

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, JULY 1st, 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, 'The Winding Stairs'

Dress code: **For all** - Casual slacks and Tuckahoe shirts or open collared shirt, no jacket required.

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JULY 15th, 2010

7:00 P.M. – Work in the Fellowcraft Degree – Candidate: Steven Ray Mendenhall

Dress code: **Degree team:** Coat & Tie - **Members:** Casual slacks and Tuckahoe shirts, or open collared shirt, no jacket required.

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JULY 22nd, 2010

7:00 P.M. – Work in the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees – Candidate: Bro. Scott Patrick Davis

Dress code: **Degree team:** Coat & Tie – **Members:** Casual slacks and Tuckahoe shirts, or open collared shirt, no jacket required.

**Masonic Recognition Day is the First Day of Every Month. Wear your Masonic pins and clothing.
Let others know that you are proud to be a Mason!!**



Happy 234th Birthday, America !

July 4th - The Richmond Masonic community celebrates America's birthday with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, and a history of our National Anthem....open to the public....in the auditorium of the SRT, 3PM.

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 8:00 am 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, or on the web site.

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

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.

ELECTED OFFICERS

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MASONIC EDUCATION:

Wor. Douglas M. Messimer (L.E.O.) (H) 270-3454
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Rt. Wor. Bob Carpenter, Jr. (L.I.W.) (H) 527-6543
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Rt. Wor. Robert C. Eades, Sr. (D.I.W. 15-C) (H) 794-3661

MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR:

Bro. Byron B. Hubbard, Jr. (D.M.H.A. 15-C) (H) 270-1119

BLOOD PROGRAM:

Wor. Marshall H. Messimer, Jr. (H) 741-2365
Bro. John T. Gaywood (H) 360-0244

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SUNSHINE:

The Junior Warden . . . and all Lodge Officers.

FUNERAL:

Wor. R. Alton Wright. (H) 360-5598

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, 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., R. L. Fagg,
III, H. C. Jones, L. E. Stott, R.E. Strauss, E. B. Irby, Jr.,
R.A. Wright

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. McK. 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

JULY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(496 Years of Masonic Service)

Atwell, H.L.	58 th	Lane, A.J.	36 th	Reid, J.C.	38 th
Brooks, G.H.	42 nd	Lovern, W.B.	39 th	Roach, K.A.	5 th
Carr, C.M.	37 th	McKaig, J.C.	5 th	Samuels, D.W.	42 nd
Eades, R.C., Sr.	37 th	Mihalcoe, A.L.	25 th	Simmons, G.M., Jr	42 nd
Jarrell, T.B.	29 th	Mihalcoe, A.L., Jr.	6 th	Williams, J.R.	55 th

In Memoriam



Bro. William Richard Westbury, Jr.

Entered Apprentice: 9/13/1957

Fellowcraft: 11/7/1957

Master Mason: 12/13/1957

Entered the Celestial Lodge: 6/14/2010

Our circle of concern....

Those who have been on this list for some time now still covet our thoughts and prayers: [Bro. Kenny Roach](#) now at home recovering from back surgery, [Wor. Barry Faison](#), [Bro. Hugh Major](#), [Bro. Dick Collins](#), [Bro. Jack Reid](#), [Wor. Clawson Barbour](#), [Wor. Chuck Hilgenhold's wife, Jane](#), [Bro. Brent Lovern's wife, Kay](#), [Bro. Terry Lyman](#), [Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson](#), and [Bro. Ben Smith's grandfather, Wor. Ronald Hoffman](#) currently at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, PA. Please take a moment and call or send a note, and do remember them in your conversations with God.

FROM THE EAST: Barry C. Faison, Worshipful Master

First, there is a hearty "Thank You" to Brother Steve Przybyla for an outstanding Senior Warden's Night. I appreciate Bother Steve scheduling Senior Warden's Night for June because it allowed my wife and me the opportunity to take a trip we had been planning for over a year. In addition, it provided an opportunity for Brother Steve to show the Lodge his leadership and planning skills.

Next there is another hearty "Thank You" to Brother Steve, the other officers of the Lodge, and the rest of the Degree Team for their work conferring degrees over the last six weeks. Tuckahoe Lodge has been blessed with a number of new candidates this year.

Because of the dedication and hard work of the officers and the team, Brother Steve has been able to continue the degree work on schedule and provide an opportunity for the other Lodge officers improve their skills by serving in a variety of positions.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the Lodge for their physical and monetary support of our 2010 Fish Fry. We had a great turnout and plenty of almost everything. As usual, the hush puppies were in high demand and were the first to go. The results of the tally of receipts that night looked very promising and I expect to have a report from the Committee at the July Stated. The Fish Fry is just another example of how involvement of the Lodge membership really adds to the success of a Lodge endeavor.

Brethren, it's hard to believe that the year is half over already and summer is upon us. As is the custom of Tuckahoe Lodge, we have changed to our summer dress code to make it more comfortable. The details of this are included elsewhere in this issue. This issue also includes a number of important dates, including the degree work for the month. Please attend when you are able and assist in making the degree experiences meaningful for our candidates. It is important that you stay involved in the activities of the Lodge as much your work and family schedules permit.

In closing 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. For this effort on your part, I know that you and that Brother 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.

FREEMASONRY IS A GIFT (Part One of Three)

Like most of you, I owe a great deal to my parents. They not only gave me life, but also some skills and abilities that enabled me to have a good life. They also instilled attitudes in each and every one of us. In my case, I got an intense opposition to ingratitude and an equally intense drive to pay my debts. Brethren, we all owe Freemasonry. Are we paying her back? I don't mean anything in the monetary sense of that statement.

Let's review some things. First, Freemasonry was a gift to you and it came with no strings attached. Some good men gave it to you with the hope that it would become an integral and vital part of your life. They gave it because they knew it could change your life in so many, many ways; and all for the better. They decided to entrust you with Freemasonry. Freemasonry can do this because it stands for whatever is good, decent, moral, and right; and always stands against those things that are indecent, immoral, and just down right wrong.

Those good men gave you a truly significant gift and while no one ever has or ever will demand repayment, you owe Freemasonry.

Brethren, we all owe Freemasonry; and we are not paying her back! Just looking back on your work in the quarries of Freemasonry, does not describe the depth of your debt to our Craft as I have just explained it. Re-read this message and you may begin to understand the breadth and depth of your debt to Freemasonry.

Next month we will reflect on the men you are bound to by the ties of Brotherhood.)

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 - 4th Saturday, 8:00am (for breakfast) 9:00am meeting, at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August, and December



Tuckahoe Lodge

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

On June 3, 2010, the following proposed amendments to the by-laws of Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347, A.F. & A.M. were submitted to the Secretary, read in open lodge and made a part of the minutes. The proposed amendments were ordered to lay over until our July stated communication at which time they will be read again. The Worshipful Master will set aside an appropriate amount of time for discussion by the membership before ballot.

These proposed amendments have been printed in the July issue of the Trestleboard, posted on the Lodge web page, and emailed 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-five dollars (\$55), plus Grand Lodge dues and assessments, as annual dues.

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, III, VII, or VIII.

Proposed and presented by the Planning Committee of Tuckahoe Lodge 347,
with the concurrence of the Worshipful Master.



...Another 'nugget from the quarries of Freemasonry'

...Masonry guides us on our walk through the 'forest' of philosophy, morality, and spirituality. Where we choose to enter the forest, and how far we walk in, is entirely up to us. My objective, as your Lodge Education officer, is to perhaps point out a different path, past the trees and into the forest, but it's up to you to walk the path. And once in a while an educational nugget might point out an interesting 'tree in the forest', or maybe fix a little 'hitch in your git-along', but it won't do the walking for you. So, my Brethren, choose your path, enter the forest and continue on your journey of discovery. Remember, Masonic education *is* a lifetime process. Douglas Messimer, PM, LEO

FOR SALE to the Highest Bidder

Bids will be taken for the following items. For simplicity, the Lodge will sell the items as a single lot.

- 1 - Sears GT 5000 48" riding mower - 7 years old and caught on fire and Sears estimates that it would cost approximately \$500 to \$600 to repair.
- 1 - Simplicity 44" mower riding mower - approximately 8 years old and needs repair to deck spindles at an estimated cost of \$200 to \$300 dollars to repair.
- 1 - Poulan String trimmer - should work if old gas was not left in same
- 1 Poulan Gasoline blower - should work if old gas was not left in same
- 1 - 5' oil tank cooker - Very rusted and in very bad condition

Bids should be submitted to the Lodge Secretary as soon as possible, but postmarked no later than July 16. Items can be viewed at the Lodge.