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The 14th Masonic District Holds Grand Master's Class

The Fourteenth Masonic District held a Grand Master's Class on Saturday, March 25th at Luther B. Turner Lodge where 80 candidates received the degrees of Freemasonry in one day. The event was preceded by a social gathering at York Golf Club on the evening of Friday, March 24th where the candidates and their significant others received information pertaining to our beloved fraternity. WB Dan Rannebarger presented an overview of the agenda for the following day and gave some insight into Freemasonry. RWB Tim Wheeland then presented his insights on the Grand Master's Class which was an inspiration to all in attendance.



Saturday began with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00AM with the degree work promptly following. Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340 who presented the Entered Apprentice degree, Sunrise Lodge No. 783 who conferred the Fellowcraft degree, Blendon Lodge No. 339 who administered the first secion of the Master Mason degree and The Aladdin Shrine Past Master's Unit exemplified the second section of the Master Mason degree and should all be commended for their fine work.



An added bonus for all in attendance was when Bro. Douglas N. Kaylor, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio arrived and spread words of wisdom to all the new candidates, as well as everyone else in attendance.

Each of the 80 new members are asked to return to their respective lodges at least one time before June 24th. When you see one of these new brethren, make them feel welcome and embrace them as a new member in your lodge.

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Grand Master's Reception Photos



















Pictures from Around the District


Sunrise Lodge No. 783 Inspection


Grove City Inspection



Linden Lodge is Reconsecrated


Magnolia 20 Donates to OMH


Triangle No. 748 Inspection


West Gate No. 623 Inspection

Dates

4/3 Inspection – York 563 in EA

4/7 Blendon Fish Fry

4/8 Ralph R. Rickly Yellow Dog Degree

4/9 thru 4/16 – Holy Week

4/10 thru 4/18 – Passover

4/11 Community Lodge – More Light Night

4/16 Easter

4/18 Inspection – Magnolia 20 in MM

4/19 Inspection – Lockbourne 232 in FC

4/22 SYSK Session IV – Ralph R. Rickly Lodge

4/24 Masonic Night at the Shrine

4/25 Inspection – Community 684 in EA

4/27 Inspection – Reynoldsburg 340 in MM

4/29 Valley of Columbus AASR Spring Reunion at the Aladdin Shrine

5/2 Inspection – Sparrow 400 in MM

5/8 Inspection – Avery 493 in EA

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

The 11th Capitular District of Royal Arch Masons Welcomes Brother Ralph Stanley II and his Bluegrass Band: The Clinch Mountain Boys



Saturday, August 12, 2017
Doors open at 5:00PM
Showtime 6:00PM

A portion of the net profits will be donated to RAM Adopt America charity to help children with special needs to find a permanent home.

The Clinch Mountain Boys band was formed in 1946 by Dr. Ralph Stanley and his brother Carter. Seventy-one years later they still perform, now once again led by Dr. Ralph Stanley's son, Ralph II.

Ralph II was the lead singer at 15 years of age performing on stage at the Ryman Auditorium at the Grand Ole Opry. After 16 years Ralph II decided to go out on his own. Before his dad passed away in June 2016, he asked his son to return and continue on with the famous group. This band spawned superstars Ricky Skaggs and Keith Whitley II, as he likes to be called, has a full schedule of performances and we are very fortunate to be able to have him perform for us.

Dr. Ralph Stanley was a Shriner and so is Ralph II. Both have performed many benefit shows and contributed riches to charity. Please come out and support our Brother and the 11th Capitular District. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Purchase tickets at: **www.localevelevents.com/events/details/2753**.

Fraternally,
The 11th Capitular District Officers Association

VA Hospital Visitations Continue

Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will continue on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Sparrow No. 400, Reynoldburg No. 340, Columbus No. 30 and Hiram No. 18.

The next visit will be on Sunday, May 7th, with the following lodges assigned to participate: Capital City No. 656, University No. 631, Linden No. 637 and Community No. 684.

September 10th, 2017 will be the visit by Triangle No. 748, Blendon No. 339, York No. 563 and new England No. 4.

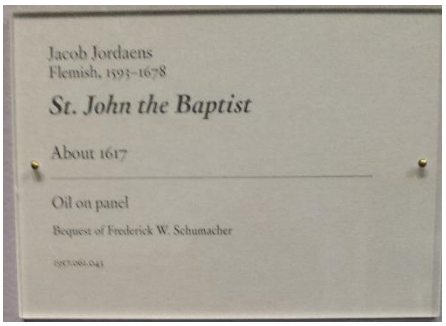
South Gate Potter No. 782 to Hold More Light Night

MWB Steven E. Cokonougher will be the honored speaker at the More Light Night presented by South Gate Potter No. 782 that will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2017, at South Gate Potter Lodge. The address is 651 Groveport Road, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110. MWB Cokonougher will speak on the duties and responsibility of the Grand Master.

Dinner will be served at 6:00PM and will consist of pulled pork BBQ sandwiches with your choice of sauce, "Cowboy" baked beans, cole slaw, dessert and beverage that will be catered by Concrete BBQ. Dinner will be $15.00 per person or $25.00 per couple. Reservations are limited to the first 90 people due to capacity restrictions. Your RSVP is required along with payment (must be received by April 29th, 2017). Please include an e-mail address or phone number for confirmation. Please make check payable to SGP 782 and mail to Mark S. Gilmore, 4006 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43227. Questions? Call Mark at 614-296-3908.

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Treasures at the Columbus Museum of Art

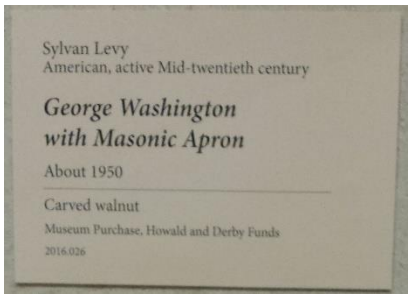




During my children's spring break, we were thinking of a couple places to visit. My search brought me to the Columbus Museum of Art's website. My children had never been to the museum and my recollection is that I went on a school trip way back in the 4th grade. My thought was that a little culture would do them, as well as myself, some good. Much to our amazement, we ended up spending over 2 hours in the museum enjoying modern paintings as well as ones that were over 400 years old.

There are also sculptures and glass artwork that line the hallways. During my tour of the astonishing collection, I came across a couple pieces that I thought I would share, and that I really had no idea that they were even there.

I would highly suggest that if you are looking to fill a rainy afternoon, a visit to the Columbus Museum of Art will surely not disappoint.





The Old Past Master
THE CHARITY FUND

"I'VE BEEN GOING OVER the lodge records," said the Yearling Brother to the Old Past Master in the corner, "and I am plumb discouraged."

"Why, lodge records ought not to discourage you," smiled the Old Past Master. "Seems to me we have a right nice lodge record; books all straight, money in the bank, charity fund growing, and everything."

"That's just the trouble … charity fund growing," answered the Yearling Brother. "It doesn't seem to me we do enough to justify ourselves or our existence. We have one brother in the Home. We are putting one young man through school, and we are buying three widows coal and paying one girl's bills out west so she · can recover from threatened tuberculosis. And that's all. And we are a great big lodge."

"Well, wait a minute," said the Old Past Master. "When you say 'all' you mean all the · big things. Of course, we spend some money all the time for immediate relief …

"Of course," agreed the Yearling Brother. "But it seems to me we ought to do more big things."

"Such as putting a few more brethren in the Home?" smiled the Old Past Master.

"Well, of course, we can't put a man in the Home who doesn't need or want to go there," answered the Yearling Brother.

"How about buying some coal for your family, then?"

"Me? Why, man, I am no subject for charity …"

"Well, do you know any brother of this lodge, or any relative of any brother of this lodge, who needs coal?"

"Er … no, I don't. But there must be such. We ought to take care of them."

"Well, why don't you go and hunt them up!"

"How can I hunt them up?" defended the Yearling Brother. "If they don't tell me, how would I know?"

"Exactly. And if they don't tell' the lodge they need coal the possibilities are they don't need it.

"Now let me clarify your mind a little. You evidently have the impression, which so many people have, that the Masonic order is founded and conducted entirely for charity, for relief and assistance. Nothing could be further from the truth. Masonry is not an organization conducted for charitable purposes. It is not a mutual benefit association. Men are not permitted to join a lodge with the idea that they can get help from it. There are several very good Orders, where insurance and relief and benefits are the principal things to be considered. A man who wants that sort of insurance should join one of them. But Masonry is devoted to teaching, not to helping with material aid. True, we do help; for we practice, as we preach, brotherhood. But we are not organized for that purpose.

"If you have a blood brother, you don't expect to support him. You don't expect him to regard his blood re1ationship as a reason why he should

sponge on you. You don't expect him to be continually ask.in a charity. If he has hard luck, or gets sick or is down and out, you put your shoulder to his wheel and push for the two of you. So do Masonic brethren, when one of their own gets in a hard case. But Masonry can choose her brethren, which the blood brother cannot do. Consequently, we aim to take into the order only men who will be pushers and not pushees.

"You think we ought to do more than we do. I tell you we are doing all there is to do. We are an upright, self-respecting, self-supporting lot. We have a fine membership. We have picked and chosen wisely. Only a few of us have fallen by the wayside. Those few we do our whole duty by. The reason we don't do more is that there is no more to do. The reason the charity fund grows is because we are wise enough to get only those members who won't need to use it."

"But," demanded the Yearling Brother, "If you carry that argument to its logical conclusion, the best lodge would be the lodge which had no indigents, and the charity fund of which would have no need for existence."

"Surely, the best lodge is the lodge with the best membership, of course. But if it has no need to use charity among its own members, there are always ways to use the fund for others. We contribute our share to the Home, for instance, whether we have a guest there or not. And we will forever, and when Brother Wells dies, we will be paying our *pro rata* for the brethren of other lodges, just as they now pay something towards our brother.

"The great objective of Masonry is to teach. It teaches men to be better men. It teaches the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It teaches the need of knowledge and the need of virtue. It teaches men to circumscribe their passions. It teaches toleration and uprightness and character. Its great end is to make men better men, and thus the world a better place in which to live. If it did nothing but charity, if all its efforts and all its funds went to charity, these great ends could not be so well accomplished. Masonry is charitable and its hand is behind all the fallen brethren, but it tries to pick brethren who will not fall, knowing that the more men who stand on their own feet, the more there will be to help those who do stumble, and the better can it teach its great lessons.

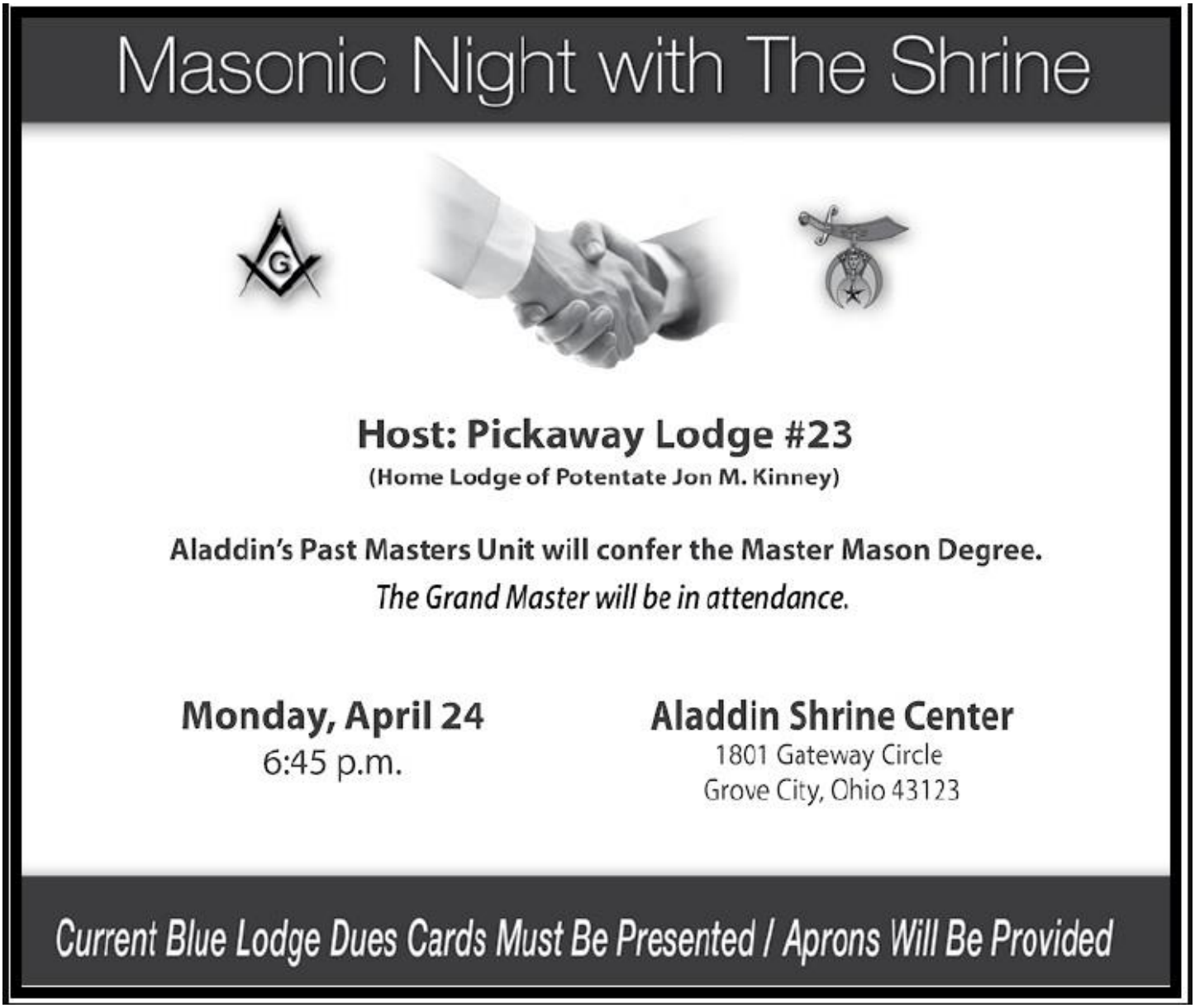
"Don't get off on the wrong foot, brother. This lodge does all it should do, all it can do, all it ought to do. No real appeal for help ever went unheard within its doors. And our resources would he behind that charity fund if it needed it. But thank the Great Architect that we don't need to do more, that enough men in this lodge have learned the lesson of life as well as of Masonry, and are discriminating in the selection of brethren who will help the lodge teach, rather than those who will help it become but a refuge of those who want help."

"What I need," confessed the Yearling Brother, "is some one to talk sense to me."

"What you need," countered the Old Past Master, "is experience; and a few years in Masonry. Time will give you both."

Congratulations to Edward W. Badger

On March 11th, 2017, Edward W. Badger, Secretary of University Lodge No. 631, was elected and installed as the President of the Secretaries Association F.&A.M. of Ohio at its annual meeting. The purpose of the association is to assist all the secretaries in their duties by exchanging ideas and also to strengthen the relationships between the secretaries and their respective lodges, as well as the Grand Secretary. The association is an integral part in the functions and provides assistance to each brother that fills the roll of secretary for their lodge. Make sure you congratulate this worthy brother.



Columbus No. 30 to Hold James C. Pace Scholarship Golf Outing



Greetings Brother,

Columbus Lodge #30 would like to invite you to the 2017 James C. Pace Scholarship Golf Outing! The outing will be held at Westchester Golf Course located off of Gender Road in Canal Winchester, Ohio. This year there will be a Hole-in-1 Challenge for the chance at a 2017 Ford Mustang GT provided by our friends at Mathews Ford of Newark. There will also be a longest drive challenge, a longest putt challenge, a closest to the pin challenge and a few more surprises. The game play will be Standard Scramble Rules and each player will have an opportunity to purchase up to 4 mulligans for $5 each to be used during game play on the day of the event. One hole will be chosen on the day of the event to offer an opportunity to move up to the ladies tee's for $5. But there's a catch! You will be required to wear a silly hat during your swing AND have your picture taken by our photographer. Free liquid refreshments will be distributed all throughout game play. After your round has concluded, a full BBQ supper will be served at the clubhouse, where we will determine the winners of our event and each challenge. There will be a $100 cash prize for first place and a $50 cash prize for second place.

The cost per golfer is $65
All fees are due by May 15, 2017
Enough Openings for 36 Foursomes (or 144 players)
You can register as a single, duo, trio or a complete foursome!
Your registration fee covers your golf game, golf cart, drinks and supper!

If you would like to sponsor a hole, simply donate to the scholarship or register via mail, send your check or money order to:

Columbus 30 Lodge of F&AM
c/o Fred Deskins, Secretary
6625 Schenk Ave.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
(Be sure to include your business name, website, phone number and slogan)

If you have a student that would like to apply for this scholarship, please have that student email a one page resume, including where they are graduating high school, where they are going to college next year, their high school GPA and a short description of their planned area of study. This scholarship is only open to high school seniors or college students furthering their education starting in the fall of 2017. The resume can be emailed to scholarship@columbusfreemason.com. If you would like more information, please visit our new website at http://www.columbusfreemason.com

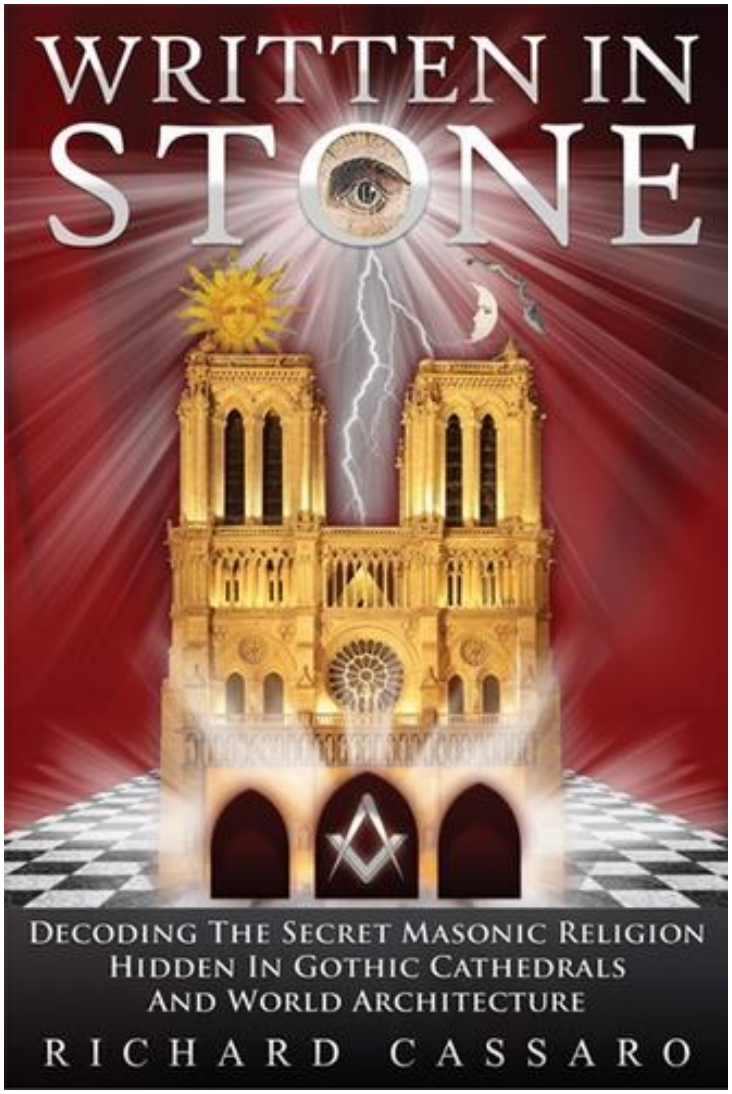
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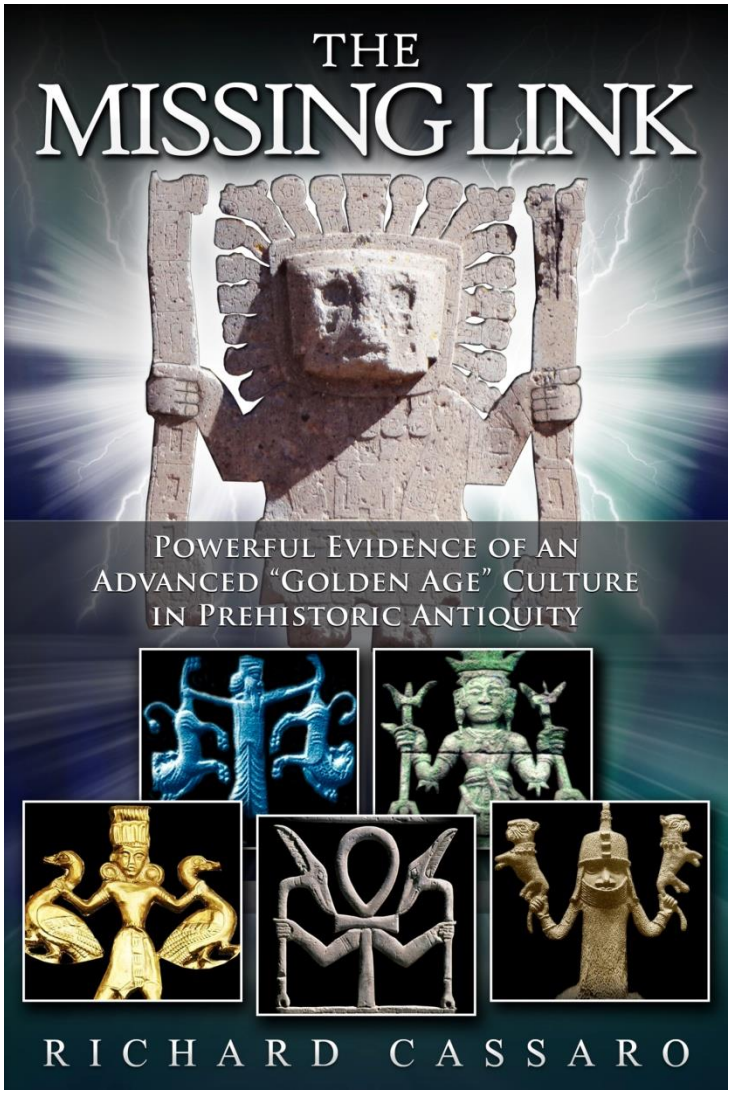
-Brian T. Pruitt, W.M. Columbus Lodge #30

Masonic Symbols in Ancient Designs Keys to Man's True Nature



Richard Cassaro is an author, filmmaker and Master Mason from New York City. World travel has given him rare insight into ancient megaliths, mythology, symbolism, comparative religion, and esoteric archaeology. His books (below) document Masonic symbols in ancient and modern buildings, monuments, and artifacts. He will present his findings at a **MORE LIGHT NIGHT** hosted by Community Lodge #684 at **7:30 pm** on **April 11, 2017** at Northwest Masonic Temple, **2436 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio**. There is no charge for this **tyled** event (proof of good standing at E.A. level or higher required). **Dinner** at **6:30 pm** is at the same address, cost $5 (**reservation** required by **April 9**). Questions & reservations – call **614-459-2504** (leave name, lodge, number in party on answering machine).





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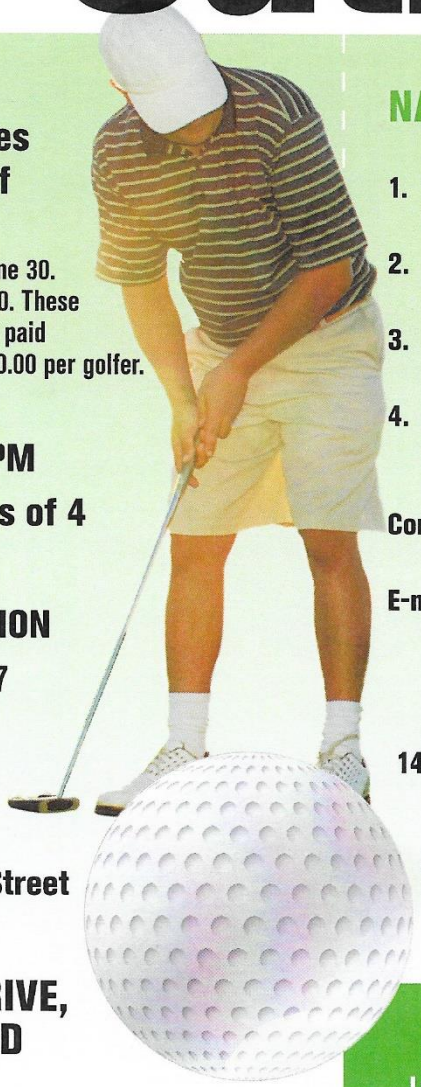
THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

SIXTH ANNUAL YORK GOLF CLUB

Saturday
July 22, 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

Golf Outing



SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

$90 PER PERSON* | Includes lunch, a round of golf, golf cart, and 3 drink tickets

*Cost is $90.00 per person, if paid by June 30. Cost is $100.00 per person after June 30. These rates apply to the first 100 golfers with paid reservations; after that, the rate is $150.00 per golfer.

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