

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



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

**Trestleboard  
December 2024**



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)

## Message from The Master

Brethren,

December is already here and what a great year we have had. Thank you for all the support you have shown me this year as the Master of our Lodge. I will look back on this year with fond memories, and a deep sense of accomplishment. With your help Brethren, we accomplished every goal that I set forth on my calendar and I thank you! I challenge you to maintain this spirit of teamwork as we move into the new year.

December is a very special month. Christmas parties, friendly gatherings, and the exchange of gifts. But, do not let us forget the real reason for the season. To celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! I encourage you to seek out ways to help those in need. There are many opportunities to help our fellow man. Although we enjoy this season with much fervor, there are many who dread this time of year.

From bell ringing for the Salvation Army, or volunteering your time at a local soup kitchen. Visit your local nursing homes and hospitals. You can make even a complete stranger's Christmas very special with a little effort. Finally Brethren, as you travel this holiday season try to be the beacon of light we each aspire to be. The highways and byways are gridlocked as ever, and full of folks struggling to get to where they are going. Some, to put it mildly, struggle with being friendly and joyful no matter what time of year. So seize the opportunity, I know there will be many as you travel, to demonstrate civility and good will towards one another.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you at our December stated communication for our Election and Installation of Officers for 2025. Please come out and support your Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Chris Wathen  
Worshipful Master

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## NOTICES

### DUES

For those with outstanding 2024 Dues please pay those promptly, 2025 Dues Notices have been forwarded on December 1 by E-mail and Post.

### RITUAL TRAINING

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

### GRAND VIEW

If you need assistance logging into Grand View or using the website please reach out to our Secretary for assistance.  
Lodge Events, Dues, and other functions are available!

### DISTRICT SCHOOL

Mon Jan 6 – Chickahominy (EA)  
Mon Feb 3 – Williamsburg (FC)  
Mon Mar 3 – Yorktown (MM1)  
Mon April 7 – Mann Page (MM2)  
Mon May 5 – Chickahominy (DEO)



Be part of a lifesaving journey

**Donate Blood**

Stonehouse Presbyterian Church  
2024 Thursday Blood Drive Schedule

## **CHICKAHOMINY LODGE NO. 286**

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	46 Units	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	45 Units
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	62 Units	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	47 Units
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	51 Units	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	38 Units
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	40 Units	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	47 Units
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	31 Units	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	44 Units
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	48 Units	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	

**2024 to Date we donated 499 Units of Blood**

## OFFICERS 2024

WM	Christopher C. Wathen (Susan)	304-676-5795
SW	Samuel J. Hay	757-508-2790
JW	Robert E. Crossan (Cindy)	908-328-9170
Tres	Jack C. van Leliveld (Stacy)	757-566-2278
Sec	Robert E. Cosby, III	804-658-8965
SD	Jim J. Fryrear (Sonya)	757-871-2161
JD	Robert Eric Stauffer (Angel)	757-903-5536
Chap	Harold W. (Bo) Bohannon, Jr.	757-784-1367
Tiler	Z. Scott Florence (Dawn)	757-221-0926
SS	James W. Grant, III (Jetta)	757-592-2640
JS	Jonathan G. Wintsch	860-930-4453
Mar	Shane Shortt (Joni)	757-897-0817
LIW	Robert E. Cosby, III	804-658-8965
LEO	Dennis N. Manning (Whitney)	703-717-1997
MAHOVA	R. Wayne Donahoe (Carolyn)	757-410-7965



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## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER 2024

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
James Stroud	12/10/1985	39
Wor Wayne Donahoe	12/17/1994	30
James Freeland	12/17/1998	26
	TOTAL	95



## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 2 – Yorktown No. 205 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 3 – Mann Page No. 157 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 5 – Chickahominy Roadrunners – Churchland No 276 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 6 – Christmas Dinner – 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 6 – Mann Page Installation – 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 – Yorktown Installation – 4:30 p.m.
- Dec 9 – Williamsburg No. 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 10 – Chickahominy No. 286 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Coat and Tie)
- Dec 12 – Blood Drive Stonehouse Presbyterian Church 1 – 6 p.m.
- Dec 13 – Williamsburg Installation – 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 14 – Monthly Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 14 – Williamsburg St. Johns Procession – 1:30 p.m.
- Dec 19 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec 19 – Master Mason Degree – 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 25 – Merry Christmas!!!!

## CHICKAHOMINY ROADRUNNERS

### 2024 Schedule

		Attended
Jan 8	Westhampton Lodge #302	8
Jan 30	Poquoson Lodge #49	6
Feb 6	William J. McMahon #303	5
Feb 6	Monitor Lodge #197	6
Feb 28	Great Bridge Lodge #257 (GMOV)	5
Mar 5	Willis V. Fentress Lodge #296	6
Mar 25	Suffolk Lodge #30	3
Apr 2	Elizabeth Lodge #34	8
May 8	Jefferson Lodge #65	4
Jun 13	Lake Drummond Lodge #178	4
Jul 2	McAllister Lodge #185	3
Aug 7	Princess Anne Lodge #25	6
Sept 17	Temple Lodge #9	2
Oct 16	Army Navy # 306	4
Nov 21	Berkley Lodge #167	4
Dec 5	Churchland Lodge #276	

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



## DECEMBER STATED MEETING

**TUESDAY December 10**

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

To Be Determined



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## NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Attendance:** 27 Members and 4 Visitors

Charter was draped in memory of Brother Fred Hampton.

Application for Affiliation for Bro Owen Martin Jr. was unanimously passed and welcome to our newest member.

Brother Dennis Manning our Lodge Education Officer provided a thought provoking program on Contemplative Masonry. With many insights into our craft and methods to learn more about all of our teachings.

Recap from Grand Lodge –

- ❖ RW Greg Johnson was installed as our newest District Deputy Grand Master for District 57
- ❖ Chickahominy was recognized again for achieving the Hillman Award.
- ❖ Wor Chris Wathen was recognized by the Grand Master with a Certificate of Appreciation Award.
- ❖ RW Dubby Isgett was recognized by the Grand Master with a Certificate of Merit Award
- ❖ Wor Joe Grist was awarded the John Blair Meritorious Service Award!

Will need assistance with our upcoming Activities. Specifically need volunteers for the following:

- ❖ Christmas Parade – Sun Dec 8 in the Early Evening
- ❖ Blood Drive – Thurs Dec 12
- ❖ Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Thurs Dec 19

15 Brethren and their families remain on our Prayer List for continued support.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We need volunteers for our  
2025 Stated Dinners. The Sign-Up Sheet is on  
the bulletin board in the dining room.  
Please consider putting one together.**

## NOVEMBER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Our Blood Drive surpassed a milestone event in November with over 1,100 GALLONS collected to date. This is 8,800 Units of Blood which has impacted countless lives in our community. Congratulations to RW Cleve Wright for all the hard work that has gone into coordinating these drives for over 25 years now and counting.

Funeral Service was held for Brother Fred Hampton in Harbinger NC and we had 6 brethren present to provide Masonic Rites for Brother Fred. It was a moving ceremony with an inspired eulogy from his 20 year old son.

Williamsburg Lodge hosted the Colonial Craftsman Degree Team from Massachusetts. They provided a portrayal of an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Meeting with a Master Mason Degree from the Book of Hiram by Paul Revere. In attendance was Grand Master Gary Huffman and the Grand Master of Massachusetts.

Our Chain Gang has been busy with the local High School Football games. They have put in countless hours and save the local athletic departments quite a bit of funds by volunteering their time and skill in operating the chains and down markers to assist the officials at games.



Our Second Bench to be installed at a local bus stop this year is underway, with plans to be located at Mclean's Grocery in Toano. Keep bringing in those soft plastic bags for recycling. Not only are we reducing waste in the landfill, but providing benefit with this program to our local community.

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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
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	
E. Miles Riley	2023	
Chris C. Wathen	2024	

## 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		
	#8565 (UK)	2023		
Assoc. Provencial Grand Master		2021-24		
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		
Burton T. Holm	#244	2023		

\*Denotes PDDGM & Year

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## LMIP's (Legacy Members in Perpetuity)

Stephen W. Anderson\*  
W. Allen 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\*  
R. Wayne Donahoe  
James M. Faucett  
Z. 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  
R. Lynn 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

## 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  
R. Cleve Wright  
Richard L. Zick  
  
\*Deceased

## SEVENTY YEAR MASONS

Frank J. Shaffer  
Wor. Theodore B. Holm

## SIXTY YEAR MASONS

Robert L. Lawrence  
Wor. Murray T. Rowe, Jr.  
MW William F. Perdue

## FIFTY YEAR MASONS

David C. Mershon  
MW William E. Rorer, Jr.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

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

## TRUSTEES

RW R. Cleve Wright  
RW Paul W. Gilley  
Wor. R. Wayne Donahoe



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