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Sixty Year Pin Presentation

Brethren –
Please be advised New England Lodge #4 will present a 60-year pin to MWB Rollie Lattanner on Tuesday, April 5th at 3 p.m. at the Northwest Masonic Temple.

Rollie's children (Eric, Lynn and Lori) and grandson, Zack (a member of #4) will be present.

Rollie, who is 98 years young and served as Grand Master of our Grand Lodge in 1983-84, has played such an important role in our lodge and district for many years, we wanted to let everyone in the district know this is happening.

This is also the date for University's Inspection. As a result, there will be no refreshments following the presentation; the Inspection Dinner will be being cooked at the same time!

The presentation will be short; Rollie is the only brother being recognized. As I'm sure you agree, he deserves singular recognition!

MWB Wheeland and New England's Senior Warden, Brother Dave Welch, will be making the presentation.

I realize this is an odd time but MWB Lattanner doesn't get out at night any longer and the date/time worked well for him and his family.

If you can't make it but would like to send Rollie a congratulatory card, his address is:

Dublin Retirement Village, Room 215, 6470 Post Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

Fraternally,
RWB Tim Strawn

14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

www.14thmasonicdistrict.org

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Airforce Museum Visit

On April 23, 2022, the Scottish Rite is visiting the National Museum of the United States Air Force for the museum's Open Aircraft Day. Admission is free; however, transportation will not be provided. The event is open to anyone interested in joining in on a fun day of fellowship. For additional information or questions about the event contact WB Keith Fields at by phone at (614) 404-2334 or email at keith@oberers.com.

Capital City Lodge Euchre Tournament

Capital City Lodge will be hosting a Euchre Tourney at The York Golf Club. All masons, their families, and friends are invited. There is a $10.00 per person fee to enter per night. The tourney will be held on the following Fridays: April 29th, May 27th, and the final night June 24th. This is a progressive tourney where the partners change after each game. The proceeds will go to the Grand Master's charity. Additionally, there will be a cash prize for the winning player at the end of play.

This is an excellent way to socialize with your brethren and talk to new prospects that may have otherwise never asked to be part of one of the greatest fraternities on this earth.
For any questions, please contact WB Robert Giesseman at rgiesseman@yahoo.com.

Grand Master's Whiskey Release

The 14th District Masonic Officers Association has purchased a private barrel of Woodford Reserve, selected by MWB Tim Wheeland. A whiskey release event has been planned for Thursday, July 28 at York Golf Club to celebrate this unique pick, and you are invited to join us. The event will include drinks, dinner, a tasting of the MWB Wheeland's bourbon, as well as a gift bag including a bottle of your own and other goodies. If you cannot make the event, you can still reserve your bottle by purchasing the "no dinner" option at the link below. A bottle and dinner are available for $150, bottle only for $100, and dinner only for $50. This event is open to ladies and all non- masons. We look forward to a wonderful evening and sharing this limited bourbon with you.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/291578327627/
There are a **very** limited number of bottles still available, so reserve yours today! Proceeds from this event benefit the 14th District Grand Lodge Officers fund and the Children's Hunger Alliance.

14th District Golf Outing



The Eleventh Annual 14th Masonic District Golf Outing, benefiting the 14th District Grand Lodge Officers Fund, is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2022 at York Golf Club. Lunch will be served at 11:00 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.

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.

Sign-up sheets and hole sponsorship information will be sent to the Lodge Secretaries and Worshipful Masters on or before April 1, 2022.

Please have your reservations in by Saturday, June 18, 2022. No late reservations will be accepted.

For more information on the golf outing please contact either WB Eric Longstreth, eric.longstreth@yahoo.com, (740)816-1717; or WB Parker Thompson, parkert.york563@gmail.com, (614)425-0137.

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

Reception for the Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother Timothy S. Wheeland, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, was honored at the District's Annual Reception for the Grand Master on March 12th 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.

The Excellence in Youth awards were presented to Hayden Hunt of DeMolay, Corrina Bowles of Job's Daughters, and Kelly Scott of Rainbow for Girls. The derby was won by Capital City Lodge No. 656 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 fun and memorable evening for all.



Photos from Around the District



(Left) Franklin County Memorial Lodge Officers and Members after the installation of new officers at their annual meeting on March March 16, 2022



(Right) Avery Lodge No. 493's Officers, Members, and assigned Inspecting Officers, including MWB Wheeland, after their inspection in the Master Mason Degree on March 15, 2022



(Left) RWB Weber & WB Wike receiving certificates at Avery Lodge No. 493's inspection on March 15, 2022



(Right) Sparrow Lodge No. 400's Officers, Members, and assigned Inspecting Officers after their inspection in the Fellow Craft Degree on March 19, 2022



(Left) Brothers of Blendon Lodge No. 339 after winning the travelling award at Sparrow Lodge No. 400's inspection on March 19, 2022



(Right) West Gate Lodge No. 623's Officers, Members, and assigned Inspecting Officers after their inspection in the Master Mason Degree on March 21, 2022



(Left) Grove City Lodge No. 689's Officers and Members, along with MWB Wheeland, after their inspection in the Entered Apprentice Degree on March 28, 2022

(Right) Officers of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association at the District's reception for the Grand Master on March 12, 2022

(Below) MWB Wheeland, and the Worshipful Masters of the 14th Masonic District, and their Lady's at the District's reception for the Grand Master





Masonry and the Field of Dreams

By WB Jeffrey Hall, Worshipful Master of Sparrow Lodge No. 400

Chapter 1

One of my favorite movie quotes, “If you build it, he will come.” comes from the movie Field of Dreams. The movie is about a man who literally builds a baseball field in the middle of his cornfield based on faith. This resulted in people coming from all over just to see his field.

There are so many meanings to this movie it would take all day to explore each of them. However, I see similarities in the movie’s message to our Lodges.

Let’s start with, “If you build your lodge, brothers will come”. I am not talking about the actual structure itself. The building has been built. Let’s consider what happens as a result of Brethren gathering inside of the building as our Rough Ashlar. That activity is one we must continue to build upon.

Over the last 2 years, Sparrow Lodge Officers and members have designed a plan to build upon our Rough Ashlar. One challenge for any Lodge, as well as a brother, is to determine what drives a brother to want to come to, or have the need to be, at Lodge. Every Brother and every lodge are different. So, we continue to work on what we can do for our brothers so that they **want** to come to Lodge, instead of feeling like they **must** go to a meeting. Each personal Rough Ashlar is different. Therefore, we must find that balance that allows us to meet the needs of our brothers.

One of the very first questions might be, “As a lodge, what do you offer that would drive a member to want to come to Lodge instead of feeling obligated to show up?” It makes sense that a brother who wants to come, or feels the need to come to the lodge, will contribute in more ways to a Lodge than a brother who feels he must simply attend.

We also need to take a look at Lodge actions which connect to the families of the Brethren. What can be done to engage and enlighten family members of our Masonic fraternity which will result in having the support to the brother from his family?

The first impression of a Lodge for a new candidate is how well their degree was portrayed. Practice and practice again. The prep work a Lodge puts into their degree work makes a lasting impression and memory on the candidate and strengthens Lodge as well. If you continue to build your degree teams, brothers will notice. This year has permitted us to expand our methods of practice. We have added “virtual” to our toolbox.

Every month we have meetings, the problem is just having a business meeting is not enough. To be honest it is boring. Our lodges need to offer education and other programs such as team building or family events. We need to empower our Lodge Education Officers to teach, to guide our brothers with meaning. We need to reach out to our District Education Officer’s; they are a resource available to help with guidance on education programs.

Simple little things will make a brother want to come to lodge. Think communications first! Once a year we sent dues notices. Is that all you send? Do you think a brother will want to come to Lodge if they only hear from you once a year? Think of what good a “Birthday”, “Thinking of You” or “Just Checking In” card might do.

AND, yes Technology is great; however, it lacks being personable. Why not a phone call?

There are at least 10 officers in the lodge. If you divide the list, you can make these calls. There are times that you will check in with a brother and find out that he does not come back because of something small. It might be something as simple as he forgot the due guards and signs. There are so many little things that we as brothers can solve together if we just know the issues.

If you start slowly the littles things will help shape your Ashlar. Remember, "if you build it, he will come…"

Think back to a time you walked into a strange place. Were you welcomed? If you were not, how did it make you feel? Did you want to come back? Now imagine you are a brother and you have not walked back into your Lodge for several years. What would make an impression on you? Were you greeted? How were you greeted?!

As Brothers we should welcome everyone that walks into our doors. We need to be open. Masonry is not about what you wear or where you come from. It is about being Brothers. It is about not judging others.

You need to get to know your brothers. Talk to them. Help them continue to shape their Ashlars. We are Masons, it is all about building……. "If you build it, he will come."

I know all these things sound simple. If they are simple, why are we not doing them?

Our Grand Master has challenged us to make Masons. We need to take that a step further… We need to keep Masons… We need them to want to comeback or they feel the need to comeback. We need to help them build their rough ashlar… This in turns helps the Lodge to build our Rough Ashlar.

This is the first installment of Building the Rough Ashlar…. Please feel free to email me with comments at jeff.hall@sparrowlodge.com.

District Fundraiser – 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.



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All You Can Eat
FISH FRY
4th Annual
Friday
April 8,
2022
4:00pm-7:30pm
All proceeds benefit
Westerville Special Olympics
Blendon Masonic Temple
130 S State St | Westerville | OH
$12.00 AYCE | Hand Breaded Alaskan
Pollock | Apple Sauce | Cole Slaw |
French Fries | Mac and Cheese
Carryout orders available!
www.blendon339.com
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The Aladdin Shriners, Past Masters Unit Presents

MASONIC NIGHT

Monday, April 25, 2022



Aladdin Shrine Center
1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City

Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Lodge Opens at 6:45 pm

Hosted by Magnolia #20
(Potentate's Home Lodge)

Aladdin's Past Masters Unit will confer the Master Mason Degree.

Please bring your Blue Lodge Membership Card.

The Grand Master will be in attendance.

Register online at: www.LocalLevelEvents.com



Tuesday, May 10th, 2022
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Ceremony 7:00 PM

- Location -
Northwest Masonic Temple

Community Lodge #684
100 Year Reconsecration

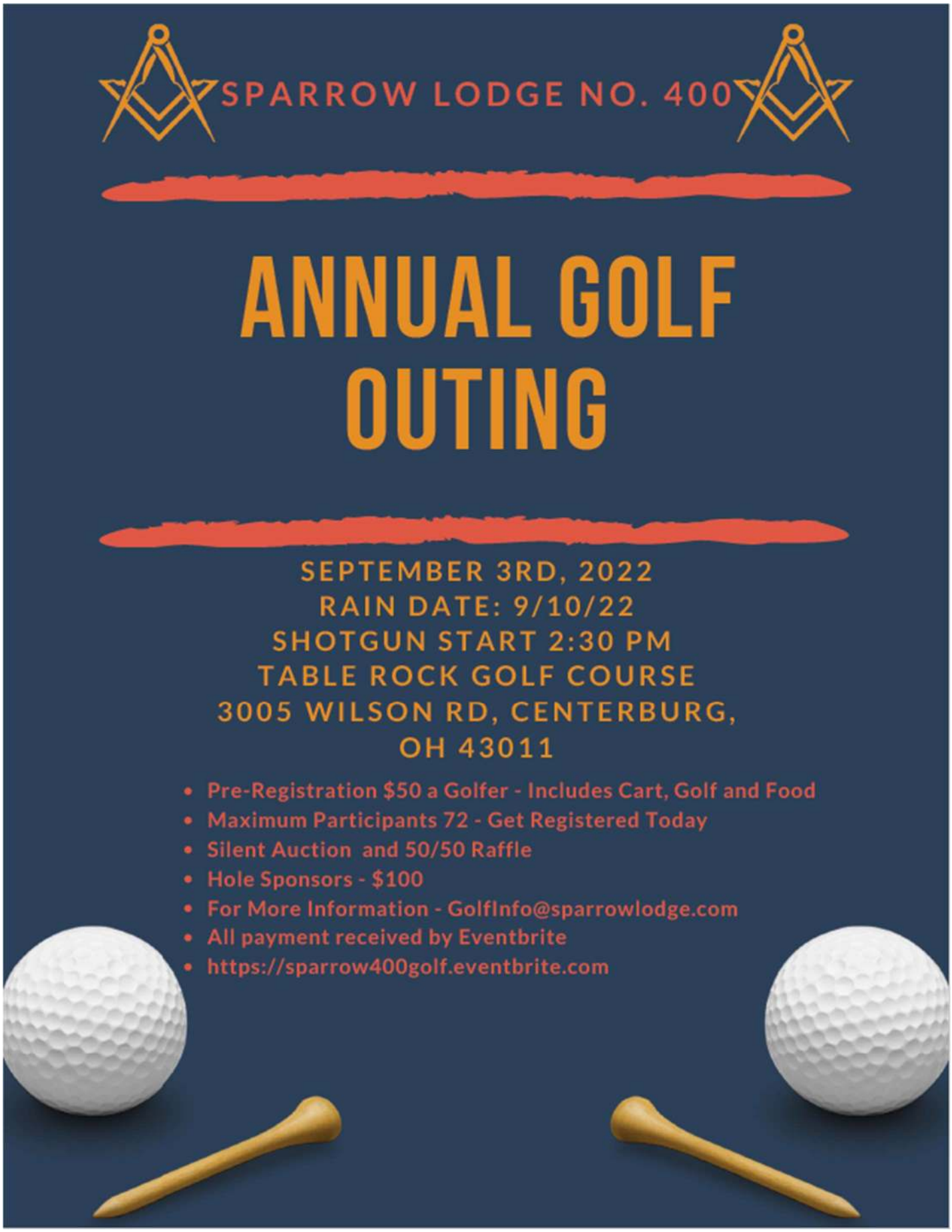
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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2022
RAIN DATE: 9/10/22
SHOTGUN START 2:30 PM
TABLE ROCK GOLF COURSE
3005 WILSON RD, CENTERBURG, OH 43011
• Pre-Registration $50 a Golfer - Includes Cart, Golf and Food
• Maximum Participants 72 - Get Registered Today
• Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
• Hole Sponsors - $100
• For More Information - GolfInfo@sparrowlodge.com
• All payment received by Eventbrite
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