



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

Congratulations Brother Ben May!

Hay Market Chapter No. 123 is very proud to announce the initiation of Brother Ben May into our Order. Ben is a longtime friend of the Chapter having served as Worshipful Master of Hay Market Lodge No. 313. Ben was initiated during a called meeting on Thursday, September 19th during a beautiful ceremony by the officers of Hay Market Chapter. A special thanks to our pro tems for the evening: Brother Paul Turner, Sister Gail Lee, Sister Martha Shelby, Brother Bob Bartruff, Brother Tim Goolsby, Sister Ruth Meagher and Sister Joann Santos.



Sunday Afternoon Vineyard Tour



On Sunday, September 29th 25 members and friends of Hay Market Chapter visited the winery at La Grange in Hay Market. The group enjoyed a beautiful day, tasty snacks and a presentation by winery staff to include the history of the grounds and house, the types of wines made onsite and information about the wine industry in Virginia. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day and wonderful company.

Masonic Mentoring Session



On Thursday, September 26th, 18 members and friends of Hay Market Chapter attended a mentoring session organized by Brother Charles "Buddy" Wagner, our Worthy Patron. Brother Buddy put on a very informative session explaining the foundation of Masonry and demonstrated how other Masonic organizations are affiliated. Here are two very important visual aids that Buddy shared outlining the Masonic structure:

[Masonic Organization Chart 1](#) [Masonic Organization Chart 2](#)

Thank you to Brother Buddy and to Sister Sue Kidwell who opened her home to everyone.



CHAPTER NEWS

Meeting Reminder

The stated meeting of Hay Market Chapter is scheduled to take place this Thursday, October 3rd. Dinner will be served prior to the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Donations to the Ways and Means Fund will be accepted for participation in the dinner. At the meeting we will celebrate our chapter birthday. Officers are asked to wear long dresses in any color (ladies) or dark suits (gentleman).

Grand Master's Official Visit

Hay Market Lodge No. 313 has invited Hay Market Chapter No. 123 Order of the Eastern Star to attend the District Official Visit of Most Worshipful William Edward Hershey, Jr., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia A.F. & A.M. The dinner, fellowship and meeting will take place at the Fairfax County Police Association, 5625 Revercomb Ct., Fairfax, VA 22030 from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, October 5th. If you would like to attend, please let [Sister Cindy Weakland](#) know by Thursday.

Jelly For Sale

If you are looking for the perfect item to take to your Thanksgiving feast, why not consider purchasing a homemade jelly and support Hay Market Chapter with your purchase. Jellies are \$5 and all proceeds go to the Ways and Means Fund. Secure your jelly by contacting [Sister Cindy Weakland](#) or [Sister Anita Barry](#). Four varieties are available.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 3

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting - We will celebrate our chapter birthday and a presentation on Brother Rob Morris, the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star.

October 27

2:00 p.m. - Social and Planning Meeting

November 2

2:00 p.m. - School of Instruction for Official Visit. The school will be located at Manasseh Lodge – 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110.

November 7

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting - Thanksgiving Dinner - All members are invited to bring a side dish to share. Please email [Sister Beverly Soutter](#) what you will bring.

November 9

2:00 p.m. - District 23 Official Visit – Manassah Lodge – 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA. 20110 – Hay Market Chapter will be responsible for the Opening Ritual. Women are asked to wear long white, yellow or purple formals. Men should wear black tuxedos. No rituals will be allowed to be open during this event. Members are asked to plan NOW to recite their ritual from memory. If you cannot attend the official visit, please email [Worthy Matron Cindy Weakland](#) so that she can plan for a replacement.

November 16

6:00 p.m. - Annual Hay Market Chapter Chili Cookoff – Hay Market Lodge — All members are invited to enter their best pot of chili in the competition. Prizes and bragging rights are in order. Please let [Sister Vallery Morgan](#) now if you will be competing. \$10 for taster tickets. Gift baskets will also be auctioned. Donations needed for the baskets.

December 5

7:30 p.m. - Stated Meeting - Holiday Celebration - All members are invited to bring a side dish to share. Please email [Sister Beverly Soutter](#) what you will bring.

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.

**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 in touch with 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 here. 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 Vallery Morgan](#). 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 here](#) to see all the items available and order at any time.

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