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One Dozen Dedicated Masons



Twelve hearty masons from the 14th Masonic District qualified as 100%ers for the 2016 inspection season. They attended each of the 26 inspections (or attended their own stated meeting if there was a conflict). From left to right are pictured Bros Bill Lott (Groveport 240), Jack Smith(New England 4), Clyde Kneisley (New England 4), Tim Robinett (South Gate-Potter 782), Bob Neff (Blendon 339), Tim Rice (Linden 637), Mike Wiseman (Groveport 240), Brian Roberts (Grove City 689), Mel Wiseman (Groveport 240), Cal Bozeman (Groveport 240), Ted Pummel (Goodale 372) and Ted Kudron (Luther B. Turner 732). These brethren posed for a picture at the last inspection at Luther B. Turner on April 29 and were recognized at the awards night on May 26.

Find more information on the District Awards Night on page 5.

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DEADLINE FOR JULY ASHLAR:
June 10, 2016

Masons Lead Better – The Masonic Leader's Trestle Board
Saturday, June 11, 2016
Reynoldsburg Lodge 7350 Broadwyn Dr., Reynoldsburg

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From the President

WBro Tim Rice, 14th District President

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." (John Steinbeck).

The District Officers wish you and your family a safe and happy summer.

My primary goal this year is to increase the overall participation of our membership at all of our District Events. So far, so good. We had good overall turnout during this year's inspection season. For those of you who have followed along, here are the final inspection numbers: Total number of inspections completed: 26; Average number of Worshipful Masters present at inspections: 6; Total number of brethren achieving 100% attendance: 12; Average number of Lodges in attendance: 22; Average total attendance at inspections: 85. The Grand Masters Reception was also well attended with over 380 members and guests in attendance. This is good start and I hope this momentum continues throughout the remainder of the year.

Our District Quarterly Meeting and Annual Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at Neoacacia Lodge #595. All of those in attendance enjoyed a fine meal prepared by RWB Layrd Cunningham and his merry band of brothers prior to the event. Congratulations to all of the Lodges and individual award winners. A special acknowledgement goes out to the brethren of Groveport Lodge #240 on winning the overall District Traveling Award. In addition, 4 members of this lodge also achieved 100% attendance at all inspections. Well done.

Home Day, at the Springfield Masonic Community, is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Bring your friends and family, purchase a fried bologna sandwich and enjoy the day!

Got golf? The 5th Annual District Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, July 25th, 2016. The location of this event has returned to the beautiful York Golf Club near Worthington. Come out and enjoy the fun and the sun. This is also a great way to spend time with the brethren both inside and outside of your home lodge, to involve potential new members in our activities and to the support the district as a whole. Lodges and/or members with business connections may also want to consider supporting this event by sponsoring one of the 18 holes. Not a golfer? Join us for a tasty steak dinner, $25.00 person, following the round of golf. Please contact WB Adam Michael or myself for the specific details.

Take advantage of the upcoming events around the district. Get involved. This is your district, this is my district, and this is our district.

The LAST 2016 Inspections


Neoacacia Inspection


Luther B. Turner Inspection

Grove City Lodge to hold Special breakfast

On Saturday, June 4th, Grove City Lodge will be hosting a benefit breakfast from 730AM-1030AM. All proceeds from the morning will go towards sponsoring the Special Olympics later in the month. Everyone is invited to attend and have breakfast with your fellow Brethren knowing that you are also helping such a worthwhile cause.

SMC to host Ohio Masonic Home Day

The Springfield Masonic Community located at 2655 W. National Road in Springfield will be the home of the annual Ohio Masonic Home Day on Sunday, June 12, 2016. The day will include parade, foods, crafts, and carnival games. The activities will open at 11 am and the parade at the end of the day will start around 3:30 pm.

The district will be there selling its famous fried bologna sandwiches and drinks. Come out and visit with the residents of our Masonic Home.

Dates

6/10 6pm – Benefit dinner at Blendon Lodge

6/11 MLB – Masonic Leaders Trestle Board at Reynoldsburg

6/11 Aladdin Shrine Ceremonial

6/12 Ohio Masonic Home Day at Sprinfield Masonic Community

6/18 New England at Columbus Crew

6/24 Special Olympics at Ohio State Univ.

6/25 Senior DeMolay Night in Lyndhurst (rescheduled from May 14)

6/27 Scottish Rite Golf Outing at York Country Club

7/25 14th District Golf Outing at York Golf Club

8/7 District Picnic at Highbanks Metro Park

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**, 8-10a January – November

Second Saturday at **West Gate Lodge: Breakfast**, 8-11am

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

Last Saturday at **Reynoldsburg Lodge: Breakfast**, 8 - 10a

If you are having a meal and want to invite the district, please send an email to : **14thdistashlar@gmail.com**

Goodale Reconsecration

Before the Summer Slumber Celebrate One Hundred and Fifty Years of Light in Masonry with Goodale Lodge #372 F. & A. M. of Ohio

The Master, Wardens, and Brothers of Goodale Lodge #372 F. & A. M. of Ohio request the honor of your presence at the Re-Consecration of our Lodge in observance of our 150th Anniversary.

Please join us for this special event on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Our "Re-Consecrated Breakfast Extravaganza" begins at 8:00am with the Re-Consecration to follow.

Northland Masonic Temple
5885 Cleveland Ave.
Columbus, OH 43231

Please RSVP for the breakfast no later than Monday, June 13, 2016 to Brother Trip Eagleson at 614-565-2609.

Invitation to Assist a Brother

Blendon Lodge No.339 is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 10th from 5 pm to 8 pm to assist Bro Greg Dillon with his medical bills. Bro Dillon was recently diagnosed with throat cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments

The good news is Bro Dillon appears to be clear of the cancer but is still in chemo treatments. WM Matt Johnson of Blendon Lodge reported that Bro Dillon did attend a lodge meeting in April, although exhausted from the chemo treatments he enjoyed the opportunity to attend lodge and visit with his Brothers.

The dinner plan for the evening of June 10 is to accept donations for the spaghetti dinner, which will include salad, rolls and drinks. A bake sale will also be held with all contributions going to assist Bro Dillon.

Blendon Lodge No.339 is located at 130 S. State Street in Westerville.

District Awards Night

On Thursday, May 26, lodges and individuals were recognized for their participation in the recent inspection season. Twelve brothers attended all 26 of the district inspections. See page 1 of the Ashlar for their names and picture.

The following lodges received the 100% award: New England No. 4, Lockbourne No. 232, Groveport No. 240, Blendon No. 339, Reynoldsburg No. 340, Goodale No. 372, Linden No. 637, Ralph R. Rickley No. 670, Grove City No. 689, Luther B. Turner No. 732, Whitehall No. 761 and South Gate Potter No. 782. Lodges attending 90% of the inspections: Hiram No. 18, Avery No. 493, West Gate No. 623, Triangle No. 748 and Sunrise No. 783. Lodges recognized for attending 80% of the inspections: Magnolia No. 20, Neoacacia No. 595, University No. 631 and Capital City No. 656.

The best lecture awards were presented to: Bro West Carnahan of Capital City No. 656 for the Entered Apprentice, Bro James Hannon of Sunrise Lodge No. 783 for the Fellowcraft degree and Bro Michael Emery of Blendon Lodge No. 339 for the Master Mason lecture.

The best Charges were presented to: Bro Benjamin Okwumabua of Reynoldsburg No. 340 for the Entered Apprentice degree, Bro Thomas Shapaka of Sunrise No. 783 for the Fellowcraft degree and Bro Jocelyn Davis of Arts & Sciences No.792 for the Master Mason degree charge.



The best apron lecture went to WBro Oscar Shepherd of Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340. Bro James Hannon of Sunrise Lodge No. 783 presented the best G-Lecture.

The best overall degrees were: Entered Apprentice Degree - Reynoldsburg No. 340, Fellowcraft Degree – Sunrise No. 783 and Master Mason Degree - Arts & Sciences No. 792.





Senior DeMolay Night Rescheduled

The Senior DeMolay night in Lyndhurst has been postponed to June 25. For more information, contact Dad Merlyn Meredith at ohiorsm@yahoo.com

Brethren of the District Graduate SYSK

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the SYSK (Stuff You Should Know) classes. The graduates include: Craig Shumaker of Blendon Lodge; Benjamin Okwumabua of Reynoldsburg Lodge; Ted Pummell of Goodale Lodge; David Rice of York Lodge; Nicholas Bolyard and Robert Riddle of Neoacacia Lodge; Michael Gleim and Christopher Robinson of West Gate Lodge; West Carnahan and Greg Brewer of Capital City Lodge; Brian McMichael of Community Lodge; Keith Fields of Grove City Lodge. Also graduating was Chris Wallace of Grove City Lodge who returned from last year's class to complete the class he missed last year. In addition to the graduates, the following Brethren took part in the SYSK classes and will have an opportunity to complete their studies next year during the SYSK classes. They include: Mark Foley of New England Lodge; Michael Emery of Blendon Lodge; Chris Combs of Sparrow Lodge; Douglas Smith of University Lodge; Matthew Harmon and Jeffrey Gergal of Capital City Lodge; Brian Roberts of Grove City Lodge; Richard Schleppi of Luther B. Turner Lodge; Peter Stanford of Triangle Lodge; and Michael Gamble of Arts & Sciences Lodge. The District Education Officers would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of the class participants, as well as to the alumni who returned from previous years to complete their work and to the guest speakers who assisted with the classes.

Special Olympics

The Ohio Special Olympics State Summer Games will hold their Opening Ceremonies on Friday, June 24 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University. All Master Masons are invited to attend and celebrate as MWB Robert C. Rill, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio presents the annual donation.

New for 2016 - registration will begin at 4:00 PM. The attire is a white collared shirt with black trousers and a white apron. Please bring a white cloth apron with you. The first 500 Masons that register will receive a commemorative hat and lapel pin. Beginning at 5:30 PM the Grottoes of North America will be providing a cookout style dinner. The dinner is free to all Master Masons and their guest.

Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium is located at 2450 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210. Should you have any questions regarding the event, you may contact Bro Nick Bolyard at nabolyard@aol.com.



Save the Date

14th District Summer Picnic
Sunday, August 7, 2016
12pm – 5pm
Highbanks Metro Park

PREFACE to "The Old Past Master

Masonry teaches the young and untried brother to apply to his elder brethren for instruction in the art and assures him that they will always be as ready to teach as he is ready to learn.

The author took this comforting assurance literally and seriously. Too many "Old Past Masters": and not all of them have been through the chairs! . . . . He owes anything of Masonic wisdom which may have filtered through his pen to these pages. It is given to few to originate in this world; if to him has come opportunity to report to the many what would otherwise perhaps have been but the learning of the few, he is more than content, even if there be nothing within these pages which he can claim as his own.

A guide post never gets anywhere, but it points the way!

CARL H. CLAUDY.

Editor's Note: This month, we begin a new feature. We will publish some short stories of interest to Freemasons. This is from a book entitled "The Old Past Master", copyrighted 1924 by the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

The Old Past Master: BROTHERLY LOVE

"BROTHERLY love?" Commented the Old Past Master. "Oh, yes, the lodge is, full of it. It is curious the way it manifests itself, sometimes, but when you dig down deep enough into men's hearts, you find a lot of it.

"A lot of them never show it, then," said the Very New Mason.

"Oh, no, certainly not! Men don't go around demonstrating their affection like a lot of girls, you know," answered the Old Past Master. "But you don't have to see a demonstration to know the feeling is there. The trouble with so many young Masons is their misunderstanding of the term 'brotherly love,' though high heaven knows the words are sufficiently easy to understand.

"'Brotherly,' now, means 'like a brother.' I know a lot of brothers hate each other, but they don't act like brothers. There have been cowardly soldiers, and forsworn ministers, and corrupt judges, but when you say a man is 'like a soldier,' you mean 'brave and true'; when you say he is 'good as a minister' you mean one who 'truly does his honest best.' When you say 'up- right as a judge' you mean 'as straight as the best of judges.' And when I say 'brotherly' means 'like a brother,' I mean, like a brother who is acting as a good brother likes to act.

"As for 'love,' there are more definitions than there are words in my mouth (which are several). But 'in connection with the 'brotherly' the word means that true affection which first considers the good of the person loved.

"Masonry teaches brotherly love. Many of its scholars are a long way from 100 per cent perfect in their lessons. But a lot more could get 'E' on their report card if the Lodge gave out evidence of scholastic standing!

"For instance, there was B'Jones. That is not his name, but it will serve. B'Jones undertook to do a piece of work for a hospital. It took him a year. At the end of the year his business was in shreds and tatters. He had one of those businesses that needs a man's personal attention.

"His attention had gone to his hospital, which, by the way, was built and flourishes, to the everlasting credit of his city. It ought to be called the B'Jones hospital, but it isn't.

“A lot of his brethren in his lodge got to know about B’Jones. They called a meeting, called it the B’Jones meeting, issued stock in the B’Jones association, bought the stock, started B’Jones off all over again, and let him pay them back as he could. All this, without B’Jones ever asking for help. Brotherly love, my son, in the best meaning of the word.

“There was poor old Smith. Smith, during his lifetime, came to lodge every night. He wasn’t very bright, was Smith. He couldn’t learn the work and had no presence. Couldn’t make a speech to save his life, so he never was called on at banquets. He never did anything audible, hut he was always on commit- tees and he always passed around refreshments and he attended every funeral, and he was always down ahead of the meeting to see if the room was clean, and if it wasn’t, he’d sweep it out.



“He gave the best he had in service. Well, Smith died. Men do, you know; an awful lot have, already. At the funeral, we found out Smith left an invalid wife and two half grown children and no assets. It’s the lodge’s business to take care of such, and we did it. But three men in the lodge with more money than ability to keep it to themselves, subscribed enough cash to put the boy through a good business school and the girl through a normal school, so they could earn their own living. Charity? Nonsense! The lodge attended to the ‘relief.’ The three attended to brotherly love. They just remembered what old Smith was and how he gave, and so they turned to and gave. Actually, Smith did most of the loving. The three just acted in reflex to Smith’s loving heart, that so cared for his brethren and his Lodge he was always engaged in brotherly work.

“Do you know Brown? Brown runs a garage. Also, Brown ran a temperature until the doctors took him off to the hospital to cut out his something-or-other. Well, the garage was about to cash in. Garages don’t run themselves, and there wasn’t any one we could hire to run it. So six brothers of this lodge spent two hours
worst garage keepers in the world, but we saved the shop from being wrecked and looted, and Brown thinks Masonry means something. One reason we did it was because of brotherly love in spite of the fact that sitting around a cold garage selling gasoline is about the uneasiest apology for loafing I know!

“I could talk all night about it. But what’s the use? Those to whom ‘brotherly love’ is just words won’t listen to what I say and those who know what they really mean don’t need to hear it.”

“Well, I am glad I heard it!” answered the Very New Mason.

“Then,” went on the Old Past Master, “get it firmly fixed in your mind, young man, more than one man has gone into a lodge and curled his lip when he learned that he was supposed to be a brotherly lover, and turned around and wept when he found that he was being loved like a brother by men he didn’t know cared what became of him.

“Masonry works miracles all the time, and the commonest of them and the one she works oftenest is teaching hard-hearted citizens to be soft-hearted Masons; teaching men the real meaning of the words ‘brotherly’ and ‘love’ until they, too, become teachers.”

Coming Events



THE VALLEY OF COLUMBUS AND THE OHIO COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

COMBINED GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 27, 2016

YORK GOLF CLUB

7459 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43235

12 Noon Shotgun Start • 4-Person Best Ball Scramble • Open to Non-Masons and Ladies
$75 per Member/Lady • $85 per Non-Scottish Rite Member • Fee Includes golf, cart, steak or chicken dinner & prizes

Limited to the first 144 golfers!

Answers/Registration & Payment at: Valley of Columbus 614-766-2272, 290 Cramer Creek Ct., Dublin, OH 43017

Reservation Deadline is June 20, 2016

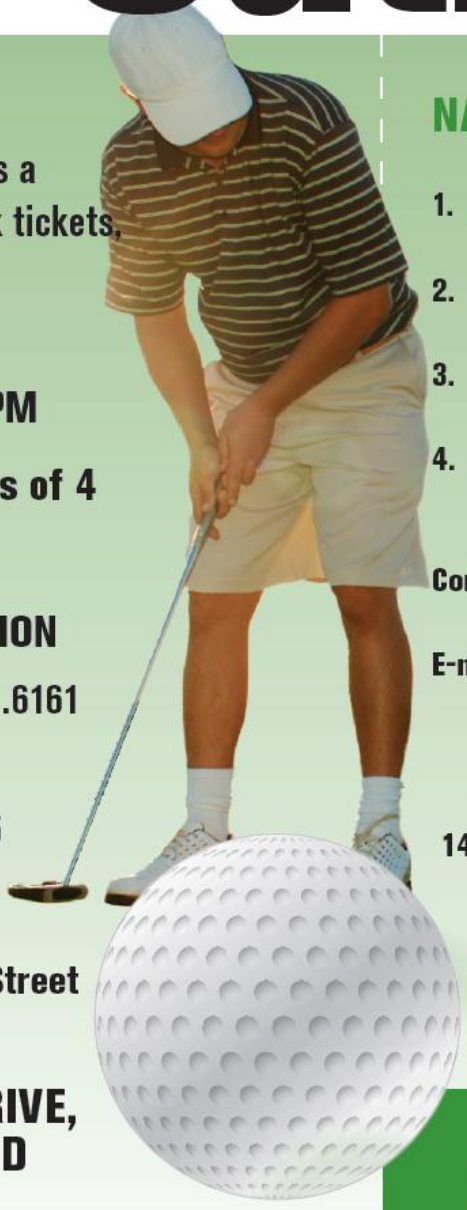
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FIFTH ANNUAL YORK GOLF CLUB

Monday
July 25, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM

Golf Outing



MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016

$100 PER PERSON | Includes a round of golf, golf cart, 3 drink tickets, followed by a steak dinner.
Steak Dinner Only – $25

SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 PM

Open to All Golfers | Teams of 4
PRIZES | CASH BAR

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION

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  ricetim@hotmail.com

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Columbus, OH 43235

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NAMES OF GOLFERS

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2. _____
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Contact _____

E-mail _____

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14th District Masonic Officers Association

Mail registration form to:
3285 Grasmere Avenue
Columbus, OH 43224

COSTS
$100 PER GOLFER – Includes Round of Golf, Golf Cart and Steak Dinner
$25 – STEAK DINNER ONLY