



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

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STARLIGHT NEWS **June 2023**

“The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get.” —Tim Russert

JUNE STATED MEETING

Our next stated meeting is **Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30pm**. Come at 6:30pm for light refreshments, served with a large helping of fellowship! Thank you Sister Mary Botkins for providing the refreshments. Officers be prepared for long form opening. Lady officers a long or below-knee dress with summer colors, and men dockers and a collared shirt. We will have a brief summer program.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

At our May 2nd stated meeting, Br. Bret Shifflett, Worthy Grand Patron presented Sister Shirley Bosley with the appointment as Grand Representative of Vermont in Virginia. This appointment is well deserved and comes from the Chapter members with love and respect. Congratulations Sister Shirley!



Becky Eagleson, WM, Shirley Bosley with JoJo, Marty Eagleson, WP and Bret Shifflett, WGP

SECRETARY'S DESK

Please update Sister Gloria if you have any changes to your contact information, or you have an email address that you would like us to use at Shenandoah Valley. This will help keep our mailing costs to a minimum and you'll receive information in a timelier manner and stay in touch with our members.

Contact, Gloria Miller, p/t: (540) 578-5456, email: gkwmiller1@verizon.net or Gloria Miller, Secretary - 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801.

"IMPROV NIGHT" - RITUAL REVIEW

In May the Worthy Matron began hosting "Improv Night", the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm at the lodge. Join her and the Worthy Patron on **Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30pm**. These are not Schools of Instruction, they're a casual gathering to learn our ritualistic work together and enjoy fellowship. Why is it "Improv Night"? Because we will improvise each month. What questions do you have? What do you want to go over, learn or practice from the ritual? On June 20 we will be concentrating on the opening ceremony.

OFFICIAL VISIT – DISTRICT 18

Saturday, June 24 at 2:00pm our district will hold its Official Visit honoring Sister Linda Pearce, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Tom Ricks, Worthy Grand Patron. Shenandoah Valley is the host chapter at Rockingham Union Lodge, Harrisonburg.

Officers: Arrive at 1:00pm. Ladies wear a long white dress. Star Points, wear a long dress with your color (if you have one) or white, and men a tuxedo or dark suit. We have long form opening for the official visit.

Reception: Following the meeting, the reception will honor Sister Gloria K. Wilson Miller, Grand Adah from Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76. We will have a Sandwich Bar.

PREPERATION FOR OFFICIAL VISIT

School of Instruction: **Sunday, June 11 beginning promptly at 2:00pm**. The school will be led by Sister Joyce Hulse, Assistant Lecturer at Shenandoah Valley. Opening – Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76, Introductions – Milnes Chapter No. 3, Closing – Page Chapter No. 24. Officers, please learn your part(s) for Long Form Opening. We will begin with introductions since Sister Virginia (WM) must leave early. We will then have opening and closing. Please arrive at 1:45pm.

Lodge: Cleaning, set up and decorating will be Friday, June 23 at 12:00pm. We will be using the blue Lodge room and it will be decorated for the WGM & WGP. The banquet hall will be decorated for Grand Adah.

SUNSHINE

Congratulations to Sister Janet Long, Page Chapter No. 24, who was appointed Grand Representative of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island in Virginia, at their May meeting. Congratulations also to Sister Gail Blevins, Page Chapter No. 24, who was appointed Grand Representative of Kentucky in Virginia during the Grand Chapter Session.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Sister Louise Wilson passed away in May. "Mom Louise" was 93 and mother of Sisters Gloria and Virginia Lyeth. Keep them and their families in your prayers. Keep Sisters Kara Vance, Karen Short, Ann Silcox and Brenda Haas 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.

PHILANTHROPIC

There were no Celebrations in May, no monies were added to the dog treat jar for Service Dogs. The chapter gave \$150 each to ESTARL and George Washington Endowment Loan Fund, and \$50 to the Grand Chapter hospitality suite. The Rockingham Union & Shenandoah Valley Service Dogs of VA dinner and

program was a great success! \$370 was donated to Grand Chapter (VESPA) for SDV. The chapter donated \$50 to the Rockingham Union Ledge No. 27 Teddy Bear fund. These were presented to Mercy House, a shelter for homeless families to be given to children in need of comfort.



Worshipful, Matt Frakes, Sally Day, Service Dogs of VA, Becky Eagleson, Worthy Matron and Service Dog, Zuhey. May 1, 2023.



Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 - Marty Eagleson, Matt Frakes, Russell Pence and Wayne Wenger.
Mercy House Family Shelter - Shannon Porter and Noh Yoder

Family Movie Night for service Dogs of VA was a great success. Shenandoah Valley and Waynesboro Chapters worked together and \$476.00 was donated. Sister Becky is Chairman of the Service Dogs Committee again this year for Sister Linda Pearce, WGM & Brother Tom Ricks, WGP.

WAYS & MEANS

The silver drill raised \$17 in May. At the time of this writing the monies raised from the Masonic one-day conferral and Grand Chapter meals has not been reported. It will be included in the July Starlight News.

CASK FOR A CAUSE

Join Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 at Brothers Craft Brewing, on Friday, June 16, from 1:00pm-10:00pm. Proceeds from the specially made cask for RU will benefit the Virginia Headwaters Council of The Boy Scouts of America (troops in Rockingham, Pendleton & Augusta counties). Enjoy live music from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY

Our July stated meeting is Tuesday, July 4th. Since this is Independence Day I will ask that we vote for a dispensation to move our July stated meeting to Tuesday, July 18. Also, mark your calendars for our Chapter Picnic on Saturday, July 8, hosted by Sister Tracey & Brother Russell Pence. More details to come.

GRAND ADAH

**May we have the courage of Adah
To lift the veils in our way
That we may know fearless nights
And enjoy the brightness of day.**

Sister Gloria, as your journey begins we wish for you safe travels, great joy, a lot of laughter and fond memories.

JUNE 2023 - SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
Tue. June 6	6:30p	Light Refreshments	Mary Botkins
Tue. June 6	7:30p	Stated Meeting	Flag Day Program
Sun. June 11	2:00p	School – Official Visit	Rockingham Union Lodge
Fri. June 23	12:00p	Clean, set up & decorate	Rockingham Union Lodge
Sat. June 24	1:00p	Officers Arrive	Rockingham Union Lodge
Sat. June 24	2:00p	District 18 Official Visit	Rockingham Union Lodge

it has been fun visiting with you, we look forward to seeing all of you soon!

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