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Being Lengendary

WB Nicholas Bolyard

This year, our Grand Master's theme is "Be Legendary". This leads to many questions about what legendary means. And, not only what it means, but why being legendary is important to Freemasonry.

"Legendary" can be defined as *of, described in, or based on legends.* This definition, on the surface, may not provide much insight. However, upon a deeper evaluation and reflection, the word "legendary" can be synonymous with Freemasonry. The word legendary was first derived from Medieval Latin, *legendarius,* meaning "things to be read." From this came the word "legend", which is the root word for legendary.

When we consider the characters we read, we are often drawn to dynamic characters. Dynamic characters have a significant change and transformation, while static characters do not have the same transformation. This is directly in line with our principles of self-improvement. Through the implementation of the lessons of Freemasonry, we are dynamic characters. Each of us not only learns the lessons and values taught but, through implementing each lesson into our daily lives, we are better men than the day we joined. The question many of us can ask each other, and ourselves, is "Are you a better man than when you knocked on the door?"

After knocking on the door, we have each taken a journey of our own. Through the assistance of our brethren, a virtuous education in the Masonic teachings and teachings of our faiths, we should each be improved, and better than that day.

Although we may not be superheroes, we are called to be legends. We are called to improve and to live differently than those in the world. Rather than being caught in worldly things, we are taught the solemn principles of our order and are called to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of those around us. We are called to be an inspiration to others.

As you journey through each day, consider the Masonic teachings in your life. Are you a better man than when you knocked on the door? Are you the man you wanted to be? Contemplate the lessons of our institution, implement them into your daily lives, and "**Be Legendary".**

14TH MASONIC DISTRICT

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Endowment Raffle Tickets by 4th DeMolay District

WB Nick Bolyard

Are you looking to get an endowed membership in your lodge? Enter into a raffle for just $10! The 4th DeMolay District is selling raffle tickets for 2 endowed memberships. There are only 400 tickets, and they are going fast! A portion of the proceeds will go to Stockhands Horses for Healing. So not only will you be entering into a raffle for an Endowed Membership, but you will be helping a special cause!

Contact Dad Tom Nelson (tsnelsonjr@yahoo.com) to purchase your tickets today!

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

Job's Daughter Bethel 71 – Lunch with the Bunny

Dear members of 14th Masonic District,

On Saturday April 19 from 11:30-1:00 several central Ohio Job's Daughters Bethels will be hosting a "Lunch with the Bunny" event and fundraiser at Grove City Masonic Temple. It will be a family event with crafts, pictures, and pancakes.

Please see the flyer on page 12 of this edition of the Ashlar. Reach out to Jeff Loeser for further information or to RSVP.

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If you are having an event and want to invite the district, please send an email to: **ashlar@14thmasonicdistrict.org**

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SYSK

WB Nick Bolyard

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:

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 Value of Inspections

RWB Christopher Greise

My Brothers, each year, our lodges undergo an inspection—a tradition that has stood the test of time. Over the years, I've heard many question its purpose, even grumble about its necessity. But I believe we've lost sight of the true value of these inspections. They are not about nitpicking every word or publicly chastising minor mistakes. Instead, they serve as an opportunity—an opportunity to celebrate, refine, and strengthen our lodge.

Inspections should be a time for your lodge to showcase its strengths and traditions to the district. Take pride in demonstrating the quality of your ritual work, your leadership, and your fellowship. Impress your visiting brethren with a well-prepared meal and warm hospitality. Highlight the importance of our youth groups by giving them the chance to serve, reinforcing their value to our Masonic family. Likewise, the assistance of our lodge's ladies in preparing and serving meals exemplifies the unity and teamwork that make a lodge truly strong.

Performing a meaningful and well-executed ritual for your candidate should be a mark of distinction. Ritual work is not just a responsibility—it is the heart of our craft. The degree should be a transformative experience, one that leaves a lasting impression and inspires a lifelong journey in Masonry. Do not let stress overshadow the ultimate goal: creating a transformative moment that the candidate will cherish forever.

Beyond the ritual, working together in preparation for inspection strengthens the bonds among our lodge officers and brethren. There is a deep sense of pride and accomplishment in coming together to achieve a common goal. Masonry is about service and leadership, and each step in the officer line is an opportunity to grow in both.
Likewise, lodge members should actively engage with one another, not just within their own walls, but across the district. Traveling together to support our brethren at their inspections fosters camaraderie and unity. Through SYSK training classes, we begin building these relationships, and attending inspections allows us to reinforce them. These experiences also provide valuable lessons—insight into how other lodges operate, inspiration for improvement, and fresh ideas to enhance the candidate's journey.

Finally, remember that Masonry is a team effort. Each of us has benefited from the dedication of those who came before us—brothers who performed our degrees and guided us on our path. As we progress through the officer chairs, we take on that responsibility ourselves. When we reach the East, we serve as stewards of the lodge, guiding it forward for a brief time. But our work does not end there. Even after leaving office, we have a duty—to mentor, to counsel, and to support the next generation of Masons. Whether by offering guidance to new officers, assisting candidates, or contributing to lodge activities, there is always a place for each of us to serve.
Inspections are not just an obligation; they are an opportunity to reflect, improve, and celebrate the strength of our fraternity. Let us embrace them with the pride and commitment worthy of our Masonic heritage.

Join the New 14th Masonic District Ritual Team!

Are you passionate about Masonic ritual? Do you have experience delivering lectures, charges,or speaking parts for the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees? If so, we need you!

The 14th Masonic District is excited to announce the formation of a district ritual team, and we're looking for skilled and dedicated members to join this important effort. Our goal is to assemble a team of brothers who can assist lodges throughout the district in exemplifying the ritual, offering guidance, and stepping in when needed to ensure our ceremonies are conducted with the highest level of proficiency and reverence.

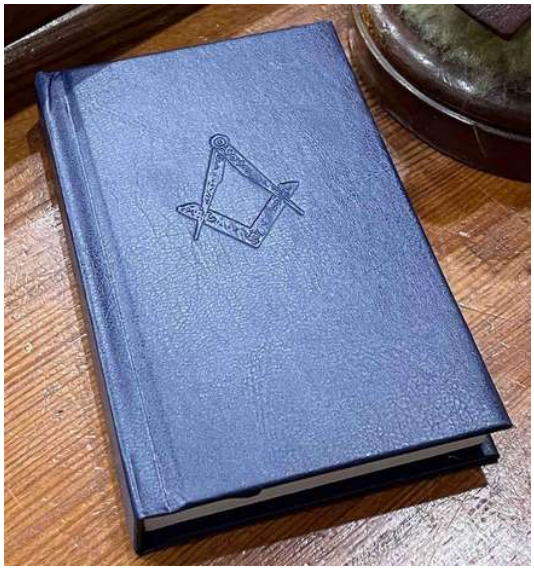
This team will serve several key purposes:

- **support lodges**: Help lodges perform their degrees when they may lack the resources or experience to fill all speaking parts.
- **mentorship**: Share your knowledge and expertise to help brothers across the district improve their ritual work and deepen their understanding of its meaning.
- **preserve excellence**: Ensure that the Ritual is conducted with dignity and precision, preserving its beauty and importance for future generations.

Whether you're a seasoned ritualist or someone who is eager to take their ritual work to the next level, this is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact in our district. Your participation will not only strengthen our lodges but also enrich your own Masonic journey.

If you're interested in becoming a part of the 14th District Ritual Team, please reach out to Keith Fields at keith@oberers.com or 614-404-2334. Let us know which lectures, charges, or speaking parts you are familiar with or would like to work on. Together, we can build a team that exemplifies the very best of Masonic tradition.

Let's come together to inspire, educate, and uphold the timeless principles of our fraternity through exemplary ritual work.



Club 14

The 14th District Officers Association is proud to present our official online merchandise store as part of our Club 14 fundraiser. We have partnered with The Rock Syndicate in Reynoldsburg to create unique and in many cases, handmade, Club 14 and other Masonic items. There are many discounted items for Club 14 members. T-shirts and hoodies are available for pre-order, all other items are made to order and will typically be available within 2 business days. Thanks for your support. Please visit TheRockSyndicate.com/14thDistrict for more information.



2024 – 2025 Inspection Schedule

Lodge Name	Inspection Date	Degree	DDGM	DEO	DO
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

Ohio Mason's Day – Aladdin Shrine Circus Special Event

This year the Aladdin Shrine Circus is proud to present Ohio Mason's Day at the circus on Sunday March 23, 2025, at 1 PM. This is your time as Masons to shine at the circus. Please bring your family and friends including someone who might be interested in masonry. Most Worshipful Brother William M. Carter III and other Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance.

Please visit 2025 Aladdin Shrine Circus by Aladdin Shriners | Eventbrite.
Please enter gl2025 and save 10% off your entire order for the Sunday, March 23, 2025, 1 PM show.

For more information email Jeffrey Hall at jhall@aladdinshrine.org or call 740-398-8723.

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

Photos From Around the District
























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VA Hospital Visitations

Greetings Brethren! Our new Masonic year is in full swing, and the new calendar year has bought us the cold and dreary days of winter. Although our inspection season doesn't begin until February 3rd, we are excited to know that our visitation program to the VA Medical Center in Chillicothe will resume on Sunday February 2nd. See full details below.

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.

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MARCH 2, 2025
Linden #637, Grove City #689, Groveport-Lockbourne #801

APRIL 6, 2025
Magnolia #20, Neoacacia #595, Goodale #372

MAY 4, 2025
Canal Winchester #670, Sunrise #783, Triangle #748

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
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 (Registration Closed)	5:30pm
Ohio Mason's Day at the Shrine	Celeste Center 717 E 17th Ave Columbus, OH 43211	Sunday, March 25, 2025	1pm
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	12pm Lunch 2pm
14th District Annual Meeting	TBD	Thursday, October 16, 2025	6pm

Please have all articles and advertisements into the Communication Committee by the 15th of each month to ensure your content is included in the next release: ashlar@14thmasonicdistrict.org





CENTRAL OHIO JOB'S DAUGHTERS PRESENT

LUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

CRAFTS | PICTURES | PANCAKES

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2025

11:30AM-1PM

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3558 PARK STREET, GROVE CITY, OHIO, 43123




ALADDIN SHRINE
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Find out more at
AladdinShrineCircus.com

UNIVERSITY LODGE NO. 631 IS HOSTING IT'S ANNUAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Open to the Community

APRIL 26th 2025 - 8:00 am - 11:30 am

A concurrent Open House for the community will run 8:00am to 3:00 pm

2436 Dublin-Granville Road

Donations: $5.00 per Adult *(age 18 & older)*

$2.00 per child *(age 12 to 18)*

Children under 12 years of age are Free

100% of the proceeds will go to Nationwide Children's Hospital, here in Columbus, Ohio

