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District Quarterly Meeting

WB Eric Longstreth

AAAAHHHHHHH!!!!

What was that you ask? That was the collective sigh of relief we have all taken now that the 2024 inspection season is behind us.

Several events are on the horizon, though.

The next event for the district is the District Quarterly Meeting and Annual Awards Ceremony which will be held at: Grove City Lodge 689, 3558 Park Street, Grove City, OH 43123 on Thursday May 23rd, 2024. Dinner will be served at 6 pm and the meeting and awards presentation will begin at 7 pm.

In addition to awards for best lectures, charges, and degrees those lodges that attended at least 80% of the Inspections will be recognized as well as those brethren that attended all the inspections, the 100%'er's.

The DEO's will also be recognizing the SYSK participants.

This is a business meeting so the District Officers will be in suit and tie. All others will be Business Casual.

Our ladies are invited and encouraged to join us for dinner and to recognize the hard work that was on display throughout the inspection season.

I look forward to seeing you there!



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A Past Master

WB Chris Greise

As new Brothers join the ranks of Freemasonry, they are often thrust into the leadership of the Lodge. Serving as a lodge leader can be a vital step in our growth as Freemasons. This journey challenges us in ways that push us out of our comfort zone. It allows us to learn the perspective of different roles. Being a leader helps us strengthen our organizational skills.

Will we be perfect at this opportunity? Probably not but it will help us on the journey of self-improvement and seeing different perspectives by wearing the shoes of others.

Transitioning from leadership roles back to the craft requires our unwavering engagement with our lodges and Freemasonry at large.

We can contribute meaningfully by guiding new members, sharing our experiences to help them navigate the officer line more smoothly and avoid common pitfalls. Our mentorship can extend to teaching lectures, encouraging participation in district training sessions, or exploring the district together.

Furthermore, as past masters accumulate, the workload of the Lodge becomes more distributed, making tasks more manageable. Let us remember that the labor of the Lodge should be a source of joy and fulfillment, not a burdensome chore.

Finally remember that masonry is not a few years adventure but a lifelong journey with friends and brothers. So, make sure you stick around after traveling to the East and continue your masonic journey.



VA Hospital Visitations Resume

Greetings Brethren!

Our committee needs a couple of additional members to assist WB Roscoe Smith and WB David Gubanc in overseeing the visitation program. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact one of these brothers, or a 14th District Deputy Grand Master.

The VA Hospital Visitation Program is under the direction of the 14th Masonic District Deputy Grand Masters. The involvement of every Lodge is essential if this program is to be a success. Plan your visitation for the hours of 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on the dates listed. Refreshments are a most important part of our visitations, are very well received, and are served immediately following the program.

Apples, oranges, bananas, and store-bought cookies are the items to bring. Please do not bring any cakes, doughnuts, or homemade cookies. It is recommended that six dozen of each fruit and twelve to fifteen dozen of individually packaged, store-bought cookies be brought for each visit.

The first lodge listed for each visitation is designated as the organizational lodge for that month and will be contacted prior to the visit to outline the complete activity schedule. We trust that you will make the VA Hospital Visitation part of your lodge program.

Co-Chairmen
Roscoe R. Smith……..740.972.4033
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MAY 5, 2024
Triangle #748, Canal Winchester #670, Sunrise #783



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

Reflections on My First Year as District Deputy Grand Master

RWB Keith Fields



Attending the Grand Lodge ceremony to receive my jewel and apron was an indescribable moment. It was a profound realization of the legacy I was inheriting, knowing the esteemed brethren who had worn the jewel before me and recognizing the weight of the responsibilities it symbolized as a District Deputy Grand Master. Walking across the stage to accept my appointment was a culmination of years of dedication and service, and it is a memory I will forever hold dear, a testament to the honor bestowed upon me and the journey that lies ahead.

Embarking on my journey as a District Deputy Grand Master was a mix of excitement and cautious anticipation. Drawing from my experiences as a district officer and my familiarity with many of the brothers within our district, I felt adequately prepared for the new responsibilities ahead. Following my installation in October, my focus shifted towards overseeing annual meetings and the installation of new officers. It is a vibrant period, akin to the arrival of spring, witnessing the birth of lodges and the induction of new officers. Amidst these activities, preparations for the Past Master Convocation in early December commenced.

As the year drew to a close, pre-inspections were arranged to kick-start the new year, punctuated by the warmth of holiday gatherings extended by lodges, an expression of the cherished bonds of brotherhood and fellowship. The dawn of the new year began with the auspicious occasion of visiting Franklin County Memorial Lodge, followed by our annual pilgrimage to the bourbon trail, a cherished tradition filled with camaraderie.

February, despite its bustling nature with Valentine's Day commitments due to my profession as a florist, also marked the onset of inspection season in our district. Concurrently, meetings were held to organize the District Reception slated for early March, alongside diligent review of applications for the Excellence in Youth awards. March unfolded with the District Reception and a flurry of inspections, culminating in a brief respite during Holy Week.

April ushered in a continuation of inspections and the completion of DDGM reports for lodges regarding their inspections. Thus far, the year has been a tapestry woven with countless memorable moments and the gratification of serving the lodges entrusted to my care.

As I eagerly anticipate the forthcoming District Awards and other district events preceding the summer recess, I reflect upon this past year with immense joy and a deep sense of fulfillment. On this journey so far, I have been fortunate to receive support and guidance from numerous brethren, each playing a vital role in helping me fulfill my responsibilities. Their unwavering support, wise counsel, and steadfast encouragement have been invaluable, serving as beacons of light illuminating my path. To each of them, I extend a heartfelt thank you for their ongoing support and dedication. It is through their collective wisdom and encouragement that I can navigate the challenges and responsibilities entrusted to me with confidence and purpose.

Pictures from around the District
















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Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
District Award Night	Grove City Masonic Lodge	Thursday, May 23, 2024	7pm- 8pm
14th District Golf Outing	York Golf Course	Saturday, July 13, 2024	1pm





Help Needed

Seeking third Air Force JROTC instructor starting this fall at Newark High School, Newark, Ohio (bedroom community of Columbus). Prefer MSgt (r) or above. Current instructor or retired within last 5 years. Can Consider Air Guard or Air Reserve members. Stable supportive school district/community. Enrollment at 215 with 300 cap. Competitive salary and benefits. 12-month contract. Contact Lt Col (r) Bradley at (740) 670-7400 or email: mabradley@newarkcityschools.org to discuss the position.

14th District Masonic Officers Association

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Please print legibly.

Team 1

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4._____

Email_____

Team 2

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York Golf Club

7459 N High St
Columbus, OH 43235

10:30am – Registration
11:00am – Lunch
1:00pm – Shotgun Start

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE OPEN ALL GOLFERS
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Prizes for First Place | Closest to Pin | Longest Putt | Longest Drive

$90 per person includes:

Golf | Cart | Range Balls | Lunch | 3 Drink Tickets

Make checks payable to:
14th District Masonic Officers Association

Mail payment and completed registration to:

Brian Bolyard
P.O. Box 14034
Columbus Ohio 43214.

For more information, please contact: ekletrovetz@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 30, 2024

QR CODE - REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE (FEES APPLY)

LIMITED TO 144 GOLFERS ONLY!!

NO TEAM? WE CAN PAIR YOU UP WITH OTHER TEAMS !


Christmas in July!
TOY DRIVE
&
RIDE FOR A CAUSE
GEAR UP FOR A FEEL-GOOD TOY DRIVE TO THE SHRINERS CHILDEREN'S HOSPITAL IN DAYTON, OHIO!
SAVE THE DATE: JULY 27, 2024
KICKSTANDS UP AT 10 AM!
1801 GATEWAY CIRCLE, GROVE CITY, OHIO 43123
AFTER! RIDE! PARTY!
AFTERWARDS, LET'S BOOGIE DOWN AT THE ALADDIN SHRINE IN GROVE CITY, OHIO FOR A PARTY THAT'S OFF THE CHARTS! FEAST ON TASTY BBQ, SIP ON DRINKS FROM THE CASH BAR, DANCE TO THE DJ'S BEATS, JOIN IN ON EXCITING GAMES, 50/50 RAFFLE AND MORE!
BLESSING OF THE BIKES BEFORE RIDE!
$$COST$$
$20 FOR SINGLE RIDER
$10 FOR PASSENGER
INCLUDES AFTER PARTY BBQ!
PLEASE BRING TOY FROM QR LIST BELOW!
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THOMAS MILLER

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2024
REGISTRATION OPENS 7:30 AM
SHOTGUN START 8:30 AM
VILLAGE VIEW GOLF COURSE
210 SOUTH MAIN ST
HARTFORD, OH 43013

- Pre-Registration $50 a Golfer - Includes Cart, Golf, and Food
  - Day of Event $60
- Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
- Hole Sponsors - $100
- Pathway Sponsors - $50
- Registration on Eventbrite
- https://sparrow400golf24.eventbrite.com
- For More Information - GolfInfo@sparrowlodge.com or Geoffrey McCash 614-582-8039



VALLEY OF COLUMBUS SCOTTISH RITE +

SCOTTISH RITE
1ST ANNUAL MASONIC
BIKE SHOW



YOCTANGEE PARK, CHILLICOTHE OHIO

22ND
JUNE 2024

LIONS CLUB SHELTER HOUSE

Registration at 11:00am Awards at 1:30pm

FISH FRY BY BAINBRIDGE MASONIC LODGE #196

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