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DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ASHLAR:

October 10, 2017

Grand Lodge Scheduled

The 208th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio is scheduled to take place on October 20th and 21st in Dayton at the Dayton Masonic Center located at 525 W. Riverview Ave. The Marriott at the University of Dayton will serve as primary housing, however, the deadline for reservations at the hotel has passed. If you are still looking for lodging, there are plenty of options nearby. Full details of the communication can be found on the Grand Lodge of Ohio webpage at http://www.glohio.com/glo/annual-communication.

The Grand Lodge session will commence at 8:00 am on Friday in the Schiewetz Auditorium and will run till approximately 4:15 pm and will then resume on Saturday at 8:00 am until approximately 10:30 am. The installation of the 2017-2018 Grand Lodge Officers will then take place at 11:00 am in the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Come prepared with your dues cards and aprons and be ready to vote on the proposed legislation. Your vote counts!

Lockbounre Lodge No. 232 to Honor WB Robert Fowler



Out of respect for the family's wishes, Lockbourne had delayed holding a masonic funeral service for WB Robert Fowler. However, the family has now requested for the lodge to perform the last masonic funeral rites for their dearly departed friend and brother. Lockbourne lodge will hold a masonic service at the Oliver-Cheek Funeral Home located at 420 W. Main Street, Ashville, OH on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. Following the funeral services, a brief memorial will be conducted. All masons, their family and friends are invited to rejoice in the life of WB Fowler. If you have any questions, please reach out to Gary Parks at 614-216-4449.

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District Raises Money at Worthington Market Day



On Saturday, September 23rd, the 14th District Masonic Officers Association once again participated in a fundraiser at the Old Worthington Market Day. The booth was right in front of the Masonic Temple formerly owned by New England Lodge No. 4. The volunteers that manned the booth sold fried bologna sandwiches and drinks to the patrons of the event. The district also promoted sales of maple and bourbon barrel syrup which continued to be a crowd favorite. The weather was favorable that afternoon and the sales were steady all day. The fried bologna sandwiches have proven to be a popular item for this event and continues to grow each year. Some supporters even purchased multiple sandwiches to take with them while they watched the Buckeyes that afternoon!

A special thanks goes out to New England Lodge No. 4 for the coordination of the booth registration and setup, as well as their support for the district.

This event will again take place next year as it continues to provide funds for the district, as well as provides awareness in the community for our beloved fraternity. We are always looking for help throughout the day so mark it on your calendar for next year and come on out.



Mason Celebrates 100th Birthday

On August 20th, well over 100 family members, friends and masons gathered in the Concord Township Hall to celebrate the 100th birthday of WB George Patch, a past master of Ostrander Lodge No. 594, now affiliated with Hiram Lodge No. 18, to present him his 60 year membership award from the Grand Lodge of Ohio.



George and his late wife Helen raised their family on their farm on Home Road in Delaware County. George and Helen had been married 62 years when she passed in 2003. They have four children, ten grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and five great great-grandchildren. He now resides in the Edgewater Assisted Living facility in Plain City and has an open door to brothers wishing to visit.

WB George Edwin Patch was initiated, passed and raised in Ostrander Lodge No. 594 and served as Worshipful Master in 1964-1965. Ostrander Lodge merged into Hiram Lodge No. 18 in 1996. He is also a past Worthy Patron in Eastern Star.

Representing the Grand Lodge of Ohio for the presentation of his 60 year membership award were MWB Jack Allen, RWB Ebby Brewer and RWB Brian Bolyard. Joining them for this special occasion was WM Stephen Hill and several members of Hiram Lodge No. 18.

MWB Allen gave remarks and extended congratulations on behalf of Brother Douglas Kaylor, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. RWB Brewer presented WB Patch his 60-year lapel pin and RWB Bolyard read the certificate of award.

WB Patch thanked the Grand Lodge of Ohio for the recognition of being a Master Mason for 60 years, and the brothers present making the presentation. He also thanked his brother masons for attending.

Dates

10/1 – VA Hospital Visitation

10/1 – District to serve at Faith Mission

10/7 Valley of Columbus AASR Regional at Columbus 30 - 4°, 22°, 31°

10/20 – 10/21 Grand Lodge at Dayton Masonic Center

10/28 Valley of Columbus AASR Regional at Hiram 18 - 4°, 12°, 19°, 29°

10/28 Valley of Columbus AASR Regional at Circleville - 4°, 18°, 20°

10/29 – DDGM/DEO Installation

11/4 Valley of Columbus AASR Fall Reunion - 4°, 17°, 20°, 21°, 32°

11/5 – VA Hospital Visitation

11/29 LEO Workshop

12/9 PM Convocation

VA Hospital Visitations Scheduled for November



Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will continue on Sunday, November 5th, 2017. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Neoacacia Lodge No. 595, Goodale Lodge No. 372, Magnolia Lodge No. 20.

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

Lodge Education Gathering for LEO's and Master's

The 2018 Worshipful Masters and Lodge Education Officers "to be" are invited to attend an evening of fellowship and information. It will be held on Wednesday, November 29th, at Northland Temple located at 5885 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH. This gathering will take the place of the required annual Lodge Education Officer training.

We will break bread together at 6:00 pm and the education presentations will commence at 7:00 pm, with the evening concluding by 9:00 pm. Recommended attire is business casual.

Please RSVP to WB Tim Ward at subssn585@gmail.com as soon as possible, but not later than November 24th.

South Gate Potter Lodge No. 782 to Hold Annual Spaghetti Dinner



South Gate Potter Lodge would like to invite the brethren and families of the 14th District to their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 14th at the lodge located at 651 Groveport Rd., Canal Winchester, OH. The lodge will be serving their infamous cuisine from 4:00 pm until 7:00pm. For only a $7 donation, you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desert and a drink. Seniors and children that under are 12 years old are merely $5 per person. Make sure to bring your appetite as the dinner is all you can eat!

York Golf Club to Host Information Meeting



York Golf Club will be hosting a Masonic and Golf Club information meeting Sunday, October 22nd at 5:00 pm. The Golf Club board members cordially invite you to attend this session to learn about the three lodges who are the primary owners of the golf club and course, their relationship to the club, golf course membership opportunities and the discounts afforded to members of the 14th district. If you have ever had any questions about the golf club, this will be a great opportunity to learn about the benefits for the members of the 14th district.

Columbus Lodge No. 30 to Hold Open Installation

We hope this message finds you and your Lodge well and excited to be back to your masonic labors. The officers and brethren of Columbus Lodge No. 30 are excited about the new masonic year and our upcoming installation.

Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 at 7:00 pm, RWB Ken Cohen will preside over the installation of our next Worshipful Master of our historic lodge. We will also be celebrating the service of WB Brian Pruitt as he becomes another one of our beloved past masters. In addition, we will have a special presentation of a 70 year member award.

We will be holding an open installation so please share this momentous occasion with your brethren. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with the installation to follow at 7:00 pm.

To RSVP and make dinner reservations, contact Alan Chamberlain at achambs76@gmail.com or by calling 614-419-7154.

Fraternally submitted,

Installation Planning Committee, Columbus Lodge No. 30

Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792 Hold Raffle



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."