

Cuckahoe Rodge No. 347 A. S. & A. M.



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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, May 7th, 2009

5:45 P.M. - Stewards assemble in the Dining Hall

6:30 P.M. - Dinner served in the Lodge Dining Hall - Our Ladies are always invited.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Ballot - Committee Reports - Masonic Education 'Nugget'-Program - Official Visit of Mt. Wor. Jeffery E. Hodges, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7th: Don't forget to bring your canned goods and personal care items to Lodge to donate to the Central Virginia Food Bank.

May 9th: The Grand Master's official visit to Districts 15-A, B, and C at Acca Shrine Temple. 6pm. Other events are going on at the SRT that evening, so car pooling is a must! Tickets are required for admission to this event! May 20th: DEO/DIW combined meeting, 6:00pm DEO, 7pm DIW, at the SRT.

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

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

July 15th to 18th: Robert Lewis Gibbs School of Instruction. 6:00pm each evening 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! We need you to help us set a new record for donations.

August 2nd to 5th: The Reid James Simmons Academy of Masonic Leadership at Fork Union. This is a great place to improve your ritual skills, enjoy some excellent Masonic education classes, and share in 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. Have you ordered your memorial 'paver' stone yet?

November 6th and 7th: The 231st Grand Annual Communication at the Sheraton West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond. The Committee on Work will hold classes of instruction and exemplification of the degrees on November 4th and

November 20th: Tuckahoe Lodge will again confer the Past Master's degree on those members and officers of sister Lodges who need this degree prior to installation as Junior Warden of their Lodge.

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

ELECTED OFFICERS		APPOINTED OFFICERS		
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MASONIC EDUCATION:				
Wor. Douglas M. Messimer (L.E.O.)		LIBRARY & SPECIAL PROJ	<u>ECTS:</u> (H) 752-2117	
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Gregory, A.B., Sr.	8 th	Wartin, K.L.	47	Wright, R.A.	49 th

Our circle of concern.....

The following Brethren were mentioned specifically at our last stated communication, and some of the information mentioned below has been updated since the meeting. It's been a rough winter and early spring for many of our Brethren. We weren't even aware of some of the health issues until a phone call was made. Please.....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. Now, take a moment and call or send a note, and do remember these Brethren in your conversations with God. It's part of your obligation... 'to ever remember a Brother's welfare as your own'. R.W. Clarence Whitley had shoulder (rotator-cuff) surgery and although it was a little more extensive than first thought, the surgery was successful and he is doing well. Whit's wife, Mary, is having some eye surgery in late April for cataracts and has macular degeneration. Our stewards, and a 'Guest Chef', are filling in till Whit can resume duties in the kitchen! R.W. J. Ned Culler spent a brief time in Henrico Dr.'s for some breathing problems, was treated with antibiotics and is doing better. Bro. Terry Lyman is using a cane to walk with his new leg, and learning to drive all over again. He spends a lot of time visiting Dr's and would like to get emails from some of the brethren. Bro. David Smith's father, Leon, passed away April 2nd, after a valiant three-year battle with cancer. Bobby Jones and his wife Beth of Mechanicsville were killed Thursday, April 9th in a motorcycle accident. Bobby was the son of our Bro. Hugh Campbell Jones. Bro Hugh's wife, Ruth, passed away in mid February. Bro. Dewey Lovelace's wife, Louise, passed away on March 28th. Bro. Dewey is a 55 year member of Tuckahoe. Several others had surgery recently, and are in the recovery process...R.W. James Crowder, after having recent gall bladder surgery, has now developed liver problems. Bro. Kenny Roach had back surgery April 21st and will be out of work for at least three more months recovering. R.W. Deane Wettstone had outpatient surgery on April 3rd, and was receiving Hospice in-home visitation. Bro. Deane entered the Celestial Lodge on Friday April 24th. M.W. James Wilkinson was in the Glen Burnie Rehab Center after gall bladder surgery, later was admitted to Retreat Hospital with pneumonia, and has since returned home. Wor. John Fetty (Glen Allen) has now returned to part time work.

In Memoriam

Bro. John Grizzard Smith
Entered Apprentice......11/12/53
Fellowcraft.......1/14/54
Master Mason......2/19/54
55 year member of Tuckahoe
Entered Eternal Rest.......3/28/09

In May we remember service and sacrifice...

May is the time of year when we have the unofficial start of summer. It is a time when schools are wrapping up their work for the year and some are actually completing their work. It is also the month when we recognize an official national day of memorial. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service to our nation. None of us will be the object of the official Memorial Day events this year, and, for that we should be thankful. We do, however, have an obligation to remember those who are.

Remembering is important. It helps us recall people and events that have had a significant impact on us. It gives us a point of reference for evaluating the meaning and importance of those things in which we are currently involved. For some of us, it causes us to think about our legacy. In other words, what will we be remembered for?

That is a scary thought sometimes. Have we done anything worthy of remembrance? How have we interacted with others and how have we treated our fellow man? Will we be remembered as good or bad? I am reminded of a song that plays on the country radio station from time to time. It's called "Three Wooden Crosses". The tag line in the song is this, "It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you; it's what you leave behind you when you go." What we leave behind is our legacy. That is what we will be remembered for. We should all endeavor to make our legacy something of which we can be proud.

Each of us has known members of the fraternity that influenced us. While many of these brethren have gone on the Celestial Lodge above, their legacy still exists. They left something behind for us and others. Some of these brethren signed our petitions, others were mentors, but most were just brothers. The key is that most of them left behind a positive legacy and role model for us to follow. They made the craft stronger by their deeds and actions. We need to consider our lives and strive to do the same.

As you gather for family get-togethers and other outdoor events this May 25th, do not forget that Memorial Day is also a day to remember service and sacrifice. Be sure to take time to remember. Remember our service men and women who gave their lives in the military service of their and our country.



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

Spring is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The flowers are in bloom, the trees are back to life, and the air is full of pollen as everything turns yellow. My sympathies to those of us, me included, who suffer from allergies every year. The spring showers help to keep the air clean, the pollen washed away, and everything growing.

As of this writing, we still have 8 members who have not paid 2008 dues and are on our delinquent list. Please, brethren, try and bring your dues current to help your Lodge fulfill its obligations. For those of our brethren who hate paying dues, don't forget that we still have the Life Membership in Perpetuity Program that will relieve you of that responsibility. Check into that now.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and will soon be upon us. Every brother should stop and reflect on our past and present commitments to our nation, the world and ourselves. Remember that we would not be living as we are, were it not for the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces. Today, we must pray that they will all be safe, wherever they may be, and that those overseas will return safely home.

We are receiving the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia at our May Stated Communication. Let's not allow Mt. Wor. Jeffery Eugene Hodges to be received into a sparsely populated Lodge room. Let's show the Grand Master that Masonry is alive and well in Tuckahoe Lodge.

Brethren, rededicate yourselves to Masonry and to Tuckahoe Lodge. Let's fill our Lodge room and watch your officers swell with pride when we have visitors that see our enthusiasm. It is contagious, brethren. We can do it if we put our heart and soul into it. Remember those principles that caused you to say, in many cases just a few years ago, "How do I become a Mason?" Remember? I do. I think about it almost daily. It was one of the best things that ever happened to me. That pride in Masonry and my Lodge continues to grow – day by day, month by month, year by year. We all have a way to go. Start now!!! See *you* in Lodge!

Memorial Day - a Grateful Tribute

Memorial Day is a United States Federal Holiday observed on the last Monday of May (on May 25 in 2009). Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of reunification after the Civil War), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action. The first Memorial Day was observed in 1865 by liberated slaves at the historic race track in Charleston. The site was a former Confederate prison camp as well as a mass grave for Union soldiers who died in captivity. The freed slaves reinterred the dead Union soldiers from the mass grave to individual graves, fenced in the graveyard and built an entry arch declaring it a Union graveyard. This was a daring action for them to take in the South shortly after the North's victory.

No words can capture the essence of the supreme sacrifice made by our armed forces men and women who died in the service of our country. Only respect, reverence, and humble admiration in our hearts begin the process of remembering them. Memorial Day should be a time of pride and of gratitude for the accomplishments of those who gave their lives to build the world we have today.

On Memorial Day, a prayer for peace is especially fitting. You don't have to read one from a prayer book, or memorize one to recite on this special day. Just look to heaven and say what you feel. May almighty God hear our prayers and grant that peace be ours now and in the future. Our fallen sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, are honored on this day by the fact that their accomplishments live.

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, and were due and payable January 1st. Are your dues current?
- * If you need transportation to a Lodge meeting or event, please let the Worshipful Master or any Officer know.
- * Our Virginia Blood Services donation number is 1779.
- * The Lodge Telephone Number is 804-288-5166.
- * Tuckahoe Masonic Class meets Thursday's at 7:00 P.M. (or Wednesday, if degree work is scheduled Thursday).
- * Robert Lewis Gibbs Saturday Night Class meets every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at the SRT except, in December, and 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.



This is our Grand Master's pin for 2009. If you don't have one on your lapel just come to the stated meeting in May and ask him for one!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN PERPETUITY...Have you considered it? It's a great way to financially support your Lodge, and you don't have to worry about paying dues every year. Contact the Secretary for more details.

Masonic recognition day is the first day of every month!

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