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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 Steven M. Grindle, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. As a reminder, the event will take place on Saturday, March 11th, 2023 at Pinnacle Golf Club, located at 1500 Pinnacle Drive Grove City, Ohio 43123. Reservations for the buffet dinner are $60 per person and must be received by February 25, 2023. 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 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.

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 Eric Longstreth, 1st Vice President at eric.longstreth@yahoo.com or call 740-816-1717 for more information, to make reservations, and to sponsor a Grand Lodge Officer or Distinguished Guest.

The Fabulous Fourteenth

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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.

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

14th Masonic District
Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

Pictures from around the District









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:

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
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.

Photos from around the District









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

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A LODGE OFFICER

by MWBro Jack L. Allen served as Grand Master in 2000-2001.
This was written when he was Grand Orator.

Editor's Note: This article can be viewed on GrandView. The training mentioned in this article has been replaced by Code Course and SYSK.

As a 21-year-old newly raised Master Mason, I had high school, college and U.S. Navy time going for me, plus experience from a variety of odd jobs, from gas station attendant to retail sales, not to mention a new marriage. Not bad, one might say, for a 21-year-old. But the next eight years of my life would provide much more... all because of my journey through my Masonic lodge's officer line, starting as Chaplain. I had taken orders, if not direction, from men and women older than me, but I had never been put in the position of guiding men who were senior to me in age. I had messed up my checking account balance with the few thousand dollars I made back then, but I had never had to forecast a budget of five figures a year in advance. I had been responsible only for myself .and my young bride, not the status and future of 900 Master Masons. I looked after a used car and an apartment, but I had never been involved in the purchase of real estate, and the design and construction of a Masonic Temple. I had planned the meals for two, but never a picnic for 300. In every case cited above, those add-on experiences were ones I had going through the line.

My lodge had never worried about a budget until there was a building on the horizon. Fortunately, our veteran Secretary was also an accountant. He did the budget -- 1 did the learning. Officers, senior and junior to me, found the property, sought out an architect and identified a contractor. They just turned it all over to me, as a 29-year-old Worshipful Master, and said "Make it work." Every officer behind me in the line, the year I was Worshipful Master, was older than me. But they didn't make that an issue. I had learned to plan, execute, and finally delegate. I had a wonderful year as Worshipful Master. To this day, when someone says where is your department's budget, I have it and can explain it. If they thrust blueprints under my nose, I can read them. If they ask me to chair a committee, I can organize and I can work with people. All of this -- and much more, I can do because I was an officer in my Masonic lodge.

The fact is, in this conglomerate-oriented world, some men never get a chance to experience leadership, or to have a variety of experiences, but our Masonic lodges offer the opportunity to learn leadership skills through the TELL, WILL and Series IV programs. The individual concerns of each lodge allow us to deal with budgets, short- and long-range planning, physical plants, community events, charity, youth, and a whole host of their experiences. Being an officer is more than learning the ritual. It is all part of Masonry's philosophy of taking a good man and making him a better man. The skills and lessons one learns in the lodge line make us better members of the church board, the PTA, our union -- the list is endless. Give it some thought. Then, talk to your Worshipful Master about your desire to learn and grow.

One of the Core Values of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is Service to Humanity. We are excited to offer you these opportunities this year where you can join us in this Core Value in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Join us in supporting our Mid-Ohio Food Bank, in Grove City. The Valley of Columbus has a scheduled opportunities to serve at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank all throughout the year.

We have 14 voluntary rolls to fill for each date listed below.

Pre-registration is needed. These voluntary rolls can be filled by Scottish members, family or friends.

When:
Saturday, February 11th – 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Future Dates:
Saturday, April 8th - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, June 10th - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, August 12th - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 14th - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, December 11th – 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Where:
Mid Ohio Food Bank
3960 Brookham Drive
Grove City, Ohio 43123

RSVP:
WB Eric Longstreth
Phone/Text: 1 (740) 816-1717
Email: eric.longstreth@yahoo.com

Mid Ohio Food Bank Facts…
Who We Serve
• People in our area who are eligible to receive our aid are missing, on average, 52 days of eating a year.
• We serve 20 counties covering nearly 10,000 square miles.
• Our goal is to close the 144 million-meal gap in our region.
We provide more than 140,000 meals each day for hungry people in central and eastern Ohio. Our network of 680-member agencies directly distribute the vast majority of the nutritious food the Mid-Ohio Foodbank handles each year.


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!!
Hole Sponsorships $100. Other sponsorships available.


THOMAS MILLER
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2023
REGISTRATION OPENS 7:30 AM
SHOTGUN START 8:30 AM
VILLAGE VIEW GOLF COURSE
210 SOUTH MAIN ST
HARTFORD, OH 43013
• 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
• https://sparrow400golf.eventbrite.com