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'Blueprint For Life' sketched on Grand Lodge Trestleboard

An architect from Aurora, Ohio, Steven J. Krekus, as Ohio's New Grand Master, is applying symbolism from his profession to his program of improving the Masonic Fraternity.

His theme for the year is, "Freemasonry: A Blueprint for Life."

Most Worshipful Brother Krekus, who was installed as Grand Master in Dayton on Saturday, October 18, has been involved in building design and construction since 1956. He is president of both Krekus Architect, Inc., an architectural firm, and Kai Corporation, a construction management and development company.

Previously, he was vice president of architecture and construction for TGI Friday's, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, helping to design and construct casual dining restaurants all over the country. A former instructor of architectural design and graphics at Lakeland Community College in Mentor, Ohio, he is also a member of the International Code Council.

A native of Cleveland, he is a graduate of Ohio University, Athens, with a bachelor of fine arts degree in architecture.

Among the architectural accomplishments he has worked on are



STEVEN J. KREKUS – Elected Ohio's New Grand Master

the design of an electron beam accelerator building, rocket engine and nuclear testing facilities, rubber compounding facilities, football stadiums, shopping malls, Masonic facilities, and even a golf course.

Our new Grand Master has been very active in his community, often using his professional expertise for civic service. His community work has included serving as chairman of the Aurora Planning Commission, member of the Recreation Board and first chairman of the Architectural Review Board in Richmond Heights, president of the Board of Education and member of the Cuyahoga County Airport Architectural Review Board.

In 1976, he was nominated for the Applause Award, recognizing outstanding persons in Greater Cleveland.

Most Worshipful Brother Krekus has a superior background in service to the Order of DeMolay. He was initiated into DeMolay in 1951 and served as Master Councilor, district officer and state representative. He was later Advisor for two chapters, DeMolay District Deputy, District Governor, state

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First 'Legends' outing a success

Twenty-five legends in the sports of baseball, basketball, football and auto racing came from across the country to Springfield, Ohio, on September 19 and 20 to compete with event sponsors at Locust Hills Golf Club. Awards were presented at a Friday night party and at a Saturday night banquet to the team winners, and winners of the putting and longest drive contests. Dates for next year's event will be Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18, 2004.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER



by *Steven J. Krekus, Grand Master*

I am honored to be Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. I thank the Brethren for electing me to this position of tradition and leadership and will endeavor to justify your confidence.

The theme for the year is “Freemasonry: A Blueprint for Life.” This phrase ties back to my

profession as an architect and also to the teachings and values that we learn and practice as members of the oldest and largest fraternity in the world.

An architect assembles a set of drawings for a building from several disciplines. Civil, structural, mechanical and electrical engineers generate drawings and specifications for the project. The architect does the same and ties them all together to produce a finished set. The same holds true for Freemasonry. Each of us brings his own knowledge and background to a lodge and shares it with the Brethren to produce an association of men that believe in the same basic values and ideals.

The program this year asks the lodges to strive to attain seven goals, thereby developing a well-rounded program that will serve the Brethren and the community. The goals start

with Ritual Proficiency, followed by Lodge Operations, Family Activities, Youth Groups, Masonic Information, Charitable Giving and Community Participation.

We start with Ritual, because impressive work conveys to the candidate the ideals and lessons that are age-old, but still valid and viable. The values taught for 300 years are needed more than ever in today’s world. This is followed by goals that help make meetings and activities interesting and informative. We need to make teens today aware of who and what we are. DeMolay, Rainbow and Job’s Daughters do that.

The Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation is doing great works in our communities, but it needs more resources. I am asking each Master Mason in Ohio to contribute at least \$1 each month, a total of \$12 this Masonic year, through his lodge to the Charitable Foundation. I know this might be difficult for some, but those of us who can afford more should make up the difference.

I hope that I will be able to meet each of you as we travel throughout the state this year. We will be at ceremonies, meetings, Grand Master’s receptions in each district and also in Florida and Arizona. The schedule is a full one, but with the help of God, we can make it through and assist Ohio Freemasonry to make it prosper.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESIDENTS



by *Joseph (Jerry) B. Kuyoth, Jr., C.N.H.A. CEO, The Ohio Masonic Home*

Who will make up the next generation of Ohio Masonic Home residents? Boy, is that a loaded concept! Before being able to identify the typical resident on one of our campuses or being served by an in-home or community-based program, we have to address what appear to be clear trends in our society.

First, the outlook for living to a healthy old age is improving. Patricia Reany recently reported in a Reuters article that not only has life expectancy extended by 4.7 years for men and 3.5 for women in the last two decades, but the number and severity of the disabilities has also declined. New medical advances, lifestyle choices, and widespread availability of treatment will not only extend people’s lives, but the gap between onset of disability and death will get shorter. Lest we not forget, the single largest growth by age group percentage is those 85 years and older. The oldest “Baby Boomers” are just turning 60! Sounds like they have many healthy years left.

Second, the way we pay for services and how they are accessed is changing. Less money for institutional accommodations, and more for home and community-based options. Less involvement by the government and more by clients and families. The question we all must ask is - are our wallets big enough to pay for our wants. Institutional care in

the ‘60s and ‘70s was an outgrowth of an economy of scale and medical need. Changes in Social Security, defined benefit pension programs and soaring health care costs will only add to our challenge. Does our government, or do we individually, have the resources to pay for the best services in the best settings for all who may want them?

Last, what will new technology bring to the table of options? We can only imagine what the next 25 years will provide in both cures and preventive discoveries. It would seem the choices are endless, bound only by our lack of vision and resources.

The next generation of residents will stretch from the 55-year-old couple, healthy and active, looking for a carefree retirement in a setting complete with every modern convenience, to the 105-year-old widow who has outlived her liquid assets and is in need of assistance with many aspects of her personal care and all facets of her continuing full life. This, and the entire continuum by 2025, will encompass about 1/3 of our nation’s population. The next generation of residents in our system will be from many stations of life expecting very different services in a multitude of settings.

The Ohio Masonic Home is committed to meeting the needs and testing the bounds of the wants of our senior members and their families. Needs and wants describe choices we all must face and decisions we all must make. I thank you for your support in setting the future course together to define what and whom we will be in the generations to come.

Country Music Stars

Brad Paisley – proud of Ohio/Masonic heritage

The break room of the K-Mart was packed with employees carrying posters and CDs to be autographed by Brad Paisley, one of country music's hottest new artists.

This was a special public appearance by Brad and the break room was only a small indicator of what was waiting for him in the store and the rest of the Ohio Valley Mall in St. Clairsville.

Walking through the double doors that separated the stock room from the rest of the store, Brad was greeted by roaring fans, who were lined up starting at the checkout counters and stretching to the far end of the mall.

In the midst of all this excitement, Brother Brad Paisley took time for an interview for his Masonic Brethren.

Singing and playing guitar since he was eight years old, Brad's big break came when he signed a contract with EMI Music Publishing just after graduating from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. His debut album, "Who Needs Pictures," was released by Arista Records in 1999.

Born on October 28, 1972, in Glen Dale, West Virginia, Brad comes from a Masonic family. His father Doug is a member of Marshall Union Lodge #8 in West Virginia.

Brad cites his father and Joe Blair, a family friend, as two of the main reasons he wanted to become a Mason. "They set the example of those who are active in their communities and are available for people in need. It seemed like they shared a common brotherhood," said Brad. "As I got older and asked questions, I came to understand what this meeting was they would go to every once in a while, and I wanted to know all about it."

Brad's father Doug commented that he never knew Brad actually wanted to join until he had petitioned. Brad is a member of Hiram Lodge #4 in Franklin, Tennessee.

Brad and his father are longtime friends with Worshipful Brother Tom McCort, Belmont County Sheriff and a Past Master of Kirkwood Lodge #446, who helped to arrange the interview. "I got to know Brad and his dad at the WWVA Jamboree in the Hills concerts. I was always impressed by Brad's strength of character and that he put on



Brad Paisley, left, is pictured with, from left, Deputy Sheriff Tod Graham and Sheriff Tom McCort, both Past Masters of Kirkwood Lodge, #446; Doug Paisley, Brad's father; and Kris Marcy, who works for Brad and is a member of Hiram Lodge in Franklin, Tennessee.

a quality family show," said McCort. "He represents himself and the fraternity well."

"The Opre has always been overrun by Masons. Especially when Mr. Roy Acuff was still around," exclaimed Brad. "I have several friends in my industry who are Masons – Jimmy Dickens, Charlie Walker and Mel Tillis." Many of these star performers also take time to visit the Lodge whenever possible.

Though extremely busy, Brad finds time to visit lodges around the country as well as to help the Masonic Fraternity. Brad is currently part of a

public service announcement campaign run by the DeMolay International. His messages are geared at explaining the important role of adults in the lives of DeMolays and their Chapters. Brad has also participated in a benefit concert for the Shrine Hospitals.

At the end of the short interview, Brad was asked what he thought Masonry could offer today's world. He responded, "The main thing Masonry can do is to continue to teach tolerance, especially in a day and age when we have people killing each other over religion."

Howie Damron, veteran country music singer, returns to his Ohio roots

Howie Damron, a country music artist with Ohio roots, returned to Lawrence County in 1997 for a partial retirement after two decades of touring. Brother Howie is a second generation Mason and member of South Point Lodge #497 in South Point, Ohio. "I took a much needed break from the road to get to know my family again," said Howie.

While spending time with his family in his old stomping grounds, Howie never stopped writing or singing, though he rarely made public appearances. Recently, he was approached by Dave Wilson of the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources to create a musical CD that would promote Ohio and its natural resources.

"Years ago, when I hunted rabbits in the fields of Ohio with my granddad, he would always say, 'Slow down Howie, you'll walk right past the rabbits and they'll never move.'



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FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



by **Timothy B. Strawn** CAE, President, *The Ohio Masonic Home Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc.*

A group of twenty-five professional athletes of yesteryear came together with local Home residents and Springfield

area supporters to participate in the Foundation's first-ever fund raising event.

The first Legends golf outing, held the weekend of September 19-20, was a rousing success, attended by more than 160 golfers over two days. Led by Jim Perry, former Cleveland Indians/Minnesota Twins pitcher and 1970 American League CY Young Award winner, this group of stars golfed and laughed their way into the hearts and memories of all who attended. Participants shared stories of fact (primarily) about the Legends' careers and anecdotes about other well-known players. Golfers were treated to two rounds of golf, putting and longest drive competitions, and hole-in-one-

contests where the winner could receive a million dollars or one of several cars, including a red 1957 Chevy.

Among those joining Perry, were: Jim "Mudcat" Grant (Indians/Twins), Fred Patek (Kansas City Royals/California Angels), Jim O'Toole (Cincinnati Reds), Vern Law (Pittsburgh Pirates; 1960 National League Cy Young Award winner), Ryne Duren (New York Yankees), Hal Naragon (Indians/Washington Senators/Twins), Satch Davidson (National League Umpire), Roy Sievers (St. Louis Browns/Philadelphia Phillies), Tom Sneva (1983 Indianapolis 500 winner), Darrall Imhoff (New York Knicks/L.A. Lakers; member of 1960 USA Olympic Gold Medal Basketball Team), Alan VanCampen (New York Giants) and Ed Hightower (Division 1 basketball referee). These and all the other Legends were very congenial and truly interested in getting to know not only their golfing partners but also the history of The Home.

Following the golf tourney, a silent auction of a number of sports memorabilia and a live auction of several

outstanding items were held. The event was capped by a great banquet on Saturday evening, featuring humorous remarks by Jon Warden, former Detroit Tigers pitcher.

The event's Honorary Chairman was Right Worshipful Brother Norm Carey, PM of H. S. Kissell Lodge #674, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth District and long-time civic and legal leader of the Springfield community.

It was definitely a full weekend, one that will be long remembered by all who attended. Plans are already underway for next year's event, September 17th and 18th. A number of spots will be available for individual golfers and threesomes (a Legend becomes your fourth). If you think you'd enjoy golfing with and getting to know some of the celebrities you once watched and cheered for on the diamond, gridiron, court or track, reserve the dates and call Brother Ken Hershberger, the Foundation's Director of Planned Giving and Legends Classic Coordinator, at 937/525-4973.

Learn More About How You can Help

To receive information about how you can help The Ohio Masonic Home, please complete this form and return to:

Benevolent Endowment Foundation, Inc.
Five Masonic Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45504-3658

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'Legends' outing attracts more than 160 golfers



Jim Perry, 1970 Cy Young Award winner, helps his team from Messer Construction, line up a putt. Messer Construction, through its Dayton office, was the top sponsor of the First Annual Jim Perry Legends Golf Classic to benefit The Ohio Masonic Home Benevolent Endowment Foundation.



Jim Perry, the sports legend who invited 24 other sports legends to join him in Springfield for this fund-raising event, greets the event's Honorary Chairman, RWB, Norm Carey, 33°. Carey is Past Master of H.S. Kissell Lodge # 674, F. & A.M.; District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District of Ohio, 1958-61; and he received the 33rd Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry in 1972. He is also a member of York Rite Masonry.

UT grad selected as BMC President

David G. Subleski, a Toledo native and graduate of the University of Toledo, is the new president of Browning Masonic Community.

Upon graduation from UT in 1976 with a bachelors degree in business administration, Subleski started his professional career with Quaker Oats Company as a field sales representative. He earned five promotions/transfers with Quaker, his last position as District Manager. In 1990, Johnsonville Foods in Atlanta recruited him as a Regional Manger serving 11 states and Puerto Rico.

"I had an entrepreneurial itch in 1993 and with a Real Estate License in hand, I left Johnsonville Foods and sold residential property and new construction sites in the Atlanta area," said Subleski.

Despite his entrepreneurial success, family ties brought him and his family back to Toledo in 1995, where he joined an office products company as sales manager and rose to serve as the firm's president.

However, like so many professionals today, he wanted to serve in other ways. He changed his career path in 2000, earning a Nursing Home Administrators license and entering the health care field as the Administrator at a 98-bed facility in Toledo.

"In an interesting and curious way, the professional career path I have taken has prepared me very well for the challenge and opportunity at Browning Masonic Community. The residents and associates are great. It's one big family. They have all been so helpful during my transition here," said Subleski.

"BMC has all the elements necessary to become the leading continuing care retirement community in this area. That is the journey that I intend to take with everyone here. We will build on the progress made since 1981 when our first residents moved here, continuing to build our programs and services to our residents and our campus," he added.

Subleski is married to the former Joyce Daubner from Rossford, Ohio. The couple has four children. The eldest son, Steve, is married and lives in North Carolina and their youngest son is a senior at The Ohio State University. One daughter, Rebecca, lives in Toledo and their second daughter, Katherine, is a freshman at Kent State University.



HEALTH CARE – Masonic Health Care's Director of Admissions, Poetry Seaton, was present during registration at the 194th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio to explain the levels of care available at the Springfield campus to the brethren and their family members. For more information about MHC care levels, please call the Admissions Office at 888/243-2664.

Brother Robert Bickley recognized for outstanding community service

Masons have always been proud of their fellow members who exhibit high levels of community service, and there may be none with a more exemplary record than Robert C. Bickley, of Milan, Ohio.

Brother Bickley is the type of community-minded person who sees a need and quietly gets it done, such as plowing snow from his neighbors' driveways without being requested, or reading to elementary students as part of the OhioReads program.

A native of Norwalk and graduate of Milan High School, Brother Bickley is an operative Mason – a bricklayer – and this year receives his 50-year pin from his union.

His titles and honors are many, but some of his true credentials for community service are his unsung efforts, such as providing countless hours of donated labor in the construction of the Edison High School Athletic Fieldhouse, the Four Seasons Garden at Milan Historical Museum and improvements at First Presbyterian Church, Edison Park and the Village of Milan Public Square.

Brother Bickley, a U.S. Army veteran with service in Germany, served as mayor of Milan from 1976 to 2000 and continues to serve as a member of Milan's Village Council.

His peers elected him president of the Ohio Mayors Council, and he has served on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association and the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments.

He joined Erie Masonic Lodge #239 in Milan 46 years ago and has served as Worshipful Master on three occasions. He is currently president of the Firelands Shrine Club.

Brother Bickley was a founding member and Past President

Grand Council continues to fund summer camps for diabetic children

The Grand Council, R.&S.M., of Ohio, has awarded \$34,500 to five camps for diabetic children in Ohio. The camps are near Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton and Findlay.

Camp programs are designed to provide children with fun and fellowship while they learn to manage their diabetes, a challenge they will have the rest of their lives.

Grand Lodge credit card program changes

The Grand Lodge credit card has recently been sold by First USA to MBNA.

The new MBNA cards were sent out about a month ago. The change will improve customer service for the cardholders.

A percentage of all purchases made on the card are returned to the Grand Lodge and, since the program began in 1995, the Grand Lodge has received more than \$200,000.

Not a cardholder? Visit www.freemason.com and go to the Programs page.



Robert C. Bickley, left, is presented the 2003 Grand Master's Community Services Award in the Sixteenth Masonic District by Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr.

of the Milan Jaycees, and served as a District Director and Sparkplug Award recipient for the organization.

He serves as the Milan area representative for the United Way of Erie County. He has been an elder and trustee for First Presbyterian Church in Milan, longtime trustee for the Edison Birthplace Association, founding committee member and event chairman for the Milan Melon Festival, longtime scouting leader supporting more than 40 Eagle Scouts and former officer and supporter of the Edison Athletic Boosters.

He is a recipient of the Milan Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, the Milan Melon Festival Grand Marshal Award, and the Grand Master's Community Service Award from the Sixteenth Masonic District.

The list of Brother Bickley's ongoing service can go on, but he certainly enjoys most his unofficial role as a true "ambassador" for the Village of Milan, birthplace of Thomas Alva Edison.

News from Ohio DeMolay

The Order of DeMolay has been the subject of some significant news events in the past few months. They include:

- H. Jeffery Shaw, a Past District Deputy Grand Master in the Second Masonic District, has been named the new DeMolay Executive Officer for Ohio. He replaces C. Michael Watson, Past Grand Master, who had announced his retirement from the position.
- A new DeMolay Chapter has been formed in Ironton, Ohio, called Lawrence Chapter. On July 13, the first initiation was held for a class of eight young men.
- Murad Shorrab, of Youngstown, was elected State Master Council for Ohio DeMolay at its annual state conclave in August. The Youngstown Chapter was named Chapter of the Year.
- Craig Maddux, a Past Master of Bloomingburg Lodge #449, is now National Director of Field Operations for DeMolay International. This former Ohioan now has his headquarters in Kansas City.

1st Grand Masters Cup golf tournament a great success



Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., left, with Jack Morgan, and Vince and John Prosnik, and their tournament championship certificate.

The First Annual Grand Masters Cup Tournament attracted 86 golfers to Little Turtle Country Club in Westerville on September 9.

The first Grand Masters Cup was presented to the foursome of Right Worshipful Brother Jack Morgan, and Brothers John Hamarik, Jason Prosnik, and Vince Prosnik. The winners for longest drive were Jeff Mackey and Marc Blanc. The longest putt contest went to John Stone and Todd Mitchell. Wayne Blanc and Ted Griggs won the closest to the pin awards.

The awards were presented by Grand Master William P. Mayberry, Sr., at the concluding dinner. Proceeds from the golf outing went

to the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation.

Grand Master Mayberry particularly thanked those that participated in the tournament, as well as the sponsors. Sponsors included Sunrise Lodge #783, Most Worshipful Brother Douglas O. Brenneman, Graeter's Ice Cream, Compcoco Communications, The Ohio Masonic Home and John Hamarik Custom Golf Clubs.

For more information about the tournament, please visit www.freemason.com. Information for the 2004 Grand Masters Cup will be posted there when it is announced.

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membership chairman and, for 20 years, advisor to state officers.

Since 1983, he has been an active member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, and was Executive Officer in Ohio from 1995-1999.

Most Worshipful Brother Krekus and his wife, Carol, are the parents of two children, Steven P. and Cathy Ann Kern, and they have four grandchildren. Carol is a Past Worthy Advisor in the Order of Rainbow for Girls and Past Mother Advisor of two Rainbow Assemblies. All of their children and grandchildren have been active in Masonic youth organizations.

Our Grand Master is a member and

Past Master of George A. Holly Lodge #745 in Painesville. In addition, he is a member of Mount Olive Chapter, R.A.M.; Painesville Council, R.&S.M.; Eagle Commandery, Knights Templar, Al Koran Shrine and Willoughby Eastern Star Chapter. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Hi Point Council, Allied Masonic Degrees and a member of several other related Masonic organizations.

In the Scottish Rite, Most Worshipful Brother Krekus is Past Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Cleveland, and a Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Valley. He received his 33rd

Degree in 1980. For three years, he served as the Scottish Rite's representative on the Ohio Masonic Home Board of Trustees.

He was a District Deputy Grand Master in the Twenty-Fifth Masonic District for three years, and he is presently Chairman of the Grand Lodge Temple Committee.

He was appointed into the Grand Lodge line of officers in 1996 by Thomas H. Galyen, then Grand Master and now Grand Treasurer. He progressed steadily through that line until his election as Grand Master in October.

Grand Master Mayberry makes pitch for Freemasonry



In front of a crowd of thousands of fans and hundreds of Masons and their families, William P. Mayberry, Sr., right, Grand Master of Ohio in 2002-2003, throws out the first pitch, prior to the Cincinnati Reds baseball game on August 16. The Fraternity was featured in an elaborate pre-game ceremony. Of course, the Grand Master's pitch was a strike.



Masons of Ohio raise more than \$100,000 for Ohio Special Olympics

As the Grand Lodge concludes its 20th year of supporting the Ohio Special Olympics, the Masons of Ohio have, for the third straight year, raised more than \$100,000 for the "Sponsor-an-Athlete" program.

With this year's donation, Ohio Masons have contributed more than \$1.5 million to Ohio's Special Olympics athletes since the program was started.

"I'm very proud of the Masons who helped raise money

for this year's Special Olympics," said Right Worshipful Brother Michael Cecil, Special Olympics Committee chairman. "Their dedication to this program is admirable, and it's inspiring to see the helping hand of Masonry go out to support such a noble cause."

Below is a list of Lodges who donated at least \$500 to send athletes to the 2003 Special Olympics.

\$1500 and above

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SALINEVILLE #348
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MAGNOLIA #20
STOKES #305
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YORK #563
MT. OLIVET #226
STAR #187
NEOACACIA #595
OHIO #199
SMITHFIELD #182
UNIVERSITY #631
HEIGHTS-LION HEART #633
EASTERN STAR #55
CAMDEN #159

GOODALE #372
EBENEZER #33
HEBER #501
WEST CARROLLTON #737
MILLENNIUM #779
FAR HILLS #784
NORTH OLMSTED #741
MADISON #221
NOVA CAESAREA HARMONY #2
LODGE OF AMITY #5
LEBONON #26
MEDINA #58
TIFFIN #77
BATAVIA #104
PHOENIX #123
FRANKFORT #309
ORIENT #321
COLLINGWOOD #457
GETTYSBURG #477
BROOKVILLE #596
VICTORY #649
ROBINSON LOCKE #659
CRUSADER #720
KNOLLWOOD #774
BLACK RIVER #786

More Light About Masonry

Ohio Mason retraces footsteps of Brothers Lewis and Clark

While Ohio celebrates its 200th birthday in 2003, another important Bicentennial anniversary is also being observed with ties to Freemasonry.

Two hundred years ago marked the start of the Lewis and Clark expedition to chart the northwest portions of the United States. Both Lewis and Clark were Master Masons.

Detailed exhibits of the Lewis and Clark expedition are being shown in different places around the country, including ones at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

There is one Ohio Mason who will be retracing the route of Lewis and Clark. Brother Rick Roberts, a member of Irville Lodge #184, in Nashport, Ohio, is one of 212 members of the Corps of Discovery of St. Charles, Missouri, the nationally recognized group representing and retracing the footsteps of Lewis and Clark.

Brother Roberts portrays Private Thomas Howard, a Tennessee recruit. During the next few years, Brother

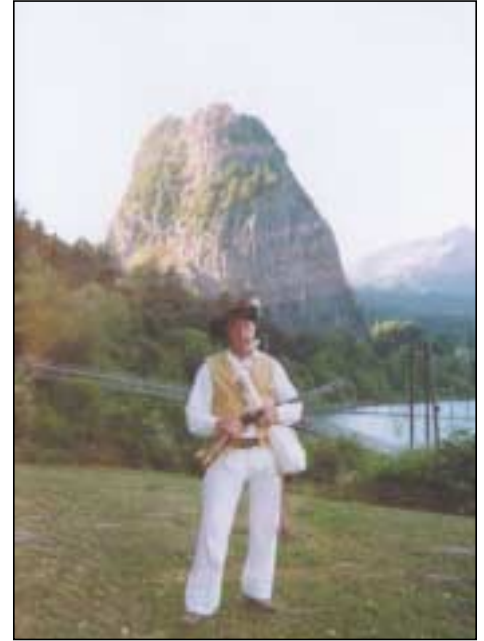
Roberts will be reliving the life of Private Howard until they reach the Pacific in 2005.

His reenactment means he is living as they did, wearing clothing of the period, cooking in iron kettles, traveling in a 55-foot keelboat and camping in tents.

Brother Roberts has been training for the trek for four years and has now completed most of the total journey, which covers four main rivers, the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, and Columbia.

A native of Zanesville, Brother Roberts and his wife, Diana, now reside in Tennessee. He retired after 38 years in government service, including four campaigns in Vietnam, six years with a nuclear submarine, 18 years with the Ohio and U.S. National Guard shooting teams and 15 years with the Department of Defense in quality assurance.

Brother Roberts speaks frequently to local groups about the Lewis and Clark adventure.



Brother Rick Roberts displays his Lewis and Clark expedition clothing. The picture was taken at Beacon Rock on the Columbia River in Oregon. He was traveling from Lewiston, Idaho, to Ft. Clatsop, Oregon, using a dugout canoe.

Masonic News Briefs from Around Ohio

Marshall receives industry award

John Marshall, who became a Master Mason in Dayton Lodge #147 earlier this year, has received the most prestigious tire industry award.

Brother Marshall, vice president and co-owner of Grismer Auto Service Centers, was named national Tire Dealer of the Year by Modern Tire Dealer magazine. He is only the 11th individual since 1993 to receive the designation.



John Marshall

New State Fire Marshal Woltz is Masonic Member

Stephen K. Woltz, former Columbus Fire Chief, has been named Ohio's new State Fire Marshal by Governor Bob Taft.

Brother Woltz has been a member of Groveport Lodge #240 for 30 years. He is currently serving as Marshal in Worthington Eastern Star Chapter.

As State Fire Marshal, he directs the operations of the Ohio Fire Academy and oversees the Bureau of Testing and Registration, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations, Code Enforcement Bureau, Fire Prevention Bureau, Forensic Laboratory, and the Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau. Brother Woltz was a firefighter for 33 years, the last three as chief.

Shaw recognized for attendance record

Willard Shaw, Chaplain of Belmont Lodge #16 in St. Clairsville, has recorded a perfect record of attending the last 220 consecutive Lodge inspections in the Twenty-Third Masonic District. This means Brother Shaw has not missed a Lodge inspection in more than 11 years.

Amesville Lodge builds float for annual parade

The members of Amesville Lodge #278 built the float, pictured here, for the community's annual Volunteer Fireman's Festival in July. Signs on the float helped educate the community about Lodge projects and create interest.

The float also carried much Lodge history. The Square and Compasses displayed on the backdrop above the altar and open Holy Bible are part of an emblem which was removed from the front parapet wall of the Lodge building during a roof renovation several years ago. It is made of metal and is multi-dimensional.



Slogan sought for Grand Lodge 200th Birthday

WANTED: A slogan for the 2008 bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, Steven E.

Cokonougher, has announced a contest, open to everyone, to create a slogan or phrase that will be used during the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge.

The committee will accept suggestions until March 31, 2004. Once a winner has been selected and announced in the Beacon with the winner's picture, another series of bicentennial contests will be announced.

The committee recommends the slogan be a short phrase that can be included in all sorts of promotional and commemorative material.

Suggestions must be sent to:

Bicentennial Committee
Grand Lodge of Ohio
P.O. Box 629
Worthington, OH 43085-0629

Dutch celebrates 100th birthday

Ellis M. Dutch, seated, was honored for his 100th birthday. He received a certificate from the Grand Lodge, presented by Terry Fusner, left, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District and Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Ohio Eastern Stars.

Brother Dutch was born on September 21, 1903 in Texas. He is a Past Master, served as Lodge Education Officer for about 20 years, and has been a Mason for 59 years. He is a member of Malta Lodge #118. He is a 58-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and has served as Worthy Patron many times.

Brother Dutch was a schoolteacher and principal. Among the many students he taught over the years were Brother and Senator John H. Glenn and his wife, Annie.



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They'll just watch you go by.' His instruction had more wisdom in it than I could ever understand as a youth. Today in our hurried world it is good for the soul to slow down to see and appreciate where we are so we don't rush right by our goal."

The CD is entitled "From the Heart," and it does a wonderful job of taking a closer look at the rural life and

landscape of Ohio. All the songs have an Ohio theme. For example, "Gallia County Farm Boy" is a song about Brother Bob Evans, founder of the restaurant chain.

Howie has been performing songs from the CD around the state to build a greater interest and appreciation for Ohio. Most recently he performed at the Ohio State Fair.

Howie mentioned the importance of public relations for any worthwhile project, including the Lodge. "It's important that Brothers wear their rings, belt buckles, and shirts to show their pride." Accordingly, he has started work on a song about a Mason's ring and how it might be the key to a man asking for a petition.

MESC Grand Family Day

Masonic leaders celebrate 'Ohio – The Heart of It All'

Ohio Masonic leaders visited Masonic Eastern Star Community in mid-September to join residents, family members and friends to commemorate MESC's Annual Grand Family Day 2003.

More than 100 campus guests participated in the event, which included entertainment and musical performances by MESC residents and the Southwest Chorus.

Program highlights included the entrance ceremony of The Grand Chapter of Ohio Officers, The Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Ohio Officers, the Syrian Shrine Potentate Harry W. Sterling, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girl representatives.

Greetings were presented from Order of The Eastern Star Worthy Grand Matron Betty D. Hardman, Worthy Grand Patron Larry E. Groves, and Most Worshipful Grand Master, William P. Mayberry, Sr. Right Worshipful Brother William R. Powers, Jr., chairman of the MESC Board of Trustees, welcomed the honored guests.

"We are all working to the same mission, as we continue to spread brotherly love and affection. We are a family and with the help that you continue to give we will continue to serve others with care, compassion, and concern," said MESC President Bonnie Hazelwood.

A special presentation was made by the District 20 OES 2002 Officers in honor of their District 20th appointment of Richard Manifold as the 2002 Worthy Grand Patron.

Event attendees enjoyed the reception, the buffet and



MUSICAL EXPERTS – MESC's own band, 'Howard's Harem,' provided some of the entertainment at Grand Family Day. Members of the band are (left to right): Zelda Zimmerman, Helen Wolfe, and Howard Leist.

extended visits with the residents and their families.

If you would like to receive information about Masonic Eastern Star Community programs and services or arrange a tour, please contact Myra Stryker at 513/542-6464 or call toll-free 877/590-7827 or e-mail her at mstryker@ohiomasonichome.org. MESC is located at 1630 W. North Bend Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

WRMC proudly presents the 2004 Concert Series schedule

The Second Annual Western Reserve Masonic Community Concert Series will be held on the retirement community campus in 2004. Due to seating limitations, reservations are required to attend each concert. Call the WRMC Marketing Office at 866/433-1514 to reserve concert seats. The four scheduled concerts are:

- **Jan. 2:** Bob Milne, a ragtime pianist, composer and author will perform at 2 p.m.
- **Feb. 14:** Share Valentine's Day with your someone special and The Summit Bells, a community hand bell ensemble from Akron, at 2 p.m.
- **March 16:** Enjoy the St. Nicholas Balalaka Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. You won't want to miss this group as they perform folk music from Old Russia.
- **April 15:** The WRMC Annual Concert Series ends with a performance by the Akron Pops Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. This all-volunteer orchestra has been making music together for many years. They will perform classical overtures to Broadway hits.

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Grand Master schedules winter visits for Ohio Masons in Florida, Arizona

Grand Master Steven J. Krekus is planning a visitation in Arizona and two in Florida to gather Ohio Masons and their ladies together for luncheons.

The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers will be present at the luncheons. The events are a great opportunity for Ohio Masons to share food and fellowship, even though many miles from their home state.

Here are the details:

• **Monday, January 19, 2004 in Sarasota, Florida.**

Luncheon at noon in the Sahib Shrine facility, 600 N. Beneva Road. Cost is \$16

per plate. For reservations, contact Kenneth Gavin at 5710 Doral Ct., Sarasota, FL 34238; 941/925-4586.

• **Wednesday, January 21 in Tavares, Florida.**

Luncheon at noon in the Lake County Shrine Club, 424 N. Duncan Road (Rt. 19). Cost is \$16 per plate. For reservations, contact George R. Young, 6229 E. Rector St., Inverness, FL 34452; 352/341-3006.

• **Wednesday, February 25 in Phoenix, Arizona.**

Luncheon at noon in the El Zaribah Shrine facility, 552 N. 40th St. Cost is

\$16 per plate. For reservations, contact Jack D. Daniel, 14214 West Yosemite Dr., Sun City, AZ 85375; 623/556-2116.

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Innovations made on Grand Lodge Web site

The Grand Lodge website has gotten a new look since the Annual Communication in October. Changes include different graphics, a new Grand Master's section, and more Past Grand Masters' biographies.

One of the biggest changes involves the "Education" section, which has been expanded from an archive of educational programs to include several new pages. The new pages now contain an explanation of the new educational regions, several educational manuals and forms,

report forms and links to important Masonic reference and research websites.

Also included on the "Education" section are online training courses and exams. With these you will be able to log in and take a course, go through an exam, and even print out a certificate of completion when you're finished.

To view these changes, or to learn more about the new online training courses, visit www.freemason.com and click on "Education."