



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, December 3rd, 2009

5:30 P.M. - Stewards assemble in the Dining Hall

6:00 P.M. - Dinner, by 'Master Chef' Whitley, served in the Lodge Dining Hall - Our Ladies are always invited.

6:45 P.M. - Annual Memorial Service – The widows and families of our deceased brethren are invited.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business – Ballot - Committee Reports - Election & Installation of Officers for 2010

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

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. **Please note the slight adjustment in the starting time for dinner and the memorial service before the December meeting....6:00pm instead of our usual 6:30!**

January 14th and 21st: We have work in the degrees on the Trestleboard for January. How long has it been since you have seen the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft degree? Here's an opportunity for you to support your officers and see what has been described as perhaps the most beautiful and meaningful of our degrees.

February 20th It's coming sooner than you think! Tuckahoe's first of three blood drives for the year. This drive is held 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.

A Cable Tow is the strongest cord in the World...it will stretch indefinitely!

ELECTED OFFICERS

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- Bro. J. Ronald Childs. (H) 641-2985
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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. Phillips1928
* H. J. Perrin 1929
* 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. 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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- Wor. Jack Cooke (H) 752-2117

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

- Bro. Willy Hall. (H) 749-3687

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., 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, J. T. Quinley, *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

DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

160 Years of Masonry

Lee, W.G. 59th

Newell, V.H. 49th

Westbury, W.R., Jr. 52nd

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'. Continue to remember **Bro. Brent Lovern's wife, Kay**, who has gotten a clear report and doesn't have to return to the Dr. until next October. His sister **Debbie**, has exhausted her chemo regimen, and is still dealing with her cancer issues. **Bro. Dick McClure** had esophageal surgery in late October and is slowly improving. **Bro. Terry Lyman** is working to overcome the latest round of surgeries to his leg and is now using a cane to get around. He also got a new prescription for eyeglasses, as his cataracts are getting worse. **Bro. Horace Brown** was reported to be 'housebound' at the last meeting, but is improving. **Bro. Kenny Roach** is recovering nicely from his back surgery earlier this year, and is back at work a couple of days a week. **Wor. Wayne Boswell's wife, Jodi**, had double knee replacement surgery recently and is now at home recuperating. **Bro. Don Bloomquist** was reported to be dealing with a cold and missed the last meeting. **Wor. John Fetty** (Glen Allen 131) had more surgery in late October and was in ICU for quite awhile. **Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson** is receiving dialysis several days a week for kidney problems.



In Memoriam

Brother Fletcher Leigh Ellmore, Jr.

EA- 05/13/1955

FC- 06/17/1955

MM - 07/15/1955

Died 10/13/2009





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

Brethren, It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another year. At times like this, I find it interesting to "take stock" of things and review the events of this year.

To start off, I want to thank the brethren and officers of the Lodge for their consistent support and encouragement. As the result of circumstances over which we had no control, I ended up on the "fast track" to the East. I missed two years in "line" including probably one of the most important positions for finalizing my preparation for the East, that of Senior Warden. As a result, the meetings early in the year were pretty rough, but you hung in there and helped me get through. During the meetings, I remember spending a lot of time looking to RW Bob Carpenter, RW Rob Eades, or Wor Doug Messimer for my next queue. As the year progressed, I think I have gotten better with most of the routine items, but I still have to check in every once and a while.

Over the past year, I have learned that the Master of the Lodge is responsible for just about everything and that Lodge governance is not a democracy. In a society where we are indoctrinated with training in collaboration with others and consensus building, it is a bit awkward to have a position that is autonomous by design. This presents an interesting balancing act for the Master – trying to address the concerns and desires of the brethren but ultimately having to make a decision, whether it is popular or not. I appreciate the assistance you have provided and the patience you have demonstrated while I learned how to rule and govern the Lodge.

December is an important month for Tuckahoe Lodge. We elect new officers, conduct a formal installation ceremony, and hear a reading of the initial Edicts and other guidance from the new Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. We also have a memorial service to remember our brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above during the year. This year I am very excited because we will have an opportunity to have our widows and their families attend this memorial service. This program has been made possible because of the unrelenting efforts of Wor Doug Messimer in writing and rewriting his memorial program so that it would be approved by Grand Lodge for a public presentation. I sent all of our widows a personal invitation to attend this program, not just those of brethren who died in the past year.

I want to remind you about our list of Sick & Distressed and those brethren who do not attend Lodge. There is a new feature on the Lodge website that has information we have about those brethren. Please remember them with your prayers, cards, email, and phone calls. Also, please bring a can of food or other non-perishable item to the December stated. I would like to see the Lodge have another large delivery to the Food Bank to help them with their year-end needs.

Finally Brethren, I want to wish you a happy and joyous holiday season. Be as generous as you can with your time, money, and other resources. Demonstrate the true nature of Freemasonry to all.



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

Brethren: By the time you receive this Bulletin, you should have received your dues notice. Please help your Lodge by fulfilling your monetary obligation. Your dues are due and payable on January 1st for Masonic Year 2010. Please note that the dues are \$68. For those members 70 years of age or older, the dues are \$60.

As we complete yet another Masonic year in the life of Tuckahoe Lodge, ask yourself if you have done all you could to help your Worshipful Master and the officers of your Lodge to bring Masonry to your Brethren and to the community. Make your list and check it twice.

Your Worshipful Master Needs Your Help

You may have heard the story of the man who was given a vacant lot to use. He dug out the weeds, removed the stones and rubbish, plowed, harrowed, planted and cared for it until the stony weed patch became a thing of beauty. One day, the parson passed and commented to the man who was working the land, "You and the Lord have certainly worked miracles with that old vacant lot." Pausing in his work, the man answered, "Yes, sir. The Lord and I have done a fine job here. You should have seen the weeds and stones and rubbish there was when the Lord was looking out for it all by himself."

In that story are some lessons for Masons. Freemasonry gives the Brother only the rough. It provides him the vacant lot, the implements, the seed---but it is up to the Brother to do the clearing, preparation, planting and caring for it. The Brother himself must push the soil up around the roots of the plants.

The Master himself cannot make Freemasonry bloom in the Lodge, any more than the Lord was able to do on the vacant lot. Without the help of the Brethren, there will be only a lot strewn with stones and rubbish. There will be no beautiful plants with their roots covered with rich soil. Brothers must use their brains in digging for the beauty of Masonry.

Brethren will be astonished to see the pleasure which can be theirs by seeing that the soil of Masonry is cared for and productive. The seeds of Masonic wisdom will send shoots climbing upward, turning their blossoms toward the sun and bursting into beautiful flowers. The Master has to have help; your help!!!

(My thanks to Bro. James A. Smith, Planters Lodge No. 147 and the Texas Freemason, 9/69)

Masonry is a brotherhood of men which recognizes the Fatherhood of God. To be a Son of God, one must walk humbly before Him, serving Him by serving his Brethren here on earth.

The Mason who aspires to serve to the fullest of his ability, then, should carry before his mind the saying of the Gentle Nazarene, "He who would be great among you, let him be the servant of all."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my Brethren!



"Masonic Apron: The Legacy Of Hiram Abiff." By Ari Roussimoff

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 still \$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.

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