

# Trestleboard

Unity No. 146 Masonic Lodge  
Chartered December 13, 1870 by the Grand Lodge of Virginia  
[www.Unity146.org](http://www.Unity146.org)

June 2019

Brethren,

If you have not been attending Lodge or any of the events this year, then you have been missing out. But the good news is that you still have over half of the year left to become more active. In the past 30 days alone we have initiated a new brother into our fraternity, raised a brother to Master Mason, sponsored a DeMolay event, A Widow's/Mothers dinner and SMIB BBQ team has had two fund raising events. Not to mention our weekly ritual practices and multiple fellowship opportunities. If you did not attend the last stated communication, then you missed out on our Lodge awarding two scholarships, approving the Luray Commandery to hold their meetings at Unity and a program on the importance and symbology of the Fellowcraft Degree.

We are beginning to plan for next years' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Unity Lodge, founded in 1870. Now is the time to clean off the rust from your trowels and return to labor. We will keep the light in the East on for you.

## Official Visit of the 174th Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Virginia

On Friday, July 19, 2019 at 6:00pm, Most Worshipful William Edward "Bill" Hershey, Jr. 174th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, will make his Official Visit to Masonic Districts No. 2 & 3.

The event will be held in the social hall of the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 131 Retreat Road, Bluemont, VA 20135. The Grand Master and his wife are expected to arrive no later than 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand master's party will wear tuxedos, while other Brethren may wear suits. Ladies may wear church attire.

This will be a non-tiled event and is open to anyone that purchases a ticket. I strongly encourage you to attend with your family. I have had the opportunity several times in the past to see the Grand Master's presentations, and it has always been thought provoking and well worth my time.

There will only be 200 tickets available for this event, and Unity Lodge has only been allocated 20 of them. I have these tickets for sale at a cost of

## EVENTS

### JUNE 2019 UNITY BLUE LODGE ACTIVITIES AT UNITY LODGE NO. 146

**06/05** – Unity Stated Communication, Dinner @ 630p followed by Meeting @ 730p.

**06/12, 06/19 & 06/26** – Blue Lodge Ritual Practice @ 630p

**06/29** – Unity Lodge Breakfast @ 8a

### JUNE 2019 NON-BLUE LODGE ACTIVITIES AT UNITY LODGE NO. 146

**06/07** – Order of the Eastern Star #6 @ 7p

**06/21** – RAC Hiram #45 @ 730p

**06/29** – Sojourners Meeting @ 8a

### JUNE 2019 ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES BEING HELD ELSEWHERE

**06/01** – Luray Caverns @ TBD. DeMolay Initiation

# Trestleboard

\$15 each. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. If we have more Brethren and their guests that wish to attend, it may be possible to purchase tickets from other Lodges in the District, however there is no certainty of availability of tickets, past our allotted number. If you wish to attend, I urge you to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. I will have them available at all Lodge events, as long as my limited supply lasts.

Of the 20 tickets allotted to Unity Lodge ... **Only 3 remain.**

## Sick and Distressed

Brother Allen Derflinger is currently convalescing after suffering a stroke.

Please keep RW Joel Ratliff, Sr. in your thought and prays as he deals with the death of his son.

## Widow's Program

Our Widow's dinner on May 11<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Brother Will out did himself with the BBQ from the So Mote It Beef BBQ team. I know that I am in no way being objective when I say that, his BBQ is the best that I have ever tasted. If you were not at the dinner, then you really missed out. We were even regaled to a poetry reading from the OES. I think that all that attended would call this a success and an event that we will plan to continue in the future.

Brother Will Bryan (703) 969-9293 or [Wbryan@sgws.com](mailto:Wbryan@sgws.com)

## Masonic Youth Organizations

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Brother Bob Nickols, Chapter Dad for the newly formed Shenandoah Valley DeMolay, treated all of the boys to Laser Tag and Pizza as a meet and greet. Despite the hot conditions in the Laser Tag venue, the event was well received by the boys. It is the plan to have the Chapter meet twice a month. One meeting for ritual and the second for an activity. If you can the time to commit to the boy and future of our fraternity, please contact Brother Bob (Dad Bob).

Brother Bob Nickols (443) 926-1773 or [Rnickols@yahoo.com](mailto:Rnickols@yahoo.com)

## New Members of Unity Lodge

We had a very good turnout for the MM Degree for Brother Seth Teachout on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. After witnessing his stellar return of his FC catechism, I am sure that he is going to be a brother to watch. I look forward to his MM catechism return.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7p, we will be passing brothers Haase and Butler to the degree of Fellowcraft. Please join us, if it is within the length of your cable tow.

## 2019 DATES TO "KEEP ON YOUR RADAR"

**07/19** – Blue Ridge Vol. Fire Department @ 6p. Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 2 & 3

**07/30** - Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 @ 7p. Masters & Wardens

**08/29** - Washington Lodge No. 78 (Joint) at Unity Lodge No. 146 @ 7p. District Ritual School

**09/21** – TBD @ 12p. District 3 Bring A Friend Picnic

**10/12** – MAHOVA. Masonic Family Day

**10/29** – Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 (Joint) at Unity Lodge No. 146 @ 7p. Masters & Wardens / District Ritual School / DEO Program

**11/08-10** – Richmond. 2019 Grand Annual Communication

# Trestleboard

We have two new candidates for which we will be balloting on at the June stated, providing a favorable report from the investigative committee and all of their documentation is in order.

Again, if you are able, please join us on Wednesdays and commit to learn a part in one of the degrees. Your Lodge needs you to assist in its growth.

Fraternally,

Charles Taggart

Worshipful Master, Unity Lodge No. 146

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! - Psalm 133:1 KJV

Unity Lodge No. 146 AF&AM  
438 Skyline Vista Drive  
P. O. Box 1855  
Front Royal, Virginia 22630

[www.unity146.org](http://www.unity146.org)