



## March Trestleboard

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

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### FROM THE MASTER'S STATION

*Woshipful. Matt Frakes*  
Greetings Brethren,

As February flies by, Rockingham Union #27 had another successful and eventful month. February had our lodge's inaugural "Chili Cook-off" competition before our stated meeting. We had 6 chili entries and this year's chili winner was R.W. Russell Pence. Russell 1st place prize consists of a year's worth of bragging rights and a beautiful masonic tie. Our lodge raised close to \$80 toward our "Teddy Bear Fund" as a result of the Chili Cook-off.

Rockingham Union #27 also welcomed an official visit from our District Deputy Grand Master – R.W. Chris Heird, who discussed our Grand Master's vision and goals for the subordinate lodges in VA for the year. He also announced a practice for the One Day Conferral.

We plan to have a great March. Our dinner will be provided by "So Mote It Beef BBQ," consisting of pulled pork BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, and chips. If you haven't tried BBQ from "So Mote It Beef BBQ," then you are missing out on some of the best BBQ in the area and you need to come to March's pre-stated meeting dinner. This dinner will be free to those who attend, but as always, donations are appreciated to our lodge's "Teddy Bear Fund."

March's stated meeting program, in honor of February being "Brain Injury Awareness Month," we will have a presentation by Cindy Noftsinger – Executive Director with Brain Injury Connections of the Shenandoah Valley. This will be a very informative program and on a topic that is becoming more common in society.

I can't wait to see the brethren in March and PLEASE come out to our BBQ dinner at 6:00pm before our stated meeting. Thank you all.

### *Stated Communication 6 March 2023*

Dinner at 6:00 PM – So Mote It Beef  
Program at 7:00 PM - Brain Injury Awareness  
Meeting at 7:30 PM

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

### ***DEGREE PROGRESS***

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

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

### FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN'S STATION

Attendance at Lodge remains low even though Covid restrictions were lifted a long time ago. Take a moment and think about why you joined Freemasonry and what you enjoyed about it. For me it was the camaraderie. I know objects at rest tend to stay at rest. Objects in motion tend to stay in motion. I challenge you to "get in motion" and start attending Lodge. Please join in – we have some good food, fresh faces, and are raising new Master Masons who will appreciate your being there. The more you attend, the more the Lodge will be able to do for the community and our brethren.

## EVENTS

- March 10th, practice for the One Day Conferral for Districts 5 & 6 at 7PM at Rockingham Union #27. All mentors are strongly encouraged to attend. There will be a training session for mentors at this practice.
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Area Masonic Ritual School for Districts 3, 5 & 6 in Front Royal
- April 29<sup>th</sup> - One-day conferral at RU #27
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Grand Master’s Official Visit to Districts 5 & 6
- August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Reid James Simmons Academy at Roanoke Scottish Rite
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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](mailto:ru27secretary@gmail.com). It is a wonderful way to acknowledge the triumphs and successes of our Brethren.

## Masonic Birthdays in March

Adams, John Quincy  
 Byrd, Francis Irvin  
 Clary, Ryamond Edward  
 Dovel, Randy Scott  
 Eagle, Rodney Lee  
 Ervin, Joseph L.  
 Francis, Thomas Joel  
 Halterman, Harold Cletus  
 Harrington, John Robert III  
 Holsinger, Eugene Good  
 Shifflett, Jeremy Michael  
 Haywood, Charles Willard  
 Kline, Dennis Wayne  
 Lee, David Wilson  
 Newcomer, Bradley Richard  
 Shilling, Gregory Allen Dr.  
 Smith, Homer G. Jr.

**Happy Birthday to all these Brethren!!**

## Appendant Bodies

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

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Stated Meeting, refreshments prior to meeting at 6:45pm.

Saturday, March 11, Open Installation of 2023 Officers at 2:00pm.