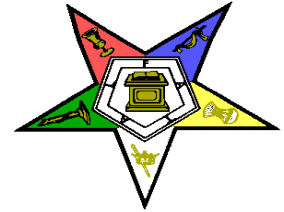




Hay Market Happenings
Hay Market Chapter No. 123,
Order of the Eastern Star
Haymarket, VA
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First, thank you to all who were able to adjust as Hurricane Florence gained speed. We erred early to ensure everyone's safety by making the decision to change our meeting to September 20th. Our immediate area was spared from devastation but others on the East coast were not.

-Chapter Activities: We have had the summer off from our Stated meetings, but we have been very busy. On Haymarket's Fitness day, members made our presence in the town visible and passed out our Tri-fold brochures to those interested. Our Official visit was held in Quantico along with Calvin A. Lloyd, Occoquan and Wimodausis Chapters. We had a great turnout and a beautiful ceremony followed by a reception for Sister Frances Childers, Grand Marshal. A breakfast reception for Sister Tracy Groves, Grand Chaplain, and Tim Groves, Grand Representative to Alberta, Canada, was held at Ashburn Lodge in June. Many were seen with Smokey the Bear and in other situations described in the Grand Family's Scavenger Hunt; do you have yours yet?

-Fun Activities – At the Damsel in Defense party and demonstration on 23 June, at the Hay Market Lodge, we raised \$75 for our Sadie O. Embrey Scholarship Fund and had a great time by sharing experiences and learning ways to stay safe.

-Our Summer Picnic was a great success with thirty-one people in attendance, including friends and family.

-Several of our Chapter members have been traveling throughout the state with the Grand Family and are having a wonderful time!

-Our chapter growth was second in the state last year with an **overall** increase of six members. Help us stay strong and keep growing as we move forward. Many people are not aware that we are in Haymarket while others, even close friends and families, don't know what we do. We are changing that, and the seven petitions read at our September meeting show it!

- 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. We started our first Social Planning Monthly Meeting on August 26th at the Lodge with many members and friends and a wonderful surprise visit from our Canadian Sister, Tena! The next meeting will

be held Sept 30th at the Lodge; members and friends are welcome each month on the last Sunday. We plan to meet the last Sunday of each month.

Suggestions in action: 15 Name Badges were ordered and received in time for the Official Visit. By averaging the cost of the badges, and since we had so many and saved on the shipping, were able to collect over \$100 for our scholarship fund. We hope to have a second phase in the near future.

-Sisters Beverly and Hollie have worked with a vendor to design a t-shirt for OES activities with your name and chapter. Order forms have been distributed, and several orders have been submitted to be ready for our October meeting.

- We hope to schedule a sewing session, no experience needed, to make pillowcases for the *Claire Parker Foundation*. We need people to sew, cut, press, donate thread and materials, and generally have a fun time together.

Chapter Birthdays: Congratulations to Don Kerr, celebrating his chapter birthday in September; Peggy Gardener, Gary McGaughey, Patti Rivera, Linda and David Carl, celebrating Chapter birthdays in October! These six members hold a total of 209 years of Star Membership!

Members' Joys & Concerns: Sue and Charlie Kidwell have returned to Virginia! Sisters Pauline and Jean have had health issues and have been greatly missed. We were very happy to see Pauline at our September meeting. Sisters Ruth Ann and Dannielle have been in the hospital and are healing. Sister Bridget has been in touch and says she is doing great! Please continue to keep these Sisters and others in your healing thoughts and prayers.

The Sadie O Embrey Scholarship: Our Scholarship was awarded in June to the sister of a previous recipient. She and her father attended the June Pot luck dinner and stayed for the Building of the Flag presentation given by our Sojourner Brothers including Associate Patron Charles "Buddy" Wagner.

Community service projects. Our donation board has been active with several cards drawn for donations to the BARN. Items needed are; Paper Products, Household Cleaning Supplies, Bleach, Disinfecting Wipes, Gift Cards, School Supplies, Personal Care Items, Bottles of Water and Healthy Snacks. 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 contributors.

Ways and Means: Sister Cindy is managing a Rada knife company catalog party. The company provides wonderful inexpensive kitchen items as well as party mixes, marinades and more just in time for holiday serving. *Mark your calendars now!* We have planned our first *Annual Chili Cookoff and Game night* for November 17th, 6pm at Hay Market Lodge, in Honor of our Veterans. Bring a pot-full of your favorite recipe and friends and family to challenge to a variety

of board games. This is a FUNdraiser! We are also planning a *Beef Stroganoff dinner on Saturday Feb. 9th from 5:30-7pm*, Hay Market Lodge. Gluten free options available, bring your sweetheart, friends and family.

Masonic Connection: Brother Buddy Wagner, Worshipful Master, Hay Market #313, and our Associate Patron, organized the District 4 Ladies Night Banquet & Dance, held Wednesday, June 27th, at Heritage Hunt Country Club. Several members of our chapter and Wimodausis attended and supported the Masons as they raised \$400 and presented it to the Grand Master for The Masonic Home at the District Grand Master Visit picnic, 21 July at Manasseh Lodge. Fun was had at both events. The Grand Master was escorted into the Lodge by *Brother John McDowall*, a new member, as he played the bagpipes. Our ladies have served at Lodge dinners. Masonic Day in Richmond is 13 October.

Accent on Youth: Virginia Grand Assembly IORG was held June 29 – July 1 in Williamsburg. Supreme Assembly IORG was held July 29-31 in Hampton. Several of our members attended and welcomed Susan Rennagel as Supreme Worthy Advisor. Our Worthy Matron attended with her family, making three generations of Rainbow girls (or pledges soon to be). Manassas Assembly will be holding an initiation on November 9th, 7pm at Manasseh Lodge. Did you know that Eastern Star and Masons qualify to attend Rainbow meetings and initiations? If you have never attended one, it is beautiful and so very tied into our orders.

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

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

NOTE: Photo Gallery may not be visible when viewing by phone.

- The Chapter directory continues to be updated. Please continue to email 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 to towncrier-vaoes+subscribe@gmail.com, with your name and chapter in the email subject line.

Trifold flyer The Virginia Grand Chapter now has an editable template to explain our order and membership requirements. Hay Market Chapter's version of the flyer is located on our website, <http://haymarket313.org/order-of-the-eastern-star/> . Virginia membership petitions can be found on <http://easternstar-virginia.org/> .

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 Valleryjean612@gmail.com.

2018-19 Chapter Calendar

***pending lodge availability**

September	30	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge
October	4	Stated Meeting - Chapter Birthday	7:30/7:15 lineup
October	20	Haymarket Day	With Masons at HMLodge
October	28	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge
November	1	Stated Meeting	7:30/7:15 lineup
November	17	Chili Dinner & Game night*	6:00 PM
November	25	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge
December	6	Stated Meeting - Holiday Event	7:30/7:15 lineup
December	30	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge
January	3	Stated Meeting	7:30/7:15 lineup
January	?	RAMA Dress Sale	Hay Market Lodge
January	27	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge
February	7	Stated Meeting	7:30/7:15 lineup
February	9	Beef Stroganoff Dinner*	5:30-7 Hay Market Lodge
February	24	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge
March	7	Stated Meeting - Elections	7:30/7:15 lineup
March	8	School of Instruction*	7:30/7:15 lineup
March	9	Installation of Officers*	6pm HayMarket Lodge
March	31	Informal Social and planning meeting	2:30pm start at HM Lodge

