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Bee the Leader

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Country Fair is Theme of Annual Grand Assembly Oct. 5-7

Grand Council Officers



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Tri-State Gathering to be in Middletown August 1-2

Companions from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana will gather in Middletown August 1-2 for the annual OKI Day.

The business meeting will be Friday night at 7 p.m. in the hotel.

Indiana will confer the Royal Master Degree at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Masonic center, followed by Kentucky's Select Master degree.

Ohio will confer the Super Excellent Master degree following lunch. Housing will be in the Hampton Inn, (www.hampton.com) at the special OKI rate of \$119 per night.

Ladies will find activities in the Middletown temple and unique shopping opportunities nearby.

Councils are encouraged to bring elected candidates for any of the degrees.

York Rite Day at OMH

York Rite families will gather at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield August 3 for a devotional service and cookout. Activities will start at 1 p.m. Attire is casual.

Elected Grand Council Officers

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Ohio York Rite Bodies Meet in October

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, RAM, will immediately follow the grand assembly of the Grand Council in the Holiday Inn Independence October 8-9. Robert W Thomas will preside.

The Grand Commandery conclave will be called to order by Dennis E. Hughes October 10-11 in Dayton. Norman J. Mick will preside at the Grand Lodge communication October 16-18 in Mason.

Ohio Priory, KYCH, will meet November 1 in Gallipolis as Dan C. Arnold presides.

Grand Reception December 6

The Grand Council officer reception will be Saturday, Dec. 6, in the Kings Island Resort and Conference Center.

MIGM Robert K. Rhinehart and Lady Dinah are looking forward to greeting you at the 185th Annual Grand Assembly in the Holiday Inn, Independence, October 5-7. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the hotel – use Grand Council to receive the group rate of \$88.00 plus tax. The hotel number is 1-216-524-8050. The “Bee the Example” session will open with registration Sunday afternoon. A vesper service will be at 6:00 p.m. and a Country Fair reception at 7:00 p.m. Detailed information and meal reservation forms will be mailed the first week of August to each council.

Councils Raise Funds for Diabetic Kids in Many Ways

Meeting the needs of the Kids who cannot pay the fee to attend camps is the focus of the Grand Council Diabetic Kids Fund.

Arches have spread the word among the public at grocery and department stores to received donations.

Councils have handed out free coffee at highway rest stops and received donations.

Arches have received commitments from local businesses and their employees to raise \$5000 for DKF.

Arches work at sporting and community events as ushers and parking assistants and the pay they receive is donated to the DKF.

Companions have 12 friends for \$5 and thus raised \$60.

The DKF has given over \$70,000 each of the past two years to help the Kids.

Welcome . . .

to a quick issue of the *Grand Council News and Views*. To mail this quickly, timely information was more important than layout. The news format that was popular a few years ago was used. Improvements will be considered in the future. Your comments to the editor are always welcome.

Grand Master's Message



There are many diverse ways to "Bee the Example".

*Be the first to help setup and tear down your council, meet and greet visitors and especially new candidates.

*Work the small parts in our degrees.

*Help the Master with his projects.

*Travel with him to other councils and other bodies to promote the Cryptic Rite.

*Help with refreshments.

*Visit our sick and shut-ins.

*Pick up other companions so they will be able to attend meetings also.

*Help with phone calls, e-mails and newsletters.

*Give the Grand Council officers and your Inspector your total support.

There are so many ways to "Bee the Example", let's all work together to make our councils and the Grand Council truly "Bee the Example" that everyone wants to follow.

Robert K. Rhinehart, Grand Master

From the Grand Recorder

One of the benefits of being the Grand Recorder is that I have had the opportunity of, and have really enjoyed, getting to know the Companions that form the Cryptic Rite of Ohio.

The enthusiasm of our Recorders and companions is wonderful to see as you exemplify our Grand Master's theme "Bee the Example".

One of the highlights of my job is to see the progress made on the many projects implemented by our grand officers. Under their leadership the councils, with the help of the individual council officers, are making steady progress in promoting the ideals and goals of the Cryptic Rite of Ohio. I hope that your continuing support of those ideals and goals has enriched your lives as much as it has enriched mine. Although June is a very busy time in the Grand Council office we still enjoy hearing from you.

Please feel free to call with any questions or comments you may have.

Bobby G. Campbell
Grand Recorder

Masonic Involvement Through Community Service

"Masonic Involvement Through Community Service" is a program that was founded in Grand Council in 1998. Each constituent council was asked to promote general public awareness of the Masonic Family by participating in local public service projects. The success or failure of this effort rests on every member of this fraternity.

The events that followed our national tragedy on September 11, 2001 caused many of us to reevaluate our priorities. Masonic involvement in local community projects started to grow each year. Projects range from opening the doors of Masonic buildings for community events, providing physical help at community events, as well as assisting charities such as the Diabetic Foundation, Cancer Foundation and the Red Cross. Assisting public activities such as air shows, marathons and community walks has put Masonry in direct contact with the general public, which also has created the question, "Who are these people?" What a great opportunity to explain what the Masonic fraternity is all about and how there is a place for many more if they take the time to ask.

Life Membership Available

Life membership in Cryptic masonry is now available. A new endowment program relieves a member of paying dues for life and at the same time creates a heritage for his council.

A member in good standing can pay \$800 plus one year's dues. His will continue to receive his dues from the fund even after his death. This endowed life membership is portable so it accompanies the companion should he move to another council.

The fee can be paid over three years in installments of \$267.

Applications and further details are available from the Grand Recorder's office, grohiorism@yahoo.com.

Promotes Organ Donation

Organ Donor chairman Henry A Dodson has spoken to many groups encouraging organ, eye and tissue donation. A heart recipient himself 17 years ago, he says that 3400 Ohioans are on the waiting list.

Fifth Arch Reunion July 25

The Fifth Arch reunion will be July 25 in Der Dutchman in Plain City. York 115, Zabud 99, and Columbus 8 participated in driving the supply truck up to Camp Hamwii in Danville and unloading it July 26.

London 41 companions hosted a Christmas party for under-privileged kids selected by the Dept. of Human Services. They also have a Strawberry Festival breakfast open to the public in June.

Tyrian 60 had Christmas in the temple with music and food for friends and family. They helped the Rainbow girls with a "Rockin' Teeter-Thon" in rocking chairs over a 24-hour period, to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. Sidney Moore 84 participated in the Delaware All Horse Parade, has a steak cookout open to the public every summer, and supports the Andrews House charity.

S.S. Jewell participates in "Walk a mile in her shoes" with Marysville police and politicians to raise money for awareness of violence against women. They also support veteran and cancer projects.

Sixth Arch Names Awards

This Sixth Arch has named its awards in honor of its Past Grand Masters.

Bosworth 46 increased membership !0% this year.

Towel 71 tripled attendance by securing special dispensation and moving meetings to McArthur.

An educational program is featured at every Chilicothe 4 meeting.

Athens 15 funded full scholarships for two local children to attend diabetic camp.

Ohio 92 has a dinner before each meeting.

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Deputy Grand Master Lynn B. Alexander presents his program at an Arch meeting.

DGM Alexander Rolls Out Program for 2014-2015

For the last several years, I have enjoyed traveling around this state representing you as a Grand Council officer. I have met many great companions and made many, many friends. I am so pleased with the positive attitudes of each council visited. This assures me that the Grand Council and constituent councils will continue on their path to greater achievements.

My challenge is to ensure our continued growth, expand the success of our current programs and to serve you.

I am encouraging each council member to embrace this 3-phase membership program.

Phase I-Restoration Program: Using an amnesty program at no cost to councils or targeted members for first year.

Phase II-Retention Program: Using personal contact to recoup delinquent dues.

Phase III- Membership Goals for the

Addition of New Companions: Encourage council members to substantially increase new members over last year.

This is an ambitious membership program, but working together will make everyone proud to be a member of council.

Lynn B. Alexander,

Deputy Grand Master

Second Arch at Rest Stops

Findlay 50 hosted the Second Arch over the Memorial Day weekend to raise funds at a rest stop on I-75.

Companions took shifts to keep the project going throughout the three days.

Every council attended the arch meeting to hear the Deputy Grand Master's plans. Logan 85 hosted the event which was followed by a school of instruction.

Golf Outing Raises Funds for Eighth Arch

The Eighth Arch's golf outing at the Carrollton Golf Club June 14 benefitted the Grand Master's Fund.

Companions distributed York Rite literature at the Grand Master's one-day class in Canton April 8.

A steak roast and pie auction featured the arch meeting June 24.

Keramos 95 raised over \$1000 this year with a solicitation at Wal-Mart.

The third floor of the Millersburg Masonic center has been refurbished as a new home for Theban 126.

Akron 80 is moving back to Akron after a stay in Barberton.

Loyalty 146 will raise DKF funds with their annual hot dog stand in July.

Third Arch Holds Reception For Grand Master

The Third Arch hosted a reception for Grand Master Robert K. Rhinehart and Lady Dinah February 22, in Hamilton. Fifty-four companions and ladies enjoyed a catered dinner and patriotic entertainment.

The Third Arch will visit with the staff and kids at Camp Korleitz August 7.

Professional comedians donated their time as Henry A. Weeks 137 sponsored a Comedy Show with the proceeds going to the Diabetic Kids Fund April 19.

Hubert O. Auburn 149 sponsored a fundraiser for the Diabetic Kids at a Cincinnati Area Skyline Chili April 27. Skyline donated 10% of sales.

Adoniram 131 held two fundraisers with City BarB-Q to benefit the Diabetic Kids Fund. A portion of each companion's check went to the Kids.

New Carlisle 143, with other bodies, is working 20 Dayton Dragon professional baseball games to raise funds.

M.W. Grand Master Norman J. Mick was honored with a week-long York Rite Festival in Cincinnati in May. Cincinnati 1, John H. Campbell 147 and Henry A. Weeks 137 participated.

Grand Reception is December 6

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York Rite Takes the Field In Seventh Arch

Grand High Priest Bob Thomas will throw out the first pitch for the Lake County Captains July 25 at York Rite night in Eastlake. Tickets (\$25 adult, \$21 under 12) are available from Arch Inspector David G. Weimer (david2162@aol.com). Admission includes a buffet.

The Seventh and Eighth Arches were ushers and ticket takers at the USA/Italy tennis match Feb. 8-9.

An open house at Camp Ho Mita Kota in Newbury begins at noon June 28.

Ohio companions traveled to Beaver, Pa. for Penn-Ohio day Jan. 25. Buechner 107 conferred the RM degree and Pennsylvania performed the SM degree. A dinner followed.

First Arch Sells Peanut Butter

First Arch companions sold more than 600 pounds of peanut brittle.

Companions will visit the diabetic kids camp in Delaware June 26 and sponsor a Little Shots camp in Sylvania in July.

Bowling Green 124 distributed Christmas food baskets to several area families.

Oc-Co-Nox-Ee 55 raised \$680 with a pancake breakfast.

Golden Rule Shares Events

Golden Rule 132 shared two events with the Lodge and Chapter. About 40 witnessed George Washington talking about his Masonic apron at a dinner February 22.

They heard Charles Harper Sr., author of *Freemasonry in Black and White*, stress "we must all be on one accord" May 17.

Marietta holds Picnic in Park

Marietta 78 held its annual summer picnic June 13 in Masonic Park.

Bellaire 87 joined with the chapter for a York Rite Festival June 7.

A York Rite breakfast the first Saturday of each month is a fixture on the Guernsey 74 calendar.

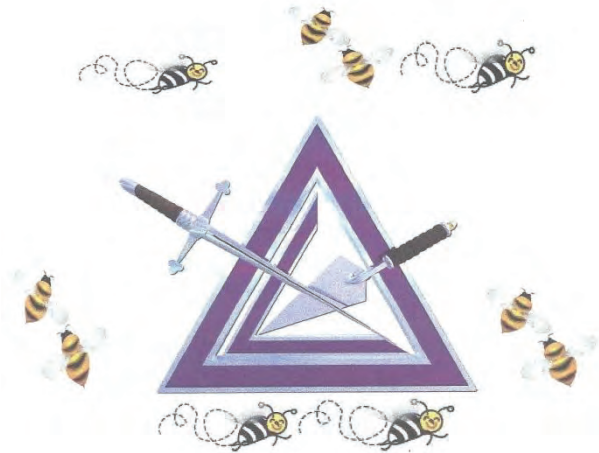
Council News Welcome

Ohio councils are invited to send information on their past and future events for inclusion in the next issue of *News and Views*. Just send *who, what, when, where, why and how*, to the editor at ohiorsm@aol.com.



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The Grand Council Benevolent Fund, Inc.
 helps children attend diabetic camps.
 Send a contribution and send a child to camp.

GPCW Comments:

“An Opportunity to Reunite”

This year’s Grand Council session can be special if we view it as an opportunity to reunite with “friends or companions of my choice.” This requires positive attitudes and expectations, and begins with the individual companion. “Bee the Example.” How many new companions will you meet this year? How many new ideas and programs can you take back to your council? What projects would be improved by collaborating with other councils? What fun game or hobby would you like to share? We do better when we come together, but it starts with the individual. Bee the example!

Richard J. Amlung, G.P.C.W.

Seventh Arch Receives G.M.

More than 250 attended the Seventh Arch reception for Grand Master Robert K. Rhinehart and first lady Dinah in the Independence Holiday Inn Nov. 16.



Grand Master Robert K. Rhinehart presents a trophy mug to Alfred J. McCann at Woodward Council.

Johnson Visits England Council

Fraternal correspondent John A. Johnson attended the Grand Council of England and Wales April 15. He has submitted a very interesting report of his experience and description of historic Freemasons’ Hall.

DeMolays to Meet in Kent

The annual Ohio DeMolay Conclave will be at Kent State University July 18-19.

Ohio Masonic Home Breaks Ground For New Building

The Ohio Masonic Home through the Benevolent Fund is the method by which we fulfill our Masonic obligation to care for distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans. This annual commitment is now almost \$5 million dollars and growing. The major focus of the Benevolent Fund this year is to meet that need and raise awareness of this responsibility and need. The Springfield Masonic Community is working to upgrade its facilities.

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