



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, September 3rd, 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 DIW for Masonic District 15-C, Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr.

Officers and members dress: Collared shirts and casual slacks (Tuckahoe shirts are appropriate)

*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

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! They are also holding their annual car wash, yard sale and bar-b-que fundraiser for the Lodge that same day.

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 – 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.



Here's one for you math nuts out there. The formula is: $\text{Ln} \times 2 + 5 \times 50 + \text{Ya} + 365 - 615 = ??$ Give up?

Take the number of your lodge and double it; add 5; multiply this number by 50; add your age (no cheating!); add the number of days in the year; subtract 615. Result: The last two numbers of the result are your age, and the other numbers are your Lodge Number.

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* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

* J.O. Harris1923-1924
* A. N. Revere. 1925
* C. M. Selph1926
* P.L. Ruehrmund. 1927
* N. C. Phillips1928
* H. J. Perrin1929
* M. H. Dicks.1930
* R. C. Parks.1931
+ R. D. Powers1932
* 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. Johnson1949
* 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. 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. Tuckwiller.1963
E. F. McCune, Jr1964
* R. D. Woolard.1965
* J. S. Gary, Jr.1966
* W. J. Haid, Jr, P.D.D.G.M.1967
* J. G. Clark.1968
X1969
E. L. Walker1970
* D. Williams.1971
* E. W. Oakley.1972
* P. D. Lawrence.1973
* G. F. Paul.1974
W. Y. Roper, III, P.D.D.G.M1975
J. N. Culler, P.D.D.G.M1976
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* J. C. Lewit, II.1978
C. E. Whitley, P.D.D.G.M1979
* O. J. Oaks.1980
D. McK. Messimer1981
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. Jarrell1987
J. L. Woolard1988
* W. P. Gilliam, Jr1989

G. W. Boswell.1990
W. A. Edmonds.1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr1992
C. H. Hilgenhold1993
W. M. McClintock.1994
J. Larry Mason.1995
* L. A. Jackoway.1996
C. H. Hilgenhold1997
R. S. Lanier.1998
* D. G. Thomson.1999
C. D. Barbour2000
R. A. Wright.2001
J. G. Cooke2002 - 2003
R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M2004
J. T. Quinley.2005
H. H. Eades, Jr.2006 - 2007
M. H. Messimer, Jr2008

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
W. R. Heltzel. (10) 2008

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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, 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,
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

SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

264 Years of Masonic Service

Clevinger, H.C.	37 th	Gates, C.H., III	10 th	McClure, R.D.	20 th
Collins, R.L.	37 th	Harlin, E.F., Jr.	3 rd	McGavic, R.L.	17 th
Eades, H.H., Jr.	46 th	Lanier, R.S.	16 th	Whitley, C.E.	44 th
Elicerio, J.M.	24 th			Williams, R.E., Jr.	10 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. Brent Lovern's wife, Kay, and his sister, Debbie, Wor. Marshall Messimer, Bro. Terry Lyman, and RW Al Dranoff** have all been mentioned here over the past few months. It seems sometimes the list isn't going to get any smaller. Remember them, please, and a card or phone call is always appreciated. Here's an update on some others that have been on the sick & distressed list recently: Our tiler, **Wor. Clawson Barbour** is still having some physical therapy, but is doing better, **Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold's wife, Jane,** continues her recovery from recent surgery, **Bro. Dick McClure's** recent chemo treatments have left him feeling very ill, and **Bro. John Gaywood's wife, Dorothy,** is doing better. **Bro. Kenny Roach** is back working at the barber shop for a couple of hours, 2 days a week...Kenny says he's glad to be back to work! **Bro. Charles Hanbury** is at home, and doing better.



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

I would like to begin with a sincere thank you to the Brother's Messimer for their presentation on "anti-Masonic" stamps last month. The presentation was very enlightening and provided those gathered with a perspective on Freemasonry that we usually don't see. The material including images of the stamps has been posted on the Lodge website.

Below are the remarks I delivered at the close of the last Stated Communication. Since a number of you were unable to attend, I am taking this opportunity to share those remarks with you as well. I hope that taking care of some of these items will help strengthen our Lodge.

"Over the months that I have been in the East, I have met with some of you about your concerns for the Lodge. I really appreciate your willingness to share those concerns and offer suggestions for improvements. These concerns primarily revolve around two issues - stewardship and transparency.

- Stewardship of the Lodge property, including the building and grounds and other resources of the Lodge, and
- Transparency around activities in the Lodge, including the receipt and disbursement of Lodge funds.

As Master of this Lodge, I have an obligation to you as the membership to make sure that decisions are made in the best interest of the Lodge. Unfortunately, we may not always agree with the decision about "what's best" for the Lodge. As brothers in this fraternity and in this Lodge, we do need to be willing and able to discuss our individual positions and then support the majority decision. For these discussions to be effective, you need information.

While I can assure you that nothing subversive is going on, I must confess that I have not done anything to make things better or to help set aside those concerns. Tonight, I will begin to try to remedy that. For activities around the Lodge, I have developed a calendar that has all known activities for the year. The Planning Committee will be addressing the use of Lodge facilities and working to establish a "standard fee schedule" for groups who use the facilities.

For the expenses, most of our bills are for services already rendered and will need to be paid. This does not mean that you should not question payments with which you are not familiar or which seem abnormal in their amount.

For expenses related to projects and similar items, requests will include a description of the project, the timeframe, and the expected total cost. Periodic progress reports will be provided to include the status of the project and information on anything that might impact the total expected cost.

For our receipts, the Secretary will begin to not only provide the total of the receipts, but he will also report on the source of those funds – rent, gifts, dues, meal receipts, etc.

I hope this will help provide a better understanding of the details surrounding things that are going on in the Lodge. For us to be a successful Lodge, we have to stop the rumors and innuendo and deal with the facts. We have to let go of the past and focus on the future. If you ever have any specific concerns or questions, my phone number and email are in the Trestleboard. Thank you."



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

Welcome back from your summer vacations. It can be best described by the adjectives hot, humid, and sticky. I also welcome you back to your Masonic home and hope that you will attend your September Stated Communication. Let us all pause to reflect on our commitments of fulfilling our Masonic obligations. Let's all get involved with the workings of our Lodge.

My thanks to all who have paid their 2009 dues. Unfortunately several of our brethren have not, as yet, sent their support for this year. As always, the dues are due on January 1st and are now "technically" past due. Dues for 2010 will be billed in November. If your dues for 2008 have not been paid, you will have received a citation for non-payment by this time. Now is a good time to consider the Life Membership in Perpetuity Program (LMIP). Call me for the details. Don't worry about increases in Lodge dues and then having to pay them every year. The LMIP amounts (if your dues are current) for the rest of this year are: \$1,088 for those under age 70 and \$960 for those age 70 and over.

If you are reading this message online, and are not a Mason, I hope that you will take advantage of the information made available to you.

If you are a Mason accessing our website, please avail yourself of our Masonic invitation to attend Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347. Sojourning Masons are always welcome. For a Stated Communication, just bring your appetite, your lady if you live in the area, and your current Blue Lodge dues card. We'll do the rest.

Now, reflect back to the first paragraph and consider the following:

DO YOU REMEMBER...?

The last time you attended a meeting of Tuckahoe Lodge?

The last contribution you made to the Masonic Home of Virginia?

The last Masonic Memorial Service you attended?

The last time you brightened the day of an ill or shut-in Brother by paying him a short visit?

The last Mason you encouraged by assuring him that he can count on your assistance in an emergency?

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 2010 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 with voice mail option.
- * 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.



Did you know that each December Tuckahoe Lodge has presented a memorial service in remembrance of our brethren who have been called to the Celestial Lodge during the past twelve months? The program has always been presented in a tiled Lodge, and is a memorable tribute to our brethren. Since 1981 we have presented a memorial service written by one of our own members rather than using the one made available by the Grand Lodge. Earlier this year the Worshipful Master decided that it would be most fitting and proper to share this last tribute of respect with the widows, family members, and friends of our deceased brothers.

The Lodge has requested, from the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, permission to present a revised memorial service *prior* to the opening of our December Stated meeting. The Grand Master is very much in favor of our request, and last week the Grand Lecturer granted his approval of the re-written public memorial program.

As in the past, this December we invite our wives, widows, and families to join us for dinner prior to Lodge. Immediately following the dinner we'll all assemble in the Lodge room for the Memorial service, after which the brethren will remain for our December meeting, and the election and installation of officers for 2010. Please join us, and ask your spouse to join you for this special program.



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