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## Final Inspection of 2021

The final inspection of the 2021 season is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at Goodale Lodge No. 372 in the Master Mason degree.

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.

## SYSK Update

The final session, of the 2021 SYSK courses, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021 has been postponed until June. The new date and location are still being determined and will be will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

## 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.

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# Reception for the Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother Richard A. Dickerscheid, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio was honored at the District's Annual Reception for the Grand Master on March 13th at Villa Milano Banquet Center. The reception was a magnificent evening with each of the District's lodges represented along with all the Grand Lodge officers, District Education Officers, and District Deputy Grand Masters.

James Russell was recognized with the Patriot Award. The Excellence in Youth awards were presented to Tyler Worth of DeMolay, Sonya Showman of Job's Daughters, and Grace Williams of Rainbow for Girls. The derby was won by Neoacacia Lodge No. 595 for the largest attendance at the reception.

The Officers of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association would like to thank all who attended for making this year's reception a memorable event.



MWB Dickerscheid addresses the reception


MWB Dickerscheid with award recipient Sonya Showman & her parents


MWB Dickerscheid with award recipient Tyler Worth

## 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:

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# Inspection Photos



Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340



West Gate Lodge No. 623



Avery Lodge No. 493



Capital City Lodge No. 656



York Lodge No. 563

# Lean on Me

Are you aware of the many programs that our craft has, to aid and assist one another? Reflecting upon this thought, we can ask ourselves whether we do enough with the allotted hours for a brother or his family? Then a song fills my spirit by Bill Withers with these lyrics, *"Sometimes in our lives, we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow..."* No matter how bleak the situation, we are Ohio Freemasonry strong.

One of our brethren, who was facing challenging times with extenuating health issues, was dismayed with hopelessness due to physical limitations that prevented him from leaving his home for treatment and the lifesaving care that he needed. He was not aware, nor did he know how to access the resources and guidance that we as Freemasons are blessed to have. Through conversation with one another, we find opportunities to help each other. Again, the continued lyrics to Bill Wither's song resonates: *"Lean on me, when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on..."* Through this fellowship, our Brother not only received assistance through the generous donation of a temporary ramp initiated by his home lodge, Canal Winchester #670, enabling him to leave his home to receive medical care; he was also surprised with a visit to his home by the Grand Master of Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Richard Dickerscheid and the Grand Lodge officers.



Accessing programs of relief start at the member's respective local lodge level by which the Worshipful Master and membership can initiate aid from the Lodge to assist a distressed Brother. Several supplemental assistance programs are available, such as The Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation, the Scottish Rite Grand Almoners Fund, and many other programs.



The Ohio Masonic Home Resource Center, **877-881-1632** can be contacted for multiple levels of support at any time. Each lodge has a regional representative. Brother Dan Shirk who represents the Central Ohio region, immediately reached out to our distressed Brother, and collaborated efforts with Canal Winchester Lodge No. 670. As the stanza in Wither's song reminds us: *"You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on..."*

We may not all be able to hold a melody, but what we can do is make one great band which so harmonizes the world through the notes of love to give relief. Share this story to impact and improve another man's life, a Mason, a Brother.



Make your contribution to support your Brethren and enable great programs that we as Masons have. Live, listen, and leave love.

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