

# Second Masonic District

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## From The District

**Brethren,**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** was another success for the Ohio Masonic Home Day in Springfield and for the Second Masonic District. The Second Masonic District again served hamburgers, brats, smokey's, baked beans and pastries at the event. We thank all the brethren that came out and supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> district by there purchases. A special thanks to all the brethren that volunteered there time at the event. President WB Walt Barner had a fun filled day with the local health inspector. Please be sure to talk to WB Barner about his experience.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** is the Second Masonic District's Outdoor Raising, at the Lemay Estates in Waynesville. The cost is \$7.00 and monies will be paid at the tyler's desk. Lodge will open at 4:00 pm and will go to refreshment at approximately 5:00 pm for dinner. The district deputies will make several presentations after dinner. The dress for the event is casual. This is a lodge meeting and no smoking will be allowed in the lodge room. The degree work will be performed by brethren from High Point, Huber Heights, Trotwood, Oxford, Camden, and Dayton Lodges.

The opening ceremony for the Ohio Special Olympics will be **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Jesse Owens Track at The Ohio State University. Sign in begins at 4:30 pm. Remember that all monies raised for the Special Olympics must be sent to the Grand Lodge of Ohio by June 1<sup>st</sup> for your lodge to receive credit this year. All monies received after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be credited to the 2008 Masonic Year. The attire for the event is dark slacks and a white collared shirt. You will not need to bring a hat you will be provided with a Special Olympics Hat. Please bring a bottle of water for

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hydration purposes.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** will be the Benny Roush Golf Outing at the Beechwood Golf Club in Arcanum Ohio. The Golf Outing will be a best ball scramble format with a shotgun start at 11:00 am. Team fees are \$60.00 per person. The entry fee provides dinner and drink tickets on the course. If you are not a golfer and would like to come for dinner the cost of dinner is \$25.00. We still have a few hole and cart sponsor available. Hole sponsors are \$50.00 and Cart sponsors are \$25.00. This is a great way to have you and your lodge recognized and also to show your support in the district. For more information please contact your district deputy grand master or district president Walt Barner.

The Deputy Grand Master, RWB Ronald Winnett, will be presenting his Program for 2008 on **Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Dayton Masonic Center** to the 2nd Masonic District. Those Brethren who will be presiding next year will need to be in attendance. All Lodge Officers and interested brethren are invited. If you have any questions about any of the events, please e-mail or call me at 937-898-6587.

Thank You for your continued support.

WB Walt Barner

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WB Larry B Cornett

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## From The District President

~\* Square and Compasses \*~



The teachings of Freemasonry are taught through allegory and symbolism. Of all of the symbols used, the Square and the Compasses are probably among the most recognized symbols of Freemasonry.

The Square is used by operative Masons as a tool for testing the accuracy of angles and the precision of cut stones. Squared stones must fit firmly together to make a sound building. To Freemasons, the Square symbolizes things of the earth. It is a symbol of morality, truthfulness and honesty and the way we should relate to this world and the people in it. It is meant to remind us to square our actions with virtue. To 'act upon the square' is to act honestly. Just as squared stones must fit firmly together, squaring our acts and thoughts should build a structure of sound character.

The compasses symbolize things of the spirit and the importance of a well-developed spiritual life. The Compasses reminds us to keep ourselves within "due bounds" through watchfulness and restraint and to be truthful to ourselves. It is a symbol of control, skill and knowledge. That which is harmful or unworthy should remain outside the circle of the compasses.

The G stands for Geometry, the science of which the ancients believed most revealed the glory of God and His works in the heavens. It also stands for God, who must be at the center of all our thoughts and all of our efforts.

The Square and Compasses along with the Holy Bible are referred to in Freemasonry as The Great Lights. The Great Lights of Masonry embrace human nature as guiding principals for the body, mind and soul. The Square for our body (actions), the Compasses for our mind and the Holy Bible for our soul. Freemasons believe that as a man honestly sees through these Great Lights into his own heart and into his relations with his fellow man ..... only then will his life be gladden, steadfast and genuine.

**Submitted By: Walt Barner**  
**President 2<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District**

# District Deputy Grand Masters

## TONIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

He slowly opened the door to his locker. He hung his police uniform on the hooks, and took out his suit. It was Lodge night.

He watched as the last employee left his business, locked the building, and made the evening bank drop. He then headed off with a whistle on his lips and a spring in his step. It was Lodge night.

The young man helped his wife clear the table. He then said goodnight to his children and quietly entered his room to change his clothes. Upon leaving, he smiled at his wife and kissed her. It was Lodge night.

It had been a hard day. Navigating through the complexities of the legal system was rewarding work, but it was also tiring. Normally, he would head home for a relaxing evening. But tonight was not normal, and he felt none of the usual fatigue, as tonight, was Lodge night.

Life had not been pleasant since his wife died. His family lived far away and with each passing year it became harder and harder to do the simple things in life. But most of all, he missed his life long partner. Tonight he felt a little less pain, and life didn't seem nearly as bad. It was Lodge night.

The accident had been terrible, but there was some consolation that his skills as a doctor had saved a life. Still it would not be easy and there were possibilities of complications. But for a while, he could place his worries in the hands of others as tonight, was Lodge night.

It is hard looking for work when the job market is scarce. Each day, he faced the nameless horde of people who continued to tell him he was not needed. He faced rejection and the possibility of hardship at every turn. Tonight he knew he was wanted and needed. It was Lodge night.

He sat alone in the small room wearing clothes that were not his. He had received warm welcomes from a number of men he did not know, and a few he did. Now, with an ancient relic of a bygone age, they told him to wait patiently, yet he looked forward to it with anticipation. It was his first Lodge night.

From every occupation we come. We donate our time to an age honored tradition. We donate our money to help those who cannot help themselves. We gather in fellowship and part in peace, and for a while, we can lay aside our differences and worries to bask in our shared experiences. We can talk with men who are our equals, men who work to better themselves, and help me better myself.

Tonight is Lodge night and I am proud and glad to be  
a Mason!

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## Lodge Announcements

**Please see the main page on the website. ([secondmasonicdistrict.org](http://secondmasonicdistrict.org))**

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