



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, November 5th, 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 – Report on Grand Lodge resolutions - Committee Reports – Masonic Education 'Nugget' -

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

CALLED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, November 12th, 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 - the first day of every month! Are you wearing something that says you are a Mason?

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

December 3rd: Each December Tuckahoe conducts a memorial service to honor and remember our Brethren who have passed away during the last year. This year the service has been revised, and we have received permission from the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer to conduct a public memorial service. This will be the first time that the widows and family members of our Brethren can attend. We will assemble in the dining room and share the evening meal together, and then everyone is invited to enter the Lodge room for the memorial service, after which all Master Masons are invited to remain for the Stated Communication. Plan to be with us for this meaningful service, and bring your spouse, family, and friends.

February 20th, 2010: ...it's just around the corner! Tuckahoe's first of three blood drives for the year. This drive is in memory of Mt. Wor. Al Tignor. Plan now to give the gift of life...we need you, your family, and your circle of friends.

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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. Vuck (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., 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

NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(565 years of Masonic Service)

Bass, D. A.	1 st	Hingley, J.P.	28 th	Schwartz, G.L., III	3 rd
Boswell, G.W.	25 th	Martin, B.S.	48 th	Smith, B.K.	3 rd
Culler, J.N.	39 th	Maxwell, R.S.	17 th	Tuck, S.E., Jr.	46 th
Durrer, C.B.	36 th	Mize, J.D.	17 th	Vine, N.E.	27 th
Ferguson, W.S.	23 rd	Nochta, R.E.	33 rd	Wadle, R.J., Jr.	2 nd
Frye, J.H.	43 rd	Reid, L.L.	23 rd	Westbury, R.F., Sr.	54 th
Gray, T.G., Sr.	7 th	Roach, G.A.	2 nd	Young, L.W.	48 th
		Roper, W.Y., III	40 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. Remember **Bro. Horace Brown**, he's now at home continuing to improve, also **Bro. Victor Newell's wife, Marie (they live in Holiday, Florida)**, **Bro. Dick McClure**, and **Bro. Moe McKinney**.



In Memoriam

Brother Justin Ferdinand Hayes

EA- 04/26/1945

FC - 05/10/1945

MM - 05/24/1945

Died September 29, 2009

Bro. Hayes received his degrees in Bay Ridge No. 856, Brooklyn, NY (now Bay Ridge-Minerva No. 758)

Affiliated with Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347 - 11/04/1994 – he was a 64 year Masonic Veteran

Some thoughts on Dan Brown's, 'The Lost Symbol': I recently finished reading Dan Brown's latest work. It's a very good read with lots of surprise twists and turns in the plot, and it treats our fraternity well. Of course there are some parts in the book that will drive the "conspiracy theorists" absolutely crazy. I say, so be it! They need to remember that they can find this one on the bookshelf marked "fiction". As for the Craft, we must remember that if the book brings us men who seek Masonic light and experience, we still need to initiate only those who come to us with honorable intentions.

My experience tells me that good or bad publicity brings little change in our ranks. We may make a fuss about getting ready for a great surge in membership surge or a disaster within the Craft, but in the end it tends to turn out to be a great deal of fuss about nothing. Our job is to continue to show the world that Masons practice Religious Tolerance, Political Freedom and Personal Integrity. Dan Brown may have lost a Masonic symbol, but we need to hold on to our Masonic standards.

Doug Messimer, PM, LEO



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

With the arrival on November each year, I always think about Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is looked at as just another holiday for some, a day to visit friends and family for others, and just another day off for still others. It is unfortunate that more people don't take some of this time to think about those things for which they could or should be thankful. Instead, many people spend their time being concerned with acquiring more or with trying to save what they have.

This season, let us focus on what we have. Let us think about others we know who are less fortunate. I have found that no matter how difficult I feel my life is, I can always find someone who has it worse. For most of us, we can find a whole lot of people that have it worse than we do.

For brethren in Freemasonry, there are fraternal things for which we should be thankful. We have our fraternity itself, which we call a society of friends and brothers. We belong to an organization with members who have promised to help take care of each other and to help take care of each other's family members when our brother is no longer able. This is a significant obligation, but one which we take freely. Many of our brethren exhibit this philosophy in their daily lives but others do not. At this season of the year, let us all review and renew the obligations that we took when we became brothers in this great fraternity and endeavor to live those obligations to the fullest. Be thankful for each other and for the bonds of friendship that exist within Freemasonry.

In November, we will also have an election and the observance of Veteran's day. On Election Day we all need to go to the polls and vote. Regardless of our political ideology or level of interest, we have a duty to vote. Part of our obligation as a Mason is that of being a good citizen. Voting is the responsibility of all good citizens. The week following the Election, our country will observe Veteran's Day. There are many veterans in Freemasonry and in our Lodge. I believe that this is no accident. Instead, it is based on the desire and need to serve others. For those in the military, it is about service to country and for those in Freemasonry, it is about service to each other and to our fellow man.

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.



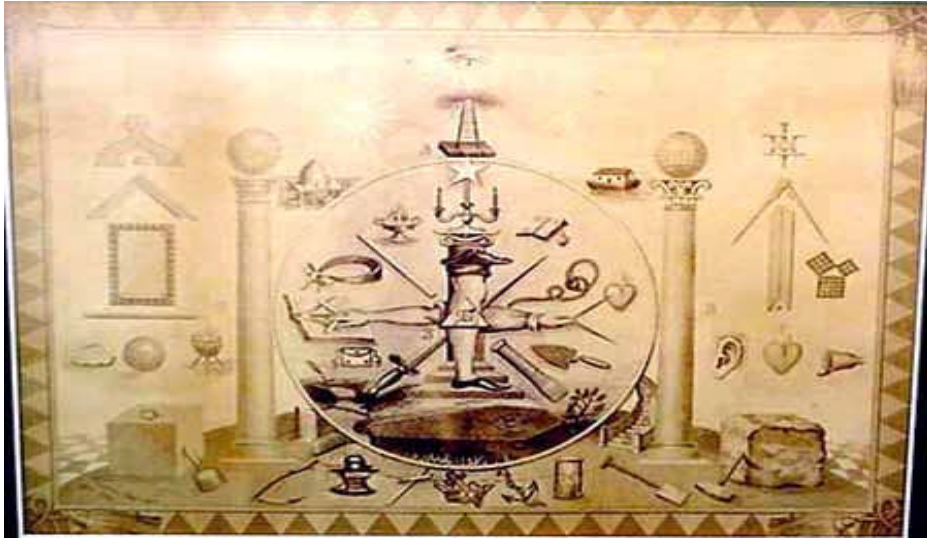
The Secretary's Corner: Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.

As we approach the holiday season, we first come upon Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, and then Christmas. Let's all step back and think about our Lodge and what we can give to Tuckahoe Lodge and Freemasonry as our "gift" for this holiday season.

Mere exposure to the Degrees in Freemasonry makes a man a Mason only in the most elemental and technical sense of the word. What does he gain? Among other things, you gained the right to wear an emblem, to carry a dues card, and to petition Appendant Bodies. But – are you a Mason? Think back to when you were raised a Master Mason. You were probably humble, fired with a burning desire for Masonic knowledge, and a zeal for truth and righteousness that has sustained your enthusiasm for Freemasonry. Are you any less fervent and zealous than when you were raised? Or have you joined the "passive and complacent attitude of many other members of the Craft?"

Tuckahoe Lodge – your Lodge – needs your dedication now more than ever before. Lets all make an effort to give our Lodge a holiday “gift” of our dedication and support. Make a resolution to attend a meeting, come watch the degree work, renew your acquaintances with your brethren, and become an active part of the world’s oldest and best fraternity – Freemasonry. You can do this with just a little bit of your time and talents. Your participation will help instill in our members that greater appreciation of their responsibilities to our Lodge and a deeper sense of pride in being a Mason.

Brethren, the 2010 dues notices will be mailed soon. Please remember your obligation to your Lodge.



The ‘Aberdeen Tracing Board’ (above) is said to have been conceived by engraver W. Garey of Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1866. Among the symbols depicted are those of Blue Lodge Masonry, as well as the Royal Arch Degree, and those of the Knights Templar.

Masonic Lodges in Aberdeen date to at least 1670. There is record of one lodge of that time requiring an Apprentice to pay four dollars as well as providing a linen apron and a pair of good gloves for each of the brethren as the fee for being initiated.

Aberdeen was also the birth place of James Anderson (c.1680 -1739), who, September 29, 1721, was ordered by the Grand Lodge of England to 'digest the old Gothic Constitution in a new better method.' The result of this commission was one of the most significant events in the history of Freemasonry: Publication, in 1723, of *Anderson's Constitutions* which are the first 'modern' rules for the governance of 'Speculative' Freemasonry.

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.

When virtue and great beauty dwell together, it is Masonry.

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