

# Trestleboard

Unity No. 146 Masonic Lodge  
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## December 2013

### 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. It is with mixed emotions I contemplate writing this final message to you. It seems like yesterday I was thinking about writing my first message to you. In that January message I prayed for patience, strength, knowledge and steadfastness to rule and govern our lodge as we charted a new direction and face new challenges. I prayed for healing of our brothers, both physically and emotionally. I prayed that we would feel the conviction of our obligation to remind our brother of his error and aid a reformation. Brethren, I am pleased to inform you we have had a remarkable year. We have enjoyed fellowship, laughter, and sadly we were reminded of our immortality. How quickly the Scythe of time cuts that brittle thread of life, and launches us into eternity.

This year your lodge qualified for and received The Seymour Jonas Levy Award, an award based on the amount of blood products that are donated and credited to a Lodge throughout the year. We qualified and received The James Noah Hillman Award, an award based on Lodge Masonic ritual and Masonic education achievements throughout the year. We presented Community Builders Awards, Certificates of Recognition to our Eagle Scouts (boys) and Gold Scouts (girls). We awarded numerous certificates for Proficiency in the Master Masons Catechism as well as several Certificates of Appreciation. I was in attendance at the Grand Annual Communication a few weeks ago and was honored and humbled by being awarded the Grand Masters Award of Excellence as Outstanding Worshipful Master of the year.

At our December stated, we will be conducting the Election of 2014 Lodge Officers. Please come out and support your lodge as we work to maintain our momentum. A public installation of your 2014 Lodge Officers has been scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1000 AM, lunch to follow in the social hall. A rehearsal has been scheduled for Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

As a reminder, we have the Toys for Tots box in the lobby, please check your cable tow and give as liberally as you can without material injury to yourself or family. There are a lot of distressed families and children in our community that could use our help, aid, and assistance. Our December Saturday breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, I thank you for allowing me to be of service to you and your families this year. I thank you for your support, encouragement, and most of all your friendship. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

#### **December 4**

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

#### **December 5**

Installation of  
2014 Officers Rehearsal  
7:00 pm

#### **December 7**

Public Installation of  
2014 Officers  
10:00 AM

#### **December 25**

Merry CHRISTmas

#### **December 28**

Saturday Breakfast  
8:00 am

#### **December 31**

Happy New Year's Eve

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# Masonic Birthdays

Brother William Daniel Barton - December 20, 1961  
Brother Harry Franklin Bowen - December 15, 1959  
Brother Webster Theodore Cameron, Jr. - December 19, 2012  
Brother Richard Edward Duncan - December 16, 1978  
Brother Jeremy G. Seabright - December 7, 2005

## Living Past Masters:

1963 - Wor. William Newton Wood	2004 - Wor. Robert Mitchell Cairnes
1968 - RW Ward Easton Myers, Jr.	2005 - Wor. Neil Gene Lilly
1975 - Wor. Ronald Grant McManus, Jr.	2007 - Wor. Darryl Bowser
1977 - Wor. Edward William Ahlers	2008 - Wor. Larry Lee Adams, II
1978 - Wor. Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr.	2009 - RW Joel David Ratliff, Sr.
1979 - Wor. William Amos Hall	2010 - RW Kevin Joseph Davidson
1982 - Wor. Darryl E. Windham, Jr.	2011 - RW Kevin Joseph Davidson
1985 - Wor. Robert Keith McMillen	2012 - RW Scott Douglas Cabazolo
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	

## 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

While visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, the new brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining.

I asked in what way?

She said that he locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book.

Later that evening I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on.

Oh fine was his reply.

I asked him about his behavior and if there was anything wrong.



# Royal Arch Chapter

Companions,



Your Chapter has been very busy over the past couple months conferring the Past Masters degree for several Blue Lodges and it looks like we will remain busy over the next few months.

Please mark your calendar and note the time change to 7:00 PM, we will be conferring the follow RAC degrees:

Mark Masters degree on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 PM at Winchester John Dove RAC No. 21

Select and Royal Master degrees on Friday, January 17th at 7:00 PM at Front Royal Hiram RAC No. 45

Most Excellent Master degree on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM at Luray RAC No. 4

The Royal Arch degree on Saturday, March 1st at 9:00 AM at Front Royal Hiram RAC No. 45

Also, Front Royal Hiram RAC No. 45 will host the Bev Armel Royal Arch School of Instruction on Thursday, February 27th at 7:30 PM.

Hiram RAC No. 45 holds our monthly stated Convocation on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments following in the lodge social hall

For additional information on the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, please visit <http://www.virginiaroyalarch.org/history.php>

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

7:45 PM

Presentation of Certificates

8:00 PM

Election of 2014 Lodge Officers

8:30 PM

Administrative Matters:

Brother Secretary

"Clear Your Desk"

Treasurer Report

Committee Reports:

Dissolve 2013 Committees

Business Matters – Old/New

9:00 PM

Secretary Minutes

9:15 PM

Close Master Masons Lodge



## Message from the Order of the Eastern Star

Sisters and Brothers,

Thanksgiving will have passed and Christmas will soon be upon us. Most of us will start shopping for gifts, writing Christmas letters and cards; decorate the house with wreaths and lights and all of the hustle and bustle that comes along with the Christmas festivities. We know in our hearts that Christ is the reason for the season. Christmas is about our faith, hope and charity.

Faith is when Christ was born, were most of the world can hope for peace and harmony. Charity, we give to those in need.

A special thanks to all members who have been so generous with their donations for C-CAP. We will transport the canned and dry goods to C-CAP after our meeting in December. 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 most prestigious 72 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sister Margaret Yost O'Halloran went to be with our Lord on Thursday, November 20th, 2013. Sister Margaret was initiated on June 28th, 1935 into Martha Washington Chapter No. 42, OES in Alexandria, Virginia. Soon after her initiation, she was appointed a Star Point and from that day forward a Star was born! Sister Margaret never allowed anything to get in her way to attend her beloved Eastern Star meetings. One of many stories was told that when she was to attend a meeting, her husband, Tom, needed the car to go to work. What else is one to do, but to drive herself to her meeting on the family farm tractor? Sister Margaret joined Culpeper Chapter No. 79, OES on April 7, 1961. She served as Worthy Matron from 1965-1966 and 1969-1970. She devoted many years and love to our beautiful order and also served with grace and beauty as Star Points Adah, Ruth, Martha, and Electa and then was installed as Organist. Culpeper Chapter No. 79 OES later merged with Front Royal Chapter No. 6. The OES services were performed on Wednesday, November 27th. Thank you to all of our sisters and brother who came out to assist in our special service for our beloved sister.

We will have a school of instruction on December 6th at 6:00p.m. prior to our stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. A memorial will be conducted in memory of Sister Margaret Yost O'Halloran. Refreshments will be provided by all members who may bring in cookies or candies to be enjoyed by all!

God bless our Troops and keep them safe!!

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





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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

Edward Neal Powell, Sr.  
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