



Second Masonic District

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This month's newsletter covers a great summer full of good Masonic events and wonderful fellowship plus details on upcoming events and ways to support the District.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Typewritten Ritual – Eastern Star Lodge, Franklin, Ohio, Sat. Oct. 2 - 9 a.m.

Join us after 8 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts followed by a reading of the ritual from the Grand Lodge's typewritten copy. Ask questions regarding the words and floorwork associated with each degree. We'll have pizzas provided for a lunch break.

District Officers Association Meeting and Officer Installation–
Minerva Lodge, Miamisburg, Ohio, Wednesday, Oct. 7th, - 7 p.m.
Come participate in the District's Officers Association meeting. This is a great opportunity to thank the outgoing President for his fine service and dedication and to elect and support new officers. Light treats will follow the meeting.

Renaissance Festival –Waynesville Sat. & Sun. Oct 10th and 11th
We have an opportunity to help the community by directing cars where to park and making \$800 for our District coffers. There will be two shifts, 8am-13:30pm and Noon to 3:30 pm. Free admission to the Festival for volunteers. Open to masons, their wives and teen-children. See or contact W.B. Eric Flasher to sign up at 937 291-1412 or eric_flasher@yahoo.com.

Grand Lodge 2nd District Luncheon honoring the new Grand Master of Ohio – Toledo – Saturday, Oct 17 following installation of Grand Lodge Officers See web page for full details.

Grand Masters Reception – Dayton Masonic Center - 6 p.m.,
Saturday, Oct. 24.

Join several hundred brethren as our district has the honor of hosting the first dinner reception for the newly elected Grand Master of Ohio. A musical performance by the Miamisburg High School Madrigal singers will follow the dinner along with Excellence in Youth Awards and other related activities. See the District web page for details on how to make reservations for this event.

Sadly, the District motor coach trip to Toledo had to be canceled due to low reservations. Alternate transportation options are being investigated. Brothers are urged to meet and car pool to Toledo to reduce expenses and conserve fuel. Full refunds are being given...see W.B. Mike Johnson for details.

Here are some details and photos of great events held over the summer:

Grand Master One-Day Class



On June 13th, approximately 220 men became Brethren of the 2nd Masonic District. Excellent degree work was the rule. Thanks to all who participated and WELCOME new Master Masons!

Ohio Masonic Home Day



The residents and guests of the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio, were visually assaulted by the 2nd District Volunteers wearing hideously bright shirts. All had a great time and special thanks go to the brothers of Alpha and Huber Heights Lodges for cooking and serving. Note DDGMs “supervising” food preparations.

2nd District Outdoor Raising



(Truth be told, the editor couldn't locate photos from this year and put in a prior year image.)

The Brethren of the Second District enjoyed outstanding weather and well done degree work at the Lemay estate in Waynesville, Ohio. Vast quantities of food were enjoyed as we watched a new brother raised in the great outdoors!

Pillars/Roll-Out Program

The Deputy Grand Master—our very own—R.W. Brother Terry Posey, explained his vision and goals for the 2010 Masonic Year. An audio copy of his presentation is available from the District web site. One warning...the file is very large so expect a slow download.



Golf Outing



The wind BLEW and BLEW on a cool and blustery day. Regardless, nearly 60 Brothers and guests had a great time playing rounds at the Jamaica Run Golf Course in Miamisburg, Ohio. After chasing the little white balls, they enjoyed a fine meal and fellowship. The proceeds of this charitable activity supported the Second Masonic District and the two Learning Centers in our area. Thanks to the participants, gift donors, Lodge sponsors, and especially the District President for their efforts!

SINGING OPPORTUNITY



If you or someone you know is a Scottish Rite Mason, consider singing in the Scottish Rite Choir-Valley of Dayton. The Choir's primary purpose is to support the Rite during the degree work at the Reunions, though we also like to perform for other Masonic bodies and outside of Masonic activities when we can. No formal training required; you just need to enjoy singing in a close fraternity dedicated to the high ideals of Freemasonry. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship in music as well as socially.

There are no petitions and no auditions. All you need is enthusiasm, an ear for harmony or the ability to sing a melody, and a willingness to commit yourself to our schedule. The only requirements for membership are your Masonic affiliation and the ability to carry a tune - if you can sing in the shower, you can sing with us. You don't have to be an accomplished singer or music-reader. In fact, you don't even have to be a Scottish Rite Mason initially, as you can start learning the music and practice with us before you join the Rite and perform with us. Age is also unimportant, as our members range in age from the 20's to the 90's.

We meet most Tuesday nights during the "season" on the second floor in the northeast corner of the Dayton Masonic Center in the choir room from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Please consider joining us as we prepare for this fall's Reunion, and as we prepare early to present the 22nd Degree during the upcoming spring Reunion.

Contact Dan Frye at ddfrye@daytonlodge147.org or call 937-477-0605 if you have any questions.

This newsletter keeps the Brethren of the Second District abreast of activities of Masonic interest. If you have information, photographs, or other items, please send them to eric_flasher@yahoo.com.