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District Golf Outing

July 25th marked the day of the Fifth Annual District Golf outing and the weather could not have cooperated any more. There was plenty of sunshine, fellowship and high spirits throughout the afternoon. The newly renovated and immaculate grounds of York Golf Club was played by 55 golfers who all brought their best game to win this year's scramble. In the end, the team consisting of John Noble, Neil Elam, Josh Danderand and Jim Hoolihan prevailed and took home the trophies as this year's winner with a score of -12. A valiant effort was made by the team consisting of Glenn Stoots, Jeff Carter, Dan Mason and Matt King who came in second with a score of -9. The putting contest was awarded to Dave Percival, who also dropped the longest put of the day on the 18th green to win a golf bag and tickets to Splatter Park. The longest drive on the day was struck by Josh Danderand on the 6th hole and closest to the pin on the brand new hole number 11 was Tim Ward who each were awarded Cincinnati Reds tickets for their fine efforts. All golfers enjoyed a magnificent steak dinner after their round of golf and enjoyed a fine day. A special thanks to all the players, each of the sponsors and all the efforts of the Officers of the 14th Masonic District that made for a very pleasant day.



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From the President

WBro Tim Rice, 14th District President

"Summer is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather" (John Ruskin). The District Officers hope you and your family are enjoying a safe and happy summer.

Soon our summer respite will be at an end and our masonic endeavors will be beginning again in earnest. Bearing this in mind, your District Officers will make an increased effort to visit our assigned lodges throughout the district over the coming months. Also, preparations will soon be underway to compile the information needed for next year's district directory. The "One Liner" sponsorship forms will also be distributed to each lodge in the district by WB Harold Davis. In addition to the sponsorship form, lodges may also want to consider sponsoring an ad in the upcoming directory. This publication wouldn't be possible without your continued support.

Your Fourteenth Masonic District Officers will be selling our "nearly famous" bologna sandwiches at the annual Worthington Market Days, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th. Bring your friends and family, purchase a fried bologna sandwich and enjoy the day! We will also be offering our traditional maple syrup and a limited supply of our bourbon barrel aged syrup for sale.

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

Fraternally,

Tim Rice

President



FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

Family Summer Picnic

Games • Bingo • Prizes • Fun & Fellowship!

Come and enjoy the day with us!

Date of Event

August 7th, 2016

Time of Event

12-5 p.m.

Lunch will be served @ 2 p.m.

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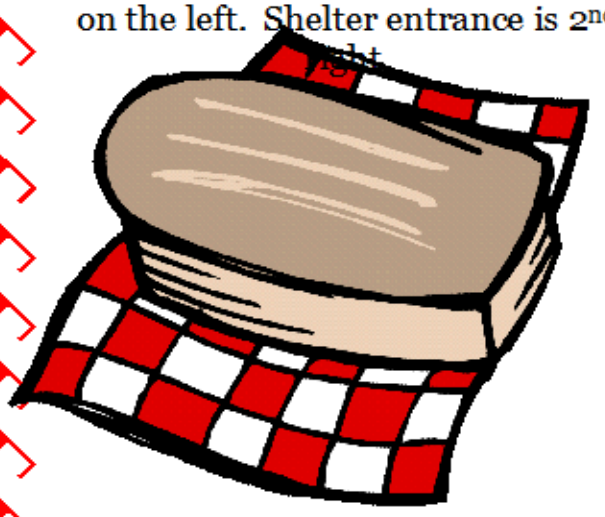
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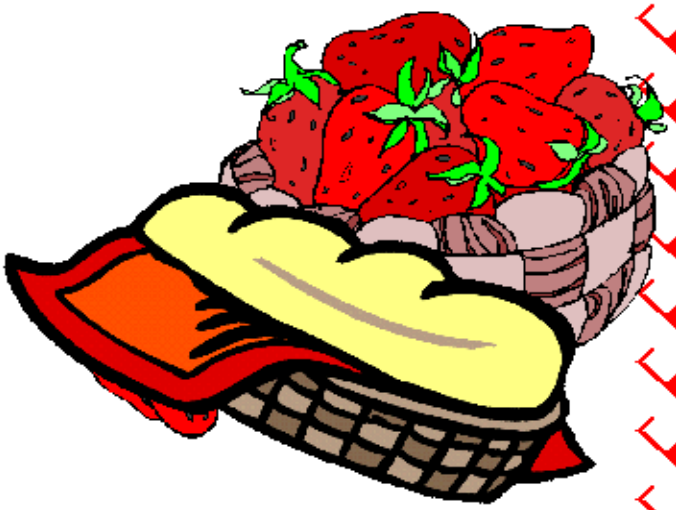
NORTHERN SHELTER HOUSE

From I-270, take US Rt. 23N approximately 3 miles. Entrance is on the left. Shelter entrance is 2nd right.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans and drinks will be provided

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!





Valley of Columbus to Perform 19th Degree – BROTHERS OF THE TRAIL

On August 27th at Camp Lazarus, a Boy Scout camp located just north of Columbus on US Route 23, we will have our first outdoor degree performed in over 15 years in the Valley of Columbus. The forty-minute 19th degree "Brothers of the Trail" will be performed at 10:30 AM, rain or shine. There is an indoor pavilion that can be utilized, if needed. Prior to the degree, we will have a breakfast at 9:00 AM. So we can provide enough food for all, RESERVATIONS for breakfast are required no later than August 22. Cost for the meal is $5.00 and you may pay when making your reservation with the valley office at 800-344-9741, or pay that morning if you have prior reservations. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits, bacon, coffee and orange juice. Camp Lazarus does have an amphitheater, but those wishing to have a chair with a back, PLEASE bring your own chair. Bottled water and mosquito repellant will be supplied. Camp Lazarus is located at 4422 Columbus Pike, (US 23), Delaware, OH 43015. If you have a Scottish Rite candidate, please contact the valley office in advance so arrangements can be made to also present the required 4th degree, (video).



Blendon Lodge No. 339 Contributes Towards 21st Century Masonry

On June 12, 2016, Blendon Lodge No. 339 announced that they are releasing and offering free resources to Masonic entities for their immediate use consisting of specially made high resolution graphics for use with websites, social media, etc. An example is displayed which is entitled MasonicIntrigue. More can be downloaded at http://www.blendon339.com/masonic-graphics/. Additionally, 3D printable masonic working tools are available for download. 3D printing is a high tech process where computer aided designs (CAD) can be made into physical objects for little cost. "Printing" can be done in plastic, various metals, chocolate, concrete and more. 3D printing vendors are located across the globe, including many public libraries. These files are 3D print ready, as is. This and more 3D printable template files are available for download at http://www.blendon339.com/masonic-3d-printing/. These working tools make an excellent, cost effective, tangible takeaway for candidates as they proceed through their degree work. Aiding in contemplation while outside of lodge. Additionally as special awards, gifts, etc.





Doug Kaylor, DGM Presents Roll Out Program

Brother Doug Kaylor, the Deputy Grand Master, presented and discussed the plans for the 2017 Grand Lodge year at Northwest Masonic Temple on Saturday, June 23, 2017. Brother Kaylor shared the plans with over 52 brethren from the 14th district, as well as a few who traveled from the surrounding districts. Among the plans that were presented is a celebration of the 300th anniversary of modern Freemasonry, commemorating the formation of the Grand Lodge of England on June 24, 1717. As each lodge is charged in their charter to make Masons, a Grand Master's One-Day class will be held on March 25, 2017 in each district. Lodges are asked to seek out good men who might want to become masons as part of this class. Unlike past Grand Master's classes, each new mason will be required to attend his home lodge sometime between March 25 and June 24 in order to be found proficient. Candidates will be encouraged to learn the Master Mason degree obligation and those achieving this goal by June 24 will receive special recognition. But the work does not end with the one day class. The lodges have the further duty to engage these new members and to make each one of them a "Mason for life."



Dates

8/6 Columbus Hamfest at Aladdin Shrine – Sponsored by Voice of Aladdin Radio Club

8/7 District Picnic at Highbanks Metro Park

8/19 – 8/21 Masonic Restoration Foundation Symposium in Ashville, NC

8/27 Valley of Columbus – 19th Degree at Camp Lazarus

9/24 Old Worthington Market Day 9:00AM to 4:30pm

9/24 Valley of Columbus AASR presents 23rd degree at Ohio Masonic Home (with Dayton)

10/14 – 10/15 Grand Lodge at Kalihari

10/16 16th Degree at York Golf Club

The second big event of 2017 is the district wide 300th year festive board to be held on June 24. At this event, held with our spouses, the new masons who met the requirements to attend lodge will be declared proficient. Only after that will these brothers be eligible to be approached to petition and join other Masonic bodies. The details of the dinner are still being worked out, but it promises to be an exciting evening of fun and fellowship.

Another idea presented by Brother Kaylor is to encourage Masons to tell their "Masonic story." Brothers are encouraged to use their phones to make a video and record their personal messages. Why did you join Freemasonry and what has kept you involved? You will have your chance to submit your video to the Grand Lodge which might be used for a combination of other submittals. These will be posted to a website for other brothers and potential members to view. It's really simple and anyone can do it.



Brother Kaylor shared some of his personal stories with the Brethren in attendance and urged the Lodge's to enhance their core values and get back to the basics and focus on the welfare and happiness of your fellow Brothers.

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**

Masonic Days at Cedar Point

When: Saturdays, July 30 and August 20, 2016

Who: ALL Masons, Masonic Women's Group, and Masonic Youth Groups AND their families, including all Appendant Body members; all Prince Hall Masons, York Rite, Grotto, Scottish Rite, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow, DeMolay, Pythagorans, Grand Girls Assembly AND their families.



How: Show your Dues Card so that you can verify you are a Freemason, and wear something Masonic to show your pride. Families will be allowed at the special rate if they are accompanying someone with a dues card.

Discount Ticket Rate: $36.00 per persons

All youth entering the Park should have in their pocket the cell phone number of the advisor or responsible person who can be contacted should they become separated from the group! A special word of thanks is due to Brothers McNabb and Mooraker for organizing these Masonic Days at Cedar Point!

Why Freemasons Survive

Institutions do not survive through the ages by accident; they live only through the possession and operation of everlasting principles. When an organization runs back beyond historic records, and relies upon tradition for the story of its origin, its career during a known period either justifies or falsifies the tradition. An ancestry of virtue and good works is a liberal education. The power of the accumulated wisdom of the past is a resistless impelling force upon the present. The architects, the decorators, the draftsmen, the wood carvers, the workers in precious metals and the Masons who were building the famous Temple of King Solomon came from every nation in the then-known world. Their union of mutual help, protection, society and improvement was the marvel of an age when all navies were pirates and all nations, enemies. Masonry, marching under the leadership of God and the banner that bears the motto, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," with the peasant and the prince, the mechanic and the merchant, the learned and the unlearned following in equal rank and common step, knows neither race nor nationality, neither caste nor condition, as it proudly and beneficially moves down the centuries.

Chauncey M. Depew (1834-1928) U. S. Senator

The Old Past Master
IN MY HEART

"WHY really does a man become a Mason?" asked the Very New Brother of the Old Past Master. "I know the prescribed answer to the question, of course. And doubtless every man who makes it, thinks he tells the truth. But I think he of ten lies!"

"Oh, no!" cried the Old Past Master. "He doesn't lie. Masonry doesn't make liars of men! But a man can tell something that isn't true without prevaricating about it, you know. You don't know? Oh, well, you are young.

"You worked pretty hard today, didn't you? Of course. You always do, don't you? I thought I saw you over at the City Club this noon. Yes, I know that gang of chaps; fine fellows gather there every day for a couple of hours. Then you went up to the gymnasium, didn't you, and exercised for an hour? And you read the paper this morning before you went at your desk? That accounts for about four hours out of eight, but you'd swear you 'worked very hard'! You don't mean to lie; you just forget, or disremember, or are so used to calling that a hard day's work you don't realize what an easy time you have!

"'Tis the same way with the man who tells where he first became convinced he was to be a Mason! He means it, but he doesn't know or realize the facts. "Now, I've been a Mason for many, many years. have seen men come and go and hope to, some more. And I'll tell you that most men do not seek Masonry 'because they have conceived a regard for the institution' or 'because they wish to benefit their fellowmen.' Most men become Masons because other men whom they know, are Masons, or because their fathers were Masons, or because they believe that Masonry means a certain patent of worth, or because they are curious, or even because they believe a Masonic membership will help them succeed.

"But those are not worthy motives," cried the Very New Mason.

"Perhaps not!" smiled the Old Past Master. "But we all do things from motives which are not worthy. You bought your wife a pair of theater tickets tonight and patted yourself on the back for being generous. Yet you know if you send her off to the theater with a friend she won't have a word to say about your coming home late from lodge! Do you call that a worthy motive? I call it a natural one, but St. Peter hasn't made any very large mark against your generosity score for the act!

"Now it would be glorious if all men wanted to be Masons because of the wonderful reputation which Masonry has among men. But if they did, Masonry wouldn't have nearly so much to do. And many men who become Masons for unworthy motives, remain to be taught to become very good Masons, indeed. I remember when I was twenty-one years old — bank clerk, I was — my boss said to me, 'Charlie, wasn't your father a Mason?' I said 'yes.' 'Your father rose very rapidly in his business,' said my boss. That's all. So I applied for the Degrees. I didn't know it wasn't a worthy motive! I knew it as soon as I became Mason. And all my life I have wished I had had a better motive. But I didn't let my ignorance stop me from trying to be a good Mason.

"Many very good Masons take certain parts of Masonry more seriously than they are intended to be

taken. They are the chaps who think a misplaced word in the ritual is an anathema and the forgetter a criminal! They will tell you that any man who applies for Masonry for any other reason than a reverent awe for the Order and a humble belief in its wonder also commits a crime and should be excluded. It would be fine if it were so, but we'd have about one candidate a year if we held to any such interpretation of the law.

"If I find a young fellow who wants to be a Mason because his father was, I say, 'Come on in and welcome home!' That's supposing he is otherwise all right of course. If I find a young fellow who says very frankly, 'I believe it will help me in business,' I don't condemn him to be a profane forever. I try to find out what he means. If he means he wants to use Masonry to bring customers to the store, I tell him to go and think it over and come back in a year. But if he says, 'Why, all the Masons I know are clean-cut, honest men and I need to know such men and a lot of them, that I, too, can be clean-cut and honest, and it must help any man to succeed to be associated with clean-cut and honest men, and I want to succeed so I can bring up my boys to be good men, too,' I can't see but what he is first class material, supposing he's all right otherwise, of course.

"Look for the heart, boy, look for the heart! It's what's in the heart that counts, not what is on the lips. And that in my opinion, is what that question really means. 'Where were you prepared to be a Mason?' means, what sort of a feeling have you in your heart? If it's a good feeling, I don't care how you analyze it; he who has it is welcome. If it's a bad feeling, then I don't care with what fine words he mouths it, it's enough to keep him away. I have known more than one man who joined through curiosity and yet became an ardent Mason. I have known more than one man who slipped in to aid him in business, become Master of his lodge and be a good one, too! Usually that man is the most insistent that all candidates have what he calls 'a clean mind' about becoming a Mason! The man who has had a change of heart after he gets in is always the most insistent on the statutory answer to the question as to where the candidate is first prepared to be a Mason! To me it is both funny and a little pathetic.

"My young brother, human nature is pretty much the same everywhere. Men are men in country and city, hamlet and metropolis. Most men make good Masons. A few make fine ones. Still fewer make poor Masons. Most men have quite human, ordinary, everyday reasons for wanting to be Masons. A few have fine reasons, a few have bad reasons. If the majority of men have just ordinary motives for becoming Masons, and yet the majority of men make good Masons, it's proof, isn't it, that Masonry is stronger than the motive, and can change a man to her standards?

"I've lived a long time and the longer I live the more sure I am of the fertility of the soil in almost all good men's hearts, to the Masonic seed, and so I don't care nearly so much now, as I did forty years or so ago, why they want to be of us or where they were first prepared!

"Toleration, my brother, is a Masonic virtue. You'll feel that way too, when you've worn the apron as long as I have, and found, every year, as it grows closer to your heart, its strings of ritual and law and custom need bind less tightly!"

Fifth Annual Miracle Miles For Memory Care Road Rally

