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Cancellations Caused by COVID-19

Brethren, knowing that COVID-19 has changed our lives for the foreseeable future, we wanted to send you a reminder of the upcoming events that have been cancelled. We are currently under a directive from our Grand Master, MWB Keith W. Newton that is set to expire on Sunday, May 10th, 2020.

Cancelled events prior to May 10th:

- All lodge activities, including but not limited to:
  - Stated and special meetings
  - Saturday breakfasts
  - Lodge committees
  - Craft Club functions
  - Temple Companies
  - Social events
  - District Association functions
- SYSK, (Stuff You Should Know) Saturday April 4
- VA Hospital Visitation Sunday April 5
- Masonic night at Aladdin Shrine, Wednesday April 29
- VA Hospital Visitation, Sunday May 3
- Grand Masters One-Day Class, Saturday May 9

From our Grand Master, MWB Keith W. Newton:
"Step Into The Light" Brethren. I suggest you use your time now to promote and care for each other. Call your Lodge brethren and widows to lend a hand. Even if we are not able to visit each other, we can drop off any needed groceries or prescriptions where needed. The time is now more than ever to live our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio will continue to provide regular updates to these guidelines as changes develop. Meetings and events will be rescheduled at a future time.

14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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April 15, 2020

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14th District Coronavirus Challenge

As our lodges are on furlough currently until May 10th, 2020, we feel that this is an excellent opportunity for everyone to improve their lodges. The District Deputies Grand Master challenge you to learn a new part from our ritual.

Please choose from the following categories:

1. Learn a new lecture
2. Magnificent 15 – Give all parts of the opening and closing of all three degrees from memory
3. Learn one new charge
4. Learn all three charges
5. Learn the long form apron presentation
6. Learn both apron presentations
7. Learn the G Lecture
8. Learn the Worshipful Master part for the Entered Apprentice Degree
9. Learn the Worshipful Master part for the Fellowcraft Degree
10. Learn the Worshipful Master part for the Master Mason Degree
11. Learn King Solomon for the Master Mason second section
12. Learn Senior Grand Warden for the Master Mason second section

Entry is made by e-mailing your Worshipful Master AND assigned District Deputy Grand Master.

You are permitted to give each lecture in any manner you prefer. You are not required to use the slides or DVD for the lectures. Deadline for entry is April 17th, 2020.

All parts must be learned by June 30th, 2020. If you need special accommodations, please discuss them with your assigned district deputy grand master.

The district deputies will work with your Worshipful Master to confirm proficiency.
All who deliver a part proficiently will be awarded a prize. Prizes include, but aren't limited to, gift cards, a free round of golf for 4 at York Golf Club, and one night accommodations at Grand Lodge Annual Communication in October.

The Right Tools for the Job

WB Ron Wike, 14th District Education Officer

I grew up in a single parent home with my Mom and two younger siblings. I looked to my grandfathers for examples of what it meant to be a man. Both were handy and hardworking, but my Grandpa O'Connor was especially skilled with hand tools. He worked as a template maker and could build anything with wood, a hammer, and nails. He was the one who first showed me how to use working tools.

Early on in my "apprenticeship" with grandpa he would ask me to hand him a tool or perform a simple task, but I would have to say, "hold on – I need to go grab my tools". I was so focused on trying to learn that I kept forgetting to keep my tools with me. Grandpa didn't pull any punches and stressed that I couldn't get my work done if I didn't bring my tools. He said he would fire me if I worked for him and showed up without tools. It didn't take me long to dig through the garage and find a tool belt.



I started out with basic tools just like an Entered Apprentice. I had a hammer and a screwdriver. Grandpa wouldn't let me have the next tool until I was ready. Eventually he would give me more tools like a wrench, pliers and a saw, but I needed to prove my proficiency first. The same is true for us as Masons. We become better through a process of becoming proficient with our current working tools before moving forward.

As an Entered Apprentice, we get two tools used by our ancient Brethren. The tools are very simple but demonstrate important lessons for our lives.

The gavel is a symbol of change for our life and actions. We are taught to divest ourselves from vices and superfluities. Vices are things that prevent us from living an ideal and honorable life, our flaws, weaknesses and desires. Our vices are sometimes seen by others as actions seeking pleasure, wealth or power at the expense of others. We tend to judge others by their actions but judge ourselves only by our intentions. Superfluities are excesses of any kind. We are taught to live simply, be mindful of our blessings and value our resources. Just as our operative brothers used the gavel to make simple finished stones for the builders' use – so should we work to simplify our lives.

The 24" gauge reminds us what is worthy of our time and attention. When we drop our vices and superfluities, we will have extra capacity. We need to be purposeful and productive with our time, not refill our time with more of our vices and superfluities.

There are no shortcuts to becoming a better man. There is no DeWalt Power Gavel and Apple hasn't come out with the new 24" iGauge. We are responsible to learn the craft and do the work. Don't look for quick fixes or convenience. Be patient and do the work. Appreciate the results.

Dates

4/17 – Deadline to register for District Challenge

5/10 – Lodge activity resumes

6/7 – Ohio Masonic Home Day

6/26 – Deadline for Golf Outing registration

6/30 – Deadline to complete District Challenge

6/30 – Deadline for Blue Pages advertisements

7/11 – 14th District Golf Outing – Bent Tree

8/2 – District Family Picnic

Become proficient! As a kid with my Grandpa I wanted to jump in and use the circular saw and drill, but he made me take the time to learn from the beginning. "Measure once and cut twice." We should do the same as Masons. Measure our lives and actions very closely before picking up the Gavel to make some big changes and be sure to change for the better. The next tool will be handed to you when you're ready.

Trust the Master. I had to trust Grandpa even though I was anxious to do more right away. I thought he didn't understand that I knew what I was doing but was humbled when I made a mistake or had an accident.

We need to surround ourselves with Brothers who can be our guardrails and good examples. Find the right men to be the Circle around your Dot. "As Iron Sharpens Iron – So One Man Sharpens Another." Proverbs 27:17 NASB

Others will notice how we use our tools and will judge us by our actions. Remember that you don't have the choice whether be an example of Masonry – you DO have the choice of being a good example or a bad example. Show the world how wonderful and life changing our simple tools are…….

Lawn Service Providers/Masonic Blue Pages

Are you a professional landscaper, or provide lawn care as your primary occupation? And, in the wintertime provide snow removal services?

First, I would encourage you to place an advertisement in our Masonic Blue Pages, which will be printed and distributed at our district summer picnic on Sunday, August 2nd at Blacklick Woods Metro Park. Look for a flier on the next page in this edition of the Ashlar.

What are the Masonic Blue Pages you ask? A publication of professional Masons advertising their businesses and services to Masons in central Ohio. Not only will your business be listed in a printed publication, we will also be placing the information on our district web site. For questions contact WB Keith Fields at 614.404.2334.

Knowing our fraternity has senior members who still live in their homes and need professional work completed on their house, lawn or vehicle, we believe they would be most comfortable contacting a Brother Mason to come into their home for these services. Please note, the Blue Pages isn't just for the aforementioned services, all professional businesses, owned or operated by a Mason, are welcome to advertise in the Masonic Blue Pages.

As for my initial question – if you fall into the profession listed in the first sentence please email me at brianabolyard@aol.com. I know of a Brother who needs a professional landscaper and will pay for services provided.

14th Masonic District

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

2020 Masonic Blue Pages Advertising Form

Section 1. Advertiser Information

Company _____ Type of Business _____

Contact Name _____ Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ Website _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Advertisers Masonic Affiliation (If Any) _____

Name of Sales Representative _____ Lodge Name & Number _____

Section 2: AD Sizes & Pricing

AD SIZE	AD Dimensions	AD Cost
Back Cover		$350.00
Inside Front Cover		$350.00
Inside Back Cover		$300.00
Full Page	41/2 X 73/8"	$125.00
1/2 Page	41/2 X 35/8"	$75.00
1/4 Page	41/2 X 17/8"	$60.00

Electronic Data Format Requirements:

1. FILE FORMATS: TIFF, PSD, PDF, ESP, PUB, IND (JPEGS can be accepted, but due to their low resolution setting, it is not recommended)
2. PREFERRED RESOLUTION: 300DPI
3. PREFERRED COLOR: Gray Scale. Will accept color or B&W

CAMERA READY ART REQUIREMENTS: 1. Do Not Fold Artwork

2. Please print on Bright White Paper
3. Please do not use recycled or plain copier paper

Submission Instructions and Deadline:

1. Make Checks Payable to: 14th Masonic District
2. Order form must be accompanied by: AD Copy & Your Payment to be considered submitted.
3. Please send to: 14th District Masonic Blue Pages, C/O Keith Fields

Deadline

June 30, 2020



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