



Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76, Harrisonburg Order of the Eastern Star

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"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools." — Henry Beston

OBLIGATION NIGHT - SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING

Tuesday, September 5th at 7:30pm is our next stated meeting. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship at 6:30pm. Thank you Sister Shirley Bosley and Brother Brian Bosley for providing the refreshments. Officers, be prepared for short form opening, ladies wear a long or below-knee (any color) dress, men a suit. We will ballot on a petition and honor founder Rob Morris's birthday.

Brother Bret Shifflett, PGP will give a presentation on the Eastern Star Obligation, and we will renew our obligation with him. Let's begin the second half of our year reflecting on and renewing our commitment to our Order and to our Sisters and Brothers.

INITIATION – SEPTEMBER SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, September 7th at 7:30pm, we will have a special meeting for the purpose of initiation. Join us at *6:45pm to welcome our candidate* and enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. Officers, be prepared for short form opening and wear a long white dress, Star Points your colors (or white), men a dark suit.

SECRETARY'S DESK

If you have questions or need help with the chapter, please contact our Secretary, Sister Gloria. Gloria Miller, p/t: (540) 578-5456, email: gkwmillier1@verizon.net or Gloria Miller, Secretary - 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801.

RURITANS DINNER FUNDRAISER

Thursday, September 14 at 6:30pm we will be serving the Weyers Cave Ruritans dinner. If you would like to participate please contact Maria Miller by p/t: (540) 908-8840 or mariad1259@yahoo.com.

MASONIC LADIES' NIGHT

Thursday, September 28 at 6:30pm a joint Ladies Night will be held by Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 and Eureka Lodge No. 195 at Houff Community Center- 210 Virginia Ave, Bridgewater, VA 22812 (Maple Terrace Room). tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased by contacting (540) 688-6276 or (571) 643-1023. Widows are complementary and you should be contacted by your husband's respective lodges.

SUNSHINE

We will welcome a new Sister on September 7th! The Farmer's Almanac tells us that the Fall Equinox will arrive on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 2:50 AM (EDT), bringing cool, crisp air and beautiful colors.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep Ann Silcox, Kim Shipe, Gloria Miller and all our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers. Prayers for comfort and healing are extended to the sick, and heartfelt sympathy to the grieving. If you know of others in need of uplifting, contact Sister Shirley Bosley, Chairman of Sunshine, Sickness & Distress, p/t: (540) 435-2472 / email: bosley.shirley@comcast.net or Sister Becky.

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OES Service Dogs Committee: On July 8th at Queen Esther Chapter No. 14, Charlottesville Sister Laura Babbitt, PGM and Sister Becky Eagleson, Chairman, Service Dogs Committee presented Peggy Law, Executive Director of Service Dogs of Virginia a check for \$9,565.91. This was for the funds raised in 2022-23 for the OES Service Dogs Charity. Thank you to the Virginia OES members, family & friends for your support. We are making a life-changing impact for an individual in need of a special companion.

Chapter Silver Drill: At our July meeting the Chapter voted (beginning in July) all monies collected for the Silver Drill will be dedicated to the Worthy Grand Matron's special projects which are Best Friend's Pet Rescue and St. Judes Children's Hospitals. We will report the amount donated at the close of the March meeting.

Kitten Kabodle On August 18 Waynesboro No. 105 & Shenandoah Valley No. 76, Chapters held a Family Movie Night to benefit Cat's Cradle, \$110.00 Was raised.

Cheers for Charity: On August 22, Rockingham Union Lodge held Cheers for Charity at Pale Fire benefitting the Harrisonburg Professional Fire Fighters Fund, \$3,000.00 was raised.

WAYS & MEANS

Summer Chapter Fundraisers: In July we had 3 fundraisers, two at White Oak Lavender Farm with So Mote It Beef and Rockingham Union Lodge we raised \$300.00. The Ruritans dinner was the third. We received \$580.00, including a \$100.00 donation from Sister Maria's manager. I'd like to thank the following for participating: Sisters, Maria Miller, Tracey Pence, Jill Cunningham, Shirley Bosley, Karen Short, Gloria Miller, Krystle Naylor and Brothers, Marty Eagleson, Russell Pence, Brian Bosley, Eric Cunningham, David Silcox.

OCTOBER OES PROGRAM & DINNER

Monday, October 2nd 6:00pm-8:00pm, Shenandoah Valley is providing dinner for Rockingham Union Lodge (6p-7:15p) followed by an Order of The Eastern Star program by Bret Shifflett, PGP. It would be very nice if we have as many of our members as possible there to support Brother Bret and our Order.



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
Tue. Sep. 5	7:30pm	Stated meeting. Obligation & Rob Morris Night	Rockingham Union Lodge
	6:30pm	Light refreshments	Shirley & Brian Bosley
Thu. Sep. 7	7:30pm	Special meeting Initiation	Rockingham Union Lodge
	6:45pm	Welcome our candidate Light refreshments	Need volunteers.
Thu. Sept. 14	6:30pm	Ruritans dinner	Weyers Cave Community Center 683 Weyers Cave Rd, Weyers Cave, 24486
Mon. Oct 2	6:00pm 7:30pm	Rockingham Union Dinner OES Program – Brett Shifflett, PGP	Rockingham Union Lodge
Tue. Oct. 3	6:30pm 7:30pm	Friendship Afternoon Tea Friendship Night Afternoon Tea Honoring Star Point Officers	All Members Rockingham Union Lodge
Sat. Oct. 7	2p - 5p	Trick -or -Treat	Rockingham Union Lodge

it has been fun visiting with you, and we look forward to seeing you soon! If you want to attend a meeting or function and would like a ride or carpool, please contact Sister Becky Eagleson by p/t: +1(804) 338-4076, Sister Gloria Miller by p/t: (540) 578-5456 or a member.

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