



February Trestleboard

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

Chartered on October 27, 1789

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FROM THE MASTER'S STATION

*Right Worshipful
Russell Pence*

In our upcoming February meeting, we are delighted to announce a delectable menu featuring lasagna and garlic bread. This culinary experience not only promises a delightful evening but also serves a greater purpose. The proceeds from the meal will be dedicated to supporting Open Doors of Harrisonburg, underscoring our commitment to community outreach and charitable endeavors.

Moreover, the vibrancy of masonry at Rockingham Union Lodge remains steadfast. The lodge continues to thrive, fostering camaraderie and upholding the principles that have defined it throughout the years. The February gathering provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the strength and resilience of our Masonic community.

A highlight of the event will be the official visit from our esteemed District Deputy Grand Master, Bill Calendar. His presence adds a special significance to the occasion, bringing a sense of unity and leadership to our Masonic journey. As we convene for this momentous meeting, we look forward to sharing good food, camaraderie, and the collective spirit of benevolence that defines our Masonic brotherhood.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Russell Pence

Stated Communication 5 February 2024

Dinner at 6:00 PM – Lasagna w/Caesar Salad
Meeting at 7:30 PM

- Officers – shirt and tie
- Brethren – business casual

DEGREE PROGRESS

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

- No degrees on the schedule, practice instead

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN'S STATION

Brother Martin Eagleson

Brethren, we miss seeing many of you at lodge. We realize that some have very little free time. Others stopped attending because they weren't made to feel welcome. The Worshipful Master and I are committed to making our lodge a vibrant and friendly place to meet. We brightened up several key locations in the lodge already this year, with thorough cleaning, new paint and light fixtures. Meals are provided prior to the meeting, to make it easier to attend. If you need help attending, please let us know.

Think about the experiences of your initiation, passing and raising and help us return that spirit of fraternity to the lodge. If you have any suggestions or questions, feel free to reach out to me directly either by attending a meeting or email/phone.

Fraternaly,
Martin Eagleson

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EVENTS

- Feb 5th – DDGM Reception at RU27
- Feb 24th – District Leadership Conference in Waynesboro (Fishersville). RSVP on Grandview
- Mar 8th – GM OV to Dist 3
- District Ritual Schools of Instruction
 - Feb 22nd – Hunter Lodge
 - Mar 28th – Mt Jackson Lodge
 - Apr 25th – Rockingham Union Lodge
 - May 23rd – Eureka Lodge
- Apr 6th – Area School of Instruction at Unity Lodge
- May 31st – GM OV to Districts 5 & 6

Lodge Prayer List

Sick or Distressed

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.

Brother Tyler Allen Blanks was examined for his EA Catechism and passed with flying colors!

Masonic Birthdays in February

(Anniversary of Month raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason)

Mark Edward Batten	17 years
Matthew Paul Bentel	14 years
Carl James Chenoweth	2 years
Perry Allen Foley	47 years
Matthew Robert Frakes	9 years
Herman Walton Hale	38 years
Leon Dee Layman	60 years
Howard Scott Winton	21 years

Happy Masonic Birthday to all these Brethren!!

Appendant Bodies

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

- Feb 6th – Stated Meeting
 - Refreshments at 6:30pm – come and meet our new candidate for initiation!
 - Meeting starts at 7:00pm (½ hour earlier than normal)
 - Initiation
 - Memorial
 - Business
 - Dress
 - Ladies – long white dress
 - Men – Coat & Tie / Suit
- Feb 17th – Area School of Instruction at Front Royal Chapter at 9am
- Feb 25th – School of Instruction at SVC, 2pm
- Mar 9th – Installation of Officers for 2024

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Check It Out!!

If you want to travel with us to any other lodges in the districts, let us know – we carpool to most of the Stated and Called Communications in District 6 every month. Join in on the fun!!!

Traveling Gavel Story

Your lodge brethren obtained the Traveling Gavel last month at Eureka Lodge's December Stated Communication. The picture was in last month's Trestleboard.

Eureka Lodge struck back and captured the T.G. at our January Stated Communication. Here is the picture:



Rockingham Union returned the favor the next week at Eureka Lodge's January Stated Communication and took the T.G. away again.

All Lodges in the District are challenged to come and get the T.G.!!



You know it is great fun, because of all the smiles.

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Join Us for a Grand Celebration

**Fifth and Sixth Masonic District
Grand Masters Official Visit**

**Friday May 31, 2024 at 6:00pm at
The beautiful scenic Shawnee Farms
Located 2816 Old Forge Rd. Luray, VA**

*“Lets come together to
honor the Grand Master
and strengthen the
bonds of the masonic
community”*



178th Grand Master of Masons
Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis



- Fellowship and Masonic Unity
- Meal prepared by So Mote it Beef BBQ
- Awards and presentations
- Dress Business casual
- Cost is \$25.00 per person
- For more information and to RSVP by May 15th call William Callender @ 540-435-1220 or William Bryan @ 703-969-9293