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DEADLINE FOR APRIL ASHLAR:

March 10, 2017

Information Regarding Grand Master's Reception

The Fourteenth District Masonic Officers Association has been working hard on planning and putting the program together for this year's Grand Masters Reception honoring Brother Douglas N. Kaylor, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. As a reminder, the event will take place on Saturday, March 11th, 2017 at the Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center at 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus 43229. We sincerely thank all of the lodges of the Fourteenth District for their support of this traditional event.

The program this year will be run a little different in an attempt to make the evening run more efficiently. ***Social time will begin at 5:15PM.*** Please do not arrive any earlier than this time so the District Officers can prepare for the evening and the Villa Milano can setup promptly, as there is an event prior to ours that day. All will be asked to be seated at their assigned tables by 6:00PM, as the evening will begin shortly after that time and will be followed by introductions of all the Grand Lodge Officers at 6:15PM. Tables will then begin being dismissed at 6:30PM for the buffet line. All other introductions, including the Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges, and all other presentations will be held after dinner beginning at 7:30PM. As the Worshipful Masters will be introduced from their tables, they will then make their way to the stage in front of the podium where they will be greeted by our Grand Master and will remain for a photo. After the program has concluded, there will be a cash bar open for more fellowship.

We are looking forward to a fantastic evening with all of you and in honoring our Grand Master. The evening is sure to me a memorable one.

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 we progress through the year and this year's inspection season, I would like to thank all of you for being part of this great fraternity. I hope you all can get out and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie that is a part of every event along the way.



As a member of Whitehall Lodge No. 761, I truly value each and every friend and brother that I have met along the way. Unfortunately, my lodge lost one of our last charter members this month who had been an inspiration to me for many years in the lodge. I would have never known this man or most of my other brothers who have been part of my journey in the fraternity if I had not taken part in the many various activities throughout the district and beyond. I thought about the friendships and relationships that are a significant part of my life and how I have made them through the craft.

This really brought into focus just what I truly love about this fraternity, *relationships*. True friends, and true brothers, who might otherwise had remained at a perpetual distance. So please, I encourage you to participate, travel to other lodges for their inspections or one of their stated meetings and to simply get involved. My promise to you is what you reap will be far greater than the effort you put in.

VA Hospital Visitations Continue

Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will continue on Sunday, March 5th, 2017. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Arts & Sciences No. 792, Avery No. 493, West Gate No. 623 and Luther B. Turner No. 732.



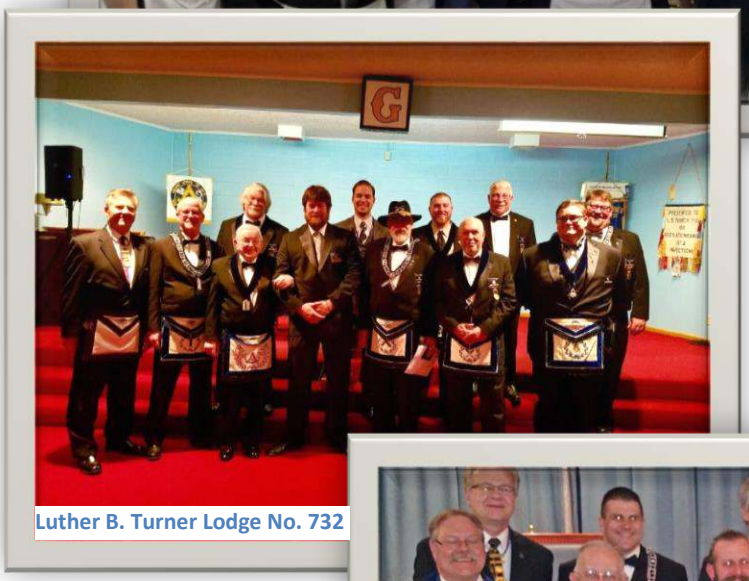
The next visit will be on Sunday, April 2nd, with the following lodges assigned to participate: Sparrow No. 400, Reynoldsburg No. 340, Columbus No. 30 and Hiram No. 18.

May 7th, 2017 will be the visit by Capital City No. 656, University No. 631, Linden No. 637 and Community No. 684.

Inspection Pictures from Around the District



Linden Lodge No. 637



Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732





New England Lodge No. 4

Dates

3/2 Inspection – Triangle 748 in MM

3/6 Inspection – Grove City in MM

3/11 State Secretaries Association

3/11 Linden Lodge Reconsecration 1PM

3/11 Grand Masters Reception – Villa Milano

3/14 Inspection – Sunrise 783 in MM

3/15 Inspection – Neoacacia 595 in MM

3/18 26° presented in Lancaster

3/18 SYSK Session III at Luther B. Turner

3/20 Inspection – West Gate 623 in EA

3/22 Inspection – S. Gate Potter 782 in FC

3/24 Grand Master's Class Social Event at York Golf Club

3/25 Grand Master's Class at Luther B Turner

3/28 Inspection – Hiram 18 in EA

3/30 Inspection – Arts and Sciences 792 in EA

6/24 300th Anniversary Dinner

Linden Lodge No. 637 Celebrates 100 Years

Don't forget to join with Linden Lodge No. 637 on March 11th, 2017 at 1:00PM as the lodge will be celebrating its 100th year of practicing Freemasonry. All the Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance during that afternoon as they will be in town for the Grand Masters Reception that will follow that evening. Congratulations to all the brethren of Linden Lodge. As a reminder, only Master Masons may attend the ceremony.

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

The Fourteenth District to Hold Grand Master's Class

On March 25th, 2017, the Fourteenth Masonic District will be holding a Grand Master's Class. This year's class will be held at Luther B. Turner Lodge located at 2933 Valleyview Road in Columbus. Although the deadline for petitions has come and gone, please let this be a reminder to all the Master Craftsmen to invite their candidates to the get together on Friday evening, March 24th, at York Golf Club. This will be a great opportunity for the candidates and their significant other to meet some brethren from around the district, get an overview of what will happen on Saturday, to provide an overview of Freemasonry and to ask any questions that they may still have.

Valley of Columbus AASR to Hold Spring Reunion

On April 29th, 2017, the Valley of Columbus AASR will be holding its Spring Reunion at the Aladdin Shrine Temple in Grove City. The 4°, 7°, 23° and 30° will be portrayed on the 29th with candidate registration beginning at 7:15AM and member registration at 8:00AM. More information will be provided in next month's Ashlar or can be requested through your assigned Valley Ambassador.

SYSK Session III

The third meeting of SYSK will take place March 18th at Grove City Lodge located at 3558 Park Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123. The fourth session is April 22nd at Ralph R. Rickly Lodge No. 670 located at 1120 Barnett Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227. Both sessions will begin at 8:30AM with coffee and donuts provided in the morning and lunch is only $5. The graduates of this class are our future leaders and we congratulate you on your advancement is our esteemed fraternity.

Ralph R. Rickly No. 670 to Hold Yellow Dog Degree

Join the brethren of Ralph R. Rickly No. 670 as they hold the Yellow Dog Degree on April 8th, 2017 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM. This is a fun degree to experience enriched with fellowship. Activities for the day also include a Masonic auction and a hot dog eating contest. Cost for the degree is only $7 for candidates and $5 for Kennel Club members. Included in the cost is the meal and lapel pin.



The Old Past Master
FOR LOVE – OR MONEY?

"I'M AFRAID we are not going to have the pleasure of hearing Professor Filson," said the Yearling Mason to the Old Past Master, sitting beside him in the ante-room.

"That's too bad," was the prompt response. "I don't know him, but I understand he's worth hearing. What's the trouble?"

"Oh, it's money, of course. Filson always gets a hundred dollars a lecture, and the lodge can't afford to pay it. And of course Filson can't afford to lower his price, and there you are."

"Why doesn't Filson give the lodge the lecture then for nothing?" asked the Old Past Master.

"Why, why should he? That isn't business. The electric light company doesn't give us light, the printer charges us for printed matter, the furniture store charges us for carpets; why should Filson present us with his wares?"

"Seems to me there is a difference," suggested the Old Past Master. "Brother Filson, I suppose, comes to the lodge to spend an evening at times. When he does, he spends as much time here without paying, sitting on the bench, as if he were standing up talking. The electric light company could not give us current without spending money to produce it, the printer must pay his printers, the furniture man must buy his carpet. But Brother Filson would not have to spend any money to give his lecture; all he would have to spend would be a small part of what we have spent on him."

"I don't think I understand that last – what we have spent on him?"

"Thousands of years, millions of thoughts, untold effort, careful planning," was the prompt response.

"Listen, my son," went on the Old Past Master; "have you ever stopped to think just what Masonry is and does? Masonry is the product of the most unselfish thinking, the most whole-hearted and selfless effort, the world has ever known. Through it a universal brotherhood of millions of men has been brought in to being, to any one of which you and I and Brother Filson have the right to turn, sure of sympathy, understanding and some help in time of need.

"Through Masonry, a system of philosophy has been evolved, and through its lodges that philosophy is taught to all brethren of the third degree, without money and without price. Through it we learn charity, toleration, courage, fortitude, justice, truth, brother love, relief. Through it we learn decency, patriotism, high-thinking, honor, honesty and helpfulness. Through it, and all of these, we are made into better men, better citizens, better husbands, better fathers, better lovers, better legislators, better followers of our several vocations. "Masonry may penetrate only a fraction of an inch beneath the skin of her followers, but by that fraction of an inch the man who takes even a little of her blessings to himself is a better man, and so the world is a better place for the rest of us. In some of us it strikes in deep, deep. We become soaked through and through with Masonic ideas, and strive, in our feeble, human way, to show forth to the world whatever measure we may accomplish of the perfection

for which Masonry strives. Those of us who take it seriously and who love it much also make the world a better place for the rest of us.

"The lodge provides a spiritual home for brethren who may have no other. If one has another in his church, the lodge gives him a second spiritual home to which he may go once in a while and feel even more strongly, perhaps, than in his church the close touch of his brother's hand, the sweet smile of a brother's love, the supporting arm of a brother's strength. To me, my lodge is a rest, a haven, a harbor for a tired mind. When I come to this lodge, whose destinies I guided so long ago, and which I have watched grow from a fledgling little body to a mature organization, I find myself uplifted, strengthened, made whole again. I may come tired, worn, weary with the day; I leave refreshed, invigorated, helped with the reviving of old truths, the remaking of old vows, the renewing of old ties. "Our ancient brethren had 'cities of refuge,' to which the fleeing man, criminal or oppressed, might run for safety. Masonry is our modern 'city of refuge,' to which we, criminal in intent if we are such, or oppressed with injustice and cruelty, may fly for spiritual comfort and safety, knowing that within the four walls of a lodge is rest and peace and comfort.

"All this has the lodge in particular, and Masonry in general, offered since the beginning, to all upon whom Masonry lays her gentle hands. You are the recipient of her bounty, as am I. And so is Brother Filson. We three – and all within these walls – take generously and without stint from Masonry's store house of loveliness, of beauty, of rest and comfort and love.

"Often I ask myself 'what have I done for Masonry, which does so much for me?' Never do I feel that I have done enough. And Brother Filson, whom I do not know, might well ask himself that, before he thinks of what he might do for the lodge in terms of dollars, and prices, and business. If, indeed, he has done one-tenth for Masonry and the lodge, what lodge and Masonry have done; for him, he may hesitate. But if he is like the great, great majority of Masons, content to take much and to give little, willing to receive all and give nothing, careless of the structure which millions have raised in the past that he might benefit, unable to understand that to his hands, too, is committed the torch that those who come after may see clearly, he has need of open eyes, and an understanding heart, which alone may show him that for Masonry, which does so much for men, no man may do enough."

The Old Past Master ceased and sat silent. From a chair across the ante-room a brother rose and came slowly forward.

"I do thank you, my brother," he said, "from the bottom of my heart. The lodge will certainly hear that lecture as soon as the Master wishes it. My name is Filson."

Raising Funds for Special Olympics

Linden Lodge is holding a raffle to help raise funds for Special Olympics. Brother Jack M. Allen, currently an Entered Apprentice with our lodge, created a special cooler to help celebrate the 300th anniversary of modern Freemasonry. This is a standard cooler which has had a custom stand made from re-purposed wood built around it. It has a bottle opener on the front and a drain on the side which will allow you to drain it.

Linden Lodge is selling raffle tickets to win this cooler throughout the 14th District inspection season.

The cost of the tickets is $5.00 each or 6 for $25.00.

Tickets are available at any 14th District inspection in 2017.





