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# Unity Lodge No. 146

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## Trestleboard



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

### UPCOMING DATES

Per The Grand Master, all Lodge activities are suspended until after 4/30/2020.

Per The Grand Master, all appendant organization activities are suspended until after 4/30/2020.

**05/09** – Mother's Day BBQ Event (Tentative)

**05/15** – GM OV for Districts 2/3 (Date may be rescheduled)

### TRAVELING MAN

**NONE—STAY AT HOME**

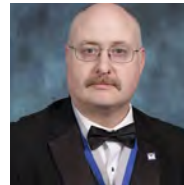
Brethren,

To say that March was an interesting month would be an understatement but let us remember the good as well as the bad.

First and foremost, the good. The March program was perhaps the finest program that I have seen in quite a while. For those of you which did not have the opportunity to join us, let me paint for you the picture. March witnessed out Past Master night. We had many of the currently active Past Masters return and assume the officer positions. Most notably was Worshipful Bill Wood in the East and Worshipful Wes Hammock in the West. Combined they have over 100 years' experience in Freemasonry and it certainly showed. I can say without a doubt, March 4<sup>th</sup> witnessed the best ritual that I have seen in quite a while. It was an honor to sit in Lodge and witness my two mentors in all their glory. We then went around the room and each of the Past Masters present regaled us with stories and lessons learned from their time in the East.

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March also saw the return of the traveling gavel to Unity. I thank all the brothers who have been traveling this year and making a strong showing for Unity Lodge, both within our District as well as without. We will also be holding onto the



As you all are aware, March has brought the COVID-19 virus to our Country, our Commonwealth and our Community. The Grand Master had properly determined to close all Lodge buildings and canceled all Masonic events until after April 30<sup>th</sup> after which he will reassess the current conditions. Although, this has been quite a blow to our Lodge and the appendant bodies which utilize our facilities, we will weather this storm together.

Now is the time to remember our obligations to one another.

Now is the time to show the community what we as Freemasons are all about. Please check on your neighbor as if they were your family, because in the end they are. I know that others are far more eloquent than I, but I leave you with the thought of the "golden rule." If we were to all follow this simple lesson, we can all weather any storm.

any storm.

God Bless,

Charles



traveling gavel for a bit longer than we had previously planned, which brings me to the bad.

Hiram Royal Arch Chapter

No. 45



Order of the Eastern Star

No. 6



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Shenandoah Valley Chapter  
of the DeMolay



Luray Commandery

No. 19



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## Royal Arch Chapter Hiram No. 45

Ho Companions,

As we enter into April, we have been quite limited in our usual vocations as well as our friendly and social intercourse.

I am sure that many of our elders in masonry has experienced situations like we are currently in throughout their lifetime. For many of us, this will be a first. The Grand Lodge as well as all other appendant bodies in Virginia have issued cancellation notices at least through the end of April. They will re-evaluate the conditions then, if not sooner, and provide additional guidance to the members.

What shall we do in this our dilemma? Pray! Pray for yourself, family and neighbors. Pray for your brothers and their family. Pray for our elected representatives and give them the wisdom to make the right decisions. Pray for God's will to be done. Pray the Lord's Prayer if you are searching for the words.

Extend your charity and hospitality in ways that will not expose you to this virus. Pick up the phone and call or email others. Ask if they need anything that you could get for them if you are venturing out. Take care of and check on those with immune deficiencies.

Please stay informed through reputable news and information sources. There is so much dis-information being spread, trust me.....Facebook is not a reputable news source. Here are a couple of links you may want to consider:

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or any brother. Remember, communication is a two-way street. Don't wait to be called if you need something. Don't think that you are a bother or an inconvenience. Each of us took the same obligation, as all of our brothers have done in the past, we are a society of friends and brothers.

Companions, our Grand Royal Arch Provost, RE Tom Varner, will be offering the on-line Leadership Coorespondance Course in April. Please keep a check on the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons website:

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

Remember Companions, think about ways to protect yourself. Wash your hands, use sanitizer, stay away from people, cover you nose and mouth to sneeze or cough. Take your temperature and call your physician if you have any medical questions or concerns. Cancel or postpone any non-essential trips.

We are a resilient people. We will pull through this. I look forward to seeing you again in the near future. Until then, may the God of peace and love delight to dwell with and bless you.

In His Name, I am

RE Dennis M. Haas, PDDGHP  
High Priest, Hiram RAC No. 45  
Front Royal  
540-539-8917

## Shenandoah Valley Chapter of DeMolay

The young men of the Shenandoah Valley of the DeMolay continue to meet in our Lodge twice a month to continue their journey. I implore you if you have any available time for these young men please consider becoming an Advisor. What this growing chapter needs is young men to join in their ranks, but also good men to guide them.

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

## Wash Your Hands



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## Luray Commandery No. 19

Sir Knights,

I trust that this April communication finds each of you and your family well.

For many of us, we are currently navigating in uncharted waters. For many of our experienced Sir Knights, you may have experienced situations like this in the past.

Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Benjamin Franklin Hill, issued General Order No. 3 authorizing "electronic stated Conclaves." Our Recorder, SK JD Davis and I are working on a platform to accommodate this capability. More information will be forthcoming so stay tuned.

Many of you have asked questions regarding the upcoming 198th Annual Conclave in Charlottesville on May 1st and 2nd. As of this message I have not received any updated information from the Grand Recorder nor did I see any update on the Grand Commandery website:

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

Please keep a close check on your email and/or if you receive a "Phonevite" message from our Recorder, this will be the method for us to communicate information with you. As it stands, Luray Commandery No. 19 will hold an "electronic stated Conclave" on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 pm, we will communicate to you the information how to connect for this.

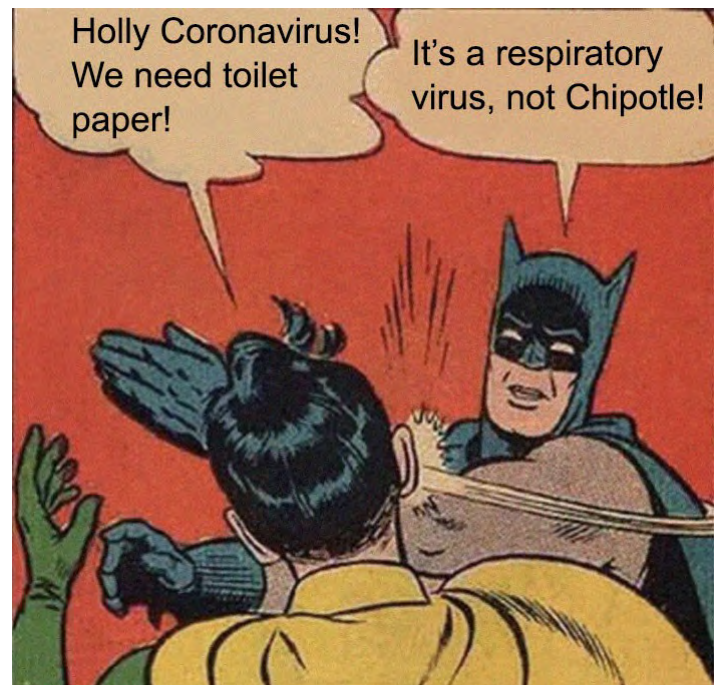
The Grand Master of Knights Templar USA cancelled the Annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 12th. This prompted Luray Commandery to cancel our Easter Sunrise Service. This is no reason for us not to spend time with our Lord and Savior. I encourage each of you to reflect on what Easter Sunday stands for. As a Knight Templar, this is one of our most important days of the year. As we struggle to understand the current pandemic we are in and how to survive it, just imagine the pain and torture Jesus endured many years ago, He was crucified, He died, only to arise from the grave. He did this to provide a way of salvation for each of us. We should be ever reminded of his selfish act. Be thankful, be humble,

be gracious my brother.

In closing, Sir Knights, please pray with me the prayer we are taught.

Courteously, I am

SK Dennis M. Haas, KCT  
Commander, Luray Commandery No 19  
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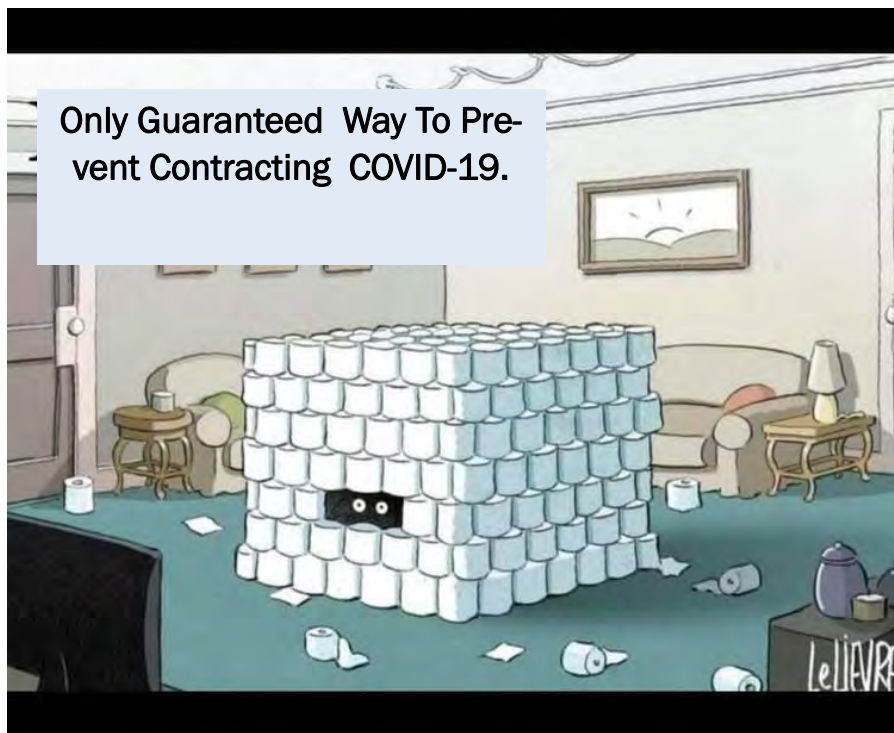
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## 2020 Unity Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master -	Charles William Taggart
Senior Warden -	William Allen Bryan
Junior Warden -	Robert Fred Nickols, Jr.
Treasurer -	Harry Wesley Hammack, Jr.
Secretary -	Kevin Paul Walek
Senior Deacon -	Raymond Christof Nouhra
Junior Deacon -	George Elbie Money
Chaplain -	Luther William Wheat
Marshal -	Junior Franklin Griffith
Tiler -	Edward Neal Powell, Jr.

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Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Virginia  
Masonic Community Blood Program

Units Collected      % of Membership  
Strength

120

96%