

Trestleboard

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Master's Message

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

I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you a safe and prosperous New Year. As I reflect back on the many blessings in 2012, I am thankful for a beautiful and loving family who supported my passions and dreams that allows me the time to commit to, grow and mature in Ancient Craft Masonry.

As I look forward to this New Year, I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe gives me the patience, strength, wisdom, and steadfastness to lead and govern our lodge as we chart a new direction and face new challenges. I pray for healing of our lodge and that each Brother reflect on and renew our most solemn obligation we took upon ourselves freely and voluntarily at the sacred altar. Let us remember that valuable instrument that teaches us Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. Admonish a Brother of his error and aid a reformation.

We cannot advance into the future if we choose to live in the past. The choice is ours. We have an opportunity at our doorstep to make a difference. Our thoughts help us create the reality we experience. Whether that experience is good or bad, all of it is determined by our thoughts. Our thoughts create our emotional state. They affect our health. Our thoughts even influence what we do and say to people. No matter what the situation or circumstances, everything we do stems from thought. Then the thought turns into feelings, which turn into actions, and then finally results.

I would like to challenge you to contemplate these three questions; Do your thoughts create a positive influence and outcome in our Craft? Do your Brothers look at you as a positive role model in Freemasonry and our Lodge? Would your Brothers trust your whisper of good council in their ear?

I ask that you join me as we re-commit to making 2013 one of the best years at Unity Lodge.

S & F,
Dennis Mark Haas
Worshipful Master



Events

January 2

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

January 26

Monthly Breakfast 8:00 am

April 2

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

April 13

Table Lodge



Marshal Davidson places the Master's jewel on Dennis Haas.

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The Story of the Forget-Me-Not Emblem

In the years between World War 1 and World War 2 The blue Forget Me Not Emblem (Das Vergissmeinnicht) was a standard symbol used by most charitable organizations in Germany, with a very clear meaning: **“Do not forget the poor and the destitute.”**●

It was first introduced in German Masonry in 1926, well before the Nazi era, at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne, in Bremen, where it was distributed to all the participants. That was a terrible time in Germany, economically speaking, further aggravated in 1929 following that year's Great Depression.

That economic situation, contributed to Hitler's accession to power. Many people depended on charity, some of which was Masonic. Distributing the forget-me-not at the Grand Lodge Communication was meant to remind German Brethren of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge.

In early 1934, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the Grand Lodge of the Sun (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave dangers involved, adopted the little blue Forget Me Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses.

It was felt the flower would provide brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by

the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale confiscation of all Masonic Lodge properties. Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness.

In 1936 the Winterhilfswerk (a non- Masonic winter charity drive) held a collection and used and distributed the same symbol, again with its obvious charitable connotation. Some of the Masons who remembered the 1926 Communication possibly also wore it later as a sign of recognition. We have no evidence of that and its general signification still was charity, but not specifically Masonic charity. During the ensuing decade of Nazi power a little blue Forget Me Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby brethren could identify each other in public (although even then it was not always safe to wear any non-Nazi pin), and in cities and concentration camps throughout Europe. The Forget Me Not distinguished the lapels of countless brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished.



When the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth in 1947, by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little pin in the shape of a Forget Me Not was officially adopted as the emblem of that first annual convention of the brethren who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness to rekindle the Masonic Light.

At the first Annual Convent of the new United Grand Lodges Of Germany AF&AM (VGLvD), in 1948 Bro. Theodor Vogel, Master of the Lodge “Zum weißen Gold am Kornberg”, in Selb (then in Western-occupied Germany), remembered the 1926 and 1936 pin, had a few hundred made and started handing it out as a Masonic symbol wherever he went. When Brother Vogel was later elected GM of the Grand Lodge

AF&AM of Germany and visited a Grand Masters' conference in Washington, DC, he distributed. ●

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Message from the Order of the Eastern Star

Hi Sisters and Brothers,

I have been asked to write a short news item for the Trestle Board and I am happy to do that.

Eastern Star is a Fraternal group affiliated with the Masons, but no part of that Ancient Institution. We have similar rituals and ceremonies, and we also strive to live a better life and help each other. We raise money for charities, and share our love of God and country. The difference is both men and women can join, as long as you have a Masonic affiliation or in the case of men, they must be a member of a Masonic Lodge. We enjoy fellowship and it is something husband and wives can attend and share together. We hope those of you new to the Masonic family will consider joining us and expand your association with this great Order. We welcome you and will be glad to extend a loving hand of friendship and hugs. Next to food, hugs are our specialty.

As our year ends in March, I am just about at the end of my year as Worthy Matron. So there isn't a lot of activity scheduled. The Worthy Grand Matron always has a special charity she supports, as does the subordinate chapter Worthy Matrons. Mine is the Shriners Hospital this year. We also support two scholarships to the local High

Schools. We meet at the Masonic Lodge and are very appreciative that the Mason's allow us to do so. Our meetings are on the first Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. We are planning on initiating the husband of one of our new members in January, weather permitting. We always look forward to that. We are hoping to have a dinner in February, open to the public, also a fund raiser for our scholarship fund. In March we will elect our new officers for 2013 - 2014 year.

Our incoming Worthy Matron, and Worthy Patron will be Sister Sandra and Brother Joel Ratliff. I know they would love new members. I will take the liberty of extending an invitation to their open installation to be held the first Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 2 pm at the Masonic Lodge in Front Royal. We welcome our Masonic brothers and their families to join us.

I will close for now and again, I appreciate the opportunity to share our beautiful Order with you. Hope to see you in March.

God Bless, Hugs and Smiles,

Sister Sandra Engle Worthy Matron
Brother Rodney Ayers Worthy Patron

Masonic Birthdays

Edward William Ahlers - Jan 13, 1971, PM Unity Lodge No. 146, 1977

George Oscar Glavis - Jan 24, 1968, PDDGM District 3, 2010

Edward Neal Powell, Sr. - Jan 12, 2000, PM Washington Lodge No. 78, 2010

George Alan Shadman, Jr. - Jan 14, 2004

Cecil Franklin Smoot - Jan 30, 2008

Darryl E. Windham, Jr. - Jan 24, 1976, PM Unity Lodge No. 146 1982

Brother Lawrence Richard Howe, 50 Year Member, June 8, 1963

Living Past Masters:

1963 - Wor. William Newton Wood

1968 - RW Ward Easton Myers, Jr.

1975 - Wor. Ronald Grant McManus, Jr.

1977 - Wor. Edward William Ahlers

1978 - Wor. Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr.

1979 - Wor. William Amos Hall

1982 - Wor. Darryl E. Windham, Jr.

1985 - Wor. Robert Keith McMillen

1991 - Wor. Timothy Darr

1993 - Wor. Raymond Mickey Moats

1995 - RW Charles Randal Seaford

1998 - RW Arthur Alvin Heiserman

1999 - Wor. Charles Edward Davis

2001 - Wor. David Martin Zuckerman

2002 - RW Scott Douglas Cabazolo

2004 - Wor. Robert Mitchell Cairnes

2005 - RW Neil Gene Lilly

2007 - Wor. Darryl Bowser

2008 - Wor. Larry Lee Adams, II

2009 - RW Joel David Ratliff, Sr.

2010 - RW Kevin Joseph Davidson

2011 - RW Kevin Joseph Davidson

2012 - RW Scott Douglas Cabazolo

Living PDDGM:

1985 - RW Ward Easton Myers, Jr.

2001 - RW Arthur Alvin Heiserman

2007 - RW Kevin Joseph Davidson

Stated Agenda

6:30 PM
Dinner in the Stewart Payne
Social Hall

7:30 PM
Open Lodge

7:45 PM
Featured Speaker:
Wor. Neil Gene Lilly,
District 3 Education Officer

8:05 PM
Lodge Education Talk

8:20 PM
Lodge Education Video
Presentation

8:35 PM
A Brothers Biography:
Wor. Dennis Mark Haas

8:45 PM
Introductions

9:00 PM
Administrative Matters:
Secretary Clear Your Desk
Treasurer Report

9:30 PM
Close Lodge



Grand Master's Visit

The Grand Master's Official visit to Cochran Lodge No 271 on January 10th (MW Louis K. Campbell) his Official visit to District 3 at Unity Lodge on April 2nd, Tickets are available for \$15.00 and our Table Lodge on Saturday April 13th, Tickets are available for \$17.00



Secretary's Message

Brethren,

May the new year bring you health, wealth and happiness.

First I would like to congratulate Wor. Scott. D. Cabazolo, on a great year as Wor. Master in 2012. Scott, you are followed by another great line. Thank you for serving another year.

As this Trestleboard goes to press I would like to congratulate our new Wor. Master (Wor. Dennis M. Haas). on being elected to serve Unity Lodge in 2013 Wor. Haas, has some great ideas planed for the new year. Please come out, meet and greet the new officers and let them know where you are interested in helping.

The Monthly Fellowship breakfast (always the last Saturday of the Month 8 to 9:30 am) is always a great time of fellowship. It is rewarding to the kitchen volunteers to see such fellowship each Month. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen a few hours on a Saturday you will be welcomed with open arms. Just show up about 6:30 am and say you are here to help. Or come at 9:00 am to assist with the clean up.



For those who have paid their 2013 dues, thank you, thank you, thank you. These early payments make the job of the secretary much easier. To those who have not please, please, please. Your address and phone number along with your e-mail address are important. Please include only changes where indicated on your notice.

May God bless you and yours always.

Charles R. Seaford, PDDGM

Royal Arch Chapter Update

Companions Hiram #45 will hold its next Stated Communication on January 18th at 7:30 pm. If you have not experienced the fellowship of your chapter recently, I have no doubt that it will prove to be a heart warming one.

Bring a fellow companion and support the officers and companions as we begin a new year. May your New Year be filled with good health and happiness.

- H. Wes Hammack H.P.



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