



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 Communications of your Lodge to be held in the Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, Bethlehem and Dickens Roads, Richmond, Virginia. Take due notice thereof.

STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, October 1st, 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 - Ballot - Committee Reports - Masonic Education 'Nugget'-
Program - Past Master's Night - Founder's Month and the Masonic Home

Officers and members dress: [Business suits](#)

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, October 8th, 2009

7:00 P.M. - Work expected in the Entered Apprentice Degree

Officers and members dress: [Business suits](#)

*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

October 10th: Masonic Home Family Day celebration. The WWII Veterans memorial plaque will be dedicated. Haven't been to Family day? You're missing a real treat.

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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PAST MASTERS

* Deceased + Demitted X Suspended

* J.O. Harris1923-1924
* 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

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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

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
W. R. Heltzel. (10) 2008

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

OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

641 Years of Masonic Service

Anderson, M.R.	37 th	Hanbury, E.C.	25 th	Moses, C.R., Jr.	25 th
Ballinger, A.O.	58 th	Hardwick, C.V., Jr.	41 st	Quinley, J.R.	36 th
Brown, H.S.	63 rd	Hutchens, W.F.	45 th	Scelia, K.R.	2 nd
Carpenter, R.W., III	23 rd	Johnson, C.P.	57 th	Sims, D.F.	10 th
Crouch, R.L., Jr.	1 st	Lawrence, W.H., Jr.	67 th	Tucker, J.P., III	13 th
Dabney, J.A.	8 th	McClure, R.A.	9 th	Vassar, B.D.	8 th
Dickinson, B.P.	40 th	Meade, P.M.	9 th	Watson, E.	9 th
Grove, J.R.	41 st	Messimer, M.H., Jr.	6 th	Wright, D.E.	8 th

Our circle of concern....

The following 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. Joe Wadle's** wife is recovering from recent surgeries and is on the mend, and Joe is now a 'nurse' till she gets back on her feet. **Bro. Terry Lyman** was in Henrico Doctors – Parham in mid-September. He fell and tore up his new hip and had 12 hours of surgery to repair it. A card or call from you would help. He was scheduled to go to Health South for rehab. Remember **Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold**, and his wife, Jane, as she continues her recovery from recent surgery. **Bro. Dick McClure** in a recent email says he has some good days as he continues his therapy, and **Bro. John Gaywood's** wife, Dorothy, continues to improve. **Bro. Charles Hanbury** is at home, and doing better after his surgery. Keep **Bro. Moe McKinney** in your prayers, as he continues his slow recovery.



FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master

October is upon us. Another year is winding to a close and its time for another change in the season. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we read that "there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven." (NIV) As I have mentioned before, the officers of Tuckahoe Lodge with the assistance of the Past Masters are looking at the future for Tuckahoe Lodge and what changes may need to be made. We are striving to identify ways in which the Lodge can be successful in growing its membership and in providing for its members. One of those ideas was to get back to basics for the Thursday Night classes. Attendance has been steadily declining, and for those that did attend, there was no formal agenda or plan.

Over that past several weeks, we have returned to the basics with the Thursday Night class. We are working on the catechism and practicing the ritual. We are trying to start on time, at 7:00 PM, and finish by 9:00 PM. The objectives of this renewed emphasis are:

- Help the members learn or relearn the catechisms for the three degrees
- Help prepare members for leadership roles in Tuckahoe
- Help members learn how to open and close the Lodge in various roles

- Help members learn the parts of the degrees so that they can either take one of those parts on a regular basis or serve as a backup from time to time
- Make good use of the time members spend in class and have some fun

I encourage you to attend the Thursday Night class whenever you can. If you know of other things you would like to do during this time or have any recommendations to offer, please let me know.

October's stated meeting will be Past Master's Night. I am very excited about this event and those who will be participating. Wor. Wade McClintock (Master of Tuckahoe Lodge in 1994) will be presiding in the East for the night and he will be ably supported by other past masters of Tuckahoe Lodge. Past Master's Night is a very special night because it will give us an opportunity to recognize those who served the Lodge in a significant leadership role. It will also be special because we will be voting on two petitions for membership. Please be sure to come out and support our Past Masters and be an active participant in the work of the Lodge.

Again Brethren, I want to remind you about our list of Sick & Distressed and those brethren who do not attend Lodge. Please remember them with your prayers, cards, email, and phone calls.



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

The 231st Grand Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Virginia will convene on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the Sheraton Richmond West Hotel, 6624 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA, commencing at 8:00 AM. The Grand Master's address will be given on Friday morning. The Resolutions (12 in number) and the election of the Grand Lodge Officers will take place on Saturday morning, November 7, 2009. Please consider coming out to support your Grand Lodge, its officers, and its programs.

Dues notices for 2010 will be sent during the first half of November. The amount will depend upon the actions taken at the Grand Annual Communication. If you have not paid your 2009 dues, and many of you have not, it would be appreciated if you could bring your dues current and help with the expenses of Tuckahoe Lodge.

One of the most important duties in Freemasonry is the investigation of a man seeking Light. This is a requirement laid down by our Methodical Digest, and must be completed by three members of the Lodge prior to a ballot on a new Petitioner. Some of you may ask, "Why is an investigating committee necessary?" Some of you may feel that it is unimportant. Some of you may feel that it is a waste of time. Far from that, brethren. Here are just a few reasons for this necessary procedure.

- This is the first time that members of the Lodge will get a chance to meet a new Petitioner. Getting to know him will provide some familiar faces when he arrives at the Lodge for his Entered Apprentice Degree.
- This gives the Petitioner an opportunity to better understand the requirements and benefits of Freemasonry and membership in the Lodge. The process of traveling through the Degrees will be explained and his questions answered.
- This provides an opportunity to explain the mentoring process, how that will affect the Petitioner.
- The Petitioner's family will have a chance to ask about Masonry and how it will affect their family.
- Remember, the family must be comfortable with the Petitioner joining our Lodge.

Those of you who are asked to participate on an investigating committee must realize that this is an important function of the lodge, and must be handled in a professional manner. Remember brethren, a proper investigation is part of the first step in the Petitioner's process of becoming a Mason. As such, it will always be remembered by the Petitioner. Let's make sure we make a good impression for Masonry and our 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.
- * Annual dues 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, voice mail 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 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.



Masonic Home of Virginia Family Day

October 10, 2009

4115 Nine Mile Road, Richmond, VA

All Masons and their families invited to attend for a fun filled day of activities and lunch on the grounds of the Masonic Home.

9:00 AM - entertainment, coffee and doughnuts near the Grand Lodge

10:30 AM – Parade with lunch to follow

WWII Memorial Ceremony

Dedication of Stone in honor of WWII Veterans

All Masons line up at 12:30 PM to process to the Dedication Ceremony

Ceremony will begin at 1:30 PM