

1923 - 2010



# 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 Send Mail to: 10604 Joseph Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-6490

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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, JANUARY 7th, 2010

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 – Please invite your Lady to join us.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Committee Reports – Present the 2010 Budget – Ballot – Masonic Education Nugget – ‘A day at the Temple work site with Hiram Abif’

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

### CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2010

7:00 P.M. – Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree - Candidate: Mr. Carter S. Ammon, Jr.

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

### CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2010

7:00 P.M. - Work in the Fellowcraft Degree - Candidates: Bros. Kenneth B. Pickels and Daniel C. Sarate.

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

**January 23rd:** 8:00 AM - Masters and Wardens Association at the NEW Location - Westhampton Lodge #302....it's not just for officer's you know!

**January 23rd:** The Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies are hosting the first ever **Scottish Rite Friends Dinner, Silent and Live Auction** on Saturday, the 23rd starting at 5:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Select - Koger South Conference Center, Midlothian Tnpk., Richmond. Plan now to attend, and bid high on a wide array of interesting items in the auction! Contact our Secretary for all the details.

**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Tuckahoe's first of three blood drives for the year. This one is held annually in memory of Mt. Wor. Al Tignor, a beloved Past Grand Master and one of Tuckahoe's own. Plan now to give the gift of life...we need you, your family, and your circle of friends to help us increase our donations. Last fall we got 33 units...come help us do more for the good of the community.

**March 4th:** Official visit of Rt. Wor. Vernon Stuart Cook, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-C.

**March 31st:** Grand Master Rorer's official visit to District 15A, B, and C, at the Scottish Rite Temple.

**April 10th:** Division Leadership & Education Conference at the SRT. Officer's Expected...All Master Masons welcome.

**May 6th:** Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr., our 165th Grand Master, makes his official visit to Tuckahoe.

**August 1st - 4th:** Reid J. Simmons Academy at Fork Union....great educational experience...well worth your time!

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Bro. John T. Gaywood . . . . . (H) 360-0244

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\* 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  
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  
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J. L. Woolard . . . . . 1988  
\* W. P. Gilliam, Jr . . . . . 1989

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The Junior Warden . . . and all Lodge Officers. . . . .

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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

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  
B. C. Faison. . . . . 2009

**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, 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

### JANUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(680 years of service)

Conner, R.H.	44 <sup>th</sup>	House, M.A.	55 <sup>th</sup>	Smith, S.C.	46 <sup>th</sup>
Crowder, J.H.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jones, H.C.	52 <sup>nd</sup>	Strong, N.T.	37 <sup>th</sup>
Evans, J.T.	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lovelace, D.M.	56 <sup>th</sup>	Talbott, J.H.	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Fagg, R.L., III	52 <sup>nd</sup>	Matich, N.T.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Todd, J.B.	15 <sup>th</sup>
Franklin, H.E.	54 <sup>th</sup>	Moore, T.L., Jr.	62 <sup>nd</sup>	Wood, F.S., Jr.	45 <sup>th</sup>
Gilmore, J.S., III	27 <sup>th</sup>	Randell, M.J.	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wright, B.L.	44 <sup>th</sup>

### 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'. Updates to this list are posted on the Tuckahoe web page as we receive them.

Bro. Bill Ferguson had minor surgery recently and is improving. Bro. Ben Smith's grandfather, Wor. Ronald Hoffman (Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423 in Pennsylvania) was scheduled for jaw surgery on December 23rd. Continue to remember Bro. Brent Lovern's wife, Kay, who has gotten a clear report from her Dr, and his sister Debbie, who has exhausted her chemo regimen, and is still dealing with her cancer issues. Bro. Dick McClure, who had esophageal surgery in late October, is getting better each day. We're hoping to see him at Lodge soon! Bro. Terry Lyman uses a cane to get around. He also has new eyeglasses to compensate for his cataracts. Bro. Horace Brown was reported to be 'housebound' at the last meeting, but is improving. Wor. Wayne Boswell's wife, Jodi, continues to improve after her double knee replacement surgery. Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson continues to receive dialysis several days a week for kidney problems. Wor. John Fetty (Glen Allen 131) is scheduled for more surgery in a couple of months. Wor. Fred Adams (Sandston Lodge) had leg surgery at Memorial Regional Hospital; is now at home. Rt. Wor. Larry Hardwick is scheduled for exploratory surgery soon.



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

Brethren: We are beginning another new year together...

This is a time of reflection when many people review the things that have happened in their lives over the past year. They remember both the good and the bad, and think about how they might have made things better. Then, some of them make a series of resolutions to correct or enhance portions of their lives.

As we move forward into the new Masonic year, I will be trying to look at opportunities for the Lodge to grow. I see this growth as membership and presence. I want us to see a growth in membership and in our Fraternity's value to our community.

We have several candidates in the process of receiving their degrees and I hope that this trend will continue. In addition to raising the new candidates, we will be able to improve our skills in the degree work and related rituals.

In the area of presence, I am hoping that the Lodge members will become more active and more conspicuous. I am looking at a couple of community service programs that we might be able to pursue in the New Year. This would be in addition to our annual fish fry and our regular collection programs for the Virginia Blood Service and the Central Virginia Food Bank.

I also encourage you to participate in the Masonic activities of the 15<sup>th</sup> district. There are regular meeting of the Masters and Wardens association. These meeting will be held at Westhampton Lodge this year. They will generally be held on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. The meetings are preceded by breakfast and are open to all Lodge members. There are also leadership schools and other training opportunities scheduled throughout the District during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve as Master of the Lodge for 2010. I know that there are some things I could have done better and I will be working on them in the New Year. I appreciate each of you and the contribution you have made to my life, to this Lodge and to Masonry. I encourage you to share any suggestions that you have with me. We can only succeed together.

I hope that you had a joyful Christmas or Hanukah and pray that God will continue to bless you and your family in the New Year. Remember your obligation at the alter to always share with those who are less fortunate – friends and strangers, alike.



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

Brethren, I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. The snow a week before Christmas was certainly a surprise for Richmond, VA. At the end of the 2009 Masonic Year, the average age of Tuckahoe Lodge was 64.70435 years. This is a decrease of .03945 years from the end of 2008, and is the third consecutive decrease. Let's keep it moving down. The members of the Lodge have accumulated 6,555 years of Masonic service.

Our membership, however, is desperately in need of a transfusion. We started 2009 with 242 members, and finished with 230. A net loss of 12. Brethren, we need to keep asking our friends and relatives why they haven't joined a Lodge. Let's keep Masonry Number one in our thoughts when talking to Masonic prospects.

By now, or at least by January 1<sup>st</sup>, your dues should be paid for 2010. Wouldn't it be great if I didn't have to include pleas for the payment of our dues so that the Lodge can meet its obligations? This space can surely be put to more educational use.

Remember to support Freemasonry and your Lodge. Tuckahoe needs you. Every Master Mason should realize and be conscious of his responsibility to live Masonry in his daily life. In short, we should practice what we preach. Remember what the installation ritual charges the Worshipful Master to do for the members of his Lodge: "Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry, and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it." Remember your responsibilities to your Lodge, to your Country, to your God, to your Family, and to yourself. We have the responsibility of living our Masonry before the world. Every Master Mason is charged with practicing those principles and ideals as taught in the Masonic Degrees. Finally brethren, remember when you thank God for your blessings, ask Him --- "Now God, what can I do for you?"

Please come out and support your officers as they start a new year with work in the Degrees. We have an Entered Apprentice Degree and a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for January. Check the Trestleboard. We can use your help.

**Right Worshipful Vernon Stuart Cook, DDGM - Masonic District 15-C  
2010 Official Visit Schedule**

Scheduled Date	Lodge No.	Lodge Name
January 11	344	Washington & Henry
February 1	302	Westhampton
February 2	10	Richmond
February 9	36	St. Johns
March 4	347	Tuckahoe
March 8	53	Fraternal
March 9	131	Glen Allen

**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.
- \* Lodge dues are \$68.00 annually, due and payable January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. 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 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 phrase "... to that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns" was taken directly from Shakespeare's Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 1, as Hamlet offers his dramatic monologue that that begins...  
"To be, or not to be....". The obsolete word 'bourn' means boundary.



165th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia – Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr.

## Moving to a new residence?

### Changing your Internet Service Provider or E-mail address?

To inform us of a change in your mailing address or phone number, contact  
Bob Carpenter, Jr., the Lodge Secretary:

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By Phone: (Home) 804-527-6543 (Office) 804-264-2050 (weekdays)

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Mail the form below to the Lodge Secretary to report a change of address

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Brother Secretary, please update my record with the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: (number & street) \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip-code) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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