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“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.” - John F. Kennedy

TWO PROGRAMS – ONE NIGHT!

VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF & BLIND AND ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Wednesday, November 8TH, Shenandoah Valley is providing dinner for Eureka Lodge No. 195 members and guests at 6:30pm, followed at 7:00pm by two programs. First, students from The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind will tell us about their recent experience at the Space Center. Followed by an Order of The Eastern Star program by Brother Bret Shifflett, PGP. Please come and support the students, Bret, and our Chapter. We are serving Pork tenderloin sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans & dessert. Please let Sister Becky or Brother Marty know if you can help with the meal.

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING

Saturday, November 11th at 12:00pm is our November meeting, when we may be joined by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Pearce & Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Ricks. We'll ballot on four petitions for membership, have a Thanksgiving theme, Veterans Day poem and a door prize. Officers, be prepared for ritualistic opening, ladies please wear a long red, white and/or blue dress and men a dark suit. Officers, if you are not able to attend let me know **as soon as possible**, this will help me get a pro-tem for you.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Saturday, November 11th at 2:00pm, we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary. We will welcome our WGM and WGP and begin with the pledge, a prayer and a meal of fried chicken & picnic fare. We'll have trivia, memorabilia, a City of Harrisonburg display, a large Veterans display (both courtesy of Sister Mary Pence) and members of the VFW will present the U.S. flag folding ceremony. And Brother Brian Bosley will regale us with one of his *famous* poems about our milestone Golden Anniversary! If you're not able to make the meeting at noon, come to the celebration for great food, great fun and great fellowship! This is an open event, invite family & friends. Wear your red, white and/or blue in honor of veterans Day.

We have limited seating, please RSVP by Wednesday, November 1st to Becky or Gloria.

INITIATION – SPECIAL MEETING

Sunday, November 12 at 3:00pm, we'll have a quick rehearsal for initiation for our pro-tems and officers.

Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm, we will have a Special Meeting for the purpose of initiating four

candidates. After the meeting we'll welcome our new Sisters and Brothers, enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. Officers please be prepared for short form opening, ladies wear a long white dress and men a dark suit. Officers, if you're unable to attend, let me know ASAP so I can get a pro-tem for you. I'd love to see as many of our members as possible there to welcome our four new members. (Note the earlier time).



DECEMBER 2023

***“My idea of Christmas, whether it be old-fashioned or modern, is very simple:
Loving Others” – Bob Hope***

Worthy Matron, Sister Becky will have back surgery on November 15th and will not preside at the December or January Stated Meetings. Associate Matron, Sister Tracey Pence will preside. worthy Patron, Brother Marty will be at the meetings.

ANNUAL HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES AND PARADE!

Saturday, December 2nd. Join Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76 and Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 for our annual joint event! Both provide hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and give tours of the building, (including the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star rooms) and then watch the Harrisonburg Downtown Parade. Last year we served over 300 people. This is a busy event that needs several member's support, but it's also fun meeting members of our community. Sister Dawn and Brother Chris Neil are coordinating this event for us this year. If you wish to help, donate cookies or monetary donation for cookies please contact Dawn by p/t: (540) 421-6652 / rdneil@gmail.com.

DECEMBER STATED MEETING

Tuesday, December 5TH at 7:30pm, is our December meeting. Join us at 6:30pm for light refreshments and fellowship, provided by Sister Gloria for us to enjoy, thank you. We will have a Memorial, Christmas theme and poem and a door prize. Officers, ladies wear a long white dress and men a dark suit. If you're unable to attend please contact sister Tracey by p/t: (540) 383-0316 / tpencemath@gmail.com or Sister Gloria Miller by p/t: (540) 578-5456 / gkwmiller1@verizon.net.



JANUARY 2024

*“And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.”
- Rainer Maria Rilke*

JANUARY STATED MEETING

Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:30pm, is our January meeting. We'll welcome the new year and have a winter poem. Officers, if you're unable to attend, please contact Sisters Tracey or Gloria.



CHAPTER BUSINESS

SECRETARY'S DESK

Chapter dues – dues for 2024 are \$25.00 and are due by 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 chapter business, please contact our Secretary, Sister Gloria. Gloria Miller, p/t: (540) 578-5456, email: gkwmiller1@verizon.net or Gloria Miller, Secretary - 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801.

SUNSHINE

We will welcome four new members to our Chapter family in November! Our Chapter was instituted on April 21, 1923, and as we celebrate 100 years, we have grown by 24% since April 12, 2023. We have marvelous new members, and we look forward to many happy years to come with *all* our members.

Sister Gloria is bringing back a holiday tradition begun by Sister Leslie Dodrill, Happy Holidays member visits. More details will follow at our meetings.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following members in your prayers and remember them with cards. Sister Ann Silcox is home and continues to recover from shoulder surgery. Sister Kim Shipe is home and continues to recover from back surgery. Sister Becky Eagleson will have back surgery in November, please pray for Brother Marty! 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

The Chapter has two philanthropic projects over the holidays which I know we'll make a great success and help the homeless and children in our community.

Open Doors: Sister Gloria is coordinating this project for the chapter and more details will follow at our meetings. If you would like more information, wish to help or donate contact Gloria Miller p/t: (540) 578-5456 / gkwmiller1@verizon.net

Harrisonburg Salvation Army Toy Convoy, Brothers Marty and Russell will coordinate this project for the Chapter. More details will follow at our meetings. If you would like more information, wish to help or donate contact: Marty Eagleson by p/t: +1(804) 721-6112 / me.eagleson@proton.me, or Russell Pence by p/t: (540) 383-0314 / repence@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
Wed. Nov. 8	6:30pm	Eureka Lodge dinner	Eureka Lodge No. 195 100 Hickory Lane Bridgewater, VA 22812
	7:00pm 7:30pm	Space Center Experience OES Program	Virginia School for the Deaf & Blind Bret Shifflett, PGP
Sat. Nov. 11	12:00pm 2:00pm	Stated meeting <i>100th Anniversary Celebration w/WGM & WGP</i>	Rockingham Union Lodge
Sun. Nov. 12	3:00pm	Rehearsal for initiation	Rockingham Union Lodge
Mon. Nov. 13	7:00pm	Special meeting for Initiation	Rockingham Union Lodge
Sat. Dec. 2	5:00pm	Hot chocolate, cookies & parade	Rockingham Union Lodge
Tue. Dec. 5	7:30pm 6:30pm	Stated meeting Light refreshments	Rockingham Union Lodge Gloria Miller
Tue. Jan. 2	7:30pm TBD 6:30pm	Stated meeting TBD refreshments	Rockingham Union Lodge

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

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