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214th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

RWB Adam Michael, DDGM

The 214th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 20th at the Kalahari Resort located at 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Full details including the itinerary and lodging options for the Annual Communication can be found at: glohio2023.com or by clicking this link: https://oh.grandview.systems/events/4074/.

Reservations for the various events must be made through Grandview by September 5. You can also find information on making hotel reservations and all activities throughout the weekend at the site.

This year the Grand Lodge business session will commence at 8:00 A.M. on Friday and close at 3:00 P.M. The installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge officers will then take place at 5:00 P.M. at the same location.

Register with the Credentials Committee at the session upon your arrival and come prepared with your due's cards and aprons. As you may recall from last year's communication, several pieces of legislation did not pass for immediate consideration and were ultimately laid over until this year's session.

All of the proposed **legislation to be considered at the annual communication has been posted to Grandview** and **MUST BE READ AT A STATED MEETING OF YOUR LODGE**. **There will not be any online voting** as in years past. So, for all those who are eligible to vote (including all masters and wardens or their proxies), come prepared and be ready to raise your card for the future of our fraternity and celebrate with our new grand lodge officer's as they embark on leading our ranks in the great state of Ohio.

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Once In A Lifetime Experience.

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There are those days when you just plain need a break. Especially those days that are forecasted to be full of blue skies and the thermometer will reach well above 90 degrees. An exceptional day to sit poolside with a few of your favorite beverages at hand and baseball on the radio. Well, Sunday, August 20th was one of those days for me. However, a week before, I had been asked to assist the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Lodge Officers with the cornerstone laying at the Warren G. Harding Library and Museum in Marion, and humbly, I accepted. As I was coming off double masonic duty the day before, I was spent and needed reprieve. I woke that beautiful Sunday morning and pondered finding a last-minute replacement to fill my spot in the ceremony. But I did give my word to assume the role of the Grand Chaplain. So, I picked myself up, showered, suited myself up, grabbed my keys, and made the trip north.

Upon arriving at the site, I recognized several brethren already in the parking lot preparing for the event. As I checked in, I noticed several more cars filling the parking spots with cars that adorned masonic license plates. Families came walking down the streets to attend this monumental occasion for their town and their community. More and more masons populated the various rooms inside and outside of the museum. The front porches of the surrounding houses in the neighborhood began filling with onlookers.

Had I made the right decision to spend a few hours of my time on the weekend to assist in this once in a lifetime experience? Oh yeah, I did.

The cornerstone ceremony, which was directed by RWB Jeffrey Sime, Junior Grand Deacon and led by MWB Steven Grindle, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio was simply beautiful. Providing the invocation and the benediction that afternoon was definitely one of the highlights of my 15 years as a mason. I did not count how many masons were in attendance, needless to say, there was an exceptional turnout by our brethren. I had the pleasure of meeting the Mayor of Marion, the local state representative, and the architect of the exquisite premises. Truly, an experience that I will remember for a long, long time.

I would personally like to thank Ill. Bro. Thomas Savage for reaching out and asking me to participate in the cornerstone ceremony and especially to MWB Ron Winnett for all his efforts and seeing this through.

My brethren, there are events that we miss due to conflicts and there are times when we simply just don't want to go. But you never know how much an experience will touch and affect you unless you attend.

Photos from Harding Library Dedication









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

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 scheduled opportunities to serve at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank all throughout the year.
We have 14 volunteer roles to fill for each date listed below.
Pre-registration is needed. These volunteer roles can be filled by Scottish Rite members, family or friends.

Future Dates:
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.

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Sparrow Lodge No. 400	Village View Golf Course 210 South Main Street Croton, Ohio 43013	Saturday, September 23, 2023 https://sparrow400golf23.eventbrite.com	07:30 AM
214th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio	Kalahari Resort located at 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870	Friday, October 20, 2023 https://oh.grandview.systems/events/4074/	08:00 AM

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

