



# 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.*

## THE TRESTLEBOARD

Dear Brother,

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

### STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, March 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'-  
Program – 'Campaigning for members?'

Officer's dress: Business Suits

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 – 8:30 am 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 Districts – Acca Temple (other events going on at the SRT, so car pooling is a must!).
- \* July 18<sup>th</sup>: Tuckahoe's 2<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive of the year - 8:30 am at the Lodge.
- \* August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership – Fork Union, VA
- \* October 10<sup>th</sup>: Masonic Home Family Day – WWII Veterans memorial plaque dedication.

Have you remembered to make a contribution to your Masonic Home?



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

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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  
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\* O. J. Oaks. . . . . 1980  
D. McK. Messimer . . . . . 1981  
D. A. Powers, III. . . . . 1982  
\* J. McD. Wolf. . . . . 1983  
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\* W. P. Gilliam, Jr . . . . . 1989

G. W. Boswell. . . . . 1990  
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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

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

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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

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Rt. Wor. C. E. Whitley, Rt. Wor. J. N. Culler, Bro.  
J. S. Gilmore, III

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Bro. A. J. Drescher

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J. F. Hayes, H. S. Brown, T. L. Moore, Jr.

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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.,  
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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,  
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Wood, D.E. Wright, D. L. Wright, R. A. Wright

\* Deceased

### MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(609 years of Masonic Service)

Bassett, W.R.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harlin, M.E.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stott, L.E.	51 <sup>st</sup>
Clifton, R.L.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hilgenhold, C.H.	25 <sup>th</sup>	Strauss, R.E.	50 <sup>th</sup>
Cooke, J.G.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lanier, M.S., II	36 <sup>th</sup>	Terry, W.S., Jr.	30 <sup>th</sup>
Elicerio, J.P.J.M.	4 <sup>th</sup>	McPherson, C.P.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Vidrick, R.L.	26 <sup>th</sup>
Fadool, J.E.	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Mustian, W.T.	7 <sup>th</sup>	Watts, D.F.	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Farmer, G.J., III	27 <sup>th</sup>	Powell, B.B., Jr.	35 <sup>th</sup>	Wegman, J.B.	25 <sup>th</sup>
Figg, C.D.	41 <sup>st</sup>	Richardson, E.T.	38 <sup>th</sup>	Wetzel, E.C.	1 <sup>st</sup>
Hall, W.T.	7 <sup>th</sup>	Schrimsher, E.F.	30 <sup>th</sup>	Wood, A.E.	46 <sup>th</sup>
		Stone, J.S.	45 <sup>th</sup>		

### Our circle of 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'. [Bro. Terry Lyman continues his recovery from surgery and is awaiting a new prosthetic leg. He would love to hear from you!](#) [Bro. Rusty Davis' father-in-law \(William Mosley\) passed away the weekend following our February Stated meeting.....remember Rusty's family.](#) [Bro. John Fetty, WM of Glen Allen Lodge, is recovering from recent heart surgery.](#) [Gloria Shorter is at home, but still experiencing some inner ear problems.](#) [MW James Wilkinson is at home recovering from a recent illness.](#) [Wor. Clawson Barbour, our Tiler, still undergoing therapy, is now using a walker.](#) [Continue to keep Rt. Wor. Deane Wettstone in your prayers, along with Bros. Horace Brown, and Jim Hurt, and Linda Bradford \(Bro. Gray's wife\).](#) [Some praises.... Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold's wife Jane, at her last checkup was pronounced to be cancer free!](#) [Bro. David Bass and his wife are proud parents of a new son!](#) [Bro. Tom Egeland, one of our newest Master Masons, has been accepted into the graduate studies program at VCU...that's very cool!](#)

### A new nook for our Masonic books.....

The new Lodge library is just about finished, and lots of hard work and some really awesome woodworking skills have given us something to be very proud of. All those books we had stored in a tiny bookcase and in some boxes, now have a new home....and what a home! WOW!!! Be sure you check it out next time you're in Lodge. Speaking of 'checking it out', we have a very easy to follow system for borrowing books, and a wide array of Masonic topics for you to choose from, including some classics. An inventory is available on the desk in the ante-room, and we'll soon have it available on line too. Thanks to Wor. Jack Cooke (project manager), Bro. Rusty Davis (the master woodworker), Bro. Jerry Fanning (all things electrical) and the numerous Brethren who helped support the completion of Tuckahoe's library. By the way, if you have Masonic related books that you would like to donate to our cause, bring them to Lodge next time, and Wor. Jack Cooke will find a new home for them 'in the stacks'.

### 'Got food?'

Bro. Steve Przybyla, our Senior Warden, is spearheading a canned food drive to benefit the Central Virginia Food Bank. Yes, we know, times are getting tougher, and that's all the more reason to make a donation. There are baskets in the lobby where you can place your non-perishable food, household, and personal care items to be shared with those in need. Bring cans or personal care items with you to Lodge. If you happen to forget the cans of food there is a large jar in the kitchen in which you can deposit your loose pocket change (folding money is also acceptable, and is much quieter)....either way it helps the food bank help those in need.

**Just a thought.... 'Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die  
even the undertaker will be sorry.'** **Brother Mark Twain**



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

Brethren: Spring is fast approaching and its time to prepare...

Spring is one of those fantastic times of the year. It is a time of renewal, more usable daylight, and new life all around. It is also a time to begin preparation of the soil and planting the seeds for those things we wish to harvest later. For us, our harvest will be new brothers who elect to enter the Freemasonry and specifically Tuckahoe Lodge.

Over the past years, we have focused on contacting our membership and encouraging them to attend Lodge. We have had telephone teams and other efforts and these have achieved various levels of success. While this is still important and all of our members should have regular contact from the Lodge, it will not cause the Lodge membership to grow. There may be friends of current members who decide to join Tuckahoe or affiliate, but the impact on the Lodge membership will be minimal. At best, we may replace those who are lost through death. It is like a farmer adding fertilizer to a field containing the remnants of last year's harvest. There would be some impact, but the field would not achieve its potential.

So what do we do? How do we improve our harvest? I believe that the answer is sowing new seeds. For us, this means new candidates for the degrees. So how will we get petitions from individuals who do not know about the Craft, and how will they know about the Craft if we don't tell them? We have long had rules against asking individuals to join the Craft, but that does not mean that we have to be silent. Most Worshipful Al Tignor used to tell me that just because you couldn't ask a man to become a Mason was no reason that you couldn't ask him why he wasn't. The Open Installation of the Lodge last December was an opportunity to present some of Freemasonry to a number of my family and co-workers. While it has not yet resulted in any petitions, I have had several opportunities to discuss Freemasonry and the work of our Lodge. Potential candidates are the new seeds for the growth of our Lodge. Unless we plant and nurture them, there can be no harvest. Without the harvest, we cannot reach our potential.

Let us all do our part and share Freemasonry with someone.



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

Spring is sprung; the grass is 'riz; I wonder where the flowers is? An old cliché, but it is very appropriate for March. I hope all had a warm and healthy winter, and you are ready to jump right into your Masonic obligations for the Spring.

Tuckahoe has a very busy Spring season ahead of us. Before summer (but not the heat) arrives, we will have received the District Deputy Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master at our April and May Stated Communications, respectfully. Your officers deserve your support through your attendance at the several meetings already scheduled for the next 3 months. Although they are not as demanding as a spouse, they appreciate your participation just as much.

Please note your dues card. Tuckahoe has a large number of delinquent members and we need your support. If your dues card does not say 2008 or 2009, you are delinquent and will be subject to suspension later in the year. Make sure now that you are not one of them. Each and every member of the Lodge is important to the success of Tuckahoe Lodge. You need to participate.

A larger problem is our decreasing membership. Although we had an increase of 2 in 2008, that gain has already been wiped out since December. At our March Stated Communication we will be discussing membership and how each of you can help your Lodge to grow and prosper. This presentation is important for all, not just the officers or committee members. Your Lodge needs you. Come out and find out how. You can do it. All you have to do is care enough about your Lodge and Masonry in general, to give of your time and talents. See you at the March Stated Communication.

### 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.

***Important Notice! If you have recently moved, or are planning to change your residence, you must notify the Lodge Secretary of your new mailing address. Also, if you change your ISP or E-mail provider, we need that information too. We can't keep you informed if you don't update your information for our files.***

**Mail this form to Bob Carpenter to update your information.**

Brother Secretary, please update my record with the following information: **Please PRINT !**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: Number, Street, Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip-code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_



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