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Unity No. 146 Masonic Lodge
Chartered March 14, 1870 by the Grand Lodge of Virginia

December 2012

Master's Message

Brethren of Unity Lodge No.146 A.F.&A.M.,

I hope this message finds each of you and your families well. Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Brother Dennis Mark Haas, currently Senior Warden at Unity Lodge. We have been updating our membership roster and verifying contact information we have on record.

I would request that you please make sure our secretary has your accurate contact information including your residential mailing address as well as your home, work, and cellular phone numbers.

We are looking forward to 2013 as we continue to grow our membership and build our fellowship. As you have been previously notified, our Stated Communication is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM with dinner served in the Social Hall at 6:30 PM. Our December Stated Communication will be on Wednesday, December 6th.

Unity Lodge can also be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/Unity146](https://www.facebook.com/Unity146) and we hope to launch our new web site in January.

An Open (Public) Installations of Lodge Officers will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Lodge. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in our Social Hall. Please come out to meet, greet, and support our new Lodge Officers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 540-539-8917 or via email.

S & F,
"Fratribus in Unitate" -
Brothers in Unity

Dennis Mark Haas
Master-Elect



Calendar of Events

December 5

Lodge Dinner 6:30 pm
Stated Communication 7:30 pm
Lodge Officer Elections

December 8

Open Installation 2 pm
Refreshments in Social Hall

December 12

Entered Apprentice Degree

December 16

Blood Drive
Spurmont Lodge, Strasburg, Virginia
12:00 - 4:00 pm

December 19

Master Mason Degree

December 21

Hiram Royal Arch Chapter
Stated Convocation

December 29

Lodge Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00 am

April 2

Official Visit of Grand Master to District 3
Unity Lodge, 6:30 pm

April 13

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Masonic Etiquette Protocol & Decorum

By Right Worshipful M. Mickey Ander *for the* Committee on Masonic Education and Publications (2008)

From the forward: "Under an old system of Lodge education, candidates were carefully coached in the private work connected with the Degrees. This task was usually assigned to a dedicated Brother, who was concerned with having the candidate commit the questions and answers of the catechism to memory "letter-perfect." Sometimes he neglected to explain the meaning of the questions asked, and some coaches barely exposed the candidate to other key elements of Masonic education. In the mid-70's, the Grand Lodge of Virginia felt that, in addition to learning the catechism, the candidate needed to know more about the history, philosophy, and traditions of the Fraternity." •

Pertaining to God and Religion

The Constitutions of Masonry require us to observe the moral law. Masons do not follow in the irreligious paths of an atheist or agnostic. We firmly believe in God and worship Him as the great Architect of the Universe.

Masons are to be good men and true - men of honor, integrity, and honesty; we vigorously reject all forms of bigotry. It is our duty to follow that golden rule, of "Doing to all men as we would have all men do unto us and those we love."

Pertaining to the Civil Government

Freemasons, since time immemorial, were taught to be lawful

and concerned citizens of the place where they lived or worked. Today, we are admonished to be well informed, obedient to the civil powers, and mindful of the welfare of our country and our community.

Freemasons are lovers of peaceful dignity. But, a Mason is never to shut his ear to just complaints. When a Brother, or any member of the human family, is oppressed or suffers, he is called to take appropriate action, according to his capacity.

Pertaining to Private Qualities and Duties

A Freemason should avoid intemperance or excess, which might obstruct the performance of his duties, or lead him to

actions that would stain his honor and reflect dishonor on the Fraternity. He is to practice the virtues of patience and forbearance, which give him command over his actions.

What leisure his labors allow should be employed in studying the seven liberal arts and sciences in order to better perform his duties to his Creator, his country, his neighbor, and himself. It is the truly indispensable character of a Master Mason, "to walk humbly in the sight of God, to do justice, and love mercy."

Freemasons promote warmth, love and service. It is mandatory to learn to abstain from malice, slander, evil-speaking, backbiting, and unmannerly, scornful, provoking, reproachful and ungodly language. •

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BROTHERS IN
UNITY //

2013 Lodge Officers

Dennis Mark Haas
Master Elect

Melton Jewell Roland, Jr.
Senior Warden Elect

Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr.
Junior Warden Elect

Stephen Craig Wheeler
Treasurer Elect

Charles Randal Seaford
Secretary Elect

Joseph Paul Plazio
Senior Deacon Elect

Luther William Wheat
Junior Deacon Elect

Larry MacRae Funk
Chaplain Select

Joseph Embree
Senior Stewart Select

Cory Bradford Michael
Junior Steward Select

Edward Neal Powell, Jr.
Marshall Select

Edward Neal Powell, Sr.
Tiler Select



Secretary's Message

Bills for Lodge dues will be mailed shortly. As a reminder they are \$100. Additionally, I wanted to remind you what is written in the Methodical Digest regarding dues.

Every chartered Lodge must pay \$30 to the Grand Lodge of Virginia for each member listed at the last stated communication in December. Additionally, every Lodge Chartered or under dispensation, shall pay the Grand Lodge a fee of Fifty dollars for each petitioner for the degrees and raise by the Lodge or raised at the request of the Lodge.

We are also required to support other programs within the Grand Lodge:

"In addition to these dues, effective January 1, 2006, every chartered Lodge with it's annual returns shall make payment to the Grand Lodge of Virginia an assessment in the amount of one dollar to support the maintenance and operational expense of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for each member for which the Lodge is liable for Grand Lodge dues. In addition....every chartered Lodge...shall make payments ...in the amount of Three dollars for the Masonic Home of Virginia."

Lastly, these the Lodge is liable for dues to be disbursed as follows: \$0.40 per member for the Scholarship Fund, A.F. & A.M. of Virginia; \$0.20 per member to the Rainbow for Girls Foundation, Inc.; \$0.20 per member to the Virginia Job's Daughters Foundation, Inc. and \$0.20 per member to the DeMolay Foundation, Inc. In total, dues and assessments amount to \$38.00

Fraternally,

Charles R. Seaford



Royal Arch Chapter Update

Hiram #45 Royal Arch Chapter will meet at 7:30 pm on December 21st. Along with our regular business we will have a very entertaining speaker in the person of Brother Ed Tooma from Shenandoah #19. Come out and support your chapter and its new slate of officers. The fellowship is phenomenal.

I want to thank everyone for their support during 2012 and would like to take this opportunity to wish every Brother and Companion and their families a joyous holiday season, and prosperous new year. May we not forget the real reason for the season.

- H. Wes Hammack H.P.

Masonic Humor

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.

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Junior Warden Melton Roland, Sr.

Senior Deacon Bret W. Hrbek

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Secretary Rt. Worshipful Charles Seaford

Treasurer William Wheat

Chaplain Worshipful James Rutherford

Tyler Worshipful Edward N. Powell, Sr.

Marshall Robert Badger

Trustees Art Hiserman, William Wheat, Lionel Bogart

Stated Communication

1st Wednesday of the month 7:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

