

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,

The Worshipful Master hereby requests your attendance at the following Communications of your Lodge to be held in the Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, Bethlehem and Dickens Roads, Richmond, Virginia. All Master Masons who are members in good standing of Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M. are invited to attend our meetings. Take due notice thereof.

### **STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2010**

5:45 P.M. - Stewards assemble in the Dining Hall

6:30 P.M. - Dinner served in the Lodge Dining Hall by Master Chef Whitley – Please invite your Lady to join us.

7:15 P.M. - Open Master Masons Lodge - Business - Committee Reports –

Masonic Education Nugget – ‘Masonic Stones within the Washington Monument’

Bring canned goods (or your spare change) as contributions to the Food Bank baskets in the lobby!

Officers and members dress: **Business suits**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2010**

7:00 P.M. – Work in the Fellowcraft Degree: Candidates: Bros. Carter S. Ammon, Jr., and William T. Webb.

Officers and members dress: **Business suits**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2010**

7:00 P.M. – Work in the Master Mason Degree: Candidates: Bros. Kenneth B. Pickels, and Daniel C. Sarate.

Officers and members dress: **Business suits**

### ***Masonic Recognition Day is the First Day of Every Month!***

**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Tuckahoe’s first of three blood drives for the year. This is our 6th annual drive 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 really 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 8th:** The Stated Communication for April is moved to the SECOND Thursday, by order of the Worshipful Master.

**April 10th:** Division Leadership & Education Conference at the SRT. All Master Masons are welcome.

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

**July 17th:** Our second blood drive of the year begins with breakfast at 8:00am at the Lodge.

**August 1st through 4th:** Reid J. Simmons Academy at Fork Union....an excellent educational opportunity that is well worth your time!

**You asked for it....It’s now on the Web!** A list of Tuckahoe’s members has been posted, along with updated lists of Past Masters, Associate PM’s, Masonic Veterans, and LMIP’s.

**Our Masonic Home** always needs your contributions (contact Bro. Butch Hubbard when you wish to do that) but the residents always appreciate a card or visit.

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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

**WORSHIPFUL MASTERS**

\* 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
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\* 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
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\* 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

- 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

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Bro. A. J. Drescher

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\* Deceased

### FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS - a total of 564 Years of Masonic Service

|                       |                        |                            |                        |                         |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Atkinson, E.F.</b> | <b>46<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Johnston, J.K., Jr.</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>McClintock, W.M.</b> | <b>41<sup>st</sup></b> |
| <b>Bailey, S.A.</b>   | <b>32<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Longfellow, D.C.</b>    | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Peaco, C.D., III</b> | <b>40<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Barbour, C.D.</b>  | <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Lyman, T.E., Jr.</b>    | <b>35<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Williams, N.J.</b>   | <b>37<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Blaylock, W.D.</b> | <b>46<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Martin, K.F., Jr.</b>   | <b>37<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wood, J.C.</b>       | <b>56<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Desmond, M.P.</b>  | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mason, J.L.</b>         | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Wood, R.C.</b>       | <b>57<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Gallant, P.L.</b>  | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>McClain, W.C.</b>       | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Wright, D.L.</b>     | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> |

### Our circle of concern....

The long list of brethren and friends of the Lodge that has appeared here over the past several months is now much smaller. Bros. [John Gaywood](#), [Willie Hall's wife](#) (fell recently) [Robert Carpenter III](#) (death of his Uncle), [Hugh Major](#), and [Bill Ferguson](#). Please continue to keep in your thoughts: [Bro. Ben Smith's grandfather](#) (PM of Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423 in Pennsylvania), [Brent Lovern](#) (recent death of his sister) [Bro. Dick McClure](#), who was at the January meeting, announced that he is 100 lbs. lighter, and is now *cancer free*! Don't forget...Bros. [Moe McKinney](#), [Terry Lyman](#), [Horace Brown](#), and [Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson](#). Take a moment and call or send a note, and please remember them in your conversations with God.



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

First I want to thank all of you who were able to attend our January Stated. As I mentioned then, I am looking forward to another year in the East and hope that this year will be better than the last. So far we have gotten off to a great start. Our attendance is better and we have four candidates in the process of receiving their degrees in Freemasonry.

In January, Tuckahoe Lodge initiated two candidates and passed two other candidates. This degree work is very rewarding, but it does require participation by a number of people. Ideally, these people would be members of Tuckahoe Lodge. For each of the degrees there are a number of opportunities of service from preparing the candidate to the obligations, lectures, and so forth.

In order for Tuckahoe to remain a strong Lodge, we need to develop these skills within our membership. It is also important for us to have more than one member that is able to do each of the elements of the degrees. If you have a skill in one of the degree elements, please let me know so I can update our list of Lodge resources. If you have an interest in learning one of the parts, please let me know that as well.

In February, we expect to be doing additional degree work. We are planning to pass two additional candidates on February 18 and we plan to raise two other candidates on February 25. If you are interested in participating in or learning parts for either of these degrees, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be having practice on the Wednesdays before the degrees to fine tune the work. Even if you do not have a specific part in the degree work, please come out and support the candidates and your Lodge.

From the East: continued

Finally brethren, please look at the announcements and dates to remember that are included in this issue. There are many opportunities for you to continue your Masonic journey and I encouraged you to participate as often as you can. For most of us, a proper balance in life does not include only Masonic events, however, it probably should include more than just paying your dues or attending the monthly meetings. Please think about it.



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

Qualifications! The word is derived from a Latin term meaning "value". The Anglo-Saxon term for the same idea was "worth", from which we have "Worshipful". But, let's talk about a petitioner's qualifications. Does he possess the "value" or "worth" to fit him for a place in the fellowship of Masons?

These values are of two kinds: Internal and external. Internal qualifications include that the petitioner must come of his own free will and accord. That means that we cannot ask him directly to become a Mason. We can ask, however, why he has not. Internal also includes that he must come uninfluenced by mercenary motives. Both of these qualifications are "internal" because they have to do with motives, and only the petitioner himself can know what his motives are. External qualifications, however, are an entirely different matter. Four come to mind immediately.

1. Physical – he must be of lawful age (18 years old) and not an elderly man in dotage who has lost the powers to recognize and discharge his responsibilities. It also includes the requirement that he not have any physical defects which would prevent him from conforming to the necessary requirements of the degrees (provided, however, that compliance may be waived by Dispensation from the Grand Master).
2. Mental – though not expressly defined, they are clearly implied and are binding as though they were defined: able to read, write, and understand the teachings of Masonry.
3. Political – all that has to do with citizenship and a man's life as a neighbor, be a member of his community, that he be a free man, be of good report, free of rebellious actions in response to mobs in the defiance of public order, and possess a sound reputation among those who know him best.
4. Moral and religious – it is required that he be a good man and true, of sound moral principles, and that he believe in God. He is never questioned, however, as to his preference of his religion, only that he believes in Deity.

Various and sundry other "qualifications" exist, but the forgoing "internal and external qualifications" give us, in the truest sense of the word, the qualifications demanded of every petitioner and brother. He must be a man of proper age, of sound character and reputation, his own master, devoted to the principles of brotherhood, acceptable to the members of the Lodge, and espouse his belief in God.

Remember, it is not sufficient that a man shall possess such qualifications for the mere purpose of petitioning for membership; they are required of us all, all of the time, so long as we remain a member of the Craft.

Now that we know what we are looking for, let's all go out and find those friends, relatives, co-workers, etc., who we have just finished describing, and make sure you bring in their Petition for the Degrees in Freemasonry. Tuckahoe Lodge needs your support. You are Tuckahoe Lodge. Without you and those you bring into the fraternity to replace you when you are gone, your Lodge will wither and die. Let's all work to make Tuckahoe Lodge grow and prosper.

Brethren, please do not forget to make sure your dues are current and that your dues card says "2010". Nine of our members have not paid their 2009 commitment. We will be contacting you shortly, as you are now on our delinquent list and have become subject to suspension. Remember – being a leader includes being in good standing in your Lodge.



**It's great to be a part of Virginia Masonry!**

**A small nugget from the Quarry....RULE and LINE.** The *rule* directs that we should punctually observe our duty and press forward in the path of virtue, neither inclining to the right or left. The *line* teaches moral rectitude, to avoid dissimulation in conversation and action, and to direct our steps in the path which leads us to immortality. The *plumb* admonishes us to walk uprightly in our station, to hold the scales of justice in equal poise. The *Square and compasses* are emblematical of the mathematical sciences and useful arts.

Did you know.....??? From ancient times of our gentle Craft, no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when notified in advance, without incurring a severe censure unless it was proven to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him from doing so.

#### **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 e-mail address to our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Carpenter, Jr.
- \* Lodge dues are \$68.00 annually, and were due and payable January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Class meets every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at the SRT except, in December.
- \* Masters and Wardens - Meets the 4th Saturday at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August and December.



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

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