

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



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A.F. & A. M.
Chartered February 16, 1905

Trestleboard
November 2023



P.O. Box 464
7886 Richmond Road
Toano, VA 23168
Stated Communication: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
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November Letter from the East

From the Master:

My Brethren, the end of my year in the East draws near and I am glad to say I have survived and Chickahominy Lodge is in good position to face the future. It has been an eventful year. Sadly, we lost five of our valued Brethren who are now residing in the celestial temple. We have welcomed six new members. We lost two widows who joined their husbands in that house not made with hands. We held 10 successful blood drives collecting 470 units, and 10 highly successful Old Fashioned Country Breakfasts thanks to the diligence of the Kitchen and Hospitality Teams. We installed a vent system in the kitchen and now our breakfast patrons don't go home smelling like bacon. We hosted a very successful 5th annual Roadrunner Golf Classic. Our Theodore B. Holm Scholarship Fund presented 9 scholarships. The three Masonic Youth Groups presented interesting and enlightening programs. We honored three Eagle Scouts on their accomplishments by awarding them with Grand Lodge Certificates. We were educated and informed by programs from Meals on Wheels and The Arc of Greater Williamsburg and we presented them the Community Builders Awards from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. We enjoyed the performance of the skit, "Pink Lodge," by the Sisters of Pocahontas Chapter No. 103 OES. Chickahominy Lodge also thanks the many Brothers and their helpers who prepared the Lodge Dinners. The Roadrunners have made 11 visits to other lodges outside of our district, which resulted in several return visits. A contingent from the Romanian Grand Lodge visited us. We had two successful spaghetti dinners. We hosted a successful second annual Table Lodge. Chickahominy Lodge has earned the Stokes and Morlock Awards for our support of MaHoVa. The future of Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 looks bright. All this and we still have two more months ahead of us. If I missed your pet project, please be assured your efforts are important to the operation of the lodge and the health of masonry in general.

Brother Chris Wathen has received his Warden's Certificate. Brother Sam Hay is studying for his Warden's Certificate, and Brother Bob Crossan will earn his Past Masters Degree on November 1st. The election of officers will occur during the December Stated Meeting. The Line Officers will be ready to assume their new positions on December 16th at an open installation.

I personally wish to thank Worshipful Greg Johnson for stepping up to the task of Secretary, Brother Ken Shannon for leading the Kitchen Team, and Worshipful Wayne Donahoe our Masonic Home Ambassador. They assumed demanding tasks mid-year. Also, I wish to thank Worshipful Bob Cosby for his successful efforts in teaching Masonic ritual to the Brethren.

I thank the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Kent Brinkley, all Past Masters and the Brethren for their support. You have all performed beyond expectation to help make District 57 and Chickahominy Lodge the outstanding fraternity that is Masonry.

Attending Stated Meetings is the only real way to discover how your brothers are involved in our community and find where you fit into our Fraternity. Get involved, be a Mason, not just a member. Mentorship only ends when the fire of curiosity is ignited, and the engine of research propels the Brother to discover how he can become a better Mason and thereby a better man.

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NOTICES

DUES

Invoices for 2023 dues were mailed December 1, 2022.
Second and Final Notices were mailed on April 3rd.
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

November 9th 2pm-7pm
December 21st 2pm-7pm

OFFICERS 2023

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

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

November 2023

McCleary	William R.	11/7/13	10
Holm	Burt	11/10/14	9
van Leliveld	Jack	11/11/10	13
Gwynn	Glenn Roxy	11/20/97	26
Lane, Jr	Thomas W.	11/20/14	9
Wech	Matthew G.	11/20/18	5
Grist	Joseph D.	11/24/09	14
Hollingsworth, III	George A.	11/29/00	23

Total Years: 109

CHICKAHOMINY ROADRUNNERS

Remaining 2023 Schedule

November 16, 2023 - Bremond Lodge No. 241
December 14, 2023 - Sandston Lodge No. 216

Contact Bro. Jack van Leliveld for more information.
treasurer@chickahominy286.org

Nov CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- Nov 6 – District School – Chickahominy No. 286 (Election of Officers, +)
Nov 9 – Blood Drive Stonehouse Presbyterian Church 1 – 6 p.m.
Nov 8-12 – Grand Annual Communications location: **Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.**
- Nov 13 – Williamsburg No. 6 Stated Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Nov 14 – Chickahominy No. 286 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 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.
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November STATED MEETING

TUESDAY
Nov 14, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

DINNER @ 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by
Matthew Wech

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HIGHLIGHTS OF Oct 2023 MINUTES

Prior to opening the lodge, the O.E.S. Pocahontas No. presented the “Pink Lodge”.

About a dozen Brothers from the Romania Grand Lodge were in attendance

Presentations

- The LEO presents program.
- The Master’s Founders Month Presentation
- RW Paul Gilley gave a presentation regarding his experience with anxiety and thank those who stayed in contact with him during this difficult time

Bro. Bob Crossan – Health, Welfare & Widows Report

- The Al Bills and family, on the passing of Brother Al Bills.
- Carolyn Donahoe, for continuing health improvement.
- Brother Ben Clark's wife, Deborah, undergoing heavy chemotherapy.
- Wor Sewell Rowley's (Past Master at Poquoson Lodge) daughter, Amy, who is battling breast and brain cancer. She is undergoing treatment, with surgery expected in the future.
- Brother Matthew Wecht, for successful surgery on October 16th.
- Wor John Pouch's younger brother, Richard, recently diagnosed with malignant melanoma.

John requests prayers for Richard and his wife Carol.

- Brother Pat Clayton, awaiting shoulder surgery.
- Brother Tom Bracy, recovering from Covid.
- Brother Ken Shannon, battling challenges with vertigo.
- Wor Miles Riley's son in law Rufus, recovering from major surgery.
- Most Worshipful Bill Rorer, recovering from right knee replacement.
- Brother Jim Fryrear's wife for successful recovery from very serious surgery.
- Larry Spore experiencing serious unknown medical

• The Lodge has donated \$4800 as of this date and has earned the Morlock and Stokes Awards again for 2023. We are well on our way to our \$6500 average.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for our December 2023 Stated Dinner. 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)

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		

*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

Albert E. Bills
 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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