



# Tuckahoe Lodge 347

A.F. & A.M.



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## Worshipful Masters

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

## Living Members Born This Decade

George Otwell  
Benny Wilkerson  
Robert Peterson  
Ronald McGavic  
David Samuels  
Rudy Rowe  
Michael Anderson  
Benjamin Petrone Jr.  
James Dabney  
Douglas Messimer  
William Lovern  
James Hingley  
Joseph Wegman  
Gerald Boswell  
Daniel Sarate  
Robert Eades Sr.  
Charles Gates III  
James Mason  
Barry Faison  
James Gilmore III  
Steven Stankiewicz  
William Terry Jr.  
David Powers III  
Ray Stinson  
Jerry Fanning  
Kenneth Roach  
George Schwartz III  
Dale Wright  
Raymond Crouch Jr.  
Dennis Stamey

## Tuckahoe History

- April 1943 - Bro FC Abbott presented a program on 'Duties as Masons and Americans' that 'led us through the horrors of the present conditions now existing all over the world and pleads with us as Masons to be true men in this hour of crisis'
- June 1943 - RW Carter recommended that our older Masons be called upon freely, and insist if necessary, to help and participate in the work of the lodge to increase attendance and instruct Lodge work.
- June 1944 - Talk starts up about an entire new Lodge building. Part was due to the need of a new fire escape, and other portions of the building. A new 'Ways and Means' committee spins up in late 1945.
- September 7th, 1945 - Being first meeting "since peace was declared", the Lodge talked some and then prayed "in humbleness and sincere appreciation to our Supreme Grand Master for the victory over our enemies in the great struggle just ended".
- Late 1940s - A new Secretary (with much shorter minutes), but also not as much detail on programs. Lots of degree work.
- May 1948 - \$13,000 (\$162,000 in today's money) in costs to remodel the temple.
- November 12th, 1948 - Grand Lodge building at Adams and Broad Street damaged by fire. Tuckahoe extended an invitation to other Lodges that met there to share our space - Amity Lodge and Westgate 352 (now part of Richmond Lodge 10) used our space.
- January 1950 - Stated classes will continue on Thursdays (we met on Friday). The Worshipful Master expressed his desire for 'an increased interest and attendance in Thursday classes'.
- January 1950 - Wor. Stokes (as part of Masters and Wardens) talked about their decision for 'its blood bank to endeavor to furnish blood only to transient Brethren on their lists'.

## Culture and History

- World War II being the key part of this decade, at least the first half.
- New technologies like computers, nuclear power, radar, transistors and jet propulsion developed in tandem with war effort, and improved post-war.
- Bing Crosby was the best selling artist of the 1940s. Jazz and Country were also very popular. Amazing music, movies, and other art come out of this decade.
- 1948 - WTVR-TV starts broadcasting.
- 1949 - last of Richmond's electric trolleys are replaced by busses.
- Richmond's population in 1950 was 230,310.