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DEADLINE FOR JUNE ASHLAR:

May 10, 2017

Final Inspection

The month of May will include the conclusion to the inspection season with Sparrow Lodge No. 400 portraying the Master Mason degree on May 2nd, followed by Avery Lodge No. 493 depicting the Entered Apprentice degree on May 8th. These inspections will signify as the last inspections for two of our District Deputy Grand Masters.





In his three years of service, RWB Frederick J. Pfarr III has embodied leadership and has stressed management. His words of wisdom at each inspection proved inspirational to all in attendance.

During his tenure, RWB Ward L. Weber II should be commended for his never wavering fortitude and his enthusiasm for the craft. His command and knowledge of the ritual is motivational for all that have been fortunate enough to witness.

Both of these brothers have touched so many in our fraternity and we congratulate them on the culmination of your service.

District to Hold Quarterly Meeting and Awards Nigh

The next quarterly meeting of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association will be held on May 25th at Grove City Lodge located at 3558 Park Street, Grove City. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00PM and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM. The attire for the evening will be business casual and all members of the district and their ladies are invited to attend. Please make sure that your lodge is represented at this session so we can praise those lodges which have excelled in the ritual at their inspections and will be celebrated with awards. The best degree conferral, lectures and charges, as well as attendance awards will be presented. We hope that you come out and congratulate these fine recipients.



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From the President

WB Harold Davis, 14th District President

Greetings Brethren, I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather that has finally arrived. I know that I was ready for it. As the inspection season is now winding down, I want to thank all the lodges for the hospitality they have shown me and all the officers of the 14th district. We greatly appreciate all of your efforts.



The district has some upcoming events that I hope you all consider attending. On May 25th, the Quarterly Meeting and Awards night is one that will recognize the hard work of the lodges this year and a great time for fellowship. June 4th is the date for the Ohio Masonic Home Day and on June 23rd will be the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics, which are both wonderful events where you will be able to get to know your brothers from around the state and practice charity.

My hope is that you can join in these and many other events that are planned throughout the summer months. The More Light nights that are being offered by the different lodges are also one of the best ways to expand your masonic knowledge and enjoy some great fellowship with your brethren from the district. I am looking forward to seeing you soon at one or more of the various events that are planned in the upcoming months.

Fraternally,

WB Harold Davis

VA Hospital Visitations Continue



Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will continue on Sunday, May 7th, 2017. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Capital City No. 656, University No. 631, Linden No. 637 and Community No. 684.

The next visit will be on Sunday, September 10th, with the following lodges assigned to participate: Triangle No. 748, Blendon No. 339, York No. 563 and New England No. 4.

October 1st, 2017 will be the visit by Grove City No. 689, Lockbourne No. 232 and Groveport No. 240

Pictures from Around the District



Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792



Triangle 748 wins Traveling Award



York Lodge No. 563



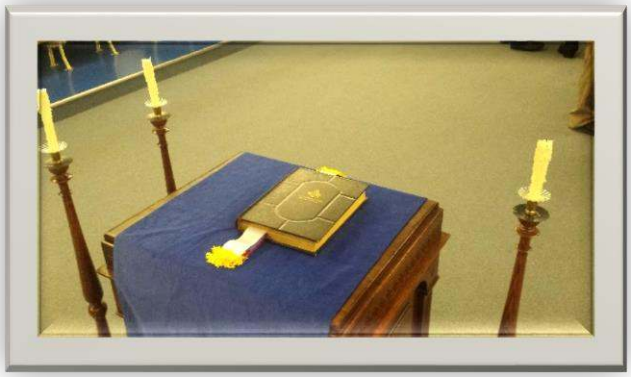
Community Lodge No. 684



Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340



Lockbourne Lodge No. 232



Dates

5/2 Inspection – Sparrow 400 in MM

5/8 Inspection – Avery 493 in EA

5/25 District Quarterly Meeting and Awards Night at Grove City Lodge 7PM

5/27 Memorial Day

5/30 More Light Night at Northwest Masonic Temple

6/4 Ohio Masonic Home Day at Springfield

6/10 Columbus 30 Golf Outing

6/23 Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies

6/24 300th Anniversary Dinner

6/26 Valley of Columbus / Ohio Council of Deliberation Golf Outing

7/22 14th District Annual Golf Outing at York Golf Club

8/6 District Picnic

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

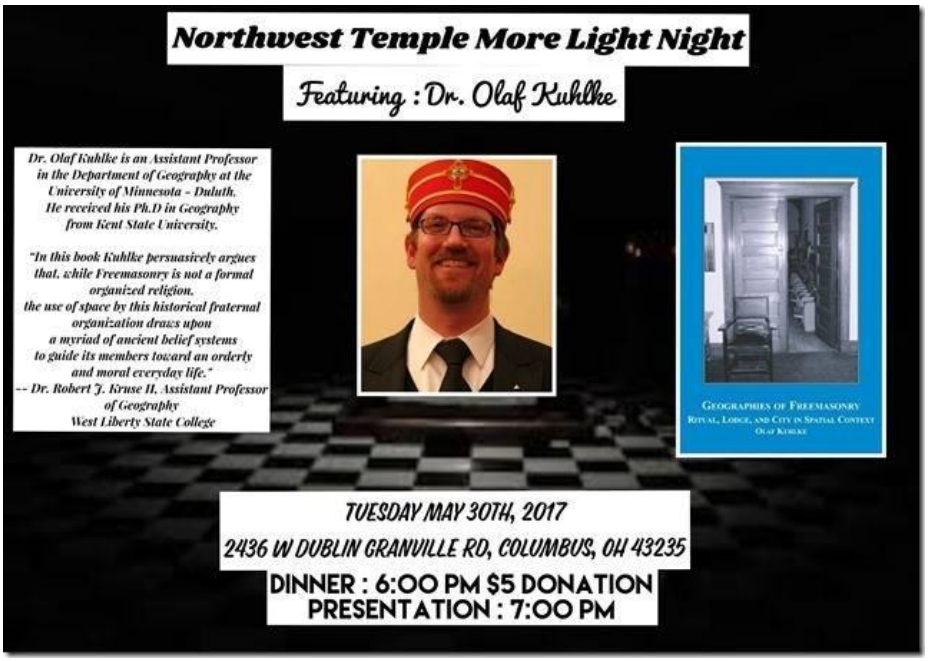
If you are having a meal and want to invite the district, please send an email to:

14thdistashlar@gmail.com

The Past Master's Unit of Shrine to Perform Raising

On Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00PM, the Past Master's Unit of the Shrine will be at Lockbourne Lodge No. 232 where they will raise the grandson of Bill Cupp. This will be a special occasion that all Master Masons of the 14th District are invited to attend. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM and degree work will begin at 7:00PM. Bill Cupp has been very active in Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus working with several brethren of the 14th District. Any questions, call Gary Parks at 614-216-4449.

Lodges of Northwest Masonic Temple to Hold More Light



Multiple Sclerosis Central Ohio Challenge

On July 8th, the Multiple Sclerosis Society will once again be holding their annual bicycle ride fund raising and awareness event that raises money for different programs and research. More than 200 riders will gather and trek from Dublin to Bellefontaine and back with stops along the route. The MS Society is looking for volunteers to man the stop at Jerome Township Park located just off of SR 42 near the intersection of SR 33. Six volunteers are sought for 6 hours of work to assist with the filling of water and Gatorade and cutting fruit for the riders to replenish their strength. The MS Society will supply everything that is needed, but your help to disburse is solicited. There are also sponsorship opportunities as well.



If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact WB Bob Nilsen at 440-668-2337 or email at Nilsen10@windstream.net.

The Old Past Master
THE MASONRY YOU MAKE

"WELL, I know you'll be glad to hear I am through with learning the work!" announced a young brother to the Old Past Master. "One more lesson and I'll know all about Masonry!"

"That's fine, son. I congratulate you!" answered the Old Past Master.

"Some conceit!" murmured another brother, as the satisfied young brother moved away. "I've been studying Masonry many years and I don't think I know all about it, by a long chalk!"

"Of course you don't, and neither does he. But we all have to learn of the Masonry we make for ourselves."

"Oh do you think so? I thought we learned of the Masonry our ancient brethren had made for us!"

"That, too, of course. But the Masonry they made for us is the Masonry which can be written down, or put in symbols, or taught by word of mouth. It is a concrete thing; a thing of words and phrases, of symbols and figures, of stone and wood and temple and rough ashlar and square and compasses. But the inner Masonry … that we make for ourselves.

"Do you ever read Ingersoll? Somewhere he says 'an honest God is the noblest work of man' and thousands of people have shuddered away from the sentence and called it blasphemy. But they fail to understand what the great agnostic meant. Our modern conception of the Great Architect of course falls infinitely short of the reality, but at least we do not do Him the injustice of confining Him within the limits of our human frailties. But up through the ages man has limited his gods and his God, according to himself. The gods of Greece and Rome (to go no further back) were gods and goddesses who felt jealousy, anger, revenge. They interfered in the affairs of men for their own pleasures. They were made in the image of men who made them! Later, God was a cruel tyrant, who sanctioned the torments of the Inquisition and loved those who were wicked in his name … at least, such was the middle ages' conception of Deity. Only within a few hundred years has the world as a whole come to consider God as the all-wise, all-loving, all-merciful, all-tender Father of us all. This was what Ingersoll meant when he spoke of the honest God as the noblest work of men; an honest conception of a God infinitely wonderful and beautiful, is a noble conception.

"Masonry is a conception. After one gets through learning the ritual, the mere words and phrases, he begins to absorb the philosophy and moral system of Masonry. Still later he begins to carry Masonry in his daily life and live by it. Later on … but wait a minute. We have word Masons, to whom the ritual is the whole. We have Masons to whom the symbolism is the whole thing, and who see nothing beyond inner meanings to squares and compasses and stones and angles. We have others who add to this, philosophy of Masonry, but to whom Masonry is yet a perfect system which can be learned in its entirety by those who apply themselves.

"But there are others … more every year, thank God! … who make their own Masonry, beyond that of the books and the lodge, the word and the symbol. To these, Ingersoll might have said that 'an honest Masonry is the noblest work of the

Craft' with no more irreverence than he intended in his famous epigram.

"Masonry, to such thinking men, is illimitable. It has no end. It is as infinite as space, as unending as time, as distant in boundary as the faintest nebula. It is not a thing of earth only; it encompasses the universe, and joins man's hands with God. This is the Masonry we make for ourselves, and, could what we make be measured, its proportions would be exactly the proportions which are our own. For the hidden Masonry we make is large or small, wide or cramped, beautiful or ugly, grave or gay, useful or ornamental, fine or dross, exactly as are we.

"In each of us is an ideal conception of all we would attain. We have our ideal man, our ideal woman, our ideal job, our ideal position, our ideal happiness. Some of us are so inarticulate we cannot express them; some of us are so inchoate in our thinking we cannot clearly visualize them, but they are there, these ideals, each and every one a measure of what we are.

"And we have, also our ideal of Masonry, the hidden Masonry we make, each man for himself. Your inner temple is not like mine and mine is not like yours, though each may be beautiful and perfect; two faces may be equally lovely, you know, yet totally unlike.

"To my way of thinking, we are better Masons as we grow our inner Masonry for ourselves, as we perfect it and polish it, and raise it higher and higher. It is sadly true that no man may teach another how to build this hidden temple, but it is beautifully true that all of us may build the better by getting for ourselves better working tools. And the working tools with which we as Craftsmen build our own inner, hidden temple of Masonry, into which none may ever step but ourselves and God; the rough and perfect ashlar, square and plumb, trowel and compasses, by which we build this sacred edifice, are available for us all. Our young friend has one, when he secures a perfect working knowledge of the ritual. The student has another, when he has mastered most of the symbolism. The doctor has a third, when he understands and can formulate the philosophy of Masonry, and all of us get a new edge to our tools as we live according to Masonic light and gain in Masonic experience."

The Old Past Master stopped and looked off, as if he saw a vision.

The brother to whom he spoke sighed. "I wish," he said, "I might have the inspiration of looking at your temple of Masonry, that I might make mine better."

7th Annual
Luther B. Turner Lodge
Golf Outing



Saturday, June 17th, 2017

1:30 pm

Open to the Public!

Split Rock Golf Club
10210 Scioto-Darby Rd,
Orient, OH 43146

Individual Golfers Welcome!

Awards for Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest to the Pin

Entry Fee: $65.00 per Person, $260.00 per Team*

*Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch at the turn, door prizes and an all you can eat barbeque dinner by Concrete BBQ.

Dinner Only Option $20.00 per person.

Luther B Turner Lodge #732 is holding our 6th annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 25th This year we will be at Split Rock Golf Club in Orient, Ohio. Shotgun start at 1:30 pm

****Hole sponsorship available****

Advertise your business at our outing for only $100.00 (Includes signage).

To Register contact Rick Schleppi 740-983-2160 (email Rlspls2003@gmail.com)
or Daniel Miller 614-679-5387

Golfer #1 (Captain) Name:_____Phone:_____Email:_____

Golfer #2 Name:_____Phone:_____Email:_____

Golfer #3 Name:_____Phone:_____Email:_____

Golfer #4 Name:_____Phone:_____Email:_____

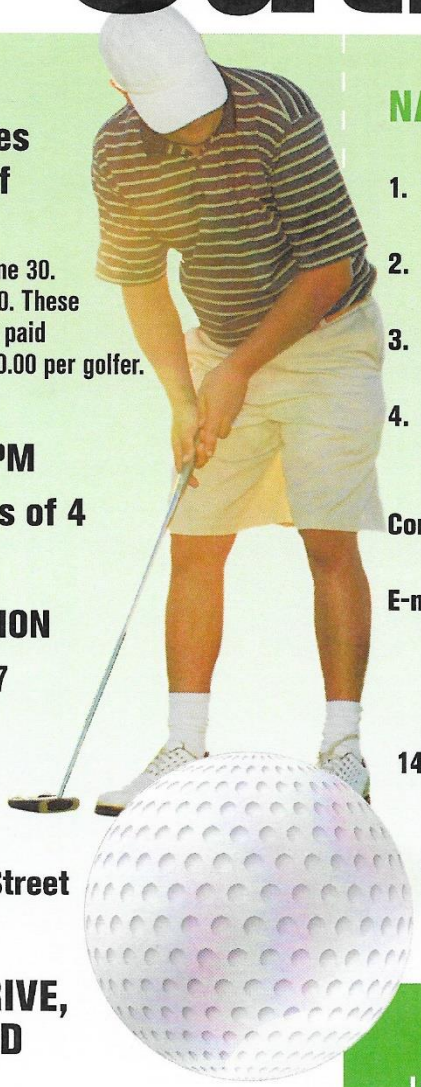
THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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.

LUNCH AT 1:00 PM
SHOTGUN START AT 2:00 PM

Open to All Golfers | Teams of 4
PRIZES | CASH BAR

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Columbus, OH 43235

PRIZES FOR LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND LONGEST PUTT!

Deadline for Reservations: July 15, 2017

NAMES OF GOLFERS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Contact _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable to:
14th District Masonic Officers Association

Mail registration form to:
3285 Grasmere Avenue
Columbus, OH 43224

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$90 PER GOLFER* – Includes Lunch, Round of Golf, Golf Cart and 3 Drink Tickets
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