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Why the World Needs Freemasonry?

WB Chris Greise, DEO

The Impact of Charity

Charity, the act of selflessly giving to those in need, holds the power to create a profound impact on individuals, our fraternity and society as a whole. While we often associate charity with monetary donations, using our time in the service of others while even the smallest acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference. Through charity we can bring about substantial positive change, fostering a sense of compassion, inspiring others, and ultimately transforming lives.

Engaging in charitable acts cultivates a spirit of compassion and empathy within ourselves. By extending a helping hand to our brothers, we gain a deeper understanding of their struggles and challenges. These acts nurture our innate sense of humanity. They build stronger bonds of brotherhood and form relationships that will last our lifetime.

Charitable acts, no matter how small, possess the power to inspire and initiate a domino effect. When individuals witness acts of kindness, they are often motivated to follow suit, multiplying the impact exponentially. This demonstrates that even the smallest acts of charity can create a chain reaction of positive change, touching the lives of our brothers on their Masonic journey.

Charity serves as a beacon of hope, reminding each other that we are not alone. Such gestures have the power to rekindle the spirit of resilience and empower individuals to overcome their challenges.

We have been blessed with the gift of Freemasonry and the impact it can have on our lives. Freemasonry reminds us that charity is at the core to why we are Masons.

Charity, in all its forms, holds immense potential for transformative impact. By engaging in acts of kindness, no matter how small, we foster compassion, inspire others, alleviate suffering, and contribute to social change. The cumulative effect of these small gestures reverberates throughout society, bringing hope, equality, and justice to those in need. We build brotherhood in our fraternity and relationships that we can count on during our time of need. As individuals, let us remember that even the smallest acts of charity can make a profound difference and collectively shape a brighter future for our fraternity.

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2023 14th Masonic District Awards Night

On May 25th at Northwest Temple the 14th Masonic District hosted the Annual Awards Night. It was a wonderful night of Fellowship. The Lodges below won various awards for this past inspection year. The 14th District is proud of all the Lodges in the district and the hard work they put into performing the degrees.

EA Degree

Best Degree – York Lodge No. 563

Best Lecture – Michael R. Jones, York Lodge No. 563

Best Charge – Kenneth T. Goble, Blendon Lodge No. 339

Best Apron Lecture – Justin L. Mason, Blendon Lodge No. 339

FC Degree

Best Degree – Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340

Best Lecture – Adam C. Lappert, Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340

Best Charge – Peter T. Scott, Groveport-Lockbourne Lodge No. 801

Best "G" Lecture – G. Michael DuMolt, Reynoldsburg Lodge No. 340

MM Degree

Best Degree – Sunrise Lodge No. 783

Best Lecture – Lloyd S. Early III, Sunrise Lodge No. 783

Best Charge – Kevin C. Bice, Linden Lodge No. 637 – Co-Winner

Best Charge – Dominic L. Perino, Triangle Lodge No. 748 – Co-Winner

Best Craft Team – New England Lodge No. 4

100% attendance at inspections:

Greg Adams, Canal Winchester 670

Clyde Knisley New England 4

Eric Longstreth Hiram 18

Garrett Watson Triangle 748

Jay Firm Grove City 689

Keith Fields Grove City 689

Chris Greise Arts & Sciences 792

14th Masonic District Awards Night Continued.

Life Time Master Traveler

Larry Buell Sparrow No. 400

Rookie Master Traveler

Galyk Cruz Neocacia No. 595

Best Inspection Dinner

Linden No. 637

Lodges with 100% attendance:

New England No. 4

Hiram No.18

Blendon No. 339

Reynoldsburg No. 340

Sparrow No. 400

Avery No. 493

York No. 563

Neocacia No. 595

Linden No. 637

Canal Winchester No. 670

Grove City No. 689

Triangle No. 748

Sunrise No. 783

Arts & Sciences No. 792

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

Photos from Around the District

















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

WB Jeffrey Hall

Part 2 of a 3 Part Series on the Working Tools of Freemasonry….

The Working Tools of a Fellow Craft are the Plumb, Square and Level.

The Plumb is used to teach us to walk upright. Walking upright can be a challenge because the world can be a dark place. Walking upright is not always popular or accepted among others. However, Walking Upright is standing tall and doing the right thing all the time even when the right thing is not popular. I can say personally that I have tried to do the right thing and I have lost people who did not like my approach. They thought I should bend; but bending would not allow me be the best person I can be or a good Mason.

As a Past Master of the Lodge my plumb was attached to a Plumb Line. **The Plumb Line** has taught me to that I need to lead our Lodge and myself on a path that does not take away from the working tools and our obligations. I have realized that sitting in the East was an Honor, not just a title. Our Brothers look to the East for Wisdom, Leadership and Guidance. They deserve no less than our best.

The Square represents multiple things in our Fraternity. As the Square is equal on each side, it teaches us to treat each other equally no matter our various circumstances. When we are out in the world we need to act as Masons as it is very easy to get drawn into the world issues. The Square teaches us that we should live an honest life. One which reflects a virtue and integrity as if we were displaying a Square around our neck. As the Master of Lodge before every meeting as I sit in the East, I take a moment look at the Jewel of my Office. I remind myself that I need to always make sure that I treat everyone equally. When I look out at our brothers, I realize that I must be an example to them because of the Office I hold. The Square truly humbles me. We must hold each up to this valuable tool. As we part upon the Square, we should realize that we all go in different directions to lead different lives. Through the Square we are reminded that even though we are going in different directions the Square **teaches that we are all going in the right direction.**

The Level has different meaning to everyone. I believe this working tool aligns with the Square as it reminds me is that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. It teaches that all brothers are equal and all of us are traveling on a Level of Time. Our journeys will end at the same place. Yet, as we travel those roads with so many directions, distractions, and decisions I believe the working tools guide us on what paths to take. They teach true values and what it takes to be a Mason. I also look at the Level from another approach. I think about how our time on earth is short and that at any moment it could end. I believe we need to look at life as too short. You never know what could take place. We need to approach each day as a new day, one which can be better than the day before, if only we would live up to our Obligations.

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Royal Schofield Society Presentation by WB Nick Bolyard at Neocacia No. 595	Blendon Masonic Temple 131 S. State Street Westerville, OH 43081	Wednesday, June 14, 2023	Dinner at 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Table Lodge at Reynoldsburg No. 340	7350 Broadwyn Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Tuesday, June 20,2023	7:30 PM
Table Lodge Arts and Sciences Lodge No. 792	Smokehouse Brewing Company 1130 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215	Saturday, June 24,2023	5:00 PM RSVP by June 21st.
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

More Photos from around the District













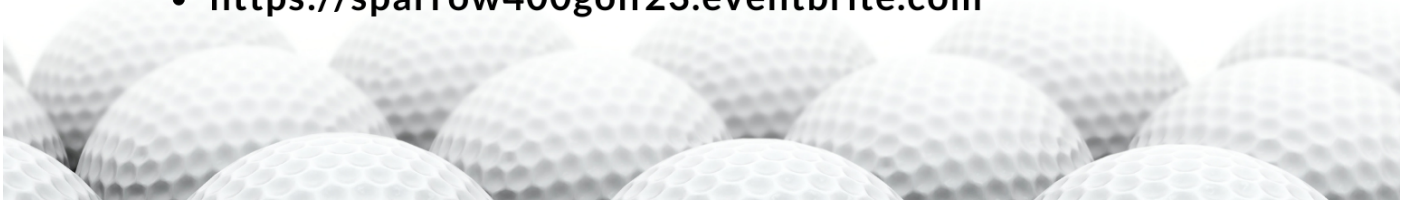

14th District Masonic Officers Association
12th Annual Golf Outing
Four Person Scramble open to all golfers
Cash Bar
Fun and Fellowship for all skill levels!
YORK GOLF CLUB 7459 N High St Columbus OH 43235
10:30 AM Registration
11 AM Lunch
* 4-Person Best Ball Scramble Shotgun start at 1:00 PM
Open to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



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.



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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