will ask the right question.

Bring your potential Petitioner (and his wife) to dinner. Let him experience for himself the fellowship that abounds in Tuckahoe Lodge. Let him experience the thrill of being made to feel at home. Let him experience a little bit of being a member of the oldest and most benevolent fraternity in the world. Let him see first hand, what it means to be a Mason. You could become a Mentor for him. What is a Mentor, you say? "A close, trusted, experienced, counselor or guide..." a "teacher, tutor, coach..." This is one way you can help your Lodge. Help a Brother stay active.

Be a leader. Being a leader is never easy, and that is particularly true in Freemasonry. Lead by setting an example. Lead by truly educating your brethren in the meaning of Freemasonry. Lead by allowing others to make use of their God given talents. Inspire them to share their nature and their talents in the greatest arena possible ---- your Blue Lodge. How grateful I am that my life, thanks to my father, has been graced by so many good men. Men, who without thought of compensation or desire for credit, gave me the gift of Freemasonry.

If you too would be leaders of our great and gentle Craft, then you too must fan the glowing embers of greatness that lie within you --- that greatness that prompted you to ask, "How do I become a Mason?"

Love has no value, no meaning, until it is given. Freemasonry can never truly belong to you until you have given it to another man. How sad, that the only things that cannot be lost to us, that are truly ours, are the things we give away --- freely give away: Love, Freemasonry, Trust, Leadership, Loyalty, Inspiration, Obedience, Understanding, Assistance, and many others. Giving actually renews its source: over and over and over again, and at ever greater levels. Be a leader among your brethren. Fan that growing ember of greatness that lies within you --- fan it into a flame --- and then you must give it away!

Come out to our Stated and Called Communications. Witness the enthusiasm that is alive and well in Tuckahoe Lodge. Call a brother who hasn't been to Lodge in a while, and bring him with you. We want to see you at the meetings. The Lodge needs your attendance and support.

Finally brethren - remember to thank God for your blessings. Practice those principles and ideals as taught in the Masonic Degrees. If they have slipped your mind, come and watch the Degrees again, and refresh your memory. Keep in touch with our sick, distressed, and shut-in brethren. And most importantly, ask Him --- "Now God, what can I do for you?"

Brethren, please do not forget to make sure your dues are current and that your dues card says "2009". Several of our members have not paid their 2008 commitment, and we will be contacting you shortly. Remember, being a leader includes being in good standing in your Lodge.

By the way...the Lodge Secretary now has a new ISP. With it comes with a new e-mail address: [B555Carpen@verizon.net](mailto:B555Carpen@verizon.net).....take due notice thereof!

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- \* Report any case of illness or distress promptly to our Junior Warden or any officer. 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.*
  - \* 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \* 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.



\* F.Y.I : Printed copies of the updated "History of Tuckahoe Lodge" are available in the lobby, and on the Lodge web site.

\* Pending a 'final count' from Richmond Metro Blood Services, it looks as though our January 10<sup>th</sup> blood drive provided the Blood Service with about 30 units. Thank you for giving the gift of life!