



300 Club

The 300 Club is planned as the only fundraising program for the 2nd Masonic District to prepare for the 2017 Masonic Year. Funds will support the Grand Master for that year (presuming representation from the 2nd Masonic District), some district expenses related to Grand Lodge and similar Masonic Expenses.

The 300 Club is limited to the first 300 Brothers who join. These Brothers will have an opportunity to meet together annually to discuss Grand Lodge 2017, follow and contribute to planning, and see the program develop over time. If the grand master for the 2017 year is from the 2nd District, Club members will also have an opportunity to participate in the 2017 Grand Lodge Session as escort and honor guard.



Second Masonic District

Officers Association

Grand Lodge Committee

Preparing for 2017

with the

300 Club



Seal of the Premier Grand Lodge of England, founded June 24, 1717

The modern era of Freemasonry began nearly 300 years ago when four London lodges organized the first modern grand lodge, elected a Grand Master, began to exert control over the Craft in England, and organized the system of speculative freemasonry that would eventually circle the world. The year 2017, therefore, will be the 300th Anniversary of modern Freemasonry, and the 2nd Masonic District expects to host the Grand Lodge of Ohio Annual Communication during this anniversary year.

Ohio recently celebrated its 200th Anniversary under the leadership of MWB Ronald L. Winnett. It was a milestone for Ohio, and a representative of the United Grand Lodge of England attended Ohio's Grand Lodge Communication.

What is the 300 Club?

We are seeking men able and willing to make a gift to their Masonic District and help to shape our history.

In 2017, we will explore and celebrate our history, our continuing fraternal relations with the Masonic world, and our hopes for a future improved by the principles and practices of Freemasonry. Through word and deed, special events, fraternal travel and visitation, and dedication to our fellowship, we will renew our profession as Craftsmen and celebrate Ohio's place in this 300 year world heritage.

To put such as program into place and then host the Grand Lodge of Ohio Annual Communication in Dayton will require the help of many men. Many will spend their time and energy to plan and conduct lodge, district, and Grand Lodge related activities.

Of equal importance, the costs associated with these activities will be significant, and Masons in the Second District have organized the 300 Club to underwrite the major expenses of this effort. Their goal is to make this the only fund-raising program needed for the 2017 programs so that when the time comes, we will be able to focus our attention and energy on our fraternal activities.

Membership

To be a member of the 300 Club, a Mason must make a \$300 donation to the program. For those Masons who wish to join but find the fee too expensive for a single payment, they may make a pledge and pay in up to three installments of \$100.00 each. The goal is to have all pledges paid by 2014.

Member Benefits

1. Membership is first and foremost a gift to the Fraternity. The satisfaction of supporting the Craft and 2017 Grand Master and his program will be the primary membership benefit.

2. Invitation to an annual meeting on or near June 24th of each year commencing in 2013. This event is envisioned as a social and fraternal mixer during which 2017 program planning will be shared with attendees and member feedback sought.

3. Members receive a custom-designed sterling silver lapel pin and certificate suitable for framing. The limited edition pin, designed by Benchworks Jewelers in Centerville, Ohio, will distinguish the wearer as a Grand Lodge 2017 Supporter.

4. 300 Club members will be invited to serve as escort and honor guard for the Grand Master at the 208th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio on October 20, 2017 in Dayton, OH.

PLEDGE FORM

I, _____,

(Please Print)⁴

pledge \$300 for membership in the 300 Club to be paid in ____ installments of \$_____ amount is due by December 31, 2014. My check in the amount of \$_____ is attached as the first installment of this pledge.

Signature

Date

How Can I Join?

Make a check payable to
Grand Lodge 2017
and send it to...

Walter G. Barner, Jr. ~ 6600 Ranch Hill Drive ~ Dayton, OH 45415-1407

or

Clifford P. Koss ~ 8888 Meadowgate Court ~ Huber Heights, OH 45424-1108

Complete a pledge form and submit with a check for full \$300.00 or a minimum payment of \$100.00

Accountability

The 300 Club is a program of the Grand Lodge Committee of the 2nd Masonic District Officers Association. Contributions are not eligible for a tax deduction under current IRS rules.