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Invitation to Hawaii – or at least a Hawaiian-themed party

WB Trip Eagleson

Are you missing your Hawaiian vacation this year? Not to worry – Goodale Lodge has you covered!

Join Goodale #372 on Sunday, June 22nd at 2:30pm for a Hawaiian-themed celebration. We will have food, fellowship, fun, games, and even prizes! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, bring a lei if you have one (if not, we'll have some) and be ready for some good food and fun.

You are welcome, but not required, to bring a side dish, snack, or dessert.
The festivities will be held at the Luther B. Turner Masonic Center located at 2933 Valleyview Dr., Columbus 43204.

RSVPs are requested. To RSVP or get further information, please contact the Worshipful Master, Trip Eagleson, at 614-565-2609 or eaglesonlaw@gmail.com or his lady, Michelle, at 614-565-3899 or brownsbacker64@gmail.com



SQUARE, PLUMB & LEVEL

Masonic Youth Update

Members of the Masonic Youth Organizations

DeMolay: ***From Jonathan Nelson, District President of the 4th DeMolay District***

The 4th DeMolay District is winding down this year's term. Saturday, May 31st was our last district meeting and our Parent's Day event. We were at Groveport-Lockbourne Lodge #801 for a corn hole tournament.

The next district term should start in July, watch our social media for more information. The members of the 4th DeMolay District look forward to assisting your lodges in any way we can. Lodge dinners, educational nights, clean up events and more. Just reach out to your local chapter to see how we can help you.

Job's Daughters: ***From Justine Groetz, Ohio Miss Congeniality 2024-2025***

We are thrilled to tell you about our Deep Sea Dreams Pageant, a captivating evening of talent, creativity, and community spirit! This one-of-a-kind event transported us and our guests into the enchanting world of the deep sea; where beauty, imagination, and artistry shine through in every performance.

The pageant was held on May 31st at the Aladdin Shrine Temple.

The pageant featured a range of stunning performances from our talented contestants, each bringing the mysteries and wonders of the deep sea to life. It promised and delivered an unforgettable evening of elegance, excitement, and inspiration.

We would also like to take a moment to express our profound gratitude to the 14th Masonic District for your generous contributions and unwavering support. Your dedication to this event and to our community has been invaluable, and we are deeply thankful for the role you've played in making this pageant a reality. Your presence made the event even more special. We were glad to see you there celebrating with us. Keep an eye out for the 2026 Pagent!

Thank you once again for your support and sharing this magical experience with us.

Columbus Assembly

Columbus Assembly made 70+ grab bags and 10+ for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. The parents are able to grab a bag of snacks or a blanket to keep warm on their way to the hospital for the day.





Another Month is Upon Us

RWB Chris Greise

As we turn the page to a new month, I find myself reflecting once again—on what has been accomplished, and what lies ahead. I'm continually amazed at how quickly time passes. Before I joined Masonry, I often let days, weeks, and even years slip by without truly evaluating what I had done with them. In college, that wasn't an issue; deadlines and responsibilities kept me focused. But afterward, with more free time and less structure, I struggled to fill my days with meaningful purpose.

Now, I regularly take stock. I measure progress against my goals, and I think deeply about what new goals I should set. I know I'm fortunate—many of my peers didn't make it to the age I am now. We often say, "Tomorrow isn't promised," but how often do we stop and ask ourselves what that really means?

I recently finished a book that challenged the way we measure our lives—not by their length, but by their **depth** and **height**. What matters more: living 100 years without purpose or living 30 years full of impact and fulfillment?

Two questions guided me toward the light of Masonry:

- *What am I doing with my life?*
- *Will I be satisfied with how I lived when it's all said and done?*

It is often said that each man finds Masonry when he is ready—ready in heart and mind to pursue a life of purpose. What we do solely for ourselves fades when we're gone. But what we do for others creates a lasting ripple, inspiring service and lighting paths long after we're gone.

As a Lodge, we've hopefully completed a successful inspection and are heading into summer. But this is not the time to rest—it's time to prepare for what comes next. What do we want to achieve for ourselves and for our brothers?

Here are a few areas to focus on this summer:

- **Officer Planning:** Hold a meeting to determine who is willing to serve in the next year's roles. Confirm whether your Secretary and Treasurer plan to continue, and identify backups in case life throws us a curveball.
- **Mentorship:** Guide and support potential officers now so they're ready to hit the ground running in the fall.
- **District Coordination:** Reach out to your District Advisor early to start planning next year's inspection. Early planning secures the best dates and gives you peace of mind.
- **Fellowship and Fun:** Attend the 14th District Annual Picnic or partner with another lodge for a community service or social event. These activities strengthen bonds and uplift spirits—without always requiring you to be the one organizing it.
- **Self-Care:** Remember, an empty cup can't pour into others. Use the summer to rest, reflect, and refill. Be intentional with your downtime so you're ready for what's next.

Finally, brethren, remember this: we are capable of far more than we often believe. Don't let fear, apathy, or comfort keep you from stepping into your potential. Failure is not a sign of defeat—it's a privilege for those bold enough to try. Masonry gives us a safe space to stretch ourselves, to grow, and to reach new heights.

Don't wait for tomorrow. It may not come. Share your light today—and watch it illuminate the lives around you.

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

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

District Advisor
RWB Adam Michael

Join the 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.



Truth

WB Nick Bolyard

Last month, I posted an article about being a quiet and peaceable citizen. If you did not get to read the article, the point was to consider our social media as our billboard. We should consider using it as a positive impression of Freemasonry, not a doomsday platform to promote divisive topics.

We are taught that truth is an attribute from the Great Architect of the Universe and is the first lesson of Freemasonry. Let's dig deeper. The origin of the word is Old English. It derives from the meaning of faithfulness and constancy. In fact, the word "true" not only means to be in accordance with fact, but loyal and faithful.

With that in mind, where do we stand? As a Royal Scofield Society Regent, I have had the privilege of grading submissions. Multiple times, our brethren have noted that behavior at recent Grand Lodges is not in accordance with our principles. We have moved too far from being good men and true. We all need to get back to the basics. To be good men and true is to not only be in accordance with fact, but to be loyal and faithful.

As a wise brother says, "we are all bridges". My brothers, you may not agree with me, or another brother. But let's consider this - we are to be loyal and faithful. We must seek truth. Not just seek *our* truth. We ought to listen with pure hearts and compassion, rather than seeking to destroy each other. We far too often see that society has no problem degrading each other. But is that what we are called to be? No. We are called to be faithful to not only our obligations, but to be faithful to each other.

Let's consider some examples. You are sitting in the lodge, and a brother makes a motion to donate towards a cause. You are immediately against it. Your heart races and you want to just say "No". But take a second and ponder, think about why the brother made the motion. Maybe this is a very important cause for the brother. Maybe there's a true reason to his rationale. Rather than being opposed immediately, we should consider why they believe what they do, and we can find commonality.

As you enjoy scrolling on your social media, you see a brother post something you do not agree with. Press pause. Seek to understand his truth. Seek to understand his perspective. If his opinion truly is off base, consider how we can respond with the divine attribute of truth and fidelity to the brother.

When I was a coach, I told my players that I did not care about their religion, sexuality, race, etc. What truly matters is the human heart and the intangibles. When there were quarrels between members of the team, we would sit down together, privately, and have an honest conversation. We would seek to truly understand the view of others. These were teenagers, whose brains were not fully developed. Yet, magic would happen. We would get to have that conversation, then see each other's views. Often, we would leave the conversation feeling much better.

Maybe there is a brother you do not agree with; brethren, that's okay. But are we seeking to villainize them, or be faithful? Have we had a chance to sit down and have an honest conversation? Have we truly tried to see their side? In DeMolay, young men are taught only to judge the actions of others, because they may be acting with worthy motives that are unknown to you. And, truthfully, sometimes we would have acted even more unwisely than our judgments of others. Again, what would you do? Do we jump to conclusions, or do we seek to gain the true principles of the order.

Brethren let's stop and think. How we disagree distinguishes us as Masons! Instead of finding parts of Masonry or our Volumes of Sacred Law that are convenient to us, let's show fidelity. Let's stop, listen, and truly seek to understand the perspective of others. Let's not recite the ritual and verses that defend our argument, just so we can stroke our egos of being right. Let's not just seek *our* truth but seek *the* truth. Let's be faithful to one another. Let's be more committed to truly loving each other and being loyal to one another.

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Scottish Rite LDE	Canal Winchester Lodge 651 Groveport Pike, Canal Winchester, OH 43110	June 21	
Club 14 Reception	The Rock Syndicate 7704 East Main St Reynoldsburg, OH 43068	June 21	7pm
Scottish Rite Social	Hofbräuhaus 800 Goodale Blvd, Columbus, OH 43212	June 28	
14th District Golf Outing	York Golf Club, 7549 N High St, Columbus, OH 43235	Saturday July 12, 2025	11am
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

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


CLUB 14
Members Only
Reception
Hors D'eouvers Live Music Refreshments
Saturday, June 21st, 2025
7-10 PM
Please RSVP by 6/7/25
tinyurl.com/3smuru82
All attendees must be members of Club 14.
Memberships available upon arrival.
Parking is available directly across the street
on the east side of Himali Heritage Event Center
The Rock
SYNDICATE
7704 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
CLUB 14 MEMBER
14TH MASONIC DISTRICT


Aladdin Shriners' Annual
Family Picnic!
Saturday, June 21, 2025
12 PM – 4 PM
• Bounce houses
• Kid-friendly games & prizes
• Aladdin Clowns
• Adult Bingo & Prizes
• Touch-a-Truck
• Touch-a-Cruiser
• Live Music
• Carnival Food
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
PER FAMILY PRICING
REGISTER AT SHRINEREVENTS.COM


THOMAS MILLER
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025
REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM
SHOTGUN START 9 AM
VILLAGE VIEW GOLF COURSE
210 SOUTH MAIN ST
HARTFORD, OH 43013
• Pre-Registration $60 a Golfer - Includes Cart, Golf, and Food
◦ Day of Event $70
• Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
• Hole Sponsors - $100
• Pathway Sponsors - $50
• Registration on Eventbrite
• https://sparrow400golf25.eventbrite.com
• For More Information - GolfInfo@sparrowlodge.com or Geoffrey McCash 614-582-8039