

2018 J. Ned Culler Award

Seeking Light in Masonry is very personal quest to become more knowledgeable about our Ancient Craft, our world, and our inner self. The J. Ned Culler Award is awarded to a Brother who has attained a high degree of excellence in our ritual, Masonic Education, service to our Lodge, and has dedicated his Masonic life to the betterment of the Lodge and brother Masons through education, demonstrated mentoring, and furthering of the lofty goals of Freemasonry.

In every generation there appear among us those who are noted as outstanding men...those who shape and alter the world around us in a highly positive way. We at Tuckahoe Lodge believe that J. Ned Culler was one of those men. He helped and nurtured Masons who firmly believe in the value of Masonic Education and the effect that education has on leadership. Brother Ned's life was centered on the precepts that are so eloquently put forth in our Masonic ritual.

Rt. Wor. James Ned Culler lived out this creed with the utmost humility and distinction. He brought to light the essence of Freemasonry. He was generous in many ways...with his time, his resources, and something we all probably miss the most, his spirit. Despite all of this, Ned was indeed a very humble person. His very presence was such a strong part of this Lodge. He was a mentor, and without question, he was a true friend. Whether you knew Ned casually or very well, you knew that he was a good, decent man, someone who exemplified what it meant to be a Mason, and he was a good man trying to become a better man.

Ned Culler, a dedicated 40 year member of Tuckahoe Lodge, passed away on May 2, 2010 after a brief illness. Because of all that Ned meant to us, individually and as a band of brothers, the officers and members of Tuckahoe Lodge created this award of recognition to honor Ned's legacy.

This marks the 8th time we have bestowed this high honor on a deserving Mason who through his hard work for Craft Masonry and Tuckahoe Lodge, and his nurturing of new Masons has best exemplified all that Ned Culler stood for. The award is presented not only to a brother who sought Light in Masonry, but to one who shared his knowledge and focused his light along the path for those who followed, helping them to be better Masons, helping the Craft and Tuckahoe Lodge to be stronger.

We are honored and proud to present the J. Ned Culler Award to a member of Tuckahoe Lodge who has served as a fine example of 'a just and upright Mason' to each of us. He is our beloved Brother and friend,

Wor. Herbert Hobson Eades, Jr.



Wor. Herb received all of his degrees in Tuckahoe Lodge, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 27, 1963. He served Tuckahoe as Worshipful Master in 2006 and again in 2007, is a Life Member in perpetuity and has served as Assistant Treasurer of the Lodge for many years. Tuckahoe Lodge moved to our present location in 2002. We were most fortunate to have Wor. Herb's invaluable expertise in creating and implementing a maintenance and upkeep plan for our new property.

He is an active member of the Valley of Richmond Scottish Rite Bodies, honored as a KCCH, a member of the Scottish Rite Guard, and is a past chair of the audit committee. He presently serves as Treasurer of the Valley, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center. Bro. Herb has been a mentor and coach to numerous brethren throughout his 55 years of service to Freemasonry. In the community he attended and served as a deacon at Westhampton Baptist Church.

Outstanding characteristics of Brother Herb are the deeply caring manner that he extends to those in his church, community, and Masonic activities. He is dedicated to educating new Masons in the history and legends of our gentle Craft. We are indeed proud and honored to add the name of

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To the list of those who have received the coveted J. Ned Culler Award for Masonic Excellence.

