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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 District Reception honoring Most Worshipful Brother Richard A. Dickerscheid, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. As a reminder, the event will take place on Saturday, March 13th, 2021 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.



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***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 promptly at 6:30pm. Tables will then begin being dismissed at 6:45pm for the "cafeteria style" buffet line. All other introductions, including the Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges, and all other presentations will be held after dinner.

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.

**Note: All CDC guidelines will be followed and attendees are required to wear a mask when not seated at their table.**

If there are any questions, please reach out to WB Craig Shumaker, 1st Vice President at craig.j.shumaker@gmail.com.

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# 2021 Inspection Schedule

The District Deputy Grand Masters have finalized the 14th Masonic District inspection schedule for 2021. See below.

Per Grand Lodge Edict # 2021-4, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic inspections will be closed. Attendance at inspections will be restricted to members of the lodge being inspected, the assigned DDGM, DEO, and District Officer.

| LODGE NAME | # | INSPECTION DATE | Degree |
|---|---|---|---|
| York | 563 | Monday, March 1, 2021 | FC |
| New England | 4 | Monday, March 8, 2021 | EA |
| Canal Winchester | 670 | Wednesday, March 3, 2021 | MM |
| Magnolia | 20 | Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | EA |
| Groveport-Lockbourne | 801 | Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | MM |
| Reynoldsburg | 340 | Thursday, March 11, 2021 | MM |
| West Gate | 623 | Monday, March 15, 2021 | FC |
| Avery | 493 | Tuesday, March 16, 2021 | FC |
| Capital City | 656 | Friday, March 19, 2021 | MM |
| Sparrow | 400 | Saturday, March 20, 2021 | EA |
| Grove City | 689 | Monday, March 22, 2021 | MM |
| Sunrise | 783 | Tuesday, March 23, 2021 | EA |
| Goodale | 372 | Monday, April 19, 2021 | MM |

# 14th District Golf Outing

The Tenth Annual 14th Masonic District Golf Outing, benefiting the 14th District Grand Lodge Officers Fund, is scheduled for Saturday, July 10, 2021 at York Golf Club. Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. and there will be a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M.

This event is open to all golfers. The cost is $90 per person and includes lunch, a round of golf, cart rental, and 3 drink tickets. Please have your reservations in by Saturday, June 26, 2021.

There will be plenty of prizes to be won and a cash bar will be available. Assemble your team of four now for an opportunity to enjoy some great fellowship and to experience this beautiful course.

To submit your reservations, please contact WB Keith Fields at keith@oberers.com or Eric Longstreth at eric.longstreth@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

**Note: due to COVID-19 some of the below listed breakfasts are currently closed. Please confirm with the Lodges before attending a breakfast.**

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**

# Inspection Photos



*Triangle #748*



*Neoacacia #595*



*Linden #637*



*Arts & Sciences #792*

# Annual State of the Craft Address

***A note from the Editor:***
***The following is a transcript of an address given by Worshipful Brother Michael Gamble, Worshipful Master of Arts & Sciences #792, at their annual meeting on January 21, 2021. The message delivered is of universal value to all Masons regardless of their lodge.***

My Brothers,

As is the annual tradition of Arts and Sciences during our annual meeting, I offer you my remarks on the state of our Craft for past Masonic year, and three months.

Twenty-Twenty... So much can be said about the past year. This year has brought us a pandemic, civil unrest, and has forced us into isolation. For the first time in modern history, Brothers had to consider whether it was safe to come to lodge. In those times of discontent when our spirts were low and we needed each other the most, we were prevented from meeting in person. Our meetings were suspended, remembrances for our departed Brethren were brief and far less than they deserved. Our milestones which warranted joyful celebration were marked quietly and privately. Many of our craft's rich and meaningful traditions had to be set aside in the name of safety. Even our grips, a means by which one Mason can know another are, for the meantime, taboo. There may have been times when we have felt as though this really was "the new normal".

But fear not, my Brothers. Because although our traditions were temporarily modified, our meetings were momentarily digitized, and our beloved Brothers kept at a distance… Freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives.

While our routines have been altered, this pandemic has not succeeded in pushing us apart. When social distancing prevented us from meeting in person monthly, we adapted, and we met online weekly. And while meeting in the virtual space can't duplicate the experience of a live lodge meeting, it had the unique advantage of allowing us to reconnect with Brothers who would not have been able to join us in person. Our discussions were equally as rich, and we had guest speakers were insightful and engaging.



Arts & Sciences outdoor raising of three Brothers on Oct. 10, 2020.

In those times when we dared to return to the physical space and, with caution and preparation, re-entered our Masonic home, we brought that virtual space with us. Through our efforts, we extended our discussions after lodge beyond these physical walls and into the homes of our well known but dispersed Brethren. When our lodge room proved too confined to safely conduct our degree work, we adapted and went outside. What resulted was one of the most impactful Master Mason degrees I have ever been honored to witness.

These moments were able to happen because being a Freemason is not about a lodge room, it's not a meeting, and it's not a ritual. Freemasonry is a concept, a way of carrying ourselves that lives and breathes and thrives within all of us. We are inexorably united by virtue and no amount of distance can sever that bond. Twenty-twenty didn't leave Freemasonry weakened; it challenged us to innovate…to improvise, adapt, and overcome.

My Brothers, you rose to that challenge. You, the Brothers and officers of Arts and Sciences have served this lodge well this past year; nothing that we have accomplished would have been possible without your tireless work. But the work is not yet complete. The officers which you have just elected will have the privilege of shepherding our lodge from this pandemic back into the light. It will be their duty to reestablish the traditions we have been forced to set aside and more so, to welcome our Brothers back to lodge.



We must remember our sick and distressed Brethren and honor our departed Brothers. We must support our new leadership as they strive to bring our physical presence back to the standard that we have previously enjoyed. And it is my hope, that even after we overcome this challenge, we consider incorporating some of our new innovations into our lodge traditions.

Arts & Sciences and freemasonry in general must be ready as our world emerges from our prolonged distance. There will be a new generation of men who will seek our light; it is our duty, our privilege, to keep it lit.

Tonight, marks the conclusion of my time as Worshipful Master of this Worshipful Lodge. It has been an immeasurable privilege to serve all of you and to have the honor of helping to shape the future of Arts & Sciences. I cannot thank enough the officers who have worked so hard to keep this lodge going. As I leave the oriental chair, I do so with many cherished memories and with complete confidence in those Brothers who will follow behind me.

My Brothers, the state of our craft remains strong. God bless all of you, and God bless Freemasonry.

**Bro. Michael Gamble**
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