

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, MAY 6th, 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 – Ballot - Committee Reports - Masonic Education Nugget, 'Our Rule & Guide' - Official visit of Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

Officers: **Tuxedos with Black Accessories**

Members: **Coat & tie**

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 2010

7:00 PM - Work expected in the Entered Apprentice Degree

Officers and members: **Coat & Tie**

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, MAY 20th, 2010

7:00 P.M. - Work in the Fellowcraft Degree – Candidate: Bro. Thomas Wesley Voltz, Jr.

Officers and members: **Coat & Tie**

Masonic Recognition Day is the First Day of Every Month! Wear your hat, Lodge shirt, pin, or other Masonic emblem proudly.

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.

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.

Contemplate what being a Freemason means, and why it means so much to you. Then, put it into words so the next time someone asks why you are a Mason you'll know exactly what you want to say.

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SUNSHINE:

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

MAY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(645 years of Masonic Service)

Bailey, C.D.	56 th	Hartman, W.T.	38 th	Powers, D.A., III	32 nd
Chafin, A.B., Jr.	25 th	Heltzel, W.R.	7 th	Redmond, D.M.	33 rd
Conrad, S.A.	32 nd	Lee, W.G.	42 nd	Smith, D.F.	4 th
Dyer, P.A.	4 th	Martin, F.G., III	48 th	Townsend, W.J.	43 rd
Eades, R.C., Jr.	7 th	Martin, K.E.	48 th	Weitzel, R.W.	54 th
Gaywood, J.T.	23 rd	McCune, E.F., Jr.	54 th	Wray, N.E., Jr.	36 th
Gregory, A.B., Sr.	9 th			Wright, R.A.	50 th

Our circle of concern....

[Bro. Hugh Major](#) had a pacemaker installed recently and is on the mend at home. [Bro. Dick Collins](#) had shoulder surgery and is recovering at home. [Bro. Bernie Wright](#) had extensive surgery on his arm and is doing well. [Wor. Barry Faison](#) is recovering nicely from some recent surgery, and will continue his chemo and radiation therapy. His prognosis is good. [Bro. Kenny Roach](#), who had back surgery in April of '09, has had additional tests and is scheduled for more back surgery May 18th. [Rt. Wor. Ned Culler](#) has been under the weather lately and has been missed at Lodge.

Those who have been on this list for some time now still covet our thoughts and prayers: [Wor. Clawson Barbour](#), our Tiler, continues his recovery from a recent heart attack, and subsequent stroke. [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.



FROM THE EAST: [Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master](#)

Brethren: I have a couple of important things I would like to share with you this month – some is personal but it is all Masonic.

First I want to thank all the brethren who have called, sent notes, and prayed for my family and me during my recent illness. Treatment is going well and I am looking forward to a complete recovery. I can vouch for the positive feeling that comes from being remembered. I want to encourage each of you to do this for at least one of the Brethren on our sick and distressed list. If you know of someone who's name should be on the list or if you are not sure, please contact one of the Lodge officers. The last thing we want to have happen is for one of our Brethren to be overlooked and feel abandoned by the Lodge.

During our last stated, we continued our discussion of the several changes that had been proposed for our Lodge By-laws relating to the annual Lodge dues; payments to the Treasurer, Secretary, and Tiler; and the fees paid by candidates for the

initial application and the conferral three degrees. Because of the long-term nature of the changes and the potential impact on the Lodge going forward, the entire package of changes was referred to the Lodge Long-Range Planning Committee. In addition to the By-laws changes, the Committee will reevaluate the current financial arrangements with Richmond Loge #10 and St. John's Lodge #36, and will attempt to establish a fee schedule for other uses of the Lodge building. The goal of this entire effort is to determine a reasonable fee for services and ensure a consistent application for all parties. The Committee's report and recommendations will be delivered at the September stated.

The last big thing I wanted to remind you of is the Grand Master's Official visit to Tuckahoe Lodge on May 6. Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr., is the 165th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. I have been looking forward to having this time for us to meet with the Grand Master on a more personal level. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and bring a brother with you. Let us make every effort to show the Grand Master what a great Lodge we have.

Finally Brethren, I want to remind you of a couple of degree opportunities in May. We have scheduled an EA for May 13 at 7:00 and an FC for May 20 at 7:00. I encourage you to attend and to support the candidates and the Lodge officers. It is important that all of us stay involved in the activities of the Lodge as our work and family schedules permit. For this effort, I know that we will be rewarded with the fellowship that Lodge provides. As the Grand Master's motto says – '...forget not the duties...'.

Sincerely and fraternally, Barry Faison



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

Spring continues to be one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The flowers are in bloom, the trees are back to life, and the air is full of pollen, as everything turns yellow. My sympathies to those of us, me included, who suffer from allergies every year. The spring showers help to keep the air clean, the pollen washed away, and everything growing.

As of this writing, we still have 8 members who have not paid 2009 dues and are on our delinquent list. One of which has a Masonic birthday this month. Please, brethren, try and bring your dues current to help your Lodge fulfill its obligations. If not, suspension is in your future. For those of our brethren who hate paying dues, don't forget that we still have the Life Membership in Perpetuity Program that will relieve you of that responsibility. Check into that now.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and will soon be upon us. Every brother should stop and reflect on our past and present commitments to our nation, the world and ourselves. Remember that we would not be living as we are, were it not for the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces. Today, we must pray that they will all be safe, wherever they may be, and that those overseas will return safely home.

We are receiving the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia at our May Stated Communication. Let's not allow Mt. Wor. William Earle Rorer, Jr., to be received into a sparsely populated Lodge room. Let's show the Grand Master that Masonry is alive and well in Tuckahoe Lodge.

Downsittings and uprisings! From phrases such as this, we can get a wealth of understanding of our nature and the relationship of man to God. Downsittings and uprisings are nothing more than a man's thoughts of himself when he is on the heights or in the depths, when he is rich or poor, or when he is beset by the trials of everyday living. Read the 139th Psalm to show the omniscience of God, and the 14th Chapter of Job to show the frailty of man and his utter and complete dependence upon his Creator. Never take Masonry lightly or as commonplace. It has so much to offer if we seek the Light understandingly.

Brethren, rededicate yourselves to Masonry and to Tuckahoe Lodge. Let's fill our Lodge room and watch your officers swell with pride when we have visitors that see our enthusiasm. It is contagious, brethren. We can do it if we put our heart and soul into it. Remember those principles that caused you to say, in many cases just a few years ago, "How do I become a Mason?" Remember? I do. I think about it almost daily. It was one of the best things that ever happened to me. That pride in Masonry and my Lodge continues to grow – day-by-day, month-by-month, and year-by-year. We all have a way to go. Start now!!!



The Masonic apron made by Madame la Marquise de Lafayette and presented to Bro. George Washington of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, by General Lafayette in 1784.

Have you seen the new Richmond Scottish Rite web page yet? Check it out! <http://richmondscottishrite.org/>

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 the 4th Saturday, 9:00am at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August and December.

