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## **STARLIGHT NEWS MARCH 2024**

***"St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time, a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic." – Adrienne Cook***

### **FROM THE EAST**

It's hard to believe that our year of service at Shenandoah Valley Chapter is ending. We have enjoyed serving as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron during the Chapter's milestone 100<sup>th</sup> year. Brother Marty and I thank the members for their dedication and steadfast support during this unusually busy year. We extend our sincerest best wishes to Sister Tracey and Brother Russell Pence as they begin their term as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, leading the Chapter into its next century.

### **MARCH FELLOWSHIP & STATED MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Light refreshments and fellowship at 6:30pm, followed by our stated meeting at 7:30pm. Thank you Sister Dawn and Brother Chris for providing refreshments. We'll have elections, do some housekeeping, and have a St. Patrick's Day program, wear your green! Officers, be prepared for opening march, regular form opening, closing march and wear a long or below-knee dress, men coat/tie.

### **SECRETARY'S DESK**

#### **March 5<sup>th</sup> Officer Reminders**

1. Elected officers turn in your chapter black books, secret work, and keys to Sister Gloria. They will be redistributed at installation.
2. If you're an officer for 2024-25 your dues must be current before you can be installed. See Sister Gloria if needed.

If you have questions or need help with the chapter, please contact our Secretary, Sister Gloria Miller by p/t: (540) 578-5456 or email: [gkwmiller1@verizon.net](mailto:gkwmiller1@verizon.net) or postal mail to Gloria Miller, 5724 Rawley Pike, Rockingham, VA 22801.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER OPEN INSTALLATION!**

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** - In anticipation of their election, we congratulate our first-time Worthy Matron, Sister Tracey Pence, Worthy Patron, Brother Russell Pence, PP, and their officers. Sister Donna McIlwee, PGM is the Installing Grand Officer. Tracey's colors are red and silver and a taco bar reception will follow the installation.

## SVC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** - This school is to prepare the officers for the new year, prior to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting. All officers, please make every effort to attend. All members are also encouraged to attend.

## SUNSHINE

As 2024 began, we welcomed 2 new members! On January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sister Sandra Clatterbuck and on February 6<sup>th</sup> Brother Andrew McManus. We are excited to have them in our Chapter family. We have a total of 9 new members in 2023-24, seven initiates and two dual members. We are so pleased that 5 of our new members will be officers in 2024-25.

## CARES AND CONCERNS

Please keep all members and their family & friends in your thoughts and 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 Sisters Shirley Bosley, Chairman of Sunshine, Sickness & Distress, p/t: (540) 435-2472 / email: [bosley.shirley@comcast.net](mailto:bosley.shirley@comcast.net), Tracey or Gloria.

## PHILANTHROPIC

Thank you to the members of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 for their \$150.00 donation to Open Doors. Sister Gloria received a check from Worshipful Russell Pence at our February meeting. We served our third Open Doors dinner in February; the Shepherds Pies were a big hit! Thank you, Sisters Gloria, Dawn, Jill, Kara, Suzanne, and Brothers Marty & Chris for helping. Sister Sara, thank you for donating the Warfels bags of chocolate.

The total donated from our Silver Drills for the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects was \$264.25. Her projects are St. Jude's Hospitals and Best Friends Animal Rescue.

The philanthropic fundraising total for various charities/projects this year was \$1,370.25, and SVC donated over \$800.00 to various charities/projects. Brother Marty and I thank the members for their continued support of our philanthropic work.

## WAYS & MEANS

Brother Marty and I thank the members for their hard work, dedication and donations for our Ways and Means projects. A total of \$5,519.77 was raised this year. We will continue to support Sister Tracey's efforts so that we may continue to support our community, grand chapter and meet our expenses.

It has been fun visiting with you this year and we look forward to seeing you at a meeting or activity soon!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rebecca Eagleson, Worthy Matron & Martin Eagleson, Worthy Patron

