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Freemasonry – 300th Anniversary Celebration

The 14th Masonic District will be holding a 300th Anniversary Celebration dinner on Saturday, June 24th at the Aladdin Shrine facility in Grove City. The anniversary celebration is open to all Masons in the 14th Masonic District and their guest.

The celebration will begin with a social hour with a cash bar at 6:00PM with light hors d'oeuvres. A buffet dinner of beef pepper steak, marinated grilled chicken breast, Tuscan mashed potatoes, broccoli medley of vegetables, Caesar salad and dinner rolls will begin at 7:00PM. Iced tea, lemonade, water and coffee will be available, as well. Desert will be strawberry angel delight cake.

Following dinner, there will be a short observance commemorating the anniversary of the creation of the first Grand Lodge. After the celebration dinner and program there will be a social gathering sponsored by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus and the Aladdin Shrine. Should you have any questions regarding the 300th Anniversary Celebration please contact RWB Brian Bolyard at brianabolyard@aol.com or 614-314-6857, after 5:00PM on weekdays would be most appreciated.

The cost to attend is $15.00 per person and your pre-paid reservations must be made prior to the event. The deadline for payment to the District Secretary is Saturday, June 17th. The attire for the evening will be business casual. We respectfully request no blue jeans, shorts or tee shirts.

Should you wish to attend, please make your check payable to the 14th Masonic District and mail it to Secretary Bolyard at 3285 Grasmere Ave., Columbus, OH 43224.

We are looking forward to a grand celebration of the 300th year of freemasonry.

14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

www.14thmasonicdistrict.org

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DEADLINE FOR JUNE ASHLAR:

June 10, 2017

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Recognition of Lodges and Members at District Awards Night



The inspection season for the year has come to an end and on Thursday, May 25th, the brethren of the district were recognized for their participation and support throughout the year. Awards for degree work, lodge inspection attendance and for those brothers that attended each inspection were also presented that night.

The following lodges were recognized for attending each of the inspections: New England Lodge No. 4, Lockbourne Lodge No. 232, Groveport Lodge No. 240, Blendon Lodge No. 339, Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340, Goodale Lodge No. 372, Linden Lodge No. 637, Capital City Lodge No. 656, Ralph R. Rickly Lodge No. 670, Grove City Lodge No. 689, Triangle Lodge No. 748 and South Gate Potter Lodge No. 782. Lodges attending 90% of the inspections: Hiram Lodge No. 18, Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Neoacacia Lodge No. 595, University Lodge No. 631, Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732 and Whitehall Lodge No. 761. Lodge attending 80% of the inspections: Sunrise Lodge No. 783 and Arts and Sciences Lodge No. 792.

The following brethren were recognized for attending each of the inspections: Tim Robinett – South Gate Potter Lodge No. 782, Ted Pummel – Goodale Lodge No. 372, Mike Flanigan – Linden Lodge No. 637, Quadree Whitmore Sr. – Grove City Lodge No. 689, Mike Wiseman – Groveport Lodge No. 240, Mel Wiseman – Groveport Lodge No. 240, Clyde Kneisley – New England Lodge No. 4, Robert Neff – Blendon Lodge No. 339, Harold Davis – Whitehall Lodge No. 761.

The best lecture awards were presented to Craig Shumaker – Blendon Lodge No. 339 for Entered Apprentice, Marcus Chong – Capital City Lodge No. 656 for Fellowcraft and Gary Ballou – Magnolia Lodge No. 20 for Master Mason.

The best charge awards were presented to Michael Gleim – West Gate Lodge No. 623 for Entered Apprentice, Alan Chamberlain – Columbus Lodge No. 30 for the Fellowcraft and Michael Heath – University Lodge No. 631 for Master Mason.

The best apron lecture was presented to Clifford Nicol – Arts and Sciences Lodge No. 792.

The best "G" lecture was presented to Timothy Ward – Capital City Lodge No. 656.

The best Craft Team was presented to Sunrise Lodge No. 783.

The best overall degrees were presented to Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792 for Entered Apprentice, Capital City Lodge No. 656 for Fellowcraft and Sunrise Lodge No. 783 for Master Mason.

Awards Night Pictures



Dates

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

9/23 Old Worthington Market Days

9/28 14th District Quarterly Meeting

10/1 14th District to Serve at Faith Mission

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

Ohio and Pennsylvania holds 20th Annual Meeting in the Hills



On behalf of Most Worshipful Brother Raymond T. Dietz, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, he is extending an invitation to the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Ohio to join the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania in an evening of fraternal fellowship at the "Annual Meeting in the Hills" on Friday, June 16th, 2017.

The meeting will be held outdoors at Christner's Grove near Dawson, PA. Dress is casual, but no shorts, blue jeans or collarless shirts. All Master Masons are welcome.

A delicious 12 oz. New York strip steak dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Following dinner, a special meeting of King Solomon's Lodge No. 346 will be held at 7:00PM.

Tickets are $25.00 and may be ordered from WBro. Alan R. Sandusky, P.M., 108 Broadford Road, Connellsville, PA 15425. Phone: 724.557.1441. Email: sandusky4@verizon.net.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment. Checks should be made payable to: CDS Building Corporation. All ticket orders must be received by June 9th, 2017. Directions will be included with your return ticket order.

The lodge/district supplies paper aprons for the brethren as well as chairs and tables for dinner and the meeting. We will be eating prior to the meeting and the men generally take the folding chairs from the dinner tables and use them for the meeting. The meeting will be a brief 30 to 40 minutes long with desert following the closing of the lodge.

The event is held rain or shine and unfortunately we have had our share of liquid sunshine during the past years – it makes for fond memories. There was one year when we escaped to the local fire company and held it in their social room.

VA Hospital Visitations to resume in September

Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will resume on Sunday, September 10th, 2017. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Triangle Lodge No. 748, Blendon Lodge No. 339, York Lodge No. 563 and New England Lodge No. 4.



Ohio Special Olympics

In just a few weeks, the State Summer Games for the Ohio Special Olympics will be held at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of The Ohio State University. Now's the time to get your generous donations in to your lodge or Grand Lodge and show your support for the athletes who participate in the annual games.

Each year 2,500 to 3,000 athletes participate in the games and they rely upon the Masons of Ohio for their charity, who have been so benevolent with their donations in the past, which assists in paying for the fees that are required to attend and participate in the games. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

Checks should be made payable to the Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation and mailed to The Grand Lodge F & AM of Ohio, 1 Masonic Drive, Springfield Ohio 45504. Remember – in the memo section of your check write Special Olympics and your Lodge number. (Special Olympics - #595). This will give your lodge credit for the donation and, it is tax deductible for you!

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE SUMMER GAMES ON FRIDAY JUNE 23rd, 2017 AT THE JESSE OWENS SPORTS COMPLEX IN COLUMBUS. As in previous years, the Masons will be recognized during the program. Registration will open at 4:00pm. We will eat at 5:30 pm served by the Ohio Grotto Association. **The first 500 Masons registered will receive a Special Hat and pin, all registrants will receive a pin. Bring a lawn chair and an apron. Food will be provided by the Ohio Grotto Association, we will eat prior to the parade, around 5:30 p.m.**
Dress for the day is dark slacks and white shirt

THANKS AGAIN FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE SUMMER GAMES A TRULY SPECIAL EXPERIENCE FOR OHIO'S "SPECIAL CITIZENS".

SPONSOR-AN-ATHLETE PROGRAM

Please use the form below when you send in your Lodge's Sponsorships.
Remember, we need to receive your Sponsorships by June 19th, 2017 so proper credit can be given to your local Special Olympics program.
PLEASE send the form below and check(s) made payable to:

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

(If the check is written by an individual, be sure the remitter puts Special Olympics and your Lodge number in the memo section [Special Olympics-#376], mail these checks and your donation to:

The Grand Lodge F&AM of Ohio
1 Masonic Drive
Springfield, Ohio 45504

DONATION FORM

DONATION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS $_____

LODGE NAME_____No._____

MASTER _____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____

Thank you for allowing the Special Olympians the opportunity to participate in these important Summer Games.
Michael D. Cecil, 169 Huron St. Bellville, Ohio 44813, 419-571-1640.
mccecil@aol.com. For any questions.

The opening ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 23rd at the stadium located at 2450 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210. Details for registration of the Master Masons attending is contained on this page. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting this worthy cause.

The Old Past Master
WHEN LAUGHTER IS SAD

OH, it's going to be rich. The poor fish is scared to death. And you know when Abbot does the work in the third degree how, er … well, let's call it impressive, he is."

The Young Mason chuckled at the thought.

"That's not going to be the only funny thing happen Wednesday night," answered another newly raised brother. "I happen to know my friend Ted is going to do the Senior Deacon's part. And Ted gets stage fright. He doesn't lose his memory or anything, but his voice goes up about an octave and a half; Oh, it's funny. I laughed, last time I heard him …"

"I had a good laugh at one of the members of my class when I went in," chimed a third voice. "He couldn't understand what was going on and objected to every move and generally reminded me of a bucking billy goat. I laughed until I cried. I shall look forward to Wednesday night …"

"I wonder," broke in a quiet voice, "if you young gentlemen realize what it is you are saying?"

"Why … why … why of course, we do. We haven't said anything wrong, have we?" inquired the first speaker of the Old Past Master sitting quietly in the corner in the ante-room, listening.

"I am an old, old man," countered the Old Past Master, gently. "I have lived a long, long time, and the longer I live the less able I am to classify anything as wholly right or wholly wrong. I wouldn't say that what you said is wrong in the sense that it is intentional evil. It is wholly wrong from my point of view, to bite the hand that feeds you, to abuse hospitality, to belittle the agency that helps you, to deride and make sport of holy things, to injure that which is valuable to others even though valueless to yourself."

"But, good heavens, man. We haven't done any of those things. Why, I only said that Abbot is so impressive he'd make a good laugh come out on Wednesday's degree …"

"That was enough, my brother. Is there a church into which you would go with the idea of laughing at a penitent at the Altar? Is there a church in which you would think it right to laugh at a communicant partaking of the bread and wine? Is there a church where the spectacle of a man on his knees would make you laugh, no matter how odd or peculiar he was or how he was dressed?"

"Of course not. I don't laugh in church …"

"Then why laugh in the lodge? In all the third degree, is there humor? Do you not know that it is a tragedy which the third degree portrays, a tragedy no less that it teaches an inspiring lesson, and has the inspiration of all that is best and noblest in a good man's character?

"What do you think a candidate thinks when the most solemn, the most sacred, the most secret of a Master Mason's lessons is being given him, if from you, and you, and you on the benches, comes smothered laughter? Will it add anything to the impressiveness of the degree in his eyes? Will he feel that what he is being given is sacred, valuable, precious to his heart? Or will he say to himself, 'Evidently there is a catch in this somewhere … I guess it's a joke, and I am it!'

"You have spoken of Filby, who has stage fright and whose voice raises an octave because of it. Filby wasn't blessed by nature with a beautiful voice, but God gave him something precious to Masonry, and that is earnest, sincere, genuine

enthusiasm. I have been in this lodge for more years than you have been on earth, and I have never known a Senior Deacon to put more into his work than Filby does, though he has a poor voice. The words which Filby uses are inspired words; the degree he puts on is a noble degree. And Filby does it as if inspired by its nobility. Would you laugh at a hero saving a life because he was dressed in cap and bells? Can't you hear, beyond poor Filby's cracked vocal cords, the chimes pealing in his heart as he tries to make his words impressive and beautiful?

"Another of you has found it funny when a candidate for the third degree has not understood his part and made it difficult for the team to put him through the ceremony. At Receiving Hospital last week they brought in a young man suffering from a broken arm. He was very ignorant; one of those foreigners who understands little or nothing of American ideas and ideals. And to him a hospital was a torture place, a house where doctors cut people to pieces for their pleasure. He was frightened almost to death and struggled and fought, while the surgeons tried to control him that they might set his arm. Was it funny? Or was it sad, that ignorant people had so destroyed his faith in his kind that he couldn't recognize kindness and help when he saw it?

"The man who was too frightened to understand and so made his third degree difficult was a victim of those who had tormented an imaginative mind with the idea of goats and pain and indignity in a Masonic lodge. I find nothing funny in it; only sadness.

"Don't think of me as an old kill-joy. A good laugh at some wit in a business meeting, a good laugh at some clever entertainer at refreshment, a good laugh at a good story after lodge; these are well and good; wholesome and natural. Whether they are located in a lodge, a church or a home, they are good.

"But not in a church during service, not in a lodge during a degree. There is no laugh in the lodge during any degree which is not an insult to the officers, and a badge of ignorance and ill-manners for him who laughs. Charity we preach; charity we should practice towards those who do not do so well in the degrees as we think we might; the fraternity which we honor and reverence as a whole is not to be laughed at because there are some who make one part of the third degree less real than strenuous.

"Look, my brother, for what lies beneath; regard not so much the outward form as the inward meaning. and you will not again be tempted to consider a degree as a substitute for a vaudeville performance, a lodge as a temple of laughter."

The Old Past Master ceased and sat quiet, waiting.

"But I say!" cried the Young Mason, "Don't you think you are a little rough with us?"

"You are all much too good material to allow to spoil for the sake of your feelings," answered the Old Past Master with a smile.

"But you sure take a chance we'll dislike you for plain speaking."

"What do I matter? You may dislike me … but I don't believe you will laugh in lodge again!"

"I'll say I won't either!" answered the Young Mason. "It's a promise … and I'd like to shake hands!"

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HOME DAY

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Ohio Masonic Home

1892 125th 2017 ANNIVERSARY
OHIO MASONIC HOME

Sunday, June 4, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

OMH Resident Art Display and Sale
OMH Library Book Sale
OMH Resident Strawberry Shortcake
Crafts and Merchant Sales
Food and Beverages
Campus Tours

Museum Tours
Library Tours
Information Booths
Entertainment Tent
Parade





Rock Climbing Wall
Cotton Candy and Snow Cones
Children's Fish Pond Game
Face Painting



Parade of Fraternal Units:

Grand Lodge Officers
Grotto
Shrine
Widows Sons
Youth Groups

at Springfield Masonic Community
2655 W. National Road, Springfield, Ohio 45504

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we serve as the trusted partner to help people age respectfully: how they want, where they want.

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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 17th. We will again 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:_____

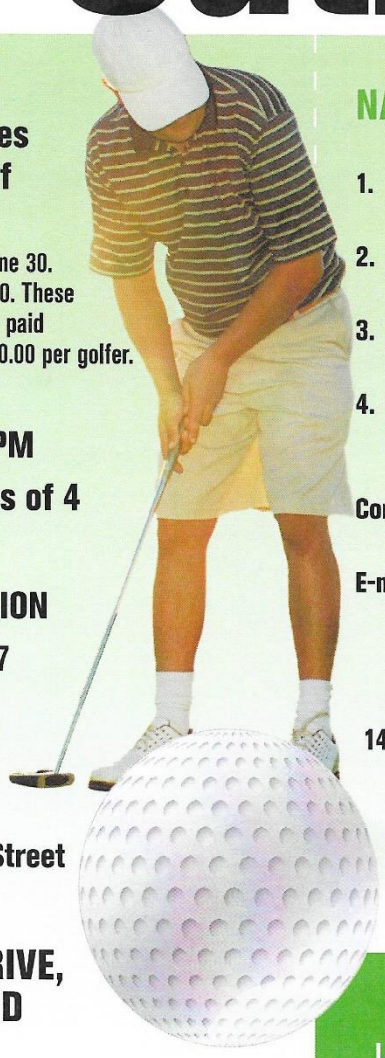
THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION

- WB Brad Love | 614-561-0357
  blove5484@wowway.com
- WB Tim Rice | 614-209-3175
  ricetim@hotmail.com

York Golf Club | 7459 N. High Street
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

COSTS
$90 PER GOLFER* – Includes Lunch, Round of Golf, Golf Cart and 3 Drink Tickets
*Cost is $90.00 per person, if paid by June 30.