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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 move towards this holiday season, I would like for us to reflect upon our many blessings and how we may contribute to the less fortunate. One of the most important principles of Freemasonry is charity. Our organizations are based on taking good men and making them better fathers, husbands, and to support community service by helping others in need. We have several programs that support children's hospitals, eye, speech and hearing foundations, but also support education programs for our young citizens planning to go to college.

We don't have to look too far to find someone in need. We can look within our own immediate or extended family, our neighbor, children at school or church, or through social services or your local church. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all of us. From the great Crippled Children's Hospitals and Burn Centers to the Orphanages and Masonic Homes of our various States, from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to the specialized charities of the Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Masons, Freemasons freely give of their earnings to help others escape the bonds of poverty, loneliness and despair.

It is truly a system of morality, veiled in allegory and teaching men by symbols to better themselves in their religious bodies, their communities, and their families. It gathers under its umbrella men of all faiths, all nations, and all classes without distinction - save that noble distinction, "of who can best work and best agree." The World's oldest fraternal organization, it has persevered through the years, despite the attacks of the ignorant and the powerful, because it teaches toleration for all faiths, acceptance of all men of good character, and support of free government institutions, wherever found. Freemasons are loyal citizens, support a God-centered life, and emphasize man's duty to aid his fellowman.

Because we steadfastly adhere to these principles, we have lasted through the ages, despite the tyrannical attacks of despotic governments and narrow-minded sectarians. As one of us, may you always proudly bear the badge of an Ancient Free and Accepted Mason! Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all, recommended more especially to the household of the faithful.

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.

Events

November 6

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

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Grand Lodge of Virginia,
235th Grand Annual
Communication,
Richmond, Virginia

November 20

Fellow Craft Degree
7:00 pm

November 30

Lodge Breakfast
8:00 am

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S & F,
Dennis Mark Haas
Worshipful Master



Masonic Birthdays

Bro. Clifford Lynwood Athey, Jr. - Nov. 19, 2003
Bro. Lewis Calvin Baer, Sr. - Nov. 23, 1965
Bro David Legarde Bowers - Nov. 8, 1991
RW Scott Douglas Cabazolo - Nov. 12, 1997
Bro. George Ralph Cleveland - Nov. 15, 1979
PM Charles Edward Davis - Nov. 17, 1993
Bro. Paul Lewis Hunt - Nov. 15, 1989
PM Ronald Grant McManus, Sr. - Nov. 13, 1964
PM Robert Peter Mertens - Nov. 18, 1978
Bro. Amos Lee Mitchell - Nov. 19, 2003
Bro. Dorsey L. Sealock - Nov. 4, 1970
Bro. Stephen Craig Wheeler - Nov. 28, 2012
Bro. Irvin Maynard Williams - Nov. 18, 2000

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

Masonic Humor

The Worshipful Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish.

"OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii."

"I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish."

"OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!"

"Hmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4??"

Royal Arch Chapter

Companions,

Your Chapter conferred the Past Masters Degree on 7 candidates in October. Numerous Companions and Past Masters were present. PHP Wes Hammack did an outstanding job conferring the degree.

Our November Convocation regularly scheduled for Friday, November 15th, conflicted with our 206th Grand Annual Convocation. A dispensation has been granted for Hiram RAC No. 45 to hold a joint convocation with Luray RAC No. 4 on Wednesday, November 13th in Luray. We will be departing Unity Masonic Temple in Front Royal at 6:30 PM if any Companions wish to travel with us.



The 206th Grand Annual Convocation will be held at the Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center (same hotel, but it is no longer a Crowne Plaza) on November 14 - 16, 2013. Please contact our Chapter Secretary at (540) 771-0725 if you have any questions.

Our December Convocation is scheduled for Friday, December 20th at 7:30 PM. Come on out and support your Chapter.

Fraternally,
Dennis Mark Haas
High Priest

Stated Agenda

6:30 PM

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

7:30 PM

Open Master Masons Lodge
Move Up Night

7:45 PM

Featured Speaker:
RW Joel David Ratliff, PDDGHP,
15th Capitular District
"The Royal Arch Chapter"

8:15 PM

Reading from the Book of Consti-
tutions: Bro. SW Harry Wesley
Hammack, Jr.

8:20 PM

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

8:50 PM

Secretary Minutes

9:15 PM

Close Master Masons Lodge



Message from the Order of the Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers,

The leaves have changed to their vi-
brant colors, fall has arrived, and soon the
Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities will be
upon us. Where has the time gone?



In the past, our chapter has been one
of many sponsors for Warren County food
bank and the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots
campaign. Being that said, I would like each of our members to consider bringing
canned or dry goods to our November and December meetings. In addition,
please consider donating an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots. The toy box will
be collected by a representative of the Marine Corps in December.

Our next stated is **Friday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m.** Refreshments will
be provided by your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

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

THE MODEL MASON

By Bro. ROB. MORRIS

There's a fine old Mason in the land, he's genial, wise and true,
His list of brothers comprehends, dear brothers, me and you;
So warm his heart the snow blast fails to chill his generous blood,
And his hand is like a giant's when outstretched to man or GOD;
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame, has checked his course or dimmed his fame
All honor to his name!
This fine old Mason is but one of a large family:
In every lodge you'll find his kin, you'll find them two or three;
You'll know them when you see them, for they have their father's face,
A generous knack of speaking truth and doing good always;
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame, has checked their course or dimmed their fame -
Freemason is their name!
Ah, many an orphan smiles upon the kindred as they pass;
And many a widow's prayers confess the sympathizing grace;
The FATHER of this Brotherhood himself is joyed to see
Their works -they're numbered all in Heaven, those deeds of charity!
Reproach nor blame, nor any shame, there check their course or dim their fame -
All honor to their name!

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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 calendar events and degree work.

2013 Officers

Dennis Mark Haas
 Worshipful Master

Stephen Craig Wheeler
 Treasurer

Luther William Wheat
 Junior Deacon

Cory Bradford Michael
 Junior Steward

Melton Jewell Roland, Jr.
 Senior Warden

Charles Randal Seaford
 Secretary

Larry MacRae Funk
 Chaplain

Edward Neal Powell, Jr.
 Marshal

Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr.
 Junior Warden

Joseph Paul Plazio
 Senior Deacon

Joseph Embree
 Senior Steward

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