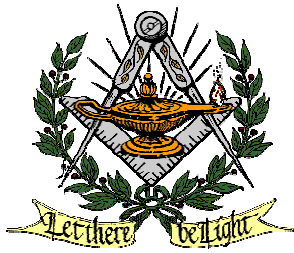


1923 - 2010



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, APRIL 8th, 2010 (note change to the second Thursday!)

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 – Ballot – Nominate DDGM for 2012-
Masonic Education Nugget - 'Masonry's Lost Funeral Verses', with Bro. Dick Turochy, Lodge Musician
Officers and Members dress: [Business suits](#)

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, APRIL 15th, 2010

7:00 P.M. – Work expected in the Entered Apprentice Degree

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

Masonic Recognition Day is the First Day of Every Month!

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 till 11:25 am.

April 21st: DEO/DIW Combined School of Instruction, 6:00PM at the SRT.

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

May 19th: DEO/DIW Combined School of Instruction, 6:00PM at the SRT.

June 6th: 15th District Annual Memorial Service, 3:00PM at Forest Lawn Cemetery

June 11th: Annual Fish Fry at the Lodge picnic shelter. Bring your family, and invite friends!

June 16th: DEO/DIW Combined School of Instruction, 6:00PM at the SRT.

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 8:30am.

October 9th: Masonic Home Family Day celebration.

November 3rd – 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.

Have you made a contribution to your Masonic Home, yet?

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The Junior Warden . . . and all Lodge Officers.

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LIBRARY & SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- 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

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
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

- 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, W.C. McClain, 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

APRIL MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(485 Years of Masonic Service)

Bates, G.G.	15 th	Justice, G.E.	43 rd	Pate, D.W.	31 st
Datig, J.B.	54 th	Keeton, R.R.	19 th	Proffitt, F.E.	49 th
Davis, R.G.	5 th	Major, H.E., Jr.	6 th	Przybyla, S.M.	13 th
Hott, R.C.	9 th	Myers, R.L.	27 th	Walker, E.L.	44 th
Hughes, E.R.	41 st	Nuckols, C.W., III	10 th	Winchester, P.C.	51 st
Josey, G.L.	34 th			Woolard, J.L.	34 th

Our circle of concern....

[Wor. Clawson Barbour](#), our Tiler, is recovering from a heart attack, and subsequent stroke in February. He is involved in rehab, and is progressing. He would love a telephone call from you. [Bro. Kenny Roach](#), who had back surgery in the spring of '09, has been working part time at the barbershop, but is still experiencing a lot of pain. He was undergoing more tests the latter part of March, and will most likely be facing more back surgery soon. Those who still covet our thoughts and prayers: [Bro. Ben Smith's grandfather](#), [Wor. Ronald Hoffman](#) (Shrewsbury Lodge in Pennsylvania) is at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown. [Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold's wife, Jane](#), [Bro. Brent Lovern's wife, Kay](#), [Bro. Terry Lyman](#), and [Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson](#). Take a moment and call or send a note, and please remember them in your conversations with God.



Brother Gene Lewis (Moe) McKinney

Entered Apprentice: 5/10/2001

Fellowcraft: 5/31/2001

Master Mason: 6/28/2001

Entered Eternal Rest: February 24, 2010



FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master

We continue to have a very exciting and busy year and I want to thank all of you who have been involved for your contribution to that excitement. At our Stated meeting in March, Tuckahoe Lodge received the 2010 District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-C, RW Stuart Cook. We had a great time of fellowship at dinner that evening and a very inspirational presentation from RW Cook during the meeting. The following week, Tuckahoe passed two candidates to the degree of Fellow Craft and on March 25, we raised two new Master Masons.

April looks like it will continue to provide a number of opportunities to be involved in Lodge activities. We have moved the April Stated meeting to Thursday, April 8. That night we will be discussing several proposed changes to the Lodge bylaws related to membership dues; candidate degree fees; and compensation for the Tiler, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, we expect to discuss the level of rent charged to the two lodges that use our facilities and the amounts we plan to charge other organizations that might want to have their events at Tuckahoe. At the April meeting, we also expect to be balloting on a petition to receive the degrees that was read in March Stated.

We will also have a very busy month in May. The main event for the month will be the official visit at our Stated on May 6 of the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia for 2010 – MW William Earle Rorer, Jr. His motto is “...forget not the duties...”. I hope you make every effort to be in Lodge for this meeting. Your presence indicates your support of the Lodge and a good turnout will make this event meaning for all.

We have a number of Brethren who are unable to get to Lodge or who have been number in our sick and distressed over the past several weeks. As you have opportunity, please give them a call or send them a card so that they know they are cared about. Your line officers handle this type of communication as part of our responsibilities to the Lodge, but your calls and cards help reinforce our work.

Finally Brethren, I want to remind you to invite a Brother to Lodge. It doesn't matter whether it is for a stated or called meeting or just for one of the Thursday Night classes. It is important that you stay involved in the activities of the Lodge as your work and family schedules permit. For this effort on your part, I know that you will be rewarded with the fellowship that Lodge provides. As the Grand Master's motto says – “...forget not the duties...”.



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

As I sit down to write this message, I am reminded by the brilliant sunshine that spring has finally arrived. Flowers, chirping birds, green grass (that's going to need to be cut), and all the other great things that bring us back to life after a dreary, dismal, and cold winter.

Spring – a time of renewal and reawakening. We should all think about our Masonry this spring and how this renewal and reawakening can help Tuckahoe Lodge. Just coming to the meetings is a step in the right direction. Many of you have not been to a meeting in many, many months. Let's all try to come back and renew our acquaintance with our Lodge and our brethren.

Another thought comes to mind. I guess if I didn't have delinquent dues to talk about, this message would be shorter. I wish that were the case. We have eight of our brethren who are on the delinquent list. I'm sure you know who you are. Two of you are listed in this month's birthdays and you total 49 years of Masonic service. Let's not let it end there. Please bring your dues current and help your Lodge with its obligations.

Last month we started the process to update our By-Laws. The proposed changes are printed elsewhere in this bulletin. Please take the time to read and understand the proposed changes. Don't make snap judgments about whether or not you favor them, but wait and listen to the explanations at the Stated Meeting on April 8th. We want your opinion, but let's make it an informed opinion. The future of Tuckahoe Lodge hangs in the balance. We need to be constantly aware of the tenets that bind us together as brothers. Share your gift of Freemasonry with others and lend your time and talents to your Lodge.

Thanks to all who came out last month to welcome our District Deputy Grand Master on the occasion of his official sit to Tuckahoe Lodge. RW V. Stuart Cook brought a very timely message from our Grand Master. And, speaking of our Grand Master, MW William Earle Rorer, Jr. will be making an official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge at our May Stated Communication. Plan now to be in attendance on May 6th.

Remember – Tuckahoe Lodge is run by those who show up. Be more than a couch potato. Show up and lend your support and voice your opinions. Be a leader among your brethren and a leader among men. 2010, and the years ahead, will bring us many challenges. Economic as well as Masonic. Regardless of the economic pitfalls, our Masonry will continue to stand tall. Now and for the future. Think of how far you have come. You have only started the journey. I hope to see everyone at the Stated Communication.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF TUCKAHOE LODGE

On March 4, 2010, the following proposed amendments to the by-laws of Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347, A.F.& A.M. were submitted to the Secretary, to be made a part of the minutes and read in open Lodge. The proposed amendments will lie over until our next stated communication (April 8, 2010) at which time they will be read again for consideration, whereupon the Worshipful Master will set aside an appropriate amount of time for discussion by the membership.

These proposed amendments will be posted on the Lodge web page, printed in the April issue of the Trestleboard and sent by email to members, in order to satisfy the requirement of notifying the membership of proposed changes to the by-laws. In accordance with Article VIII of the by-laws, approval of any amendments will require a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption. Amendments that may be approved by the membership will go into effect January 1, 2011.

Article II:

Current – Every member of this Lodge, except the Treasurer, Secretary, Tiler and one Chaplain, shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of forty dollars (\$40), plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments, as annual dues.

Proposed - Every member of this Lodge, except the Treasurer, Secretary, Tiler and one Chaplain, shall be charged by the Secretary with the sum of fifty-four dollars (\$54), plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments, as annual dues.

Article III:

Current- The total fees for the degrees in the Lodge, including that amount which must accompany the petition, shall be one hundred thirty (\$130), payable as follows:
forty dollars (\$40) for the degree of Entered Apprentice; and
forty dollars (\$40) for the degree of Fellowcraft; and
forty dollars (\$40) for the degree of Master Mason; and
ten dollars (\$10) shall accompany the petition.

Proposed – The total fees for the degrees in the Lodge, including that amount which must accompany the petition, shall be two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250), payable as follows:
seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the degree of Entered Apprentice; and
seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the degree of Fellowcraft; and
seventy-five dollars (\$75) the degree of Master Mason; and
twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall accompany the petition.

Article IV:

Current- The treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of three hundred dollars (\$300)
Payable in quarterly installments.

Proposed- The treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of five hundred eighty (\$580) payable in quarterly installments.

Article V:

Current- The Secretary shall receive an annual compensation of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable in quarterly installments.

Proposed - The Secretary shall receive an annual compensation of five hundred eighty dollars (\$580) payable in quarterly installments.

Article VI:

Current- The Tiler, or acting Tiler, shall receive a compensation of fifteen dollars (\$15) for each communication he attends in that capacity.

Proposed- The Tiler, or acting Tiler, shall receive a compensation of twenty dollars (\$20) for each communication he attends in that capacity.

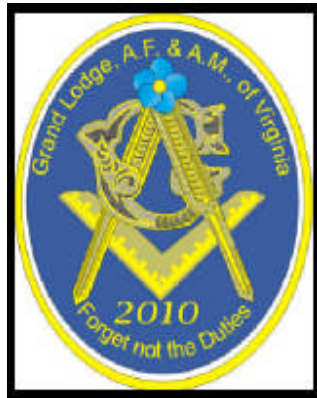
No changes are proposed to Articles I, VII, or VIII.

A small nugget from the quarry.... For all Master Masons the word HIRAM needs no explanation. Whether they take it to mean as Hiram, King of Tyre or Hiram Abif, the widow's son, it is most certainly descriptive of an exemplary life of either of these two great forefathers of Masonry and suggestive of those Masonic and moral virtues, which every Masonic brother is striving to possess and cultivate.

The word HIRAM is also a word from the Tagalog language. It can either mean 'borrowed' as the past tense of the verb to borrow, or 'on loan' when used as a common noun, both of which are suggestive of the fact that all things possessed by man in this earthly world are indeed borrowed, the true and absolute ownership of which can only be claimed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

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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