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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

My dear Brothers,

It is right and proper for a new Grand Master to begin his first Beacon article by saying thank you to the many people who have helped along the way – men who taught him the meaning of Freemasonry through precept and example, and I wish to do just that. So in the spirit of sincerity and plain dealing, which should distinguish us as Masons, I offer a simple but heartfelt thank you.

Equally important, I would like to acknowledge my wife, Diana. I often tell people that there are many men who could do what I do, and perhaps do it better. I then go on to say, “but I have the right wife,” which must sound strange when talking about a men’s organization. It is the truth though; this would be a hard job if your wife was not traveling right there with you. In fact, all of our “Grand Lodge ladies” deserve a note of recognition and appreciation. We work them very hard during the year with our travels and dinners and ceremonies, and they help us be better men. Thank you all.

Turning to the work at hand, I would like to invite you to join me this year in celebrating the 300th Anniversary of Modern Freemasonry.

While we trace our history to a time immemorial, and there are many theories about how we began, the one fact we know for certain: on June 24, 1717, four lodges met in London, England, to celebrate the Feast of St. John and to elect a Grand Master. Within a generation, speculative Masonry spread around the world, including the American colonies.

This upcoming year in Ohio, we will celebrate this 300th Anniversary, beginning with a Grand Master’s Class to be held on March 25, 2017, and culminating in an Anniversary Celebration on June 24, 2017.

In this issue of the Beacon, you will find a special petition which can be used for any petitioners during the 2017 Masonic year, including for the Grand Master’s Class. It is designed so you can pull it out of the Beacon and then:

- give it to a friend, son, grandson, golf partner, church member, or business acquaintance, and it should contain enough information to give them an idea of who we are, what we believe in, and what they need to do if they are interested in becoming a member;
- tell them you think they would make a good Mason and that they would enjoy meeting new men who share many common values;
- offer to sponsor them to become members of your lodge, to sign their petitions, and introduce them to your lodge officers who can take it from there; and,
- finally, let them make their own decision on whether or not to join, to come of their own free will and accord, just as Masons have done since time immemorial.

2017 is going to be a great year, and we want you to be part of it. The world is changing, and once again men are looking for the benefits that come from uniting with like-minded men dedicated to living well, to doing right, and to standing up for their beliefs when others seem to be stumbling.

Help us open the doors to your lodge and welcome good men and true. Use the petition in this issue of the Beacon. Give it to a man you respect. Live your Masonic obligations. Remember your brothers in your prayers to the Great Architect, and remember that your life is a story worth telling. Tell your story, and in so doing, spread the Light of Freemasonry to those around you.

Sincerely,
Douglas N. Kaylor
Grand Master



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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

Greetings Brethren,

This time of year has always been a favorite of mine. With Thanksgiving and the holiday season fast approaching, I oftentimes use the days ahead for moments of reflection. Reflection on not only what I am grateful and thankful for in my personal life, but also my professional life here at the Ohio Masonic Home. These first few months of serving as the CEO of the Ohio Masonic Home have been some of the most special in my life, and the support I have received from the Fraternity and the Brethren I have had the pleasure of speaking with, is truly incomparable. For that I say, “thanks” and know that not a day goes by when I am not beholden to be part of this great organization and Fraternity.



Fall is also a great time of change. The leaves change their colors, the temperatures get a little cooler and the days get shorter and shorter. With this change in the seasons, I am reminded of the change that our own Home has endured over the years. Always committed to our Masonic Obligation to serve worthy, distressed Ohio Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans, the Ohio Masonic Home has continually evolved to meet the needs of this great Fraternity. That evolution continues today with the Home becoming a true “aging services” organization, and I am committed to changing our services as the needs of the Fraternity change.

With our ability to change and adapt, we must also adopt a true sense of agility, adapting the resources we provide to our constituency based on the continuous assessment of their changing needs. Our Masonic Obligation is truly the conduit to serve Masons today and into the future, and that same Obligation is what guides us through our day to day operations. We are serving more Masons than ever before and, through our ability to evolve and change, I am happy to report that your Ohio Masonic Home is on solid ground as we approach our 125th Anniversary in 2017.

As we head into the holidays and embrace happy times with friends and family, please also remember that unfortunately the holidays are a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones or do not have any family of which to speak. Please keep our residents in your thoughts and consider organizing a trip to one of our campuses to visit with them. We are thankful for the support of the Fraternity, without which many Brethren, their wives, widows and orphans may not receive the care and support they need.

I wish you and yours the best of health and happiness throughout the holiday season, and would like to express my own personal gratitude to this great Fraternity and to you, my Brothers.

Brother Scott Buchanan, CEO
Ohio Masonic Home

FIND THE BLACK PAW PRINT!

Congratulations to Terry Frey of Sabina Lodge No. 324 Lodge in Sabina, OH, the winner of last edition's Find the Golf Flag search! There were 4 flags in the last edition.

In this edition we show appreciation to our furry companions. Search through this entire edition and count how many times you find the black paw print graphic to the right (do not count example graphic). Be sure to read *Cats and Canines of Campus* in this edition.

Submit the correct answer along with your contact information and Lodge affiliation to Ohio Masonic Home, ATTN: Kristen Hirschfeld, Beacon Editor, 2655 W. National Rd., Springfield, Ohio 45504 or via email at khirschfeld@ohiomasonichome.org by January 15, 2017, and be entered to win a prize, courtesy of the Ohio Masonic Home Print Shop!

(Your participation serves as permission to include your name and Lodge affiliation in the next edition of the Beacon.)



Example



PAVER PROGRAM FOR SMC FESTIVAL GREEN AT SPRINGFIELD MASONIC COMMUNITY

Help pave the path of community fellowship to the Festival Green Clubhouse at Springfield Masonic Community. While construction of the Clubhouse is complete, your gift will help improve the Festival Green itself through the addition of a fountain, stage, fire pits, benches and more.

The memorial pathway will be located in the front of the Clubhouse and be visible to the thousands of visitors who come to Springfield Masonic Community each year. Engraved pavers are an excellent way to commemorate any special occasion, recognize family members or to provide a lasting memorial for a loved one.

Engraved pavers are available in three sizes:

4" x 8" Gray Granite: \$100

with up to three lines of text and up to 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation).

8" x 8" Gray Granite: \$250

with up to six lines of text and up to 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation).

12" x 12" Gray Granite: \$500

increased text size with up to 10 lines of text and up to 20 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation).

Order yours today by calling (937) 525-3071!

2016 MIRACLE MILES FOR MEMORY CARE WRAP-UP



Miracle Miles for Memory Care experienced another successful year in 2016, hosting two well-attended events and raising more than \$106,000 for memory care across the state of Ohio.

In early June, your support of the wildly popular Golf Classic was overwhelming and in late August, we saw the greatest turn-out yet for our statewide Road Rally. We would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all those who participated, championed and donated to Miracle Miles this year. Our deepest gratitude goes out to U.S. Bank, our naming sponsor for 2016.

Look for information coming soon about next year's events!

4th Annual Miracle Miles Golf Classic

Monday, June 5, 2017

6th Annual Miracle Miles Road Rally

Saturday, August 26, 2017

GRAND MASTER'S CLASSES TO BE HELD ON MARCH 25

Grand Master Douglas N. Kaylor has announced that each of the twenty five Masonic Districts in Ohio will hold a Grand Master's Class on Saturday, March 25. Petitions and investigations are to be handled in accordance with the usual rules as found in the Grand Lodge Code of Masonic Law.

Any Brothers proposing a candidate for the Grand Master's Class should be sure that the individual is available on March 25 and on June 24, the tercentennial celebration of Modern Freemasonry, which all Grand Master's Class candidates will be expected to attend.

Candidates will be able to complete their degree work or to receive all three degrees of Symbolic Masonry at the Grand Master's Classes. Lodges are strongly encouraged, when possible, to begin a candidate's Masonic journey prior to the Grand Master's Class by at least initiating him as an Entered Apprentices in their home lodges.

Included in this issue of the Beacon is a brochure that may be used for an individual to petition a lodge.



**COME ONE, COME ALL!
COME CELEBRATE OUR
125TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US!**



The Ohio Masonic Home is celebrating 125 years of care, compassion and concern, and we're inviting you to attend one of our momentous events. It is because of the Freemasons of Ohio that the Ohio Masonic Home is standing today, and we want to share with you the joy that comes from partnering with those on their aging journey.

Feast of St. John Celebration – Tuesday, December 27, 2016
 Browning Masonic Community (Rubicon Lodge #237)
 8883 Browning Drive, Waterville, OH 43566
 Springfield Masonic Community (Morning Star #795)
 2655 W. National Rd., Springfield, OH 45504
 Western Reserve Masonic Community (Medina Lodge #58)
 4931 Nettleton Rd., Medina, OH 44256

Regional Community Celebrations – Date and Location Coming Soon!

Ohio Masonic Home Day – June 4, 2017,
 Springfield Masonic Community, 2655 W. National Rd., Springfield, OH 45504



Ultra-rare paired coin sets featuring a re-struck copy of the original dedication coin from 1892, as well as a new coin commemorating the Home's 125th Anniversary will be available, for a donation of \$125, at each of these events! Don't miss your chance to own a piece of history! For more information contact Dan Shirk at 937-926-4305 or dshirk@ohiomasonichome.org.



**2017 FLORIDA
REUNION TRIP**

You are cordially invited to attend.

**Sunday, January 15, 2017
at 11:00 a.m.**

Eisenhower Recreation Center
 3560 Buena Vista Blvd.,
 The Villages, FL 32163
 Host: Jerry Hatton

**Monday, January 16, 2017
at 11:00 a.m.**

Sarasota/Bradenton:
 Peridia Golf and Country Club
 4950 Peridia Blvd. E.,
 Bradenton, FL 34203
 Host: Ken Gavins

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017
at 11:00 a.m.**

Fort Myers: The Edison
 3583 McGregor Blvd.,
 Fort Myers, FL 33901
 Host: Steve Krekus

For reservation, please call Maria Shutte at 1-888-248-2664 option 2. Please make reservations before Friday, January 6, 2017.

**GRAND MASTER'S
MASONIC WINDOWS
RESTORATION
PROJECT AT THE
OHIO MASONIC HOME**



The Masonic windows in Burkhart Auditorium illustrate the beautiful and inspiring lessons of our Masonic lectures. As such they have been a source of reflection and contemplation for residents of the Ohio Masonic Home as well as all our Brethren who have visited the Home and attended Lodge meetings, church services and similar activities held in the auditorium. The windows were installed during construction of the building which was dedicated on October 17, 1923. Since that time, they have been a constant reminder of our Masonic Values.

Need for Restoration

After 93 years, the Burkhart Masonic windows need to be restored. While generally in good shape, the lapse of time has taken its toll. Minor repairs are needed to stabilize the glass and frames. Wind, rain and sun, as well as dust and dirt carried by the weather have all contributed to a need to restore the windows.

Support

The cost to restore a window is \$8,000. This figure includes removing the window, cleaning and repair in the studio and refitting it in the restored frame.

Recognition

Donors who pay for the restoration of a window will be recognized with a plaque placed by the window. Donations can be made in the name of a Lodge, District, Chapter, Valley, Shrine or individual member. A gift may be made in memory of someone the donor wishes to remember or in honor of a living person or organization.

To Give

Keep the light and symbolism alive for residents and visitors of the Ohio Masonic Home. Contact the Ohio Masonic Home Foundation at 937-525-5637 today.

DOUGLAS N. KAYLOR ELECTED & INSTALLED GRAND MASTER

At the conclusion of the 207th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held in Sandusky on October 14th and 15th, Douglas N. Kaylor was elected and installed as the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Brother Kaylor was born in 1952 in Dayton, Ohio, to Roland and Lucille Kaylor. He was raised in a Masonic family. His father and grandfather were charter members of Alpha Lodge, No. 729, in Dayton, and his mother and grandmother belonged to Belmont Chapter, No. 555, Order of the Eastern Star. He grew up in Beavercreek Township in Greene County, where in addition to the typical school activities, he was active in Scouting and became an Eagle Scout.

A library administrator by profession, he enjoyed a successful career in higher education. He served in various positions in the libraries at Wright State University and then spent eleven years as library director at Sinclair Community College. During his career, he chaired various national, state, and local library and professional society programs and projects.

Brother Kaylor was raised in Alpha Lodge, No. 729, on June 2, 1987. He served as Worshipful Master in 1996. He later served three years as a District Education Officer and two years as District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District, being first appointed by M.W.B. William P. Mayberry, Sr. He became a plural member of Dayton Lodge, No. 147 in 2006. In 2009, he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio by Most Worshipful Brother Terry W. Posey. He progressed through the line until elected Grand Master in 2016.

Brother Kaylor joined the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton on April 9, 1988. He served the Valley in various offices including Thrice Potent Master of Gabriel Lodge of Perfection. He also served for

many years on the board of governors of the Dayton Children's Dyslexia Center honoring Neil and Willa Jean Smalley. On August 27, 2007, he was coroneted a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. In 2010, he was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council, and elected to the board of the Scottish Rite Museum and Library in Lexington, Mass. In 2014, he was elected Deputy of the Supreme Council for Ohio, and as such, is Commander-in-Chief of the Ohio Council of Deliberation.



Brother Kaylor is a member of Victory Chapter, R.A.M., Adoniram Council, R. & S.M., and Reed Commandery, K.T. He belongs to Antioch Shrine and is a member of its Past Master's Club and the Arabic Club. He is a member of Belmont Chapter, O.E.S. He is a past sovereign master of Thomas Smith Webb Council, Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a member of Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland as well as Irish Council, Knight Masons, USA. He is an honorary member of the Cleveland Chapter of National Sojourners, and he has received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor. He is an honorary member of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio. Always interested in learning, he is a member of the Ohio Lodge of Research, QCCC Correspondence Circle, and the Philalethes Society.

Doug and Diana Kaylor were married on June 24, 1989. They have one daughter, Allison DelMedico. Allison and her husband, Jamie, have two children, Sloane and Vincent. Both Doug and Diana agree that family and especially grandchildren are among life's best blessings.

*A mythic past. A visionary future.
A Legendary Brotherhood.*

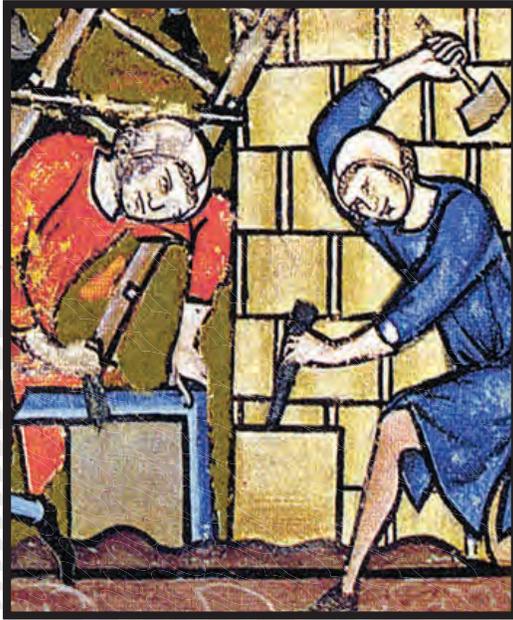
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Freemasonry is the oldest and most widely recognized fraternal organization in the world, It was founded in London, England in 1717.

It unites men of good character of various religious, ethnic, and social backgrounds, who share a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind. As Freemasons, they strive to improve themselves as better men, husbands, fathers, and neighbors while enjoying the bonds of fraternal fellowship.

Membership provides opportunities for sincere, honest, forthright men, who desire to contribute to the improvement of their communities and themselves, to fellowship with men they might otherwise never had the opportunity to meet, and to grow through their shared experience.



The traditions of Freemasonry are founded upon the building of King Solomon's Temple, and its fraternal ceremonies use the working tools of the stonemasons to symbolize moral lessons and truths. For example, Masons are reminded at Lodge to "meet upon the level of equality, act by the plumb of uprightness, and part upon the square of virtue."

Once an individual has been elected to membership, the joining process is divided into stages, marked by three separate ceremonies. The symbolism of each is intended to strengthen a man's commitment to his Faith, his family, and his community.

Freemasons use the term "degree" to describe the three ceremonial stages of becoming a member. The three degrees are Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. They are loosely based upon the journeyman system, which was used to educate medieval craftsmen, and represent youth, manhood, and old age.

Application for membership is open to men who:

- Have been an Ohio resident for at least six months
- Are at least 19 years old
- Have a belief in a Supreme Being
- Live a good moral and social life
- Do not advocate the overthrow of the government
- Can read and write English

Potential new members are requested to complete an online background check, using: <http://www.gloho.com/tools/petition-verification>. The results of the background check are kept confidential between the Lodge and the potential new member.





Petition for Degrees

OR SO

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

The petition of the subscriber respectfully showeth:— that he has long entertained a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution; that he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy; and that he believes in the existence and perfection of God.

He was born at _____ on _____.

His present residence is _____
No. STREET CITY STATE ZIP

where he has lived since the _____ day of _____, _____. His occupation is _____

and his place of employment or business is _____.

Telephone no. _____ Email address _____

Have you ever before petitioned a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons anywhere? Yes No

If yes, state what lodge, where situated, and when petitioned: _____

Signed at _____ this _____ day of _____, _____.

RECOMMENDED BY

PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE IN FULL

Abbreviations and initials are not sufficient - If no middle name, write "none"

PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

BRO. _____

BRO. _____

QUESTIONS

To be answered by candidate on night of initiation

1. Do you declare upon your honor that you have never before made application to any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons?

Answer _____

2. Do you believe in the existence and perfection of God?

Answer _____

3. Do you declare upon your honor that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself as a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry?

Answer _____

4. Do you declare upon your honor that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Freemasonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?

Answer _____

5. Do you declare upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Fraternity?

Answer _____

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

Attest: _____

STEWARDS

FEES

Fee EA \$ _____ Paid

Fee FC \$ _____ Paid

Fee MM \$ _____ Paid

COMMITTEE

BRO. _____

BRO. _____

BRO. _____

REPORT

* Favorable
SIGNATURE

* Favorable
SIGNATURE

* Favorable
SIGNATURE
*If unfavorable, write "Un" before "Favorable"

READING AND BALLOT

Date Read _____

Date Rejected _____

Date Elected _____

RECORD

Entered _____

East _____

Lecture _____

Exam _____

By _____

Passed _____

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Lecture _____

Exam _____

By _____

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East _____

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Lecture _____

Exam _____

By _____

polar plunge together.



plant trees together.



share an afternoon together.

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth
are the three Great Principles of
the Masonic Fraternity.

With these in mind,
Freemasons...



serve communities together.

rejoice together.



support charities together.



laugh together.



NEW FROM THE PRINT SHOP

The Ohio Masonic Home (OMH) Print Shop prides itself on constantly expanding its line of available products and services. New this fall are custom rubber stamps and custom printed and embroidered apparel!



To create their full line of embroidered apparel, the Print Shop is able to digitize personalized logos and designs which can then be stitched onto everything from polos to sweatshirts. Angie Mann, Pre-Press Project Coordinator says, "This is great for those needing higher-end garments for Lodges and other businesses."

The OMH Print Shop also features a direct-to-garment printing process. Instead of using costly set-up and screen stencils, direct-to-garment uses digital technology and specialty inks. This means that one t-shirt is just as easy and inexpensive to print as 100 which is great for one time use like family reunions and other special events.

Brian Knoll, Print Shop Manager, spent some time demonstrating the new line of custom-made, easy-to-use rubber stamps at the 2016 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A.M. "We have had a lot of requests in the past, so obviously the demand was there. So far we've made return address stamps, stamps with just the square and compass and even stamps of signatures," says Brian.

To learn more about the latest and greatest offered by the Ohio Masonic Home Print Shop, visit omhprintshop.com or call (937) 525-4939 today!



LORAIN COUNTY LODGES SUPPORT BIKE MS

The Lodges of Lorain County recently sponsored and manned two rest stops for the Buckeye Breakaway bicycle ride, which is a part of the national Bike MS program that raises support for and awareness of multiple sclerosis. The ride was a 150 mile round trip from Brunswick to Ashland and included over 1,300 riders.

The Brethren paid \$500 for the naming rights for each of their rest stops. In addition to the refreshments that were provided, the Brethren made sure to have plenty of Masonic information on hand. The stop at the Lorain County Fairgrounds was sponsored by Wellington, Blue Steel, and Stonington Lodges. The one at Grafton was sponsored by La Grange Lodge.

The Brethren received five requests for information about becoming a Freemason while they performed their community serve.

There are two other Bike MS rides that take place in Ohio. The Central Ohio Challenge is held in Franklin County in July, and the Bike to the Bay is held in Northwest Ohio with a round trip from Perrysburg to Port Clinton in June. If a lodge or Masonic District would like information about how to participate in the sponsor a rest stop program, please contact Bob Nilsen at nilsen10@windstream.net.



CATS AND CANINES OF CAMPUS

Pets can provide protection, a reason to get outside and exercise, a daily routine and most importantly companionship. According to U.S. News*, “At the end of the day, having a pet means that you have made a promise to continue being involved in another life. This commitment is one of the most positive decisions you can make as you grow older.”



Walt (Quarry No. 382) and Wilma Klein live at Western Reserve Masonic Community with their two senior dogs, Sadie and Nikki. A Husky and an American Eskimo dog, both pups have an independent nature when it comes to tricks and commands, but are avid cuddlers and enjoy spending time with Walt and Wilma as well as their many friends across campus. Wilma enjoys taking the dogs for walks despite the possibility of running into the local Canada Geese as Nikki has appointed herself Wilma’s bird security.

Linda Murphy’s dog, Happylegs Wyldwyn Daffydd, or “Dave” for short, is a wonderful example of a gentle giant. Linda adopted the four-year-old Bullmastiff from a friend in Ann Arbor, Michigan when he was twelve and a half weeks old. After a brief time as a show-dog, Dave has easily settled into the leisurely life of a pet at Browning Masonic Community. Linda says that he now only sits and stays when he wants to. A very social, people-loving dog, Dave’s favorite things to do with his human are running errands, popping by the main building at Browning and traveling to visit Linda’s family.



Army veteran, Art Meharg (Morning Star No. 795) lives at Springfield Masonic Community with his eight-year-old Cocker Spaniel, Lincoln. An active dog who likes long walks and playing fetch, Lincoln was born on a farm in the mountains of Tennessee. Art brought home the eight-week-old pup and named him after his high school alma mater, Lincoln Consolidated in southeast Michigan and after our 16th President. Art and Lincoln walk at least one mile every day and when they are at home, Lincoln is Art’s constant shadow, following him from room to room. “I don’t know what I’d do without him,” says Art.

Honey Bear the cat came to Donna Ross as a stray several years ago in Cuyahoga Falls. Now a resident of Western Reserve Masonic Community and strictly an indoor cat, Honey Bear remains a bit jumpy and shy, but he and Donna live together peacefully, respecting each other’s space. Although he doesn’t like to cuddle, he does enjoy being brushed and the occasional nap with his human.



Nikki the Toy Poodle is a small dog with a big personality. After spending the first three years of his life in a cage at a puppy mill, he has since been living a life of leisure with Mickie and Russ (Medina No. 58) Palmateer. Having only recently moved to Western Reserve Masonic Community, the Palmateers are still getting adjusted, but find comfort in having their little buddy around. Nikki enjoys going on walks, with Mickie taking the day shift and Russ walking him in the evenings and although he has a calm and gentle personality, Nikki isn’t afraid to bark at other animals, as long as they’re on the television!

Naomi Duff adopted Mister the Pug from an animal shelter when her late husband, Edward (St. Andrews No. 619) was ill. True to his breed, Mister was a wonderful comfort to his owners during a tough time, even being called a “God-send” by Edward. Now, wherever Naomi is, eight-year-old Mister is not far behind. A big fan of socializing, Mister will strategically plant himself near the mailboxes after a walk around the Springfield Masonic Community campus to obtain the maximum amount of attention and treats from passersby. According to Naomi, Mister is a smart pup who can count treats, shake hands and even knows when it’s bedtime and will climb his doggie ladder to the bed and turn down the covers for her!



Lawrence Albon (Northern Light No. 40) and Duke, a six and a half-year-old Labrador Retriever go just about everywhere together. Duke was just a pup when Lawrence and his wife, Suzanne, bought him from a breeder in North Carolina. He has since become a great source of comfort to both of his owners as Suzanne is now a resident of Browning Masonic Community’s (BMC) Pathways Memory Care Center. Lawrence and Duke live nearby in one of Browning’s villas and make the short, journey daily to visit Suzanne. When Lawrence and his furry friend aren’t visiting Pathways, Duke prefers to spend his time running in the fields behind BMC, getting his back scratched or sleeping on Lawrence’s bed.



Western Reserve Masonic Community resident, Elzora Alber has always loved cats, but Fritz the seven-year-old Domestic Shorthair is special. Adopted from a shelter in Medina, Fritz is a very loving pet who enjoys sitting with Elzora while she brushes him. When the pair moved onto campus, they relied on each other for reassurance as they adjusted to their new home. Although Fritz seems to like their apartment, he still tries to sneak out the front door from time to time to explore.

DISTRICT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Do you know a District Ambassador? You should! The Ohio Masonic Home Foundation has realized a dream by launching its District Ambassador Program. On Saturday, August 13, 25 Masons from around Ohio “heard the call” and were trained as District Ambassadors. These Brothers will be sharing the Mission and the story of the Ohio Masonic Home across all 25 of our districts. Currently, there are 50 Masons who will help share the Mission and improve communication between the Ohio Masonic Home and the Fraternity. All of which enables us to better partner with you on your journey of aging respectfully: how you want, where you want.

Invite a District Ambassador to speak at your Lodge today, please call 877-881-1623!



GRAND LODGE MUSEUM HAS REOPENED

On October 1, the Grand Lodge's Masonic Heritage Museum opened its doors in its new location on the first floor of the Rickly Building on the Springfield Masonic Community campus. The area now occupied by the museum was formerly the administrative wing for the campus. It provides four times the space previously occupied by the museum in the York Rite building.

"It really is a nice space for us, and I'm pleased with how it has all turned out," explained Grand Historian Charles Eichensehr. "The decision to move the museum was made in mid-December of 2014, and the proposal for the new museum design was presented and accepted at the end July of 2015. Like any project, it always takes a while before plans become a reality. The remodeling started this summer, and our space in the York Rite building was emptied and the artifacts and exhibits set in our new home in the month of September."

Mark Brown undertook the process of moving and refurbishing the display cabinets, making the most of his extensive Ohio Historical Society experience. Lee Eichensehr volunteered her time to update the Grand Lodge's artifact inventory, and Casey Eichensehr, curator of the Clark County Historical Society, volunteered her time and expertise in the relocation project. (As the Grand Master mentioned in his column, little is accomplished in the Masonic fraternity without the assistance of Masons' families.)

The new museum includes an office, conservation lab, historic lodge room space, four galleries with permanent displays, and two galleries that will feature changing exhibits.

The changing exhibit space currently features the 125th Anniversary of the Ohio Masonic Home. "The 125th Anniversary exhibit was put together by the Ohio Masonic Home marketing team, and Kristen Hirschfeld and Stephanie Gilbert have done a fine job," explained Eichensehr. "And in the future, we'd like to have temporary exhibits from Lodges, Districts, and the various appendant Masonic organizations."

Although the official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will not take place until Masonic Home Day in June of 2017, lodges and individuals may already schedule tours of the museum by calling the Grand Secretary's office at 800-292-6092.



SCOTTISH RITE APARTMENTS

Have you heard about Springfield Masonic Community? Located on the edge of Springfield, Ohio, this campus boasts wide, open spaces and scenic views on its 250-acres, while still being within a short drive, ten minutes or so, of your favorite city conveniences!

The latest gem, the Scottish Rite Independent Living Apartments, features spacious one and two-bedroom options with high ceilings, premium design features, an open, airy floor plan as well as the option of a personal balcony or patio. Underground walkways connect this new living space to all of the campus social and dining spaces. With your new apartment you don't have to brave the ice, snow and cold this winter to enjoy a hot meal or stay fit at the gym. Also as a member of the community, you get exclusive access to more than 250 clubs and events to fill any empty spots in your social calendar. If you're interested in a place you can call home and neighbors you can call friends, then the Scottish Rite Apartments at Springfield Masonic Community are the place for you!





Ohio Masonic Home 125th Anniversary

PARADE

Commencing the 33rd Annual Ohio Masonic Home Day Festival

WE WANT YOU...

to be a part of this **red-letter** event!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

Join us as we recreate the historic march from downtown Springfield to the Ohio Masonic Home in celebration of 125 years of service to the Freemasons of Ohio.

Parade Registration

Parade Date: June 4, 2017 • Parade Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lodge/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parade unit: Walking Trailer Float Other: _____

Number of people in unit: _____

Number of vehicles in unit: _____

Registrations due by May 12, 2017

Return Registration to:

Dan Shirk, Fraternal Relations Director
2655 West National Rd., Springfield, Ohio 45504

Parade line –up and location information will be sent out May 26, 2017.

*Questions may be directed to Dan Shirk at 937-926-4305 or dshirk@ohiomasonichome.org.
Each parade participant will receive a commemorative coin the day of the event as a memento.*



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FREEMASONRY TO CELEBRATE THE TRICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

2017 will be a major milestone for Modern Freemasonry, marking the traditional formation date of the first Masonic Grand Lodge on St. John Baptist's day, June 24, 1717 near St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England.

According to the traditional history included in James Anderson's Constitutions of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons,

"King George I. arrived at London on September 20, 1714; and the few lodges at London wanting an active patron, by reason of Sir Christopher Wren's disability, (for the new king was not a free mason, and was moreover unacquainted with the language of the country), thought fit to cement under a new grand master, the center of union and harmony. For this purpose the lodges,

- No. 1. At the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's church-yard [pictured right],
2. At the Crown, in Parker's-lane, near Drury-lane,
3. At the Apple-tree tavern, in Charles-street, Covent-Garden,
4. At the Rummer and Grapes tavern, in Channel-row, Westminster,

with some other old brothers met at the said Apple-tree; and having put into the chair the oldest master mason, being the master of a lodge, they constituted themselves a grand lodge, pro tempore, in due form. They resolved to revive the quarterly communications of the officers of lodges, to hold the annual assembly and feast, and then to chuse [sic] a grand master from among themselves, until they should have the honour [sic] of a noble brother at their head.

Accordingly, on St. John Baptist's day, the Assembly and Feast of the free and accepted masons were held at the aforesaid Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's church-yard. Before dinner, the oldest master mason, being the master of a lodge, in the chair, proposed a list of proper candidates; and the brethren, by majority of hands, elected Anthony Sayer, gentleman, grand master of masons; who being forthwith invested with the badges of his office by the said oldest mater, and installed, was duly congratulated by the assembly, who paid him the homage."



*The Goose and Gridiron Tavern at London in 1717
The Grand Lodge of England was Organized in this Building*

