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## From the President

**WB Adam B. Michael, 14th District President**

The winter in Ohio is currently hanging on even though our calendars have flipped to spring. I am certainly ready for warmer weather. However, our inspection season continues into April. All the lodges have done a fine job so far and I am looking forward to the remaining schedule and the fellowship that each inspection brings. April also brings the annual district golf outing which will be held on the 28th. I hope that you have gotten your foursomes together and have planned on getting the sticks out.

Our district reception was held on March 10th as we honored our Grand Master, MWB Eric R. Schau. The reception was a tremendous success with over 400 in attendance. Thanks to all the lodges for their support with this wonderful event and I trust all had a great time.

The next district quarterly meeting will be held on May 24th at the Northwest Masonic Temple where we will be conducting the business of the district. This evening will also serve as our awards night as we be acknowledging the achievements of our 100 percenters, the traveling award, the best lectures, best charges, and best overall degrees. Please mark this date on your calendar now as I hope all lodges will be represented for this meeting. Dinner will begin at 6:15pm with the meeting to follow promptly at 7pm.

Lastly, my brethren, we should always be thinking about future leaders of our respective lodges as they will serve as ambassadors for our craft and in spreading the word of the great works of Freemasonry.

Appointing those brothers into our officer lines shortly after they finish their examination should not be common practice. Our brothers need time to reflect on the degrees and be working towards the honor of becoming an officer. We should also be looking for those brothers who can assist with the communication of the lodge. In today's digital age of social media, now, more than ever, the importance of spreading the word of our craft and the many activities throughout our district is of paramount importance.

Again, thank you for all of your continued support of your lodges and for the 14th district as look forward to the bright future of Freemasonry.

See you at the next meeting…

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**DEADLINE FOR MAY ASHLAR:**

**April 10, 2018**

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# Grand Master's Reception Photos



















## Masonic Night at the Aladdin Shrine




The Past Masters Unit of the Aladdin Shrine will again be conferring the Master Mason degree on April 23rd, 2018 at the Aladdin Shrine Center located at 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio. This is a very unique experience and one that you will remember for a long time to come. Please make sure to bring your dues card and a white apron. You will most assuredly have a great time watching the Past Masters Unit show off their ritual skills.

## VA Hospital Visitation Scheduled for April




Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe continue on Sunday, April 8th, 2018. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate, with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Capital City No. 656, University No. 631, Linden No. 637 and Community No. 684.

The next visit will be on Sunday, May 6th, with the following lodges assigned to participate: Triangle No. 748, Blendon No. 339, York No. 563 and New England No. 4.

## Grove City Lodge Shotgun Shoot



Grove City Lodge No. 689 is holding their Spring Shotgun Shoot on Sunday, April 22nd at Mad River Sportman's Club, located at 1055 Co. Rd. 25 South, Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

The event runs from 11:00am to 6:00pm. The cost is $65 per person and includes 100 clays, dinner, and a raffle. For more information on the event, please contact WB Keith Fields at 614-404-2334.

This is going to be an exciting event full of fun and fellowship, and you certainly won't want to miss it.

### Dates

**4/2 Inspection – York 563 in FC**

**4/5 Inspection – Reynoldsburg 340 in EA**

**4/9 Inspection – South Gate Potter 782 in MM**

**4/14 AASR Valley of Columbus Spring Reunion – Newark**

**4/16 Inspection – Goodale 372 in MM**

**4/18 Inspection – Columbus 30 in MM**

**4/19 Inspection – Lockbourne 232 in MM**

**4/21 SYSK at Ralph R Rickly**

**4/23 Masonic Night at the Aladdin Shrine – 6:30pm**

**4/24 Inspection – Community 684 in FC**

**4/28 14th District Annual Golf Outing at York Golf Club – 1:00pm**

**5/24 14th District Quarterly Meeting and Awards Night at Northwest Masonic Temple – 7:00pm**

## 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 **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**

# Inspection Pictures from Around the District


Neoacacia 595


Sparrow 400


Sunrise 783

# Lockbourne Inspection Announcement

The inspection of Lockbourne Lodge No. 232 is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th in the Master Mason degree. Due to an unfortunate failure of the building's stove, they will not be serving a full dinner that night. They will instead be serving coffee and donuts for the brethren between the first and second section.

The inspection times will not change. The first section starts at 5:30pm, coffee and donuts will be served at 6:15pm, and the second section starts at 7:00pm.

# Reynoldsburg Lodge Wives and Widows Night

## ANNUAL WIVES & WIDOWS NIGHT

**What:** Dinner celebrating the Wives and Widows of our lodge family, followed by a brief program by Samantha Loy, Director of the Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center, Springfield, Ohio.
**When:** Sunday, May 20, 2018, beginning at 5pm, Dinner at 5:30p
**Where:** 7350 Broadwyn Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
**Cost:** FREE for all Wives & Widows. $8 donation from all members
**Menu:** Buffet dinner (ham & chicken) with dessert & beverages.
**RSVP:** No later than Wednesday, May 16th by calling
Br Benjamin Okwumabua at (614) 735-2017 Or WB Jim Woodward at (614) 619-3404



## 14th District Golf Outing

The 7th annual 14th District Golf Outing is Saturday, April 28th at York Golf Club.

It's not too late to get into a hole sponsorship for your lodge/business, or to register your foursome!

For more information, contact WB Tim Robinett at t_robinett@hotmail.com.

# Featured Inspection DEO Presentation

*Presented by WB Mike Saum at Ralph R. Rickly Lodge No. 792 on 02/26/2018 –*

Ralph R. Rickly was born in 1851 to an immigrant Swiss family. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1868, and then entered Yale College, graduating in 1872.

- His Masonic records shows that he petitioned Goodale Lodge No. 372 on April 28th, 1873.
- He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 9th, 1873.
- In 1877, he served Goodale Lodge as Worshipful Master.
- He joined Ohio Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons in 1873; and, in 1878, served as High Priest.
- He served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons from 1907 until 1919.
- He was a member of Columbus Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masons and served as Illustrious Master in 1880.
- He belonged to Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; and, in 1883, he served as Eminent Commander.
- From 1907 to 1908, he served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.
- In 1878, he joined Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and he received his 33rd degree in 1891.

On December 1st, 1894, Grand Master Carroll F. Clapp appointed Ralph R. Rickly as Grand Treasurer of Ohio to fill the vacancy of Grand Treasurer Charles Brown upon his death on November 9th, 1894. He was elected and served as Grand Treasurer until his death.

Ralph was born to Samuel Strasser Rickly and Maria M. Reamer. His father, Samuel Rickly, was a Swiss immigrant, the youngest of 18 children. Samuel escaped indentured servitude and became a minister, the founder of Heidelberg College, Professor of Theory and Practice of Teaching at Heidelberg College, Member of the School Board and Principal of Columbus High School, a founder of the Ohio Archeological and Historical Society, owner of Rickly's Mill, Journal Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives, organizer and first president of the Ohio Board of Trade, and founder of Capital City bank.

This lists just a few of his father's many accomplishments. Misfortune also befell the Rickly family. Ralph was the only surviving son of the couple's four children. In 1880, Ralph was working at his father's bank. A customer entered the bank and demanded money for a loan from his father. When Samuel refused to pay him, the customer pulled out a revolver and shot Samuel in the temple. He survived the gunshot, but he was blinded for the remainder of his life. The family history records Ralph moving into his father's residence and it might be assumed that Ralph was a great help to his father following the terrible shooting incident.

After his father's death in 1905, Ralph succeeded him as president of Capital City Bank. Ralph was also secretary and treasurer of Glenwood and Greenlawn Street Railway Company, and president of the Bank at Corning.

In light of the Rickly's terrible family tragedy, it would seem that Ralph was shaped by those events, and it instilled in him his charitable nature. During his lifetime he donated more than $40,000 to the Ohio Masonic Home, which was chartered during the 1890s. The Grand Lodge was saddened by the death of Grand Treasurer Ralph Reamer Rickly on January 16th, 1919.

Upon his death, Ralph left more than a half-million dollars to the Ohio Masonic Home. In 1923, Grand Master Harry S. Johnson dedicated Rickly Memorial Hospital that improved more medical care for Masons.
On October 20th, 1921, York Lodge No. 563 consented to sponsor a new lodge, and a dispensation for Ralph R. Rickly Lodge No. 670 was issued. On May 17th, 1964, the ground was broken for the new lodge at 1120 Barnett Road, followed by the cornerstone laying on September 20th with the dedication on October 25th, 1964.

Ralph R. Rickly was a man of means and experience whose family fortunes and tragedies shaped his charitable nature. Today, his legacy reflects the brotherhood of Masonry and exemplifies the Masonic values of faith, hope and charity.




## 14th District Endowed Membership Raffle

The 14th District Officers Association is continuing the sale of raffle tickets for an endowed membership. This fundraiser benefits not only the district, but half of all proceeds will be donated to the Children's Dyslexia Center in Dublin, OH.

Tickets are just $20 for a 1 in 80 chance. The winner will receive an endowed membership to their blue lodge within the 14th Masonic district. In case you already have an endowed membership, winners could choose to gift the endowment to a brother within the 14th District. Lodges may also purchase entries to be given as a gift to members of their lodge.

The drawing will be held at the next District Quarterly Meeting and Awards night on May 24th, 2018 at Northwest Masonic Temple.

To purchase a ticket, please see any of the district officers at the next inspection or district event.

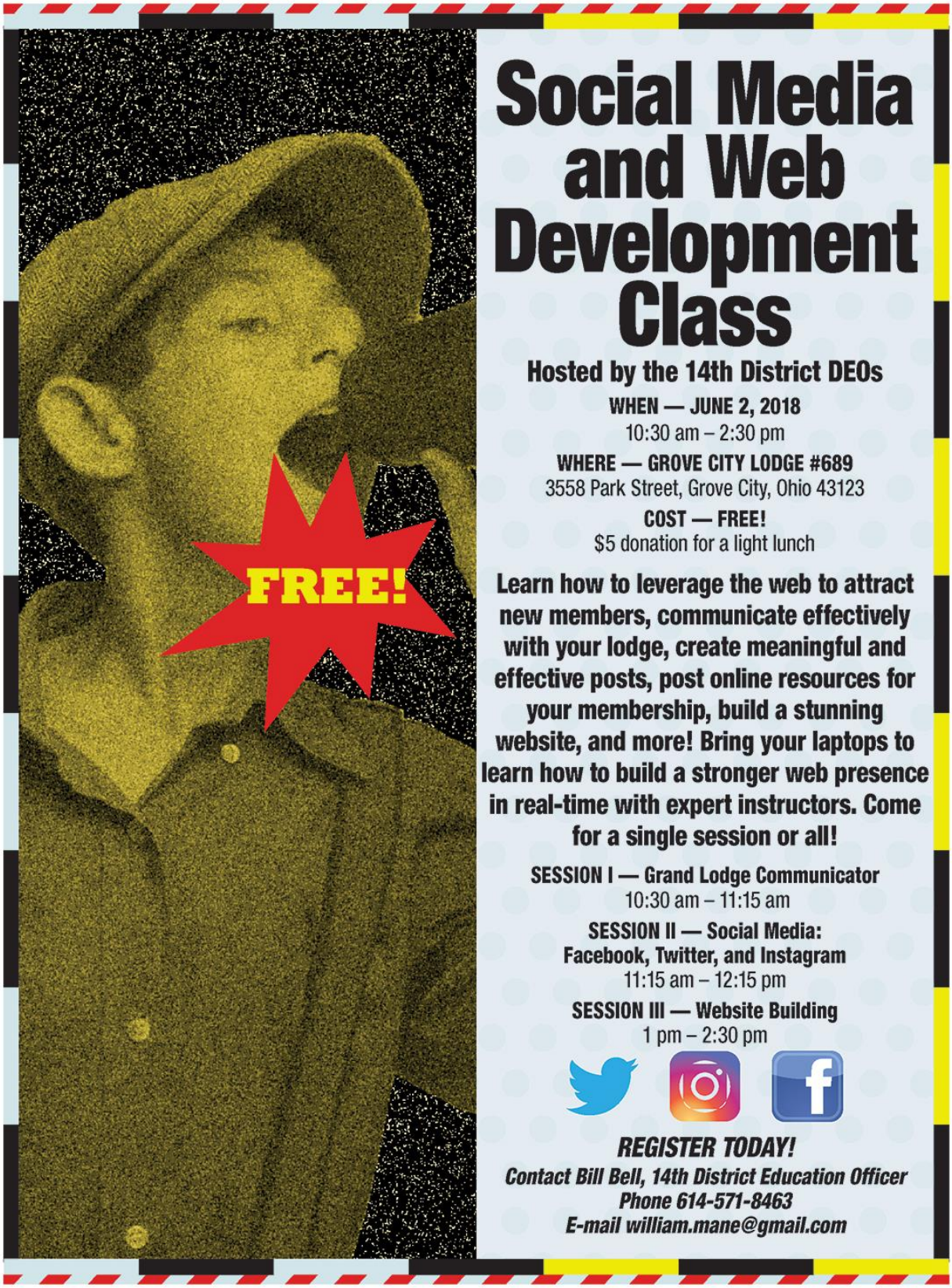
This is a great opportunity to support the district, support the Children's Dyslexia Center, and take a chance at financially securing your membership, or that of a brother in need.

## Grove City More Light Night

Grove City Lodge No. 689 will be holding a More Light Night on Monday, April 9th at 6:30pm. This will be a great event for members, and prospective members alike. There will be a group of short discussions on various aspects of our Fraternity, our history, values, family, and our activities.

The evening will begin at 6:30pm with a dinner, then things will move to the Lodge room where the dialog will continue, and you'll have an opportunity to show prospective members why freemasonry is one of the greatest organizations and why they would enjoy being a part of its rich heritage.

After the meeting, there will be dessert in the dining hall. The evening should conclude by 8:15pm – 8:30pm.


FREE!
Social Media and Web Development Class
Hosted by the 14th District DEOs
WHEN — JUNE 2, 2018
10:30 am – 2:30 pm
WHERE — GROVE CITY LODGE #689
3558 Park Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123
COST — FREE!
$5 donation for a light lunch
Learn how to leverage the web to attract new members, communicate effectively with your lodge, create meaningful and effective posts, post online resources for your membership, build a stunning website, and more! Bring your laptops to learn how to build a stronger web presence in real-time with expert instructors. Come for a single session or all!
SESSION I — Grand Lodge Communicator
10:30 am – 11:15 am
SESSION II — Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
11:15 am – 12:15 pm
SESSION III — Website Building
1 pm – 2:30 pm
REGISTER TODAY!
Contact Bill Bell, 14th District Education Officer
Phone 614-571-8463
E-mail william.mane@gmail.com

THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

# SEVENTH ANNUAL YORK GOLF CLUB

**Saturday**
**April 28, 2018**

## REGISTRATION FORM

# Golf Outing



**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**

**$90 PER PERSON* | Includes lunch, a round of golf, golf cart, and 3 drink tickets**

*Cost is $90.00 per person, if paid by April 1. Cost is $100.00 per person after April 1. 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 Tim Robinett | 614-668-1070
  t_robinett@hotmail.com
- WB Brad Love | 614-561-0357
  blove5484@wowway.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: April 21, 2018**

**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 April 1.



# Clean out your closet!

The **Beth Scott Memorial assembly**, a service-driven youth organization for girls based in Newark, Ohio, is collecting gently used dress clothing. All donations are eligible for the charitable contribution tax deduction!*

Items will be included in *The Cinderella Project Dress-up Sale* with proceeds to support the on-going activities of the group.

We're seeking formalwear donations for girls and women including:

- homecoming and prom dresses
- cocktail dresses
- shoes and accessories
- old bridal attire
- the plethora of forgotten bridesmaid dresses

The sale will be **open to the public** this fall!

*Also looking for boy's and men's suits, tuxes, ties, shirts, and shoes!*



## The Cinderella Project

Contact bethscottmemorial@gmail.com to donate!

*Beth Scott Memorial Assembly is a 501(c)(3) Organization

# A Tour of the Holy Land with Bill Estell



## Tuesday May 8th, 2018

7:30 pm

**Luther B. Tuner Lodge**

2933 Valleyview Dr,

Columbus, OH 43204

Please join Luther B. Turner Lodge #732 for our more light night as RWB Bill Estell presents on his recent tour of the Holy Land. The program will begin at 7:30 pm.

A picnic dinner of hamburgers, hotdogs and side will be served at 6:30 pm.

A donation of $5.00 is requested for dinner.

## The dinner and program are open to all.

**Please RSVP by 5/3/18 to WB John Rumer at**

**614-537-6311**

**Or**

**Jrumer@aol.com**