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Public Library Dedication Ceremony

Brothers, the Grand Lodge of Ohio has been asked to conduct a Dedication Ceremony for the new Grove City Public Library on Sunday, September 25th at 3:30 pm. The new library is located at 3959 Broadway, in Grove City. This location is 3 blocks from Grove City Lodge, so we are encouraging the Masons to park at the lodge, where we will assemble and walk to the library together. The recommendation is to be at Grove City Lodge by 2:30 pm.

Their official celebration begins at 1:00 pm with guest speakers and presentations. The Masonic ceremony is slated for 3:30 pm. All Master Masons are invited to attend and walk in the procession to the library, from the lodge. Dark suit and apron is the attire for this event. Regrettably, we do not have more specific details for the event as Grove City Lodge was just asked to participate within the past two weeks. Although we have limited details, the important thing to note here is, we, as Masons, have been asked to participate in a public ceremony.

Again, we are presented with the opportunity to appear as Freemasons in public – let's have a great turnout for this event so the un-initiated can see who we are! Don't forget, dark suit and apron.

Ohio – Michigan Degree Day Planned

We are looking forward to a great and memorable afternoon at the Detroit Masonic Temple on Saturday, September 17th. This marvelous Masonic edifice is located at 500 Temple Street, Detroit, MI 48201. Beginning at noon, the officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan will open and exemplify the Entered Apprentice Degree which will be followed by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Ohio opening and exemplifying the Fellow Craft Degree. Ladies will be able to tour the temple at 11:45 AM and brothers will have that opportunity from at 3:00 PM. The day will conclude with a 5:00 p.m. dinner. There is no charge to attend the degree exemplifications, but there is a $31.00 charge to attend the dinner. https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ed39cmk44b06366d&oseq=&c=&ch=

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From the President

WB Tim Rice, 14th District President

"By all these lovely tokens September days are here, with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer" (Helen Hunt Jackson). The District Officers welcome you back from the summer hiatus.

Brethren, the next district quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016, at Groveport Lodge #240. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. As a point of reference, Article III of our Constitution defines membership of the association as "Past Masters and Officers, both elected and appointed, of each Lodge in the District." Please have representatives from your lodge plan to attend this important event.

Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in September, is more than just a day off from work or another opportunity for a family cookout. A creation of the labor movement, Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. This annual tribute celebrates the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom and leadership — The American worker." (US Department of Labor)

Your 14th 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

West Gate Lodge Hog Roast

On Saturday, September 3rd, West Gate Lodge No. 623 will host a hog roast. Proceeds from the afternoon will go towards Special Olympics. All masons, friends and the public are invited. Please inquire with the lodge for more details.



207th Annual Communication Scheduled

October 14th and 15th are the dates scheduled for this year's session for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication that will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Reservations can be made at a discount prior to September 12th. Waterpark passes will also be included for each room reservation, so feel free to bring the family. There will be a luncheon and the deadline to make your reservation is October 1st. There will also be a ladies luncheon and accompanying programs on Friday. Your lodge secretary has all the information that you will need for the event. Do not forget that Masters and Wardens are member of Grand Lodge and ALL LODGES MUST BE REPRESENTED.

District Picnic Held on August 7th

The 14th District Masonic Officers Association welcomed the brethren and their families to the Annual District Picnic which was held on a most beautiful Sunday afternoon on August 7th. This year's picnic was held at Highbanks Metro Park located at 9466 Columbus Pike (Rt. 23 N) Lewis Center, OH. There were many activities this year for everyone to enjoy such as corn hole and ladder toss and children were seen playing games of soccer and volleyball. Everyone enjoyed a fine buffet of picnic fare and much fellowship was had throughout the afternoon. Keep a look out for details on next year's cookout in the Ashlar and bring the whole family. You will not be disappointed.



Dates

9/3 West Gate Lodge Hog Roast

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)

9/25 Grove City Corner Stone Laying

10/14 – 10/15 Grand Lodge at Kalihari

10/16 16th Degree at York Golf Club

10/30 – DDGM/DEO Installation at Northwest Temple

11/29 LEO Workshop

12/10 PM Convocation

12/10 14th District Annual Meeting

Annual Lodge Education Officer Workshop



The 14th District Education Officers are pleased to announce the LEO Workshop for the 2016-2017 Masonic year which will be held Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 at Northland Masonic Temple located at 5885 Cleveland Avenue from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Dress is business casual and Worshipful Masters are encouraged to attend.

In prior years, the workshop was held on the same day as the Past Masters Convocation and brothers would have to choose which to attend. This change will allow Worshipful Masters to attend the LEO Workshop and for LEO's who are Past Masters, they can now attend the PMs Convocation, as well.

Inspection Schedule Announced

Lodges around the district are planning on getting back to work as our summer break is coming to a close. Worshipful Masters are filling their schedules for the remaining dates during their tenure in the east. Annual meetings are being planned and Senior Wardens are assuredly looking forward to the upcoming year.

Lodges are also planning for their annual inspections and events throughout the year. You will see the inspection schedule for the district to the right. Hopefully, you can attend these inspections and support the respective lodges as they portray their assigned degree and provide light to candidates. These are excellent opportunities to share with candidates from your own lodge the exemplary degree work that the lodges of the district portray. Or perhaps your lodge would like to take home the traveling award for the most attended from a single lodge. These are outstanding events to travel to with your brothers and share in the rich tradition of fellowship.

DATE	*DAY*	*LODGE*	*DEGREE*
1/17/17	Tuesday	University 631	MM
1/18/17	Wednesday	Groveport 240	FC
1/24/17	Tuesday	Luther B. Turner 732	FC
1/26/17	Thursday	Whitehall 761	EA
1/30/17	Monday	Goodale 372	FC
1/31/17	Tuesday	Sparrow 400	MM
2/6/17	Monday	Blendon 339	EA
2/13/17	Monday	Ralph R. Rickly 670	MM
2/16/17	Thursday	Linden 637	MM
2/22/17	Wednesday	New England 4	MM
2/24/17	Friday	Capital City 656	FC
2/28/17	Wednesday	Columbus 30	FC
3/2/17	Thursday	Triangle 748	MM
3/6/17	Monday	Grove City 689	MM
3/14/17	Tuesday	Sunrise 783	MM
3/15/17	Wednesday	Neoacacia 595	MM
3/20/17	Monday	West Gate 623	EA
3/22/17	Wednesday	South Gate Potter 782	FC
3/28/17	Tuesday	Hiram 18	EA
3/30/17	Thursday	Arts & Sciences 792	EA
4/3/17	Monday	York 563	EA
4/18/17	Tuesday	Magnolia 20	MM
4/19/17	Wednesday	Lockbourne 232	FC
4/25/17	Tuesday	Community 684	EA
4/27/17	Thursday	Reynoldsburg 340	MM
5/8/17	Tuesday	Avery 493	EA

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**, 8-11a

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

Politics in Lodge

Our country is currently engaged in a bitter and divisive campaign for the President of the United States. Candidates, surrogates and partisans on both sides are engaging not only on the issues facing America today, but also in vitriolic and personal attacks not only on the other candidate(s), but also their surrogates, and partisans, their families and communities. This campaign WILL end and one of these candidates will become President in January. It is in the best interests of the United States of America that the President succeeds in tackling the serious issues facing this nation. Remember that discussion of politics is never appropriate within the confines of the lodge. Furthermore, let the evenings of lodge meetings be an oasis from the din and anger of the political process. Freemasons are, by definition, leaders in their communities and it is understandable that Masons would be engaged in the process. But remember, that in your personal and electronic interactions, you ARE Masons and are always helping to shape another person's opinion of the fraternity. Do not let the campaign detract from the harmony of Freemasonry.



Hopefully the example of Masonic values can help heal the wounds inflicted by this campaign and encourage citizens to work together with our elected leaders to return civility to the political process.

Fraternally,

Bill Estell, Ward Weber, Fred Pfarr, Ken Cohen
DDGMs 14th District

Worthington Market Day Fundraiser

The Officers of the 14th District will again be selling our now famous fried bologna sandwiches at the Old Worthington Market Day on Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Our booth will be in front of the former New England Lodge #4 building. Since the Buckeyes have a bye that weekend, come and support your district and volunteer to man the booth or just stop by for a delicious sandwich. We will also be offering what is left of our maple syrup, which is certain to sell out fast.

The Old Past Master
THE IDEAL MASON

"SO you think Brother Parkes is an ideal Mason, do you?" asked the Old Past Master of the Young Brother. "I like Brother Parkes, but before I gave assent to your adjective of 'ideal' I'd like to have you define it.

"What I meant" answered the Younger Brother "was that he is so well rounded a Mason. He is brotherly, charitable, loves a good speech and a good time, and does his Masonic duty as he sees it."

"Oh! Well, if that's being an ideal Mason, Parkes surely is one. But I can't follow your definition of ideal. For there are so many ideals in Freemasonry, and it has been given to few …I doubt, really, if it has been given to any… man to realize them all. Certainly I never knew one.

"There are so many kinds of Masons! I do not refer now to the various bodies a brother may join; Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite Lodge, Chapter, Council and Consistory, Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars, Eastern Star; a man may belong to them all and still be just one kind of Mason.

"When I speak of 'kinds' of Masons I mean 'kinds of ideals.'

"There is the man whose ideal of Masonry is ritual. He believes in the ritual as the backbone of the fraternity. Not to be letter perfect in a degree is an actual pain to him; he cares more for the absolute accuracy of the lessons than the meaning in them. His ideal is a necessary one, and to him we are indebted for our Schools of Instruction, for our accuracy in handing down to those who come after us, the secret work, and to a large extent, for what small difficulties we put in the way of a candidate, by which he conceives a regard for the Order. What is too easily obtained is of small value. Making a new Mason learn by rote some difficult ritual not only teaches him the essential lessons, but makes him respect that which he gets by making it difficult.

"There is the brother with the social ideal of Masonry. To him the Order is first a benevolent institution, one which dispenses charity, supports homes, looks after the sick, buries the dead, and, occasionally, stages a 'ladies night' or a 'free feed' or an 'entertainment.' He is the man who thinks more of the lessons of brotherly love than the language in which they are taught; as a ritualist, he uses synonyms all the time, to the great distress of the ritually-minded Mason. To the social ideal of Masonry and those to whom it makes its greatest appeal we are indebted for much of the public approbation of our Order, since in its social contacts it is seen of the world.

"There are brethren to whom the historical, perhaps I should say the archeological ideal, is the one of greatest appeal. They are the learned men; the men who dig in libraries, who read the books, who write the papers on history and antiquity. To them we are indebted for the real, though not yet fully told story of the Craft. They have taken from us the old apocryphal tales of the origin of the Order and set Truth in their places; they have uncovered a far more wonderful story than those ancient ones which romanticists told. They have given us the right to venerate our age and our vitality; before they came, we had only fables to live by. To them we owe Lodges of Research, histories, commentaries, the great books of Masonry and much of the interpretation of our mysteries.

"Then there is the symbolist. His ideal is found in the esoteric teachings of Freemasonry. He is not content with the bare outline of the meaning of our symbols found in our lectures-he has dug and delved and learned, until he has uncovered so great a wealth of philosophical, religious and fraternal lessons in our symbols as would amaze the Masons who lived before the symbolist began his work.

"To him we are indebted for such a wealth of beauty as has made the Craft lovely in the eyes of men who otherwise would find in it only 'another organization.' To him we are indebted for the greatest reasons for its life, its tenuity, its vitality. For the symbolist has pointed the way to the inner, spiritual truths of Freemasonry and made it blossom like the rose in the hearts of men who seek, they know not what, and find, that which is too great for them to comprehend.

"There are other ideals of Freemasonry, my son, but these are enough to illustrate my point. Brother Parkes follows the social ideal of Freemasonry, and follows it well. He is a good man, a good Mason, in every sense of the word. But he is not an 'ideal' Mason. An 'ideal' Mason would have to live up to, to love, to understand, to practice, all the ideals of Freemasonry. And I submit, it cannot be done.
"What's your ideal of Freemasonry?" asked the Younger Mason curiously, as the Old Past Master paused.

"The one from which all the others spring" was the smiling answer. "I am not possessed of a good enough memory to be a fine ritualist; I don't have time enough to spare for many of the social activities of Masonry, I am not learned enough to be historian or antiquary, nor with enough vision to be an interpreter of symbols for any man but myself. My ideal is the simple one we try to teach to all, and which, if we live up to it, encompasses all the rest; ·the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man."

DDGM / DEO Installation Planned

Last year, we received so many positive comments following the installation of the District Deputy Grand Master and District Education Officer that we have decided to continue the tradition of scheduling both installations on the same Sunday afternoon.

All of the comments received were in favor of this format as everyone liked the idea of holding both installations on the same day and in the same location. They found it much easier to fit into their schedules, especially being on a Sunday afternoon.

The installations of the District Deputy Grand Master and District Education Officer, who will be appointed for the 2016-2017 Masonic year, will begin at **3:00 pm** on **Sunday, October 30th, 2016** at Northwest Masonic Temple on West Dublin Granville Rd. The installations will be held separately, one after the other and light refreshments will be served following the event.

Please reserve this date on your calendar and plan on attending so you can personally congratulate our brothers who have been chosen as the newest leaders in our district.

2016 Grove City Lodge Sporting Clays Fundraiser

Event Details



- Date: Sunday October 2nd, 2016
- Time: 12:00 PM (registration open), 1:00 PM (shooting starts) with food to follow
- Location: Cardinal Shooting Center
  616 State Route 61
  Marengo, Ohio 43334

Cost of the shoot

Cost includes 100 targets and a meal afterwards; proceeds benefit **M.M.S.A.P.**

- $65.00 per person without shirt
- $80.00 per person with shirt (please include size on your registration form)
- $140 per 2-person team with shirt (please include sizes on your registration form)

Prizes

- Top individual score overall score, Top team score, Inter-lodge competition + bragging rights!

Sponsorship

If you or anyone you know who would be interested, we are offering three levels of business sponsorship (like hole sponsors in a golf outing) at $50 per station and $100 per station. These sponsorships are crucial as they will be the primary means of raising money for the charity we are looking to support. If you know anyone that might like to sponsor a hole, donate prizes, or make a charitable donation please have them contact:

Grove City Masonic Lodge Events
gc689.events@gmail.com

- *Bronze Level Sponsorship ($50 per hole)*
- *Silver Level Sponsorship ($100 per hole)*
- *Gold Level Sponsorship ($200)*
- *Individual person sponsorship ($50 per hole)*

Additional Info

Visit www.grovecity689.org/shoot for additional information and registration forms.

Send preregistration forms and checks payable to:

Grove City Lodge #689
Attn: Event Registration
3558 Park St.
Grove City, OH 43123

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at Luther B. Turner Lodge,
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Day 2: Saturday, February 18, 2017
at Blendon Lodge,
Westerville, OH

Day 3: Saturday, March 18, 2017
at Grove City Lodge,
Grove City, OH

Day 4: Saturday, April 22, 2017
At Ralph R. Rickly Lodge
Columbus, OH

COURSE PARTICULARS

- Classes limited to 1 person per lodge, sign up thru your lodge
- $25.00 cost for all four classes, covers materials and printing
- Registration deadline Dec. 31st
- Coffee and donuts at 8 a.m.
- Classes start promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- Working Lunch*
- Wrap up by 3:00 p.m.

* Please bring $5.00 to cover lunch expenses

** Please notify of any dietary needs when signing up