



Tuckahoe Lodge 347

A.F. & A.M.



1953
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1962

Worshipful Masters

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

Living Members Born This Decade

Emmette Hanbury
Steven Conrad
Steve Bailey
Earl Williams Jr.
Charles Wilmouth
Thomas Jarrell
Thomas Voltz Jr.
Grady Farmer III
Harold Mawyer
Paul Speight
William (Bill) Heltzel
Russell (Rusty) Davis
Richard McClure
Paul Meade
Christopher Campbell
Carter (Butch) Ammon Jr.
Timothy Gray Sr.

Raised This Decade

Meredith House
Robert Westbury Sr.
Wor. Ernest Irby Jr.
Richard Strauss
Most Wor. Frederick Martin III
Kenneth Martin

Tuckahoe History

- Early 1950's - While degrees were standard during Stated meetings, a large ramp up how many degrees are happening. Also, most minutes do not include how late the Lodge closed.
- June 1, 1956 - 22 Worshipful Masters visit Tuckahoe 347
- July 6, 1956 - A request was made to have a nursery school on the 1st floor at Maple Ave, withdrawn a month later. In September, the Church of Christ also made a request to use the 1st floor.
- March 1957 - George Wright moved to provide aprons to Tuckahoe masters
- May 1957 - 38 members and 49 visitors at the stated for the DDGM
- October 1957 - Special Joint Communication of the Lodges of the 15th District was held at the Masonic Temple at Adams and Broad, celebrating 179 years of the Grand Lodge of Virginia
- 1961 - Noted that the mortgage payment was \$91.80 (\$926.71 today). Balance remaining of 3324.46 (\$33,559.92), and would be paid off in 1964
- 1962 - Monthly dues were now \$1.25 (\$12.49 today) a month and degree fees were raised to \$100 (\$999.46).

Culture and History

- Economic expansion and population growth from the recovery of World War II.
- Tension and Cold War conflicts start across the globe.
- Population growth from 2.5B to 3B.
- The mid to late 1950's was the boom of Freemasonry in the United States - hitting almost 4 Million (numbers today are estimated at less than 1 Million).
- 1954 - Parker Field (now the Diamond) was converted to a Baseball Field
- 1956 - Life Magazine did front cover story on Masons in the US.
- Sputnik launches in 1957. The 'Space Race' begins just a few months later.
- Best Products opens its first of many showroom retail stores
- NASA formed in 1958.
- Televisions become common place in homes.
- The 1950's are considered the birth of Rock and Roll. Elvis was the top selling artist of the 1950s
- Mid 1950's included the construction and expansion of I95 with the James River Bridge and Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike.
- 1961 - Richmond's first public TV station, WCVE, goes on air

