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DEO / DDGM Installation

RWB Brian Bolyard, District Advisor

With September upon us, and our lodges returning to labor, thus begins the thinking process of preparing for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and for the lodges annual meeting. I am not going to talk about the aforementioned topics, but something new that we are going to try in the 14th Masonic District this year.

As you know, following Grand Lodge, we have installations for the newly appointed District Deputies Grand Master and District Education Officers. In the past, installations were all held on separate dates and subsequently required additional dates for many of us to reserve on our calendar with the hopes that it would not conflict with something already scheduled. Regrettably this year, we have only one week following Grand Lodge to complete the installations prior to the lodges' annual meetings that begin on November 2. At the request of the 2015-2016 appointments for the 14th Masonic District, we are going to have a joint installation for all appointments on one Sunday afternoon. The installation ceremonies will be held separately, one following the other. *(Continued on next page)*

VA Hospital Visitation

September 13th with Columbus #30, Hiram #18, Sparrow #400, and Reynoldsburg #340.
The visitation is planned from 1:00 pm – 3:15 pm. The first lodge listed, Columbus Lodge is the organizational Lodge and will contact the representatives of the other lodges to arrange what to bring. Refreshments of six dozen of each of apples, oranges, bananas, and about 12-15 dozen cookies (not homemade) are appreciated for the patients.

Next Visitation -
October 4 with Linden #637, Community #684, Capital City #656, and University #631

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(Continued from previous page) The installations will begin at **3:00 pm** on **Sunday, November 1, 2015** at Northwest Masonic Temple. As District Advisor, I chose the location as it has ample parking with plenty of seating, all on one level. Light refreshments will be served following the installations.

For those Master Masons who plan to attend stag, you are invited to attend Linden DeMolay Chapter's meeting following the installations and refreshments. Linden Chapter has graciously agreed to move their meeting start time back to allow us the use of the lodge room for the installations. We greatly appreciate their flexibility and support. I ask those who can to reciprocate their kindness by attending their meeting. Thank you.

District Picnic



The Fourteenth District Masonic Officers Association welcomed the brethren and their families to the Annual District Picnic. This year's Picnic was held at Highbanks Metro Park at 9466 Columbus Pike (Rt. 23 N) Lewis Center, OH on Sunday, August 9th. The food was tasty and the fellowship was fantastic.

Save the date, the picnic for is planned for the same location and is set for Sunday, August 7, 2016.

Deputy Grand Master Plans for 2016

RWB Robert Rill, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge visited the 14th District to explain the plans for the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge year. Among the plans discussed were: each lodge must raise one more brother than they did the preceding year; lodges must hold a typewritten ritual meeting for their own lodge members with the wardens and deacons present (multiple lodges may attend); lodge wardens and deacons must participate in the district warden and deacons training sessions. Other plans include: lodges must participate in a major community event; at least five members of the lodge are to visit a masonic youth group or Boy Scout/Girl Scout function; lodges are to have a membership chairman and committee with at least one member for every 50-75 members of the lodge and complete the Grand Lodge Membership program. An Open House and a Friendship Night should be planned and held before June 30, 2016. The theme for the coming year is "Freemasonry – A Brotherhood of Values".

Worthington Market Day Fundraiser

The Officers of the 14th District will be selling Fried Bologna Sandwiches at the Worthington Market Day on **Saturday, September 26th**. We expect to be in front of the former New England Lodge #4 building. Please come and have a sandwich. We will also be selling soft drinks, and chips from 9:00 am – 4:30 p.m.

We still have some maple syrup which will also be for sale until sold out.

District Quarterly Meeting and Awards Dinner



Thursday, September 24th is the date for the District Quarterly Meeting and Awards Dinner. This will be held at Luther B. Turner Lodge at 2933 Valleyview Drive. Dinner is planned for 6:00 p.m. and the Quarterly meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge. Awards from this past inspection season will be presented. Those attending 100% of the inspections will be recognized. The District Deputy Grand Masters will also present awards for Best Lecture, Best Charge, and Best Degree for each degree. Business casual is the attire for the dinner and meeting.

14th District Golf Outing



The weather was fantastic at Mill Creek Golf Club, in Delaware County, the location for the District Golf outing held on August 28th. Almost 60 golfers began the 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Many were complimentary about the course and the location. Two teams came in with a score of -11. The winners, who had the lowest score on the first handicapped hole was the team of Glenn Stoots, Matt Knight, Dan Mason, and Jeff Carter won the 1st Place trophies. Coming in second place was the team of Russ Neds, Jason Bucci, Brandon Peacock, and Brendon Burgert. The third place team included Ron Wike, Kim Testa, Andrew Roberts and Steve Cramer with a score of -10. Winning a Maxfli Golf Bag from the putting contest was Glenn Stoots. He was in a putt off with George Miller as both sunk their original putts.



Winning the "Closest to the Pin" was Tom Vastures, and Brendon Burgert won the 11th hole "Longest Drive". All enjoyed a burger and brats dinner while door prizes were presented. Thanks to Br. Matt Harmon for taking the photos for this article.

Dates

9/12
Dedication of Aladdin Shrine

9/13
VA Hospital Visitation

9/19
Worthington Market Days

9/24
District Quarterly Meeting and Awards Luther B. Turner

10/4
VA Hospital Visitation

10/23-10/24
Grand Lodge

11/1
VA Hospital Visitation

11/1
DEO/DDGM Installation Northwest Masonic Temple

11/8
District Serves at Faith Mission

12/5
Past Master Convocation

Masonic Meals

Enjoy Some Great Fellowship

Come out for one of the many breakfasts or dinners around the District and enjoy some great food & fellowship

First Saturday at **Lockbourne Lodge: Breakfast**, 8 - 10a

First Saturday at **Grove City Lodge: Breakfast**, 8 - 10a

First Saturday at **Hiram Lodge: Breakfast**, 8-10 a January - November

Third Saturday at **Groveport Lodge: Breakfast**, 7:30 - 10a EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST

Last Saturday at **Reynoldsburg Lodge: Breakfast**, 8 - 11a

Grand Lodge Scheduled

October 23 and 24 are the dates scheduled for Grand Lodge being held at the Columbus Convention Center. The following link will aid with registration; http://www.gl2015res.com/ Meal reservation deadline is Saturday, October 10th. Ladies Brunch and program is $30.00 and the Grand Lodge Banquet is $48.00 If paying by check, make payable to GL2015. The checks and reservation form from the above link should be mailed to N. Crowell Shane at 1326 Bradshire Dr., Columbus, OH 43220. Hotel information can also be found at the above link.

Introducing the Ashlar

Communications Committee

Welcome to the Ashlar, the revised newsletter of the 14th Masonic District. We have introduced this new format to make information easier to access. There is a PDF link in the email which can be clicked and sent to a printer for a clean paper version. We think this format will be accessible to those viewing it online or printed.

We want to say just a few words about our editorial policies. Lodges and other Masonic bodies can submit their articles for publication. Articles will be edited for spelling, grammar or space requirements. Pictures can be printed as space permits. But you can also post them to Facebook or Twitter. Have a breakfast or dinner coming up? Send us the date and other pertinent information. Have a longer article with the details of some historic or esoteric aspect of Freemasonry? Post it to Facebook, write a summary of a couple paragraphs and include a link. Submissions go to Jeff Rannebarger at rannebargerjl@gmail.com. Send your comments and suggestions as well.

Groveport Lodge Oktoberfest

WB Mark Ginty, Treasurer

Groveport Lodge #240 Fellowcraft Club cordially invites you to attend the INAUGURAL Oktoberfest. It will be held at Groveport Lodge 5905 Saltzgaber Rd., Groveport on **Saturday, September 26th**. A bratwurst platter will be $7.00 with extra brats available ala carte. Hot dogs will be available for kids and non-brat eaters. Oktoberfest will run from 12:30 – 6:00 p.m.



South Gate – Potter Spaghetti Dinner

Bro Mikel Sinnott, JW



Saturday, October 3, 2015 is the date to remember for South Gate – Potter Lodge's Spaghetti Dinner. It will be held at the Lodge at 651 Groveport Rd., Canal Winchester. The dinner will served from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. The price for Adults is $7.00 per person and $5.00 for children (under 12) and seniors (65 and older). Dinner will consist of all-you-can eat spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage (coffee, water, punch). Save the date and we hope you can join us.

Scottish Rite

We offer our CONGRATULATIONS to the new 33rd Degree Masons who were coroneted and have returned from the 2015 Supreme Council Session in Indianapolis, IN. They are Tom Charles, Jim Hughes, Chris Combs, Tim Ward, and Brian Bolyard.

The Fall Reunion is scheduled for **October 31st** at the Villa Milano Banquet Center, 1630 Schrock Rd., Columbus. The degrees planned to be presented are the 4th, 18th, 22nd (video), 27th and 32nd. We hope you can join us on Halloween day! The cost to join remains at $100.00. Lunch is $10.00 and reservations are REQUIRED. Please call Susan at the Valley office at 800-344-9741 or locally at 614-766-2272. Those phone numbers will also help with further information about the reunion and the petition and flyer can be found at the Scottish Rite website, www.valleyofcolumbus.com

Aladdin Shrine

MWB Steven E. Cokonougher, Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Lodge will dedicate the new building in a Special Cornerstone Laying Ceremony on **Saturday, September 12th** at 10:00 a.m. The address of the new Shrine facility is 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH 43123. Coat and tie is the appropriate attire and please bring an apron as this is a Grand Lodge function.

October 3rd is the date for the Ceremonial, the LAST ONE HELD at the 3950 Stelzer Rd. address. The Ceremonial fee is $194 (THIS IS A NEW FEE) if a fez is not required and $279 if one is needed. Both fees include $89 (THIS IS A NEW FEE) for the candidate's 2016 dues. The petition deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28. Check with brethren to see if they might want to join Aladdin!