



## October Trestleboard

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

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#### FROM THE MASTER'S STATION

*Right Worshipful  
Russell Pence*

Dear Brethren,

I hope this message finds you all well. We've got a lot going on this month, and I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and important events that are coming up for our lodge and community.

First off, we're thrilled to remind everyone about the upcoming Skeleton Festival in Harrisonburg. This annual event is always a fun and festive occasion, and we encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the festivities, and show support for our community. Alongside the celebration, we're organizing a food drive for our local food pantry. Hunger is a year-round issue, and this is a great opportunity to give back. Any donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, or monetary contributions would be deeply appreciated. Let's come together to make a difference for those in need during this time.

In addition, we are especially excited to share that our very own Brother Woody Corbin is in the process of creating a beautiful Masonic mural on the third floor of our lodge. This project is truly a labor of love and dedication, and it's already shaping up to be something very special. We're incredibly fortunate to have such talented brothers within our ranks, and we look forward to seeing the finished work. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to Woody for his efforts the next time you see him.

#### *Stated Communication 7 October, 2024*

Dinner at 6:00 PM - Spaghetti  
Meeting at 7:30 PM – Past Master's Night

- Officers – Suit or blazer and tie
- Brethren – business casual

As always, our monthly lodge dinner will be an excellent opportunity for fellowship and community. This month, we'll be serving a delicious meal of spaghetti and French bread, and we're asking that all donations made at the dinner go directly to support our local food shelters. We know how crucial these services are, especially during the colder months when many families struggle to put food on the table. Your generosity will go a long way in helping to provide for those less fortunate in our community, and we are grateful for every contribution, no matter the size.

We truly hope to see many of you at the lodge this month. Whether it's for the Skeleton Festival, the food drive, the lodge dinner, or simply stopping by to check on the mural's progress, your presence and support mean the world to us.

Thank you all for continuing to live out the values we hold dear as Masons—compassion, charity, and brotherhood. Together, we can continue to uplift our community and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

If you have any questions or would like to help with any of the events mentioned above, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Russell Pence

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## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN'S STATION

*Brother Martin Eagleson*

The Lodge initiated 2 new Entered Apprentices last month, we are planning to initiate another 2 this month. Come to the degree nights and see them improving in Masonry!! The more you put into the Lodge, the more you will get out.

Again, if you have any suggestions on improving the lodge experience, let us know.

Fraternally,  
**Martin Eagleson**

## **EVENTS**

- Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm – Lafayette Lodge meeting in Luray Caverns
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm - Initiation of 2 candidates
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm - Move-Up Night
- Nov 8-9, Grand Communication
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm - HDR WinterFest
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am – 2025 Open Installation of Lodge Officers

## **Lodge Prayer List**

### **Sick or Distressed**

If you know of a Brother or family member who needs prayers or assistance, please contact the Lodge Secretary at [ru27secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ru27secretary@gmail.com).

## **DEGREE PROGRESS**

The **3rd Monday at 7pm** of each month is reserved for Ritual/Degree Work.

- This month initiation of 2 candidates will be on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, so that the brethren can attend the Luray Caverns event. (Volunteers to assist are welcome!)

## **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.

<b>Masonic Birthdays in October</b> (Anniversary of Month raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason)		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Daniel Ashby Hill II	52	10-11
Donald Richard Bosley	45	10-23
Stephen Craig Straight	42	10-29
Wayne Benjamin Wenger	33	10-30
Michael Andrew Fornadel	31	10-07
Loftus Milton Hitchens III	28	10-17
Robert Preston Stewart	22	10-07
Thomas June Dawson	22	10-26
John David Gira	20	10-12
Jared Wayne Haechten	14	10-30
Wesley Scott Dove	4	10-03
Benjamin Jeffery Gofton	4	10-03
Jacob Michael Hitzges	4	10-03
Abdullah Atheer Jalal	4	10-03
Floyd Wilson Morris Jr.	4	10-03
Joshua Oneil Morris	4	10-03
Dustin Cody Sinnett	4	10-03

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

## **Appendant Bodies**

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

- Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm HDR SkeletonFest
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Stated Meeting

## **IORG Blue Ridge Club**

- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 5pm Movie Night at RU Lodge
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 8-10am – Breakfast at the Lodge

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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 #27**

Spaghetti Dinner October 7, 2024 6:00 pm

Meal donations will go to the local food banks

Come enjoy a delicious meal and support a great cause!

You can also bring food donation for our Dropbox

