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Grand Lodge Recap



Alpha Lodge No. 729 was opened at 8:30 am on Friday, October 20th in the Schiewetz Auditorium of the Dayton Masonic Center, marking the beginning of the 208th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Bro. Douglas N. Kaylor, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio presided over the proceedings, ceremonies and business of the Grand Lodge session. There was no proposed legislation adopted at this Annual Communication as the proposed regulation concerning gambling and penalties was defeated. The two other pieces of legislation concerning membership and lodge prohibitions did not receive immediate consideration and was therefore laid over for consideration at the next communication.

MWB Eric R. Schau was elected and installed as Grand Master. MWB Schau is a member of Elyria Lodge No. 787 in the in the 22nd District. Also of note, our very own RWB Tim Wheeland from the 14th District was appointed as Grand Orator.

The 209th Annual Communication will be held in Sandusky, Ohio beginning on Friday, October 12th and 13th 2018. For more details on the Grand Lodge session, see http://www.glohio.com.



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DDGMs and DEOs Installed

During the 2017 Grand Lodge of Ohio Annual Communication, MWB Eric Schau, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio appointed RWB Gregory Brewer, RWB Dan Rannebarger and RWB Timothy Rice to serve as District Deputies Grand Master of the 14th Masonic District. These brethren join RWB John Hollback in representing the Grand Master in their respective lodges within our district.



RWB Brewer is a Past Master of Capital City Lodge No. 656, being the third family member to do so, and is a member of York Chapter, York Council, Columbus Commandery and is the current Senior Warden in the Enoch Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Columbus AASR.



RWB Rannebarger is a Past Master of Sunrise No. 783. He has served in many occupations within the Order of DeMolay, including State Master Councilor and remains an active advisor within the organization. RWB Rannebarger is a member of York Chapter, York Council and also currently serves as an officer in the Consistory line of the Valley of Columbus AASR.



RWB Rice is a Past Master of Linden Lodge No. 637. He is a Past President of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association and is a Past High Priest of Community Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of York Council and serves in the Past Masters Unit of the Aladdin Shrine.



DDGMs and DEOs Installed - continued

MWB Schau also appointed WB Michael Saum and WB Chad Simpson as new District Education Officers. These brethren join WB William Bell and WB Tim Ward in providing more light throughout our district and promoting the various programs of the Grand Lodge Committee on Education.



WB Michael Saum is a Past Master of Magnolia Lodge No. 20 and is a fifth generation mason. He is a Past President of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association and currently serves as the audio chairman for the Valley of Columbus AASR. WB Saum is also a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award and serves as the Assistant Circus Director of Aladdin Shrine.



WB Chad Simpson is a Past Master of York Lodge No. 563 and a charter member of Arts and Sciences Lodge No. 792. He is also a Past Master of the Ohio Lodge of Research, as well as a Knight of the York Cross of Honour having presided over York Chapter, York Council and Columbus Commandery. WB Simpson is also a Past Sovereign Prince of Franklin Council Princes of Jerusalem and a Past Chairman of the Board of the Valley of Columbus AASR.

These worthy brethren were installed on Sunday, October 29th at Northwest Masonic Temple. Make sure to shake the hand of these fine masons in your travels and congratulate them on their new venture.

Dates

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

11/5 – VA Hospital Visitation

11/18 – Jobs International Official Visitation – 2:00 pm at Reynoldsburg Lodge

11/18 - Bethel No. 71 Annual Fall Ball – 6:30 pm at Reynoldsburg Lodge

11/29 LEO Workshop

12/9 PM Convocation

12/9 District Annual Meeting

12/25 Christmas

1/1 New Year's Eve

1/15 First Inspection – Blendon 339 in FC

Purple Pancakes

The 9th Annual Purple Pancakes for Pancreatic Cancer Breakfast will be held on November 11th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at York Golf Club located at 7459 N. High Street. Minimum donation of $5.00 is requested per attendee. The breakfast is being held in memory of Cathy Krekus Kern. A silent auction will be held with all proceeds benefiting the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please visit our web site at www.cathyscure.com.

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

Lodges of Northwest Temple Make Contribution

Four lodges from the Northwest Temple in Linworth, Ohio partnered together to contribute $8,000 to Most Worshipful Brother Douglas N. Kaylor's project to rehabilitate the stained glass windows at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio. This project shows the cooperation and camaraderie local lodges can share within this great district of ours. Together, the lodges of the district can achieve greater things when working together and help make a larger impact.

The check for $8,000 was presented to MWB Kaylor at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in Dayton, Ohio on Friday evening, October 20th after the evening's banquet. The brethren affectionately congratulated our Grand Master on an outstanding year serving the brethren of Ohio.

Pictured from left to right are RWB Ebby Brewer from Capital City Lodge No. 656, RWB Grand Orator Tim Wheeland from University Lodge Lodge No. 631, WB Tim Ward from Capital City Lodge No. 656, RWB Tim Rice from Linden Lodge No. 637 and WB David Gizzo from York Lodge No. 563.



VA Hospital Visitations to Continue in 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 and Magnolia Lodge No. 20.



As a reminder, the visitation is not limited to the members of those lodges listed above. Your assistance is welcomed at each of the visitations. By assisting, you will help fulfill your obligation of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Relief Requested for One of Our Own



On October 5th, WB David Leffingwell suffered a sudden heart attack and was rushed to Riverside Methodist Hospital for emergency treatment to fix a blockage in his heart and received two stents in his artery. Though he is employed as Vice President at Hard Fire Suppression Systems, David found himself without health insurance. Now, concerns over his loss of work for the coming months, the unexpected high cost of medication and the longevity of his recovery period will continue to grow heavy on his family. To help relieve this financial stress while he is recovering, Capital City Lodge has published a GoFundMe.com page in his honor. Your contribution will provide ease and comfort and will go directly to his wife Nicole, who has been tirelessly caring for David. Any funds raised will go directly to help pay his medical costs, mortgage, household bills and general day-to-day expenses.

We ask that you continue to pray for David's quick and complete recovery. He is a two-time Past Master of Capital City Lodge and is always the first to offer a helping hand to a friend or Brother in need. Let's help to ease the burden of these expenses, as David progresses toward his recovery. Whatever you can contribute will be immensely helpful and eternally appreciated! Contributions can be made here: https://www.gofundme.com/Leffingwell

Masonic Whiskey Glass

Bro. Jack Weber from Community Lodge No. 684 is in the process of commissioning a Glencairn whiskey glass with the square and compass that will be laser etched into glass. The image of the square and compasses will not be black on the glass, but will be frosted and etched. The following are pricing tiers for the total quantities:



10-24	$14.39
25-49	$12.89
50-99	$12.39
100-249	$10.89
> 249	$10.69

The prices above include a $0.40 per glass shipping cost from Glencairn to Bro. Weber's address and also includes $3.00 per glass donation to the Special Olympics. This money will be donated on behalf of the 14th Masonic District.

This group buy will be open until November 30th. Please email Bro. Weber at glencairn@jackweber.com with your questions or your order and include your name, blue lodge name and number and quantity requested. Pickup or drop-off will be arranged per lodge and will not be shipped to keep the cost down. Payment will be finalized at the end of the group buy and can be arranged either electronically or by check.

Youth Group Invitations





Lodge Education Gathering for LEO's and Master's

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.

2018 Inspection Schedule Announced

LODGE NAME	#	INSPECTION DATE	Degree	DDGM	DEO
Blendon	339	Monday, January 15, 2018	FC	Rannebarger	Saum
University	631	Tuesday, January 16, 2018	EA	Rice	Simpson
Groveport	240	Tuesday, January 23, 2018	MM	Brewer	Saum
New England	4	Wednesday, January 24, 2018	EA	Rannebarger	Ward
Triangle	748	Friday, January 26, 2018	EA	Rice	Ward
Goodale	372	Monday, January 29, 2018	MM	Brewer	Saum
Magnolia	20	Tuesday, January 30, 2018	EA	Hollback	Bell
Hiram	18	Tuesday, February 6, 2018	FC	Hollback	Simpson
Linden	637	Thursday, February 15, 2018	EA	Brewer	Ward
Capital City	656	Friday, February 16, 2018	MM	Rannebarger	Simpson
Avery	493	Tuesday, February 20, 2018	FC	Rice	Simpson
Arts & Sciences	792	Saturday, February 24, 2018	FC	Brewer	Bell
Ralph R. Rickly	670	Monday, February 26, 2018	EA	Rannebarger	Saum
Whitehall	761	Tuesday, February 27, 2018	FC	Rice	Bell
Sparrow	400	Tuesday, March 6, 2018	EA	Brewer	Ward
Neoacacia	595	Wednesday, March 7, 2018	EA	Rice	Saum
Grove City	689	Monday, March 12, 2018	EA	Rannebarger	Simpson
Luther B. Turner	732	Tuesday, March 13, 2018	MM	Rice	Bell
West Gate	623	Monday, March 19, 2018	FC	Brewer	Simpson
Sunrise	783	Tuesday, March 20, 2018	EA	Hollback	Bell
York	563	Monday, April 2, 2018	FC	Hollback	Ward
Reynoldsburg	340	Thursday, April 5, 2018	EA	Brewer	Bell
South Gate Potter	782	Monday, April 9, 2018	MM	Rannebarger	Saum
Columbus	30	Wednesday, April 18, 2018	MM	Rice	Saum
Lockbourne	232	Thursday, April 19, 2018	MM	Hollback	Bell
Community	684	Tuesday, April 24, 2018	FC	Hollback	Ward

A&S 792 inspection will begin at 1pm (lunch at noon)

All other EA and FC Inspections begin at 7:00pm (dinner 6:15pm)

All MM inspections begin at 5:30pm (dinner at 6:15), second section at 7pm

The Old Past Master
THE PLEDGE

"HAVEN'T paid in your pledge yet? Well, brother, it's not ethical for me to ask why. That's your business. What? Peeved at the Committee? Now, you do amaze me! How do you expect them to build the Temple if you, and twenty thousand like you, don't do what you promised to do? You think they shouldn't 'dun' you for the money? Well, they shouldn't have to! But human beings are prone to forget and to put off, and the stone masons who build the Temple have to be paid, and their families have to be fed and they have to eat and they can't wait, I suppose, until you get over your peeve!

"There are a whole lot of brethren, you know, who make pledges to pay a certain amount towards the erection of a new Temple and then don't do it. You can't say they break their promise, because they truly intend to pay 'some day.' But they break the spirit of the promise when they don't pay when they have promised to pay. And they ... and you, my brother ... have taken an obligation which should prevent you from withholding even the value of a penny, knowingly, from your brother to whom you have promised it.

"There are all sorts of reasons for not paying! There is your childish reason ... being 'peeved!' Any one would think to look at you, that you were truly grown up. Yet you let a grievance against one brother, or one set of brethren on a committee, keep you from fulfilling your obligation to all your brethren in this jurisdiction. If you, as a parent, were peeved with the school board, would you keep your child from school? If you were peeved with the Mayor, would you refuse to allow the fire engines to put out a fire in your home? If you were cross with the boss of your ward would you refuse to let the policeman he had appointed, arrest the burglar trying to steal your goods and chattels? Probably not! Yet here you are, offended at the committee and saying to them, in effect 'because I don't like the way you act, I will refuse to put my stone in the Temple. For all of me, there can be a hole in the wall. Not that I have any grudge against my brethren, or any crossness with the fraternity or any ill-will to Masonry, but the only way I can get even with you, who offend me, is to make it difficult for you to serve my brethren!'

"Don't you think that's rather childish?"

Now, Brother Jones over there, he has another reason for not paying. He isn't peeved or anything, but he doesn't like the design of the Temple! He says 'you tear it down and build it up over again, and build it long where it is now short and short where it is now long. Put 17 pillars in it instead of seven, or 70, and I'll pay my hundred dollars, or ten dollars or ten thousand dollars, or whatever it is he has promised.

"Nice, reasonable human being, Jones! But he is logic itself compared to Smith! Smith doesn't pay because he says he has so many other things to pay and 'they won't miss my little pledge.' Imagine Smith, when he makes a note to the bank for his pay roll. Comes around another month and the note falls due. But Smith won't pay … not he! He goes to the bank and says 'I'm sorry, but I have to pay a lot of other things this month. Just tear up the note and forget it, won't you? I have changed my mind about paying the

note!' "What? Why yes, it is a parallel case, exactly. Smith gave his word to his brethren that he would pay a certain amount towards the new Temple. The Committee believed him, just as they believed the rest of the Masons who pledged their aid. And because they believed in a Mason's word, they obligated the fraternity to stone masons and electricians, to iron workers and plasterers, to builders and plumbers, to do the work. Just suppose every one of the pledgers refuse because they have other obligations? Where will we find the money to pay our debts? Is Masonry to stand discredited before the world because one brother has a childish peeve, another doesn't like the design of the Temple, a third finds it inconvenient?

''My brother, a pledge to pay money, on which other men act, should be as sacred as a secured obligation to a bank. The Temple is being built by Masons, for Masons. It is to be a testimonial to all the world that there is a seat of truth, of light, of freedom of thought, of reverence for God, of brotherly love, of comforting philosophy of Masonry. If what we teach sinks into our hearts, there will be no unpaid pledges.

"Luckily for us all, the great, great majority of Masons do as they agree. They pay what they promise. They stand behind their word. That is how the Temple is built ... how all Masonic Temples are built. That is how all temples of any kind are built, whether they be of stone, for Masons, or in the heart, for God.

"Most Masons mean what they say when they kneel before the altar and pledge their lives to brotherhood. They do so without any evasion in their minds or hearts. Most Masons, when they pledge their money to a Masonic cause, pledge it without evasions on their mind or heart. Most men, thank God, are honest, and a very large number of honest men are honest Masons and what are you doing? Oh, I see you have your check book and your fountain pen. I trust, my brother, that nothing I have said has offended you! I wouldn't make you mad with yourself because you haven't paid, for anything. All I tried to do was to transfer that peeve from the Committee to the chap who didn't play fair, but who, I see, is now going to play fair! Yes, I see; the check is for double your pledge. I think, if you take it over and show it to Jones and then to Smith, and tell them all I said, you will feel better and they will feel worse ... why, certainly, my brother, I am proud to shake the hand of any of my brethren, especially when I find them as real underneath as you. What? Oh, don't mention it!"

