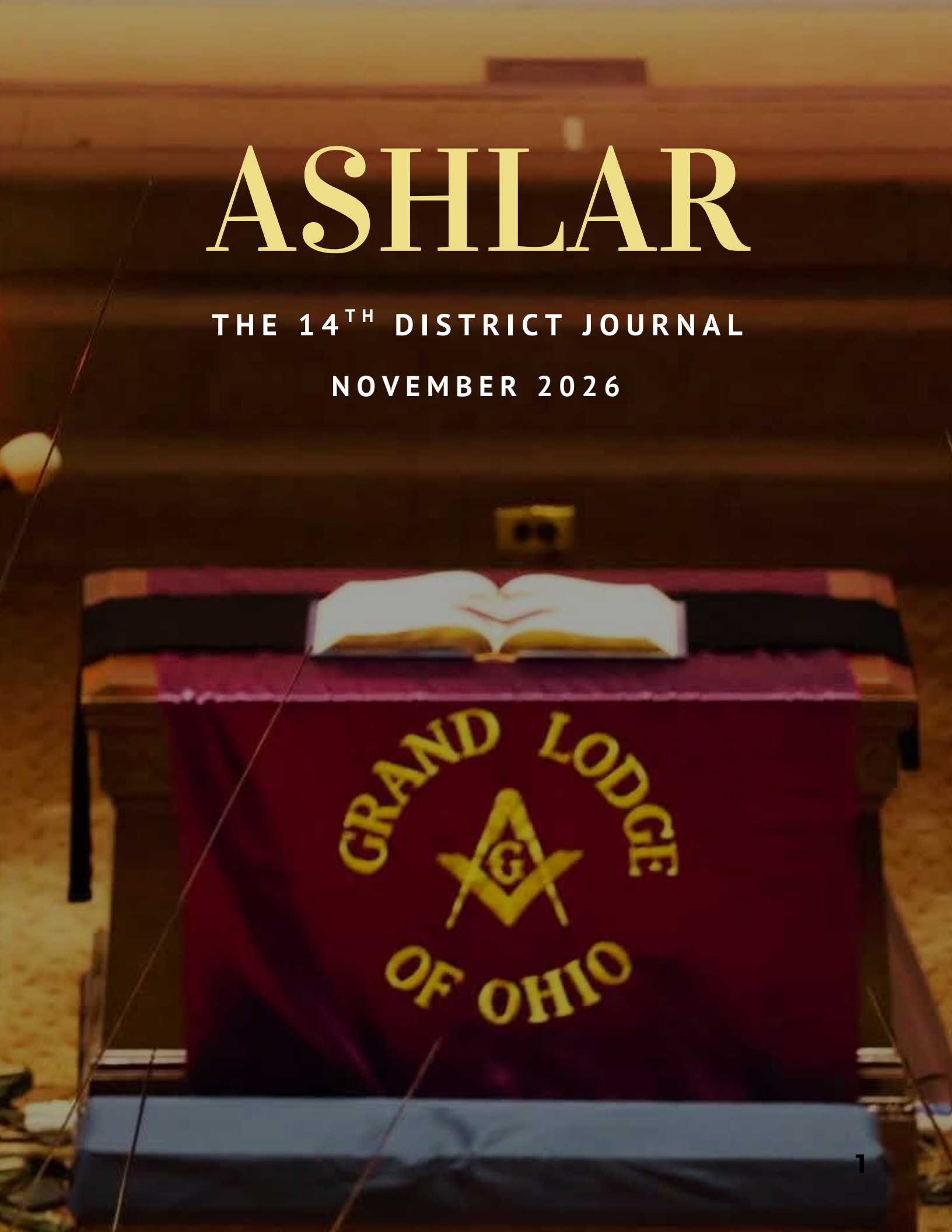
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New faces...same mission.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge has come and gone, and with it, the new additions to district and state leadership have been announced.

These fine men have been asked to take on enormous responsibilities in the name of Freemasonry in Ohio. It is well worth your time to get to know them if you get the opportunity to do so.

And with the new Masonic year in full swing, now is the perfect time to do that. District Deputy Grand Masters will be at annual meetings and installations. District Education Officers will be putting on trainings. Inspections will begin before you know it.

Make plans now to get out among your brethren and say hello to some new faces. You won't regret it.

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Six Human Needs
RWB Chris Greise

Recently, I've been listening to podcasts while at work to help drown out the surrounding noise and distractions. In one interview, I heard Tony Robbins discuss the six human needs. As I listened, I began thinking about how Freemasonry can fulfill each of these needs when we choose to get involved and become active participants in our fraternity.

Certainty

We all appreciate having things we can count on. Freemasonry provides that stability through our monthly stated meetings, traditions, and scheduled events. These familiar routines give us a solid foundation in an ever-changing world.

Uncertainty

If every day followed the same routine, life would become pretty ordinary. Masonry offers variety through new experiences, unexpected challenges, and opportunities to step outside our comfort zones. Whether a meeting takes an unexpected turn or we face a challenge during a degree, these moments teach us to adapt, learn, and grow.

Significance

As we learn the lessons of our Craft and take on leadership roles, we gain opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our brothers. There is pride in a job well done, but there is even greater satisfaction in knowing our efforts have helped someone else. Masonry allows us to discover abilities we may never have realized we possessed and reminds us that our significance is measured not just by the positions we hold, but by the impact we make.

Connection and Love

One of the greatest gifts of Freemasonry is the brotherhood we build. Working alongside our brothers creates genuine friendships that can last a lifetime. We bring together men from different backgrounds who might never have met otherwise, united by shared experiences, common values, and a sense of belonging.



Six Human Needs, cont'd
RWB Chris Greise

Learning and Growth

The lessons of our degrees encourage us to become better men and live by stronger principles. But our growth doesn't end when we receive our degrees. Through leadership, mentorship, ritual, and service, we develop new skills, build confidence, and discover opportunities to improve ourselves in ways we may never have imagined.

Contribution

The true power of Freemasonry reveals itself when we move beyond learning its lessons and begin putting them into action. Think about the brothers who welcomed us, taught us ritual, answered our questions, and helped us receive the light of Masonry. Now it is our turn. Whether we teach a degree, mentor a new brother, serve our lodge, or simply make someone feel welcome, we contribute to something larger than ourselves. Our fraternity has endured for generations because brothers have stepped forward to do the work and pass its traditions along. We have a responsibility to do the same for those who follow us.

Bringing It All Together

Freemasonry offers opportunities to fulfill all six human needs: certainty through tradition, variety through experience, significance through service, connection through brotherhood, growth through learning, and fulfillment through contribution.

But these benefits don't come simply from becoming a Mason. They come from getting involved and taking an active role in the Craft. We can receive our three degrees and remain on the sidelines, or we can embrace the opportunities Masonry provides to improve ourselves and make a difference in the lives of others.

Perhaps the greatest lesson is that these needs are not just about what Masonry can do for us, but what we can do for one another.

We receive light from those who came before us, but it is our responsibility to carry that light forward.



Tyranny of the Self
WB Eric Kletrovetz

Do we really understand masonry? What is the masonry we live and the masonry we are taught? Being an imperfect band of men who dwell in reflection, we know how prone we are to mess the real message of Freemasonry up.

We are constantly distracted for petty lodge quarrels, egotistical moorings and stubborn habits. The battle to be right overcomes the truth and light. Most of us can acknowledge but not accept our shortcomings. That drives most of us on to perfect our Ashlar.

For some being a Freemason is a symbol of identity and for others it fills the void created by society and its lack of sincerity, but we must never forget about Tyranny.

When we mention tyranny did your mind instantly recall or drift into your feelings of our government and political climate? For most it will but the tyranny I am speaking about is that which lies within our heart. It feeds off ego, doubt and the primal instinct of survival seeded deeply in our DNA from our ancestors that didn't have it as easy as we have it today.

I like to think that we as Freemasons are not as susceptible to this affliction as our non-mason societal friends. As Blue lodge Masons , York Rite and Scottish Rite Masons we have been taught many allegorical lessons the helps us navigate these times.

We need to spend more time and effort, in ALL bodies, talking about the responsibility of this knowledge. It must be engrained in every candidate, past master and brother how important it is to have this knowledge and the effort we must use to shape both this fraternity and this world once again. There are literally millions of people out there trying to learn our knowledge and teachings. Our knowledge is power and that power bears great responsibility.



Tyranny of the Self, cont'd
WB Eric Kletrovetz

There are many grumblings from new officers about overbearing past masters and older members wanting them to learn lectures and charges. They seldom understand the why (or we fail to communicate why). For all you newer officers let me offer this. Sincerity goes much further than execution in the Lodge.

You should understand that they aren't asking this of you so their lodge doesn't have a bad inspection. They are asking you to learn this to ensure the next generation of Freemasons receives the message of our teachings. We are playing the quintessential infinite game to quote the famous writer and speaker Simon Sinek.

The knowledge is the power of our craft. This massive, living and developing encyclopedia of our fraternity must live on despite our individual shortcomings. It must survive the tyranny, hatred and bigotry of the common world that surrounds us, as well as lives in us.

We can no longer allow the seeds of apathetic indifference to find fertile ground and bear fruit in our hearts. You matter, this fraternity matters and our knowledge especially matters. This great nation gives us the power of choice not afforded to everyone in this world. Choose knowledge , choose Freemasonry and choose you most of all because **We Get To Do This!**

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We'd love to hear your thoughts or help you advertise your event in the Ashlar. It just takes two easy steps:

1. Gather your information
   a. What's happening?
   b. Who is invited?
   c. Where is it?
   d. When is it?
   e. How much does it cost?
2. Send to ashlar@14thmasonicdistrict.org

Submissions must be sent before the 15th of the month before publication (i.e. January 15th for the February Ashlar).

January 2027 inspection schedule

Lodge	Date	Degree
Reynoldsburg 340	Tuesday, January 19th	MM*
Capital City 656	Friday, January 22nd	MM*
Hiram 18	Tuesday, January 26th	FC
Triangle 748	Thursday, January 28th	EA

February 2027 inspection schedule

Lodge	Date	Degree
University 631	Tuesday, February 2nd	EA
Neoacacia 595	Wednesday, February 3rd	FC
Canal Winchester 670	Thursday, February 11th	MM*
Magnolia 20	Tuesday, February 9th	EA
Avery 493	Tuesday, February 16th	FC
Linden 637	Thursday, February 18th	EA
New England 4	Monday, February 22nd	EA
Community 684	Tuesday, February 23rd	FC

* All MM inspections begin at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6:15. Second Section at 7 PM

March 2027 inspection schedule

Lodge	Date	Degree
York 563	Monday, March 1st	FC
Sunrise 783	Tuesday, March 2nd	EA
Groveport-Lockbourne 801	Tuesday, March 9th	MM*
Blendon 339	Monday, March 15th	FC
Sparrow 400**	Saturday, March 20th	EA
Grove City 689	Monday, March 29th	MM*

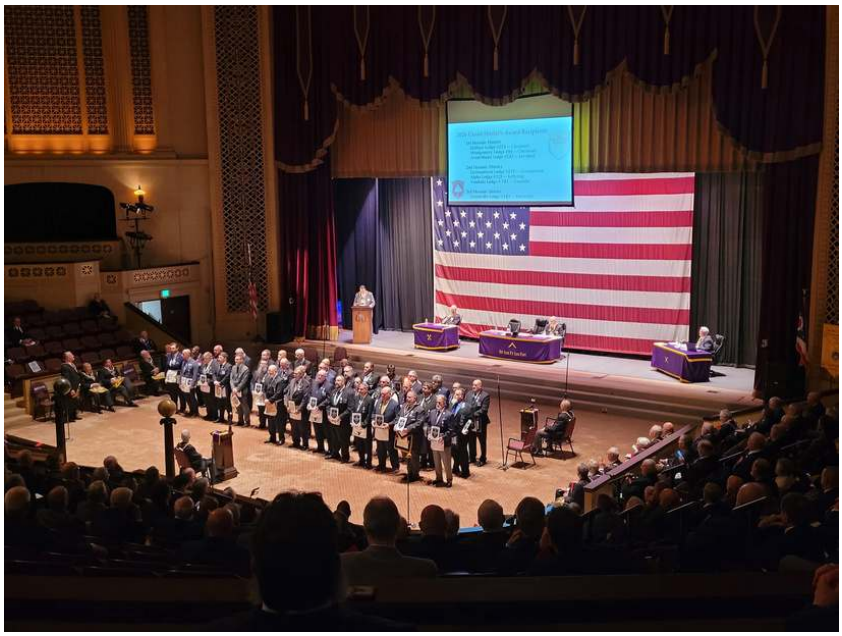
April 2027 inspection schedule

Lodge	Date	Degree
Westgate 623	Monday, April 5th	FC
Goodale 372	Monday, April 12th	MM*
Arts & Sciences 792	Thursday, April 15th	MM*

* All MM inspections begin at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6:15. Second Section at 7 PM
** Sparrow 400 - Breakfast at 8:00 AM, degree at 9:00 AM



Back L to R: WB Michael Heath (DEO), WB Michael Threloff (DEO)
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Grand Master's Award Recipients:
Sparrow #400, University #631

Around the District

LODGE BREAKFASTS

GROVE CITY
1st Saturdays, 8-10A

GROVEPORT
3rd Saturdays, 7:30-10A

HIRAM
1st Saturdays, 8-10A
(Except July and August)

REYNOLDSBURG
Last Saturdays, 8-10A



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BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK

USBC CENTRAL OHIO ASSOCIATION

4th Annual Charity Fundraiser

Sunday, Nov. 15th, 2026 - 1:00 PM

at Bowling Palace at Columbus Square

5707 Forest Hills Blvd., Columbus, OH 43231

- 3 games of 9-pin No-tap bowling
- Entry fee $25.00 per person (Singles event)
- Proceeds benefit Veterans in the Central Ohio area
- Purchase BVL apparel, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, & bake sale
- Register online or by calling/emailing Joyce or Dean
  - On-line at www.bowlcentralohio.org or using QR code →
  - Joyce Latham, 614-806-7949 or jlatham1057@gmail.com
  - Dean Dabe, deandabe@aol.com
- Walk-ins will be permitted based on lane availability and will need to check-in by 12:15 pm.

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