

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

On the Internet at: www.tuckahoelodge347.org

*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, MARCH 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 – Official visit of

Rt. Wor. Vernon Stuart Cook, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-C.

Masonic Education Nugget – ‘Take Me as I Take You’

Officer’s dress: **Black Tuxedos**

Members dress: **Business suits**

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, MARCH 25th, 2010

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

Officers and members dress: **Business suits**

Masonic Recognition Day is the First Day of Every Month!

March 31st: Grand Master Rorer’s official visit to District 15A, B, and C, at the Scottish Rite Temple. Tickets are \$15.

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 officers are expected, and all Master Masons are welcome. Registration begins at 8:30 am, and the conference runs from 8:55 am until 11:25 am.

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

July 14th through 17th: each evening, the Robert Lewis Gibbs school of ritual Instruction at the SRT.

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

August 1st through 4th: The Reid J. Simmons Academy at Fork Union....an excellent educational opportunity that is well worth your time! Details about the agenda, rooms and meals are available from the Secretary.

September 25th: The third of our annual blood drives! This one will be held at Glen Allen Lodge, on Mountain Road.

November 3rd through– 6th: Grand Annual Communication at the Sheraton Richmond West, 6624 West Broad St, near I-64

November 19th: Tuckahoe will again confer the Past Master’s degree on those brethren needing this degree before being elected to the office of Junior Warden of their Lodge.

Did you know...? Tuckahoe members donated \$2,520 to The Masonic Home of Virginia last year, and you helped the the Virginia Food bank with your donations of over 350 pounds of food items and cash contributions of over \$120. The Lodge Library now has 250 volumes available for you to check out. An updated inventory is on the website.

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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.

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- 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. 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
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* D. Williams. 1971
* E. W. Oakley. 1972
* P. D. Lawrence. 1973
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* O. J. Oaks. 1980
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* J. McD. Wolf. 1983
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* R. W. Carpenter. 1985
L. E. Stott. 1986
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* W. P. Gilliam, Jr 1989

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W. A. Edmonds. 1991
B. V. Petrone, Jr 1992
C. H. Hilgenhold 1993
W. M. McClintock. 1994
J. Larry Mason. 1995
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R. S. Lanier. 1998
* D. G. Thomson. 1999
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R. C. Eades, Sr., P.D.D.G.M 2004
J. T. Quinley. 2005
H. H. Eades, Jr. 2006 - 2007
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B. C. Faison 2009

ASSOCIATE PAST MASTERS

- J. B. Wilkinson, P.G.M. (207) 1959
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G. H. Brooks. (352 & 10) 6 times
J. R. Quinley, P.G.M. (211) 1990
N. E. Vine (Charles River, MA) 1990
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W. R. Heltzel. (10) 2008

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Bro. A. J. Drescher

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* Deceased

MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

Bassett, W.R.	3 rd	Hilgenhold, C.H.	26 th	Stone, J.S.	46 th
Clifton, R.L.	23 rd	Irby, E.B., Jr.	54 th	Stott, L.E.	52 nd
Cooke, J.G.	23 rd	Lanier, M.S., II	37 th	Strauss, R.E.	51 st
Elicerio, J.P.J.M.	5 th	McPherson, C.P.	2 nd	Terry, W.S., Jr.	31 st
Fadool, J.E.	34 th	Mustian, W.T.	8 th	Vidrick, R.L.	27 th
Farmer, G.J., III	28 th	Powell, B.B., Jr.	36 th	Watts, D.F.	4 th
Figg, C.D.	42 nd	Richardson, E.T.	39 th	Wegman, J.B.	26 th
Hall, W.T.	8 th	Schrimsher, E.F.	31 st	Wetzel, E.C.	2 nd
Harlin, M.E.	3 rd			Wood, A.E.	47 th

Our circle of concern....

It's been a long winter, with more to come, and we still have several brethren that are recovering or are having other health issues, so please remember: Our Tiler, [Wor. Clawson Barbour](#), had a heart attack in mid February, followed by a stroke, and is recovering at home. Bro. [James Datig](#) was recently in the hospital, but is now home in Gate City, VA. He is 85 years old and his wife is 81. Bro. [Victor Newell's wife \(Marie\)](#) passed away at home in Holiday Florida in mid January. They had been married 62 years. [Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold's wife, Jane](#), has again needed chemo treatments to help in her recovery. Also remember: Bro. [Hugh Major](#), Bro. [Brent Lovern's wife, Kay](#), Bros. [Dick McClure](#), [Moe McKinney](#), [Terry Lyman](#), [Horace Brown](#), and Mt. Wor. [James Wilkinson](#). Brethren from other Lodges that are within our circle of concern: [Wor. Ronald Hoffman](#) (Shrewsbury Lodge in Pennsylvania) [Wor. Fred Adams](#), and [Rt.Wor.Tom Fifer](#). 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

I looked out my window this morning and I think the snow is almost gone. While I personally enjoyed having a little extra snow this year, I think I am about ready for the yard to dry out and for the weather to warm up. These are the signs of Spring. These are also the annual evidence of new life and renewal.

As we move into this part of the year, I invite each of you assist the other line officers and me with our efforts to bring new life and renewal to Tuckahoe Lodge. Try to contact at least one Lodge member that you know; preferably someone that you know has not been active. If you regularly attend Lodge, invite the Brother to attend with you. If you don't, perhaps you can come together anyway. The main thing is to participate. Masonic brethren are naturally involved in activities in the community and in other service organizations. But, I encourage you to set aside some time for your Lodge as well. You may not be able to participate in every Lodge activities, and that is fine. But I hope you will make time for some of them, especially some of the Stated meetings and the Called meetings for degree work.

During February, we passed two candidates to the degree of Fellow Craft and raised two Master Masons. In March, we expect to have at least one petition for the degrees in Masonry and we expect to be raising two more master Masons. The degree work has been very satisfying and has provided the opportunity for the participating members and officers to assume new roles and either demonstrate or improve their skills. In addition, we are still having class each week and most of us are improving in the catechism.

Brethren, as our current Grand Master's motto says "...forget not the duties...". There are a number of duties that you assumed as you made your journey through the degrees. Take a few minutes to think about them and what they meant to you at that time. Then look for opportunities to serve now. The announcements and upcoming dates to remember that are included in this issue.

Finally Brethren, I want to remind you that we will be receiving our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Stuart Cook, at our Stated meeting on March 4. I am looking forward to his visit and his program, and I would like to have the Lodge well represented. This would be a great time to invite a Brother to Lodge. Even if you don't come for dinner, please come for the meeting.



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

Spring gets sprung this month; the grass is 'riz' for mowing; I see the flowers announcing spring's arrival. I'm glad you all have survived our recent bout with the coming ice age, and you are ready to jump right into your Masonic obligations for the spring.

Tuckahoe has a very busy spring season (March thru June) ahead of us. Before summer arrives, we will have received the District Deputy Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master at our March and May Stated Communications, respectfully. Your officers deserve your support through your attendance at the several Stated and Called meetings already scheduled for the next 3 months. Although they are not as demanding as a spouse, they appreciate your participation just as much.

Please note your dues card. Tuckahoe has a large number of delinquent members and we need your support. If your dues card does not say 2009 or 2010, you are delinquent and are now subject to suspension. Make sure now that you are not one of them. Each and every member of the Lodge is important to the success of Tuckahoe Lodge. You need to participate.

Participation has been, and continues to be, a problem. All Masons are familiar with the story of a dozen men sent searching for an answer. Three of them were successful and returned with a satisfactory report. But what of the other nine? They were never heard from again, dropping into a black hole. They had failed to find that which they sought.

Legend has it that this took place hundreds and thousands of years ago. However, there are parallels to events taking place today. Many times men (maybe not a dozen, but the number varies) are searching for something and they turn to Masonry. In the course of their search, many (represented by the nine) fail to find what they desired and are rarely, if ever, seen again in Lodge.

Theoretically, no man becomes a Mason because of "arm twisting". He comes of his own volition because of a favorable opinion of the Fraternity and a belief that Masonry has something that will fit in with his ideals. Three of the twelve find what they are looking for, but, after a short while, the other nine are lost.

Where are they? For what are they still searching? What was this brother led to believe that he'd find in Masonry that wasn't there? In what way did we fail him? Did he give up too soon? Is it Masonry that failed him – or Masons?

Search your experiences in Masonry. Make sure that our newly raised Master Masons and our Master Masons that have gone missing are asked to participate. Make them feel welcome. Make them feel that joining Tuckahoe Lodge was the answer for what they were searching. We can make them feel at home in Tuckahoe Lodge, but no one can do it by themselves. Let's all join together and start locating those "nine" who have never (or rarely) been seen again. You all know someone who needs to come home to Tuckahoe. Let's start by inviting them to our next Stated or Called Communication. See you all in March. Spring is the time to re-energize, and Masonry is the "bunny". It never stops being there for you.

A small nugget from the quarry.... Corn, wine and oil were the Masonic wages of our ancient brethren. How do you earn Masonic wages? In Speculative Freemasonry, Masonic wages are not earned in coin, but are the rewards earned through acts of kindness, good deeds of service, and the gift of your time to others. They are earned by mentoring other brethren, helping others, remembering the widow and the orphan, and visiting the sick. In short, wages are earned much as the biblical verse says: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



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 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 Class meets every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at the SRT except, in December.
- * Masters and Wardens – Meets at 9:00 AM on the 4th Saturday at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August and December.



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

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