



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

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STARLIGHT NEWS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2024

*“Kindness is like snow, It beautifies everything it covers.”
– Kahlil Gibran*

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

DINNER & ROBERT L. CLARKE AWARD TEST

Tuesday, January 2nd at 6:00pm – *prior to the January Stated Meeting.* We won the award in 2023 let's do it again in 2024! A minimum of eight members are required for the OPEN BOOK test. At 6:00pm we'll have a variety of subs, chips & cookies to enjoy while we have fun learning together. Please contact Sister Gloria Miller for a headcount by p/t: (540) 578-5456.

JANUARY STATED MEETING

Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:30pm – We'll have Memorial for Stephen Brundage, PGP, ballot on 2 petitions for membership, and have an Examination program. Officers, be prepared for short form opening, wear a long white dress and men a dark suit.

RURITANS FUNDRAISER DINNER

Thursday, January 11th at 6:30pm - *Weyers Cave Community Center, 682 Weyers Cave Rd, Weyers Cave 24486.* We set up, prepare the meal, serve, and clean up for 40+ persons. If you can help that evening, prepare a dish, or donate, please contact Sister Maria Miller by p/t: (540) 908-8840.

INITIATION - SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00pm - This is a called meeting for the purpose of initiation. We will initiate two new members. Officers, please wear a long white dress, Star Point officers your colors (or white), men a dark suit. We will welcome our new Sister and Brother during refreshments after the meeting. Officers, if you're unable to attend please let the Worthy Matron know ASAP.



FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY STATED MEETING & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, February 6th – Light refreshments & fellowship at 6:30pm, followed by our meeting at 7:30pm. We'll have a Valentines program. Officers be prepared for long form opening and wear a long or below knee dress, with Valentine colors, men a coat & tie.

OPEN DOORS COMMUNITY SERVICE DINNER

Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm - *Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church, 4222 Mt. Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg 22802.* Open Doors uplifts homeless adults in the Valley. We will prepare the meal, serve, and clean up for 40+ persons. If you can help that evening, prepare a dish, or donate, please contact Sister Gloria by p/t: (540) 578-5456.

AREA 11 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION – (DISTRICTS 18 & 19)

Saturday, February 17th - *Unity Lodge, 438 Skyline Vista Dr, Front Royal 22630.* Mark your calendars for this school, led by our Grand Lecturer, Sister Pat Hughes. Stay tuned for more details from our District 18 Assistant Lecturer, Sister Joyce Hulse.

SVC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR OPEN INSTALLATION

Sunday, February 25th at 2:00pm - This school will be led by our Assistant Lecturer, Sister Joyce. All 2023-24 and 2024-25 officers please make every effort to attend. All members are also encouraged to attend. Officers, please contact Sisters Becky by p/t: +1(804) 338-4076 and/or Tracey Pence by p/t: (540) 383-0316, if you're not able to come.



SECRETARY'S DESK

Chapter Dues - Dues for 2024 are \$25.00 and were due December 31, 2023. Please make your check payable to Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76 and send to Gloria Miller, 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801. Thank you.

If you have questions or need help with the chapter, please contact our Secretary, Sister Gloria Miller, p/t: (540) 578-5456, email: gkwmiller1@verizon.net or postal mail to Gloria Miller, 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801.

SUNSHINE

As the new year begins, we're welcoming 3 new members! Two Sisters and a Brother. We are excited to welcome them into our Chapter family. This will make 10 new members this year.

Sister Suzanne Shifflett and her husband, Scott are awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild in April, a baby boy. Look for those proud grandparent pictures & stories this spring.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers. Sisters Ann Silcox, Kim Shipe, Becky Eagleson and Sandra Irby continue to make progress after their surgeries. Sister Kara Vance's son, James is doing well in his recovery after an auto accident in October. Sister Gloria visited several members with holiday goodies, let's keep all our members and their families in our thoughts and 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 Sisters Gloria or Becky.

PHILANTHROPIC

We continue to collect men's and women's socks, underwear, undershirts, and small, (travel size) toiletries for Open Doors through our March 5th meeting. Please bring your donations to any of our activities or the Open Doors dinner on February 8th.

WAYS & MEANS

In November Eureka Lodge No. 195 gave Shenandoah Valley Chapter a \$170.00 donation for the dinner and OES program. We have our third Ruritans dinner for the year on January 11th.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Congratulations to the following Eastern Star Brothers at Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 who were installed on December 4, 2023. Worshipful Master, Russell Pence, Senior Warden, Martin Eagleson, Secretary, David Silcox, and Chaplain, Brian Bosley. Wayne Wenger made us proud by doing a wonderful job as Installing Marshal for area lodges and Chris Neil is "apprenticing" with lodge secretary, David Silcox. Our three new Brothers this year are from Eureka Lodge No. 195 & Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, Shenandoah Valley Chapter can be proud of the fraternal relationship we have with our Masons in Masonic District Six.

VISITING

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rebecca Eagleson, Worthy Matron
Martin Eagleson, Worthy Patron

