

# Hay Market Chapter No. 123 Order of the Eastern Star June 2019 Newsletter







# Let's Give Back!

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron have selected the Haymarket based nonprofit organization, <a href="Serve Our Willing Warriors">Serve Our Willing Warriors</a>, as our charity for the year. Serve Our Willing Warriors is a publicly funded, community-supported, nonprofit organization providing encouragement and support for our nation's wounded, ill, injured or disabled veterans. Through non-medical programs and services like retreat stays, educational and therapeutic activities, the organization is positively affecting recovery by linking the Warriors in their network to organizations and individuals who can advise, support, or assist in their transition to civilian life. At our last meeting, dinner donations were designated for purchasing wish list items for their two retreat houses. Members donated \$129.



# INITIATION HIGHLIGHTS April 25, 2019

# **New Members**

On April 25 we initiated two new members into Hay Market Chapter No. 123. Please join us in welcoming Kenneth "Eddie" Stevenson (left) and Murat Demirbaş (right). Both are members of Hay Market Lodge No. 313 and we are so excited to have them as new members.



# A Note from the Worthy Matron

I would like to personally thank and congratulate all of the officers of Hay Market Chapter No. 123 on a beautiful initiation. I am so proud of all of you, in particular, our new members, who did a fantastic job learning and delivering their parts. A sincere thanks also to our pro tems for the evening: Brother Paul Turner, Sister Pauline Orr, Sister Martha Shelby, Sister Tammy Swihart, Sister Cherry Costis, and Sister Joann Santos.

# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 2, 2019

# **Memorial Service**



A memorial service was held for Sister Peggy Ann Pickett Gardner, 88, of Haymarket, Virginia. Sister Peggy passed away peacefully in her home on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. A graduate of Osbourn High School, she married the late Charles Gardner in 1950 and they have four children. The Gardners ran a business in Gainesville, VA and were active in Antioch Baptist Church. Peggy served as Worthy Matron for Hay Market Chapter three times and was a charter member. She will be greatly missed.

#### Installation

Brother Bill Robinson was installed as Sentinel for Hay Market Chapter No. 123. We are pleased to report that we now have a fully installed corps of officers for the year.

# **Baskets for Grand Chapter**

Sister <u>Vallery Morgan</u> reported that enough items were donated by chapter members to fill two baskets for Grand Chapter. She thanked all who donated and let everyone know that the baskets will be delivered to Grand Chapter for the silent auction to benefit the <u>Claire Parker Foundation</u>.



# Pillowcase Project for The Claire Parker Foundation



Sister <u>Vallery Morgan</u> reminded everyone with pillowcase material to sew and return their pillowcases so that the finished products can be turned in at Grand Chapter.

# **Star Point Spices**

Sister Cheryl Hall and Brother Kevin Hall announced a special fundraiser for Ways and Means. Brother Kevin created five special spices to represent each point of the star. Sister Cheryl packaged each of them in bottles with cute sayings. The spices include Adah's Taco Seasoning, Martha's Seasoned Salt, Esther's Vanilla Sugar, Martha's Smoked Salt, and Electa's Love Rub. The spices sell for \$5 each or all 5 for \$20. We sold out at the meeting and \$300 was raised for Ways and Means. If you didn't get your Star Point Spices it is not too late email the Halls and they will mix you a batch.



# **NEW! OES T-Shirts**



Sister K.C. Fairchild has designed a new Order of the Eastern Star t-shirt that will be sold as a fundraiser for Ways and Means. The design features the emblems of our heroines incorporated into the letters in a clever way. Look for more information shortly on how to order yours!









# **Congratulations to our Grand Officer and Grand Representatives!**

Hay Market Chapter No. 123 would like to extend the warmest of wishes and a huge "Thank You" to our Grand Officer and Grand Representatives for 2018-2019. You represent our chapter well and we hope that you are making lifelong memories. Have a blast at Grand Chapter!

Pictured left to right: Sister Tracy Groves, Grand Chaplain; Brother Tim Groves, Grand Representative to Alberta; and Sister Vallery Morgan, Grand Representative to Bolivia.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### May 19-22

Grand Chapter of Virginia, Hampton, VA. More information can be found at <u>Grand Chapter of Virginia</u> website.

# May 26

2:00 p.m. - Social and planning meeting - Hay Market Lodge

#### May 29

7:30 p.m. – School of Instruction – Initiation and Balloting

# May 30

7:30 p.m. - Called Meeting - Initiation

#### May 31

7:00 p.m. – District 10 Official Visit honoring Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Robbin C. Hall and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Paul S. Shelton. Lakeland Masonic Lodge, 2742 Grandin Road, SW, Roanoke, VA.

#### June 2

2:00 p.m. – District 23 School of Instruction for Grand Chapter changes – Manasseh Lodge – 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA.

# June 6

7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting – Star Point Night – Celebrating Father's Day and Flag Day – The recipients of the Sadie O. Embrey Scholarship will be invited to attend dinner prior to the meeting.

# June 15

1:00 p.m. –<u>Lavender and Lace at the Bothy Farm</u> – 1171 Nelson Lane, Amissville, VA. Please join us for a fun-filled day in the country at the lavender farm of Anita and Paul Barry. Families are welcome. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share. Please RSVP <u>here</u> and sign up to bring something.

#### June 15

3:00 p.m. – Quantico-Freedom Assembly No. 6, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Reopening Ceremony and Installation, John A. Lejeune Lodge, 235 Potomac Ave., Quantico, VA.

#### June 23

2:00 p.m. Social and Planning Meeting

#### July/August

No stated meetings during July or August.

#### August 11

12:00 p.m. – Hay Market Chapter No. 123 Annual Picnic – Northern Fauquier Community Park, 4155 Monroe Parkway, Marshall, VA. Please RSVP <u>here</u> and sign up to bring something.

All schools of instruction, stated and called meetings will be held at Hay Market Lodge unless otherwise noted. Dinner will be held prior to each stated meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

# WITH A HEAVY HEART...

We are very sad to report that Sister Marilyn Dunn who was a member of Bland Chapter No. 41 in Bluefield, VA passed away on April 23. She was the last resident of the Eastern Star Home and over the years we have enjoyed supporting her with cards, visits and sisterly love. She will be missed.



# **HANDY INFO**

# **Newsletter Submissions**

Have something fun that you would like to include in this newsletter? Please send your submissions \*\* here by the end of the month.

# Sister Sue (Kidwell) Can Help You:

- Directory Has your address changed? Need to get a hold of a member and don't have their number?
- Sickness and Distress Know of someone in our order who is in the hospital or has passed?
   She'll send a card or place a call!
- Dues Collection of dues is always in order.
- Rituals and other OES Publications Want to order a new ritual or black book?

Email Sister Sue Kidwell and she can help you out with any of these things!

# **Town Crier 2.0**

Want to be "in the know" about all that is going on with the Order of the Eastern Star in Virginia? Sign up for the official newsletter of the Grand Chapter of Virginia \*\* <a href="https://here.">here</a>. Please include your name, chapter name and number in the body of the email to be added to the listserv.

#### Order of the Eastern Star Name Badges

If you would like to order an Eastern Star chapter name badge or just need more information, please contact Sister <u>Vallery Morgan</u>. Badges are \$25 each. **NEW!** For an additional \$15 you can add rhinestones to your name badge.

# **Hay Market Chapter Polo Shirt**

You can order your very own polo shirt with your name on it, along with our chapter logo. Contact Sister Beverly Soutter for ordering information.

# Rada Knife Fundraiser

Did you know our Rada fundraiser is ongoing? Order a new knife for yourself or give one as a gift and Hay Market Chapter will receive a portion of your purchase. Click <a href="here">here</a> to see all the items available and order at any time.

# **Harmony Chapter Fundraiser**

How would you like your own Alex & Ani style silver bangle bracelet with an Order of the Eastern Star charm and five crystals with the colors of our star points? \$25 each plus \$3 shipping. Contact Sister Kathy Penn for more information.