

2019 J. Ned Culler Award

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

In every generation there appear among us those who are seen as outstanding men...those who shape and alter the world around us in a very positive way. We at Tuckahoe Lodge believe that J. Ned Culler was one of those men. He helped and nurtured Masons who firmly believed 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 for many years. 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 like all of us who call ourselves Masons, he was a good man trying to become a better man.

Right Worshipful James 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 year we bestow this high honor on a very deserving Mason who through his hard work for Craft and Scottish Rite Masonry, his friendship and brotherly love, has best exemplified all that Ned Culler stood for. In following Ned's example, the award is presented not only to a brother who sought Light in Masonry, but to one who focused his light along the path for those who follow. 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.

Throughout his life, our beloved Brother,

Wor. Barry Coleman Faison,

strove to embody those attributes in his family life, his community and Masonic activities.

Bro. Barry received all of his degrees...and recited all of the catechisms...in Tuckahoe Lodge. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 24, 2004. He served as Worshipful Master in 2009 and 2010, many years as Chaplain, is a Lodge Trustee, a Life Member in Perpetuity, and is presently serving as co-chair of the Tuckahoe Lodge Centennial Celebration Committee. Bro. Barry has been a mentor and coach to numerous brethren, and taught the catechisms of the three degrees to countless numbers of candidates over the last 15 years.

He is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Richmond and received his 32° on May 21, 2005, becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Guard and a Past Commander of the Richmond Council of Kadosh in 2018. He currently serves as Chairman of the Scottish Rite Finance Committee, is an active participant in the Degrees and represents the Valley of Richmond on the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Virginia.

Barry serves the Commonwealth of Virginia as Chief Financial Officer for the Virginia Retirement System. Bro. Barry exhibits a kind and caring manner that he extends to those he encounters at work, his church, and Masonic activities. His Masonic legacy is one we should all strive to emulate. We are indeed proud and honored to add the name of Wor. Barry Coleman Faison to the list those who have received Tuckahoe's coveted J. Ned Culler Award for Masonic Excellence.

