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October 2013 <u>Master's Message</u>

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

I trust this message finds each of you and your family well. Saturday, October 12th we will celebrate Masonic Founders Day. The Masonic Home of Virginia (MAHOVA) is located on the grounds of the Grand Lodge of Virginia just outside the City of Richmond. Founded in 1890, the home operates through financial gifts and volunteer efforts. The primary mission is to embody the Masonic principle of care for others. In this unique community, traditions continue through the basic Masonic principles of love and care of family, neighbor, God and Country. These are the keystones of the Masonic Home of Virginia. This is the ONLY Masonic-related continuing care retirement community in Virginia and one of the few of its kind in our country.

MAHOVA welcomes any Virginia Mason age sixty-five (65) or older, or his wife or widow who has reached the age of sixty-two (62). For Masons living in Virginia who have been in the Fraternity for ten years and who may not be a member of a Virginia Lodge, simply affiliating with a Virginia Lodge will enable you to apply for residency in our Home. Of course, as a facility licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, applicants must meet certain health and medical guidelines. For additional information call toll-free, 1-800-262-4644, extension 77295 or you may contact our District 3 Masonic Home Ambassador, RW Brother Wayne Eugene Price at eprice@shentel.net or call 540-465-3530. RW Wayne will be presenting the MA-HOVA program at our October 2nd stated communication.

We will also be celebrating our Past Masters Night at our October stated. Unity Lodge is blessed to have 21 living Past Masters. From Worshipful Brother William Newton Wood in 1963 to Right Worshipful Scott Douglas Cabazolo in 2012 and many excellent Past Masters in between. Our Lodge Educational Talk for the night will be, "The Masonic Cable Tow." I felt this talk to be appropriate for our Past Masters Night as they have each shouldered the responsibility to "rule and govern" their lodge. Although this obligation can be very satisfying, it comes with many challenges. We say that Freemasonry seeks to make good men better. It does that by recognizing that each of us has different needs and then showing them how the Fraternity can meet those needs and help us grow as individuals so that we are a credit to ourselves and our Lodge. It is important that the Master and Wardens, and each of us act as mentors to our brethren, especially the new brethren. This will do more than anything else to keep our brethren active, motivated, and maintain Peace and Harmony in the Lodge.

We all voluntary took on certain obligations when we become Master Masons. We promised to help, aid, and assist a Brother and we promised to be attentive to summonses sent from our Lodge and the Grand Lodge. Despite the uniformity of our obligations we are expected to only go to the length of our Cable Tow.

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 S & F,

Mason. Until we meet again brethren, may the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless you.

Worshipful Master

Events

October 2

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

October 12

MAHOVA Day Grand Lodge of Virginia

October 16

Unity Degree Team Ritual Entered Apprentice Degree or Rehearsal 7:00 pm

October 23

Unity Degree Team Master Mason Degree or Rehearsal 7:00 pm

October 26

Lodge Breakfast 8:00 am

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By Star Traylor, The Warren Sentinel

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 I\re and I only saw one person that I know. I couldn't believe

it." 🛽



Masonic Birthdays

Brother George A. Bull - October 24, 1956

Brother Thomas Edward Bull - October 17, 2012

Worshipful Brother Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr. - October 11, 1972 Right Worshipful Joel David Ratliff, Sr. - October 28, 1985

Brother Keith David Lindley - October 29, 2008

Brother David Perry McDaniel - October 22, 1983

Brother Ronald Lewis Napier - October 23, 2002 Brother George Irving Poe - October 12, 2005

Brother Stanley Michael Wade - October 19, 1996

Worshipful Brother William Newton Wood - October 12, 1956

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:

Ho Companions,

Your Chapter held elections in September and the new officers were installed. We also conferred the Mark Master degree.

I want to thank PHP Harry Wesley



Hammack, Jr. for his brotherly love and dedication serving as our High Priest for the past two years.

We will be conferring the Past Masters degree at our October convocation.

Please come out on the third Friday of the month to support and enjoy your Chapter convocations.

> Fraternally, Dennis Mark Haas High Priest

Message from the Order of the Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers.

By September 28th our Official Visit will and was a success. We are expecting a large crowd as for last year we had over 140 members attend.

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 was promised a head count of 30 people to attend the luncheon.

Our next stated meeting will Friendship night on Friday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by all members of Front Royal Chapter No. 6

Sandy J. Ratliff, Worthy Matron Joel D. Ratliff, Sr., Worthy Patron

Masonic Humor

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight in full fury on the football pitch he is passing.

"What's going on?", he asks a spectator watching from the side-lines.

The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of St Columbus."

"What's the score?" asks the first man.

"I don't know, it's a secret."

Stated Agenda

6:30 PM Dinner in the Stewart C. Payne Social Hall, \$10.00

7:30 Open Master Masons Lodge

7:45
Featured Speaker:
Right Worshipful Wayne Eugene
Price, District 3 Mason Home
Ambassador

8:15
Guest Speaker: Worshipful
Brother Robert Michael Bronson,
District 3 Lodge Services
Coordinator

8:25 PM Lodge Educational Talk: "The Masonic Cable Tow" read by Brother Jeremy Ray Almond

8:35 PM
Reading from the
Book of Constitutions
Bro. SW Melton Jewell Roland, Jr.

8:45 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

9:15 Secretary Minutes



Grand Master Visit

The Grand Master will be making a visit to Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 at our October stated to celebrate our 245th anniversary. The date is October 8. We will be having a dinner beginning at 6:30. We are handling it like Masters and Wardens. If you would, kindly take a head count at your next stated if it is before October 8 and let me know how many are coming. Worshipfuls Baumbach and Candenquist, please let me know if you will be coming and bringing anyone.



- Worshipful Leslie Flowers

168th Grand Master of Masons of Virginia

Most Worshipful Louis Kerford Campbell was born on July 8, 1950, in Arlington, Virginia, and was educated in the public schools of Botetourt County, the family having moved to Fincastle when he was quite young. He received an AB Degree from the College of William and Mary and a JD Degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar and began his professional career as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Botetourt County in 1975 and practiced law from 1976 until 1988, when he was appointed a Judge of the General District Court, 25th Judicial District, serving as Chief Judge of that district for ten years. He retired from the judiciary in September 2012, in his 25th year of service. He is a veteran of the United States Army with the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

Brother Campbell was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 19, 1974, in Catawba Lodge No. 342. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1979 and 1991. He is also an honorary member of Williamson Road Lodge No. 163 and a member of James Noah Hillman Research Lodge No. 1883. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 22 in 2005. He served as Grand Junior Steward in 1996, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master in 2004 and as a chairman of the Committee on Youth and a member of the Committee on Appeals. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in November 2007. He received the John Blair, Jr. Award in 1998. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Bosnia and Herzegovina, near Virginia.

He is a life member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Roanoke, was invested Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1987, coroneted an Inspector General Honorary, 33° in 1997, and served for eleven years as the Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia for that Valley. He is a member of Murray Royal Arch Chapter No. 22, Bayard Commandery No. 15, a life member of Kazim Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., having served as Captain of its Provost Guard unit; also the Royal Order of Jesters, Roanoke Court No. 59, the Order of Quetzalcoatl No. 801, the Royal Order of Scotland, James Monroe Chapter No. 549, National Sojourners, Inc., the Heroes of '76 and a member and Past Patron of the Botetourt Chapter No. 135, Order of Eastern Star.

Brother Campbell was a member of the Roanoke Valley Chapter, Order of DeMolay and continues to serve as an Advisor to the Roanoke Valley and Hanging Rock Chapters. He served for many years as the Western Region (Virginia) Deputy and is a member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council. He is a Director of the Virginia DeMolay Foundation, Inc. and a recipient of the Legion of Honor from DeMolay International. Virginia DeMolay has honored him as Advisor of the Year (1992) and by presentation of its Lifetime Achievement Award (2011).

Brother Campbell is married to the former Marsha Lynn Kays. They have a son, Louis Alexander "Alex" Campbell, who is a life member of Catawba Lodge No. 342. They are members of Fincastle United Methodist Church.



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Dennis Mark Haas Worshipful Master

Melton Jewell Roland, Jr. Senior Warden

Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr. Junior Warden Stephen Craig Wheeler

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Secretary

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Junior Deacon

Larry MacRae Funk

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Joseph Embree Senior Steward Cory Bradford Michael

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