

November 2019 Trestle Board for Unity Lodge No. 146

Brethren,

This month I had an occasion to attend an Integrity in Law Enforcement class and the below poem was use as a teaching point. Please consider it as you go about your day.

The Builder

By Lou Holtz

I watched them tearing a building down, a group of men in a busy town.

With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell, they swung a beam and a side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled: Would you hire these men if you were going to build?"

He smiled and said, "No indeed, common labor is all I need. I can easily wreck in a day or two that which it takes builders years to do."

I thought to myself as I walked away, which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder who builds with care, who measures life with a compass and a square, who follows life with a straight-laid plan, and patiently does the best he can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town, content on tearing down?

Builder or a Wrecker. Which are you?

I would hope that we would all consider ourselves to be Builders, or at least aspire to be so. I know that I have wrecked my fair share of tasks and relationships in the past, but I also know that by surrounding myself with good men has shown me the path that I follow in my redemption. Do not be afraid Brothers to whisper good counsel in your Brothers ear. For it may be your counsel which redirects a man from the road of a wrecker onto the path of the Builder.

#### Toys for Tots

In the lobby you will find a box for donations of toys for the less fortunate children in our community. The toys will be collected after our December stated communication on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a new and unwrapped toy for a boy or girl, or both on your next visit to our Lodge. Never pass up and opportunity to bring joy to a child's life.

#### Masonic Youth Organizations

The young men of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the DeMolay attended their first joint DeMolay event in Manassas Virginia at the Fall Fest. It was quite enjoyable to be there for the boys and act as a chaperone for the dance they attended with the Rainbow Girls. Youth truly is wasted on the young.

If any of the Brothers have any old ties which they no longer have need, think on donating them to the Chapter for these young men. It would be of great help for them. Again, 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.

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#### New Members of Unity Lodge

We have one new petition that we are expecting to vote on at the next stated communication. If successful we will be scheduling an EA degree hopefully in November. We still also have the FC Degree for Brother Eric Broome that should be conducted in November as well. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brother George Money for being successfully raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Please join me tonight at Unity Lodge at 7p for Masonic District 3's Masters & Wardens Dinner, DEO Program and District Ritual School. Dinner will be served at a cost of \$10 per person. The education, conversation and Fellowship is free.

Fraternally,

Charles Taggart

Worshipful Master, Unity Lodge No. 146

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Companions,

It's a new year for Hiram Royal Arch Chapter No. 45. We have the chairs filled and an exciting year planned.

Each month we will have a prepared meal at 6:30 pm and all donations will go to one of our charities. I would like for us to look at Project Lifesaver and if the Warren County Sheriff's Office and Front Royal Police Department are in that program. If not, how can we support them.

This year we will focus on a series of educational programs at each Convocation. The companions enjoyed a program in October called, "9 Men and 3 Arks." We will now provide talks on each of the Chapter degrees and explain their meaning and how it applies to our daily life. Other programs will cover the references we hear in our blue Lodge and will only find out the meaning in a Chapter, these will be the, "27 Questions."

Remember Companions, we meet on the 3rd Friday of each month, dinner and fellowship at 6:30 pm in the social hall and chapter opens at 7:30pm.

It is so important that you make every effort to attend and support your chapter and our charities.

Lastly, our Grand Annual Convocation will be held in Williamsburg on November 22-23. We fully anticipate our own RE Raymond Douglas Steele to be elected and installed as our next Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

In His Name, I Am

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**NOVEMBER 2019 BLUE LODGE ACTIVITIES AT UNITY LODGE NO. 146**

**11/06** – Unity Stated Communication, Dinner @ 630p followed by Meeting @ 730p.

**11/13 & 11/20** – Blue Lodge Ritual Practice @ 630p (No practice on 11/27 due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

**11/30** – Unity Lodge Breakfast @ 8a

**NOVEMBER 2019 NON-BLUE LODGE ACTIVITIES AT UNITY LODGE NO. 146**

**11/01** – Order of the Eastern Star #6 @ 7p

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

**11/12 & 11/26** – Shenandoah Valley DeMolay @ 630p

**11/15** – RAC Hiram #45 @ 730p

**11/30** – Sojourners Meeting @ 8a

**2019 DATES TO “KEEP ON YOUR RADAR”**

**12/04** – Unity No. 146 election and tiled Installation of Officers.

**12/07** – Reception of the Grand High Priest @ RAC Hiram No. 45

**12/07** – Spurmont Lodge No. 98 open Installation of Officers @ 2p.

**12/10** – Washington Lodge No. 78 tiled Installation of Officers @ 730p.

**12/14** – Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 open Installation of Officers @ 1p.

**12/21** – Treadwell Lodge No. 213 open Installation of Officers @ 630p.

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man." ~ Douglas MacArthur



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