

October 2020

**438 Skyline Vista Drive
Front Royal, VA 22630**

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Unity Lodge No. 146

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

UPCOMING DATES

10/07 – Unity 146 Stated Communication @ 730p. **NO MEAL WILL BE SERVED**

10/14, 10/21 and 10/28 – Blue Lodge Ritual Practice @ 630p

10/31 – Unity Lodge Breakfast @ 8a – **CANCELED**

10/06 – Luray Commandery #19 – **TBD**

10/02 – Order of the Eastern Star #6 @ 7p – **TBD**

10/16 – RAC Hiram #45 @ 730p

10/13 & 10/27 – Shenandoah Valley DeMolay @ 630p – **TBD**

10/31 – Sojourners Meeting @ 8a – **TBD**

TRAVELING MAN

No Official Visits

A Dues increase will be discussed during the October 7th Stated Communication.

It is proposed to increase the current annual dues of \$117 by \$8 to \$125 to offset raising costs for Lodge upkeep and utilities.

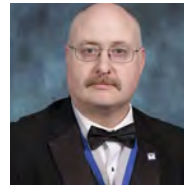
Everything I Needed to Know About Being a Man – WB Darin A. Lahners

Everything I needed to know about being a man, I learned in Freemasonry

In 1986, a minister named Robert Fulghum published a book of short essays which was entitled, “Everything I needed to know I learned in Kindergarten”. He broke down sixteen items that he learned which you can find listed here:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/56955/all-i-really-need-to-know-i-learned-in-kindergarten-by-robert-fulghum/9780345466396/excerpt>.

It's a simple little list, packed with a lot of wisdom. I had forgotten all about the book, as it sat on a bookshelf until I happened upon it recently. It started to make me think about how some of those things he listed are taught and expounded upon by Freemasonry. It made me think that I wish I had that list in mind (along with some others) when I did wicked things in the past, which were selfish, and I ended up hurting people I love(d). I started thinking what force in my life helped turned it around, and the answer was evident—Freemasonry. Those things were lost to me while



doing things that were selfish. I was not a man at that point, I was still acting like a boy, even though I was old enough to be a man. Freemasonry taught me to how to be and act like a man.

How did Freemasonry teach me to be a man? It taught me the below:

- Never undertake any great undertaking without the blessing of your deity. Always be reverent towards your deity.
- Never be coerced into doing anything. Everything you do must be of your own freewill and accord, and always be prepared in your undertakings.
- An obligation is a tie stronger than human hands can impose. If you violate an obligation, there will be a penalty. Karma exists.
- Make good use of the 24 hours in a day. Make sure you are resting, working, playing and praying daily. Make sure the work and play isn't excessive. Pray for others before praying for yourself. Get plenty of rest.
- Personal change requires work and patience. Work requires tools. Make sure you're always using the right tools. Remember that results take time.
- Love your family, neighbors, and brothers. Aid those that need it. Always speak the truth.
- Be fair in your dealings with others and treat them as you would want to be treated.
- Be a good citizen.
- Square your actions according to the virtues we are taught and you will walk upright.
- Listen always, speak only when you need to, and never betray another's trust.
- Never stop learning new things. Study and practice those things you think you already know.
- Reach out to your brother if you see them falling. Especially if they indicate such. Vindicate your brother's behavior behind his back, as well as in front of his face. Whisper good council to them when they err.
- Life is short, make good use of your time, and always remember we are born to die.
- Nothing is hidden from deity. Live a good life and have hope in the afterlife.

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

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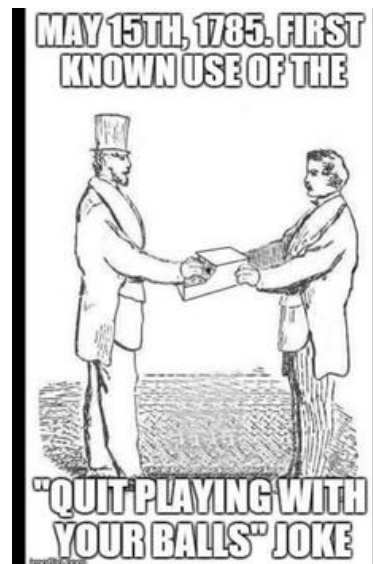
2020 Unity Lodge Officers

Everything I needed to know... (Cont.)

Am I over simplifying the lessons that Freemasonry teaches? Most definitely. Will you agree with my all of my points? Probably not. One of the beauties of Freemasonry is that every member will have a different definition of what Freemasonry teaches or has taught them. This is only what it has taught me. What has it taught you?



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| 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 |



Quarry Lodge 2020

I would like to thank all of the owners and workers at Hanson Quarry as well as all of the Brothers which were able to join us for our September stated communication. I would also like to thank Most Excellent Raymond Steele for presenting a fantastic program. It was truly wonderful to be able to meet with all of my Brothers in such a scenic venue. It is my hope that we will be able to return to the quarry in the future.

I would also like to invite all of our Brethren to return to the Lodge to see our new rough ashlar, which the quarry allowed us to take as a memorial for our 150th anniversary.



| Units Collected | % of Membership Strength |
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| 20 | 16% |