



March 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*

The members of the Rockingham Union Lodge have demonstrated a commitment to community service and support, making a lasting impact by supporting the Harrisonburg Open Doors initiative. Through our collective efforts, we proudly made a substantial donation to this wonderful organization, contributing to their mission of providing shelter, assistance, and resources to those in need within our community. The generosity of our members reflects our dedication to creating a positive and meaningful impact on the lives of others.

In addition to our support for Harrisonburg Open Doors, we extended our generosity to the Rainbow Girls, further enriching our Masonic youth groups through charitable contributions. This collaboration emphasizes our lodge's commitment to the youth and community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the upcoming Lodge Beautification Day, where we invite active participation from all our appendant bodies. This initiative underscores our shared responsibility for maintaining and enhancing the physical space that we all share. Through this event, we aim to strengthen the sense of community among our members and promote a welcoming environment for all who engage with the Rockingham Union Lodge.

The success of these endeavors rests upon the continued dedication of our members. As we move forward, we anticipate building upon our impactful contributions, making a lasting and positive difference in the lives of those around us and the community we call home. Together, we strive to embody the principles of charity, fraternity, and community service that defines Rockingham Union Lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Russell Pence

Stated Communication 4 March 2024

Dinner at 6:00 PM – Meat Loaf dinner
Meeting at 7:30 PM

- Program – Tim Hartman (MAHOVA)
- Officers – shirt and tie
- Brethren – business casual

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN'S STATION

Brother Martin Eagleson

On the 24th of February, your lodge officers attended the District Leadership Conference. The Grand Master and his officers gave inspiring remarks on the current and future state of the Grand Lodge. It was very informative and well received.

At one point the conference moderator asked for any lodge that had all their line officers in attendance to stand. Our lodge was the only one in the district that stood up. All five of our line officers were there. I felt proud of Rockingham Union Lodge. There were many sounds of

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surprise when we stood. The round of applause felt especially good.

I bring this up to make a point. Your lodge officers are **all** working hard to improve themselves and the lodge as well. We are doing work on the building to make it more inviting (and safe) for the brethren. As the Worshipful Master noted in his remarks this month, we will be having a clean-up day. Again, with the purpose of making the lodge a place that all the Brethren want to attend.

But we need your help. We need you to attend the meetings, help with the clean-up efforts, and in general, just become active members. The officers alone cannot keep the lodge operating. We need the brethren participating and helping to make our lodge a shining beacon of brotherly love and relief.

Fraternally,

Martin Eagleson

EVENTS

- Mar 8th – GM OV to Dist 3
- District Ritual Schools of Instruction
 - 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.

Masonic Birthdays in March

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

John Quincy Adams	22 years
Francis Irving Byrd	51 years
Raymond Edward Clary	37 years
Randy Scott Dovel	17 years
Rodney Lee Eagle	31 years
Joseph L. Ervin	61 years
Thomas Joel Francis	7 years
Donald Lee Gentry	66 years
Harold Cletus Halterman	12 years
John Robert Harrington III	22 years
Charles Willard Haywood	9 years
Eugene Good Holsinger	65 years
Dennis Wayne Kline	15 years
David Wilson Lee	19 years
Bradley Richard Newcomer	31 years
Jeremy Michael Shifflett	10 years
Gregory Allen Shilling	9 years
Homer G. Smith Jr.	69 years

Happy Masonic Birthday to all these Brethren!!

DEGREE PROGRESS

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

- Wardens and Deacons Club meeting prior to Ritual Practice

Appendant Bodies

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

- Mar 5th – Stated Meeting at 7:30pm
- Mar 9th – Open Installation of Officers for 2024 at 2:00pm

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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!!!



Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27 attendees enjoy a great lunch after the District Leadership Conference in Waynesboro.

Left to right: Brothers David Bates (JW), Tyler Blanks (JD), Brian Bosley (DDGM-elect), Russell Pence (WM), Marty Eagleson (SW), and Matt Phillippi (SD)

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March 4, 2024 6:00 pm meal 7:30 pm Meeting

Guest Speaker-Tim Hartman

The Masonic Home Ambassador



Dinner menu:

Meatloaf - Mashed potato - green beans

Rolls and drinks

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