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Why the World Needs Freemasonry?

WB Nick Bolyard, DEO

Having the opportunity to work with young men and women on a daily basis, it is abundantly clear why the world needs Freemasonry. Each day, young men and women face more distractions than ever before. In the days of our youth, we were often faced with normal social distractions of our peers, dating, sports, scouts, and other social hobbies. Today, our youth are faced with these distractions and the enormous distractions of social media. It seems that the youth are under more and more pressure than we ever were.

In a recent lodge meeting, a very wise Lodge Education Officer presented a tremendous presentation on the responsibilities of Masons. As Masons, we have taken obligations of service to others. The excellent principles and tenets of our institution are integral parts of our values as men. By the exercise of our principles and values, we truly display the wonderful workings of our fraternity to the world.

In today's society, individuals are faced with more mental health concerns than ever before. Whether it is anxiety, depression, PTSD, or other mental health concerns, our fraternity has a duty to serve the needs of others. But the question will continue to be - HOW?

Research has provided that anxiety is the concern of the future, while depression appertains to the worry upon past events. While it may seem easy to work with, these are extremely difficult items that many men live with each day. These men share meals and sit with us in the lodge. These may be men that you sit with in church on Sundays, or share time with on a daily basis.

Through Freemasonry, we can share our working tools and values with each other to help each other in times of trials and tribulations. Each working tool has a unique lesson that can directly assist men in our community.

As we embark on the journey together, consider the working tools and values of our fraternity. On our social media, we can be instruments of inspiration to the world at large, and display our values as Masons. In our community, we can be upright men who make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Who is responsible for the future of our fraternity? Who is responsible for the future of our communities?

We are. Each of us as Masons is directly responsible. What will you do?

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2023 Statewide Open House

RWB Ron Wike, DDGM

Leading up to the statewide open houses, we gathered details from all Lodges of the 14th District. It became apparent from the beginning that everyone took it very seriously, and the DDGMs, DA, DEOs, District Officers and Grand Lodge Officers collaborated to visit every Lodge in the District. At the end of the day, we all returned home full of Brotherly Love and so proud of our district.

The only downfall about the Ohio Masonic Open House Day is that most of our brothers were serving at their Lodge and could not travel around the district. Here are some of the things you would have experienced if you could've traveled with us:

- Witnessing men pursuing their interest in Masonry and petitions being completed
- Pancakes, Donuts, Cookies, Cookies, and more Cookies
- Live music
- Historical Presentations
- Public Ritual
- Giant Square & Compasses
- Schmidt's Sausage Haus Food Truck
- Historic pictures, documents, and regalia on display
- Witnessing "Masonry In Action"
- So much Brotherhood!

Well done! You all showed the world why we are The FABULOUS 14th District!





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Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

Open House Photos 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

What Came you Here to Do? A Reflection on Our Working Tools…

WB Jeffrey Hall

Part 1 of a 3 Part Series on the Working Tools of Freemasonry….

The Working tools of an Entered Apprentice are the 24-inch Gauge and the Common Gavel.

I've struggled with the 24 inch gauge in my life. I have always been in a demanding role such as Firefighter/Paramedic and now Practice Administrator. It always feels like the 8 hours for our usual vocations turns into 16 hours or more. What I particularly struggle with is, from what part of the 24 Inch Gauge do I take away for another? Could this be the great struggle that we all face as masons? There are just not enough hours in the day. No matter where we take hours away from, or add hours to, our entire life is impacted.

As we become more involved in various masonic bodies, we must be mindful that we could be pulled away each day to attend some type of Masonic function. We must be mindful that we have our duties to our families as well. Sometimes one can get lost get lost in masonry. It is very difficult as a worshipful master to remember this. There are certain things that a lodge needs to do and then there are the things you want to do. These events, or activities, sometimes clash within the 24 Inch Gauge design. One charge of a Worshipful Master is to make sure that we recognize that the brothers have lives outside the Lodge and govern to help them sustain a balance to do so.

This year we have been working to help that balance by including family in Lodge or Lodge sponsored outings. This allows some flexibility across the 24 Inch Gauge, plus it allows families to feel like they are part of our Fraternity. No Mason can work on his journey alone and without the support of his family.

The common gavel was used by Operative Masons to break off rough edges of stones in the quarry. As Speculative Masons we use it for more noble purposes of divesting our minds of all vices and superfluities of life. We use the common gavel as way to shape our minds and hearts. I believe we are all Rough Ashlars. There are certainly things that we all need to work on.

The gavel helps us work on those rough edges in our lives. Personally, my gavel has been helping me become more outgoing. It has also allowed me to take to look inside and change how I act. I believe the gavel has helped me become a better person. I have been able to chip away at my rough edges to look at how I respond to people and situations. Even as I move forward to receive additional degrees, I realized how imperfect I am. I am truly a rough ashlar.



Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
100 Mason Night / Rusty Nail Degree	Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340 7350 Broadwyn Drive, 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
14th District Golf Outing	York Golf Club 7459 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43235	Saturday, July 8, 2023	10:30 AM
14th District Picnic	High Banks Metro Park Northern Shelter House	Sunday, August 6, 2023	12:00 PM Lunch 2:00 PM

Photos from around the District













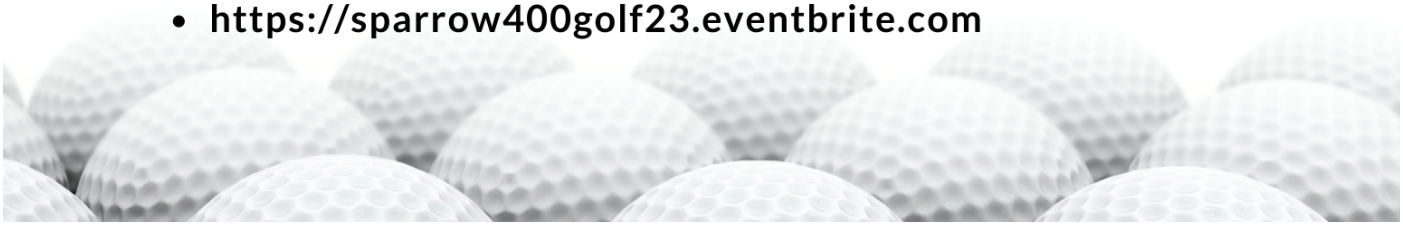

14th District Masonic Officers Association
12th Annual Golf Outing
Four Person Scramble open to all golfers
Cash Bar
Fun and Fellowship for all skill levels!
YORK GOLF CLUB 7459 N High St Columbus OH 43235
10:30 AM Registration
11 AM Lunch
* 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Shotgun start at 1:00 PM
Open to 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 $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



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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, 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.

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.

https://s.surveyplanet.com/ojbonzcq

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Magnolia Lodge #20 F & AM Cornhole Tournament Day

Open to the Public

June 17th, 2023, Registration at 11:30 - Bags Fly at Noon!

E-Merge Excellence Field
Home of the Ashville Cornhole League 14018 Ashville Pike, Ashville, Ohio 43103



$25 Entry Fee Per Team
$25 to Sponsor a Board Cash Payout for Top 3 Teams

Tickets will be sold to Exchange for Food and Beverages including Beer



100 % of Net Proceeds to be Donated to the Masonic Youth Groups on Behalf of MWB Steven M. Grindle and Lady Jane

Please RSVP by June 10th, 2023, to Rick Schleppi at 740-983-2160
or email RLSPLS2003@gmail.com
A very special thank you to Matt Hardbarger for his hospitality.

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