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The Call to "Be Legendary"

RWB Chris Greise

Our Grand Master has called us to Be Legendary, a call that invites reflection on what it truly means to embody such a legacy. My master craftsman once taught me to draw parallels between our speculative Freemasonry and the operative Freemasons of the past. Recently, while visiting the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain, I gained a deeper understanding of this concept.

The construction of the Sagrada Familia began on March 19, 1882, and even today, it remains incomplete. Walking through this awe-inspiring basilica, I was struck by the sheer ambition of the work. It is a testament to what it means to be Legendary.

To dream on such a monumental scale—to imagine possibilities beyond the boundaries of what has been done before—is extraordinary. But perhaps more remarkable is the ability to inspire others to join in the labor of bringing such a vision to life. Generations of artisans and craftsmen have worked on the basilica, knowing they would never see its completion. Yet their contributions remain part of a truly Legendary achievement.

This speaks directly to our calling in Freemasonry. While it can be daunting, especially for those of us newly initiated and thrust into leadership roles before the cement of our understanding has fully set, the call to be Legendary challenges us to rise above mediocrity. It compels us to do more than just the minimum—to labor with purpose, to inspire others to join us, and to commit to a vision that may extend far beyond our lifetimes. Like the operative masons of the past, we may not witness the full fruits of our efforts, but our work will still contribute to something greater than ourselves.






8th District Education Day

WB Bruce Porter

Brethren,
On behalf of the Grand Lodge Officers of the Eighth Masonic District, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend our 43

rd Annual “Grand Lodge Education Day”. Each year,
since 1982, the Grand Lodge Officers travel to the 8th District and share a short presentation on a topic of their choice with us. This has long been a very informative and enjoyable day for the Brethren of our district.
The upcoming event will take place on Saturday, January 4, 2025, hosted by Beavercreek Masonic Lodge No.753, located at 3565 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek, OH 45432. Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:00A.M., and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:00A.M. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30 A.M. and will be provided for a donation, with all proceeds benefiting Most Worshipful Brother William Michael Carter lll and Lady Zoe Carter’s Charity, “The Ohio Masonic Communities Foundation”.

Please RSVP your number of lunch reservations to Bruce Porter at zplp@outlook.com or Dave Stamper at davidstamper4771@gmail.com no later than Friday, December 27th



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

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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SYSK

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Seeking the Next Leaders

If you are an aspiring leader of your lodge, our district, and our fraternity, the "Stuff You Should Know" course is for you! This three-day program 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

Registration Links:
SYSK: https://forms.gle/fXriufkf5kMqtpGm6

Deacons & Stewards Training: https://forms.gle/dYX9eps91TCjp3Pg8



SYSK

Temperance
WB Nick Bolyard

One of the four cardinal virtues we instruct our brethren in their Entered Apprentice Degree is the implementation of temperance. The primary instruction is teaching us to integrate self-control into our lives. While many brethren may consider this avoiding the unhealthy indulgence of things such as alcohol or other vicious and licentious habits, there are many other vices in our lives in the modern day.

There are other areas of our lives where we can practice temperance. For example, how are we acting in moments of impulsivity? The practice of temperance would alleviate our impulse in traffic giving the “Number 1” finger to someone who cut us off (especially if we're sporting a dozen Masonic emblems on the back of our car). Although that person may be “number 1” to us at that moment, if we stop and take a breath, we will look at the moment as an opportunity. Maybe that person is in a rush for some specific reason, or that person is having a bad day. If we practice self-control, we can avoid a rash moment that would be a negative impression of Freemasonry on others.

Social media is another area where we can take a breath, step back and respond appropriately, acting with temperance.

Upon reflection of this cardinal virtue, you may also find the overlaps with stoicism. Stoicism believes that the virtue of temperance is self-control, self-discipline, and moderation. Self-discipline is defined as the ability to control yourself, your thoughts, emotions, and actions to achieve a goal, even when faced with temptation or distractions. Inevitably, when we can think before we act, we can consider how our actions will impact our goals of being better men each day of our lives. May we all every bear in mind the lesson of the compasses in our lives and actions, and implement temperance each day.

DeMolay Ritual Competition
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 Presentation Proficiency. District Ritual Competition is the first step in a young man’s journey from District, to State, 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.

2024 – 2025 Inspection Schedule

Lodge Name	Inspection Date	Degree	DDGM	DEO	DO
Blendon 339	Monday, February 3, 2025	MM	Fields	Heath	Mayer
Hiran 18	Tuesday, February 4, 2025	MM	Greise	Heath	Gizzo
Groveport-Lockbourne 801	Tuesday, February 11, 2025	EA	Saum	Bolyard	Miller
University 631	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	FC	Saum	Love	Mayer
Neoacacia 595	Wednesday, February 19, 2025	MM	Greise	Love	Goble
New England 4	Monday, February 24, 2025	FC	Saum	Heath	Kletrovetz
Community 684	Tuesday, February 25, 2025	MM	Greise	Heath	Kletrovetz
York 563	Monday, March 3, 2025	MM	Greise	Love	Mayer
Sunrise 783	Tuesday, March 4, 2025	FC	Saum	Love	Goble
Grove City 689	Monday, March 10, 2025	EA	Saum	Bolyard	Gizzo
Reynoldsburg 340	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	EA	Greise	Heath	Goble
Sparrow 400*	Saturday, March 15, 2025	FC	Fields	Love	Gizzo
Arts & Sciences 792**	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	MM	Saum	Heath	Miller
Linden 637	Thursday, March 20, 2025	FC	Saum	Heath	Kletrovetz
Goodale 372	Monday, March 24, 2025	EA	Fields	Love	Miller
Avery 439	Tuesday, March 25, 2025	MM	Greise	Bolyard	Gizzo
Triangle 748	Thursday, March 27, 2025	FC	Fields	Love	Goble
West Gate 623	Monday, March 31, 2025	MM	Fields	Bolyard	Kletrovetz
Capital City 656	Friday, April 4, 2025	EA	Fields	Bolyard	Mayer
Magnolia 20	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	FC	Greise	Bolyard	Miller
Canal Winchester 670	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	EA	Fields	Bolyard	Miller

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

14th Masonic District
Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

Pictures from around the district

Installations Everywhere, congratulations brethren!





















Brother Colin Griser of Magnolia Lodge received his SYSK award and pin



WM and LEO Training





Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
PM Convocation	Magnolia Lodge 2933 Valleyview Dr Columbus, OH 43204	Saturday December 7, 2024	8am
Stewards and Deacons Training	Groveport-Lockbourne Loge 5905 Saltzgaber Rd, Groveport, OH 43125	Wednesday December 18, 2024	7pm
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 Quarterly Meeting	Triangle Lodge, 211 W Johnstown Rd Gahanna, OH 43230	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	Aladdin Shrine Center, 1801 Gateway Cir, Grove City, OH 43123	Monday, April 7, 2025	6pm
SYSK Make Up Class	Reynoldsburg Lodge, 7350 Broadwyn Dr, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	Saturday, April 12, 2025	9am-12pm
14th District Awards Meeting	Blendon Lodge 130 S State St Westerville, OH 43081	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	Sparrow Lodge, 87 Morning St, Sunbury, OH 43074	Thursday, October 16, 2025	6pm



We couldn't do it without you!



We pause at the halfway mark of 2024 to express our deep appreciation to each of you.

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WORTHINGTON SHRINE CLUB

1ST THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM

Dinner for Nobles and their Ladies

Vittoria

10241 Sawmill Parkway Powell, OH 43065

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