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Grand Master's Reception

Each year, the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers travel across the state for social events to meet the brethren and their wives. This year, MWB Keith W. Newton, the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio will bring his retinue back to Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., Columbus 43229. The buffet dinner of beef tenderloins, chicken marsala and/or lasagna will include salad, rolls, potatoes, rice, vegetables and dessert. Coffee, tea and water will be included with the meal and a cash bar will be available. The price has remained $45 per person by reservation only. Get your reservations to your lodge secretary now, as the deadline is February 29th. No late reservations will be accepted.

This is a great opportunity to come out with your wife and socialize with your lodge district and Grand Lodge brethren. Grand Master Newton and his lovely wife Sharon look forward to meeting each of you as we celebrate Freemasonry in Ohio, as do the other Grand Lodge Officers, Deputies, DEOs and District Officers. Grand Lodge Officers frequently comment that the Fourteenth District puts on one of the finest receptions in the state. Please treat your wife to a wonderful night out and join us for this special event.



For more details, contact WBro John Hicks, 1st Vice President at johnmh3@gmail.com.

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February 15, 2020

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From the President

WB Tim Robinett, 14th District President

February has arrived and the inspection season is now in full swing. Attendance has been lower than in past years. I encourage all brethren to make time to come out and support our district's lodges as they confer their inspection degrees. This also means our monthly VA Hospital Visitation Program has now resumed. Thanks to all the lodges in our district for continuing to support this important cause.

The 2020 District directories have now been distributed to representatives of all the lodges. If your lodge has not yet received theirs, please contact me or any of the other District Officers so that we can verify who picked them up. The next District Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th, 2020 at Triangle Lodge No. 748. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. As a point of reference, Article III of our Constitution defines membership of the Association as "Past Masters and Officers, both elected and appointed, of each Lodge in the District." Please have a representative from your lodge plan to attend this event.

Brethren, there are many activities and events happening within our district and I urge you to take advantage of them. Get involved, build friendships, and support your lodges. This is your district, this is my district, and this is our district.

Remaining 2020 Inspection Schedule

NAME	Lodge	INSPECTION DATE	Degree
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

Franklin County Memorial Lodge Holds Annual Dinner

On Wednesday January 8th, thirty-six Brothers and ladies enjoyed a fabulous dinner of veal parmesan and lasagna at Hiram Lodge to celebrate the 55th annual dinner meeting of the Memorial Lodge. Following the dinner, all adjourned to the lodge room for the annual meeting and installation of officers. The new officers are listed in the 2020 District Directory.

The customary annual business was handled in a timely manner, including the report of 6 Masonic Funerals for sojourning Masons being conferred in 2019; see listing below. Following the annual business, MWB Steven E. Cokonougher, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio installed the officers.

Franklin County Memorial Lodge Funeral Conferrals – 2019

#1 / 714: January 26th, Albert Revere, Nevada Lodge #13, Nevada City, CA
#2 / 715: February 21st, Benjamin Pauley Jr., Griffithsville Lodge #71, Hamlin, WV
#3 / 716: March 25th, Joseph Harbour, Minerva Lodge #13, Barboursville, WV
#4 / 717: April 15th, Harry Williams, Steubenville #45, Steubenville, OH
#5 / 718: October 2nd, Robert Willson, Ute Pass Lodge #188, Woodland Park, CO
#6 / 719: October 15th, Robert Simpson, Medford Lodge #178, Medford, NJ

Franklin County Memorial Lodge was created by a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on October 17th, 1964, for the purpose of conducting Masonic Funeral services for sojourning Masons. Membership in the lodge is open to all Master Masons and their annual dues is only $1.00.

As all of you know, the last act of kindness and Brotherly Love we can give to a Brother is to perform a Masonic Funeral when asked to do so by his family. I would encourage you to become a member of Memorial Lodge and when your schedule permits, attend the funeral for our sojourning Brothers.

The next meeting of Memorial Lodge will be held on Wednesday January 6th, 2021 at Hiram Lodge No. 18 in Delaware. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, the annual meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. The suggested attire is coat and tie and our ladies are invited to attend.

Dates

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

2/19 – Inspection – Neoacacia 595 – EA

2/20 – Inspection – Linden 637 – MM

2/22 – SYSK III - Magnolia

2/24 – Inspection – New England 4 – MM

2/25 – Inspection – Community 684 – EA

2/28 – District Quarterly Meeting – Triangle 748 – 7:00

3/2 – Inspection – York 563 – EA

3/14 – Grand Master's Reception – Villa Milano

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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.

2020 Inspection Photos







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

York Lodge No. 563 2020 Education Series: The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences

On behalf of the Brothers of York Lodge No. 563, I invite you to join us – and bring a guest, Masonic or not – as we explore the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences throughout the year. Our series kicks off on Monday, February 17th, 2020.

Our first presenter will be WOSU's Classical 101 host Christopher Purdy for a conversation on the Art and Science of Music. You and your guest are welcome to join us at the Northwest Masonic Temple (2436 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235) for our pre-Lodge meal and fellowship beginning at 6:15pm, or at 7:00pm for the program only. We will open in EA promptly at 7:00pm, move immediately to refreshment, and begin the program.



Additional speakers and presentations are being finalized, so if you'd like updates, please email me at the RSVP below.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 14th, 2020 to josh.vittie@gmail.com.

Purdy is the host of *Music in Mid-Ohio*, *Musica Sacra*, *Opera and More*, and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra live broadcasts. He also hosts *Classical 101 by Request* every Friday from 1:00-3:00 pm.

VA Hospital Visitation Scheduled for February



Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will continue on Sunday, February 2nd, 2020. 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, and Community No. 684.

The next visitation will be held on Sunday, March 1st, 2020 with the following lodges assigned to participate: New England No. 4, Blendon No. 339, and York No. 563.

Brethren from around the 14th Masonic District travel to the VA Hospital on a monthly basis. These visitations are a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community, show our respect and gratitude for our veterans, and to strengthen the brotherhood among our lodges. If you've never attended one of these visitations, it's highly recommended that you carpool down with as many members of your lodge as possible. It's an experience you won't regret.

Pool Table Looking for a New Home



RWB Ron Leonard has a pool table that he is willing to give to a lodge or a Brother, the only cost to you: haul it out of his garage. You will need a truck or small trailer and a couple of helpers.

The pool table was manufactured by Mizerak. It is 44" x 79" with an automatic ball return. He also has numerous items used in the art of shooting pool that accompany the pool table.

NO LONGER AVAILABLE

If you or your lodge are interested in the pool table please contact RWB Leonard via email address, rleon95596@aol.com, or his cell phone, 614-778-4168.





2nd Annual DDGM Breakfast

The second annual DDGM breakfast will be held on March 21st, 2020 from 8:00am to 10:00am at Northwest Masonic Temple, located at 2436 W. Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235. Breakfast will be prepared by past and present DDGMs of the 14th Masonic District to celebrate the 2020 inspection season. The cost of the meal is a $10 donation.



2020 Masonic Raffle

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