Athenian Dialogue <u>Green Lights</u> By Matthew McConaughey

GREENLIGHTS	Author:	Matthew McConaughey
	Date:	Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9 AM – 3:30 PM
	Location:	Holiday Inn Airport/Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des
		Moines, IA
	Facilitator:	Marita Rhude, MMC
		City Clerk/Treasurer, Barrett, MN
		Former IIMC Region 6 Director
	Cost: \$70 (i	ncludes lunch) DOES NOT INCLUDE BOOK PURCHASE (Participant

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I've been in this life for fifty years, been trying to work out its riddle for forty-two, and been keeping diaries of clues to that riddle for the last thirtyfive. Notes about successes and failures, joys and sorrows, things that made me marvel, and things that made me laugh out loud. How to be fair. How to have less stress. How to have fun. How to hurt people less. How to get hurt less. How to be a good man. How to have meaning in life. How to be more me.

Recently, I worked up the courage to sit down with those diaries. I found stories I experienced, lessons I learned and forgot, poems, prayers, prescriptions, beliefs about what matters, some great photographs, and a whole bunch of bumper stickers. I found a reliable theme, an approach to living that gave me more satisfaction, at the time, and still: If you know how, and when, to deal with life's challenges—how to *get relative with the inevitable*—you can enjoy a state of success I call "catching greenlights."

So I took a one-way ticket to the desert and wrote this book: an album, a record, a story of my life so far. This is fifty years of my sights and seens, felts and figured-outs, cools and shamefuls. Graces, truths, and beauties of brutality. Getting away withs, getting caughts, and getting wets while trying to dance between the raindrops.

Hopefully, it's medicine that tastes good, a couple of aspirin instead of the infirmary, a spaceship to Mars without needing your pilot's license, going to church without having to be born again, and laughing through the tears.

It's a love letter. To life.

It's also a guide to catching more greenlights—and to realizing that the yellows and reds eventually turn green too.

Athenian Leadership Dialogue

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Registration Information

Please register at the following link: https://go.imfoa.org/dialogue

Attendance is limited to 30. Registration deadline April 5.

Please advise if you are in need of special considerations or meal accommodations.

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