

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. Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M. is welcome to attend our meetings. Take due notice thereof.

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 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 Nugget “Shhh....It’s a Secret!”

Dress code: **Officer’s & Members - Casual slacks and Tuckahoe shirts or open collared shirt, no jacket required.**

CALLED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 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!!***

September 25th: The third of our annual blood drives! This one will be held at Glen Allen Lodge, on Mountain Road... come for breakfast at 8:00 am, and give some ‘life’ to someone else.

October 9th: Masonic Home Family Day celebration...get there early, it’s always well attended!

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 upon those brethren needing this degree before being elected to the office of Junior Warden of their Lodge.

December 2nd: Our annual Memorial service will again be a presented prior to opening the Lodge, and will be open to the public. Our Masonic widows and family members will be our honored guests.



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

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The Junior Warden . . . and all Lodge Officers.

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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.,
D.J.L. Bloomquist
T. L. Moore, Jr.
H. S. Brown,

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Bros. 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, R.A. Ledford

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

SEPTEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

275 Years of Masonic Service

Clevinger, H.C.	38 th	Gates, C.H., III	11 th	McClure, R.D.	21 st
Collins, R.L.	38 th	Harlin, E.F., Jr.	4 th	McGavic, R.L.	18 th
Eades, H.H., Jr.	47 th	Lanier, R.S.	17 th	Whitley, C.E.	45 th
Elicerio, J.M.	25 th			Williams, R.E., Jr.	11 th

Our circle of concern....

Bro. Benjamin V. Petrone, Jr., is now home recovering from emergency surgery to correct a case of diverticulitis and an abscess. Wor. Jim Woolard, following some shortness of breath and chest pain when he was doing his usual 1.5 mile walk, headed to his doctor. The Doc set up a cardiac catheterization and in late July Bro. Jim had a double by-pass operation. He is home now and doing well. So now, he has cardiac rehab and recovery to look forward to for the next two months. Wor. Clawson Barbour, lost his youngest son (Kenneth A. Barbour) on July 4th, after apparently having several strokes in previous weeks, and Wor. Clawson's other son; Keith was recently diagnosed with ALS. Wor. Bro. Marshall Messimer's son, Breck, passed away Sunday morning July 25th in Philadelphia after a brief hospitalization. Breck, 51, was the eldest of his children. Another of Bro. Messimer's family, Kevin, was in a serious auto accident, briefly hospitalized, but is now at home recovering. Bro. Bernard Wright had eye surgery on August 4th. This is the same surgery he had a number of months back, and the Dr. has deemed the first surgery to be unsuccessful. Bro. Graham Simmons, a resident of the Masonic Home, broke one of his shoulders in a recent fall. Bro. Scott Davis, currently working through the degrees in Tuckahoe, has a 7 year-old niece, Allyson Sowler, who is a patient at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She underwent surgery recently, now has a mechanical heart and will be put back on the UNOS list for a heart transplant. She is responding well to her medical care so far. Bro. Kenny Roach is home, as he continues his recovery from back surgery, and Bro. Richard Collins is doing well following his recent shoulder surgery.

Those who have been on this list for quite some time still need our thoughts and prayers: Bro. Jack Reid, Bro. Ben Smith's grandfather, Wor. Ronald Hoffman at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, PA, Bro. Terry Lyman, and Mt. Wor. James Wilkinson. 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

We are fast approaching the end of another summer. We have had our vacations, spent some extra time with family, and perhaps, had time to regroup from the demands of our jobs and the other things that consume our time during the rest of the year. Some of you have been to the beach or river, others have been to the mountains, and still others have made trips out of the country. For the Lodge, the summer also has its traditions. We have been wearing our polo shirts to stated meetings. The meetings have been a bit less formal, and there have been no meetings of the Masters and Wardens Association.

Now that the summer is ending, all that is about to change. So many times the word change is associated with the negative, but this should not be the case here. For our stated meetings, the end of summer will bring better attendance. With better attendance, we will have more opportunities to interact with other Brethren in the Lodge. It will also allow us to have more timely notice of information about our sick and distressed. In September we will resume the monthly meetings of the Masters & Wardens Association. This year the meetings have been on the fourth Saturday mornings at Westhampton Lodge. These meetings provide opportunities for Masonic education and fellowship with other Brethren in the District.

Brethren, as you consider what you will do now that summer is ending, remember your Lodge. If you are able, come out and support the Lodge and its activities, both stated communications and degree work. If you are not able to attend each event, make an effort to attend those that you can. Like most things, it is easy to stop coming to Lodge after you miss a few meetings. Also Brethren, remember the other Brethren in the Lodge. Call a member who is ill or is physically unable to attend Lodge. Offer a ride to a member who is able to come but lacks transportation. And as our Grand Master put it in his motto - "Forget not the duties" that you have as a Mason.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support.

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

Welcome back from your summer vacations. It can be best described by the adjectives hot, humid, and sticky. I also welcome you back to your Masonic home and hope that you will attend your September Stated Communication. Let us all pause to reflect on our commitments of fulfilling our Masonic obligations. Let's all get involved with the workings of our Lodge.

My thanks to all who have paid their 2010 dues. Unfortunately several of our brethren have not, as yet, sent their support for this year. As always, the dues are due on January 1st and are now "technically" past due. Dues for 2011 will be billed in November. If your dues for 2009 have not been paid, you will shortly, or maybe already, have received a citation for non-payment. Now is a good time to consider the Life Membership in Perpetuity Program (LMIP). Call me for the details. Don't worry about increases in Lodge dues and then having to pay them every year. The LMIP amounts (if your dues are current) for the rest of this year are: \$1,088 for those under age 70 and \$960 for those ages 70 and over. Next year it goes up.

If you are reading this message online, and are not a Mason, I hope that you will take advantage of the information made available to you.

And now....FREEMASONRY IS A GIFT.....Part 3 of the Trilogy. Two months ago, I talked with you about how Freemasonry came with no strings attached and was a gift to us all. Last month I reflected on the men we are bound to by the gentle ties of Brotherhood. This month, we look at how we can give back to Freemasonry.

Every Mason has to develop his own plan for giving back to Freemasonry. A very simple and direct answer to a complex question. Let me offer, however, one idea. The first time I entered Tuckahoe Lodge, I had to climb a narrow wooden stairway. My Dad was with me for support and watched me with considerable enthusiasm. I looked into the Lodge room and realized that I knew very few of those present.

I had previously asked my Dad, "What is a Mason?" The answer I had received really struck home that night. He told me that: Son, a Mason is a man who does all the good he can, in as many ways as he can, in as many places as he can, to as many people as he can, for as long as he can. That's the way he lived his life and that's the way we all should live our lives. It is by living those words that we pay back our debt to Freemasonry.

Life is like a foreign language that all struggle to learn and which few seem to master. How grateful I am that Freemasonry offers us a remarkable guide. Confusion and despair are replaced with gentle hints of hope. At peace and in harmony with life, we move forward with a confidence born of the knowledge that we walk within the grasp of Brotherly Love and under the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe. WHAT A GIFT!

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, 9:00am at Westhampton Lodge, except June, July, August, and December.