



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

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STARLIGHT NEWS OCTOBER 2023

“There Is Magic In The Night When Pumpkins Glow By Moonlight” – unknown

FRIENDSHIP NIGHT!

Friendship Night is Tuesday, October 3rd. Come for a *Friendship Tea* at 6:30pm, followed by our meeting at 7:30pm when we will honor all Star Point officers. We may have a Memorial for Stephen Brundage, PGP. Officers, be prepared for ritualistic opening, ladies, I'll let you know if a long white dress is needed, and men a dark suit.

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

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR PROGRAM & DINNER

Monday, October 2nd, Shenandoah Valley Chapter is providing dinner for Rockingham Union Lodge members, their families, friends and prospective members from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. Followed at 7:30pm by an *Order of The Eastern Star* program presented by Bret Shifflett, PGP. It would be great to see as many of our members as possible there to support Brother Bret, our chapter and our Order. Thank you.

TRICK-OR-TREAT!

Feeling a little ghoulish? Join us **Saturday, October 7th from 2:00 to 5:00pm,** for the HDR Skeletonfest Trick-or-Treat at the Lodge. Come in a costume if you'd like! If you wish to donate candy, bring it to our October 3rd meeting or that day. For questions, contact Sister Dawn Neil by text/phone at (540) 421-6052.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER NO. 76!

Saturday, November 11th: at the September Stated meeting the members voted to move our November 7th Stated meeting to **Saturday, November 11th at 12:00pm.** The Celebration begins at 2:00pm with Fried Chicken & picnic fare, a fun program and Veterans Day observance. Wear your Red, White and/or Blue. Stroll down memory lane with Chapter memorabilia and a Harrisonburg display. There will also be a large Veterans, (with First Responders) display, and VFW members will present the U.S. Flag Folding Ceremony.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Pearce and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tom Ricks will join us in celebrating 100 years! The Daily News Register will also be joining us.

If you have any memorabilia or items you would like to let the Chapter borrow, please contact Sisters Becky Eagleson, Shirley Bosley or Gloria Miller.

All Chapter members will receive an invitation, however, there is a seating limit for the celebration. We are requesting that you R.S.V.P. to the Worthy Matron, sister Becky **no later than November 1st**, by p/t: +1(804) 338-4076 or b.eagleson@proton.me. The meeting is closed, but the celebration is open to guests.

SUNSHINE

The members of Shenandoah Valley Chapter want to thank the Trustees & Worshipful Master, Matt Frakes at Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 for repairing the roof, ceiling and painting the ceiling in the chapter room. Thank you Trustees and Brothers Russell Pence and Wayne Wenger for overseeing the project.

We want to thank Worthy Matron, April Rogers and the Committee at Manchester Chapter No. 53, Richmond for providing Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76 with an altar and star point pedestals from Midlothian Chapter No. 85. It was made available to us because of the merger of Midlothian into Manchester in March 2023. Midlothian was home to Sister Becky & Brother Marty for several years when they lived in Midlothian, VA. It has found a loving home and has replaced furniture that had been repaired many times and needed replacing.

In September we welcomed Sister Sara Wittig into our chapter family! We will read at least one petition at our October meeting. We're growing but we'd also love to see all our Sisters and Brothers at meetings or functions. You are always welcome!



CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers. Sister Maria Miller's mother and Sister Krystle Naylor & Brother Justin Bowers' grandmother, passed away in August as did Brother Chris Neil's grandmother. Sister Ann Silcox had shoulder surgery in September. Sister Kim Shipe will have a second back surgery. 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 Sisters Gloria or Becky.

PHILANTHROPIC

Sister Gloria has been in touch with Open Doors, more details will follow in the next Starlight News.

WAYS & MEANS

In September we had our last Ruritans fundraiser for 2023 and \$480.00 was raised.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023 - SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>INFORMATION</u>
Mon. Oct. 2	6:00-7:15pm	R.U. dinner	Rockingham Union Lodge 114 S. Main Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801 Br. Bret Shifflett, PGP
	7:30pm	OES presentation	
Tue. Oct 3	6:30pm 7:30pm	Friendship Tea Friendship meeting	Becky & Marty Rockingham Union Lodge
Sat. Oct. 7	2:00-5:00pm	HDR Skeletonfest Trick-or-Treat w/Rockingham Union	Rockingham Union Lodge Dawn & Chris Neil
Wed. Nov. 8	6:30PM	Eureka Dinner	Eureka Lodge No. 195 100 Hickory Lane Bridgewater, VA 22812 Br. Bret Shifflett, PGP
	7:30PM	OES Program	
Sat. Nov. 11	12:00PM	Anniversary Stated Meeting	Rockingham Union Lodge
Sat. Nov. 11	2:00PM	100th Anniversary Celebration!	Rockingham Union Lodge
Sun. Nov. 12	2:00PM	Rehearsal for Initiation	Rockingham Union Lodge
Mon. Nov. 13	6:30PM 7:00PM	Welcome candidate / refreshments Special Meeting for Initiation	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 Sister Becky Eagleson by p/t: +1(804) 338-4076, Sister Gloria Miller by p/t: (540) 578-5456 or a member.

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