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STARLIGHT NEWS MAY 2023

“Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever”

MAY STATED MEETING

Our next stated meeting is **Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:30pm**. Come at 6:30pm for light refreshments, served with a large helping of fellowship & fun. Thank you Sister Maria for providing the refreshments. Officers please be prepared for long form opening. Wear your Red, White & Blue. Lady officers a dress and men a coat & tie. Sister Tracey Pence will give a presentation on Laura Ingalls Wilder and we will have a Memorial Day poem.

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

Contact information – Please remember to let Sister Gloria know if you have any changes to your contact information. Additionally, if you have an email address that you would like us to use at Shenandoah Valley, let Sister Gloria know. This will help keep our mailing costs to a minimum and you’ll receive information in a timelier manner.

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

MASONIC ONE-DAY CONFERRAL

On Saturday, April 29 the Chapter will be serving a light breakfast, morning snack and a hot lunch for the men in Masonic Districts 5 & 6, as they raise Master Masons in one day. It is a fundraiser for the Chapter but more importantly we are supporting our Lodges and building a relationship with the Masons. If you’re interested in providing food or helping serve, please contact Sister Becky.

SERVICE DOGS OF VA PRESENTATION!

On Monday, May 1st we’re hosting a Service Dogs of Virginia presentation with Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27. This is open to family & friends! Sally Day, Director of Development, with one of their Service Dogs, will discuss and demonstrate how these wonderful dogs help members in your community every day. Dinner (no cost) from 6:00pm-7:00pm and the presentation is from 7:30pm-8:00pm. We’ll see you, your family and friends there!

GRAND CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS

Participation by members is always appreciated, especially during Grand Chapter Week May 21-May 27. The May calendar is included. To sign up to provide food, serve, clean or assist guests please contact Sister Becky or Brother Marty. Thank you.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT BENEFIT!

Unwind after a week at work, Grand Chapter or just because! Have fun with family & friends while supporting Service Dogs of Virginia, Grand Chapter's philanthropic project. Donations at the door are \$10 for adults & \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 18. Hotdogs, popcorn, candy and drinks are included. We are showing Disney's "The Ugly Dachshund", a family friendly movie. Friday, May 26 at 6:30pm, Rockingham Union Lodge. Sponsored by Shirley's Popcorn, Shenandoah Valley and Waynesboro Chapter No. 105. All proceeds go to Service Dogs of Virginia.

SUNSHINE

In April we welcomed three new members! Sisters Suzanne Shifflett (dual member), Kara Vance, and Brother Eric Cunningham. Br. Eric will be installed as Sentinel at our May 2nd meeting.

Sister Laura Babbitt, WGM and Brother Bret Shifflett, WGP selected Sister Becky to carry the Eastern Star Flag during Grand Chapter Informal Opening. The narrator for the ceremony is Br. Donald Phillips, PGP. It is an honor for her and our Chapter.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep Sister Ann Silcox in your prayers she had a serious fall in April. Recovery will be slow but she has her characteristic positive attitude! Cards may be sent to 710 Silver Lake Rd. Dayton, VA 22821 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 and upliftng, 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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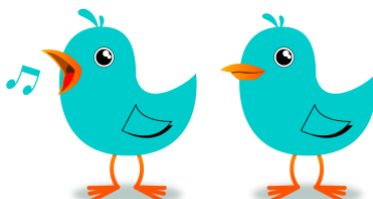
My apologies, I gave incorrect information in our April newsletter about our special projects for 2023-24. The Silver drill is for our Chapter Way & Means. There will be donation boxes available at the Chapter for the Harrisonburg Toy Convoy and Open Doors throughout the yea and we will announce specific campaigns for each project or you can simply donate items throughout the year. Celebrations will be for OES Service Dogs of Virginia.

WAYS & MEANS

The Chapter has several fundraising meals this year and helping hands are greatly appreciated. Consider helping to clean, set up or serve meals or provide food. Remember, you don't have to participate in every fundraiser, help when you can. These fundraisers will allow us to continue to support our community, Grand Chapter scholarships and special projects, our Chapter socials and events.

2023 GRAND CHAPTER OF VA

The Grand Chapter Session is May 22-24 at Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg. The welcome letter, trifold & forms are on the Grand Chapter website at: <https://easternstar-virginia.org/grand-chapter-session/>



NATIONAL MOMENT / MINUTE OF SILENCE

In 1996 the National Moment or Minute of Silence was established to honor the memory of our Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. Remember to observe a minute of silence at 3:00PM (local time) on Monday, May 29th in remembrance of our Veterans. Thank you.



With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember

MAY 2023 - SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
Mon. May 01	6:00p	Dinner	Rockingham Union Lodge
Mon. May 01	7:30p	Service Dogs Program	W/Rockingham Union Lodge
Tue. May 02	6:30p	Light Refreshments	Sister Maria Miller
Tue. May 02	7:30p	Stated Meeting	Laura Ingalls Wilder Program
May 22-24	See trifold	Grand chapter of Virginia, OES	Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg
Sun. May 21	1:00p-6:00p	Grand Officer Rehearsal	Open/Close Lodge
Tue. May 23	5:00P-7:00p	Scarecrows Dinner	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Tue. May 23	5:30p-7:30p	S.A.T's Dinner	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Thu. May 25	1:00p-7:00p	Grand Officer School & Dinner	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Fri. May 26	8:00a-5:00p	A.L. School – Breakfast & Lunch	Prepare/serve/cleanup
Fri. May 26	6:30p	Family Movie Night to benefit Service Dogs of VA	Disney, "The Ugly Dachshund" Open/Close Lodge, Snacks
		w/Waynesboro No. 105	Enjoy Family & Fellowship!
Sat. May 27	8:00a-1:00p	A.L. School & Breakfast	Prepare/serve/cleanup

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

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!