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“The great gift of Easter is hope.”
- Basil Hume

GREETINGS FROM SISTER BECKY & BROTHER MARTY

Congratulations to Sister Karen Short and Brother Marty Eagleson on their successful year in the East, well done! Br. Marty and I wish to thank the members of Shenandoah Valley Chapter for the opportunity to serve as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for the 2023-24 term. It is an honor, and we hope we will meet your expectations. We thank the officers, committees and members for your commitment and dedication to our Chapter. We look forward to a very busy year, but working together, it will be a very successful year.

CONGRATULATIONS!

In August 2022, Brother Martin Eagleson, WP was appointed by Sister Laura Babbitt, WGM and Brother Bret Shifflett, WGP as Grand Representative of Alabama in Virginia. The chapter is keen to have Marty as a Grand Representative, his term ends June 01, 2024.

On January 03, 2023 Sister Gloria Miller, Secretary was appointed by Sister Linda Pearce, AGM as Grand Adah in the Pearce-Ricks Grand Family for 2023-24. The Chapter is excited for Gloria, it's been over 30 years since we've had a Grand Officer from Shenandoah Valley.

The members of Shenandoah Valley are so very proud of you both and we wish for you great joy, great memories, great fun and safe travels on your journeys.

MARCH SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

There are two schools of instruction on **Sunday, March 26**. Both will be led by Assistant Lecturer, Sister Joyce Hulse. It will be a long afternoon, but we'll take care of two of the four required schools for the year.

- 1) 1:00PM for Opening, Introductions & Closing.
- 2) 2:00PM for Initiation.

Officers, please make every effort to attend and read these sections of your ritual and the Book of Instructions (in the black book) prior to the schools so you're prepared. Write down any questions you may have for Joyce. Please be on time, we have a lot to cover. Thank you☺

APRIL STATED MEETING

Our next stated meeting is **Tuesday, April 04, 2023 at 7:30PM**. Join us at 6:30PM for light refreshments served with a large helping of fellowship & fun. Thanks to Sister Karen for providing the refreshments. Officers please be prepared for long form opening and wear a dress with spring colors and

men coat & tie. We will ballot on a petition for dual membership and have brief Spring and Easter programs. Who knows, the Easter Bunny may have stopped by!

APRIL INITIATION!

At our March meeting two candidates were balloted on to receive the Degrees. A special meeting (by dispensation) has been called for the purpose of initiation on **Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00PM**. Brother Bret Shifflett, Worthy Grand Patron will be conferring the degrees. I hope as many members as possible will be able to attend to welcome and support our new members. Light refreshments will follow, provided by Sister Gloria, thank you.

If you wish to attend a meeting or function and would like a ride or carpool, please contact Sister Becky Eagleson by phone / text: +1(804) 338-4076 or email: b.eagleson@proton.me.

SECRETARY'S DESK

Sister Gloria reported in March that 100% of the 2023 dues have been collected. Thank you very much for continuing to support your chapter.

Chapter Roster – Please review the roster in the back of the yearbook and if there are any changes, let Sister Gloria know ASAP. We want to keep in touch with our Sisters & Brothers, and that requires accurate contact information. Additionally, if you want to add your Birthday (month & day), please let her know. Last, but not least, if you have an email address that you would like us to use at Shenandoah Valley, let Gloria know. This will help keep our mailing costs to a minimum and you'll receive information in a timelier manner.

If you have administrative questions, please contact Gloria Miller, p/t: (540) 578-5456, email: gkwmiller1@verizon.net or Gloria Miller, Secretary 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801.

2023 GRAND CHAPTER OF VA INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

The Grand Chapter Session is May 22-24 at Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg. Please read this section carefully for instructions. State directory orders are made through Chapter Secretaries, they are \$20 each, your payment **must** be received by Sis. Gloria no later than April 4th. Make checks payable to Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76, OES. The Membership Banquet is Mon. May 22 at 6:30PM, Do not send in your form or payment, the Chapter may supplement the banquet fee; you **must** let Sis. Becky know if you're going to attend no later than April 4th. The silent auction basket will be a district project again this year. Sis. Becky **must** receive your items, from the Shenandoah Valley, no later than May 2nd. Members are responsible for their own hotel reservations, registration, and other meal reservations. The welcome letter, trifold & forms are on the Grand Chapter website at: <https://easternstar-virginia.org/grand-chapter-session/> .

SUNSHINE

Sister Kim Shipe became a grandmother, for the third time, when grandson Kemper Carneal made his début on January 18. Sis. Vickie & Br. Bret Shifflett (Milnes No. 3) were grandparents for the second time, when grandson, Emmett Shifflett made his debut on February 25. A new core of officers was installed on March 11 (picture below) and we're looking forward to a busy year filled with fellowship and fun. We'll have two new members to welcome on April 12.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep Sister Brenda Haas in your prayers. Her daughter, Olivia Orndorff, passed away in February. Also keep Sister Gloria Miller in your prayers, her husband Ronald passed away in February. Prayers for comfort and healing are extended to the sick, and heartfelt sympathy to the grieving. Continue to keep all members, their family, and friends in your prayers. If you know of others in need of prayer, contact Sister Shirley Bosley, Chairman of Sunshine, Sickness & Distress, p/t: (540) 435-2472 / email: bosley.shirley@comcast.net or Sister Becky.

PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS

Sister Becky and Brother Marty have three Special Philanthropic Projects this year. Two support our local community, they are the Harrisonburg Salvation Army Toy Convoy and the Valley Open Doors (uplifting area homeless).

The third is the Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee. April-September the Sunshine Drill will be for the Toy Convoy and October-March it will be for Open Doors. Celebrations will be for OES Service Dogs.

On March 15 several members of the chapter prepared and served dinner for Valley Open Doors at Cooks Creek Presbyterian Church. There were about 50 persons served. Thank you, Sister Gloria for coordinating and planning the date and menu for us. We should have another opportunity to do the same later this year.

WAYS & MEANS – ALL HANDS ON DECK

At our July 05, 2022 meeting, the members of the Chapter voted to host events, prepare and serve meals and have members present at the Lodge in support of the Grand Chapter of Virginia session, being held at Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, from Sunday, May 21 through Saturday, May 27, 2023. The Chapter will receive a donation from the Grand Chapter for the use of the lodge, our paraphernalia, and effort. We will also receive the proceeds from three dinners, two breakfasts and one lunch. Keep in mind we have a Personal Page, Grand Committee Chairman & WM, Grand Committee members, a Grand Representative & WP and a Grand Officer who will have to split their time between their duties at Grand Chapter and providing support at the lodge. It may be challenging at times, but it is our primary fundraiser for the Chapter this year. The schedule is below, if you can help in any way, please contact Sis. Becky or Br. Marty.

YEARBOOKS for 2023-24

Members who were unable to attend our installation on March 11 are receiving the yearbook with the April edition of Starlight News. You will find useful information in the Yearbook including a list of officers, odes, Chapter schedule and the current Membership Roster in the back. If you attended the installation but have misplaced it, didn't receive a copy, or you need another one, please let Sis. Becky know and she'll get a copy to you.



Shenandoah Valley 2023-2024 Officers

Row 1: Tracey Pence, Becky Eagleson, Karen Short

Row 2: Dawn Neil, Donna Brunk, Russell Pence, Marty Eagleson, Jill Cunningham, Jan Lambert, Krystle Naylor

Row 3: Brian Bosley, Shirley Bosley, Maria Miller, Kim Shipe, Mary Botkins

Row 4: Chris Neil, Gloria Miller

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER CALENDAR

March, April & May 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
Sun. Mar 26	1:00p	School of Instruction	Opening, Introductions & Closing
Sun. Mar 26	2:00p	School of Instruction	Initiation
Tue. Apr 04	6:30p	Light Refreshments	Karen Short
Tue. Apr 04	7:30p	Stated Meeting	Ballot, Spring & Easter Programs
Wed. Apr 12	7:00p	Special Meeting	Initiation
Wed. Apr 12	8:30p	Light Refreshments	Gloria Miller
Sat. Apr 29	6:30a-3:00p	Masonic One Day Conferral	Provide Breakfast, Snack & Lunch
Mon. May 01	6:00p	Provide & Serve Dinner	Rockingham Union Lodge
Mon. May 01	7:30p	Service Dogs Program	W/Rockingham Union Lodge
Tue. May 02	6:30p	Light Refreshments	Maria Miller
Tue. May 02	7:30p	Stated Meeting	Laura Ingalls Wilder Program
Mon. May 22	See Trifold	Grand Chapter of Virginia, OES	Membership Banquet
Tue. May 23		Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg	Service Dogs Presentation
Wed. May 24			Installation of Grand Officers
Sun. May 21	1p-6p	Grand Officer Rehearsal	Open/Close Lodge
Mon. May 22	8:00a-11:00a	Grand Choir Rehearsal	Open/Close Lodge
Tue. May 23	5:00p	Scarecrows Dinner	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Tue. May 23	5:30p-7:00p	S.A.T. Dinner	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Thu. May 25	1:00p-7:00p	Grand Officer School & Dinner	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Fri. May 26	8:00a-6:00p	A.L. School – Breakfast & Lunch	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Fri. May 26	6:30p	Family Movie Night to benefit Service Dogs of VA w/Waynesboro No. 105	Disney, “The Ugly Dachshund” Open/Close Lodge, Snacks
Sat. May 27	8:00a-1:00p	A.L. School & Breakfast	Prepare/serve/cleanup

Participation by members is always appreciated, especially during Grand Chapter Week May 21-May 27. To sign up to provide food, serve, clean up, assist guests, or donate, please contact, Becky Eagleson by p/t: +1(804) 338-44076 / email: b.eagleson@proton.me or Marty Eagleson by p/t: +1(804) 721-6112 / email: me.eagleson@proton.me. Thank You!

it has been fun visiting with you. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

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