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Ohio Masons March at 47th Annual Special Olympics Games

On June 24th, Masons from all over Ohio gathered at the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University where MWBro Robert C. Rill Jr. presented the annual donation in support of the games at this year's opening ceremonies. Over 2,700 athletes competed in the games that included bowling, cycling, gymnastics and powerlifting, to name only a few. A great sense of pride exists among our fraternity in supporting this worthwhile event and making sure the games continue in the future. Seeing the gratitude in the athletes faces and hearing the cheers that radiated from their applause was a feeling unlike no other. A special thanks goes out to the Grottoes of North America for providing food for the Masons that marched onto the field. If you have not marched during the opening ceremonies as a Mason for the Special Olympic Games, you are missing out on one of the finest events that we, as Masons, are fortunate enough to be a part of.



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From the President

WBro Tim Rice, 14th District President

"*For him in vain the envious seasons roll, who bears eternal summer in his soul.*" (Oliver Wendell Holmes).

The 14th District Officers wish all of you a happy and safe summer!

Tis the season for cookouts, family vacations, baseball and fireworks. It is also a time of patriotism. So much of our American History is intertwined with Freemasonry. As an amateur collector of military history, I had the pleasure of recently touring the Motts Military Museum located in Groveport, Ohio. The museum was founded in 1988 by Bro. Warren E. Motts, a member of Groveport Lodge No. 240, and the most recent recipient of the 14th District's Community Service Award. In 1962, Bro. Motts began collecting Civil War artifacts, which he displayed in his home to the delight of friends and family. Inspired by his great admiration for the men and women who serve in our military and his love of military artifacts, Brother Motts moved his collection to a 5,100 square foot facility in 1999. Tasked with "educating the public on the importance of America's military history," the museum houses artifacts of America's beginnings in 1776, the Civil War, Indian Wars, World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, 9/11, and Iraqi Freedom through the present day. This wide-ranging display of artifacts also includes such oddities as hair from George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, a tire from the space shuttle, Eddie Rickenbacker's footlocker and an entire exhibit dedicated to the American Freedom Train. Lastly, I encourage you and your family to visit this or any museums around the area this summer. And don't forget to thank a vet for his or her service to our country. Freedom isn't free.

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.

Roll Out Plan Dates

Tuesday, July 19, 7 pm
Scioto Lodge No. 6
57 East Main Street
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Wednesday, July 20, 7 pm
Cambridge Masonic Temple
730 Wheeling Avenue
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Thursday, July 21, 7 pm
Mansfield Masonic Temple
1250 Middle Bellville Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44904

Saturday, July 23, 10 am
Northwest Masonic Temple
2436 West Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Tuesday, July 26, 7 pm
Lima Masonic Temple
2165 North Cole Street
Lima, Ohio 45801

Thursday, July 28, 7 pm
Amelia Lodge No. 590
290 Judd Road
Amelia, Ohio 45102

Tuesday, August 2, 7 pm
Huber Heights Lodge No. 777
7778 Wildcat Road
Huber Heights, Ohio 45424

Wednesday, August 3, 7 pm
Cortland Lodge No. 529
3263 Everett-Hull Road
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Wednesday, August 10, 7 pm
Canton Masonic Center
836 North Market Avenue
Canton, Ohio 44702

Tuesday, August 23, 7 pm
Paramuthia Lodge No. 25
12 West Carpenter Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Monday, August 29, 7 pm
Lyndhurst Masonic Temple
5516 Mayfield Road
Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124

Tuesday, August 30, 7 pm
Elyria Lodge No. 787
251 6th Street

Douglas N. Kaylor, DGM, Schedules Roll Out Plans

The Deputy Grand Master, Douglas N. Kaylor, will hold several meetings this summer to roll out plans for the 2016-2017 Masonic year.

All Ohio Freemasons are invited to attend – particularly the Masters and Wardens, DDGMs, DEOs, District Advisors, and Grand Lodge officers. These meetings will be held in July and August so the Brethren should feel free to attend comfortably (though tastefully) dressed.

The dates, start times, and locations are listed to the left; please attend the meeting that best fits your schedule.

This schedule will be emailed to all Lodge Secretaries, District Advisors, and District Education officers.

South Gate Potter to Hold More Light Event

South Gate Potter Lodge No. 782 extends an invitation to the brethren of the 14th District to join them for the evening on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, for their First More Light Night at South Gate Potter Masonic Lodge, 651Groveport Road, Canal Winchester, Ohio. Dinner will be at 6pm and their program will begin at 7pm. The speaker for the evening will be WBro Mike Clevenger who is currently the creator of the Masons Lead Better program. The evening's program will be for Masons only and dress will be business casual. Dinner will consist of pork tenderloin, baby carrots, mashed potatoes and caesar salad. Dessert will be strawberries with either short cake or ice cream. Your choice on which way to enjoy.



14th Masonic District Supports Home Day

The 32nd Annual Ohio Masonic Home Day was held in Springfield, Ohio on Sunday, June 12th, 2016. The Officers Association of the 14th Masonic District again attended and participated as a vendor for the afternoon where they sold fried bologna sandwiches, chips and drinks to crowd. The weather for the afternoon was definitely pleasant reaching 82 degrees with plenty of sunshine. Our booth was visited by many patrons, as well as many distinguished Brethren, including MWBros Lattanner, Winnett, Cokonougher and Rill to name only a few. They were all very appreciative of our attendance and support of this wonderful event. Each guest that purchased a sandwich really enjoyed their fare and many Masons stopped by to check out and thank the 14th District for their participation.

If you would like to help assist with these types of events in the future, do not hesitate to reach out to one of the Officers of the District, as we certainly could use your help.









The Old Past Master
ATTENDANCE

“THERE are a lot of Masons in this old lodge tonight” began the Old Past Master. “See the new faces? Must be most two hundred. Pretty good attendance, what?”

“But is it a good attendance?” asked the Very New Mason. “Why, there must be six hundred members on the rolls. Seems a pity they can't all get out to enjoy this kind of an evening, doesn't it? Seems to me Masonry fails when she has so many on the rolls who do not come regularly to lodge.”

“I don't agree with you!” answered the Old Past Master. “Masonry succeeds because she gets so many of her members to take an interest! True, she might…if she were a wizard...so interest every one of her devotees that all would crowd the lodge room every meeting night. Then, I think, there would be no use for Masonry, because the millennium would have come. But in place of being discouraged because only a third or a fourth of our members attend, I am always highly encouraged because so many do attend.

“You see, my brother, Masons are picked from the general body of men by two processes, and neither one 'of them works out for the very best interests of the Order. The first process is a man's making up his mind he wants to be a Mason. If we could go to the best men and ask them, we would get a lot better men than we do, of course. Equally, of course, we would vastly injure the Order by making it seek the man instead of the man seek

*“*Don't let it distress you. It takes all sorts of people to make a world and it would be a very stupid place indeed if we all thought alike. There is room in the world for the man who doesn't care for Masonry. He has his part to play in the world as well as the man to whom Masonry makes great appeal. Do not condemn him because he has its gentle philosophy. I wouldn't change that unwritten law for anything, but the fact remains that as the first selection of Masons is made by the profane, it isn't always for the best interests of the Order.

“The second selective work is done by a committee. Now in theory every one appointed on a committee to examine a member is a sort of cross between a criminal lawyer, an experienced detective, a minister of the gospel, a super-perfect man, a well read Mason and an Abraham Lincoln for judgment!

“But as a matter of fact most committeemen are just average men like you and me, and we do our work on committees in just an average sort of way, with the result that many a self-selected candidate slips into our ranks who has no real reason for being there. The theory is that all men become Masons because of a veneration for our principles. The fact is that a lot become Masons because their brother is one, or their boss is one, or they want to wear a pin and be a secret society member, or they hope it will help them in business.

“They get into the lodge and find it quite different from what they expect They learn that they can't pass out business cards, that it doesn't help them be- cause the boss belongs, and that they don't have to come to lodge in order to wear a pin. If they are the kind of men to whom Masonry doesn't appeal because of her truth, her philosophy, her Light, her aid in living, they wander away. They become mere dues- payers, and often, stomach Masons, who come around for the feed or the entertainment.

become a member of the fraternity and found it not to his liking. At least there is something in his heart which was not there before.

*“*And let me tell you something, my brother. There are many, many men who become Masons, in the sense that

they join a lodge and pay dues, although they never attend, who do good Masonic work. There is Filby, for instance. Filby has been a member of this lodge twenty years and never been in it, to my knowledge, since the day he was raised. I don't know why. I rather think he was frightened, and showed it, and has been afraid of being laughed at, now that he knows there was nothing to be frightened about. But there was never need for money that Filby didn't contribute; there was never a committee appointed to work on the Masonic Home that Filby didn't head. There was never any work to be done outside of lodge that Filby didn't try to help do it. He is a good Mason, even if he doesn't attend lodge.

"And there are lots of young men who join the fraternity and neglect their lodge in early years, who turn their hearts toward it in later years; boys who are too fond of girls and dances and good times to spend a moment in serious thought while they are just in the puppy age, who grow up finally to be thoughtful men, turning their hearts toward the noble teachings of this fraternity and becoming most ardent lodge members and attenders. "Oh, no, my brother, never weep because we have but a portion of our membership at a meeting. Be glad we have so many; be happy that those who come, come so regularly and enthusiastically, be proud that there are such a large number of men content to sit through the same three degrees year after year to learn what they can, let sink a little deeper the hidden beauties of the story, absorb a little more of that secret doctrine which lies behind the words of the ritual.

"Masonry is not for yesterday, for today, for to- morrow alone. She is for all the ages to come. The Temple Not Built With Hands cannot be built alone by you and me, nor in a day, nor yet a century. And re- member that the stone rejected of the builder was finally found the most necessary of them all. Perhaps the man who doesn't come now to lodge may be the most earnest and powerful Mason of tomorrow. Only the Great Architect knows. Masonry is His work. Be content to let it be done in His way."



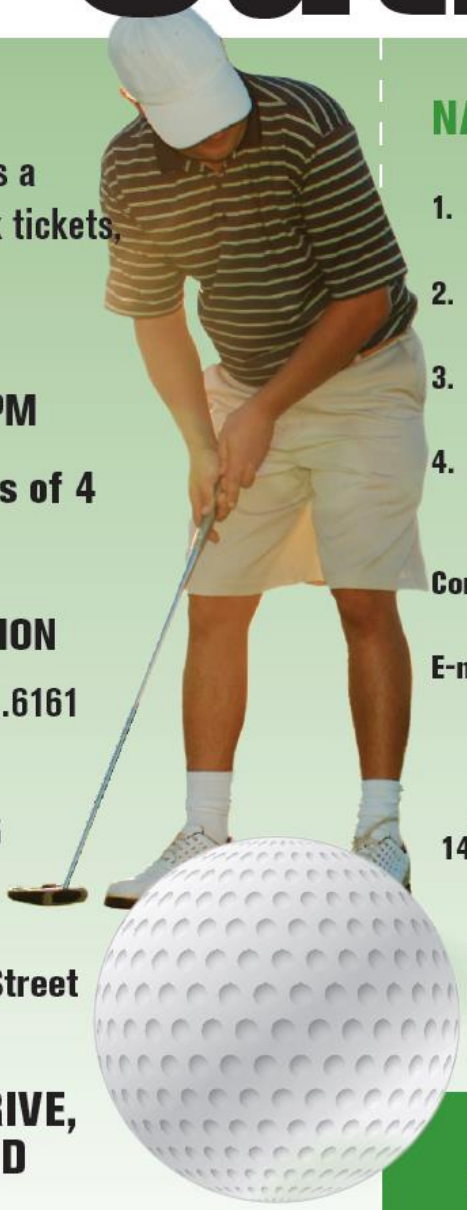
THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Monday
July 25, 2016

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Golf Outing



MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016

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- WB Tim Rice | 614.209.3175
  ricetim@hotmail.com

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$25 – STEAK DINNER ONLY