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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 for October 18, 2024. Event details and registration can be found at: https://oh.grandview.systems/events/4971.

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.

Don't forget to check out the 14th District Hospitality room after the ceremonies! Ask one of your district officers for details.

14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

215th Annual Communication

Dayton Masonic Center * October 18, 2024

Masonic Youth Events!!!

WB Nick Bolyard

4th DeMolay District - Seeking Ritual Judges

The 4th DeMolay District is seeking the help of 10 masons on Saturday, January 4, 2025, for the district ritual competition. The 10 Masons will serve as judges in ritual proficiency and in presentation proficiency. District ritual competition is the first step in a young man's journey from district, to dtate, to the Heartland Ritual Competition. Heartland Ritual Competition will be the winners of state competitions from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. The district ritual competition is the beginning of this journey.

The event will be at Amanda Masonic Lodge in Amanda, Ohio. 109 N Johns St, Amanda, OH 43102.

The agenda will be as follows:
District Meeting - 9:00 AM
Competitors Meeting: 9:30 AM
Competition: 10-11:30 AM
Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
District Initiation: 1:00 PM

If you can help serve the DeMolay event, please contact Dad Nick Bolyard at n.bolyard87@gmail.com.

Job's Daughters Official Visitation

The Central Ohio Bethels of Job's Daughters will be having their Official Visitation (Inspection) on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at Groveport Masonic Lodge. The young ladies will be performing the Majority Ceremony on Miss Sonya Showman, a Past Ohio Miss Job's Daughters from Bethel 71, and daughter of Bro. John Showman, Senior Warden of Canal Winchester Lodge. The official visitation will begin at 2:00 PM. The attire is coat and tie. Refreshments will follow. Please come out and support our young women. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nikki Bolyard at bethel71@ohiojdi.com.

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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Save the Dates!!!

RWB Brian Bolyard

Greetings to All!

As summer winds down and our lodges have returned to labor, we know autumn is upon us and our Masonic term will soon end. In preparation for the next Masonic term, I want to share with you some dates to add to your calendar.

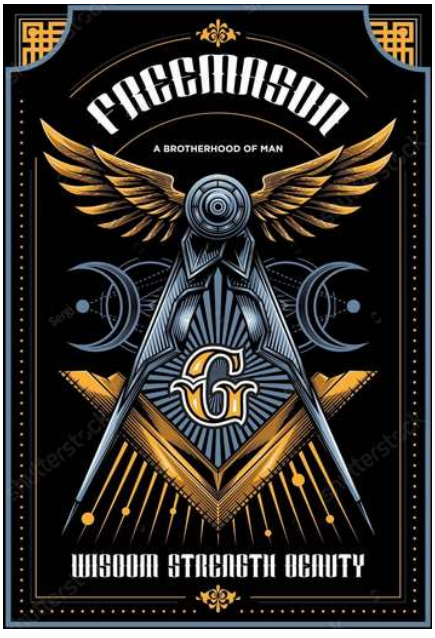
We will begin with the installation of the new District Deputy Grand Master and District Education Officer, who will receive their appointments for the 2024-2025 Masonic term at the annual communication of The Grand Lodge of Ohio on October 18, 2024, in Dayton Ohio.

The installation ceremony for the new district deputy grand master and district education officer will convene at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Northwest Masonic Temple. Light refreshments will follow the ceremonies.

Please reserve this date on your calendar and attend so you can personally congratulate our brothers who will join the leadership team in the 14th Masonic District.

Also in this edition of the Ashlar is the 14th Masonic District inspection schedule for 2025, which also includes a listing of additional dates to add to your 2025 calendar.

Thank you for your continued support of the 14th Masonic District!



Seeking the Next Leaders

WB Nick Bolyard

If you are an aspiring leader of your lodge, our district, and our fraternity, the “Stuff You Should Know” (SYSK) course is for you! This course is a three day program that will take an extensive deep dive into planning their journey and developing leaders within our organization.

The program costs $40 per person. This cost will cover the materials and supplies needed.

Participants will gain valuable experience which will improve their Masonic experience. Participants will also gain valuable relationships along the journey.

SYSK Dates:

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)

Seeking Sponsors & Support

If you are a SYSK graduate or a Lodge that would like to help build the future leaders of our district, please contact 14thdistrictdeos@gmail.com



SYSK

The Travelling Masonic Hat Trick

WB Robert Burgman

Every year the 14th District has a SYSK (Stuff You Should Know) lodge leadership program, of which all lodges in the district are encouraged to send their junior officers. Think of it as a boot camp to prepare the attendees for their journey to the East. The culmination of this program is usually a special joint lodge assignment for the attendees known as the Capstone Project. This years' District Education Officers had a different idea. The program's attending lodges were challenged to get together in groups of three lodges, brainstorm joint three-lodge events, and then select one to organize. The result was a number of Capstone Projects versus a single large one. Lodges residing in the same temple building were encouraged to not team up with a sister lodge from that building, but instead urged to reach out to other lodges in the district in build new relationships.

Community Lodge 684 partnered with Sunrise 783 and Blendon 339, and the three quickly agreed to focus on fellowship and education. The Masonic Hat Trick was born—three lodges conducting three events at three temples. Each event was to be a triple header of fellowship, visitation, and education. Dinner would be provided by the host lodge and a visiting lodge would bring dessert. To mix things up a bit, we decided that at each special meeting a guest lodge would open and close in the Entered Apprentice Degree for the host lodge. After opening, the lodge meeting would immediately be placed at refreshment for three educational presentations, one by each lodge. By placing the lodge at refreshment, interactive engagement would be encouraged as those attending would be free to move close to the presenter. Officers wouldn't be bound to stay at their stations and a cordial atmosphere consequently would ensue.

Community Lodge 684 was the first host lodge and the opening & closing of the special meeting was performed by Sunrise 783. The June event's educational topics were quite varied and not all Masonic—Water safety, Continental Masonry, and Philanthropy. There was plenty of interactive discussion at the conclusion of each presentation. The event was quite well attended by enthusiastic participants and our DEOs were quite pleased. Two of the presentations were very touching and members of the audience gave personal accounts of how they had similar experiences. Twenty-seven brethren were in attendance.

There is one last chance on October 14, to join us at Blendon Masonic Temple. Not only is this a twist on predictable lodge meetings, but it's also a chance to feel the enthusiasm of our district's actively engaged newer brethren. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and lodge opens at 7:00pm.



2024 – 2025 Inspection Schedule

Lodge Name	Inspection Date	Degree
Blendon 339	Monday, February 3, 2025	MM
Hiram 18	Tuesday, February 4, 2025	MM
Groveport-Lockbourne 801	Tuesday, February 11, 2025	EA
University 631	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	FC
Neoacacia 595	Wednesday, February 19, 2025	MM
New England 4	Monday, February 24, 2025	FC
Community 684	Tuesday, February 25, 2025	MM
York 563	Monday, March 3, 2025	MM
Sunrise 783	Tuesday, March 4, 2025	FC
Grove City 689	Monday, March 10, 2025	EA
Reynoldsburg 340	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	EA
Sparrow 400*	Saturday, March 15, 2025	FC
Arts & Sciences 792**	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	MM
Linden 637	Thursday, March 20, 2025	FC
Goodale 372	Monday, March 24, 2025	EA
Avery 493	Tuesday, March 25, 2025	MM
Triangle 748	Thursday, March 27, 2025	FC
West Gate 623	Monday, March 31, 2025	MM
Capital City 656	Friday, April 4, 2025	EA
Magnolia 20	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	FC
Canal Winchester 670	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	EA

EA and FC inspections begin at 7:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.
MM inspections begin at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:15 pm, second section at 7:00 pm.
*Sparrow 400 - breakfast at 8:00 am, degree at 9:00 am.
**Arts & Sciences inspection will be held at Northwest Temple.

Pictures from around the district

Avery Lodge Blind Bourbon and Cigar Tasting Party & Tailgate











Wardens of York Lodge Receive their SYSK Certificates



Arts and Sciences Lodge has a peaceful lodge retreat





Our DEOs were on The Traveling Man Masonic Podcast



New England Lodge had a Table Lodge



Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Grand Lodge of Ohio Annual Communication	Dayton Masonic Center, 525 W Riverview Ave, Dayton, OH 45405	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	Alladin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Cir, Grove City, OH 43123	Saturday, October 19, 2024	7am-4pm
Franklin Co. Memorial Lodge Annual Meeting	Reynoldsburg Lodge, 7350 Broadwyn Dr, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Wednesday, January 8, 2025	7pm
SYSK Class #1	Sparrow Lodge, 85 Morning St, Sunbury, OH 43074	Saturday, January 11, 2025	8am-3pm
SYSK Class #2	Grove City Masonic Lodge, 3558 Park St, Grove City, OH 43123	Saturday, February 8, 2025	8am-3pm
14th District quartelry meeting	TBD	Thursday, February 27, 2025	6pm
SYSK Class #3	West Gate Lodge, 2925 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43204	Saturday, March 1, 2025	8am-3pm
14th District reception	Pinnacle Golf Course, 1500 Pinnacle Club Dr, Grove City, OH 43123	Saturday, March 8, 2025	5:30pm
Masonic night at Aladdin	Alladin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Cir, Grove City, OH 43123	Monday, April 7, 2025	6pm
SYSK Class #4	Reynoldsburg Lodge, 7350 Broadwyn Dr, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Saturday, April 12, 2025	9am-12pm
14th District awards meeting	Northwest Masonic Temple, 2436 W Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235	Thursday, May 22, 2025	6pm
14th District summer picnic	Highbanks Metro Park, 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035	Sunday, August 3, 2025	TBD
14th District annual meeting	TBD	Thursday, October 23, 2025	6pm

