



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.*

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, April 2, 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'-
Nominate DDGM for 2011 - Program - Official Visit of Rt. Wor. Al Dranoff, DDGM 15-C

Officer's dress: **Tuxedo and Black 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.*

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15th: DEO/DIW combined district meeting. 6:00pm at the Scottish Rite Temple (SRT). All Master Masons are invited. Lodge officers are expected.

May 7th: Grand Master Jeffery Hodges' official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge. His theme for this year, "Discovering our Potential" reflects his energy-filled outlook for our fraternity.

May 9th: The Grand Master's official visit to Districts 15-A, B, and C at Acca Shrine Temple. Other events are going on at the SRT that evening, *so car pooling is a must!*

May 20th: DEO/DIW combined meeting, 6:00pm at the SRT.

June 7th: Annual 15th District Memorial Service, 3:00pm at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

June 17th: DEO/DIW combined meeting, 6:00pm at the SRT.

July 15th to 18th: R.L. Gibbs School of Instruction. 6:00pm at the SRT.

July 18th: Tuckahoe's 2nd Blood Drive of the year - 8:30 am at the Lodge. Join us, and give the gift of Life! Help us set a new record for donations.

August 2nd – 5th: The Reid J. Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership at Fork Union. If you're looking for a place to improve your ritual skills, enjoy some excellent Masonic education classes, and share in some great fellowship, join us on the campus of Fork Union Military Academy...it's a kind of 'Boot Camp for Virginia Masonry'.

October 10th: Masonic Home Family Day celebration. The WWII Veterans memorial plaque will be dedicated. Always a great celebration at family day!

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PAST MASTERS

* 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
* W. H. Lovern, P.D.D.G.M.1960
* W. Y. Roper, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1961
* J. H. Shinault1962
* G. A. Tuckwiller1963
E. F. McCune, Jr1964
* R. D. Woolard1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1967
* J. G. Clark1968
X1969
E. L. Walker1970
* D. Williams1971
* E. W. Oakley1972
* P. D. Lawrence1973
* G. F. Paul1974
W. Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M1975
J. N. Culler, P.D.D.G.M1976
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M1977
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C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M1979
* O. J. Oaks1980
D. McK. Messimer1981
D. A. Powers, III.1982
* J. McD. Wolf1983
R. W. Carpenter, Jr. P.D.D.G.M1984
* R. W. Carpenter1985
L. E. Stott1986
T. B. Jarrell1987
J. L. Woolard1988
* W. P. Gilliam, Jr1989

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

J. B. Wilkinson, P.G.M. (207) 1959
D.E. Wettstone, P.D.D.G.M. (207) 1984
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
S. E. Tuck, Jr(207) 2002 & 2005
J. H. Crowder, P.D.D.G.M. (177) 2004-05
C. T. Morriss(302) 2005
W. R. Heltzel (10) 2008

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Bro. Willy Hall (H) 749-3687

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., R.E. Strauss

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

APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(552 Years of Masonic Service)

Bates, G.G.	14 th	Josey, G.L.	33 rd	Pate, D.W.	30 th
Baxter, B.C.	3 rd	Justice, G.E.	42 nd	Proffitt, F.E.	48 th
Datig, J.B.	53 rd	Keeton, R.R.	18 th	Przybyla, S.M.	12 th
Davis, R.G.	4 th	Major, H.E., Jr.	5 th	Walker, E.L.	43 rd
Hott, R.C.	8 th	Myers, R.L.	26 th	Wettstone, D.E.	33 rd
Hughes, E.R .	40 th	Nuckols, C.W., III	9 th	Winchester, P.C.	50 th
Jones, L.K.	48 th			Woolard, J.L.	33 rd

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. Butch Hubbard's sister, Pat, is recovering from recent by-pass surgery. Bro. Terry Lyman has received his new leg and is learning how to walk with it. Progress is slow and frustrating at times but hopefully he will be up to speed soon. Terry says... 'If any Brother has some pointers on adjusting to one, pointers on driving, or just a prayer I would like to hear from them'. Bro. Terry's Email is vze2jsgs@verizon.net. Bro. Ed Wood had double knee replacement in late February and is recovering. Wor. Marshall Messimer suffered through a bad bout of bronchitis in early March, and he too is on the mend. Bro. John Fetty, WM of Glen Allen Lodge is at home after a hospital stay for heart problems. He is gaining strength to have another round of heart surgery. Bro. Mo McKinney still needs our paryers as he continues to recover following his long battle with illness and hospital stays.

Veterans Memorial at 'The Home'

The Armed Services Veterans Memorial at the Masonic Home recognizes the many Masons and others who have served to protect our freedoms in the US Military. You can honor a Mason who served by placing an engraved 'paver stone' in the memorial. Your tax deductible donation to honor a veteran also supports *your* Masonic Home. A gift check of \$200 or more payable to The Masonic Home, with the memo entry 'Armed Services Veterans Fund', will allow the donor to have a paver in memory or honor of an individual or Lodge. Contact Bro. Butch Hubbard if you have questions, and bring your donation to the next meeting. A flyer with all the details is available on our web site under the Announcements & News link. The dedication of the memorial will be held at Family day in October.





FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master

Spring is here and its time to celebrate. This change in seasons gives us an opportunity to celebrate. We can celebrate the longer days and the new growth in our gardens and flower beds. We can celebrate the new leaves on the trees and the warmer temperatures. We can celebrate being alive.

This month Tuckahoe Lodge will be celebrating also. We will be celebrating at our April 2 stated communication by having the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Albert A. Dranoff. The District Deputy will be presenting our program for the evening. Our District Deputy has been very active this year. He has provided me with insight and support and I am looking forward to the presentation.

At our April stated communication, we will also be celebrating by honoring Master Chef Clarence Whitley for his faithfulness to Tuckahoe Lodge by his regular service in the kitchen. Master Chef Whit and his wife Mary will be our guests of honor and won't be allowed in the kitchen that night. Bro. Steve Przybyla and I will be preparing the meal. I encourage you to try to join us for dinner and be part of this important event.

Governor Tim Kaine has signed a proclamation designating April as Virginia Financial Literacy month. The Virginia Society of CPAs (VSCPA) has developed a website www.FinancialFitness.org that has a number of articles and events that may be of value to you. There are also links to two other sites sponsored by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). These are "360 Degrees of Financial Literacy" at www.360financialliteracy.org and "Feed the Pig" at www.feedthepig.org. The "360 Degrees of Financial Literacy" web site offers information to help consumers make sound financial decisions at every stage of their lives, from childhood to retirement. The "Feed the Pig" web site provides financial information and tools to empower 25-34 year olds to take charge of their personal finances and live within their means. I encourage you to have a look at these sites and take advantage of the resources provided.

Finally, Brethren, call a Brother and invite a Brother to Lodge. The weather is moderating and we have longer days. What a great opportunity to fellowship with a Brother in Lodge.



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

I guess if I didn't have delinquent dues to talk about, I wouldn't have anything at all to talk about. I wish that was the case. We have eight of our brethren who are on the delinquent list. I'm sure you know who you are. Four of you are listed in this month's birthdays and you total 96 years of Masonic service. Let's not let it end there. Please bring your dues current and help your Lodge with its obligations.

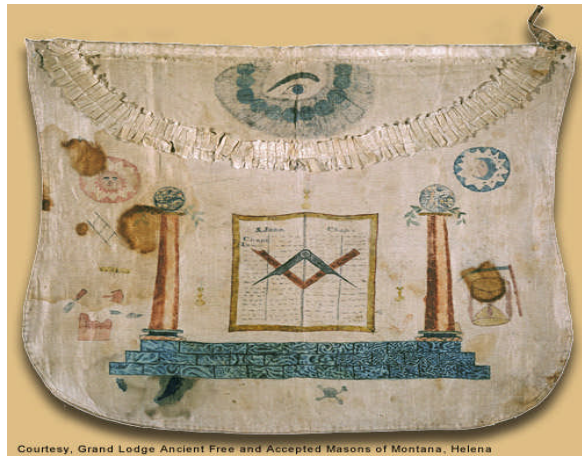
Last month we talked about membership. How many of you have put to practice the lessons which were taught? I guess that will be revealed by how many Petitions we have to read at the April Stated Communication. SHARE YOUR GIFT OF FREEMASONRY WITH OTHERS. "...forget not the duties which you have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended..." The future of Tuckahoe Lodge is one of your duties. "Do Good Unto All." Bring them into Masonry where they can learn those excellent tenets that bind us together as brothers.

April brings us our District Deputy Grand Master. RW Albert Abe Dranoff will be making his official visit and bringing the Grand Master's programs to Tuckahoe Lodge. You need to show up and greet your District Deputy and hear his message. Remember brethren, TUCKAHOE LODGE IS RUN BY THOSE WHO SHOW UP. *"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."* If you would truly be among the leaders of our Craft, and Tuckahoe Lodge, then you must fan that glowing ember of greatness that lies within you.

2009 brings us many challenges. Economic as well as Masonic. Regardless of the economic pitfalls, our Masonry will continue to stand tall. Now and for the future. Think of how far you have come. You have only started the journey. I hope to see everyone at the 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 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.



Courtesy, Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, Helena

Image courtesy of the Grand Lodge of Montana

Lodge No. 44 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Albemarle County, Virginia, recorded on December 31, 1796, that Lieutenant Meriwether Lewis, on furlough from his Western Pennsylvania post in the U.S. Infantry, "was recommended as a proper person to become a member." on January 28, 1797, he was elected to membership, initiated as an Entered Apprentice, and received the apron shown above.

[Masonic Education.....looking for some interesting places beyond the Tuckahoe page? Check these out!](#)

- *Heredom*. This is an annual volume, the Transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society (<http://www.scottishrite.org/what/educ/srrs.html>), with articles on both the Scottish Rite in particular and Freemasonry in general.
- *The Philalethes*. This bi-monthly magazine (www.freemasonry.org) publishes articles regarding current thought and debate within Freemasonry.
- *Freemasonry Today*. This is a magazine, published in England, available in paper format or online. Their website is <http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/>.
- *Ars Quattuor Coronati*. This is the annual published journal of the oldest Masonic Lodge of Research, Quattuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, in England. Their website is <http://www.quattuorcoronati.com/>.

[The George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria VA.](#)

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