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Unity No. 146 Masonic Lodge

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May 2015

Master's Message

Greetings from the East,

Brethren, thank you for the great support at our April stated. Wor. Bro. Art Candenquist gave an outstanding program on civil war era Mason's . Many of our local lodges were represented as well as one visitor from Arizona.

A Regional Leadership conference was held in Warrenton ,Virginia. and Unity 146 had six in attendance.

On April 13th the traveling gavel was brought to Unity by Six Brethren who traveled to Washington 78, who had received it from Hiram #21 in Winchester.

The planned program for our May 6th stated will be presented by Wor. Mark Williams the District Child I.D. Coordinator Join us for dinner at 6:30p.m. May 6th. If you are not on our regular attendance list , please call 540-636-9688 to RSVP.

Slot training will be held May 29th at 7 p.m. at Unity Lodge. All Officers need to attend.

Come out and support our last Saturday Breakfast May 30th.

*Sincerely & Fraternally,
Harry Wesley Hammack
Worshipful Master*



Events

MAY 6

Dinner (\$10)
Stewart C Payne
Social Hall
6:30

Stated Communication
7:30 pm

MAY 8

Order of the Eastern
Star # 6
7:30 pm

MAY 15

Hiram Royal Arch
Chapter No. 45
Stated Convocation
7:30 pm

MAY 29

SLOT Training
7:00 pm

MAY 30

Last Saturday
Breakfast
Stewart C Payne
Social Hall
8:00 am

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| David R. Wade | May 2, 1996 |
| Dennis M. Haas | May 5, 2010 |
| Thomas S. DeCantis | May 8, 1996 |
| Charles R. Seaford | May 9, 1977 |
| Larry M. Funk | May 16, 1990 |

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| Robert J. Johnson | May 17, 1975 |
| Robert K. McMillen | May 18, 1977 |
| Douglas c. Oswald | May 19, 1971 |
| Bobby L. Corbin | May 21, 1986 |
| James W. Atwood | May 23, 1985 |
| William E. Ray, Sr. | May 24, 1958 |

Living Past Masters:

1963 - Wor. William Newton Wood
1968 - RW Ward Easton Myers, Jr.
1975 - Wor. Ronald Grant McManus, Sr.
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
2013 - Wor. Dennis Mark Haas
2014 - Wor. Melton Roland, Jr.

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
2013 - RW Joel David Ratliff

in the Masonic Ceremonies at laying the cornerstone of Bunker Hill Monument and presented by him to Henry Clay.

THE EARLY YEARS

As the year 1777 marked the birth of the "Stars and Stripes", so did it herald in another great American symbol, Henry Clay. It was also the year that the Marquis de Lafayette arrived in America. And as the Marquis huddled at Valley Forge with George Washington and his ragged army, the infant Henry slept in his mother's arms, unaware of the struggles taking place to effect yet another birth - the United States of America.

It was this country that Henry Clay was destined to serve with a passion and ambition which has had few equals. He took up the study of law at an early age and shortly after his twentieth birthday was admitted to the bar in Virginia.

He thereupon moved to Lexington, Kentucky and swiftly rose to become the best criminal lawyer in the state. It was Clay who later successfully defended Aaron Burr in a grand jury investigation, and many other notable clients in both criminal and civil cases.

Henry Clay: A Proud American & Proud Mason

by Brother Christopher L. Murphy Virginia Masonic Herald April 1989

This article is a tribute to Henry Clay, one of the most outstanding leaders in the middle period of American History. Upon visiting "Ashland," Clay's famous estate in Lexington, Kentucky during September, 1988 the Executive Director of the estate, Bettie Kerr, showed me Henry Clay's Masonic Apron, which had never been placed on display. It had just been donated to the Memorial Foundation and is in a plain picture frame with ordinary glass in the front. Above the apron, there are two notations embroidered in cloth.

These notations read:

This Apron lay upon Henry Clay's coffin, 1852 when the Grand Lodge of

Kentucky performed their highest Masonic Ceremonies in honour of the illustrious dead.



And This apron was worn by General Lafayette when assisting

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POLITICAL LIFE

Clay's political life began shortly after he arrived in Lexington. An excellent speaker, and man of dynamic action, he won the confidence of the Republic voters and in 1803 was elected to the Kentucky legislature. Then his appointment to serve an unexpired term in the U.S. Senate in 1806 provided national exposure for his political genius. From this point on, he exerted a tremendous influence in the direction of his country.

In all, Clay served as the U.S. Senator from Kentucky for nearly fifteen years. In addition, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives for thirteen years and was speaker of the House. He was one of the negotiators of the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the war of 1812, and served as Secretary of State under President John Quincy Adams.

Clay's remarkable skill in effecting a compromise between differing political factions earned him the reputation as "The Great Compromiser." Indeed, largely through his efforts, the Civil War was delayed for a decade. In his connection, historians have reasoned that had the war broken out ten years earlier, it is probable that the South would have won. This is because the strength of the North was far less at that time.

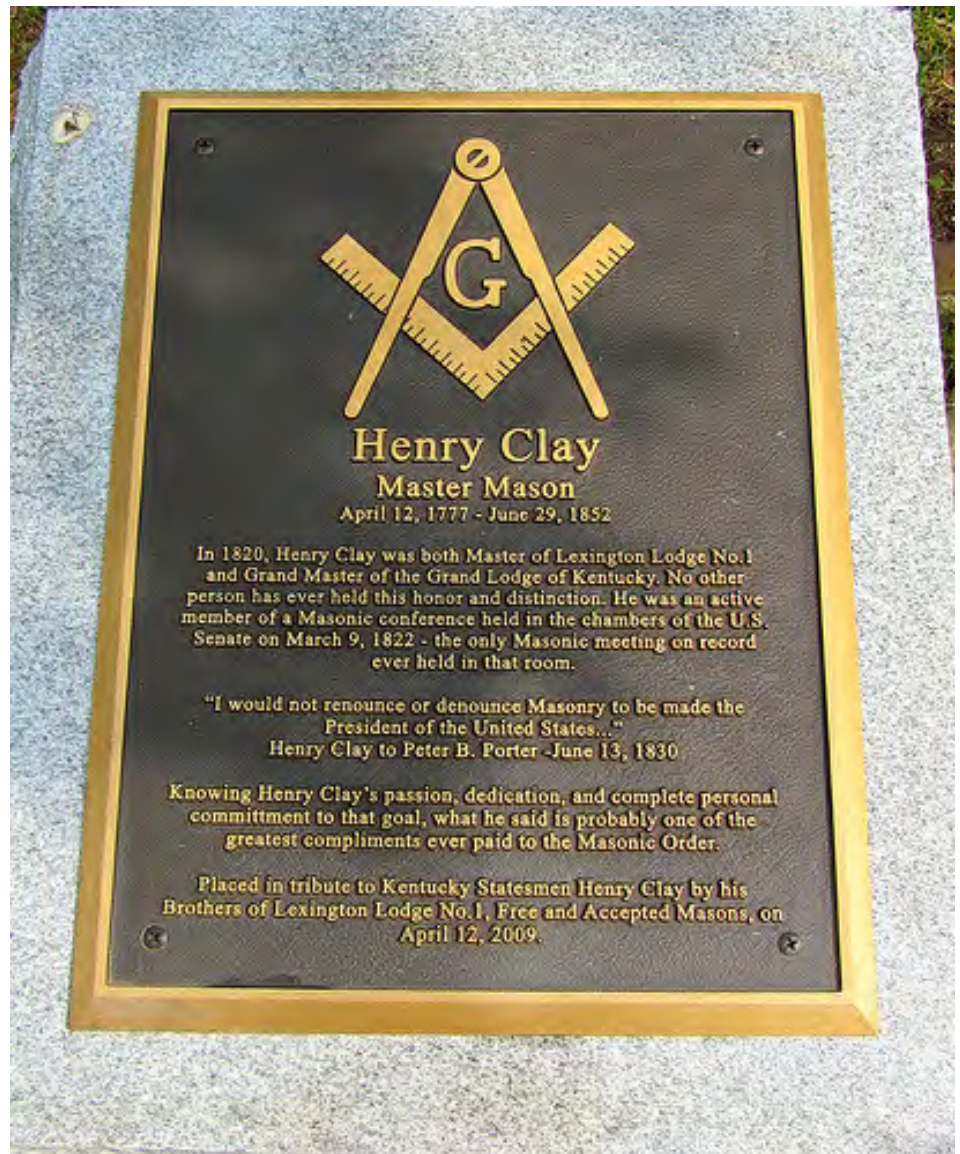
Clay's distinguished political career established him three times as a candidate for the presidency of the United States. Much to his disappointment, however, the scales never tipped in his favor. True to his character, he consoled himself with

his now famous statement, "I would rather be right than be President."

In his personal life, Henry Clay was a man of considerable wealth and social position. He and his wife, Lucretia had eleven children (six daughters and five sons). Of these, only four sons outlived him. His direct line ended in 1887 with the death of his son, John M Clay. Henry loved his home, "Ashland," a stately mansion on some 600 acres of beautiful Kentucky countryside.

ings and decorations. An unusual "conversion seat" (a couch shaped like a backward "S:") in the master bedroom echoes the intimacy he shared with his wife, Lucretia.

Of his home, Clay once wrote to a friend: "I am in one respect better off than Moses. He died in sight of, and without reaching the Promised Land. I occupy as good a farm as any he would have found had he reached it, and "Ashland" has been acquired not by hereditary descent



He was fond of cards, horse racing, and appreciated fine liquor. A stroll through the old "Ashland" house also reveals exquisite taste in furnish-

but by my own labours."

The Clays used their home to entertain many prominent people of the time. Such include the Marquis de

Royal Arch Chapter

Companions,

As we usher in this beautiful spring weather I hope this message finds each of you and your family well.

Your chapter, companions and district had a very busy April. A program was presented at our April stated on the intimate connection between our Symbolic or Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch. We also assisted Luray RAC No 4 in exulting 5 Companions to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Please attend the Bev Armel School of Instruction on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 pm at the Front Royal Masonic Temple. Luray RAC will provide refreshments. We will discuss and schedule dates to begin conferring the degrees as we have several candidates in waiting.

We are planning to kick off the first class for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Leadership Correspondence Course in June. The course can be completed in 2 sessions. We will hold the class on the night of a stated convocation beginning at 6:30 pm. This will promote fellowship, education and travel in the district. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. The cost is \$10.00 payable at the first class. All class material will be provided to you. Certificates will be awarded at the Grand Annual Convocation in Williamsburg, VA November 12-15.

Please attend your chapter stated convocation on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Refreshments and fellowship in the social hall follows the meeting.

You can view the first issue of the Grand Chapter newsletter "Plus Lucia" on the Grand Chapter web site:

www.virginiaroyalarch.org

*Holiness to the Lord,
Ex. Glenn Edward Mayes
High Priest
Hiram RAC No. 45*



Stated Agenda

6:30 PM

Dinner

Stewart C. Payne Social Hall

\$10.00

7:30 PM

Open Master Masons Lodge

7:45 PM

Introductions

8:00 PM

Administrative Matters

8:15 PM

Program

9:00 PM

Close Master Masons Lodge



Brother John Ewell Honored by Boy Scouts of America

On Thursday, April 23, 2015 the Warren County Friends of Scouting held its annual fundraising dinner and honored Brother John F. Ewell as this years Distinguished Citizen.



Left: Shenandoah Area Council Executive Director Stuart Williams present John Ewell the 2015 Warren county Distinguished Citizen Award.

Above: John Ewell addresses the dinner.

Lafayette, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Martin Can Buren, and Abraham Lincoln. A young girl, Mary Todd, who lived in the area and frequently visited the Ashland estate, became Lincoln's wife.

MASONIC LIFE

Remarkably, Henry Clay found time to be very active in the Masonic Order. His membership, however, is not unusual as many prominent people of that period were Freemasons. Clay received his Masonic Degrees in Lexington Lodge No. 1, Lexington, Kentucky sometime between 1798 and 1801. He served as the Master of this Lodge and was the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1806, 1807, and 1809. Later (1820) he became the Grand Master of Kentucky. He was an active member of a Masonic conference held in the senate chambers, Washington,

D.C., on March 9, 1822 - the only Masonic meeting on record ever held in that room. Also, records indicate that he was present at the Grand Lodge sessions in 1829 and that he was made an honorary member of Saint John's Lodge No. 1., New York City, New York.

Henry Clay valued his association with the Masonic Order and gave it a very high priority in his life. Although, ironically, he supported and became secretary of state for John Quincy Adams, a noted Anti-Mason, Clay never deviated in his belief of the principles of Freemasonry.

When questioned on his view relative to Freemasonry he said:

"I would not denounce and formally renounce it (Freemasonry) to be made President of the United States." Knowing Henry Clay's passion, dedication,

and complete personal commitment to that goal, what he said is probably one of the greatest compliments ever paid to the Masonic Order.

THE FINAL TRIUMPH

Henry Clay passed on to the Grand Lodge above on June 29, 1852. He was in the National Hotel, Washington D.C., at the time and the cause of death was attributed to tuberculosis. He was buried in Lexington with Masonic honors. His monument was Masonically dedicated on July 4, 1858. In the year 1900, he was elected to the U. S. Hall of Fame. There were 234 nominees, Clay was one of the 29 selected for this honor.



2015 Officers

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Stephen Craig Wheeler

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Junior Griffith

Junior Steward

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Kevin Paul Walek

Secretary

Charles Seaford

Chaplain

Edward Bull

Marshal

Webster (Wes) Theodore Cameron

Junior Warden

Kevin McCullough

Senior Deacon

Jerome Meehan

Senior Steward

Henry (Hank) Elith Larsen, Jr.

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and our Facebook page for updated
calendar events and degree work.



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