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Master's Message

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

I trust this message finds each of you and your family well. As we approach the fall of the year I wanted to provide you an update on the many projects and improvements we have under taken.

First, we have made many improvements to the Temple. The interior has been re-painted adding some color to certain walls. We have repaired many water leaks in the kitchen, restrooms, roof and mop closet. We have re-decorated and displayed the other seven Presidents of the United States photographs in the lodge room. The carpets have been professionally cleaned, and the tile floors have been polished. Many ceiling tiles have been replaced and the flag pole painted with a new flag. The broken wooden box where aluminum cans are placed has been replaced. New brick entrance pillars with beautiful black granite inlays identifying our address and name have been built. Solar lighting will be placed atop each pillar and fencing will be installed. The old railroad ties have been replaced with new concrete parking stops. The lawn is well manicured and trimmed. Additional lighting has been added to illuminate the south parking area to include the grass area to serve as parking overflow.

Second, we have worked hard to improve our ritual. Many new brothers have learned new degree parts and lectures, they have returned their catechisms successfully, and our floor work has greatly improved. As we have seen many new brethren join us we have re-focused efforts on Masonic education featuring lodge educational talks and video presentations. We have enjoyed many great guest speakers presenting programs at our stated communications and at our Last Saturday Breakfast. We celebrated the 90th birthday of Worshipful Brother William Newton Wood with his family and friends. We hosted the Grand Masters official visit to District 3 and had a great time at our Table Lodge. The fellowship and outreach among the brethren has been tremendous.

Third, we have participated in many public ceremonies and community projects to include the Cornerstone Ceremony at the Front Royal 225th Anniversary at Town Hall. We were especially honored to have our brother's and Front Royal Mayor and Vice Mayor participate in the ceremony with us. We qualified for The Seymour Jonas Levy Award. We will be cleaning up our Adopt-A-Highway on September 14th. Please come out to the District 3 picnic on Saturday, September 21st at the Middletown, VA Community Park from noon until 6:00 PM as this will also serve as our "Bring a Friend" program. "Toys for Tots" program is right around the corner as the holiday season is approaching us. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices!

Lastly, there has been an increased interest in the Masonic Motorcycle Club International. We are waiting to hear back from the Grand Lodge of Virginia to confirm the information posted on their web site that the MMCI can operate in Virginia under the permission of the Grand Lodge bylaws and regulations. If you have an interest, please contact me.

As always Brethren, let us Meet on the Level, Act by the Plum and Part upon the Square. This is our Lodge....Your Lodge. Be the change you wish to see in the world....it all begins where you were first made a Mason. Until we meet again brethren, may the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless you.

S & F,
Dennis Mark Haas
Worshipful Master



Events

September 4

Dinner (\$10) &
Stated Communication
6:30 pm

September 14

Adopt-A-Highway Clean up
Meet at Lodge 8:00 am

September 18

Unity Degree Team Ritual
Rehearsal (Fellowcraft)
Masonic Education
7:00 pm

September 21

District 3 Bring-A-Friend
Annual Picnic
Middletown, VA Communi-
ty Park
12:00 - 6:00 pm

September 25

Unity Degree Team Ritual
Rehearsal (Master)
Masonic Education
7:00 pm

September 28

Lodge Breakfast
8:00 am

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Front Royal officials open cornerstone set by local masons at Town Hall in 1935

FRONT ROYAL - Leslie Sealock was about 8 years old when the cornerstone was set for the Town Hall on Main Street in Front Royal. •

He wasn't planning to attend the Aug. 17, 1935, ceremony, but to spend the day playing with his friend instead of going to summer school classes with his tutor. When his father discovered the boys' plans, he picked up young Leslie, who accompanied his father and his father's co-worker Alvin Berryman to the private ceremony where the cornerstone was set by the local Masonic Lodge.

The significance of the event didn't excite the boy.

"I wasn't interested in it whatsoever. I wanted to get back out and go to the creek," he said.

But even though Sealock wasn't terribly fascinated by the events he witnessed at the site of the former Town Hall, he does remember watching local dignitaries prepare a time capsule to go inside the cornerstone.

"I remember they had they box, but it was a shiny copper box," Sealock recalled.

The contents of the papers included in the time capsule were revealed Saturday during a ceremony that was part of the town's 225th anniversary celebration. Front Royal Mayor Timothy Darr, members of the Town Council, Masonic Unity Lodge No. 146 and representatives of the Warren Heritage Society attended along with a crowd of about 50 people. Thirty-nine separate documents were enclosed in the cornerstone, including a history of Warren County and the town's

founding, the papers of the Warren County Garden Club, the officers and committees of the Warren County Education Association, a bulletin published by the Chamber of Commerce titled "Front Royal, Va., Northern Gateway to the Shenandoah National Park," a list of the officers and committees of the Front Royal Rotary Club, a copy of The Warren Sentinel from Aug. 15, 1935, and The Northern Virginia Daily from Aug. 17, 1935, pictures of the Town Council and Planning Commission and a list of town employees.

The time capsule was presented Saturday to representatives of the Warren Heritage Society. The box will be opened during a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Heritage Society office, 101 Chester St.

Representing Masonic Unity Lodge No. 146, Dennis Haas conducted the cornerstone replacement ceremony, pouring corn, wine and oil over the stone. The three elements represented nourishment, refreshment, joy, gladness, peace and harmony, he said.

Tom Strickler, who attended the ceremony on Saturday, moved to Front Royal in 1936, a year after the cornerstone was set.

"I was 11 years old. The town had 2,800 people when I moved here. There were no



traffic lights and one policeman. Skyline Drive hadn't been opened yet and Route 340 to Luray did not exist. Things have changed," Strickler said. "My dad had a restaurant up on Main Street for a number of years. Hamburgers were a dime and hotdogs were a nickel. You could get a hot dog and coke for 10 cents."

Sealock agreed that things have changed in town since he was young. He worked as a paperboy from about age 11 to 15, then met his future wife Anna Athey at the Mayflower Restaurant on Royal Avenue.

"We were both 17 when we got married," he recalled. "Ms. Morton, she was a school teacher and she said it wouldn't work. We've been married 69 years now."

One of the biggest changes in Front Royal since the 1930s is how much it has grown, Sealock said.

"I knew everybody in town by first name," Sealock said. "I was at the fair this year with my grandson. There were a few hundred people there and I only saw one person that I know. I couldn't believe it." 2

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Masonic Birthdays

Brother Donald David Beck - September 23, 1995
Brother Jeffery Glen Burcham - September 23, 1980
Wor. Bro. Robert Mitchell Cairnes - September 7, 1978
Brother Joseph Jeph Embree - September 12, 2012
Brother Hubert Guy Fultz - September 25, 2002
Brother Roger Evans LaCross - September 25, 1990
Brother Lionel M. Lieberman - September 10, 1948

Brother Jack Nichols Mogus - September 26, 1995
Brother Edward Neal Powell, Jr. - September 13, 2000
Brother Melton Jewell Roland, Jr. - September 24, 2010
Brother James Edward Roop - September 11, 1981
Brother Robert Wayne Sites, Jr. - September 30, 2009
Brother Stephen Jay Whittington - September 23, 1995

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 - Wor. 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
2003 - RW Charles Randal Seaford
2005 - RW Scott Douglas Cabazolo
2007 - RW Kevin Joseph Davidson
2010 - RW George Oscar Glavis

Royal Arch Chapter

High Priest Message:

Greetings from the officers of Hiram #45.

Companions it is once again time to elect officers for the upcoming year. Come out and help select a group of



leaders who will continue to perpetuate caputular masonry in Virginia and around the world.

Companions can you remember, the last time you attended charter, or the last time you brightened the day of an ill or shut-in brother?

Next stated meeting will be held September 20th 2013 at unity lodge at 7:30p.m.

- H. Wes Hammack H.P.

Masonic Humor

It seems that another Mason, Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met with St. Peter.

He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?"

Proudly the Master replied, "Old Adage Lodge #1."

St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate and, strangely enough, each clock was at a different time.

He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual.

The Master then asked where his Lodge's clock was as he couldn't see it.

St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course."

"The kitchen," said the Master?

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."

Stated Agenda

6:30 PM

Dinner in the Stewart C. Payne Social
Hall, \$10.00

7:30

Open Master Masons Lodge

7:50

Featured Speaker:

Worshipful Brother Raymond Mickey
Moats, District 3 Membership
Coordinator/District 3 Picnic

8:15

Masonic Education Lodge Talk:
"A Masons Charity"

Read by

Brother Gali Ricardo Sanchez

8:30 PM

Reading from the
Book of Constitutions
Bro. SW Melton Jewell Roland, Jr.

8:35 PM

Administrative Matters:
Brother Secretary "Clear Your Desk"
Treasurer Report
Committee Reports
Business Matters – Old/New
- Fire Suppression System in kitchen
- Gas stove
- Pillar/Fence Project

8:50

Secretary Minutes

9:15 PM

Close Master Masons Lodge



Message from the Order of the Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers,

Our August meeting has since passed, and so has one of our main fund raiser events of the year. A big HUG and THANK YOU to all who made it a wonderful success. Our preliminary count for dinners sold and monies made toward our charities is a little over \$1,800.00. Donations were also received from our out-of-town sisters and brothers who wanted to be part of our fund raiser. We would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to Wayne and Steven Ayers, the sons of Ginny and Rodney Ayers, for coming out so early on that Sunday morning to barbeque and pull the pork for the dinner that evening.

We have been asked by the Worshipful Master of the Civil War Lodge of Research to provide a luncheon on Saturday, October 5th at Unity Lodge. The menu for the luncheon is homemade soup, sandwiches, and desserts with coffee and ice tea. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. At this writing, I do not have a head count, but hope to receive it soon.

On a serious note, we often find our lives are so busy with day to day things, that most of us do not take the time to give a call to a sister or brother who has not been able to attend our meetings or have been out of touch for health reasons. I have found that whenever you think you will visit, call, or write that sister or brother; that day has come too late. It is with this reasoning, I am forming a communication committee to assist in keeping in touch with all of our members. We will have a discussion on this new committee at our stated meeting in September.

Friendship night in **October** will soon be upon us. Please let the Chapter know if you would like to have your Star counterpart to attend.

A school of instruction is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22nd at 3:00 pm.**, to practice for the official visit the following Saturday of the 28th. Our chapter has the opening for the official visit. Sister Maggie Yates, our instructor for District No. 19, is requesting that we review our ritual to ensure that we are doing our best. Professional Catering will be provided for the event. Come and Enjoy!

District 19 Official Visit will be held on **Saturday, September 28th, 2013 at 2:00p.m., at the Masonic Temple in Front Royal. The address is 438 Skyline Vista Drive, Front Royal, Virginia, 22630.**

Our next stated meeting will be held on **Friday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided by Sisters Sandra Engle and Marti Bruce, and Brother Charlie Bruce.

Sandy J. Ratliff, Worthy Matron

Joel D. Ratliff, Sr., Worthy Patron



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 calendar events and degree work.

2013 Officers

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