



April Trestleboard

Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A.F. & A.M.

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FROM THE MASTER'S STATION

Worshipful. Matt Frakes

Greetings Brethren,

As March draws to a close, the lodge has had a flurry of activity. Last month's "So Mote It Beef BBQ" dinner was an immense success. We raised \$100 in donations toward our lodge "Teddy Bear Fund." Not to mention, we had a great turnout for our pre-stated meeting dinner, allowing us all to share in Masonic fellowship and experience the best BBQ in the Shenandoah Valley, courtesy of Wor. Will Bryan who owns and operates "So Mote It Beef BBQ."

We have a busy upcoming month of April at Rockingham Union #27. Our stated meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd at 7:30pm. Prior to our meeting, we will be hosting our Lodge "Spaghetti Night." Please make sure to come out for "Spaghetti Night" for fellowship, fun, and great food.

Our presentation for April's stated meeting will be Harrisonburg Fire Chief – Matthew Tobia. Chief Tobia was recently honored by Virginia's Governor with the "2022 Governor's Fire Service Award - VA Fire Chief of the Year." This is quite an honor, and he will be giving a presentation on what's new with the Harrisonburg Fire Department.

Our Lodge will be the host for District 5 & 6 for the One-Day-Conferral on Saturday, April 29th. If you are interested in attending or participating in this event, please let us know. Shenandoah

Valley Chapter #76, OES will be providing some snacks in the morning and a hot lunch. RSVP to your Lodge Secretary if you plan to participate. Cost is \$15 per person.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, April 3rd at 6:00pm for our lodge "Spaghetti Night."

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Dinner at 6:00 PM – Spaghetti Night
Program at 7:30 PM - Harrisonburg Fire Dept.
Meeting after Program

- Officers-suit or jacket/tie
- Brethren-business casual

DEGREE PROGRESS

The 3rd Monday of each month is reserved for Degree Work.

Preparations continue for the One-Day-Conferral.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S STATION

Attendance is improving slightly, but we still miss our brethren at Lodge. Worshipful Matt is booking presentations at each meeting and they certainly deserve a large audience. Please come to Lodge and let these speakers know they are appreciated.

Also, we need attendance at the One-Day-Conferral. Currently we have about 20 candidates, each will have a mentor. That means 20 brothers from Districts 5 & 6 will not be available for the floor work, since they will be on the sideline with their candidates. Please, please come and help! It

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takes a lot of the brethren for the Master Mason degree, and the candidates will be watching from the sideline, so attendance is crucial so that those on the floor don't have to perform multiple roles in the degree. This will make the event successful and create a positive impression on the candidates. If you can help, please let RW Frank Will know.

EVENTS

- **April 1th – Area Masonic Ritual School (Frank Bowman) for Districts 3, 5 & 6 in Front Royal, focusing on One-Day-Conferral**
- April 15th – RSVPs due for dinner at May 1st Stated Communication and Service Dogs of Virginia program. RSVP to Becky Eagleson, Worthy Matron - b.eagleson@proton.me or call/text 804-338-4076
- **April 29th - One-day conferral at RU #27**
- May 19th – Grand Master's Official Visit to Districts 5 & 6, \$25 per person.
- August 11th & 12th – Reid James Simmons Academy at Roanoke Scottish Rite
- Oct 14th - Area Masonic Ritual School for Districts 3, 5 & 6 in Front Royal

Lodge Prayer List

Sick or Distressed

- None at this time

If you know of a Brother who needs prayers or assistance, please contact the Lodge Secretary at ru27secretary@gmail.com.

Good News!

The Trestleboard is now available on our website!!! Your monthly email will contain the link for the current issue, back issues for the current year are also available.

If you know of a Brother's good fortune or of something in your own life, please contact the Lodge Secretary at ru27secretary@gmail.com. It is a wonderful way to acknowledge the triumphs and successes of our Brethren.

Masonic Birthdays in April

Jerrell Barney
Tobie Bow
John Kaltenborn
Ricky Ritchie
Wayne Rothery
Harold Teer
Richard Will

Happy Birthday to all these Brethren!!

Appendant Bodies

O.E.S. - Shenandoah Chapter No. 76

- April 4th - 7:30pm Stated Meeting
 - Refreshments at 6:45pm
- May 22nd - 24th, Grand Chapter of Virginia at Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Conference Center