



February Trestleboard

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

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FROM THE MASTER'S STATION

Worshipful. Matt Frakes
Greetings Brethren,

January was an eventful month for Rockingham Union Lodge #27. We embarked on re-establishing meals before our monthly stated meetings, which was met with tremendous enthusiasm. We had a great turnout for January's pizza dinner and based on the positive response from the lodge to the event, we will continue providing these meals prior to our stated monthly meetings. Please make sure to come out for our inaugural "Chili Cook-off Competition" prior to February's stated meeting. This event is already creating a lot of buzz and I have a feeling there will be a great turnout.

The month of January also saw the Raising of a newly minted Master Mason – Matt Phillippi. Our lodge continues doing a great job in raising quality men into Masonry.

February's stated meeting will be the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Chris Heird. R.W. Heird will be giving his presentation to our lodge on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Virginia.

As always, I encourage our brethren who may not have attended a stated meeting in a while, to re-engage in Rockingham Union #27. January's stated meeting saw our largest attendance in quite sometime and I would love to see our numbers continue to grow at stated meetings as we progress through the year.

I continue to be humbled and honored to be your Worshipful Master for 2023. If you have any

ideas or suggestions for our lodge, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Stated Communication 6 February 2023

Dinner at 6:00 PM – Chili Cookoff
Program at 6:30 PM - DDGM Presentation
Meeting at 7:30 PM

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

DEGREE PROGRESS

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

***** Note ***** February Degree Work will be on the 27th, (4th Monday) due to scheduling conflicts and we will raise Noah Spangler to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Remember to attend the degrees whenever possible. The brethren are needed in attendance to make the ceremonies memorable for the candidates. Also, you get to know them. They are the future of the Lodge

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S STATION

The Grand Master has challenged us to perform a minimum of 5 charitable acts this year. If the Lodge performs 10 or more charitable acts, we will get special recognition at the Grand Annual Communication.

If you have any ideas or know of any person or organization that needs our help, please forward that information to the Lodge. Thanks!

EVENTS

- Jan 28th – Division Leadership Conference – Fishersville
- Feb 6th – District Deputy Grand Master’s Official Visit to Rockingham Union #27 and Chili Cookoff
- March 31st – Grand Master’s Official Visit to Districts 6 & 7 – winter tux
- April 4th – Area Masonic Ritual School for Districts 3, 5 & 6 in Front Royal
- April 29th - One-day conferral at RU #27
- May 19th – Grand Master’s Official Visit to District 5 – summer tux
- 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!

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 February
Bentel, Matthew Paul
Foley, Perry Allen
Batten, Mark Edward
Hale, Herman Walton
Chenoweth, Carl James
Winton, Howard Scott
Frakes, Matthew Robert
Layman, Leon Dee

Happy Birthday to all these Brethren!!

Appendant Bodies

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

Saturday February 4th at 11 AM Stated Meeting and Friendship Day.
Lunch to follow