

January 2020

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Unity Lodge No. 146

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Trestle Board



Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity!
- Psalms 133.1 -

UPCOMING DATES

01/01 - Unity Stated Communication, Dinner @ 630p followed by Meeting @ 730p.

01/08, 01/15 & 01/29 - Blue Lodge Ritual Practice @ 630p

01/22 - Master Mason Degree for Brother Money (Tenative)

01/25 - Unity Lodge Breakfast @ 8a

01/03 - Order of the Eastern Star #6 @ 7p

01/14 & 01/28 - Shenandoah Valley DeMolay @ 630p

01/17 - RAC Hiram #45 @ 730p

01/25 - Sojourners Meeting @ 8a

01/11 - Joint Unity Pot Luck Dinner

TRAVELING MAN

01/02 - Treadwell #213—DDGM OV

01/14 - Spurmont #98—DDGM OV

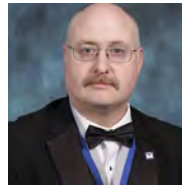
Brethren,

First off I would like to thank you for electing me once again to serve as the Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge for another year. However, it is not just any year, this is our Lodges 150th Anniversary. For this I am especially honored. I hope that my officers and I can continue to provide programs and fellowship which will encourage you to attend our meeting and de-grees in this upcoming year.

In speaking of our 150th Anniversary, our lodge has commissioned a label pin to be crafted to earmark this important milestone. Please see me at our next meeting and I will be happy to provide you with one.

We also had commemorative challenge coins to be struck as well. We have only commissioned 150 coins to be made, which will be individually numbered. The Lodge will be selling these coins for \$10 a piece. If

Message from the Master



you wish to purchase a specifically numbered coin, please contact one of the officers and we will attempt to get that coin for you, but this will be on a first come first served basis.

I have also added a new section to our trestle board titled "traveling man." This section will inform you as to where I will be traveling to other Lodges and or events throughout the month. I encourage you all to travel with me so that we can show Unity's support to the other area Lodges and as the weather becomes better in the upcoming year, outside of our District and beyond.

On a side note, I was all set to provide a presentation this month for Hiram No. 45, but

was unable to give this to the Brothers. As a gift of the holidays I have attached my presentation for your reading pleasure. This is a very important story to my family, as it was written by my father, and your Brother, Thomas Taggart (Astor Lodge No. 505 Albia, IA). He was a pastor back in 1982 when he wrote this sermon retelling the Christmas story from the perspective of Joseph. While writing this sermon he was in a terrible automobile accident but came out of it with only minor injuries. It has always been our belief that he was spared because he had to finish this telling of the story which we all know so well.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless and Keep You,
Charles Taggart



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Royal Arch Chapter Hiram No. 45

Companions,

As a reminder, this **Friday, December 20th** is our stated convocation. We will have dinner at 6:30 in the social hall, remember it is a free will offering and all monies collected this year will go to our Grand Chapter charity, "Project Lifesaver."

This month we will have a special program provided by Companion Charles Taggart. This program is very special and you will not want to miss it.

We will also be traveling to MAHOVA to visit the Memory Unit on **Sunday, December 22nd**. Our Grand Musician Companion Jeff Hedges and Past Grand High Priest Most Excellent Don McAndrews will be providing to them a Christmas Musical Performance. This is a very special time for these patients. "Research suggests that listening to or singing songs can provide emotional and behavioral benefits for people with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. Musical memories are often preserved in Alzheimer's disease because key brain areas linked to musical memory are relatively undamaged by the disease" *Mayo Clinic, Jonathan Graff-Radford, M.D.* Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will provide you with additional information?

On **Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at 6:30 pm** our District Deputy Grand High Priest, Right Excellent Jake Trenary will host our Grand High Priest Official Visit to District 15. The visit will be held at the Spurmont Lodge No. 98 in Strasburg, VA.

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, my wish is that each of you and your family reflect on the importance of this day. As Christians we commemorate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, Emmanuel, Author of Our Salvation, and the Great, "I am." Just a little more than two-thousand years ago, there was born in Bethlehem of Judaea one who laid aside the God-head, and assumed mortal flesh; one whose glory, worth and grace no language can express; one who was born that our lives might be purified, and who died that our souls might be redeemed from the penalty of sin. Let us strive, this Christmas season and always, to profit by the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of that Divine Master, and remain his faithful servants unto death. Seeking strength to continue that struggle, let us always assume an attitude of prayer and seek His will.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. May the Lord bless thee and keep thee; may the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

In His Name, I am

Rt. Ex Dennis M. Haas, PDDGHP
High Priest, Hiram RAC No. 45
Front Royal, VA



Shenandoah Valley Chapter of DeMolay

The young men of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the DeMolay initiated two new Brothers last month. This brings their members up to seven, however they still need six more to become a true Chapter and not just a DeMolay Club. 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.

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.

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