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Sixth Annual 14th District Golf Outing



On Saturday, July 22nd, the grey skies parted and provided yet another beautiful afternoon for the 14th Masonic District Sixth Annual Golf Outing. While the day began with ominous looking skies, the sun found its way from behind the clouds and shone brightly upon the players. The turnout was great again this year and everyone got their monies worth, on and all of the course. Congratulations go out to the team consisting of Tim Wheeland, Greg Brewer, Steve Sisko and Chris Spring for winning this year's event. Also, a valiant effort by the team consisting of Keith Fields, Brian Roberts, Eric Doran and David Gubanc came in a close second place. Coming in third place was Bob Ashcraft, Steve Moore, Tim Ward and Chris Combs. The putting contest was awarded to John Stains and the longest drive was struck by Glenn Stoots. All the golfers were treated to a buffet lunch consisting of hamburgers and hotdogs and the world famous York Golf Club potato salad before their round of golf started. A special thanks to all the players, each of the sponsors and for all the efforts of the 14th Masonic District which made for an extremely enjoyable day. Now would be a great time to start thinking about your foursomes for next year to see if you can take the trophy home.



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Rick Schau, DGM Presents Roll Out Program

RWB Rick Schau, the Deputy Grand Master, presented and discussed his plans for the 2018 Grand Lodge year on Thursday, July 27th at the Northwest Masonic Temple. RWB Schau presented his program to a full room of brethren from the 14th Masonic district, as well as those that traveled from the surrounding districts. RWB Schau laid out a very eventful year including some things remaining the same, some changing and some new additions of his own. The requirements for the Grand Masters Award, administering Grand Honors and the Excellence in Youth programs will all remain similar, if not the same. Officer's manuals will be updated to include rules for introductions and clarification on short form proficiency (Who allows for the short form?) RWB Schau will be replacing the Community Service Award with the Local Patriot Award. This award will be presented to a worthy combat veteran or for recognition of an individual in safety services. The Grand Master's Medal of Honor will be given to an individual who has gone above and beyond for their respective local lodge but never joined the officer's line. There will also be a Caribbean Cruise in January 2018 where an Entered Apprentice will be initiated at sea. Another endeavor on RWB Schau's list is the Replace Yourself Program. This program is intended for you to pledge to find your replacement in the lodge. More details and sign up for this can be found at www.replaceyourself.org. Finally, RWB Schau promised to improve the Grand Lodge websites.





Emphasis on the importance of the recognition of our veterans inside and outside of the fraternity was a key element in the program, and one that everyone in attendance was very pleased to hear.

The following year will definitely be a great year through the leadership of RWB Schau.

Your Chance to Support Our Veterans



Do you take a moment to thank a soldier in uniform at the airport who is returning home? On Veterans Day, do you show your support for those that have served in our armed forces at your local parade? Do you memorialize those soldiers that have given everything to fight for your freedom?

On Friday, August 4th, 2017, at 10:30 AM, you are invited to show your support at a very momentous occasion. WB Bob Mercer, who is a decorated Vietnam Veteran and currently serves as the Commander for the Buckeye Chapter No. 500 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, along with WB Jess Brewer Jr. who served in the Merchant Marine during WWII and also in the Occupational Forces in Japan as a member of the 11th Airborne, will be recognized for their service. Partnering with the Fallen 15, an association for Iraqi War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be conducting a ceremony in recognition of the Merchant Marine.

The commemoration will be held in front of Columbus City Hall at the corner of Broad St. and Front St. In observance of the sacrifices made in the name of freedom, the street will be renamed "Purple Heart Way" for the day.

The Purple Heart is an award that is given to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who was wounded by an instrument of war from the hands of an enemy or can be given to the next of kin of a fallen soldier.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1958 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. The Order also supports all veterans and their families with many nationwide programs by Chapters around the country and National Service Officers.

Please come out and show your appreciation for those who fought for the privilege of freedom. We congratulate these brethren for their recognition and sincerely thank you, and all our soldiers, for your service to our great country.



Ralph R. Rickly Lodge to Raise Funds for Bro. Cory Miller



Charity is one of our most valuable tenets and your benevolence is requested to assist a brother in need. On Saturday, July 22nd, Bro. Cory Miller, Junior Warden of Ralph R. Rickley Lodge No. 670 suffered a heart attack. To raise funds for Bro. Miller in his time of need, the lodge will be holding a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Saturday, August 12th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at the lodge located at 1120 Barnett Rd. Donations of $10 per dinner is recommended but anything you could contribute would be appreciated. A carry out option is also available. Arrangements for making donations can also be made by contacting the lodge. Your generosity will be appreciated more than you know.

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

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

8/12 11th Capitular Concert 5:00pm Worthington Market Days

8/15 Steaks and Stogies at York Golf Club

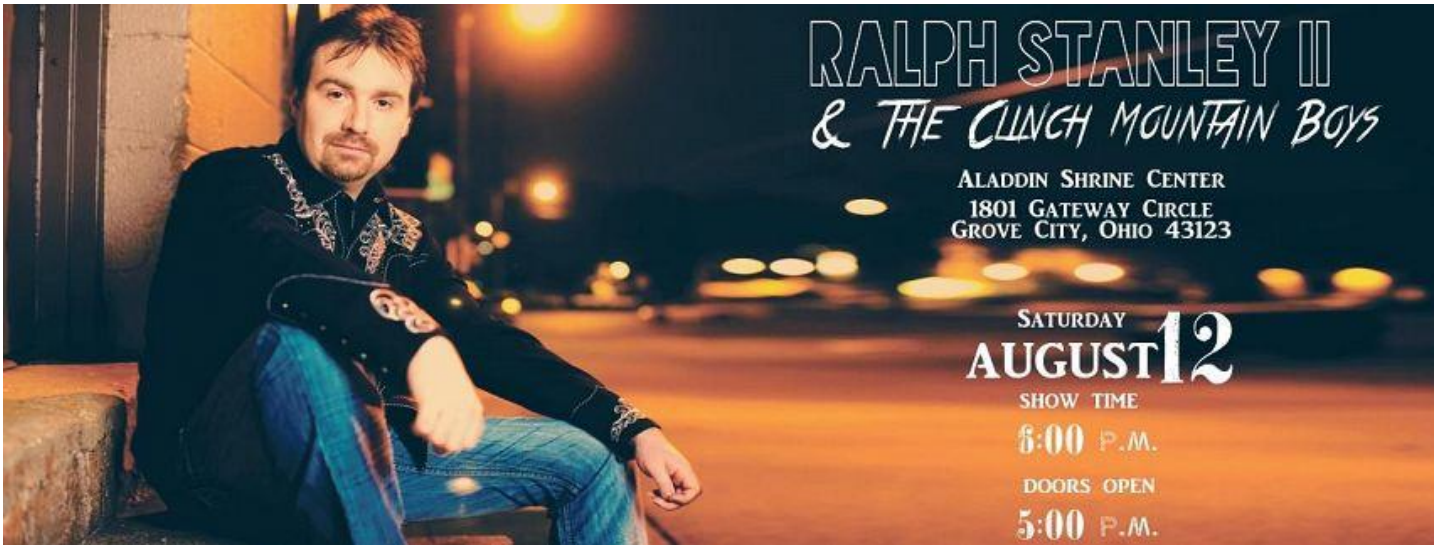
8/19 Valley of Columbus – 24th Degree at Camp Lazarus

8/22 Valley of Columbus – Dinner and Degree Night 16° at York Golf Club 6:30PM

9/23 Old Worthington Market Day 9:00AM to 4:30PM

9/28 14th District Quarterly Meeting at Hiram Lodge 7:00PM

10/20 – 10/21 Grand Lodge Communication in Dayton



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

District Family Picnic Planned



July may be coming to an end, but summer is not yet over. You and your family are invited to join all of your brethren from around the district and their families at this year's annual family picnic which will be held on Sunday, August 6th. This year's picnic will be held at the Blacklick Woods Metro Park located at 6975 East Livingston Avenue, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 from noon until 4:00PM.

Lunch will be served beginning at 1 PM at the Butternut Shelter. A main dish and beverages will be supplied by the 14th District Masonic Officers Association, but you are encouraged to bring a side dish or desert to share all.



There will be games and plenty of activities for the kids and much fellowship will be had. We look forward to seeing you there!

So gather your brethren, your family and your friends and join us.

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 Old Past Master
UNDERSTANDING

"I HAVE been a Mason for a year now," remarked the Young Brother to the Old Past Master "and while I find a great deal in Masonry to enjoy, and like the fellows and all that, I am more or less in the dark as to what good Masonry really is in the world. I don't mean that I can't appreciate its charity, or its fellowship, but it seems to me that I don't get much out of it; I can't see why it has any function outside of that relationship we enjoy in the lodge room and the little charitable acts we do."

"I think I could win an argument about you," smiled the Old Past Master.

"An argument about me?"

"Yes. You say you have been a Master Mason for a year. I think I could prove to the satisfaction of a jury of your peers who would not need to be Master Masons; that while you are a lodge member in good standing, you are not a Master Mason."

"I don't think I quite understand," puzzled the Young Mason. "I was surely initiated, passed and raised. I have my certificate and my good standing card. I attend the lodge regularly. I do what work I am assigned. If that isn't being a Master Mason, what is?"

"You have the body but not the spirit," retorted the Old Past Master. "You eat the husks and disregard the kernel. You know the ritual and fail to understand its meaning. You carry the documents but for you they attest but an empty form. You do not understand the first underlying principle which makes Masonry the great force she is. And yet, in spite of it, you enjoy her blessings … which is one of her miracles, that a man may love and profit by what he does not comprehend.

"Why … I … I just don't understand you at all. I am sure I am a good Mason ..."

"No man is a good Mason who thinks the fraternity has no function beyond pleasant association in lodge, and charity. Man, there are thousands of Masons who never see the inside of a lodge and therefore, perforce, miss the fellowship. There are thousands who never need her charity and so come never in contact with one of its many features. Yet these may take freely and largely from the treasure house which is Masonry.

"Masonry, my young friend, is an opportunity. It gives a man a chance to do and to be, among the world of men, something he otherwise could not accomplish, a state to which he otherwise could not attain. No man kneels at the Altar of Masonry and rises again the same man. At the Altar something is taken from him never to return; his feeling of living for himself alone. Be he never so selfish, never so self-centered, never so much an individualist, at the Altar he leaves behind him some of the dross of his purely profane make-up.

"No man kneels at the Altar of Masonry and rises the same man, because, in the place where the dross and selfishness was, is put a little of the most Divine spark which men may see. Where was the self-interest is put an interest in others. Where was the egotism is put love for one's fellow man.

"You say that the 'fraternity has no function.' Man, the fraternity performs the greatest function of any institution at work among men, in that it provides a common meeting ground where all of us, be our creed, our social position, our wealth, our ideas, our station in life what they may, may meet and understand one another.

"What caused the downfall of Rome? Class hatred. What caused the Civil War? Failure of one people to understand another, and an unequality of men which this country could not endure. What caused the Great War? Class hatred. What is the greatest leveler of class in the world? Masonry. Where is the only place in which capitalist and laborer, socialist and democrat, fundamentalist and modernist, Jew and Gentile, gentle and simple alike may meet and forget their differences? In a Masonic lodge, through the influence of Masonry … Masonry, which opens her portals to men because they are men, not because they are wealthy or wise or foolish or great or small but because they seek the brotherhood which only she can give.

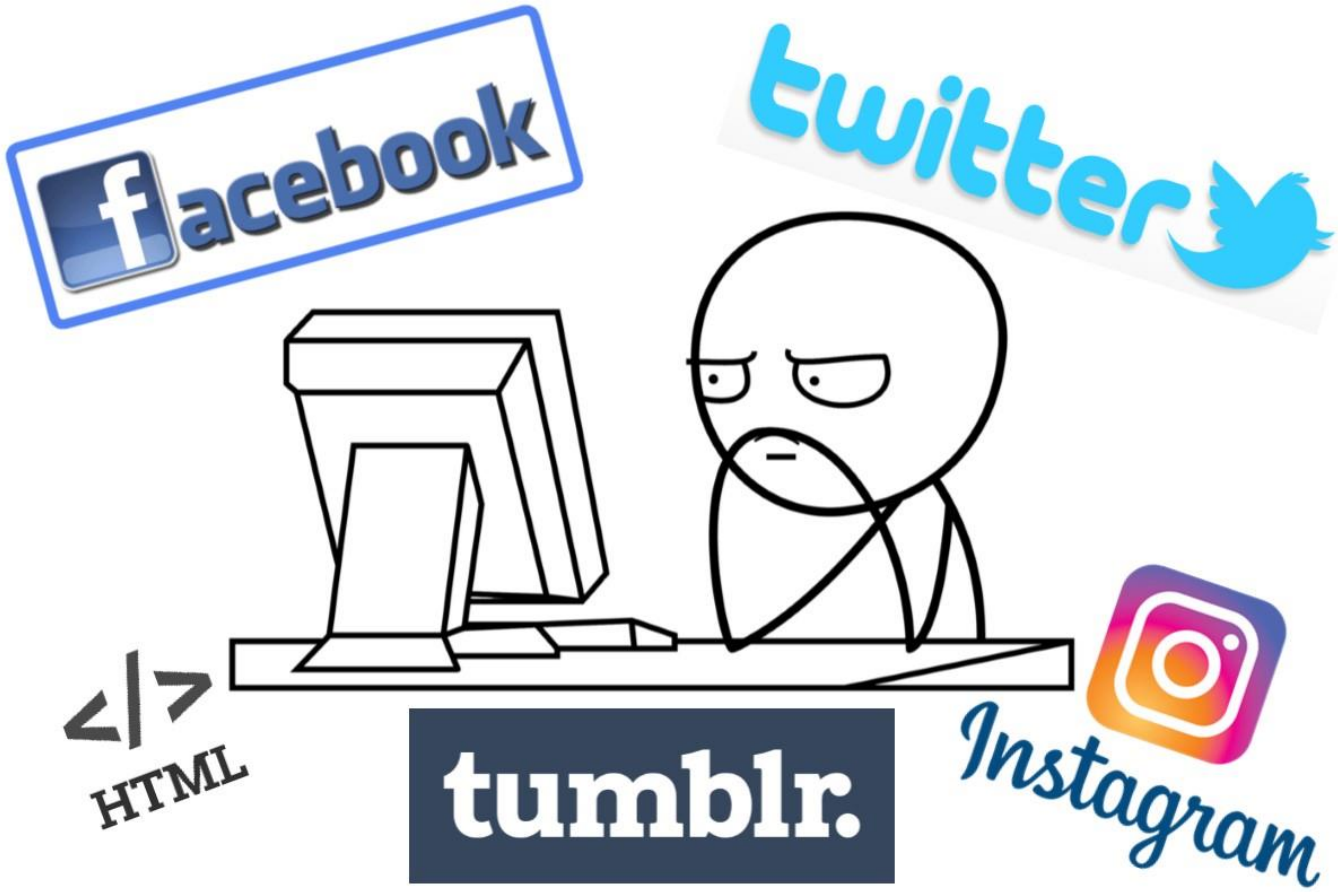
"Masonry has no function? Why, son, the function of charity, great as it is, is the least of the things Masonry does; the fellowship in the lodge room, beautiful as it is, is at best not much more than one can get in any good club, association, organization. These are beauties of Masonry, but they are also beauties of other organizations. The great fundamental beauty of Masonry is all her own. She, and only she, stretches a kindly and loving hand around the world, uniting millions in a bond too strong for breaking. Time has demonstrated that Masonry is too strong for war; too strong for hate, too strong for jealousy and fear; the worst of men have used the strongest of means and have but pushed Masonry to one side for the moment; not all their efforts have broken her, or ever will!

"Masonry gives us all a chance to do and to be; to do a little, however humble the part, in making the world better; to be a little larger, a little fuller in our lives, a little nearer to the G. A. O. T. U. And unless a man understand this, and believe it, and take it to his heart and live it in his daily life, and strive to show it forth to others in his every act; unless he live and love and labor in his Masonry, I say he is no Master Mason; aye, though he belong to all Rites and carry all cards, though he be hung as a Christmas tree with jewels and pins, though he be an officer in all bodies. But the man who has it in his heart, and sees in Masonry the chance to be in reality what he has sworn he would be, a brother to his fellow Masons, is a Master Mason though he be raised but tonight, belongs to no organization but his Blue Lodge and be too poor to buy and wear a single pin."

The young brother, looking down, unfastened the emblem from his coat lapel and handed it to the Old Past Master.

"Of course you are right," he said, low. "Here is my pin. Don't give it back to me until you think I am worthy to wear it."

The Old Past Master smiled. "I think you would better put it back now," he answered gently. "None are more fit to wear the square and compass than those who know themselves unworthy, for they are those who strive to be real Masons."



Want to learn more about Social Media and Website design for your lodge?

Learn how to use the web and social media to attract new members, communicate effectively with your lodge, create effective and meaningful posts, post online resources for your brethren, build a stunning website, and more!

Where: Grove City Lodge #689—3558 Park St. Grove City, OH 43123

When: Saturday September 2nd at 9am to 1pm (Come for GC's lodge breakfast at 8am!)

What to bring: Laptop/tablet

Info: Come for individual classes or all. Work with instructors to create in real-time.

All Masonic Groups invited to attend. Classes are FREE!

Session I: Facebook 9am-9:45

Session II: Twitter:9:45am –10:30am

Session III: Tumblr 10:30am-11:00

Session IV: Instagram 11:00am-11:30am

Session V: Website Building 11:30am-12:30pm

Session VI: Grand Lodge Communicator 12:30-1pm

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