

# Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 A. F. & A. M. Trestleboard



Chickahominy Lodge No. 286  
A.F. & A. M.  
Chartered February 16, 1905

**Trestleboard  
December 2023**



P.O. Box 464  
7886 Richmond Road  
Toano, VA 23168  
Stated Communication: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.  
[www.chickahominy286.org](http://www.chickahominy286.org)

## December Letter from the East

### St. John the Evangelist Day

St. John the Evangelist is one of the patron saints of Masonry. This is my reflection on the opening verse of the Gospel according to John. Many biblical scholars believe that the Gospel of John was written well after the death of the Apostle John by a devotee of John the Apostle. Whether the Apostle John or someone who followed his teachings wrote this Gospel is not important. What is important is the lesson contained in the Gospel. The Gospel of John teaches that LOVE is what we should strive to reflect in all our dealings with our fellow creatures. The Gospel starts most eloquently with "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God." That Word, I believe, is Love. Later the Gospel of John says "the Word became flesh" and I believe that flesh was Jesus Christ because he spent his life teaching by word and action how each one of us should love all others. Charity is born of love. Peace is the result of love. A person filled with love cannot harm a fellow creature. Love does not produce war. A person filled with Love puts others first.

The Anti-Word is greed. Greed, being one of the "Seven deadly sins," will lead to the practice of the other six. The root of greed is putting yourself first whereas the root of LOVE puts you last. When LOVE rules your life you do not concern yourself with the behaviors of others, you simply love them for who they are. I know, my brothers, we masons teach morality, but we must be careful how we implement morality. If improperly used, morality becomes judgment. As a mason you must give good counsel, lovingly correct a brother, and warn him of potential danger. These are acts of love. Love is constant, but morality changes with society. So, as a mason, reflecting on St. John the Evangelist Day, it is my prayer that you will know LOVE this day and forever more.

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## NOTICES

### DUES

Invoices for 2023 dues were mailed December 1, 2022.  
Second and Final Notices were mailed on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
No further notices will be sent.  
Please pay as soon as possible.

### WARDEN'S TRAINING

Wor. Bob Cosby conducts Warden's Training at the Lodge on Wednesdays beginning at 6:00 p.m. but this training is available to anyone who desires additional training on virtually any topic. Please contact him for details.



Be part of a lifesaving journey.

**Donate blood.**

**2023 Stonehouse Presbyterian Church  
THURSDAY Blood Drive Schedule**

**CHICKAHOMINY LODGE NO. 286**

December 21st 2pm-7pm

## OFFICERS 2023

<b>Worshipful Master</b> E. Miles Riley, Jr. (Helen)	540-514-1780
<b>Senior Warden</b> Christopher C. Wathen (Susan)	304-676-5795
<b>Junior Warden</b> Samuel J. Hay	757-508-2790
<b>Treasurer</b> Jack C. van Leliveld (Stacy)	757-566-2278
<b>Secretary</b> Gregory Johnson	757-565-4577
<b>Senior Deacon</b> Robert E. Crossan (Cindy)	908-328-9170
<b>Junior Deacon</b> Jim J. Fryrear (Sonya)	757-871-2161
<b>Chaplain</b> Harold W. (Bo) Bohannon, Jr.	757-784-1367
<b>Tiler</b> Thomas V. Hardin (Debbie)	757-8792604
<b>Senior Steward</b> Kenneth A. Shannon (Kim)	757-206-1015
<b>Junior Steward</b> James W. Grant, III (Jetta)	757-592-2640
<b>Marshall</b> Shane Shortt (Joni)	757-897-0817
<b>LIW, LMC &amp; DMC</b> Robert E. Cosby, III	804-658-8965
<b>LEO</b> Robert Eric Stauffer (Angel)	757-903-5536
<b>MAHOVA</b> Wayne Donahoe	757-344-8241

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## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

### December 2023

Stroud	James R.	12/10/85	38
Donahoe	Raymond W.	12/17/94	29
Freeland	James H.	12/17/98	25

Total Years: 92

## December CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- Dec 1, 2023 Chickahominy Lodge Christmas Party at the Jefferson Restaurant on Richmond Road
- Dec 2. 2023 Toano Womans Club Brunch 11:00 to 4:00 for which we are supplying the breakfast food.
- Sat Dec 9 - Community Breakfast 8-10AM
- Tuesday Dec 12 - Stated Meeting 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Meeting
- Thursday Dec 14 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Thursday Dec 14 - Roadrunner Trip - Sandston Lodge
- Saturday Dec 16 - Open Installation of Officers - 2PM
- Thursday Dec 21 - Blood Drive - 1-6PM (Stonehouse Presbyterian Church)
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## CHICKAHOMINY ROADRUNNERS

### 2024 Schedule

**January 8, 2024**  
Westhampton Lodge No.302 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) 7:00 Meeting  
9290 Three Chopt Road, Richmond

**February 6, 2024**  
Richmond Lodge No.10 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:00 Meeting  
5500 Bethlehem Road, Richmond

**February 28, 2024**  
Great Bridge Lodge No.257 (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) 7:30 Meeting  
148 Mt. Pleasant Road, Chesapeake

**March 5, 2024**  
Willis V. Fentress No. 296 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:30 Meeting  
6060 Providence Road, Virginia Beach

**April 2, 2024**  
Elizabeth Lodge No.34 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:30 Meeting  
7001 Granby Street, Norfolk

**May 8, 2024**  
Jefferson Lodge No.65 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) 7:30 Meeting  
84 Colonial Trail East, Surry

**June 13, 2024**  
Lake Drummond Lodge No.178 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) 7:00 Meeting  
509 George Washington Highway North, Chesapeake

**July 2, 2024**  
McAlister Lodge No.185 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 7:30 Meeting  
6425 Whaleyville Boulevard, Suffolk

**August 7, 2024**  
Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) 7:30 Meeting  
2849 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

**September 17, 2024**  
Temple Lodge No.9 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) 7:00 Meeting  
1 1/2 South Holly Street, Highland Springs

**October 21, 2024**  
St. Tammany Lodge No.5 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) 7:30 Meeting  
1456 West Queen Street, Hampton

**November 7, 2024**  
Berkley Lodge No.167 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) 7:30 Meeting  
2216 Old Greenbrier Road, Chesapeake

**December 5, 2024**  
Churchland Lodge No.276 (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) 7:30 Meeting  
5717 High Street West, Portsmouth

Contact Bro. Jack van Leliveld for more information.  
[treasurer@chickahominy286.org](mailto:treasurer@chickahominy286.org)

## November STATED MEETING

**TUESDAY**  
**Dec. 12, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**DINNER @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Prepared by**  
**Matthew Wech**

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF Nov. 2023 MINUTES

- RW Isgett explained Grand Lodge is working on a streamline version for updating the by-laws.
  - October Breakfast – We collected \$570.00 in breakfast receipts.
  - November Breakfast – We collected \$640.00 in breakfast receipts.
  - Distributing Poinsettias after Country Breakfast Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - District School November 6<sup>th</sup> School 18 attended, 8 from 286.
  - Next School – Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mann Page Lodge No. 157
- Exemplifying  
Entered Apprentice Degree – JD, JS & Marshall.
- Blood Drives: 43 pints with a goal of 48 pints. Next blood drive
  - Toano Woman’s Club Brunch – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00am – 3:00 pm
  - We need:
    - Help in the Kitchen.
    - Cleanup volunteers.
    - Discussion regarding the groceries for the breakfast be donated to the Women’s Club.
  - The December Stated Meeting will be election. Encourage participation.
  - We will have the election of officers of Chickahominy Lodge for 2024.
  - We will be electing the Chickahominy Lodge candidate for District.
- Deputy Grand  
Master
- The brethren should now be considering who they want to be our officers and DDGM. Before nominating, they should ascertain if their choice is willing to serve.
  - If more than one candidate is nominated for any position, there will be paper ballots.
  - We will also have a memorial for our Chickahominy Lodge Brothers who have laid down their working tools during 2023 and close the Lodge of Sorrows.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We need volunteers for our 2024 Stated Dinners. The Sign-Up Sheet is on the bulletin board in the dining room.**

**Please consider putting one together.**

The Lodge will reimburse you for your out-of-pocket expenses. Also remember that wives and potential candidates are always welcome to attend our dinners.

Wor. John Pouch has accepted the task of managing our social get togethers. (email: [johngladys@mac.com](mailto:johngladys@mac.com))

We thank Bro. Al Bills for all of his time with managing social events and welcome Wor. John Pouch in his new role.

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## CHICKAHOMINY LODGE 286 LIVING PAST MASTERS

Murray T. Rowe	1977	
Harvey C. Latta	1981, 87	
Albert W. Brady	1982	
William E. Duer	1988, 89	
Mark Hockaday	1995	
Robert C. Wright	1997	*2000
William S. Patterson, Jr.	1998	
Henry S. Branscome	1999	
James C. Miller	2000, 03	*2004
Robert W. Parke	2005	*2008
Paul W. Gilley	2006, 07	*2006
Robert Humrich	2008	
Raymond W. Donahoe	2013	
Joseph A. Rose	2014	*2020 & 2021
Harold W. (Bo) Bohannon, Jr.	2015	
Z. Scott Florence	2016	
Gregory B. Johnson	2017	
Thomas V. Hardin	2018	
Russell F. Jeffries	2019	
Bruce W. Burkett	2020	
Robert E. Cosby, III	2021	
Robert L. Howell	2022	

## OTHER LODGES

William F. Perdue	#215	1969	*1981	**1991
William E. Rorer, Jr.	#6	1976	*1981	**2010
John G. Pouch	#5 (DC)	1985		
Theodore B. Holm	#237	1990		
Graham Raven	#8784 (UK)	1990, 2002		
	#9700 (UK)	2017		
Paul W. Gilley	#157	1991, 2015	*2006	
Theodore B. Holm	#54	1998		
Glenn Roxy Gwynn	#6	2001		
Charles E. Hinson	#88	2001,09,10	*2005	
James C. Miller	#6	2003	*2004	
Robert E. Lee	#88	2004		
Thomas W. Mears, Sr.	#157	2005	*2011	
Geo. A. Hollingsworth, III	#241	2005		
Ronald E. Meredith	#776 (PA)	2005 & 06		
Robert E. Ramirez	#86 (CO)	2006		
Geo. A. Hollingsworth, III	#6	2007		
John R. Howerton	#7	2015		
Benjamin F. Clark, Jr.	#7	2016		
Graham Raven	#8565	2023		

\*Denotes PDDGM & Year

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## LMIP's (Life Members in Perpetuity)

Stephen W. Anderson\*  
 William A. Ayers, Jr.  
 Princes E. Baker\*  
 Harold W. Bohannon, Jr.  
 Henry S. Branscome, II  
 Bruce W. Burkett  
 Gerald E. Burks\*  
 Patrick L. Clayton  
 Robert E. Cosby, III  
 Holly R. Crockett  
 George Dimitrov\*  
 Raymond W. Donahoe  
 James M. Faucett  
 Zachary Scott Florence  
 William S. Ford\*  
 Stephen W. Foster  
 Paul W. Gilley  
 James W. Grant, III  
 Thomas V. Hardin  
 Samuel J. Hay  
 Charles E. Hinson  
 George A. Hollingsworth, III  
 Burton T. Holm  
 Theodore B. Holm  
 William E. Honsinger  
 Robert L. Howell  
 Russell F. Jeffries  
 Walter R. Jennings, Jr.  
 Gregory B. Johnson  
 Jack G. Jones\*  
 Tommie F. Karns\*  
 Kyle C. Littlefield  
 Robert J. Long\*  
 William R. McCleary  
 James M. Miller\*  
 Robert W. Parke  
 William S. Patterson, Jr.  
 John G. Pouch  
 Charles R. Reeves  
 E. Miles Riley, Jr.  
 Thomas E. Robards  
 Joseph A. Rose  
 Kenneth A. Shannon  
 James O. Smith\*

## LMIP's (Continued)

Shane E. Shortt  
 Victor A. Shumaker\*  
 James O. Smith  
 James W. Smith\*  
 Jack C. van Leliveld  
 Harry C. Wager (In Memory Of)\*  
 Matthew G. Wech  
 Robert C. Wright  
 Richard L. Zick  
  
 \*Deceased

## SEVENTY YEAR MASONS

Frank J. Shaffer  
 Wor. Theodore B. Holm

## SIXTY YEAR MASONS

Robert L. Lawrence  
 MW William F. Perdue

## FIFTY YEAR MASONS

David C. Mershon  
 MW William E. Rorer, Jr.  
 Wor. Murray T. Rowe, Jr.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

Wor. Theodore B. Holm  
 MW William F. Perdue  
 Wor. Graham Raven (UK)  
 MW William E. Rorer Jr.

## TRUSTEES

Wor. Raymond W. Donahoe  
 Wor. Paul W. Gilley  
 RW Robert C. Wright

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