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DEADLINE FOR MARCH ASHLAR: February 10, 2017

Grand Master's Reception

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. 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.

Lodge reservations have been coming in and we thank you for your promptness. We look forward to having all the lodges of the district represented and to enjoy a fine evening honoring our Grand Master.

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

Sparrow Lodge No. 400 inspection date has been changed to Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017. Please mark your calendars for this date.

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From the President

WB Harold Davis, 14th District President

As the first month of 2017 is in the books, we now find ourselves with many opportunities for participation and fellowship with our brothers. Lodge inspections and other fraternal activities, such as the VA visits, are seemingly available daily. Your participation in these events provide you with many opportunities to rekindle old friendships and create new ones while supporting your lodges and the fraternity as a whole.

The 2017 Directories are out and have been distributed at the inspections. If your lodge has not received theirs yet please see any of the district officers at the next inspection or contact me directly.

The first quarterly meeting of 2017 for the District Officers Association is to be held on February 23rd, 2017 at Goodale Lodge No. 372. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM. All lodges should plan on having a representative in attendance. Remember ALL officers in this district, whether elected or appointed, are members of the association.

The first VA visitation will be on February 5th, 2017. Sunrise Lodge No. 783, Whitehall Lodge No. 761, South Gate Potter Lodge No. 782 and Ralph R. Rickly Lodge No. 670 are the assigned lodges for this date. Please plan to join with your lodge in these visitations as they are a great way to show our support to those who have served all of us. Also, please plan on attending the Grand Master's Reception on March 11th, 2017 and help your district honor our Grand Master.

Please take advantage of the events around the district, get involved, build some friendships and support your lodges. Together we can make a difference in our lodge and our community.

Inspection Pictures

If you would like to have your inspection pictures included in upcoming editions of the Ashlar for all the brethren around the district to view, just send them into the editor at adasm563@yahoo.com. Pictures from other events that your lodge holds would also be considered and appreciated. Just send them in along with a summary of the event.



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.

April 2nd, 2017 will be the visit by Sparrow Lodge No. 400, Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340, Columbus Lodge No. 30 and Hiram Lodge No. 18.

Dates

2/6 Inspection – Blendon 339 in EA

2/13 Inspection – R. R. Rickly 670 in MM

2/16 Inspection – Linden 637 in MM

2/18 SYSK – Session 2 at Blendon 339

2/22 Inspection – New England 4 in MM

2/23 District Quarterly Meeting – Goodale Lodge 7PM

2/24 Inspection – Capital City 656 in FC

2/28 Inspection – Columbus 30 in FC

3/2 Inspection – Triangle 748 in MM

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

Typewritten Ritual



Did you know, or perhaps you may have forgotten, that The Grand Lodge of Ohio has authorized each district to maintain a copy of the type written ritual for the lodges use? Have you heard different words or phrases in the ritual at inspections that differ from what you were taught? Perhaps you are looking for an opportunity to brush up on a lecture before your inspection. Or maybe you would just like an opportunity to perfect your training in the ritual. Just ask your District Deputy to bring the copy to your lodge.

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

Linden Lodge No. 637 Celebrates 100 Years

Linden Lodge No. 637 is turning 100 years old this year and would like to invite you to celebrate this momentous occasion with us. We will be recognizing our 100 years at our inspection on Thursday, February 16th, 2017. This year's inspection will be in the Master Mason degree. We will start the first section at 5:30PM with the posting of the colors by Columbus Commandery No. 69, followed by a delicious prime rib dinner served with all the trimmings. Cost for the dinner will only be $15 and will be served at 6:15PM. The Lodge of Master Masons will then resume with the second section of the degree following dinner at 7:00PM. Dinner reservations are preferred and can be made by contacting RWB Ron Leonard at 614-799-9637 or email RLeon95596@aol.com.

The keynote event in our centennial celebration will be our Lodge Reconsecration ceremony, with Bro. Douglas N. Kaylor, the Master Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, on Saturday March 11th, 2017. The ceremony will be at 1:00PM and all Master Masons are invited to share in this celebration. We will be serving a light lunch prior to the ceremony. In special recognition of our centennial celebration, we will present all brethren in attendance with our commemorative Linden Lodge Centennial pin. Come out and join us in celebrating this historic moment for our lodge.

Additionally, in recognition of not only our centennial celebration, but also 300 years of modern Freemasonry, one of our Entered Apprentices made a beautiful handcrafted masonic cooler with vintage wood, to be raffled on May 8th, 2017. Tickets are available to purchase for $5 each or 6 for $25 from our members throughout the inspection season. Proceeds for this raffle will go to supporting the Special Olympics.



You can keep up with the latest on our Lodge online at www.linden637.org and Twitter @LindenLodge637.

Fraternally,

Keven R. Clouse, WM
Linden Lodge No. 637 F&AM
http://www.linden637.org/index.html

The Old Past Master
ORDER OF DEMOLAY

"IT IS GOING to be a very interesting meeting," said the Young Mason, sitting down in the ante-room beside the Old Past Master.

"I am glad you look forward with pleasure to it," came the ready answer, "but what especial feature intrigues you tonight?"

"Why, Brother Smith is going to ask for an appropriation from the lodge to help the Scottish Rite start a chapter of DeMolay. And there are a lot of the brethren who are going to object. You know, Sir, there are many of us who think that Masonry doesn't need any juvenile branches. And there are others who say the lodge should not give to a boy's organization, because many of the members have no boys but do have girls. So I expect there will be a warm discussion.

"I am glad you told me," said the Old Past Master. "It isn't often I get on my feet in the lodge any more; I believe in letting the line officers run the lodge and in keeping old Past Masters where they belong on the side line. But now and then I get the urge to get up and talk, and this is one of the times."

"I am glad you are going to object to the appropriation," said the Young Mason. "That's the way I feel about it."

"I am not going to object," answered the Old Past Master, sharply. "I am going to urge the appropriation with all the force I have. I am going to puncture the feeble arguments of those who refer to DeMolay as 'Juvenile Masonry' and I am going to annihilate that brother who says he doesn't want lodge money spent for such Orders because he has daughters instead of sons."

"Why…why, you surprise me," cried the Young Mason. "Has it been drawn to your attention that the DeMolay degrees are highly elaborate, spectacular and beautiful? Don't you think that a young man who sees such work will, when he becomes a Mason, be disappointed?"

"My young friend," answered the Past Master, "most of us live in small houses, in small towns, or bigger houses in big cities. Most of us do not live beneath the thunder of Niagara, or in sight of the Grand Canyon, or in the shadow of Pike's Peak. Few of us live in or near Yellowstone, or the Yosemite, or Crater Lake. The larger part of the population of this country does not live in sight of the mighty ocean. Do you think it makes us dissatisfied with our lives and our homes that we go sight-seeing among the beauties of this wonderful land of ours?

"I have seen the DeMolay degrees. They are much better put on by the boys, than our Masonic degrees are put on by the men. Is that the fault of the boys, their Order, their degrees, or is it our fault? Their degrees are beautiful and solemn; but that they even touch the skirts of the inner beauty of the Masonic degree, no real student of Masonry would admit for a moment. It may, indeed, be true that some young man, having taken the DeMolay degrees, will be disappointed when he gets his Third Degree in Masonry, that it is not more wrapped up in costumes, trappings, stage work. But such a young man would be disappointed in any event.

"I believe that most boys, when they grow up to be men, will turn from the elaborate and spectacular degrees of the DeMolay Order to the more quiet, thoughtful and deeper degrees of Masonry with relief, and will throw themselves into them with greater enthusiasm, because of their training in lodge room etiquette, their experience of fraternalism, their education in ritual and brotherhood.

"There are Masons in this lodge who will, I know, object to our spending money from the lodge treasury. They will say 'why, I have no son to enter such an order, why should I help support it?' But they may have daughters. Then they are interested in having the young men of this town grow up to be good men, true men, square men. For some one of these young men is some day, probably to be a husband to that Mason's daughter. And the better man he is, the happier she will he.

"Did you ever stop to think, my brother, what it is in Masonry which has kept it alive and made it grow, for thousands of years? What other thing can you name which has lived and grown for thousands of years? Only one, love and worship of God. Then I am speaking true words when I say it is the God in Masonry which has held it together. The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man as taught in Masonry, are the inner cements which we spread with our trowels of degrees and lodges and ritual.

"The Order for boys is but a new way of making ready the stones for our building. Before there was such an Order, we took young men as we found them. We still so take them. But in addition, we have now an Order which, while it speaks no word which can be construed as an invitation, which says nothing to any boy which would make him think Masonry wanted anything of him, yet teaches him patriotism, love of country, love of public schools, love of Masonry, because of its unity, its charity, its brotherhood, and teaches him too, the lessons of help to a brother, of broadminded tolerance and of sincere worship of a Supreme Being. No boy who has been a DeMolay will ever join a Masonic lodge without being better prepared to become a good Mason than the same boy would have been had he not been a DeMolay.

"There, my brother, now you know how I feel about it, and why I am going to urge that our lodge stand not in the way obstructing, but alongside and pushing, that our young men have this glorious chance to learn the elements of fraternity before they come to us to be made Master Masons."

"And I am going to stand at your side and urge the same course," said the Young Brother. "I didn't understand."



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