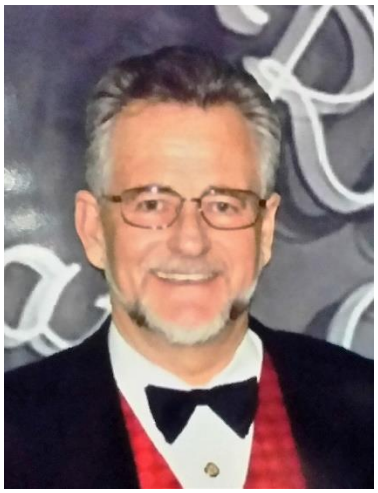
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New District Officers



During the annual meeting of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association held on December 10th, WB Harold Davis of Whitehall Lodge No. 761 was elected to serve as President for the 2016-2017 year. Also elected were WB Adam Michael of York Lodge No. 563 as 1st Vice President, WB Brad Love of Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340 as 2nd Vice President, RWB Jeff Rannebarger of Sunrise No. 783 as Treasurer, RWB Brian Bolyard of Neoacacia No. 595 as Secretary and WB Timothy Robinett of South Gate-Potter Lodge No. 782 as Sergeant-At-Arms. WB John Hicks of Sunrise Lodge No. 783 was appointed as Chaplain. WB Tim Rice of Linden Lodge No. 637 completed his successful term as President and was elected as Trustee. The officers were installed by the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, RWB Tim Wheeland.

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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ASHLAR: January 10, 2017

Franklin County Memorial Lodge

The deadline for making your reservation for dinner before the Franklin County Memorial Lodge is January 6th. Send your reservation to Secretary, RWB Jeff Rannebarger at rannebargerjl@gmail.com. The 52nd annual meeting of the Franklin County Memorial Lodge will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at Ralph R. Rickly Lodge located at 1120 Barnett Road. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm (choice of veal parmesan or lasagna) and the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. The cost of the dinner is $10 and the cost for membership in the Memorial Lodge is only $1.

The Memorial Lodge was created in 1964 for the purpose of conducting funeral services for masons sojourning in the central Ohio area. They hold no other regular meetings, but assemble when the need arises.

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From the President

WB Harold Davis, 14th District President

On behalf of the officers of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association, I wish all our brothers and their families a happy and prosperous new year. We thank you for the opportunity to serve and hope to meet your expectations in the continuation of keeping our district rewarding and flourishing.

The annual District Directory is in its final stages of preparation and more information about the disbursement will be provided in the near future.

The inspection season is upon us with the first being at University Lodge on January 17th. A signup sheet for those seeking 100% attendance will be circulated at this first inspection. I hope to see a lot of you there.

The officers of the district are looking forward to getting to know everyone better and assisting their assigned lodges in any way possible. We hope that you will participate in the events the district has to offer and enjoy the camaraderie that makes this fraternity so special.

Valley of Dayton Mid-Winter Program

Again this year, the Valley of Dayton AASR will be holding another mid-winter program with the assistance of the Valley of Columbus AASR and the DeMolay. The program will be held on Saturday, February 18th with registration beginning at 9:00AM. The Valley of Columbus will be portraying the 5° Perfect Master at 10:30AM and the Valley of Dayton conferring the 20° Master Ad Vitam. Also included in the afternoon between degrees will be the DeMolay Ceremony of Light program and Flower Talk. There is no charge for the lunch during the afternoon but reservations must be made through the Valley of Columbus office. There is also a bus ride offered to the first 40 members that sign up that will depart from the Grove City, but you must also make reservations through the office if you wish to ride.

VA Hospital Visitation

Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe begin on Sunday, *February 5th*, 2017. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Sunrise Lodge No. 783, Whitehall Lodge No. 761, South Gate-Potter Lodge No. 782 and Ralph R. Rickly Lodge No.670.

The next visit will be on Sunday, *March 5th* with the following lodges assigned to participate: Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792, Avery Lodge No. 493, West Gate Lodge No. 623 and Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732.

PM Convocation Held

Twenty five Worshipful Masters from the 14th Masonic District were in attendance on Saturday, December 10th at Northwest Masonic Temple, which was hosted by University Lodge No. 631. The Grand Lodge requirement of meeting in a Past Masters Convocation convened by the District Deputies Grand Master of the district was fulfilled. The new Masters proved their proficiency by opening a lodge of Master Masons. The deputies then assumed the stations as the officers of a Lodge of Past Masters and they portrayed that degree. Each Worshipful Master took the oath of a Past Master and one lucky Master even assumed the oriental chair. The afternoon was filled with instruction, direction and clarification on Masonic Code. Guidance was also offered to each in order to assist with a successful year.



The Worshipful Masters for 2016-2017 are:

New England No. 4 – Sean L. Harshbarger
Hiram No. 18 – Stephen M. Hill
Magnolia No. 20 – Doug Moshier
Columbus No. 30 – Brian Pruitt
Lockbourne No. 232 – Brian Kirk
Groveport No. 240 – Dana D. Parsons, Sr.
Blendon No. 339 – Craig Shumaker
Reynoldsburg No. 340 – Monroe A. Bradley
Goodale No. 372 – Freeman T. Eagleson, III
Sparrow No. 400 – Christopher Combs
Avery No. 493 – Ronald E. Wilke
York No. 563 – David Gizzo
Neoacacia No. 595 – John T. Train
West Gate No. 623 – Jarrod M. Golden
University No. 631 – Craig A. Lobdell
Linden No. 637 – Keven R. Clouse
Capital City No. 656 – Timothy A. Ward
Ralph R. Rickly No. 670 – Arthur E. Lewis, Jr.
Community No. 684 – Frederick B. Hummler, III
Grove City No. 689 – Leonard K. Fields
Luther B. Turner No. 732 – John H. Rumer
Triangle No. 748 – Kenji Prince





Whitehall No. 761 – Harold D. Kolsky
South Gate Potter No. 782 –Mikel Sinnot
Sunrise No. 783 – James Hannon
Arts & Sciences No. 792 – Christopher Griese

Dates

1/11 Franklin County Memorial Lodge – Rickly Temple

1/14 Aladdin Shrine Installation

1/17 First Inspection – University 631 in MM

1/18 Inspection – Groveport 240 in FC

1/21 SYSK – Session 1 at Luther B Turner 732

1/24 Inspection – Luther B Turner 732 in FC

1/26 Inspection – Whitehall 761 in EA

1/30 Inspection – Goodale 372 in FC

1/31 Inspection – Sparrow 400 in MM

2/18 SYSK – Session 2 at Blendon 339

2/23 District Quarterly Meeting – Goodale Lodge 7PM

3/11 State Secretaries Association

3/11 Linden Lodge Reconsecration 1PM

3/11 Grand Masters Reception – Villa Milano

3/25 One Day Class at Luther B Turner

6/24 300th Anniversary Dinner

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

Grand Master Visits Luther B. Turner Lodge

On the evening of Sunday, November 13th, Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732 was honored to be visited by Brother Douglas N. Kaylor, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, and his Lady Diana. The Grand Master travelled to Valleyview to install the officers of the lodge and participate in recognizing those hard working Masons who have earned service awards.



The installation was a special event with MWB Kaylor presiding as the installing officer, RWB John Hollback, DDGM served as the installing chaplain and RWB William Estell, PDDGM, served as the installing marshal.

After installation of the officers, MWB Kaylor was joined by MWB Ronald Winnett and MWB Charles Neff as they participated in presenting awards to several Masons in attendance for their combined 245 years of Masonic service. Presented with awards were WB David Ayotte (35 years), Brother Davin Nairn (40 years), Brother Nicholas Alexander (50 years) and Brother Clark Houser (60 years).

After assisting in presenting service awards MWB Charles Neff was presented with his award for 60 years of service to the fraternity. Congratulations to these hard working brethren and we are ever grateful for your service.

Afterwards, the brethren and their family and friends adjourned to the hall for refreshments and fellowship. The officers and brethren of Luther B. Turner Lodge wish to extend our sincere gratitude to RWB Estell, RWB Hollback and especially MWB Kaylor for their visit and participation during the evening's festivities. We were all truly honored by their presence.



The Old Past Master
A MASON'S CHRISTMAS

"I DON'T believe in a Christmas celebration by the lodge. I don't think we ought to have one, or be asked to contribute to one or in any way engage in Christmas festivities."

The Junior Mason spoke emphatically and with marked disapproval of the little ante-room group near.by, making happy plans for Yule-tide.

"That's very interesting," commented the Old Past Master. "I like to hear points of view unfamiliar to me. Would you mind telling me why?"

"Of course not. It's very simple. Masonry is not Christian. King Solomon, of course, wasn't a Christian, nor were either of the Hirams. Masonry admits to her ranks any good man of any faith; Christian, Jewish, Mohammedan, Buddhist… it makes no difference, so he has a faith. Then, as a lodge, we celebrate a holiday belonging to one faith. Now I personally am a Christian, and of course I celebrate Christmas. But my brother across the way is a Jew, who does not recognize Christianity. To ask him to spend his proportion of lodge funds in celebrating the birth of a Leader in Whom he does not believe would be exactly like asking me to celebrate, with my proportion of lodge money, the birth of Confucius. Of course, I have only one vote and the majority rules, but when it comes to personal contributions to a Masonic Christmas celebration, my hands will never come out of my pockets."

He shoved them deeper in as he spoke to emphasize his intention not to spend.

"Hm!" answered the Old Past Master. "So you think your Jewish brother across the way doesn't recognize Christianity? Don't you mean he doesn't recognize Christ as the Son of God? Wait a minute ... Oh, Brother Samuels." The Old Past Master called across the ante--room. "Here a minute, will you?"

The Jewish brother rose and came forward.

"I just wanted to ask you if you are in favor or against the lodge Christmas celebration?" said the Old Past Master.
"Me? I am in favor of it, of course, both for the lodge appropriation and the individual contribution."

"Thank you," nodded the Old Past Master. Then as the Jewish brother went back to his seat, he turned to the Junior Mason.

"You see, my son, our Jewish friend is not narrow. He does not believe in Christ as the Redeemer, hut he recognizes that he lives in a country largely Christian, and belongs to a lodge largely Christian. To him the Christmas celebration is not one of His birthday, but of the spirit of joyousness and love which we mean when we sing, at Christmas time 'Peace on earth, good will towards men!' If you argue that 'peace' is only a Christian word, he might even quote to you the words of One who said 'I bring you not Peace, but a Sword.'

"Now let me explain something to you. The Jew has just as much right to refuse to recognize Christ as the Son of God, as you have to refuse to consider Mohammed the Prophet the followers of Allah say he is. But as an educated man, you must know that Mohammed was a good man, a devout leader, a wise teacher. As an educated man, you admit that the religion founded by Buddha has much in it that is good, and you admit that Confucius was a wise and just leader. Were you in the land where the birthdays of any of these were celebrated, would you refuse

your part in the people's joy in their Leader, simply because you followed another? I trust not. Well, neither do our Jewish brethren or our Mohammedan brethren, desire to be left out of our celebration. They may not believe in the Divinity of Him we, as Christians, follow, but if they are good men and good Masons… and they wouldn't be here if they were not,… they are perfectly willing to admit that the religion we follow is as good for us as theirs is for them, and to join with us in celebrating the day which is to us the glad day of all the year.

"Believe me, boy, Christmas doesn't mean Christ's birthday to many a man who calls himself Christian. It is not because of joy that He was born that many a good man celebrates Christmas. It is because his neighbor celebrates it, because it is a time of joy for little ones, because it is a day when he can express his thanks to his God that he is allowed to have a wife and family and children and friends and a lodge, because of that very 'peace on earth' spirit which is no more the property of the Gentile than the Jew, the Chinese or the Mohammedan.

"It is in such a spirit that Masons can join, all, in celebrating Christmas. It is on the Masonic side of the tree we dance, not the Christian side. When this lodge erects its Christmas tree in the basement and throws it open to the little ones of the poor of this town, you will find children of all kinds there; black, white, yellow and brown, Jew and Gentile. Christian and Mohammdan. And you will find a Jew at the door, and among the biggest subscriptions will be those from some Jewish brethren, and there is a Jew who rents cars for a living who will supply us a dozen free to take baskets to those who cannot come. And when the Jewish Orphan Asylum has its Fair, in the Spring, you will find many a Christian Mason attending to spend his money and help along the cause dear to his Jewish brethren, never remembering that they are of a different faith. That, my son, is Masonry.

"For Charity is neither Christian nor Jewish, nor Chinese nor Buddhistic. And celebrations which create joy in little hearts and feed the hungry and make the poor think that Masons do not forget the lessons taught in lodge, are not Christian alone, though they be held at Christmas, and are not for Christian s alone, though the celebration he in His honor. Recall the ritual: 'By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and low, the rich and poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other.'

"It is with this thought that we, as Masons, celebrate Christmas, to bring joy to our brethren and their little ones, and truly observe the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God, whether we be Jew or Gentile, Mohammedan or Buddhist."

The Old Past Master ceased and stood musing, his old eyes looking back along a long line of lodge Christ.mas trees about which eager little faces danced. Then he turned to the Junior Mason.

"Well," he said, smiling, "Do you understand?"

"I thank you for my Christmas present," came the answer. "Please tell me to which brother I should make my Christmas contribution?"

Grand Masters Reception is Scheduled

On Saturday, March 11th, 2017, Brother Douglas N. Kaylor, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio and the Grand Lodge officers will be in the Fabulous 14th District for this year's Grand Master's Reception. Each Worshipful Master received the reservation and sponsorship forms at the Past Masters Convocation in December which includes all the details for the evening. The location of the reception will again be at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center at 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus 43229. Reservations for the buffet dinner are $40 per person if received before February 18th. Late reservations will be accepted in the amount of $50 per person until February 25th. *No reservations will be accepted after this date so please plan accordingly.*

Social hour will begin at 5pm with introductions beginning precisely at 6:10PM. Dinner will be entrée choices of beef tenderloin, chicken piccata, lasagna or vegetarian lasagna. Also served will be Italian salad, rolls and butter, steamed broccoli, red skin potatoes along with strawberry shortcake for desert. Coffee, tea, lemonade and water are included and a cash bar available for the evening.

This is a great way to experience some quality fellowship with old friends, meet new ones and possibly reacquaint yourself with old friends you have not seen in some time. When a lodge has a group of members and their wives at these events it seems to bring them closer together and create a family atmosphere, which also helps with the working relationships in lodge. It is also a chance to show your wife or significant other just how much you appreciate all the time she is willing to share you with your lodge.

If there are any questions, please reach out to WB Adam Michael, 1st Vice President at adasm563@yahoo.com.





SYSK Session I
Jan. 21, 2017
Luther B. Turner Lodge

SYSK Session II
Feb. 18, 2017
Blendon Lodge

SYSK Session III
March 18, 2017
Grove City Lodge

SYSK Session IV
April 22, 2017
Ralph R. Rickly Lodge

- 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