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Installation Remarks

Richard Frederick III, WM of Arts & Sciences No. 792

Brothers, Friends and Honored Guests, On behalf of the members and officers of Arts & Sciences Lodge, let me thank you for being with us today. To the families of the masons present, thank you for supporting your Mason as he works to be better. A better man. A better husband and partner. A better father. A better neighbor. Your support has been - and will continue to be - crucial in the success of that quest. This is not a path that we walk alone, and our gratitude for your love and support is immeasurable.

I would also like to extend a special thank you and offer our sincere appreciation to the travelling masons here today and to the members of the Installation Team. Right Worshipful Brother Ward Weber II, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio (and charter member of Arts & Sciences Lodge), Right Worshipful Brother Adam Michael, District Deputy Grand Master for the 14th Masonic District, and Right Worshipful Brother Ron Wike, the 14th District's newly installed District Deputy Grand Master. Thank you, brethren, for giving your time, your efforts, and your skill to assist our lodge today. And I have news for you: it won't be your last.

Freemasonry is not for every man. It is not for those who are unwilling to look within their deepest self and come face to face with both their defects and their mortality. However, for those men that desire more, this is a path of examination and enlightenment. We do this to understand our truest selves, so that we may honestly reflect on who we are as men and masons, and to craft our hearts and minds out of the rough stone, and into the squared and polished blocks on which a good life is built. Freemasonry is a crucible where good men are forged into better men. Not forged by fire and heat, but in the light of brotherly love, relief and truth. Seek and ye shall find.

As the officers of this lodge, it is incumbent upon us to serve our brothers as they undertake this important and mighty work. It is our duty to serve them as best we can in gratitude for the trust they have shown in us, and to work with all in order to leave the lodge in better condition than we found it. A servant leader is a servant first. This is what is required. Leadership is hearing others. Leadership is growing others. Leadership is helping others. Leadership is an action, **not** a position. And that action is, first and foremost, one of service to each other, our families, and our communities. We cannot, however, do this alone. We need your help brethren to reach these lofty goals and high ideals. Together we will go forward into the light, to continue to build our lodge, and each other. As my dear friend and mentor, Bro. Dan Hrinko is fond of saying "many hands make light work". So with faith in our hearts, hope in our minds, and charity from our hands, we will speak with one, raised voice and say "We did this together".

Brethren and guests - go from this place and be of good cheer. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and keep you, may He continue to guide your journey, and may He forever shine His light upon you. Thank you one and all.

14th Masonic District Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Past Masters Convocation	Northwest Masonic Temple, 2436 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235	Saturday, December 10, 2022	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Franklin County Memorial Lodge Annual Meeting	Canal Winchester Lodge No. 670, 651 Groveport Pike, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110	Wednesday, January 4, 2023	TBD
14th Masonic District Officer Fellow Craft Degree	Grove City Masonic Lodge, No. 689	Monday, January 30, 2023	7:00 PM
14th District Quarterly meeting	West Gate Lodge No. 623 2925 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43204	Thursday, February 23, 2023	6:30 PM
Grove City Lodge No. 689 Reconsecration	Grove City Lodge No. 689 at 3558 Park Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123	Saturday, March 11, 2023	TBD
14th District Annual Awards Dinner and Presentations	Community Lodge No. 684 2436 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235	Thursday, May 25th, 2023	6:30 P.M.



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2023 Inspection Schedule

The 2023 inspection season kicks off in the 14th District on Tuesday, February 21st at Sunrise Lodge No. 783.

Brethren are encouraged to attend inspections. This is a great opportunity to travel with and create stronger bonds among members from your lodge. It's also a great chance for new members to get acquainted with brethren from around the district. As a reminder, members can attend any inspection up to the highest degree they have received.

LODGE NAME	#	INSPECTION DATE	Degree	DDGM	DEO	DO
Sunrise	783	Tuesday, February 21, 2023	MM	CN	NB	DG
New England	4	Monday, February 27, 2023	MM	RW	CG	EL
University	631	Tuesday, February 28, 2023	MM	AM	JS	PM
Canal Winchester	670	Wednesday, March 1, 2023	FC	CN	NB	EL
Blendon	339	Monday, March 6, 2023	EA	RW	CG	EK
Community	684	Tuesday, March 7, 2023	EA	CN	JS	KF
Groveport-Lockbourne	801	Tuesday, March 14, 2023	FC	CN	NB	PM
Neoacacia	595	Wednesday, March 15, 2023	EA	RW	CG	KF
Sparrow	400	Saturday, March 18, 2023	MM	CN	HD	KF
West Gate	623	Monday, March 20, 2023	EA	RW	HD	EL
Hiram	18	Tuesday, March 21, 2023	EA	AM	CG	EK
Capital City	656	Friday, March 24, 2023	FC	AM	HD	PM
Goodale	372	Monday, March 27, 2023	FC	RW	JS	DG
Reynoldsburg	340	Tuesday, March 28, 2023	FC	CN	CG	DG
Arts & Sciences	792	Thursday, March 30, 2023	EA	RW	JS	PM
Magnolia	20	Tuesday, April 11, 2023	MM	CN	HD	EK
Triangle	748	Thursday, April 13, 2023	MM	AM	NB	KF
York	563	Monday, April 17, 2023	EA	RW	JS	EL
Avery	493	Tuesday, April 18, 2023	EA	AM	CG	KF
Linden	637	Thursday, April 20, 2023	MM	AM	NB	EK
Grove City	689	Monday, May 1, 2023	FC	AM	HD	DG

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



Education Corner

Who Was Hiram Abiff?

Jim Pullins, Pleasant Valley No.531

Hiram Abiff, we know, was a widow's son. He was the son of a man of Tyre, but his mother was an Israelite, said in one record to have been of the tribe of Napthtal, and in another, of the "daughters of Dan."

His mother was indeed a native of the tribe of Dan, but her first husband was of the tribe of Naphtali, to whom Hiram was probably born. After the death of the first husband, she then married a man of Tyre, and her son was brought up as a Tyrian and fully educated and trained in the arts of that land. Tyre was one of the principal seats of the Dionysiac fraternity of artificers, a Society engaged exclusively in the construction of edifices and united in a secret organization, subsequently imitated by the Operative Masons of the Temple. Hiram Abiff was quite probably a member of this organization and learned much from this privilege. In assuming his work at Jerusalem, he introduced among the workmen the same exact system of discipline that he had found so advantageous in the Dionysiac Secret Society. From this secret society of operative masons there was evolved the Order of Speculative Masons, of which Hiram Abiff was the first Grand Master.

His mother, being a daughter of Dan, the fifth son of Jacob, endowed Hiram with characteristics of this tribe. This tribe was said to be bold, courageous, daring, and cunning. The banner of Dan was blue. This may bean origin for the choice of blue as a Masonic color.

In Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 13 & 14, Hiram King of Tyre tells Solomon about the man he has sent to oversee the work of the Temple: "And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device in which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father."

Obviously, a good man to supervise the construction of a building containing all those materials and to manage all the workers. It appears that Naphtali was also the fifth son of Jacob. The Lord, in Deuteronomy 33:23, says "0 Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of the Lord, Possess thou the west and the south." In the same Chapter, the Lord refers to Dan as "a lion's whelp." All of this together, shows us that our character Hiram Abiff, is a wrapping of many Masonic symbols and characteristics. He inherits possession of the west and south, descended from the tribe that possessed the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (a symbolic reference to Christ) and possesses skills critical to the mastery of his craft.

The mystery of who he is remains, for while there are references to Hiram in his character as a craftsman, there is no Biblical reference to the name Abiff which is uniquely Masonic.

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

2023 SYSK



RESERVATION DEADLINE January 14, 2023

January 21, 2023.....Blendon Lodge

February 4, 2023.....Avery Lodge

February 18, 2023.....Magnolia Lodge

March 4, 2023.....Groveport Lockbourne Lodge

March 25, 2023.....West Gate Lodge

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"**

or

Contact a District Education Officer

DID YOU MISS A CLASS?

MAKE UP CLASSES AVAILABLE

Photos from around the District...









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2ND Annual PDDGM Breakfast to Celebrate Our 2022 Inspection Season



Prepared for you by past
district deputies of the 14th District
$10.00 Donation

December 10, 2022
7:30 am -10:00 am
Northwest Temple
2436 W. Dublin Granville Rd
Columbus, OH 43235






14th District Masonic Officers Asscociation
12th Annual Golf Outing
Four Person Scramble open to all golfers
Cash Bar
Fun and Fellowship for all skill levels!
YORK GOLF CLUB 7459 N High St Columbus OH 43235
10:30 AM Registration
11 AM Lunch
* 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Shotgun start at 1:00 PM
Open to Lodge Members and their Guests
$90 Fee includes golf, cart, and lunch
Limited to first 144 Golfers at $90 per golfer
Questions? Contact David Gizzo 614-787-7198
July 8th, 2023
We look forward to seeing you for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!!
Sponsorship Opportunities Available

The Fabulous Fourteenth

Annual Grand Master's Reception

Pinnacle Golf Club
1500 Pinnacle Drive
Grove City, OH 43123

Saturday March 11, 2023
Social Hour 5:30
Introductions 6:30

$60.00 per person
grand lodge officer and distinguished guest sponsorships available

Please contact your district officer, or Eric Longstreth, elongstreth@yahoo.com, 740-816-1717 for more information, to make reservations, and to sponsor a Grand Lodge Officer or Distinguished Guest

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