



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, June 4th, 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 – Planned visit of the DEO for District 15-C, Bro. Paul Dierickx

Officers and members dress: Collared shirts and casual slacks (Tuckahoe shirts, if you wish)

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

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

June 12th: Annual Fish-fry dinner at the Lodge. Bring the family...invite the neighbors...this is always a great event!

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

July 15th to 18th: R.L. 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 – 5th: The Reid J. 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. The campus of Fork Union Military Academy is transformed into 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?

September 19th: Our third blood drive of the year...this one's a co-sponsored event at Glen Allen 131. They serve breakfast, and the drive begins at 8:30. If you can't give blood bring a family member or friend who can!

November 6th – 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 5th.

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.



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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

J. B. Wilkinson, P.G.M. (207) 1959
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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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. 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, J.W.
Collier

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.
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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

JUNE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(683 Years of Masonic Service)

Brooking, W.W., Jr.	27 th	Johnston, P.M.	46 th	Story, L.O., Jr.	12 th
Cauthorn, W.A.	39 th	McGonagil, J.C.	1 st	Trent, G.E.	8 th
Congdon, J.R.	39 th	McKinney, G.L.	8 th	Turochy, R.C.	42 nd
Edmonds, W.A.	23 rd	Nuckols, C.W., Jr.	13 th	Wilkinson, J.B.	62 nd
Faison, B.C.	5 th	Otwell, G.I.	38 th	Williams, E.P.	12 th
Giles, P.F.	53 rd	Petrone, B.V., Jr.	31 st	Wilmouth, C.M.	3 rd
Hassell, T.T., Jr.	34 th	Pruden, J.N.	13 th	Word, R.H.	41 st
Hubbard, B.B., Jr.	23 rd	Stone, F.T.	46 th	Wyatt, N.B.	34 th

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. Kenny Roach** continues his recovery from back surgery in April. He'll be at home for another month or two, before returning to work. **R.W. Clarence Whitley** was back helping in 'his kitchen' at the May meeting, as his shoulder continues to improve. Whit's wife, **Mary**, had cataract surgery recently on both eyes, and is doing just fine. **Bro. Terry Lyman** continues his recovery, and is moving around easier now on his new leg. **M.W. James Wilkinson**, after several health issues and hospital stays, is doing better. He was recently seen visiting the Childhood Language Center.



In Memoriam

Bro. Deane Edward Wettstone

Entered Apprentice.....2/2/76

Fellowcraft.....3/15/76

Master Mason.....4/19/76

All degrees received in Lodge of Strict Observance #207

Served as Master of #207 in 1984, and DDGM (15-A) in 1991.

Affiliated with Tuckahoe..... 9/6/07

Entered Eternal Rest.....4/24/09



FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master

Brethren, it is with a sad heart that I have to begin this issue with an obituary ...

The Passing of Brotherhood Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M.

At 11:50 PM last evening, the Brotherhood Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M. passed away quietly after a long illness. While the exact cause of death will probably never be known, the coroner's office concluded that the Lodge suffered from a number of ailments. None of these ailments was significant enough to cause the Lodge's demise, but collectively, they were more than the Lodge could take.

The Lodge had a long history of growth and active membership. It has been a beacon of light for most of its life and its members were well respected and active within the community. The Lodge had a reputation for wonderful dinners and fellowship at its monthly meetings. They had dynamic education classes each week designed to train and equip the less informed brethren and to prepare interested members for future leadership roles in the Lodge.

Some years ago, the Lodge began to change. The changes were subtle at first and most of the membership didn't even notice. Some members had been hurt by the actions of other members. Others had differences of opinion about how the Lodge should be run. Still other members were just upset. In any case; they were unable to resolve their differences. Because of the friction, many members became complacent, and in some cases, formerly active members even stopped participating in Lodge events. Ultimately the Lodge succumbed.

Brethren, this is truly a sad story -- especially for a Masonic organization. The foundational tenants of Freemasonry are friendship, morality, and brotherly love. These concepts are repeated in various forms in our rituals and are an integral part of our obligations. In the description of the working tools of a Master Mason we are reminded that the trowel "...is used symbolically for the far more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly Love and Affection, which unites us into one sacred band or society of friend and Brothers -- a Temple of living stones, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

Brethren, we are human beings and we will get upset from time to time, but let us all strive to be trowels. If you have hurt someone, apologize to them. If you have been hurt by someone, offer them grace and forgiveness. Mend broken fences. Get involved in the Lodge activities and help the Lodge Grow. Call a brother and invite him to Lodge. Let the Lodge officers know if there are special programs or other events that you would like to see the Lodge pursue. Freemasonry has a lot to offer each of us and our community. Let us all decide to act toward each other in ways that reflect the tenets of our craft and set an example for others. You are the life of Tuckahoe Lodge. Please do your part.



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

It seems just like yesterday that I was writing about the approach of Spring, flowers, and showers. Now the heat of summer is upon us. It brings us fun, frolic, swimming, golf, and all those necessary activities that will make the rest of the year an enjoyable experience.

Brethren, we still have eight of our members who have not paid their 2008 dues and are in danger of being suspended. Please make sure your dues card reads 2009. Tuckahoe Lodge, your Lodge, has financial obligations which must be met every month. Please do your part.

Tickets have been mailed for the fish fry. Please support your fund raiser. Many of our brethren work very hard to satisfy our appetites and to make a few dollars to help pay our bills. If you cannot attend, please purchase your tickets and support the Lodge.

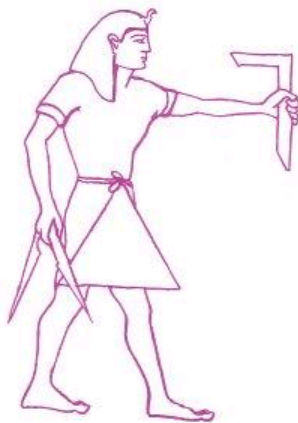
Now that Memorial Day is past, and we all have had a chance to honor those who gave their lives that we may live the life we do, let's all stop and think about that final salute to our departed servicemen. The haunting melody we know as "Taps" began in 1862 near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. How many of you know the words to this melody? Did you know there are three verses? The words are:

- Verse 1: **Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky.
All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.**
- Verse 2: **Fading light. Dims the sight. And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming bright.
From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night.**
- Verse 3: **Thanks and praise. For our days. Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky.
As we go. This we know. God is nigh.**

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country. And also those now serving in the Armed Forces.
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS!!!

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. 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.



Just a thought: What about that guy you've worked with for the past few years...He's a man of good character, family man, community minded....a good man. Have you ever asked him 'Why haven't you ever joined the Masonic Lodge?' Go ahead; talk to him about Masonry....he could be our next new Brother!