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Grand Master's One Day Class

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jess N. Raines, has announced that each of the twenty five Masonic Districts in Ohio will hold a Grand Master's Class. Petitions and investigations are to be handled in accordance with the rules found in the Grand Lodge Code of Masonic Law. However, according to Edict 2019-2, lodges may receive or ballot on petitions for one of the Grand Master's Classes at Special Meetings called for that purpose. The petition must lay over to a subsequent meeting, Stated or Special, called for the purpose of balloting. A full and proper investigation must be made for each petitioner of not less than three members, none of whom shall have been a signer on the petition.

On May 18th, 2019 Turner Temple, located at 2933 Valleyview Dr. in Columbus, will host the Grand Master's One Day Class for the 14th Masonic District.

Our One-day Class will begin with registration from 8:00am to 8:45am during which time coffee and donuts will be available. Degree work will begin promptly at 8:45am. We hope to complete the blue lodge degrees by 3:00pm. Please make arrangements for each candidate to have a Master Craftsman assigned to him. Each lodge is responsible to provide the candidate's Holy Book and apron so he can be properly obligated and clothed. Working tools and an apron case from the Ohio Masonic Home will be provided for the candidates.



This is a great opportunity for existing candidates to complete their degree work or for new candidates to receive all three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. Lodges are required to begin a candidate's Masonic journey prior to the Grand

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April 20, 2019

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Master's Class by at least showing him "On the Threshold" or even better, initiating him as an Entered Apprentice in their home lodge.

A registration worksheet has been provided to each of the respective secretaries within our district. Please remember when submitting your registrations for your candidates, mentors and any other brother who is attending the Grand Master's One Day Class to include the registration fee for everyone (one check from the lodge is appreciated). The registration fee will be $20 for each candidate and each mentor and for any other brother who would like to attend. Please see your secretary who will submit your lodge's registration with payment. Coffee and donuts and lunch will be included in the registration fee. If a brother wants to attend and not eat there is no fee.

As your lodge receives petitions please have the secretary enter their information into GrandView, promptly. It is very important to have their information in the database prior to the One Day Class.

As per Edict 2019-3, to become proficient, each new Master Mason must return to their home lodge at least once within 60 days following their One Day Class. Please refer to the edict for further information on proficiency.

Appendant bodies are prohibited to petition One Day Class candidates until they become proficient and 60 days have elapsed from the date of the One Day Class.

There is a significant amount of planning and scheduling that go into making the 2019 Grand Master's Class an enjoyable day for the candidates and for the those in attendance, and we sincerely thank each and every lodge for their participation.

*****May 1st, 2019 is the date to have your registrations turned in *****
There will be NO registrations accepted after this date

Please remember to bring you own apron. There will be a limited amount of paper aprons available for $1.00 each.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact WB Adam Michael at adasm563@yahoo.com.

VA Hospital Visitation Scheduled for April



Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will begin on Sunday, April 7th, 2019 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: Blendon No. 339, York No. 563, New England No. 4, and Triangle No. 748.

The next visit will be on Sunday, May 5th, with the following lodges assigned to participate: Groveport-Lockbourne UD, Linden No. 637, and Grove City No. 689.

Photos from Around the District







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Dates

4/20 – SYSK III – RR Rickly

4/22 – Masonic Night at Aladdin Shrine

5/4 – 14th District Golf Outing – York Golf Club

5/11 – SYSK IV – Turner Temple

5/18 – Grand Master's One Day Class – Magnolia

5/23 – District Quarterly Meeting and Awards – Ralph R. Rickly

6/9 – Ohio Masonic Home Day

6/28 – Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies

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
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST

Second Saturday at
West Gate Lodge:
Breakfast, 9a – 12p

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 an event and want to invite the district, please send an email to:

ashlar@14thmasonicdistrict.org

Faces of Ohio Freemasonry



The Grand Lodge of Ohio has launched an effort to find the next brother to feature in their Ohio Mason advertising campaign.

"With the Faces of Ohio Campaign, we want to … highlight you: your story, your journey, your individuality. At the heart of this campaign, are men who embody the spirit, values and obligations of Masonry and by giving the community a voice and shining the spotlight on those who are doing good in the world, we'll continue to strengthen relationships within the fraternity. And not to mention, show others what Freemasonry is really all about."

To nominate yourself or a deserving brother, submit your entry at www.freemason.com/facesofohio.

14th District Golf Outing

The Eighth Annual 14th Masonic District Golf Outing, benefiting the 14th District Grand Lodge Officers Fund, is scheduled for May 4th, 2019 at York Golf Club. Lunch will be served at 1:00pm and there will be a shotgun start at 2:00pm.



The cost of this event is $90 per person if reservation is received by April 6th and includes lunch, a round of golf, cart, and 2 drink tickets. After April 6th, the cost goes up to $150 per golfer. Deadline for all reservations is April 27th, 2019.

This event is open to all golfers. There will be plenty of prizes to be won and a cash bar will be available. Assemble your team of 4 now for an opportunity to enjoy some great fellowship and to experience this beautiful course.

To submit your reservations, please contact WB John Hicks or WB Craig Shumaker.

Goodale Gun Raffle



Each year, Goodale Lodge's philanthropic efforts are centralized around a firearm raffle, the profits from which go to support Honor Flight Columbus. Now in its third year, the Goodale Gun Raffle is poised to raise more money than ever before.

Honor Flight Columbus was started in Springfield Ohio in 2006; it is the father organization for chapters all across the United States. The organization maintains is mission to honor the nation's senior veterans, to share their stories for the benefit of future generations, and celebrate their homecoming, affirming their allegiance and service to our country. Veterans and their guests fly to Washington D.C. for a one-day excursion to see the monuments and memorials that illustrate their triumphs. When veterans arrive in Washington D.C. they are greeted and saluted by current military personnel, roads are cleared for them, and they are whisked through the city as any major politician would be. When trip-goers return to Columbus, they leave the airport through a corridor of volunteers cheering and thanking them for their service.

The Goodale Gun Raffle raises money through the sale of twenty-dollar raffle tickets. One ticket is good for 27 chances to win a firearm during the month of May; a drawing happens every day of the month except for Sundays. Brothers from the lodge support the raffle by selling to brother masons, family, friends, coworkers, and at gun shows throughout Ohio. However, the raffle would not be possible without Goodale's partner Vance Outdoors, a Columbus sporting goods store established 1938. The lodge's fundraising efforts support Vance's perpetual giving program to raise funds for Honor Flight. Vance's alone has sent three and a half planes to D.C. Continuing to give together, Goodale and Vance's look forward to increasing their donations to a notable organization recognizing the efforts of men and woman who dedicated their lives to protecting our country.

If you are interested in purchasing Goodale Gun Raffle tickets, please reach out to a brother of Goodale Lodge No. 372 or directly to Allen Cochran, Junior Deacon: allenjcochran@gmail.com or (513) 633-8888. Honor Flight also accepts donations directly.

Masonic Night at the Aladdin Shrine



The Past Masters Unit of the Aladdin Shrine will be conferring the Master Mason degree for the 27th time on April 22nd, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm at the Aladdin Shrine Center located at 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio. This is a very unique annual event and one that you will remember for a long time to come. Please make sure to bring your Blue Lodge Membership Card and a white apron. Paper aprons will be available. You will most assuredly have a great time watching the Past Masters Unit perform with commitment and precision. Grand Master Jess N. Raines is expected; to be in attendance with other officers of the Grand Lodge. Refreshments will be served following the event.

Return to Switzerland

Brother Jerod Burton – Continued from March 2019 Ashlar

In 2018, I was able to return to Switzerland to attend as many Freemason functions as I possibly could. First and foremost, I was to spend time with Brother Medi Warmbrodt, as he hosted me again on his cozy couch from IKEA. Medi and I had planned this for about a year, with late additions of traveling to Austria for a night of brotherhood with an Austrian national, a visit to a lodge just inside the border of France, and a celebration of "L'Escalade" presented by Masonry Universal of Geneva. At the latter, I had the opportunity to witness an Entered Apprentice Degree in English.



After a quick stop at Medi's house to drop off bags and partake in some quick refreshments, I took the train to Berne to see some familiar faces at Lodge Zur Hoffnung and to witness the 3rd degree of a deserving Brother. Some Brothers from Zur Hoffnung had traveled to Morocco in 2016 to perform degree work in the desert with our Muslim Brothers, and were planning a trip to Moscow in 2019 to attend one of the English speaking lodges there. As we gathered around the bar for some socializing, I had the pleasure to meet a brother from Moscow, who was just as eager as I was to see what they do during degrees. A German brother from Hanover was also in attendance as his job brought him to Berne. Most, if not all of the Masons I met in Switzerland were white collar. They were amazed by the variety of Masons we have here in the United States, and I implored they ask as many questions as possible. I told them that we have barbers, lawyers, farmers, active and retired military, bankers, retirees, and people still in college, but when we walk through the front door, we are all equal. As we entered the lodge, it was set for the 3rd degree. I can only say that the ceremony was like nothing I have witnessed before.

The trip to Austria was cancelled due to the brother not being able to go, so Medi and I went down to the lodge on the first floor of his apartment complex. The Masonic Temple Association of Lausanne owns apartments which sit on top of the lodge. The association is host to 13 lodges who meet each week, have a chef, cash bar, and rarely mingle with other lodges that meet there. The first lodge I sat in was Lodge Tradition for instruction. Lodge Tradition is a Scottish Rite Lodge that does Emulation Rite (common to all lodges in Switzerland). This is a French speaking lodge, so when I was to stand up and introduce myself, Brother Medi would translate for the ones who did not speak English. I gave it a shot, in my limited French, and I was told they were happy I tried, even though they laughed at my accent. A lecture of "Freemasonry and Tarot Cards, Esoteric?" was done by the research lodge of GLSA. The Following night, we attended "Le Progres" (The Progress) and their lodge instruction of St. John de Hiver (St. John of Winter). A very ornate and long lecture, symbolizing the importance of both St. Johns to Freemasonry and their relationship to the seasons. The lecture carried over to the Festive Board of St. Johns, which included a presentation by the DDGM, words from the officers, and finally, words from the visitors.



I took off the following morning to head to Berne to catch a private tour of the Freemason Museum from one of the directors. It had recently opened just a few months before on the 3rd floor of the Grand Lodge Suisse Alpina building. What a beautiful spectacle of Freemasonry it was! From the

humble beginnings at the Goose and Gridiron, to views of the insides of lodges throughout Switzerland. Museum director, Robin Heizman, guided me through the history of Freemasonry of Switzerland. One of the more poignant stories that was told was of our Polish brethren during WWII. During the Polish occupation, our brothers would meet in alleys and the altar area was either drawn in sand or mud with working tools made out of paper. With the approach of police or non-masons, they would quickly eat the paper and mess up the ally and pretend to be intoxicated. Even under dire circumstances they continued to practice our craft.



On a rainy Saturday night, our Masonic travels took us to St. Jean de Gonville, in France for an Entered Apprentice degree presented in English at Flumen Luminus Lodge No. 47 which practices Emulation Rite. The newly initiated brother was from New York, and their Worshipful Master was a man from South Africa, who was a friend and co-worker of the initiate. WM Brent was not like other Worshipful Masters I met during this trip. Without asking, he insisted that I take as many pictures as possible, and was very open about being a Freemason, as were most of the Brethren in attendance. The two Scottish brothers, who were both members of Killwinning Lodge No. 0, were fascinating to say the least. Myself being of Scotch-Irish decent, we hit it off and we demonstrated to each other what we do in each degrees of Freemasonry, and, for the most part, we do about the same; just slightly different.

On that Monday, I teamed up with Brother Sean Gordon of St. George's Lodge No. 85 to attend Masonry Universal's presentation of L'Escalade. Without going into great detail, the city of Geneva was invaded by the Duke of Savoy in 1602, which failed, and the residents saved their city. There was a brief meeting in the lodge before we ate dinner and listened to the story of the invasion. Fellowship and an auction of various liquors and items donated to the dinner preceded the cracking of a giant cauldron made of chocolate. It is customary that the oldest and youngest get to crack the cauldron, which this year was a 90 year old Mason, the 90 year old mother-in-law of the Worshipful Master of Masonry Universal and an eight year old girl. The sword used to crack it was a Templar Knight Sword from the local Preceptory (Commandery is called Preceptory in certain European Masonic jurisdictions). A couple things I found interesting were the 1st and 2nd degree brethren served the 3rd degree and dignitary brethren and their spouses before they served themselves. Another one was that the Scottish brethren in France waited until everyone got served and then ate, saying that "We eat as brothers and family." In closing, Freemasonry is a global family. Each Freemason I met offered their home, assistance, advice, anecdotes to life, and funny incidents that happen in lodge or at festive boards that truly only a family could understand.

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GUN RAFFLE

WIN IN MAY

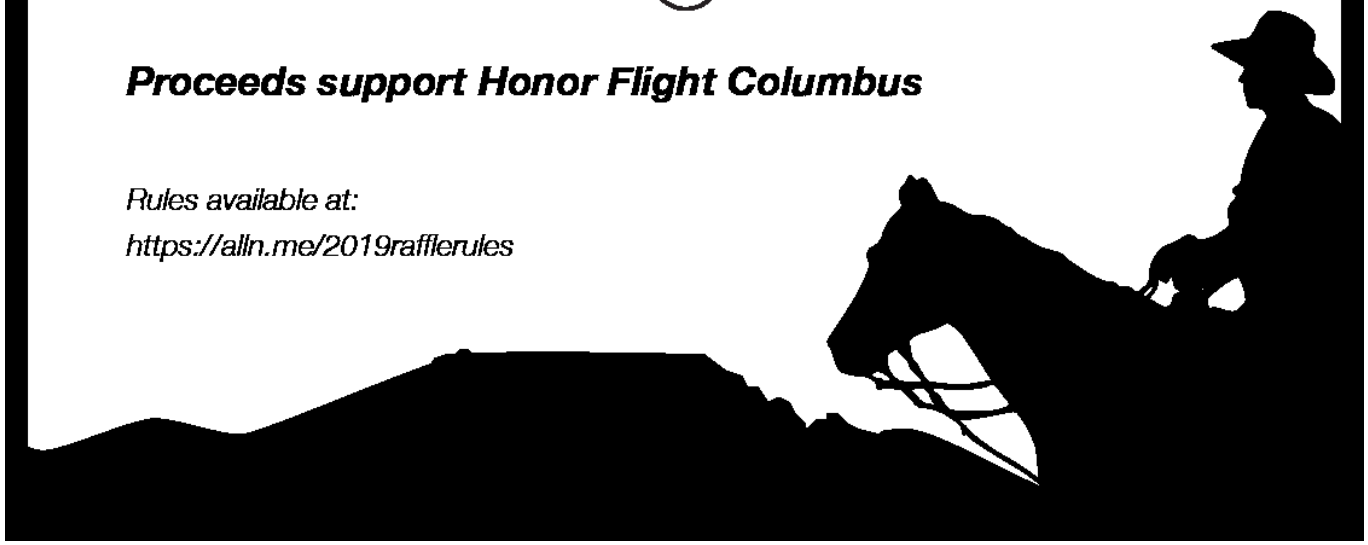
The purchase of a $20 raffle ticket makes its holder eligible to win a firearm any day in May (except Sundays; tickets are not drawn on Sundays). If the last three numbers of your ticket match last night's Ohio Pick 3, you win during the month of May.

$20 PER TICKET

To purchase, contact a brother of Goodale or write Allen Cochran at allenjcochran@gmail.com or (513) 633-8888.

Proceeds support Honor Flight Columbus

Rules available at:
https://alln.me/2019rafflerules




All You Can Eat
FISH FRY
3rd Annual
Friday
April 12,
2019
4:30pm-7:30pm
Law
Enforcement
Eats Free
All proceeds benefit
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Pollock | Apple Sauce | Cole Slaw |
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Donate Blood in memory of Susan Vermiere



Susan Vermeire, known for her love of golf, hockey, teaching, family time and playing the church organ, passed away suddenly from a vascular condition which caused severe internal bleeding. She lost 12 pints of blood. Her family and friends invite the community to give blood in her name. Please give in memory of Susan.

Blood Drive
University Lodge 631 F & AM
York Golf Club

Banquet Hall
7459 N High St
Columbus, OH 43235

Saturday, April 6, 2019
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To schedule an appointment call Glenn Johnson or Chuck Dahn at 614-885-5968 or email at yorkgc@columbus.rr.com.

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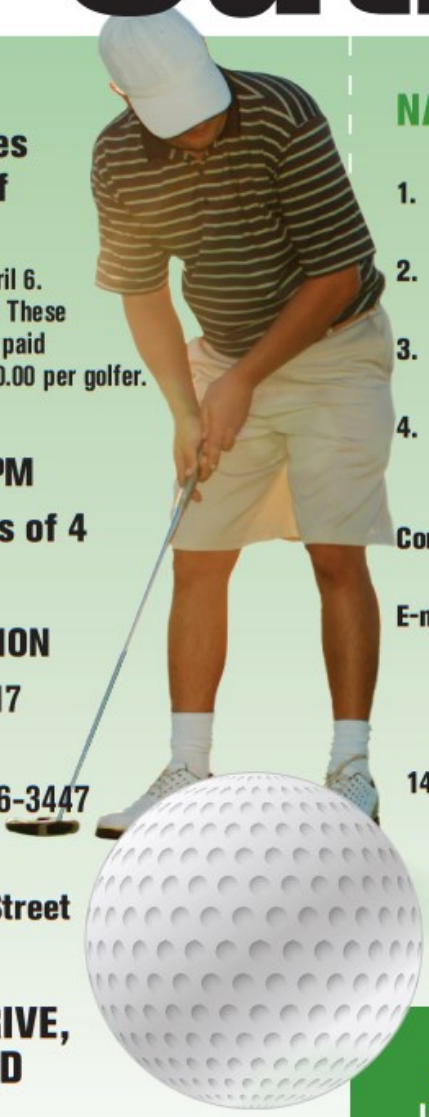
THE 14TH DISTRICT MASONIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

EIGHTH ANNUAL YORK GOLF CLUB

Saturday
May 4, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

Golf Outing



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

$90 PER PERSON* | Includes lunch, a round of golf, golf cart, and 2 drink tickets

*Cost is $90.00 per person, if paid by April 6. Cost is $100.00 per person after April 6. 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
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CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION

- WB John Hicks | 614-264-6317
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- WB Craig Shumaker | 419-236-3447
  craig.j.shumaker@gmail.com

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

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Deadline for Reservations: April 27, 2019

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 6.

Debbie's Purse Exchange Party
at Magnolia Masonic Lodge #20



Saturday, April 27, 2019
Noon to 3:00 pm
2933 Valleyview Dr
Columbus OH 43204

Magnolia Masonic Lodge invites the Ladies of the 14th District and their friends to a Purse Exchange Party, hosted by Debbie Rumer. For only $5 and a gently used purse to donate enjoy a deli tray lunch with macaroni salad, chips and cake.
Afterwards we'll play bingo with each winner having their choice of donated purses.

For questions and reservations please email jrumer@aol.com.
So that we may have an accurate count for lunch please RSVP by April 21, 2019

Magnolia Lodge #20 F & AM
Golf Outing June, 22nd, 2019

Most Worshipful Brother
Jess N. Raines
Grand Master of Masons
of Ohio in Attendance

1:00 PM Shot Gun Start
Split Rock Golf Club
10210 Scioto-Darby Rd,
Orient, OH 43146

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Entry Fee: $260 per Team, $65 per Person, Individuals are Welcome!

Dinner Only Option: $20 per Person



OUTING INCLUDES:

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- GOLF CART AND LUNCH AT THE TURN
- AWARDS FOR LONGEST DRIVE, LONGEST PUTT, AND CLOSEST TO THE PIN
- DOOR PRIZES
- ALL YOU CAN EAT BARBEQUE DINNER BY CONCRETE BBQ

See Back for Golfer Sign-up

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