

OFFICIAL CALL

PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTION FOR SHENANDOAH COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

As Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee, I, Vito Gentile, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, and as recommended and directed by the Shenandoah County Republican Committee at its regular meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018, I, Vito Gentile, do hereby issue this call for Precinct Mass Meetings (as needed) and a County Convention to be held as follows:

COUNTY CONVENTION

The Shenandoah County Republican Convention shall convene at Central High School in Woodstock, Virginia or its alternate site on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. Election of a Chairman and Precinct and At-Large Members of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee for a two-year term; and
2. Electing up to 1,165 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to cast 233 delegate votes at the 6th Congressional District Convention, to be held on May 19th at James Madison University Convocation Center, 895 University Boulevard in Harrisonburg, VA, or its alternate site beginning at 10 a.m. for the purposes electing chairman of the 6th Congressional District Committee, electing three regional Vice-Chairman for the 6th Congressional District Committee, nominating a republican party candidate for the office of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention;
3. The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All legal and qualified voters under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required an intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions, or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. All individuals desiring to participate in the County Convention may be required to present some form of identification such as a voter registration card, driver's license, or other positive identification.

A voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee shall not be qualified for participation in party actions, as defined in Article I of the Party Plan of the Republican Party of Virginia, for a period of four (4) years. A person otherwise qualified shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination

process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years. A single exception shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception identified in this paragraph thereafter. Within 30 days of receipt, the Official Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of 5 years.

ALLOTMENT OF COUNTY CONVENTION DELEGATE VOTES

The County Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternate Delegates from the respective precincts that they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each precinct in the last Presidential and Gubernatorial elections combined. Each precinct will be allowed one (1) delegate vote for each seventy-five (75) Republican votes cast, or a major fraction thereof. Each precinct shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate vote. Up to five (5) Delegates and five (5) Alternate Delegates may be elected for each Delegate Vote, but no Delegate shall have less than one-fifth (1/5) of a vote. Pursuant to Section H (3) of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, each precinct delegation shall vote full vote at the County Convention unless otherwise designated by the electing members of the precinct at its mass meeting. Precincts shall be entitled to vote as follows:

Orkney Springs – 13 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 65 Delegates with 65 Alternate Delegates
New Market – 35 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 175 Delegates with 175 Alternate Delegates
Conicville – 26 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 130 Delegates with 130 Alternate Delegates
Mt. Jackson – 21 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 105 Delegates with 105 Alternate Delegates
Edinburg – 23 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 115 Delegates with 115 Alternate Delegates
St. Luke – 25 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 125 Delegates with 125 Alternate Delegates
Fort Valley - 13 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 65 Delegates with 65 Alternate Delegates
Woodstock – 41 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 205 Delegates with 205 Alternate Delegates
Cedar Creek – 2 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 10 Delegates with up to 10 Alternate Delegates
Toms Brook – 32 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 160 Delegates with 160 Alternate Delegates
Lebanon Church – 22 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 110 Delegates with 110 Alternate Delegates
Strasburg – 39 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 195 Delegates with 195 Alternate Delegates

Vote Total: 292 Delegate Votes to be cast by up to 1,460 Delegates with 1,460 Alternate Delegates

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR ELECTION

Shenandoah County Republican Committee Chair: The County Chairperson shall be Chairperson of the County Committee and it shall be the duty of the Chairperson to conduct all business of the Committee between the regular committee meetings and report to the next regular meeting of the County Committee.

Shenandoah County Republican Committee Precinct Member: Precinct Committee Members are elected to serve on the Shenandoah County Republican Committee for a period of two years and, together with the At-Large membership and other *ex officio* members, constitute the voting membership of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee. Precinct members must reside in the Precinct they are elected to represent. There are forty-four (44) seats available, as follows:

District 1	
New Market	5
Orkney Springs	2
District 2	
Conicville	4
Mt. Jackson	3
District 3	
Edinburg	3
St. Luke	4
Ft. Valley	2
District 4	
Woodstock	6
District 5	
Cedar Creek	1
Toms Brook	5
Lebanon Church	3
District 6	
Strasburg	6

Shenandoah County Republican Committee At-Large Member: At-Large Committee Members are elected to serve on the Shenandoah County Republican Committee for a period of two years and, together with the precinct membership and other *ex officio* members constitute the voting membership of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee. At-Large members must reside in Shenandoah County. There are eighteen (18) seats available.

Delegate to the 6th District Congressional Convention: Delegates to the 6th District Congressional Convention will represent Shenandoah County at the convention on May 19th at James Madison University Convocation Center, 895 University Boulevard in Harrisonburg, VA, or its alternate site beginning at 10 a.m.

PRE-FILING REQUIREMENTS

MANDATORY: Pre-Filing for Delegate to the County Convention

All individuals who wish to be a delegate to the county convention must file a declaration of candidacy with Vito Gentile, Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee via mail or in-person at 8148 Senedo Rd., Mt. Jackson, Virginia 22842. Delegates may also pre-file via email to vgentile@shentel.net. All forms must be received no later than Friday, February

23rd, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Postmarks shall not govern. There is no pre-filing fee. Forms shall be available from Chairman Gentile or at shenandoahgop.squarespace.com. Individuals seeking to be a delegate MUST denote the precinct that they are registered to vote in or they shall not be considered. If the number of individuals, who are registered to vote in the precinct for which they seek election and meet the qualifications for participation, filing to be a delegate for a precinct exceed the total number allotted below, a mass meeting shall be held in each precinct as outlined above under the heading Precinct Mass Meetings.

MANDATORY: Candidate Filing and Fee Requirements

Candidates for the position of Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee must file a Declaration of Candidacy form by mail or in person to Vito Gentile, Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee, 8148 Senedo Rd., Mt. Jackson, Virginia 22842, by Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Postmarks will not govern. Said form may be obtained from Chairman Gentile or at shenandoahgop.squarespace.com and must be fully completed and signed by the candidate in order for that candidate to be deemed properly filed. No nomination for the office of shall be accepted from the floor of the convention unless no candidate files for the position. Should only one person file for any office under these requirements then he/she shall be declared nominated.

A filing fee of \$100 shall be required to run for Chairman of the Committee. Checks are to be made payable to the Shenandoah County Republican Committee and shall accompany the Declaration of Candidacy to be filed with Chairman Gentile. Cash will be accepted but must be delivered in a sealed envelope. Only those candidates for Chair who file both their form and filing fee by Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. will stand for election at the convention.

MANDATORY: Committee Member Filing Requirements

Candidates for **Precinct Committee Member** or **At-Large Committee Member**, shall pre-file with Vito Gentile, Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee via mail or in-person at 8148 Senedo Rd., Mt. Jackson, Virginia 22842. Delegates may also pre-file via email to vgentile@shentel.net. Individuals shall pre-file for these positions by Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. No nomination for the office of at-large committee member shall be accepted from the floor of the convention unless the number of available at-large committee member seats exceeds the number of candidates who have pre-filed for the position. No nomination for the office of precinct committee member shall be accepted from the floor of the precinct committee breakout meetings unless the number of available committee member seats exceeds the number of candidates who have pre-filed for the position.

MANDATORY: Filing Requirements to be a Delegate to the 6th District Congressional Convention

Candidates to be **Delegate to the 6th District Congressional Convention** shall pre-file with Vito Gentile, Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee via mail or in-person at 8148 Senedo Rd., Mt. Jackson, Virginia 22842. Delegates may also pre-file via email to vgentile@shentel.net. Individuals shall pre-file for these positions by Friday, February 23, 2018

at 6:00 p.m. No nomination for delegate shall be accepted from the floor of the convention unless no candidate files for the position. Should no more than the total allotted number of Delegates (1,165) to the 6th District Convention pre-file then all shall be declared elected and no vote will be held at the convention. Notice shall be placed at shenandoahgop.squarespace.com. A voluntary contribution of \$20.00 is requested of each Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the District Convention to help defray the cost of the Convention.

PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS

Precinct mass meetings will be held in twelve precincts of Shenandoah County, should the number of delegates pre-filing for the convention in that precinct exceed the total possible number of delegates as stated below under Allotment of County Convention Delegate Votes, at the following locations on Thursday, March 1st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.:

Orkney Springs – Fire/Rescue Building
Fort Valley – Fire Hall
New Market – Fire/Rescue Building
Woodstock – Circuit Courtroom
Conicville – Fire Hall
Cedar Creek – Community Center
Mt. Jackson – Town Hall
Toms Brook – Fire Hall
Edinburg – Fire Hall
Lebanon Church – Community Center
St. Luke – Parish Hall
Strasburg – Town Hall

The purpose of the precinct mass meeting is to elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Shenandoah County Republican Convention to convene at Central High School in Woodstock, Virginia or its alternate site on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Only those individuals who pre-filed according to the procedures and timeline outlined under Pre-Filing for Delegate to the County Convention and who are registered to vote in the precinct for which they seek election and meet the qualifications for participation may be considered for election by their precinct's mass meeting, but any individual meeting the qualifications for participation may participate and vote in the mass meeting. No nominations for delegate may be accepted on the floor at any mass meeting unless no one has pre-filed. Individuals attending the mass meeting shall cast votes for delegates up to the total number of delegates allotted for that precinct. Individuals shall then be ranked by the total number of votes received, highest to lowest, and shall be allotted Delegate or Alternate Delegate positions until all positions are filled. If a mass meeting is held with delegates elected, the Chair of the Precinct Mass Meeting shall deliver a listing of all delegates elected, with their full legal name and registered voting address, to Vito Gentile, Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee, 8148 Senedo Rd., Mt. Jackson, Virginia 22644 and Chad Logan, Acting Secretary of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee, 134 West Court Street, VA 22664, by no later than Thursday, March 8th, 2018 at 5 p.m. The form must be signed by the elected Chairman and Secretary of the Mass Meeting.

Postmarks shall not govern. Forms will be provided by the Committee to the elected Precinct Chair prior to the mass meeting date, but delegates shall be accepted if another document materially contains the information required above.

In the event that the number of delegates pre-filing for each precinct does not exceed the total number of delegates allotted to the precinct under Allotment of County Convention Delegate Votes in this call, all delegates shall be declared elected and the mass meetings shall not be held. In the event that this happens, notice shall be placed on the County Committee's website shenandoahgop.squarespace.com and all delegates who have been automatically elected shall be notified via postcard mail. Notice shall also be placed on the website or provided via postcard mail if a mass meeting is required to elect delegates.

Authorized and Paid for by the by the Shenandoah County Republican Committee on February 1, 2018.