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Grand Master's Reception Scheduled

On Saturday, March 14th, 2020, MWB Keith N. Newton, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio and the Grand Lodge officers will be in the Fabulous 14th District for this year's Grand Master's Reception. The reservation and sponsorship forms, which include all of the details for the evening, have already been distributed to Worshipful Masters and Secretaries. This year's reception will return to Villa Milano, located at 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Reservations for the buffet dinner are $45 per person and must be received by February 29th, 2020. ***No reservations will be accepted after this date so please plan accordingly***.

The doors will open and social hour will begin at 5:30pm with introductions beginning precisely at 6:30pm. Dinner will be served "buffet style" and will consist of entrée choices of Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Marsala, and Lasagna, accompanied by an Italian Salad, Rolls, Redskin Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, and Italian Mixed Vegetables, along with dessert. Coffee, tea, and water are included, and a cash bar will be available for the evening.

This is a great way to experience some quality fellowship with old friends, meet new ones and possibly reacquaint yourself with old friends you have not seen in some time. When a lodge has a group of members and their wives at these events it seems to bring them closer together and create a family atmosphere, which also helps with the working relationships in lodge. It is also a chance to show your wife or significant other just how much you appreciate all the time she is willing to share you with your lodge.

If there are any questions, please reach out to WB John Hicks, 1st Vice President at johnmh3@gmail.com.



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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ASHLAR:

January 20, 2020

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2020 Inspection Schedule

NAME	Lodge	INSPECTION DATE	Degree
Sparrow	400	Tuesday, January 07, 2020	MM
Reynoldsburg	340	Tuesday, January 14, 2020	FC
Capital City	656	Friday, January 17, 2020	FC
Goodale	372	Monday, January 20, 2020	FC
University	631	Tuesday, January 21, 2020	MM
Hiram	18	Tuesday, January 28, 2020	EA
Arts & Sciences	792	Thursday, January 30, 2020	EA
Blendon	339	Monday, February 03, 2020	EA
Triangle	748	Thursday, February 06, 2020	MM
Ralph R. Rickly	670	Monday, February 10, 2020	FC
Groveport-Lockbourne	801	Tuesday, February 11, 2020	FC
Neoacacia	595	Wednesday, February 19, 2020	EA
Linden	637	Thursday, February 20, 2020	MM
New England	4	Monday, February 24, 2020	MM
Community	684	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	EA
York	563	Monday, March 02, 2020	EA
Columbus	30	Tuesday, March 03, 2020	FC
Magnolia	20	Tuesday, March 10, 2020	MM
West Gate	623	Monday, March 16, 2020	EA
Avery	493	Tuesday, March 17, 2020	EA
Grove City	689	Monday, March 23, 2020	FC
Sunrise	783	Tuesday, March 24, 2020	MM

All 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

Columbus Lodge No. 30 Vintage Baseball

As we all get ready for the bitter cold winter temperatures and snow storms, I wanted to get you thinking of Spring! On Tuesday March 24th, 2020 Columbus Lodge No. 30 will be hosting The Ohio Village Muffins. The Muffins are a Vintage Baseball team based out of the Ohio Historical Society.

Representatives from the Muffins will be speaking about the early beginnings of Baseball, the rules, and the equipment used. The most noticeable difference is the game is played barehanded! We will also be signing up interested players to play a Vintage game versus the Muffins on Saturday April 18th, 2020! We will need players as well as "interpreters".

The 14th District has had a Vintage team in the past, The Blue Ashlars. We will use the uniforms and equipment from that team, so all we need are players to take on the Muffins! Come join us at Westgate Masonic Temple, 2925 W. Broad St, 43204 at 7:30pm to talk Vintage Baseball!

Feel free to contact WM Alan Chamberlain by email if you want to join the team, achambs76@gmail.com.

Franklin County Memorial Lodge



The 55th annual meeting and installation of the Officers of Franklin County Memorial Lodge will be held on Wednesday, January 8th at Hiram Lodge located at 51 W William St, Delaware, OH 43015. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm (your choice of veal parmesan or lasagna) and the cost for the dinner is only $10. Please remember that ladies are also invited to the dinner. A brief business meeting and the installation will follow at 7:30pm.

The memorial lodge was created in 1964 for the purpose of conducting funeral services for masons sojourning in the central Ohio area. They hold no other regular meetings, but assemble when the need arises.

Reservations for dinner are due to Secretary, WB Greg Adams at adamsbuilders1@aol.com NO LATER THAN January 3rd. Members of the Memorial Lodge can opt to receive phone calls if they are called upon to assist in performing a masonic funeral service if the fallen brother's lodge needs assistance. Membership dues are just $1 per year so spread the word and help increase the membership. Or bring along another member of your lodge to the dinner and invite them to join. Did you know that the officers of the Memorial Lodge are appointed annually by the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio?

Dates

1/7 – Inspection – Sparrow 400 - MM

1/8 – Franklin County Memorial Lodge – Hiram

1/9 – Master Craftsman Training – Avery – 6pm

1/11 – SYSK I – Avery

1/14 – Inspection – Reynoldsburg 340 – FC

1/17 – Inspection – Capital City 656 – FC

1/20 – Inpsection – Goodale 372 – FC

1/21 – Inspection – University 631 – MM

1/28 – Inspection – Hiram 18 – EA

1/30 – Inspection – A & S 792 – EA

2/1 – SYSK II - Blendon

2/3 – Inspection – Blendon 339 – EA

2/6 – Inspection – Triangle 748 – MM

2/10 – Inspection – RR Rickly 670 – FC

2/11 – Inspection – Groveport-Lockbourne 801 - FC

With Heartfelt Thanks!

RWB Brian Bolyard – District Advisor

Brothers of the 14th Masonic District:

I am truly blessed to know you not only as a Brother, but also as a friend. I want to thank all who took the time to send me their best wishes following my hip surgery last week. I've received numerous cards, emails, text messages and phone calls, each wishing me a speedy recovery, and all stating to call if I needed anything. I appreciate your kind words and you offer of assistance.

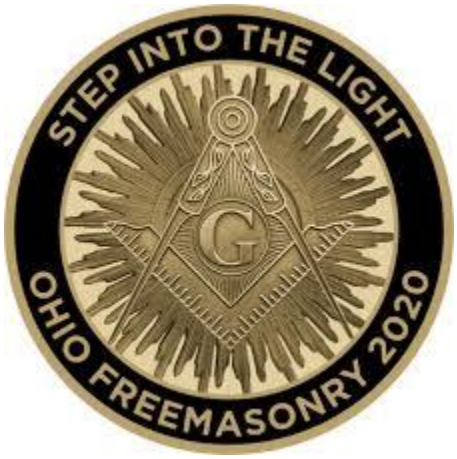
I also want to thank the lodges who sent cards as well. I appreciate our Worshipful Masters taking the time during their meeting to pass a card around for their members to sign. Thank you!

A little over two weeks has passed since my surgery, I am happy to report that all is going well. I have attended physical therapy 2-3 times a week and am walking without pain, and able to do so in the proper straight and upright manner. I have a follow-up appointment in a week and hopefully will graduate to a cane and be upgraded to light duty, with the possibility of returning to work.

Thank you again, for your Brotherhood and your friendship!

Grand Masters Class to be Held in the 14th District

My brethren, Most Worshipful Brother Keith W. Newton, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, has authorized a Grand Master's Class for 2020. This year's class will be held on May 9th, 2020. The event will be held at the Northwest Masonic Temple located at 2436 W. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235, with registration commencing at 8:00am and the event beginning at 8:45am. While the plans for the day are still being assembled, there is some information that is available at this time which you should be aware of. There will be a $20 cost for each of the candidates and $20 cost for each of the Master Craftsman, totaling $40 for the pair. There will be donuts and coffee provided in the morning and lunch available in the afternoon. Each candidate should submit a petition to be read, investigated, and voted upon in Lodge, same as any other candidate. Each petitioner's information should be entered into Grandview as soon as received. Each candidate will need to have a Master Craftsman assigned by their respective lodges and must be supplied with a Holy Book and apron. The Grand Lodge will be furnishing square and compasses, an apron case, and a copy of "Preparing the Ashlar." The new Master Masons will need to return to your lodge within 60 days to receive their dues card and fulfill their requirement of a Grand Masters Class candidate.



This year, the Grand Master has authorized the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite to present the 4th degree and for the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons portrayal of the Mark Master degree. Lodges should inquire with each of their candidates to determine if they will be interested in joining these appendant bodies when signing up for the Grand Master's Class. However, there will be representatives at the event for each of these bodies to provide more information, along with the opportunity for them to submit their application and fee that day.

Each lodge is responsible for administering the "On the Threshold" program to their candidates prior to the Grand Masters Class.

As mentioned above, the details for the day are still being worked out but the plan for the day is to begin the Blue Lodge degrees at 8:45am and conclude by 3:00pm. After a short break, the 4th degree will be presented and then the Mark Master degree will be portrayed at 4:00pm. Again, we are still awaiting directions and details from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, so the above details may be altered.

Worshipful Masters and Secretaries will be receiving a letter and copy of the registration form sometime in the middle of January and each lodge will be contacted thereafter to verify that all documents have been received and to answer any questions at that time.

The 14th District wishes to express its appreciation for your participation in what will be another successful Grand Masters Class and fabulous day for Freemasonry in Ohio.

If there are any questions now or in the future, please contact WB Adam Michael at adasm563@yahoo.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
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

Grandview Signup

Did you know that the membership database for the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Grandview, offers brethren the ability to manage their own contact information, access resources, and pay dues online (depending on Lodge setup).

The registration process is incredibly easy and takes less than 5 minutes. All brethren are strongly encouraged to register their member profile by logging in once and verifying or correcting the accuracy of the contact information that your lodge secretary has on file for you.

Step 1. Navigate to https://oh.grandview.systems/
Step 2. Click on Member Portal
Step 3. Click on Member Registration
Step 4. Enter your Lodge Number
Step 5. Enter your Member ID
Step 6. Enter your Last Name - (case sensitive)
Step 7. Click on Check Membership Status
Step 8. Enter your email address
Step 9. Enter a password that you can remember (password must contain at least 8 characters)
Step 10. Enter Confirmation by entering password again
Step 11. Click on Submit

Addresses and phone numbers change, and the simple petition process does not cover all of the information we strive to keep record of, such as your wife's name, cell phone number, and military service.

If you have any questions about the process, or issues while registering, please reach out to your lodge secretary directly.

QUESTIONS ABOUT AGING?

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PM Convocation Held

The 105th Past Masters Convocation of the 14th District was held on Saturday, December 14th at Northwest Masonic Temple. The Grand Lodge requirement of meeting in a Past Masters Convocation convened by the District Deputies Grand Master of the 14th District was fulfilled. The new Masters proved their proficiency by opening a lodge of Master Masons. The deputies then assumed the stations as the officers of a Lodge of Past Masters and they portrayed that degree. Each Worshipful Master took the oath of a Past Master and one lucky Master even assumed the oriental chair. The morning was filled with instruction, direction, and clarification on Masonic Code. Guidance was also offered to each in order to assist with a successful year.

The Worshipful Masters for the 2019-2020 year are:

New England No. 4 - J. Mark Foley, Jr.
Hiram No. 18 - John R. Miller
Magnolia No. 20 - Kurt W. Fulmer
Columbus No. 30 - R. Alan Chamberlain
Blendon No. 339 - Christopher E. Couch
Reynoldsburg No. 340 - Kenneth B. Cohen
Goodale No. 372 - Ronnie E. Stone
Sparrow No. 400 - Carl V. Hickey
Avery No. 493 - Jeffrey G. Mollett
York No. 563 - Josh D. Vittie
Neoacacia No. 595 - Nicholas A. Bolyard
West Gate No. 623 - Robert W. Parsons
University No. 631 - Frank M. Swiatek
Linden No. 637 - Earl A. Black, III
Capital City No. 656 - Charles W. Carnahan
Ralph R Rickly No. 670 - Jimmy A. Mc Quaid
Community No. 684 - Gary M. Pastor
Grove City No. 689 - Joshua R. Lindley
Triangle No. 748 - Byron R. Mann
Sunrise No. 783 - Brian M. Gardner
Arts & Sciences No. 792 - Michael P. Gamble
Groveport-Lockbourne No. 801 - Bradley A. Thompson

14th District Facebook Group

Would you like to receive more updates from around the 14th District? Join the Official 14th Masonic District Members group on Facebook. This is a closed, members only forum to help facilitate communication between the members and Lodges of the 14th Masonic District.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/14thdistrictmembers/

We will continue posting information about upcoming events, as well as any potential weather related cancellations for inspections on the 14th District page and in the group. If you have any questions, please feel free to post in the group or send us a direct message or email.

This is also a great forum to advertise for your lodge's upcoming event. We will do our best to share your events on the main page and in the Ashlar as they come in.

2020 CLASS SCHEDULE



SYSK

DATES YOU SHOULD KNOW

January 11, 2020 ..... Avery Lodge
February 1, 2020..... Blendon Lodge
February 22, 2020..... Magnolia Lodge
March 21, 2020 ..... Sunrise Lodge
April 4, 2020 ..... Reynoldsburg Lodge

Coffee & doughnuts: 7:45 am

CLASS: 8:00 AM–NOON

Cost: $25 for materials and pin

FOR YOUR RESERVATION, TEXT

Chad Simpson @ 614-273-9314

DID YOU MISS A CLASS?
MAKE UP CLASSES AVAILABLE.

NEW HOURS – 8 AM - NOON

2020 Masonic Raffle

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