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Ohio Masonic Weekend



Our Grand Lodge of Ohio Masonic Weekend is happening September 12-14 in Canton, Ohio—and you're invited.

Open to current Freemasons and Scottish Rite Masons, as well as men interested in joining our craft. This event offers a weekend of learning, fellowship, and meaningful conversations.

Whether you're taking your first step in Masonry or strengthening your commitment, this is your place to grow.

Explore the full experience at **https://bit.ly/4jK2Chu**

Deputies' Corner

Items to ponder as the Masonic year ends

- Have an Officer Meeting
  - ❖ Discuss the leadership plan and potential officers for the upcoming Masonic year, if elected.
  - ❖ Discuss as an officer line whether you have a solid Secretary and Treasurer with backups
  - ❖ Discuss how to attack the requirements for the Grand Masters Award now that you saw the framework at the Deputy Master's Rollout.
  - ❖ Schedule time for your deputy to get the type written ritual into your lodge for an officer meeting or stated where you can review your potential new positions so you can execute correct, proper ritual for opening and closing and degree work.
  - ❖ Ensure your committees meet and prepare their reports for your lodge's annual meeting - 1st Stated in November
- Past Master's degree from local York Rite chapter, completed by the incoming master, if elected. This will allow incoming master to be installed before the Past Masters Convocation
- New officers scheduled to attend upcoming district training sessions
  - ❖ Worshipful Master and LEO
  - ❖ Stewards and Deacons
  - ❖ SYSK
  - ❖ Prospect Managers
- Code items
  - ❖ 10 stated meetings
  - ❖ Performed 2 EA, 2 FC and 2 MM degrees during the Masonic year

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

Polished by the Craft

RWBro Chris Greise



Recently, I heard someone talking about the old-time rock polishers. I remember these from my childhood—one of my cousins had a kit. You'd get a handful of rough stones and several grades of grit. You'd put the stones and grit into the drum, let it roll for a while, then switch to the next finer grit. Step by step, the rough edges would disappear. By the end, you'd marvel at the beauty that had been hidden inside those stones all along.

When I think back on that process, it reminds me of our Masonic journey. We each begin as unique stones—valuable in our own way, but still in our raw, natural state. As we enter the Craft, we begin the work of Freemasonry: rolling together in that symbolic tumbler, bumping into one another, sometimes disagreeing on the right path forward. But just as with the rock polisher, the transformation takes time and effort. There's no shortcut to the reward without putting in the work.

In Masonry, as in the tumbler, there's a process. It shapes us, smooths our rough edges, and reveals the best within us—turning our imperfect stones into works of art. If we want to reach that final, polished state by the end of our lives, we must commit to the journey. We must work with our Brothers toward something greater than ourselves.

It won't always be easy. There will be friction. But friction, handled with patience, is what polishes. For hundreds of years, men have trusted this same process—sometimes without fully understanding it—yet at the end, they could look back and see the reflection of a life shaped and beautified by the principles of Freemasonry.

So, my Brothers, do not be discouraged by the uphill climb. Lay aside your ego. Trust the process. And trust your Guide.



Finish Strong

WBro Nick Bolyard

Like many of us, sports played a big part in my life. Before continuing further, if sports have not been a part of your life, I am certain that you have been part of a team. When I was playing football, and in my many years of coaching multiple sports, the term "FINISH" was often used. Whether it was finishing a block, a game, or a race, the message was to finish with nothing left in the tank and "leaving it all on the field." In Masonry, we are now in that part of every term, where we are eager to look forward to what is next, and we forget the words - FINISH STRONG.

Imagine running a 400-meter (1 lap) race, and seeing the runner coast to the finish line. What would we say about that runner? Yet, as human beings, we see this each day in our daily lives. At work, you may see someone coasting through a Friday so that they can get to the weekend, or coasting through a work day in the late afternoon so they can get to closing time. In any case, it often diminishes the importance of running the race or completing a task at hand. In Masonry, imagine if they had not finished strong when they built King Solomon's Temple. Would the temple have been the same magnificent structure that is now so revered? The logical conclusion would be - No. There would have been glaring deficits to the temple, and it would not have had the same prestige and honor that it now holds to this day.

We have September and October remaining in our lodge years, before a new chapter in the lodge history begins. These two months are an opportunity to FINISH STRONG for your lodge. Maybe this is the time to step up and learn a new ritual part, plan a new event, host a gathering, or bring prospects to your lodge. Maybe these two months are spent ensuring that there is a smooth transition. If you are serving as Master of the Lodge, how do you want to remember the ending of your term serving the brethren? We are all apt to coast to the finish line, and to "relax" through the rest of the term. But, my brothers, is that what we are called to do?

As we finish the race of our 2025 Masonic Year, I encourage all the brethren to FINISH STRONG. Make 2025 a LEGENDARY year, so that we can look back on a well-spent term of service, with the satisfaction that we expounded all of our energy, and left nothing in our tank.



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Masonic Youth Update

Ohio Rainbow





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Mission Continues: Operation Support Veterans

WBro. Trip Eagleson

Goodale Lodge #372 has reengaged its philanthropic efforts to support our Veterans by initiating a Gun Raffle fundraiser to provide funds to support our Veterans through Honor Flight Columbus.

Honor Flight Columbus was started in Springfield, Ohio in 2005; it is the seminal organization for chapters throughout the United States. The organization maintains its mission to honor our nation's senior Veterans, to share their stories for the benefit of future generations and celebrate their homecoming, thus affirming their allegiance and service to our country.

Veterans are flown by Honor Flight Columbus to Washington DC, at no cost to them, for a one-day excursion to see the monuments and memorials that illustrate their triumphs and accomplishments. When the Veterans arrive in Washington DC they are greeted and saluted by current military personnel, roads are cleared for them, and they are escorted through the city as any Ambassador or National Representative would be. When the Veterans return to Columbus, they leave the airport through a corridor of volunteers cheering and thanking them for their service to our country and they are given a proper welcome home.

With the conclusion of the 2024 flight season, Honor Flight Columbus has successfully flown 138 missions to Washington DC, totaling over 10,170 veterans. The next Honor Flight at the John Glenn International Airport is Mission 144, Tuesday, September 4, 2025.

The Goodale Raffle raises money through the sale of $20 raffle tickets. Each individual raffle ticket is capable of winning 23 separate days during the month of October, 2025. The winning ticket number is drawn every weekday during October (weekends are excluded). Brothers of Goodale Lodge support the Raffle by selling tickets to Brother Masons, family, friends, coworkers, and at gun shows throughout Ohio.

The Raffle, however, would not be possible without Goodale's partner, Vance Outdoors, located at 3723 Cleveland Ave, a Columbus sporting goods store established in 1938. Goodale's fundraising efforts support Vance's perpetual giving program to raise funds for Honor Flight Columbus. The Goodale Raffle prizes are supplied by Vance Outdoors. Goodale and Vance's look forward to increasing their donations to the notable organization of Honor Flight Columbus and recognizing the efforts of the men and women who dedicated their lives to serving and protecting our country.

Goodale Lodge urges you to contribute to this effort by purchasing a raffle ticket, proceeds from which will provide our veterans with one full day of appreciation and pride for their huge efforts of selfless sacrifice protecting and promoting our safety and our country's values while in the service of our country.

To contribute to this cause by purchasing Raffle tickets, please contact:

Freeman Eagleson (WM): 614-565-2609 or 614-565-3899, email: brownsbacker64@gmail.com
Tim Donahue (Se'): 614-448-7072, email baldeaglebsa1980@yahoo.com or Contact any brother of Goodale Lodge.

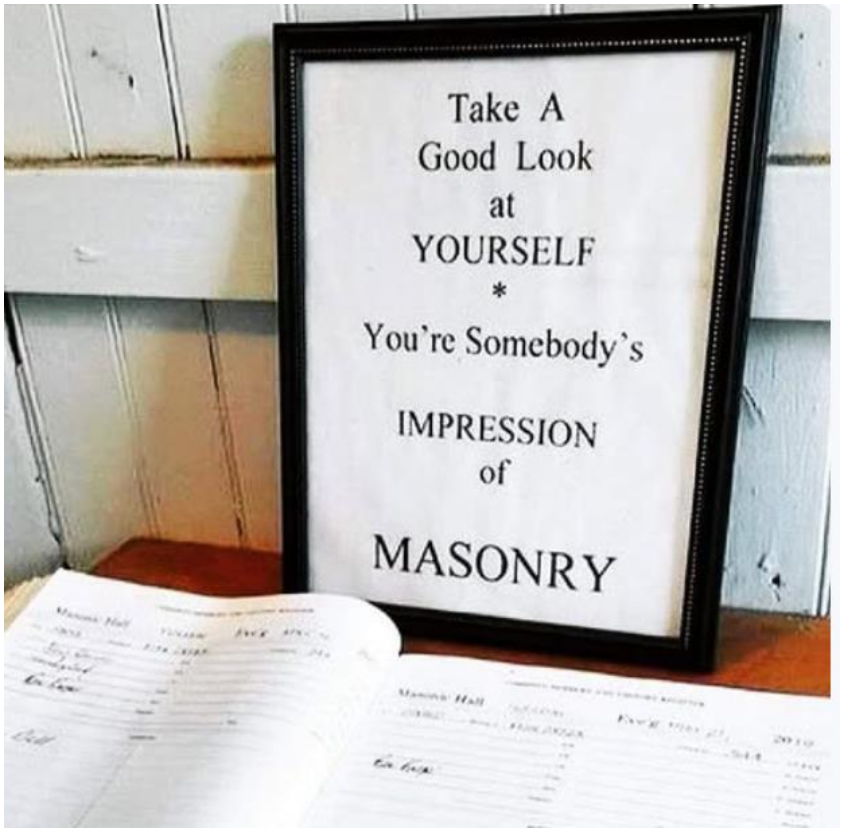
For more information on Honor Flight Columbus, visit https://www.honorflightcmh.org/

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Masonic Weekend	The Masonic Temple Canton, Ohio	Friday, September 12 – Sunday September 14	
Grand Lodge Annual Communication	Kalahari Resorts	Friday, October 24, 2025	
14th District Annual Meeting	Avery Lodge 3980 Main St Hilliard, Ohio	Wednesday, October 29, 2025	Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm
Valley of Columbus Social Dinner	Villa Milano Banquet Center	Friday, November 7, 2025	6pm
Valley of Columbus Reunion	Villa Milano Banquet Center	Saturday, November 8, 2025	9am (Registration at 8am)

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:

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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

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8 oz | $15



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