



Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76

Order of the Eastern Star

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STARLIGHT NEWS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

JANUARY

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

REHEARSAL FOR INITIATION

Saturday, January 4th at 10:00am: All officers and members are invited to attend, if you're available. This is the only availability our Worthy Matron has due to family commitments. We plan to go to Clementine Café after for brunch.

INITIATION - JANUARY STATED MEETING

Tuesday, January 7th at 7:30pm: Join us at 6:30pm when we will welcome our candidate during refreshments and fellowship. We will also have Memorial for our member, Sister Anne Adams, PGM. Officers, we will open in short form, ladies wear a long white dress, men a dark suit and if you're unable to attend, contact our Worthy Matron, Sister Tracey ASAP so a pro-tem can be arranged.

CONGRATULATIONS SISTER KAREN!

At our December 3rd meeting Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tim Groves visited SVC and presented the *Grand Representative of Minnesota in Virginia* appointment to Sister Karen Short, PM. Her two-year appointment begins January 1, 2025. It's a very happy new year for Karen and her Chapters, Milnes No. 3, Shenandoah Valley No. 76 and Front Royal No. 6.

FEBRUARY

***“Though, February is short, it is filled with lots of love
and sweet surprises.” - Charmaine J Forde***

FEBRUARY STATED MEETING

Tuesday, February 4th at 7:30pm: Join us at 6:30pm for light refreshments and fellowship. Officers, if you're unable to attend, contact the Worthy Matron, Sister Tracey.

DISTRICT 18 STATED MEETING CHANGES

Milnes Chapter No. 3 and Page Chapter No. 24 have changed their meeting date & time for January and February. These changes are reflected in the calendar of events.

SECRETARY'S DESK

2025 Chapter Dues: Dues for 2025 are \$30.00 and are due by December 31, 2024. Please make your check payable to Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76 and send to Gloria Miller. Thank you. If you have questions or need help with chapter business, contact our Secretary, Sister Gloria Miller.

CHAPTER BYLAWS UPDATE

All three amendments to the Chapter Bylaws passed by a vote of the members at the October 1st stated meeting. As required, a copy of the 2019 (current) bylaws and two copies of the 2024 amendments (under seal), have been sent to the Worthy Grand Matron and are awaiting approval. If they are approved, you will be notified and receive a copy of the new Chapter Bylaws.

SUNSHINE

SVC had a surprise visit from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tim Groves at our December meeting. Brother Marty had a successful eye surgery in December and is on the mend. Sister Becky was released by her neurosurgeon...Bungee jumping you say?? Sister Karen is a Grand Representative. We will welcome two new Brothers into our Chapter family in, one initiate and one plural member.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Sister Anne R. Adams, PGM of Hillcrest Chapter No. 159 and Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76 was one day shy of her 100th birthday, when she went to her eternal home on November 20, 2024. She served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1985-86. Please keep her family in your prayers. 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, please contact Sister Shirley Bosley, Chair of Sunshine, Sickness & Distress or Sisters Tracey and Gloria.

PHILANTHROPIC

Valley Open Doors Winter Collection: Shenandoah Valley Chapter & Rockingham Union Lodge are collecting items for Valley Open Doors this winter. Open Doors uplifts the homeless in Harrisonburg. Bring new Men's and Women's underwear, t-shirts, hats, gloves & full-size toiletries, December – March to meetings and functions. **No Socks Please!** The Bombas Company is providing socks. There is a collection box on the 2nd floor of the lodge. If you would like more information, please contact Sister Gloria.

Lifesavers Project Update: The Rockingham County Sheriff's office will contact Sister Gloria when a person/family becomes available for SVC to sponsor.

WAYS AND MEANS - NATIONAL TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Mark your calendars! The Annual National Trappers Association Convention is July 17-19, 2025 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. This will be a "all hands-on deck" fundraiser. We have done these before, it's a lot of work, but a "ton of fun" too! Sister Dawn Neil is the Committee Chair, If you would like to serve on the committee please contact her. Stay tuned for more information.

ROCKINGHAM UNION LODGE NO. 27 A.F.&A.M.

Congratulations Brother Brian Bosley, PP who was installed as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 6 on November 9th at Grand Lodge in Richmond, VA.

Congratulations Brother Martin Eagleson, PP who was installed as the (first time) Worshipful Master of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, on December 21st. The Installing Officer was the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman. Sister Sandy Clatterbuck "wowed the crowd", as Installing Musician. Congratulations to Worthy Patron, Brother Russell Pence on a very

successful 2024 as Worshipful Master. Please contact Worshipful Marty with any questions, concerns or needs with the Lodge.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS BLUE RIDGE CLUB

Recurring Breakfast Fundraisers: Mark your calendars! The IORG Blue Ridge Club will serve breakfast the *Third Saturday* each month from 8:00am to 10:00am. Bring family and friends! It's a wonderful opportunity for young ladies you know between the ages of 11-20, to meet members of the Blue Ridge Club, Rainbow Girls and Adult Leaders. Join them for fun, food and fellowship! A donation of \$10 is suggested and appreciated.

Please note: The December breakfast will be on Saturday, December 28th.

IORG Open Installation: Miss Kiele Neil, daughter of Sister Dawn and Brother Chris Neil is anticipated to be installed as the (first time) Worthy Advisor of Ashburn Assembly No. 11, on **Saturday, February 1st at 2:00pm**. Reception following, and *all are invited!* Some SVC members will attend, if you would like to carpool. Ashburn-Sterling Lodge, 43881 Waxpool Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147. For more information about the Blue Ridge Club or Rainbow, contact Sister Dawn.

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, Sisters Tracey or Gloria.

Becky Eagleson, PM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat. January 4	10:00a	Rehearsal for Initiation Brunch	OES room 3 rd floor Clementine Cafe
Tue. January 7	6:30p 7:30p	Light refreshments & fellowship Initiation - Stated meeting	Lodge 2 nd floor OES room 3 rd floor
Tue. February 4	6:30p 7:30p	Light refreshments & fellowship Stated meeting	Lodge 2 nd floor OES room 3 rd floor

DISTRICT 18 STATED MEETINGS / EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed. December 31	11:30a	Lunch at Mamma Mia Italian Restaurant	701 S. 3 rd Street Shenandoah 22849
Sat. January 4	11:00a	Page No. 24 – Stated meeting Grand Officer Announcement	210 Virginia Avenue Shenandoah 22849
Sat. January 11	11:00a	Milnes Chapter No. 3 Stated meeting	210 Virginia Avenue Shenandoah 22849
Sat. February 1	11:00a	Page Chapter No. 24 Stated meeting	629 W. Main street Luray 22835
Sat. February 8	11:00a	Milnes Chapter No. 3 Stated meeting	210 Virginia Avenue Shenandoah 22849