



# 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, July 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'

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

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Happy Birthday America!' celebration takes place at 2:00pm with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, in the SRT auditorium.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Visitation to Westhampton 302, the 'Brothers Messimer' will be presenting an educational program about some unique 'Anti-Masonic postage stamps'. Dinner is at 6:30pm, Lodge opens at 7:30.

**July 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>:** R.L. Gibbs School of Instruction. 6:00pm each evening at the SRT.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Tuckahoe's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>:** 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 10<sup>th</sup>:** Masonic Home Family Day celebration. The WWII Veterans memorial plaque will be dedicated. Have you ordered your memorial 'paver' stone yet?

**September 19<sup>th</sup>:** 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>:** The 231<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>:** 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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**PAST MASTERS**

\* 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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\* J. C. Lewit, II. . . . . 1978  
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\* 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  
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J. L. Woolard . . . . . 1988  
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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  
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Wor. R. Alton Wright, Wor. Herbert H. Eades, Jr., the Stationed Officers,  
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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, R.E. Strauss, E. B. Irby, 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,  
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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.  
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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

### JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(535 Years of Masonic Service)

Atwell, H.L. - 57 <sup>th</sup>	Brooks, G.H. - 41 <sup>st</sup>	Carr, C.M. - 36 <sup>th</sup>	Eades, R.C., Sr. - 36 <sup>th</sup>	Elmore, F.L., Jr. - 54 <sup>th</sup>
Jarrell, T.B. - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lane, A.J. - 35 <sup>th</sup>	Lovern, W.B. - 38 <sup>th</sup>	McKaig, J.C. - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mihalcoe, A.L. - 24 <sup>th</sup>
Mihalcoe, A.L., Jr. - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reid, J.C. - 37 <sup>th</sup>	Roach, K.A. - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Samuels, D.W. - 41 <sup>st</sup>	Simmons, G.M., Jr. - 41 <sup>st</sup>
Williams, J.R. - 54 <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'. **RW Ned Culler** has moved...well sort of....he's settling in to a new apartment (#207) but is still at the same address on Gayton Road, same phone number too! **Bro. Earl Watson**, one of our stewards who help Chef Whit in the kitchen, was taken to Henrico Dr's hospital with a severe kidney infection and some respiratory problems several days before our June stated meeting. He is home now to continue his recovery. **Bro. Kenny Roach** continues to do well in his recovery from back surgery a couple of months back. It was good to see him join us for the fish Fry in June! **Bro. Jerry Fanning** was back in the hospital for knee replacement surgery, and is now home continuing his recovery. His last check up at the Doc's was good. **Bro. Terry Lyman** fell at home and injured his good leg. He was to get an update on the injury from his Dr. this week. **Bro. Dick McClure** was scheduled to begin radiation and chemo for cancer of the esophagus this week. Remember also in your prayers: **Bro's. Paul Johnston, David Sims, and MW James Wilkinson** as they deal with recent health issues.....also, **Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold's** wife, Jane, as she was scheduled for surgery in June, **Bro John Gaywood's** wife, Dorothy, with new health concerns, and **RW Al Dranoff**, as he continues his recovery at home from multiple bypass surgery.



### In Memoriam

#### Bro. Frank Tompkins Stone

Entered Apprentice..... 4/12/1963  
Fellowcraft..... 5/17/1963  
Master Mason..... 6/21/1963  
Entered Eternal Rest.....12/14/2008

#### Bro. Jesse Frank Minton, Jr.

Entered Apprentice.....4/11/1958  
Fellowcraft.....6/26/1958  
Master Mason.....7/25/1958  
Entered Eternal Rest.....5/27/2009

#### Bro. James William Collier

Entered Apprentice....3/13/1959  
Fellowcraft....4/10/1959  
Master Mason....5/15/1959  
Entered Eternal Rest....3/3/2009





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

Brethren, in the past month we have been working on preparing for the annual Fish Fry. Based on the initial information, it appears that it was very successful. I want to personally thank all of the brethren who purchased tickets and those who stopped in for dinner. Those funds will go to support Lodge activities. In addition, I want to extend a special "thank you" to all the brethren who assisted in preparing and serving. As anyone who has been involved in a Lodge Fish Fry or similar event knows...it is a lot of work and it could not have succeeded without their hard work. This "thank you" also goes to my wife Edith, who was there for the entire event to support me and, who worked as hard as any brother.

The end of June marks the middle of the Lodge Masonic year. It is a time to look back and reflect on what has worked and to look forward and plan programs and events for the remainder of the year. I have heard from several brethren that the Lodge is not very active. I know we have not had many candidates this year and, as a Lodge, we have not been active in our visitation of other Lodges. Our attendance for Stated Communications has been okay, but participation in Thursday night classes is almost non-existent. Generally, there are only three or four that attend on Thursdays.

This is where I need your help. I would like to know what you want from the Lodge. What kinds of programs have you found interesting either at Tuckahoe or at some other Lodge? What do you need from the Stated Communication and the classes for you to be willing to invest your time? Should the Lodge have different kinds of activities? If so, what might those activities be? I know that time is something we all seem to have too little of. We generally have several options we can choose from about how we spend our time. Therefore, if I expect you to spend you time in Lodge activities, I have to make sure you feel that your time is well spent. This is why your input is so important. My telephone number and email address are in this Trestleboard. So are those of the other Lodge officers. Please share your ideas with me or any of the other officers.

As I have said before, the Lodge is not the building or the charter, it is you and I. We can make it great or we can make it average.....or worse. It is our decision but it requires *our* involvement and support. Please note the upcoming activities and participate as you are able. Thank you.



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

I recently took a walk through our beautiful Lodge. It was an ordinary day and I had a few minutes to kill until I had a meeting to attend. Then I put on my sunglasses. What was ordinary suddenly became **extraordinary**. I can only relate that to looking through rose colored glasses. Serving as your Secretary for these past 22 years has been a joy for me. You could say that it has been an **extraordinary** experience. One-third of my life has been spent in this position. However, mixed with all the good times and memories are controversies which now threaten to tear our **extraordinary** Lodge apart. These controversies affect each and every member who attends Tuckahoe Lodge. Brethren, it is not easy to love those who hate you, but we must. It is not easy to forgive those who trespass against you, but we must. It is not easy to forgive those who speak evil of your good name, but we must. You and I are called upon to love one another, and we must. I am convinced that the only way to overcome evil is with good. Don't allow controversies to turn the **extraordinary** experience of being a Freemason into something ordinary or worse.

We are charged to do good unto all, more especially to the household of the faithful, and we must. Brethren, put on your rose colored glasses and join me in beholding the **extraordinary** beauties of Freemasonry. May the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless you. Will you allow that to happen in Tuckahoe Lodge? Remember, the day you read this is the first day of the rest of your life as a Freemason. Let's make it the first day of your life as an **extraordinary** Freemason. Make your commitment today, because you must!

..... **AND NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY!**

Tuckahoe Lodge continues to have several brethren on our delinquent list for dues (in fact there are six), and they will shortly be subject to suspension. Brethren, please check your dues card. If it does not say 2009, you could be one of them. Remember – your Lodge continues to have its obligations which must be paid. Everyone needs to do their part in supporting their Lodge.

Six months, brethren. That's how long it has been since Tuckahoe has had any candidates progressing through the degrees. Your Lodge exists, not only on your monetary support, but on the support of each and every brother, whose unwritten obligation is to replace himself at least once during his years as a Mason. Your Lodge needs you and your support in any and every way you can give it. Come out to our meetings, reacquaint yourself with your brethren, find out what you can do to assist your Lodge and your officers, and help benefit the future of Tuckahoe Lodge.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, voice mail service is available.
- \* 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday when Masters and Wardens meet.
- \* Masters and Wardens - Meets the 4th Saturday at Scottish Rite Temple, except in June, July, August and December.
- \* The latest update to the Masonic Herald is available at: <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/herald/index.htm>

**Helping our community!** We have provided many bags of food and personal items along with a cash donation of nearly \$140 from Tuckahoe, No.10, and No. 36 so far this year. There are baskets in the lobby where you can place your donations of non-perishable food, household, and personal care items to be shared with those in need. If you happen to forget the cans of food we can still use your loose pocket change, or a dollar bill or two. Either way it helps the food bank help those in need.



Have you stopped by to see our beautiful new Lodge Library? Better yet, have you checked out a book? Want to know what books we have available? Click on the link below to go to the Library inventory page. <http://www.tuckahoelodge347.org/OntheLibraryBookshelf/tabid/67/Default.aspx>