

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

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*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, NOVEMBER 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 – Past Master’s Night – Masonic Nugget, ‘A Ram, an Eagle, and Two Orders’

Dress code: **Officer’s & Members – Business suit, or Coat & tie**

***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!!***

November 3rd – 6th: Grand Annual Communication at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Richmond West, 6624 West Broad St.

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 presented prior to opening the Lodge, and will be open to the public. Our Masonic widows and family members will be our honored guests.

December 4th: Public Installation of Tuckahoe’s W.M. and officers for 2011, 10:00 A.M. at the Lodge, followed by a brief Called Communication for the purpose of opening a Lodge of Sorrow. Lunch will be provided in the Dining Hall.

Blood Drive schedule for 2011: February 26th at Tuckahoe, May 14th at Tuckahoe (with Glen Allen) and September 10th at Glen Allen.



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

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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,

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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,
R.E. Strauss, E. B. Irby, Jr., R. A. Wright,
R.A. Ledford

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* Deceased

NOVEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

(547 years of Masonic Service)

Bass, D.A.	2 nd	Martin, B.S.	49 th	Schwartz, G.L., III	4 th
Boswell, G.W.	26 th	Maxwell, R.S.	18 th	Smith, B.K.	4 th
Durrer, C.B.	37 th	Mize, J.D.	18 th	Tuck, S.E., Jr.	47 th
Ferguson, W.S.	24 th	Nochta, R.E.	34 th	Vine, N.E.	28 th
Frye, J.H.	44 th	Reid, L.L.	24 th	Wadle, R.J., Jr.	3 rd
Gray, T.G., Sr.	8 th	Roach, G.A.	3 rd	Westbury, R.F., Sr.	55 th
Hingley, J.P.	29 th	Roper, W.Y., III	41 st	Young, L.W.	49 th

Our circle of concern...

These brethren were mentioned at the Stated Communication and are in need of your prayers and concern: [Bro. Bernard Wright](#) - some additional surgery scheduled this month. [Bro.Dorman Watts](#) - recovering from recent by-pass surgery. [Bro. Dick McClure](#) - his cancer has returned. [Bro. Ernie Irby](#) - still recovering from by-pass surgery and undergoing therapy at St. Mary's. [Wor.Robert Lanier](#) - at home with back and disc problems. Those who have been on this list for quite some time still need our thoughts and prayers: [Bro. Kenny Roach](#), [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

In this issue I want to focus on Thanksgiving. Yes, I know that this is November and everyone is talking about Thanksgiving. They talk about the holiday; the food and how much they will eat; how bad they will feel after dinner; the football game or games that they plan to watch; and generally, they will fit in something about which they might be thankful.

But I would like you to help me think about our blessings and some of the things that we have to be thankful for. I know for some of you this will be easier than for others, but I believe we all can find something. The funny thing is that we all won't see the same events the same way. Most of the time this is because of our perspective or view, but sometimes it is because of how the event is impacting us personally and at that moment.

In 2010, I have had several experiences that have given me an opportunity to look at the things I am thankful for in a different way. In January I had knee surgery to fix some damage and relieve the pain I was having. That went very well, but as I reflect on that event, I have to be thankful that it could be repaired and that my recovery went well. Not long after that, I found out that I had Lymphoma. I had always been afraid of cancer, but I am thankful for the members of Tuckahoe Lodge who showed me the best way to approach this ordeal – follow the treatment plan and turn the rest over to God. Every time I went in for treatment I was thankful for the type of cancer I had, and, as I spoke to others patients, I was thankful that my treatments were not as difficult and did not have the side effects that impacted so many others. Most recently, my mother passed away, but in this loss I have to be thankful for the time we did have and the example she set for me.

I apologize for using so much of this space to discuss me, but I wanted to make a point. As you look back on and/or endure the current events of your life, take the time to look for opportunities to be thankful. We are all very blessed. Even when our lives are not going the way we would like them to, we probably have something that we can be thankful for. This should be especially true because we are members of this great Fraternity, and all that it represents, in our lives.

As you reflect on my comments and think about your Brethren of Tuckahoe Lodge, try to be thankful for something. If you know someone who is ill or distressed, be thankful if you are not and take the opportunity to comfort them. They will be thankful that you cared.

Finally, I want you to know that I am thankful for each of you and for the gifts you have given me - opportunities, encouragement, support, and your prayers.

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

As we approach the holiday season, we first come upon Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, and then Christmas. Let's all step back and think about our Lodge and what we can give to Tuckahoe Lodge and Freemasonry as our "gift" for this holiday season.

Tuckahoe Lodge – your Lodge – needs your dedication now more than ever before. Let's all make an effort to give our Lodge a holiday "gift" of our dedication and support. Make a resolution to attend a meeting, come watch the degree work, renew your acquaintances with your brethren, and become an active part of the world's oldest and best fraternity – Freemasonry. You can do this with just a little bit of your time and talents. Your participation will help instill in our members that greater appreciation of their responsibilities to our Lodge and a deeper sense of pride in being a Mason. And now.....**The Search for the True Secret Word of a Master Mason.**

Part Two – How Do We Obtain the True Secret Word of a Master Mason?"

Last month we laid the groundwork in the search for the true word of a Master Mason. We discussed the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason's Degrees and what they teach. Now, let's see what else the Master Mason's Degree teaches us.

The Master Mason's Degree tells us that the secret word has been lost because of our unseemly desires and passions. It tells us it is our duty to seek out that secret word, even though it will always remain ineffable and inexplicable to others. It teaches that it is our individual duty to become worthy of receiving it by controlling our desires and subduing our passions. And only then may we hope to obtain and understand it – the true meaning of Freemasonry – within our hearts and souls.

He who would receive the Word must understand that it can only be learned by constant practice of the virtues taught in our degrees. We must not sow discord. We must resist temptation. We must not allow the three ruffians of religious bigotry and intolerance, ethnic and cultural blindness, and racial animosity and hatred to dominate our thoughts. If we do, we will never discover the true secret word of a Master Mason, no matter how many times we cry "Give it to me!"

We do not become a Master by being raised. Rather, we become a Master by embracing and living that which our ceremonies teach. It is up to each of us to become a Master Mason in spirit as well as in body. Only then will we be worthy to receive the secret word of a Master Mason. Will we reach that goal? Will we become worthy to be placed as a living stone in that Celestial Temple? We can if we constantly strive to make smooth our rough natures by embracing and following the great lessons of Freemasonry – the lessons taught by symbols and allegories in our degrees – in all our thoughts and actions inside the Lodge, as well as in the profane world.

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.

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