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From the President

We are already ¼ of the way through the masonic year, and 2022 is off to a shaky start. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage in our communities, and many of our activities have been rescheduled or limited in attendance. It's certainly not where we wanted to be at this point, but I know we're all making the best of the circumstances and doing what we can to maintain some semblance of "normal" while keeping the comfort and wellbeing of our brethren in mind. Many inspections have already been rescheduled or closed to visitors, but with the meat of the inspection schedule now coinciding with the end of the flu season, we hope to safely gather with Brethren in unity once again.

With that said, there is still so much to be excited about and a lot going on! Our District Quarterly meeting for the month of February will be held in person at Magnolia Lodge #20 on February 24 at 7pm. We have a number of directories still to distribute, as well as items like our engraved whiskey glasses and our newly minted cuff links. The deadlines for the Grand Master's reception are quickly approaching, and the officers are hard at work to make this year's event the best yet. The Grand Master's One Day Class will be held in the 14th district at Northwest Masonic Temple on March 26, which should provide Lodges a wonderful opportunity to make masons and continue their work towards the Grand Master's award.

As always, the District Officers are here to assist the Lodges in any way possible. We hope to see you out and about as things start opening back up, and of course, we hope to see you at our quarterly meeting and the Grand Master's Reception.

Stay safe and stay warm Brethren.

Fraternally,

Craig Shumaker

14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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14th District Quarterly Meeting

The first Quarterly Meeting of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association for 2022 will be held at Magnolia Lodge #20 on Thursday, February 24 at 7:00pm with a meal to be served at 6:00pm. All officers and Past Masters of lodges in the 14th District are voting members of the Officers Association, and representation from each lodge is requested. This would be a great opportunity to bring a new lodge officer and introduce him to the business of the district. We hope to see you there!

Pictures from Around the District



Inspection night at Groveport Lockeborne Lodge No. 801



Arts & Sciences No. 792 Annual Meeting



Magnolia Lodge No. 20 Reconsecration

Reception for the Grand Master Scheduled

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 Timothy Wheeland, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. As a reminder, the event will take place on Saturday, March 12th, 2022 at Villa Milano, located at 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Reservations for the buffet dinner are $50 per person and must be received by February 25, 2022. ***No reservations will be accepted after this date so please plan accordingly.***

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.

If there are any questions, please reach out to WB Keith Fields, 1st Vice President at keith@oberers.com.

14th Masonic District Grand Master's One Day Class

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Timothy S. Wheeland, has announced that each of the twenty-five Masonic Districts in Ohio will hold a Grand Master's Class. To that end, on **March 26th, 2022**, Northwest Masonic Temple located at 2436 W. Dublin-Granville Road, in Columbus, will host the Grand Master's One Day Class for the 14th Masonic District.

Attached at the end of the Ashlar, you will find a letter outline the details of the event, as well as instructions and guidelines regarding registration for petitioners and members attending.

The deadline for submitting your Lodge's registration is **March 15th, 2022**. please ensure that you have the attached registration form and payment in by that date.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact WB David Keiser at rdkeiser14@gmail.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.

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



2022 Inspection Schedule & COVID Update

In an effort to keep the brethren informed of the most up-to-date information regarding Lodge meeting and inspection statuses, the officers of the 14th District have consolidated the latest Lodge scheduling information as it relates to COVID-19 on the district website.

https://14thmasonicdistrict.org/covid-update

This website is updated as soon as information becomes available, and you are encouraged to check it before making plans to attend any inspection or district event. This is, unfortunately, still an evolving situation, and many of the Lodge inspections have been postponed to date, with several more being limited to Lodge membership only. We will be posting information on the website, as well as on the Facebook page as soon as we are informed. As always, if you have any questions about a particular date, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

The current inspection schedule as of the time of publishing is listed in the table below.

LODGE NAME	#	INSPECTION DATE	Status	Degree	DDGM
Sunrise	783	Tuesday, February 15, 2022	CLOSED	FC	A. Michael
Neoacacia	595	Wednesday, February 16, 2022	CLOSED	MM	C. Nicol
Linden	637	Thursday, February 17, 2022	OPEN	FC	C. Nicol
Goodale	372	Monday, February 21, 2022		EA	K. Cohen
New England	4	Monday, February 28, 2022		FC	C. Nicol
Canal Winchester	670	Wednesday, March 2, 2022		EA	K. Cohen
Triangle	748	Thursday, March 3, 2022		FC	C. Nicol
York	563	Monday, March 7, 2022		MM	C. Nicol
Magnolia	20	Tuesday, March 8, 2022		FC	A. Michael
Avery	493	Tuesday, March 15, 2022		MM	C. Nicol
Arts & Sciences	792	Thursday, March 17, 2022	CLOSED	MM	A. Michael
Sparrow	400	Saturday, March 19, 2022		FC	A. Michael
West Gate	623	Monday, March 21, 2022		MM	K. Cohen
Reynoldsburg	340	Tuesday, March 22, 2022		EA	C. Nicol
Grove City	689	Monday, March 28, 2022		EA	A. Michael
Community	684	Tuesday, March 29, 2022		MM	K. Cohen
Blendon	339	Monday, April 4, 2022		MM	A. Michael
University	631	Tuesday, April 5, 2022		FC	K. Cohen
Capital City	656	Friday, February 11, 2022		EA	A. Michael
Hiram	18	Thursday, April 28, 2022		MM	K. Cohen

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
*Sparrow 400 - breakfast at 8:00 am, degree at 9:00 am


Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, February 25, 2022
4PM - 8PM AT ALADDIN SHRINE CENTER
1801 GATEWAY CIRCLE, GROVE CITY, OHIO
Featuring Homemade Sauce by
Potentate Roscoe Smith and Lady Judy.
You're going to like it!
ADULT: $15
CHILD AGES 11-17: $12; AGES 6-10: $6
(AGES 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE!)
Ticket Includes: Spaghetti , Salad, Bread,
Dessert, Soft Drinks and Water
Wine and wine tasting will be
available for purchase.
So, Mangia Tutti!
(Everybody Eat!)
Cash Bar • Carry Out Available
Purchase tickets at: www.locallevelevents.com


Valentine's Party
Saturday, February 12, 2022
Aladdin Shrine Center Ballroom
1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio
6:00 pm: Social (host bar) | 7:00 pm: Dinner
(carved roast beef, chicken cordon bleu, assorted vegetables, cherry cobbler with ice cream)
8:00 pm: Dancing
$50/Person (Register on Local Level)
Attire: Business Casual



Martin R. Delany
Scholar, Statesman, Soldier, & Freemason

February 5, 2022 - 3 pm to 5 pm
A Masonic Day of Zoom Learning celebrating Black History Month

Co-hosted by Samaritan Lodge No 117, PHA
and Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792, F&AM

Martin R. Delany was born free to an enslaved father and a free mother on May 6, 1812 in present-day Charles Town, West Virginia. He studied medicine, founded a newspaper, and advocated rights for African Americans and women. He co-edited the North Star with abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

In 1847, Delany was Worshipful Master of St. Cyprian Lodge No. 13, Pittsburgh, PA and instrumental in bringing Freemasonry to Ohio men of color. Delany recruited Black soldiers, was commissioned a Major, and was the highest ranking Black field officer in the Regular Army during the Civil War.

Martin Delany fought to achieve justice for African Americans as an abolitionist, inventor, judge, writer, and leader in Prince Hall Freemasonry. He died on January 24, 1885 and is buried at Massies Creek Cemetery three miles from his Wilberforce, Ohio home. (Source: Ohio Historical Marker)

Presenters



Delany - a National Perspective by James R. Morgan III, a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 18, under the Worshipful Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. He is the current Grand Historian & Archivist of that Grand Lodge. He is the author of "The Lost Empire: Black Freemasonry in the Old West (1867-1906)."



Delany - an Ohio Perspective by Antonio Caffey, a Past Master of St. Mark's Lodge No. 7, under the Worshipful Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. He is a Past Grand Historian of that Grand Lodge and the creator of The Prince Hall Think Tank.



Delany - a Local Perspective by Roderick Q. Blount, Jr., a Past Master of Samaritan Lodge No. 117, under the Worshipful Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. He is the current Grand Historian of that Grand Lodge and an honorary member of Art & Sciences Lodge No. 792.

To receive an invitation to this Zoom event, email secretary(at)as792.org.

District Fundraisers

Cufflinks

A limited release of cufflinks, styled after the 2022 Grand Master's pin design, has been created as a fundraiser for the 14th District Masonic Officers Association. The timeless design of these accessories are a great addition to any masonic wardrobe, and can be enjoyed for years to come. These can be secured for $20 per pair and will be available for purchase or pickup at all district inspections or events. There is an extremely limited supply, so feel free to reserve your pair by using the link below or QR code below. If you have any questions, please contact a district officer.

https://square.link/u/g1d9yprX



Whiskey Glasses

The 14th Masonic District Officers Association still has engraved whiskey glasses available to be purchased for $15 each or 2 for $25. All proceeds benefit the 14th District Grand Lodge Officers Fund. These are 10.5oz rocks glasses featuring MWB Tim Wheeland's pin design etched into one side, and "MWB Timothy S. Wheeland Grand Master" etched into the other. We have a limited supply available, so don't miss your opportunity to commemorate our Grand Master's year.

The glasses will be available for purchase or pickup at all district inspections or events and can be prepaid via the link below to reserve your set. Please contact any district officer if you have any questions.

https://14th-masonic-district-glo-whiskey.square.site/



2022 SYSK



RESERVATION DEADLINE January 22, 2022

February 5, 2022.....Sparrow Lodge

February 26, 2022.....Magnolia Temple

April 9, 2022.....Blendon Lodge

April 23, 2022.....Avery Lodge

Date TBD.....Location TBD

Coffee & doughnuts: 7:45 am

Class: 8:00 AM—NOON

Cost: $25 for materials and pin

Email registration to **14thdistrictdeos@gmail.com**

with subject "**SYSK**"

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January 15, 2022

To: The Brethren of the 14th Masonic District

From: Robert David Keiser, Coordinator for the Grand Master's One Day Class

Brethren:

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Timothy S. Wheeland, has announced that each of the twenty five Masonic Districts in Ohio will hold a Grand Master's Class. Petitions and investigations are to be handled in accordance with the rules found in the Grand Lodge Code of Masonic Law. However, according to Edict 2022-1, lodges may receive or ballot on petitions for one of the Grand Master's Classes at Special Meetings called for that purpose. The petition must lay over to a subsequent meeting, Stated or Special, called for the purpose of balloting. A full and proper investigation must be made for each petitioner of not less than three members, none of whom shall have been a signer on the petition.

On March 26th, 2022, Northwest Masonic Temple located at 2436 W. Dublin-Granville Road, in Columbus, will host the Grand Master's One Day Class for the 14th Masonic District.

Our One-day Class will begin with registration from 8:00 am to 8:45 am during which time coffee and donuts will be available. Degree work will begin at 8:45 am. We hope to complete the Blue Lodge degrees by 3:00 pm. Please make arrangement for each candidate to have a Master Craftsman assigned to him. Each lodge is responsible to provide the candidate's Holy Book and Apron so he can be properly obligated and clothed. Each Lodge is also responsible for providing the mini square and compasses along with a Bible marker for each degree bearing the appropriate square & compasses arrangement purchased from the Grand Lodge Office at the Lodge's expense. Lodge Secretaries should allow at least a week for delivery.

This is a great opportunity for existing candidates to complete their degree work or for new candidates to receive all three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. Lodges are required to begin a candidate's Masonic journey prior to the Grand Master's Class by at least showing him "On the threshold" or even better initiating him as an Entered Apprentice in their home lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

A registration worksheet has been provided with this letter. Please remember when submitting your registrations for your candidates, mentors and any other brother who is attending the Grand Master's One Day Class to include the registration fee for everyone (*one check from the lodge is appreciated*). The registration fee will be $20 for each candidate and each mentor and for any other brother who would like to attend. Please make checks payable to "**14th Masonic District**" and send to the address above. Coffee and donuts and lunch will be included in the registration. If a brother wants to attend and not eat there is no fee.

As your lodge receives petitions please have the secretary enter their information into GrandView, promptly. It is very important to have their information in the database prior to the One Day Class.

As per Edict 2022-1, all candidates are considered proficient after witnessing all three degrees and participating in the associated education / proficiency programs of a Grand Master's Class event. Also, all participants of a Grand Master's Class event who are deemed proficient are immediately eligible to petition for (and receive) degree work by Masonic Appendant Bodies recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

There is a significant amount of planning and scheduling that go into making the 2022 Grand Master's Class an enjoyable day for the candidates and for the those in attendance, and we sincerely thank each and every lodge for their participation.

*********March 15th, 2022 is the date to have your registrations turned in ***************
There will be NO registrations accepted after this date

Please remember to bring you own apron.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed above.

Thank you.

Robert David Keiser

2022 Grand Master's Class – Candidate Registration Form

_____ Lodge No. _____ in the 14th Masonic District reports that the following petitioners have been duly elected to receive the degrees of Freemasonry and will attend the Grand Master's Class to be held in Columbus, Ohio, 14th District.

Candidate 1			
First name		Last Name	
Candidate E – Mail			
Master Craftsman			
Holy Book for Obligation			
Special Arrangements (Dietary, accommodations, etc)			
Candidate 2			
First name		Last Name	
Candidate E – Mail			
Master Craftsman			
Holy Book for Obligation			
Special Arrangements (Dietary, accommodations, etc)			
Candidate 3			
First name		Last Name	
Candidate E – Mail			
Master Craftsman			
Holy Book for Obligation			
Special Arrangements (Dietary, accommodations, etc)			