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215th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio

WB Adam Lappert

Greetings Brethren!

The 215th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio is quickly approaching. This year it will be held at the Dayton Masonic Center, 525 Riverview Ave, Dayton, Oh 45405. It is scheduled from October 18 through October 19, 2024. Event details and registration can be found at: https://oh.grandview.systems/events/4971.

Reservations for the event must be made through Grandview by September 5. There are also details for hotel reservations and various activities throughout the weekend.

The Grand Lodge business session will begin on October 18 at 8:00am Friday October 18. Register with the Credentials Committee at the session upon your arrival and come prepared with your due's cards and aprons.





GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

215th Annual Communication

Dayton Masonic Center * October 18, 2024

Work Hard to Receive the Wages of Freemasonry

WB Chris Greise

Freemasonry, when practiced correctly, demands work. It is not a path where one can expect to gain all the knowledge and wisdom of Freemasonry through a mere wave of a magic wand.

The effort required to transform our rough Ashlar into a perfect one is considerable. However, Freemasonry emphasizes teamwork, ensuring you do not undertake this journey alone.

So, what does this work entail? Some of it involves sharing Freemasonry with new candidates. It takes time and effort to learn lectures and charges for presenting degrees. Collaborating with your brothers to orchestrate the degree is also crucial. Additionally, it requires time and sacrifice to teach new candidates the lessons of Freemasonry, enabling them to apply these principles in their lives.

There is also work within our communities. By working together with our brothers, we can make a positive impact on the world around us.

Progressing through the officer chairs of our lodges challenges us to step out of our comfort zones and develop new leadership skills.

At times, we may question whether all this work is worth it. Well, my Brother, I assure you that our efforts make a significant difference for ourselves and those around us. We do not want to reach the end of our journey and realize we could have done more.

There are no better wages to receive than going to a Masonic event and running into a hundred close friends. Or when traveling and randomly running into a brother and his family. The joy we receive from these occasions fill our hearts and give us the satisfaction of a job well done.



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:

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WB Nick Bolyard

Ohio DeMolay has had a memorable summer.

In June, the State Master Councilor for Ohio, Bro. Hayden Hunt, was named as the DeMolay of the Year for DeMolay International. It is worth noting that Bro. Hunt is a member of Linden Chapter, and a member of York Lodge. In July, Bro. Hunt was again elected to serve as State Master Councilor for Ohio DeMolay.

At the local level, the 4th DeMolay District, which covers the 14th Masonic District, installed their new district officers. Jonathan Nelson from Groveport Chapter was installed to serve as District President. The first event for the District will be on September 7 at Grove City Masonic Lodge. We will be eating breakfast to support Grove City Lodge at 9 AM, then begin a "It's a Guy Thing" event. If you would like to come teach our young men a particular lesson, please contact me via email at n.bolyard87@gmail.com. The event will conclude with pizza, root beer, and card games.

A few local Masons also were recognized for their service to Ohio DeMolay. Michael Threloff from York Lodge received the Chevalier, and Sam Cohen from Reynoldsburg Lodge received the Legion of Honor. Congratulations to WB Threloff and WB Cohen on these exceptional honors.

If you would like to support your local DeMolay Chapter, please contact District Governor Brian Bolyard at brianabolyard@aol.com or District Advisor Nicholas Bolyard at n.bolyard87@gmail.com.

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Masonic Restoration Foundation

By RWBro Ken Cohen, R.S.S.

The Masonic Restoration Foundation (MRF) holds a symposium each year to discuss observant lodges. This year, the symposium was held in Philadelphia and there were 4 members from the 14th District in attendance. In 2014, the symposium was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Arts & Sciences Lodge No. 792 is a member of this movement.

So what, you may be saying. I am not a member of A&S Lodge so why should I care about the MRF?

WBro Andrew Hammer, who wrote the book Observing The Craft, says there are 8 steps to excellence in an observant lodge:

1. Guarding the west gate
2. Being proficient in Masonic ritual and law
3. A commitment to advance Brethren through the degrees by mutual and genuine effort
4. The selection and advancement of officers should be by merit alone
5. Dressing your best for lodge
6. A lodge must offer quality assemblies and be willing to pay for them
7. The return of a sense of awe to our ceremonies
8. Masonic education at every meeting

As Junior Warden of Arts & Sciences, let me bring you in on a secret. A&S doesn't do all of these things as well as they want to do them. The process of being an observant lodge means noticing and working to improve the experience of becoming and being a Mason. How many of these steps to excellence are practiced by your lodge? Would your lodge derive some benefit from working on one or two of these things in the next year?

"You are not obligated to complete the work (of repairing the world), but neither are you free to desist from it." - Jewish tradition



Pictures from around the district

Neoacacia Back to School Bash







14th District Annual Picnic















Groveport DeMolay at the Alladdin Shrine Corn Roast and Kickball











Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Worthington Market Days	SR161, downtown Worthington	Saturday, September 14, 2024	8am-4pm
Grand Lodge of Ohio Annual Communication	Dayton Masonic Center	Friday, October 18, 2024	8am
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Fall Reunion	Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus, OH 43229	Saturday, October 19, 2024	8am-4pm
Aladdin Shrine Ceremonial	1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio 43123	Saturday, October 19, 2024	7pm

To all our soon to be elected Deacons and Wardens, the District Education Officers are hard at work planning for the success of all future Worshipful Masters and the lodges of the district. Below is the schedule for the 2025 SYSK classes. If you don't know; this is the "Stuff You Should Know" before becoming a Worshipful Master of a lodge. Attending as a junior officer, gives you the opportunity to learn what you can do to be a supportive officer of the lodge, it's events and long term goals. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with your brethren across central Ohio. Learn how our different lodges work and how we are all working towards the goal of growing freemasonry.

THE 14TH MASONIC DISTRICT
2025 SYSK

Our Goals:
1. We will know the responsibilities of a WM
2. We will Build Relationships across the District
3. We will have the tools to succeed / Handbook to use as a reference

Timeline

Registration Deadline: December 31, 2024
Class 1: January 11, 2025 - Sparrow (8 AM - 3 PM)
Class 2: February 8, 2025 - Grove City (8 AM - 3 PM)
Class 3: March 1, 2025 - West Gate (8 AM - 3 PM)
Make Up Class: April 12, 2025 - Reynoldsburg (9 AM - 12 PM)



TRAVELING MASONIC HAT TRICK

A HAT TRICK OF FELLOWSHIP, VISITATION, AND EDUCATION

Challenged with a capstone project by this year's DEOs at the last of this year's SYSK (stuff you should know) session, three lodges codeveloped this unique program.

WHEN AND WHERE

Tuesday, June 25th
Northwest Temple
Dinner 6:30, Lodge 7:30 pm
RSVP: raburgman@community684.org

Tuesday, September 17th
Sunrise Temple
Dinner 6:00, Lodge 7:00 pm
RSVP: Matt Blancett, blancett.468@gmail.com

Monday, October 14th
Blendon Temple
Dinner 6:00, Lodge 7:00 pm
RSVP: Mike Sells, mikesells63@gmail.com

Come on out for some food and fellowship prior to lodge (EA Degree) at each event. After opening, each lodge will go to refreshment for three education presentations, one by each lodge. To mix things up a bit, each host lodge will be opened and closed by a visiting lodge.

THREE EVENTS

THREE HOST LODGES
COMMUNITY 684
SUNRISE 783
BLENDON 339

THREE MASONIC TEMPLES

THREE LODGE VISITATIONS

THREE EDUCATION TOPICS AT EACH EVENT

THREE MEALS PROVIDED
(ONE MEAL AT EACH OF THE THREE EVENTS)
Donations at the door

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

