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Unity No. 146 Masonic Lodge
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www.Unity146.org

August 2019

Brethren,

As you may have heard, there have been issues in the past month with other organizations while using Unity Lodge as well as issues with Brothers from other Lodges with a Brother from our Lodge. It is my intent to discuss this further with the members of Unity at our August stated communication and let the members express their opinion.

In preparation for this discussion, I would ask you all to consider the following:

The Constitution of Masonry: Chapter 1, Sections I & II and Chapter 2, Section IV.3 & IV.5

Methodical Digest: Sec. 2.48 - 1905 D-20, §-2.48, §-2.69 / 1924 D-9, §-2.48, §-2.135 / 1979 D-7, §-2.48 and Sec. 2.135

Please come to share your opinion.

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

On July 19th, Most Worshipful William Edward "Bill" Hershey, Jr. 174th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, made his Official Visit to Masonic Districts No. 2 & 3. There was a very large crowd and was moderated by our own, Right Worshipful Dennis Haas.

The event was well attended by Brothers and widows from Unity Lodge as well as members of the newly formed Shenandoah Valley Chapter of DeMolay who acted as parking attendants and assisted with kitchen and clean-up duties. This event was used for fundraising for the various Masonic youth groups. The SVCD received donations from the attendees as well as Unity Lodge, Spurmont Lodge and the Luray Commandery.

Sick and Distressed

Please keep the family of Worshipful Brother Charles Seaford in your thoughts and prayers. As you know, Brother Charlie passed away in July. I would like to thank Right Worshipful Kevin Davidson for performing the funeral rites as well as all of the Brothers who attend. I can honestly say that the last time that I saw that many Masons in one place was at the DLC. I think it speaks volumes as to the

AUGUST 2019 UNITY BLUE LODGE ACTIVITIES AT UNITY LODGE NO. 146

08/07 – Unity Stated Communication, Dinner @ 630p followed by Meeting @ 730p.

08/14 & 08/28 – Blue Lodge Ritual Practice @ 630p

08/21 – FC Degree @ 7p for Brothers Broome and Money (Tentative)

08/31 – Unity Lodge Breakfast @ 8a

AUGUST 2019 NON-BLUE LODGE ACTIVITIES AT UNITY LODGE NO. 146

08/02 – Order of the Eastern Star #6 @ 7p

08/13 & 08/27 – Shenandoah Valley Chapter of Demolay @ 630p

08/16 – RAC Hiram #45 @ 730p

08/31 – Sojourners Meeting @ 8a

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quality of Mason and quality of man that was our Brother. Charlie, you will be missed.

Widow's Program

Our Lodge was well represented by our widows at the Grand Master's official visit to our district. We were able to bring five of the widows of our Lodge to the dinner and presented them to Most Worshipful Hershey. I would like to thank Brother Will and the So Mote It Beef BBQ team for providing our ladies with corsages for the event. Very classy Will!

POC - Brother Will Bryan (703) 969-9293 or Wbryan@sgws.com

Masonic Youth Organizations

The Shenandoah Valley Chapter of DeMolay have started to conduct their meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. It is a joy to watch these young men learn to work as a group and come together. Although we refer to the SVCD as a Chapter, this is not entirely accurate. As of right now the SCVD has five members and is therefore considered to be a DeMolay Club, rather than a Chapter. To be considered as a Chapter, we must have 15 boys, so if you know any young men which you think could benefit from the lessons which our fraternity holds so dear, please let them know of the opportunity which the SVCD can provide.

I would also like to personally thank the Brothers of our Lodge for helping to financially support the SVCD. I am proud to inform you that due to the contributions by members of the Lodge, we were able to present the Grand Master at his official visit with a check for \$550 to support the SVCD.

POC - Brother Bob Nickols (443) 926-1773 or Rnickols@yahoo.com

New Members of Unity Lodge

We had the distinct pleasure to raise both Brothers Cole Haase and Mark Butler to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 20th, after which we had a very pleasant fellowship meal. I would like to thank all those brothers who assisted on the degree team. Unfortunately, we did have to reach out to brothers from other lodges to confer this degree. Brothers, if you are available to attend our lodge degree practices on Wednesday evenings, please make every effort to be there. It is my greatest hope to be able to confer all three degrees with only members of Unity Lodge.

With this in mind, we also initiated two new brothers into our fraternity last month. Brothers George Money and Ed Broome. We have tentatively scheduled their Fellowcraft Degree for Wednesday the 21st. Please mark this date on your calendar.

AUGUST 2019 ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES BEING HELD ELSEWHERE

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

2019 DATES TO "KEEP ON YOUR RADAR"

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

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Fraternally,

Charles Taggart

Worshipful Master, Unity Lodge No. 146

