



# Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76

## Order of the Eastern Star

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## STARLIGHT NEWS

### AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025

#### AUGUST

***"No one can believe that God is not good when the August gardens are in their heyday." – Gladys Taber***

#### MEETINGS TIME CHANGE

Sisters and Brothers please note, Shenandoah Valley Chapter meetings begin at 7:00pm. Light refreshments & fellowship will be approximately 6:15 to 6:45pm. We will see you there!

#### INITIATION - AUGUST STATED MEETING

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM:** Join us at 6:30PM to welcome our new candidate & for light refreshments and fellowship, (Jill & Eric). We'll have the Initiation that was scheduled in June. Officers, ladies wear a white dress, or your star point color, men a suit and it will be short form opening. All officers are needed for initiation, if you're unable to attend contact the Worthy Matron, Sister Jill or Worthy Patron, Brother Brian.

#### GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO MASONIC DISTRICTS 5 & 6

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM:** The Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman will make his Official Visit to Masonic Districts 5 & 6 at the AMVETS Post No. 7 – 1340 N. Liberty St. Harrisonburg 22802. Social time is at 6:00pm and the Dinner is at 6:30pm. All masons, families, widows & prospects are welcome. Contact Br. Brian Bosley, DDGM to RSVP and reserve your tickets.

#### SEPTEMBER

***"Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul." -Peggy Toney Horton***

#### SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM:** Join us at 6:15PM for light refreshments and fellowship, (Becky & Marty). We will have Balloting. Officers, ladies wear a below-knee or long dress, men a suit. If you're unable to attend, contact the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron.

#### FUNDRAISER – RURITANS DINNER

**Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM:** At Weyers Cave Community Center, 682 Weyers Cave Rd, Weyers Cave 24486. Sign up at our September meeting to provide a dish or paper products. Contact Sister Maria.

## **BEAUTIFICATION DAY – ROCKINGHAM UNION LODGE**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-1:00pm**: R.U. No. 27 and SVC No. 76 are teaming up for Lodge Beautification Day! Bring your trucks, trailers, furniture movers, dollies, tools. We will clean out and clean up. Then brunch at Clementine Café.

## **SECRETARY'S DESK**

**Contact Information**: Please remember to update or recheck your contact information with the Secretary. It is important to have current information especially with dues notices coming out in fall.

If you have questions or need help with chapter business, contact our Secretary, Brother Martin Eagleson, PP.

## **MEMBER JOYS**

Sister Gloria's daughter and family have moved from out-of-state to Bridgewater. Gigi will enjoy having her grandchildren near her. Brother Marty is recovering well from surgery in July. Sister Jill & Brother Eric enjoyed their cruise, and we will finally welcome a new Sister!

## **MEMBER CONCERNS**

Sister Becky will finally have her first foot surgery at the end of August. Our 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, Chair, Joys and Concerns or Sister Jill and/or Brother Marty.

## **PHILANTHROPIC**

We continue to collect items for Valley Open Doors. This non-profit uplifts the homeless in Harrisonburg and the Valley area. Donate new Men's and Women's underwear, t-shirts, individual snacks and full-size toiletries. *No socks, they're provided by the Bombas Co.* There is a collection box on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the lodge. Contact Sister Gloria.

## **WAYS & MEANS**

\$6,000.00 was raised at the National Trappers Association Annual Convention in July. Spectacular job Sister Dawn, Brother Chris and all of the members, and non-members who helped on-site, canvassed for donations or donated to this event. Great leadership and teamwork, Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76 is the best Chapter!

## **STARLIGHT NEWS**

Members, I hope you enjoy the Starlight News and find useful information in each edition. However, I welcome your input, remember this is your newsletter. If you have an article you'd like to include, or if you have suggestions on how to improve your news, contact me & let me know. If you'd like to change how you receive your newsletter, (email / mail) let me know, I'll be happy to change it for you.

## **CHANGES – OES DISTRICT NO. 18**

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**: Please update your calendar with the new date for the District 18 Official Visit, (Milnes, Page, Shenandoah Valley). It remains at Rockingham Union Lodge.

**Milnes Chapter No. 3**: In July Milnes Chapter Bylaw changes were approved by the Worthy Grand Matron. Beginning in August, Milnes will begin their meetings at 7:00PM and they will meet year-round. Join them for an *Indoor Picnic* at 6:00PM prior to their 7:00PM stated meeting on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Sister Vickie Shifflett, WM.

## **ROCKINGHAM UNION LODGE NO. 27**

Contact Worshipful Master, Martin Eagleson with any questions, concerns or needs with the lodge.

### **CALLING ALL GHOSTS & GOBBLINS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Saturday, October 25th, 1:00p-5:00p**: It's our annual *Trick-or-Treat* at the Lodge as part of the HDR Skeleton Fest activities. Rockingham Union Lodge and Shenandoah Valley Chapter team up each year, decorate, dress up, hand out candy and have fun! Sister Dawn and Brother Chris are our Ghouls in charge. More information to follow.

### **ALL ABOARD!**

We would love to see our Sisters and Brothers, if you would like a ride or carpool to a meeting or function, please let us know. Many of our SVC members are also in Rockingham Union Lodge. There are many opportunities for meetings, events and fellowship. Every effort will be made for you to attend, we look forward to seeing you soon! Contact, Sister Jill or Brother Brian.

It has been fun visiting with you, and we hope to see you soon!

Star love,  
Becky Eagleson, PM  
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