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Reflections from WB Chris Greise, DEO

While attending the 14th District's Grand Master's Reception, I was reflecting on how good and how pleasant it was for all of us to come together for such a fantastic evening while "Building Brotherhood." While surveying the room I was looking who was in attendance and who was missing out on such a wonderful evening. Our lives can be filled with many other obligations that prevent us from participating in every event. But as RWB Ron Ellsworth Wike Jr. said this year, "You must be present to win! "

I think it boils down to just showing up. Showing up and being present is a fundamental aspect of building and maintaining relationships, whether they are Masonic, personal, or professional. Being physically present demonstrates a willingness to engage and connect with others, and it also shows respect for their time and efforts.

I must hand it to the Officers of the 14th District Masonic Officers Association. They put a lot of hard work and effort into giving each lodge an opportunity to be significant. For this, I say *thank you* for all that you do.

In addition to building relationships, being present is essential for personal growth and development. When we fully engage in a Masonic activity, learn a lecture, become a lodge officer, or step out of our comfort zone, we give ourselves the opportunity to learn and expand our knowledge and skills. If I joined the lodge and just sat on the sidelines, my viewpoint is that I would be doing myself a disservice. I reflect on where I was just ten years ago, and it is hard to comprehend my own personal growth. I attribute this to showing up and being engaged with my fellow brethren.

Finally, showing up is critical for achieving our goals and fulfilling our commitments. When we make a commitment to something or someone, we have a responsibility to follow through. Being present is a crucial part of fulfilling that responsibility and meeting our Masonic obligations. Whether it is showing up for a meeting or a deadline, being fully present and engaged ensures that we are doing our best work and delivering on our promises. I challenge all to participate and be engaged as well as engaging others. Ten years from now will you reflect on your life and see that you stayed within your own comfort zone or took the road less traveled in order to do something significant in your life? This work won't always be the easiest, but it will add the most value. Also, this work is essential for building trust, achieving success, maintaining strong relationships, and being significant in our families and fraternity.

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2023 Inspection Schedule

The 2023 inspection season kicked 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:

ashlar@14thmasonicdistrict.org

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
MASONIC NIGHT	Aladdin Shrine Center 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH	Monday, April 24, 2023	6:00 PM
100 Mason Night/ Rusty Nail Degree	Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340 7350 Broadwyn Dr, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Tuesday, May 16, 2023	7:00 PM
14th District Annual Awards Dinner and Presentations	Community Lodge No. 684 2436 West Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235	Thursday, May 25, 2023	6:30 PM

"Building Brotherhood" – A Masonic Pillar

Our inspection season is well under way. We are glad to return to normal and have open inspections after the past few years dealing with the pandemic. It is a pleasant thing to see all the brothers smiling and having great fellowship at each of the inspections. I find myself making new friends every time I attend one of our gatherings. We have seen some pleasant degree work at the inspections. But like anything else, there is always room for improvement, especially after being hampered by the pandemic.

The inspections are additional platforms for us to meet brethren from outside of our home lodges. Brothers from within our district, within Ohio, and sometimes outside of Ohio all come together for fellowship and to make lifelong friends.
As we continue to enjoy the many benefits of our fraternity, let us not forget those who for whatever reason have stopped attending their lodges. It is imperative that we reach out to them and encourage them to come back to lodge. We must strive to make our brothers feel welcome and to find ways to keep them engaged in our lodges. Freemasonry is needed now, more than any other time in our history. So, I appeal to all of us to collaborate with our Prospect Managers in responding to inquiries from prospective candidates and ensure we work them through becoming Masons and beyond.

Our district officers work extremely hard behind the scenes to make our district "The Fabulous 14th" the best District in Ohio. They are currently planning and working on upcoming events for the rest of the masonic year. I therefore ask each of us to express our gratitude to them whenever we see them.

Let me share the following message with you for contemplation:

THE SILENT SUMMONS
A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

-- Author Unknown

We are our brother's keeper. So, my brethren, let us continue to strengthen our fraternal bonds and friendship. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

RWB Clifford E. Nicol
DDGM of the 14th Masonic District

Photos from around the District



















REYNOLDSBURG LODGE NO. 340 F&AM

100 MASON NIGHT



FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND FILLING SEATS!

Please come join Reynoldsburg Lodge for our First 100 Mason Night! The goal is to bring at least 100 Masons together to promote Fellowship and Brotherhood. Masonic Education in the form of a Rusty Nail Degree will be the focus of the night! Opening in M.M. Degree.

MAY 16TH, 2023

Dinner 6:30pm
Gavel Drop 7:30pm

- Dress code is business casual (Slacks and a Polo)
- A $10 donation for dinner is appreciated!
- Non-perishable food items being collected for DEFEAT HUNGER FEST to benefit our Veterans and First Responders.

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 8TH, 2023 SO WE CAN GET AN ACCURATE HEADCOUNT FOR DINNER. RSVPS WILL BE TURNED OFF WHEN OUR LODGE CAPACITY HAS BEEN MET.

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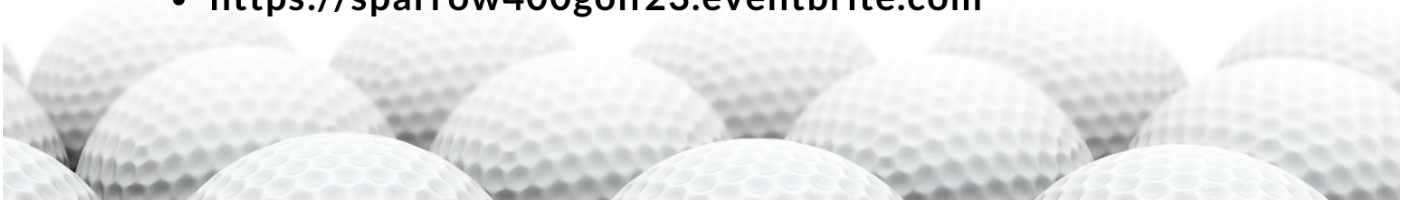
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THOMAS MILLER

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 $55 a Golfer - Includes Cart, Golf, Food and One Mulligan
- Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
- Hole Sponsors - $100
- For More Information - GolfInfo@sparrowlodge.com
- All payment received by Eventbrite
- https://sparrow400golf23.eventbrite.com



740-834-9774
www.stockhands.org
3788 Olentangy River Rd.
Delaware, OH 43015

Invitation to Ice Cream Social and Open House at Stockhands Horses for Healing

Stockhands Horses for Healing is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that provides Equine Assisted Therapeutic Services to adults and children with developmental disabilities, Children with Autism and Spectrum Based learning challenges, Veterans, First Responders and much more.

Brother Tim Funk, Co-Founder of Stockhands and member of Avery Lodge #493 and Hiram Lodge #18 along with Brother Bill Wolfe, Lead Volunteer and Past Worshipful Master of University Lodge #631 would like to invite all lodge members of the 14th District and their families out to a free, private open house and Ice Cream Social at our Stockhands Horses for Healing Campus.

Guests will enjoy special treats provided by Riverside Homemade Ice-cream served from their vintage truck before touring the facility. Children and adults alike will be given opportunities to have up-close experiences with our horses and experience our facility the way our participants do by riding, driving and spending time with these magnificent animals.

When: Saturday May 13th 4pm-6pm. Rain or Shine
Who: All lodge members, their spouses, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews etc.
Where: Stockhands Horses for Healing 3788 Olentangy River Rd. Delaware, OH 43015

RSVP through your lodge to amack@stockhands.org, with your expected number of attendees so that we can make sure we have enough volunteers to assist with the horses and of course enough ice-cream! We look forward to sharing this fantastic day with each of you!

Stockhands Horses for Healing

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.

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.

The Aladdin Shriners, Past Masters Unit Presents

MASONIC NIGHT

Monday, April 24, 2023



Aladdin Shrine Center
1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City

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

Hosted by New England #4
(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