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Ohio Masons March at the Special Olympics Games



While the weather did not cooperate on June 23rd, masons from Ohio gathered at the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of the Ohio State University on the morning of June 24th and were able to kick off the 48th Annual Special Olympic Games. The Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance where they presented this year's donation that is made possible by the generous support of the all the lodges in Ohio. Thousands of athletes participated and competed in this year's games. The members that make up our fraternity and the lodges that they belong to should be proud knowing that we support such a wonderful charity that touches so many lives and enriches their well-being. The gratitude of the athletes and their families emanated throughout the stadium. All the masons in attendance were touched by the praise and acknowledgement. Hopefully, you and your lodges are making plans to show your support during the opening march for next year's games.



14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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The 14th District Celebrates the 300th Year of Freemasonry

The Premier Grand Lodge, or more widely known today as the Grand Lodge of England, was founded on June 24th, 1717 when four lodges gathered at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse in St. Paul's Churchyard in London in celebration of St. John the Baptist. To commemorate this significant event in our storied history, the 14th Masonic District celebrated this occasion on June 24th, 2017 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Grove City, exactly 300 years to the day after what masons generally describe as the date of the founding of our institution. The evening began with a welcome from RWB Ward Weber II and continued with musical entertainment provided by Bro. Matt Young followed by a fine dinner. After the feast was completed, MWB Jack Allen provided his insights on the topic of the formation and history of the "Premier Grand Lodge." In attendance for the evening were 240 masons and their significant others. Included in the total attendance were 44 of our newly raised Master Masons who partook in the festivities of our most recent one day class. The evening concluded with fellowship on the fabulous grounds of the shrine center. Everyone in attendance left the evening with a sense of pride knowing that our fraternity has been in existence and has remained such a relevant part in so many lives for such a long time. The evening's gala was truly a magical experience.

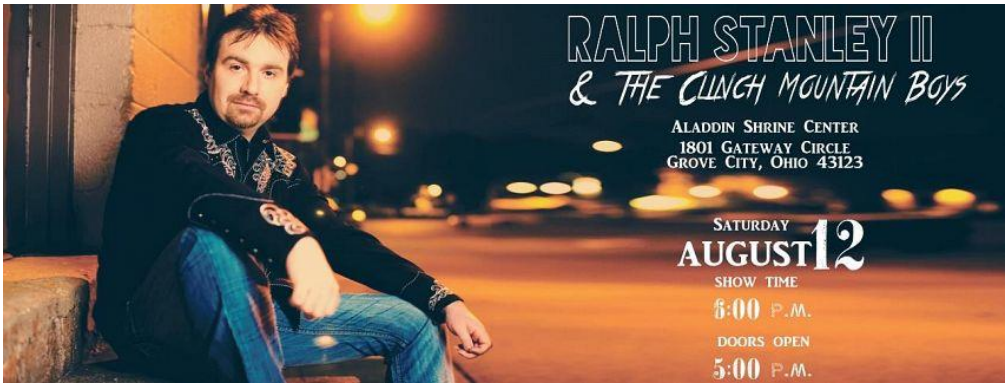






11th Capitular District Plans Concert

The 11th Capitular District of Royal Arch Masons is proud to present for your entertainment, Ralph Stanley II and the Clinch Mountain Boys! This bluegrass event will be arriving at the Aladdin Shrine Center located at 1801 Gateway Circle in Grove City on Saturday, August 12th, with the doors opening at 5:00pm. While not a Shrine event, this excellent evening of family fun will raise funds for the Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, with a portion donated to Adopt America, a major charity seeking to find a home for every child in the nation. Tickets can be purchased on line at the following link (https://www.localevelevents.com/events/details/2753) or at the door. Only 500 hundred tickets will be sold, so get yours now before this event is sold out.



Dates

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

7/27 DGM Rollout Programn – Northwest Temple 7:00pm

8/6 District Picnic – Blacklick Metro Park, Butternut Shelter House 2:00pm

8/12 11th Capitular Concert 5:00pm

9/23 Old Worthington Market Days

9/28 14th District Quarterly Meeting

10/1 14th District to Serve at Faith Mission

Deputy Grand Master's Program

The Deputy Grand Master, RWB Eric R. Schau, will hold several meetings this summer where he will be rolling out his plans for the 2017-2018 masonic year. All masons are invited to attend, but these meetings are particularly intended for those anticipating being Worshipful Master or a Warden next year. Attire is business casual as these meetings will take place in July and August. All meeting will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The dates and locations are listed below.

Tuesday, July 18 - Huber Heights No. 777, 7778 Wildcat Rd., Huber Heights, OH 45424
Wednesday, July 19 -Amelia Lodge No. 590, 290 Judd Rd., Amelia, OH, 45102
Thursday, July 20 - Scioto Lodge No. 6, 57 E. Main St., Chillicothe, OH 45601
Tuesday, July 25 - Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, 12 West Carpenter Street Athens, Ohio 45701
Wednesday, July 26 - Cambridge Masonic Temple, 730 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725
Thursday, July 27 - Northwest Masonic Temple, 2436 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235
Monday, August 7 - Lima Masonic Temple, 2165 North Cole Street Lima, Ohio 45801
Tuesday, August 8 - Tiffin Lodge No. 77, 179 S Washington Street Tiffin Ohio, 44883
Wednesday, August 9 - Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, 140 North Market Street Wooster Ohio, 44691
Thursday, August 10 - Conrad Lodge No. 271, 144 South Linden Avenue Alliance Ohio, 44601
Tuesday, August 15 - Western Reserve Lodge No. 507, 216 Main Street West Farmington Ohio, 44491
Wednesday, August 16 - Rubicon Lodge No. 237, 8883 Browning Drive Waterville Ohio, 43566
Thursday, August 17 - Quarry Lodge No. 382, 366 Eastland Road Berea Ohio, 44017

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 Masonic Home Day Fundraising

On Sunday, June 4th, the 33rd Annual Ohio Masonic Home Day was held and your 14th District Masonic Officers Association once again supported this event by participating as a vendor for the afternoon. The day was full of sunshine and fellowship as the bologna sandwiches came off the grill. We were proud to serve many of the residents of the home and their families, as well as some distinguished brethren of the fraternity.

Many of the guests who visited the booth expressed their appreciation for our district taking a part in this amazing event and making the day a success. The district officers, along with assistance from members of Grove City lodge, worked very well together throughout the day. The fare that was offered by the district was so popular that we ultimately sold every sandwich that was in our inventory.

Watch for this event next year and plan on your lodge coming out and helping. There are many activities for children and many craft booths for browsing. And you will be sure to make new friends and meet new brothers from around the state of Ohio, as the fellowship that is found through working together for a great cause continues to prove to be a valuable experience. We look forward to working with you and your lodge at next year's OMH Day.







The Old Past Master
MASONIC LIBRARIES

"I CAN'T just see the idea in founding this new Masonic library," objected a comparatively newly made Master Mason, talking to a group in the ante-room during refreshment. "Books are all right, of course, and libraries are necessary, but why insist on such a complete library for the new Temple?"

"Well, why not?" asked some one.

"If you follow out the idea to its logical conclusion," answered the new Master Mason, "the Elks ought to have a library and the Knights of Pythias ought to have one. The I.0.0.F. should support a library and the Red Men should have one, too. All the hundred and one fraternities should have libraries and the curious spectacle would be presented of a hundred groups of a few hundred men each, each supporting its own little collection of books. Wouldn't it be much more sensible if they all supported, one big collection?"

There was a moment's silence. The group turned questioning eyes to the Old Past Master.

"We already support one big collection of books," the Old Past Master began. "All of us here present contribute our quota towards the support of the city library. In practically every town of any size in the nation is a local library, which all support by their proportion of taxes.

"But the general library for the general run of people is naturally general in character. It will have books on science and history and travel and adventure mathematics and botany and business and poetry art ... a great many books on a great many subjects, but no authoritative collection on any one subject. The doctor may use the library for general purposes, but when he wants the last word, he goes his medical library. The lawyer may use the general library for one purpose or another, but it is either personal law library or that of his Bar Association which he depends upon for accurate' information in regard to a knotty point of law

"A Masonic library may partake of the character of a general library, in that it may have a lot of fiction and current literature. It serves Masons in that way, just as the coffee and sandwich at refreshment serves him. The lodge isn't and doesn't pretend to be, a restaurant, but it gives him something to eat to make his visit pleasant. The Masonic library isn't, and doesn't pretend to be, a competitor of the city library, but it gives him some fiction and some current literature to serve him at his pleasure.

"But the main purpose of a rightly conducted Masonic library is to convey knowledge to its owners and users. Masonry makes much of the liberal arts and sciences; not to provide the means by which Masons may learn of these is for Masonry to fail in practicing what she preaches.

"The Masonic library is poorly conceived and ill-furnished which contains only books upon Masonry. A doctor's library which had books only upon office practice and business systems would be of little help to the physician. The Masonic library which has only Masonic history and philosophy, offers but little to the true seeker after light. A Masonic library should he a library of all knowledge, including a great deal on Masonry, but as much on philosophy, science, religion, art, history, that its users have the opportunity to learn.

"In the capital of this nation is America's largest and finest collection of books the Congressional

Library, second only to the library of the British Museum in size, and with its volumes far more accessible to readers than that of the English library. But that doesn't prevent the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction from maintaining one of the very finest Masonic libraries in the world. In the great House of the Temple are a hundred thousand books. They are not all books on Masonry, though the Masonic collection is world famous. It is a general library, of general knowledge. Incidentally it contains a wonderful Burnsiana collection, the largest collection of English translations of Goethe's Faust in the world, as well as the priceless Pike manuscripts, some of them not yet in print.

"Yet in spite of this there is a Grand Lodge library in the capital of the nation, for the use of Master Masons, and the local Scottish Rite bodies got up a library of their own, by asking members for unwanted books.

"I think every Order should have its own library. I see no reason why Elks and Red Men, Pythians and Odd Fellows, should not find equal benefits from libraries of their own. But there is this distinction; Masonry is old, old. It is world wide. Its history is the history of the world. Its philosophy is the philosophy of all ages. With not the slightest disrespect for the various other fraternal orders, it may truthfully be said that none of them has the lineage, the extent, the spread, the history or the intimate connection with knowledge that is Masonry's pride. Therefore, Masonry has, perhaps, an especial need for books, and books, of course, mean a library.

"Something has been said about including books in lighter vein in Masonic libraries. I think they should be included. One gives candy to a child to make the taking of medicine easy. We supply entertainment and refreshment to make attendance at specially vital meetings, easy. Why not the inclusion of books of purely entertainment character to make the use of the library easy to those who know little of libraries? As those who once came to scoff remained to pray, so it is often the case that the man who starts browsing in a library after light fiction remains to examine, and be interested by, works of real information.

"So, my brethren, I believe we should support our Masonic library to the limit; I believe we should make sacrifices for it, help it, use it.

"Masonry has only gentle methods at her hand for the working out of her great purposes. We wield no battle-axe and carry no sword. But … the pen is mightier than the sword, and the book is but the printed thought which some man penned. Education is Masonry's greatest tool; and books are at once the foundation and the superstructure of education."

"I wish I could learn to think first and talk afterwards," said the newly made Master Mason. "I am for all the help we can give."

"You see," smiled the Old Past Master, "even talking about a library has helped our brother's education."

The Old Past Master
MASONIC LIBRARIES

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Who Was Robert Burns?

From ***Wikipedia:***

Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796), also known as Rabbie Burns, the Bard of Ayrshire, Ploughman Poet and various other names and epithets, was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is also in English and a light Scots dialect, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these writings his political or civil commentary is often at its bluntest.

He is regarded as a pioneer of the Romantic movement, and after his death he became a great source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism and socialism, and a cultural icon in Scotland and among the Scottish diaspora around the world. Celebration of his life and work became almost a national charismatic cult during the 19th and 20th centuries, and his influence has long been strong on Scottish literature. In 2009 he was chosen as the greatest Scot by the Scottish public in a vote run by Scottish television channel STV.
As well as making original compositions, Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them. His poem (and song) "Auld Lang Syne" is often sung at Hogmanay (the last day of the year), and "Scots Wha Hae" served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem of the country. Other poems and songs of Burns that remain well known across the world today include "A Red, Red Rose," "A Man's a Man for A' That", "To a Louse," "To a Mouse," "The Battle of Sherramuir," "Tam o' Shanter" and "Ae Fond Kiss."

From ***"The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA"*** *website:*

The House of the Temple houses the second largest collection regarding poet Robert Burns in the world outside of Scotland. Burns is known as the Poet Laureate of Masonry. The collection was compiled and donated by William Smith, 32°, the former director of the U.S. Botanical Gardens. In addition to works by Bro. Robert Burns, the Library contains works about him and about Scotland, as well as "Chap Books," some of which contain Burns's poems, and others which reflect the times during which he lived.

Who Was Albert Pike?

From ***"The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA"*** *website:*

Born in Boston, Massachusetts on December 29, 1809, Albert Pike is asserted within the Southern Jurisdiction as the man most responsible for the growth and success of the Scottish Rite from an obscure Masonic Rite in the mid-19th century to the international fraternity that it became. Pike received the 4th through the 32nd Degrees in March 1853 from Dr. Albert G. Mackey, in Charleston, S.C., and was appointed Deputy Inspector for Arkansas that same year.

At this point, the degrees were in a rudimentary form, and often only included a brief history and legend of each degree as well as other brief details which usually lacked a workable ritual for their conferral. In 1855, the Supreme Council appointed

a committee to prepare and compile rituals for the 4th through the 32nd Degrees. That committee was composed of Albert G. Mackey, John H. Honour, William S. Rockwell, Claude P. Samory, and Albert Pike. Of these five committee members, Pike did all the work of the committee.

In 1857 Pike completed his first revision of the 4°-32° ritual, and printed 100 copies. This revision, which Mackey dubbed the "Magnum Opus" was never adopted by the Supreme Council. According to Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, the Scottish Rite's Grand Historian, the Magnum Opus became the basis for future ritual revisions.

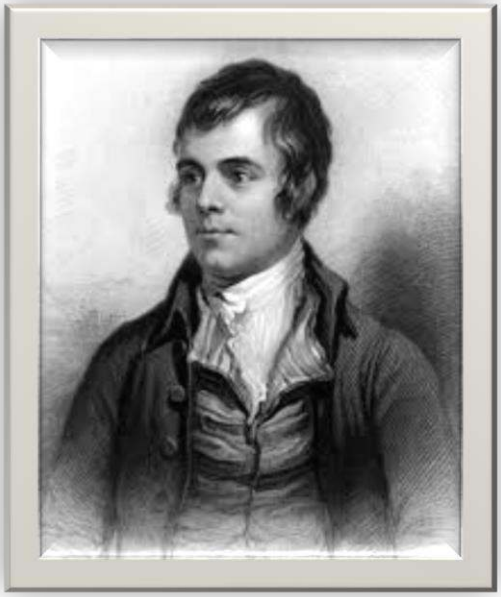
In March 1858, Pike was elected a member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and in January 1859 he became its Grand Commander. The American Civil War interrupted his work on the Scottish Rite rituals. About 1870 he, and the Supreme Council, moved to Washington, DC, and in 1884 his revision of the rituals was complete.

Scottish Rite Grand Archivist and Grand Historian de Hoyos[26] created the following chart of Pike's ritual revisions:

Degrees	**When Revised**
1-3°	1872
4-14°	1861, 1870, 1883
15-16°	1861, 1870, 1882
17-18°	1861, 1870
19-30°	1867, 1879, 1883
31-32°	1867, 1879, 1883
33°	1857, 1867, 1868, 1880 (manuscripts only)

Pike also wrote lectures for all the degrees which were published in 1871 under the title ***Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry***.





14th District Golf Outing



The 6th Annual District Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 22nd, 2017. Yes, that is correct! We are now hosting the golf outing on a *Saturday*. The location of this event remains at the beautiful York Golf Club north of Worthington and the cost is only $90 per golfer if you get your reservation in by July 7th and $100 thereafter. The afternoon will begin with lunch at 1:00pm and will follow with a shotgun start at 2:00pm. The day will most certainly be filled with sunshine and fellowship as this is a great way to spend time with your brethren, both inside and outside of your home lodge. This is also a great opportunity to invite and involve potential new members to your lodge and to show them what the district is about.

Lodges or members with business connections may also want to consider supporting this event by sponsoring one of the 18 holes.

Please contact WB Brad Love or see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the specific details.

District Family Picnic Planned



Is your lodge dark for the summer? Are you still looking for opportunities for fellowship with the brethren from around the district? On Sunday, August 6th, the district will be hosting a family picnic at the Butternut Shelter House in Blacklick Woods Metro Park at 2:00pm. Family, food and fun will be plentiful throughout the afternoon, but you are requested to bring your favorite dish for all to enjoy and to demonstrate your culinary expertise. So gather your brethren, your family and your friends and join us. Next month's newsletter will contain further details for this event.

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.

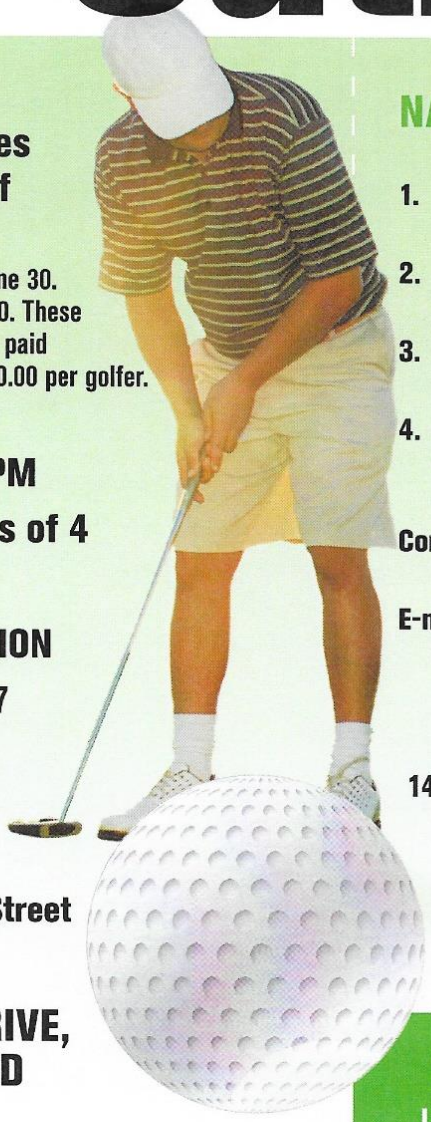
THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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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York Golf Club | 7459 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43235

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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

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