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Grand Master's Reception



The Fourteenth District Masonic Officers Association has been working hard on planning and putting the program together for this year's Grand Master's Reception honoring Most Worshipful Brother Keith W. Newton, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. As a reminder, the event will take place on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at Villa Milano, located at 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43229. We sincerely thank all of the lodges of the Fourteenth District for their support of this traditional event.

Social time will begin at 5:30pm. Please do not arrive any earlier than this time so the District Officers can prepare for the evening and the Villa Milano staff can setup promptly. All will be asked to be seated at their assigned tables by 6:15pm, as the evening will begin shortly after that time and will be followed by introductions of all the Grand Lodge Officers at 6:30pm. Tables will then begin being dismissed at 6:45pm for the buffet line. All other introductions, including the Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges, and all other presentations will be held after dinner. As the Worshipful Masters and ladies will be introduced from their tables, they will then make their way to the front of the stage where they will be greeted by our Grand Master. Following this, they will both make their way onto the stage for a photo. After the program has concluded, there will be a cash bar open for more fellowship.

We are looking forward to a fantastic evening with all of you and in honoring our Grand Master. The evening is sure to be a memorable one.

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

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March 15, 2020

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Arts & Sciences Discussion Topic

You are invited to join the brethren of Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792 on April 16th, 2020 for our Stated Meeting in the EA Degree. We will have Dinner starting at 6:00pm at the Old Bag of Nails, 4065 Main St, Hilliard, OH 43026. Our Stated Meeting will follow at 7:30pm at Avery Temple, 3980 Main St, Hilliard, OH 43026. We will have a short business meeting with a Discussion on "Why is the Square a Great a Light?" All Masons are welcome.

VA Hospital Visitation Scheduled for March

Visitations to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe will continue on Sunday, March 1st, 2020. On this date, the following lodges are assigned to participate, with the first lodge listed as the designated organizer for the day: New England No. 4, Blendon No. 339, and York No. 563.



The next visitation will be held on Sunday, April 5th, 2020 with the following lodges assigned to participate: Linden No. 637, Grove City No. 689, Groveport-Lockbourne No. 801.

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.

Remaining 2020 Inspection Schedule

LODGE NAME	No.	INSPECTION DATE	Degree
York	563	Monday, March 2, 2020	EA
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

Masonic Education

WB Michael Emery, 14th District Education Officer

The officers of the 14th district have asked your District Education Officers to provide some brief topics for reflection in the space of the Ashlar. This is a worthy endeavor, indeed! In my travels through this district, my interactions with you, my brethren, have taught me a great deal, and I feel that it is only right that I attempt to return the favor in whatever small portion I can.

Brethren, I'd like to take this opportunity to talk to you about Masonic education. I feel that this is most appropriate, given that this is the first of these columns for the year. The Masonic lodge is, among its other functions, a place of instruction. We receive light in Masonry through the ritual of its degrees, but the boundaries of Masonic education are nigh-limitless.

Education in Masonry can cover symbolic or philosophical interpretation of the degrees, historical explanations of terms, and biographical information about famous Masons. This is, however, not the extent of education in the lodge. Some of the most valuable lessons in Masonry come from conversation with our brethren. Education in the lodge can take the form of organized discussions to create a space for these lessons to breathe.

As an example, I would like to tell you about one of the most striking lessons I have learned in Masonry. Blendon Lodge No. 339, my mother lodge, holds an annual fish fry as a charitable fundraiser. After we had finished it one year, I was overjoyed at the amount of money we had raised and the amount of people we had served over the course of the day.

"I want to do this forever," I raved. "How can we make sure we're doing this fifty years from now?" At this, one of our newest members, who was serving as our Junior Steward looked me square in the eye. What he said will stick with me for the rest of my life.

"By doing it next year." That simple statement revealed the flaw in my thinking and helped me understand the way we build our fraternity. All too often, we focus on the grand vision, the ultimate goal. This is something I'm particularly guilty of. Doing this means that anything less than achieving that grand vision can seem like failure. But brethren, we do big things by doing small things. We create big changes by taking one new step, one new brother raised, one new program instituted. By holding the fish fry next year.

Brethren, I believe that this is the way we can build the future of Freemasonry in America. When we think about the goals we set for our fraternity, we find ourselves thinking about the fish fry fifty years from now. But how do we achieve those goals? By holding the fish fry next year.

It is a sincere privilege to serve you as a District Education Officer, brothers. It is a joy to see all of you at your inspections, bringing Freemasonry into the future little by little with your excellent work and fellowship. It is indeed good and pleasant to dwell together in unity.

Dates

3/2 – Inspection – York 563 – EA

3/10 – Inspection – Magnolia – MM

3/14 – Capital City 656 Reconsecration – 8:30am

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

3/16 – Inspection – West Gate – EA

3/17 – Inspection – Avery – EA

3/21 – DDGM Breakfast – Northwest

3/21 – SYSK IV - Sunrise

3/23 – Inspection – FC – Grove City

3/24 – Inspection – MM – Sunrise

4/29 – Masonic Night at Aladdin Shrine

5/9 – One Day Class – Northwest

5/28 – District Quarterly Meeting and Awards

Columbus Lodge No. 30 Vintage Baseball



Winter is coming to a close and it's time to start 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.

Northwest Temple Blood Drive

NORTHWEST TEMPLE IS HOSTING

American Red Cross

Blood Drive April 5th, 2020

Held at York Golf Club

7459 N. High St.

9 am to 2 pm

TO REGISTER, CALL:

800-733-2767

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

Masonic Night at the Shrine



The Past Masters Unit of the Aladdin Shrine will be conferring the Master Mason degree for the 28th time on Wednesday, April 29th, 2020 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio. Doors open at 6:00pm and the gavel drops at 6:45pm. This is an event you will remember for a long time to come. Please bring your Blue Lodge Membership Card and a white leather 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 Keith W. Newton is expected to be in attendance with other officers of the Grand Lodge and the 2020 Divan. Refreshments will be served following the event.

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.



QUESTIONS ABOUT AGING?

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Grandpa's Wooden Chest

WB Eric Longstreth,

For many of us Masonry is generational. I have heard of 4th, 5th, and 6th generation Masons in my short time in the Fraternity. Both my Dad and Grandfather, who I affectionately called Bo, are, and were, Masons. They were both raised at West Gate Lodge in 1964. My first memory of Masonry, though I didn't know it at the time, was of Bo's Masonic Ring on his dresser. Neither my Dad, nor my Grandfather, wore their rings that I can ever remember, but the Square and Compasses always stuck in my head. When I was raised in November 2014, my Dad helped raise me and presented me with Bo's Masonic Ring. I proudly wear it now and treasure the memories of Bo that it brings back.

Several years ago I came upon this little poem and whenever I read it I think of my Grandfather and all of the Grandfathers that came before us that have instilled in us a love of this Fraternity.

I hope when you read this it brings back fond memories for you just as it does for me.

Grandpa's Wooden Chest
Unknown Author

I hated to hear the lawyer say
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle John

My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.

Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.

When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.

A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things

He wrote a man's job
Is to be a good husband father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within.

He said the compasses remind me that life has boundaries
So live your life within
The square proves true and so should you
When dealing with all your friends.

Be an honorable man and walk uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men equal
Instead of only some.

And now it's your turn
To start your journey for knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and Compasses
And tools of your trade

Many years have passed by since I first opened Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote
The challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud
I'm a Master of my trade.

NORTHWEST TEMPLE IS HOSTING IT'S ANNUAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Open to the Community

April 25th 2020 - 8:30 am - 11:30 am

2436 Dublin-Granville Road

Donations: $5.00 per Adult
(age 18 & older)

$2.00 per child
(age 12 to 18)

Children under 12 years of age are Free

100% of the proceeds will go to Nationwide Children's Hospital, here in Columbus, Ohio



Menu:
- Pancakes
- Sausage Links
- Orange Drink
- Chocolate Milk
- Coffee


All You Can Eat
FISH FRY
4th Annual
Friday
April 3,
2020
4:00pm-7:30pm
Law
Enforcement
Eats Free
All proceeds benefit
Special Olympics
Blendon Masonic Temple
130 S State St | Westerville | OH
$10.00 AYCE | Hand Breaded Alaskan
Pollock | Apple Sauce | Cole Slaw |
French Fries | Mac and Cheese
Carryout orders available!
www.blendon339.com

ANNUAL BLUE LODGE

CHARITY 5K RUN OR 1 MILE WALK

To Benefit
Nationwide Children's Hospital
Sunday, March 29th

at

York Golf Club
7459 N. High Street
Columbus, OH

Tickets Available
www.raceroster.com
Event Search - Blue Lodge

This run/walk offers a fun, attractive, rolling paved trail run ideal for anyone intrested in health and wellness.

EVENT SCHEDULE

March 29 7:45 - 8:45 AM EDT - *Event Day Packet Pickup and Check-in*

March 29 8:50 AM EDT - *Event Formation begins*

March 29 8:55 AM EDT - *Final event instructions*

March 29 9:00 AM EDT - *5K begins*

March 29 9:05 AM EDT - *1 Mile Walk begins*

March 29 10:30 AM EDT - *Course closes*

5K RUN	$30.00
1 MILE WALK	$20.00
VIRTUAL RUNNER	$25.00

Can't make it on event day, will still receive an event shirt.

$5.00 DISCOUNT ON ALL TICKETS PURCHASED BEFORE MARCH 1ST (Promo Code Blue 2020)



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