

Hay Market Happenings Hay Market Chapter No. 123, Order of the Eastern Star Haymarket, VA 2018/19 Volume 2, June 2018



Chapter Activities/Membership and Fellowship:

-**Grand Chapter** The 2018 Jump on the Bandwagon Grand Session was a great success and lots of fun. Sister Pauline completed her year as Grand Martha and Sisters Tammy Swihart and Sandy Leathers served as her pages. Sister Tracy Groves was installed as Grand Chaplain for 2018-19 and Brother Tim Groves represented the flag of Alberta Canada in the parade of flags. There were activities from dawn until after dusk for four days in Williamsburg. Our district 23 "Peace and Gardening" basket contributed to more than \$1900 raised by basket auctions for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's special projects. Sister Tammy will be traveling the state supporting the new WGM and WGP's special projects and currently has 2018-19 Grand Chapter Directories for \$17. Several members of the chapter visited Colonial Williamsburg where Masonic Temple No. 6 A. F. & A. M. and Pocahontas Chapter meet on the site of the 1773 Temple. It was a wonderful time to see members from other chapters and meet new friends!

-Fun Activities – Our outing to Lavender and Lace at Bothy Farms was phenomenal! Fourteen members and almost as many guests attended the tour, had lunch and participated in activities such as lavender tea bag making. Our hosts, Anita and Paul Barry were enthusiastic and taught us so much about lavender and the progression of an idea to Lavender and Lace. There were also workshops in Natural Allergy Prevention and Simple Yoga after our tour. This was a great way to spend time getting to know each other and to meet family members and friends. We hope to have many more fun events in the future and may plan a trip to Lavender and Lace at Bothy Farms for harvesting.

-**Our chapter growth** was second in the state last year with an **overall** increase of 6 members. Please help us stay strong and keep growing as we move forward. So many people are not aware that we are in Haymarket while others, even close friends and families, don't know what we do. Let's change that!

- **Suggestions Welcome!** We welcome suggestions for events, fund raisers and overall ideas to bring us together, meet new members, have family fun or provide community service. Please let us know what you are thinking. Suggestions in action:

-Sisters Sharyl and Vallery have investigated getting OES name badges for the new members and anyone else that would like to order a new one. We will have forms for ordering the badges at June's meeting and hope to have them before our Official Visit July 28th.

-Sisters Beverly and Hollie have worked with a vendor to design a t-shirt for OES activites with your name and chapter; more information to come on availability.

Chapter Birthdays: Congratulations to Robert Putzer, Carolyn Powell, William Robinson, Joyce Madison, Dianna Hamilton, Linda Leach, KC Fairchild, Darlene Hawkins, Krystal Little, Tena del Fabro, Fred Soutter, Tim Delaney, Tim Goolsby and Sharyl Mayhew as they celebrated May Chapter birthdays and to Joseph Moles, Jr, Mary George Ranger, Charlie Kidwell, Sandra and George Golden, Marlene and Charles Darley, Monica Adams, Cindy Weakland, Kristina Zengalo, Vallery Morgan, Gerry Dana, Bridget Baumbach, Donna Widell, Buddy Wagner celebrating in Chapter birthdays in June and Barbara Russell celebrating in July!

Member's Joys & Concerns: Sue and Charlie Kidwell are returning to Virginia in June and will be very close to the lodge!

Masonic Connection: We are so pleased that our new Worthy Patron and Associate Patron traveled to Williamsburg for Grand Chapter! Brother Buddy Wagner organized the District 4 Ladies Night Banquet & Dance, to be held Wednesday June 27 at Heritage Hunt Country Club. Tickets have been sold at \$75. and the initial count has been taken. If you are interested in attending, contact Buddy to see if there is still time to include others.

Accent on Youth: Virginia Grand Assembly IORG will be held June 29 – July 1 in Williamsburg. Ashburn Assembly #11 meets on the first and third Sundays each Month, 4 pm, at Olive Branch Lodge in Leesburg. Youth group installations and other activities are included in the Town Crier for more information.

Communications: -Please visit <u>http://haymarket313.org/order-of-the-eastern-star/</u> for general information about our chapter and Hay Market Happening news.

-Hay Market Chapter's Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/Haymarketoes/

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Valleryjean612@gmail.com with your proper contact information to have the directory

updated. By including your current email address, you will be added to chapter communications as they become available and to request an updated version. - Stay connected with the Virginia Order of the Eastern Star through TownCrier 2.0, the official email newsletter of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. To sign up for the newsletter, send a blank email message to <u>towncrier-</u> <u>vaoes+subscribe@gmail.com</u>, and include your name and chapter in the email subject line. - **Trifold flyer** The Virginia Grand Chapter now has an editable template for chapters to explain our order and membership requirements. Hay Market Chapter's version of the flyer is located on our website, <u>http://haymarket313.org/order-of-the-</u> <u>eastern-star/</u>. Virginia membership petitions can be found on <u>http://easternstar-virginia.org/</u>.

Community Outreach and Scholarship

- **The Sadie O Embrey Scholarship** was awarded to Esther Kua Nkonya at Potomac High School on 24 May 2018. Thank you Sisters Janice & Peggy for all of the hard work you put into making this happen!

- **Community service projects.** We have been supporting the local food pantry (sister Jo Jett) and collected some food at Our "Lavender and Lace" outing. Our donation board has been active with over 25lbs of personal items and school supplies for "The Barn" transitional housing. Thank you to Sisters KC, Mary Alice and Vallery for contributions and a big thanks to Sister Tracey for making this happen and delivering items to the Barn. Please draw a card for items and bring your donation along with the card to a meeting. We will have a drawing at the end of the term for those that contribute. Items needed are; Paper Products, Household Cleaning Supplies, Bleach, Disinfecting Wipes, Gift Cards, School Supplies, Personal Care Items, Bottles Water and Healthy Snacks.

- Haymarket Health and Fitness Fair was June 2nd. Sisters Sharyl and Vallery participated and provided information about our chapter and upcoming events to interested people including Damsel In Distress on June 23rd.

Ways and Means: We have planned a Damsel in Distress party on 23 June at the Hay Market Lodge, 5pm for refreshments and 6 pm for the demonstration. We hope to raise funds for our Sadie O. Embrey Scholarship Fund.

Chapter History: We are collecting photos and programs from past terms at our chapter as well as chapter birthdays (when you joined us). Please provide any information you have for them so we can have the best presentation of our chapter history before our 45th anniversary in October. Photos and programs can be given to Sister Vallery or emailed to <u>Valleryjean612@gmail.com</u>.

Hay Market Chapter 123 Calendar of Events 2018-19

- June 7 Stated Meeting/Scholarship/Pot Luck Dinner
- June 10 2 pm Wimodausis School of Instruction
- June 17 Reception Tracy & Tim Groves Ashburn Lodge 9 am
- June 23 Damsel in Distress presentation 5 pm refreshments
- July 22 School of Instruction, 2 pm
- July 28 District 23 Official Visit, 2 pm
- Aug 29 7pm School of Instruction
- Sept 13* Stated Meeting-Rob Morris Obligation Night
- Sept 15 Haymarket Day
- Oct 4 Stated Meeting-Chapter Birthday/Pot Luck
- Nov 1 Stated Meeting Honoring Veterans/Thanksgiving
- Dec 6 Stated Meeting- Line & Star Point Night, Christmas

Pot Luck Dinner/Gift Auction

- Jan 3 Stated Meeting
- Feb 7 Stated Meeting/Valentine's Day/Potluck Dinner
- March 7 Stated Meeting-Elections
- *Pending dispensation





Jump on the Bandwagon Grand Chapter above and Lavender and Lace Outing below









Hay Market #123 History



Sister Jo and her Dad Headed East







