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DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ASHLAR: November 10, 2016

Grand Lodge Recap



Northern Light Lodge No. 40 was opened at 8:30 am on Friday, October 14 in the ballroom of the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, marking the beginning of the 207th annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. MWB Robert C. Rill, Jr. presided over the various ceremonies and business of the Grand Lodge session. New legislation adopted at the session included the rental of the public, undedicated rooms of the Lodge building where alcohol may be present upon the approval of the Grand Master, the removal of the restriction of a Mason possessing an unauthorized ritual, amongst others. MWB Douglas N. Kaylor was elected and installed as Grand Master. MWB Kaylor is a member of Alpha Lodge No. 792 in Dayton, Ohio. Also of note, RWB Tim Wheeland was appointed as Grand Marshall and RWB Ebby Brewer was appointed as Grand Chaplain. The 208th Annual Communication will be held in Dayton, Ohio beginning on Friday, October 20th, 2017. For more details on the Grand Lodge session, see http://www.glohio.com.

VA Hospital Visitation

November 6th with Groveport Lodge No. 240, Grover City Lodge No. 689 and Lockbourne Lodge No. 232.

The visitation is planned from 1:00 pm – 3:15 pm. The first lodge listed 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.

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From the President

WB Tim Rice, 14th District President

Nature's first green is gold, her hardest hue to hold. Her early leafs a flower; but only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to leaf. So Eden sank to grief, so dawn goes down to day. No gold can stay. – Robert Frost. The District Officers wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Our masonic fraternity, while steeped in tradition, is ever evolving. As our membership numbers ebb and flow over time, we tend to focus our attention towards the happenings in our own home lodges. Last December, I challenged everyone around the district to refocus their attention and broaden their perspective district wide. Reflecting on my time as a District President, we've made some progress towards this goal. We experienced very good overall attendance at inspections this year, averaging 85 brethren. The Grand Masters reception was also well attended. However, we continue to experience low turnout at our District Quarterly Meetings, which are one of the best sources for information for upcoming events around the district. Our goal is for every lodge to be represented at these meetings. But fear not, our incoming District Officers will continue to offer their support and dedication.

Lastly, it was an honor to serve in the district line and I thank everyone for their support during my tenure. Remember to 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

District Officers Serve at the Faith Mission

On October 23rd, the 14th District Masonic Officers Association volunteered to help serve hot meals to the homeless community at the Faith Mission located downtown at 245 North Grant Avenue. We were proud to assist in serving over 200 meals to those in need. The Faith Mission is always looking for volunteers to help out and would be a great idea for your lodge to assist in this worthwhile endeavour.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremony in Grove City

On Sunday, October 16th, the Grand Lodge Officers, members of Grove City Lodge No. 689 and other members from around the district participated in a cornerstone laying ceremony for the newly constructed public library in downtown Grove City. All masons marched from Grove City Lodge through the streets to the library, and what a sight to behold it was. The ceremonies were conducted by MWB Ronald Winnett with the assistance of RWB Timothy Wheeland and the officers of Grove City Lodge. A crowd gathered around and witnessed the traditional dedication in all its beauty.





Dates

11/11 Fall Back – Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/11 Valley of Columbus AASR Dinner and Dance

11/11 Veteran's Day

11/12 Valley of Columbus AASR Fall Reunion - 32°

11/19 Purple Pancakes at York Golf Club

11/29 Thanksgiving

11/29 LEO Workshop

12/8 DeMolay Chevalier meeting – Hickory House Gahanna 7PM

12/10 PM Convocation

12/10 14th District Annual Meeting

12/25 Christmas

1/1 New Year's Day

1/11 Franklin County Memorial Lodge – Rickly Temple

1/17 First Inspection – University 631 in MM

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

DDGM / DEO Installed

MWB Douglas Kaylor, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio appointed RWB John Hollback to serve as District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th Masonic District. RWB Hollback is a Past Master of New England Lodge No. 4. John joins RWBs Ward Weber, Fred Pfarr and Ken Cohen in representing the Grand Master in their respective lodges. Past DDGM, RWB Bill Estell, was recognized for the successful completion of his term.



MWB Kaylor also appointed a new District Education Officer, WB William Bell. William is a Past Master of Grove City Lodge No. 689. He will join WBs Mark Gilmore, Aaron Wycoff and Tim Ward in promoting the programs of the Grand Lodge Committee on Education. They are busy planning the SYSK program for 2017 as well as other training opportunities throughout the district. WB David Sweeley successfully completed his respective term as DEO.

The DDGM and DEO were installed on Sunday, October 30th at Northwest Masonic Temple. Make sure to shake the hand of these fine masons in your travels and congratulate them on a their new venture.

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 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.

Purple Pancakes

Saturday, November 19th is the date for the 8th Annual Purple Pancakes for Pancreatic Cancer. This fundraiser is being held at York Golf Club at 7495 N. High Street (north of 270) and will be held from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. A silent auction is also planned. See below for more details.

Valley of Columbus AASR Fall Reunion

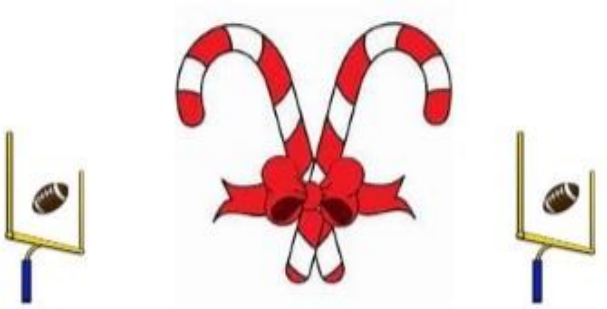
The Valley of Columbus AASR will be holding their annual Fall Reunion on Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th at the Aladdin Shrine Center located at 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City 43123. On Friday starting at 6:00 pm, members and their ladies are invited for an evening of dinner and dancing. There will be live music and dinner will start at 7:00 pm. Dinner reservations must be made by November 2nd and costs only $10.

Saturday morning will start with registration at 8:30 am and the 32° will be portrayed at 10:00 am. Regular petition fees apply and remember all blue lodge officers receive a 50% discount. Petitions can be obtained from your Blue Lodge Ambassador.



14th District Lodge Installation Dates

University: Tuesday, November 1 at annual meeting
Magnolia: Tuesday, November 1 at annual meeting
Columbus: Tuesday, November 8 at annual meeting
Triangle: Thursday November 10 at annual meeting
Whitehall: Saturday, November 12 at noon - OPEN
Sunrise: Saturday, November 12 at 6pm - OPEN
Groveport: Saturday, November 12 at 7pm - OPEN
Reynoldsburg: Sunday, November 13 at 3pm - OPEN
Grove City: Sunday, November 13 at 3pm - OPEN
York: Sunday, November 13 at 4pm - OPEN
Linden: Thursday, November 17 at 730pm - OPEN
South Gate-Potter: Friday, November 18 at 6pm - OPEN
Avery: Friday, November 18 at 7:30pm - OPEN
Neoacacia: Sunday, November 20 at 2pm - OPEN
Arts & Sciences: Sunday, November 20 at 2pm - OPEN
Blendon: Monday, November 21 at 7pm - OPEN
West Gate: Monday, November 21 at 7pm - OPEN
Sparrow: Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm - OPEN



KICK OFF BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

CALLING ALL KIDS:

WHEN: November 26 (8-11 am)
WHERE: Reynoldsburg Lodge, 7350 Broadwyn Dr., Reynoldsburg
WHAT: Give Santa your Christmas list and get a prize
HOW: Bring your own electronic device and take a picture of your favorite little one with Santa Claus just in time to add it to your Christmas cards
You can even have breakfast while you wait
DONATION: $6 for adults; $4 for children under 12 for breakfast. Non-perishable food item or cash donation for a visit with Santa.
Call Monroe Bradley at (614) 866-8439 with any questions

The Old Past Master
THAT "ATHEIST"

"I AM much troubled. A very good friend of mine asked me for a petition to this lodge, but when I took him one to sign he refused to do so, on the ground that he couldn't answer the question as to his belief in God."

"Well, I don't see that that's anything to be troubled about," answered the Old Past Master. · "What he believes is his business, isn't it?"

"Yes, but—"

"But you want him in the Order," smiled the Old Past Master. "Well, it's not hopeless, my son. A lot of men say they don't believe in God, and mean something else entirely."

"How can a man say he doesn't believe in God and mean something else?" asked the Young Mason.

"What they usually mean is that they don't believe in the particular kind of God some one else believes in!" chuckled the Old Past Master. "I sometimes think such men are born just to give the angels something to smile about. Personally, I never found any necessity of defining God. But there are people who think they must measure Him with an idea, and fix a definite concept of Him in their mind before they dare say they believe in Him."

"But *my* friend," interrupted the Young Mason, "says he doesn't believe in any God, or Great First Cause, or Cosmic Urge, or Life Principle, or anything. He discusses it very well and he seems unalterably fixed in his ideas. Yet he is a good man."

"Oh, yes, that's very possible," answered the Old Past Master. "Lots of very good men are very egotistical and conceited and—"

"But he isn't egotistical—why, he is very modest."

"There I differ with you. Any man who attempts to argue God out of the universe is certainly an egotist."

"But he doesn't argue Him out of existence; he just denies He exists."

"My friend," said the Old Past Master, "my little grandson tries to argue with me that the end of the rainbow is over on Park Avenue, and won't understand why daddy don't let him go and find it. He often explains to me how near the moon is, and I dare say he'd laugh if I told him the earth was round. He'd be perfectly sure we'd fall off the underside. He is only five, you know. Well, your friend is mentally only five.

"Have you ever read any of the thoughts of great men on atheism? They are rather hard to controvert, some of them. Coleridge said 'How did the atheist get his idea of that God whom he denies?' A clever Frenchman said, 'The very impossibility in which I find myself to prove that God is not, discloses to me His existence.' Bacon said, 'They that deny God destroy a man's nobility; for certainly man is like the beasts in his body, and if he is not like God in his spirit, he is an ignoble creature.'

"No, my friend I very much doubt that your friend's atheism is real. It is a pose. He doesn't know it; doubtless he thinks of himself as very courageous, standing up and denying Him out loud. The very fact that it takes courage shows that the 'brave man' believes his statement outrages Something, Somewhere, Which may call him to account. What

your friend probably means is that he doesn't believe in a God who sits on a cloud surrounded by a lot of angels playing harps, or that he doesn't believe in a God with a book in front of Him, saying to souls as they arrive, 'You go over there with the angels, but you get out of here and go to hell.'

"Yet both of these are perfectly good ideas of Deity, which satisfy a lot of people. There are millions and millions of people alive today who believe that God is called Allah. There are others who worship their Deity under the name of Buddha. To some God is a God of Wrath, a stern God, a just God, but a God who may be appeased by sacrifice, pleased by song, distressed by sin. Man sees God in his mind according to his lights. The God one man believes in does not fit in with another man's ideas. And when he hears too many other ideas and likes none of them, he often says 'I do not believe in God.' What he really means is 'I cannot think clearly enough to visualize any conception of God which will go with what I know. I can't stand for the visions others have; therefore, I can't believe in any God,' never realizing that the very fact that he reasons about God, thinks about God, denies God, is very good proof of what he, nor no other man can get away from—the existence of God. Voltaire says, 'If God did not exist it would be necessary to invent Him.' Man can no more get along without God in his mind and heart than he can without air."

"Well, you don't think I should persuade my friend, do you?"

"Oh, certainly not. Masonry wants only those who know their belief well enough to state their faith in a Supreme Architect. Those other unfortunates who haven't struggled up through their own conceit and ignorance enough to understand their own belief in Some One, Somewhere—call Him what Name you will—-must wait for the blessings of Masonry, even as my little grandson must wait until he is older before he can chase and capture the end of the rainbow.

"I do not argue that you should persuade your friend. I only tell you not to be distressed."

"But I am distressed as to what will happen to him. Won't God punish him for his atheism?"

"It is not for me to say what He will do," was the reverent answer. "But I do not think I should want to punish my little grandson for not believing me when I told him the end of the rainbow was not on earth, or for believing that the moon is near and can be reached with a ladder. I know he is but a little child and will learn better as his eyes grow clearer and his brain develops. Perhaps He thinks of us all as just little children, and understands even when some deny Him."

"Where did you learn all this? Is there a book?" asked the Young Mason.

"I learned it from Masonry, my friend; what I have said *is* Masonry. Yes, there is a book."

"Can I get it?" asked the Young Mason eagerly.

"You can find a copy on the Altar," was the smiling reply.

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BE A BETTER LODGE LEADER?

THEN YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ATTENDING THE S.Y.S.K. II CLASSES!

S.Y.S.K.  2 B T.E.L.L.

WHEN & WHERE

Day 1: Saturday, January 21, 2017
at Luther B. Turner Lodge,
Columbus, OH

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