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*Celebrating Our 102nd Year*



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## UNDER THE MASTER'S HAT

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that this communication finds you all well. The old adage "Time flies when you're having fun" could never be truer, when I look back at our Masonic Year 2017. It seems that just yesterday I was elected to serve this lodge as your Worshipful Master. Now the lodge has just gone "dark" and there just seems like we have so much more to accomplish. I would like to take some time and relate some of the activities and events that University Lodge has taken part of since my last communication, and some of our upcoming scheduled activities.

March 24th the 14th District held The Grandmaster's One Day Class. University Lodge raised 6 new Master Masons on that day. All six brothers have returned at least once to the lodge since then, and were declared proficient by our Grandmaster on June 24th at a special dinner held at the Aladdin Shrine Temple. This day also marks the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry, so it will indeed be a very special day. All MM were encouraged to attend.

University Lodge held a blood drive at York Golf Club on April 15th in honor of Susan Vermeire, the wife of Brother Dan Vermeire, who passed from this Earth very unexpectedly. The brotherhood donated 31 pints of blood on that day. Mark your calendars for April 21st, 2018 because we will be holding this blood drive again to perpetuate Susan's memory.

Our annual Pancake breakfast followed on April 22nd. This year all proceeds were given to the Shane Foundation for Therapeutic Horsemanship Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through innovative equestrian activities.

University Lodge held its annual Northwest Temple Golf Outing at York Golf Club on May 6th. The weather was perfect for that time of the year, as we had over 40 brothers and guest competing for valuable prizes. Brother Bob Giesseman, took the award for longest putt and Brother Rod Flannery won closest to the pin. The day finished with a perfectly prepared steak and baked potato dinner compliments of the York Golf Club Staff. A great day of competition, fun and fellowship.

The following day we loaded our vehicles and headed down to Chillicothe, Ohio to support our veterans. WB Bill Wolfe called "spirited" Bingo Games for over 30 veterans on that afternoon, other brothers served cookies, fruit and coffee to our servicemen and women. See our website for pictures of these activities.

Some very important charitable events will take place on June 23rd as we once again support "Special Olympics", which will be held at the Jessie Owens Center at the Ohio State University. Please come and parade with us on Friday evening as we support this worthy cause. Events will get started around 4:00 PM. University Lodge will support "Bike for MS" on July 8th, at Jerome Township Park, located just north of Dublin, Ohio. We will be staffing one of the drink stops along the way and can use your help. We are needed from 7:30AM till 5:00 PM. Call Brother Badger at 614-906-5621 to sign up.

On Tuesday June 6th at our stated meeting, The Scholarship committee presented a \$1200.00 check to a local student from Worthington Kilbourne High School. Maddy Corrine Case was this year's recipient and she plans on attending Ohio University and majoring in medicine.

The Fellowcraft Club attended the Columbus Clippers as they played host to the Louisville Bats on June 5th. What a great turn out. We had over 40 tickets sold for the event. Those attending were treated to a "Grand Slam" as our Clippers beat Louisville 15 to 5. It was also "dime a dog night" I believe the record for that evening was 10 dogs. Wow!

July 15th will mark the Tri-Lodge Tournament at York Golf Club. Sign up with Brother Rob Hance. This should be a great day of spirited competition between the 3 lodges. Come out and enjoy the fun!

August 29th we will host a Night of Masonic Fellowship at York Golf Club. The scheduled speaker for the evening will be Illustrious Brother Michael Clevinger. This event is open to all brothers and their significant others. We

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will also be observing St. John's Day, so there will be toasts with spirits throughout the evening. Please reserve your tickets by contacting Brother Bob Giesseman by email at [univ631@gmail.com](mailto:univ631@gmail.com) or by calling 614-792-6311 and leaving a message. Tickets for this event will be \$35 dollars per plate. This event is a benefit dinner for Peletonia.

As you can see brothers our lodge has been, and will continue to be very busy. Please try and come out to one or

more of our events. I look forward to seeing you soon. May your travels be safe throughout these upcoming summer months.

Fraternally,  
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., July 8, 2017	Ukrainian Festival at Northwest Temple, noon -10pm. Ukrainian food and drink, music and other entertainment, and arts & crafts. Cost is \$5 admission. Contact Alex Knononenko at 719-310-7165 for tickets.
Sat., July 8, 2017	Bike-a-Thon for Muscular Distrophy. We have volunteered to staff the drink station at Jerome Park. The event is from 7:30am to 5:00pm. Contact Craig Lobdell at 614-906-5627 to sign up.
Sat., July 15, 2017	Tri-Lodge Golf Tournament at York Golf Club. 8:00am shotgun start. Entry fee is \$15, Cart fee is \$21.50, and greens fee is \$25. Contact Rob Hance at 614-885-4339 to sign up.
Sat., July 22, 2017	14th Masonic District golf outing at York Golf Club. Lunch at 1:00pm and shotgun start at 2:00. Cost is \$90 per person, which includes all of our fees. Contact Brian Bolyard at 614-314-6857 to sign up.
Thurs., July 27, 2017	Deputy Grand Master Rick Schau will roll out his plans for the 2017-2018 Masonic year. The meeting starts at 7:00pm at the Northwest Masonic Temple. This meeting is for Master Masons and their ladies.
Tues., August 29, 2017	Fundraising steak cook-out dinner for Peletonia on the patio at York Golf Club. Happy hour at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00. Our speakers will be Dan Vermeire and Ill Mike Clevenger. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes drinks & dinner; all proceeds over expenses will go to Peletonia. To make your reservations, please email them to Bob Giesseman at <a href="mailto:univ631@gmail.com">univ631@gmail.com</a> or call 614-792-6311 and leave a message.
Tues., September 5, 2017	Stated Meeting; dinner at 6:15 and we Tyle at 7:00. EA degree work scheduled for this evening
Sat., September 9, 2017	Lodge Officers meeting at Der Dutchman in Plain City, 9am
Tues., September 19, 2017	Stated Meeting; dinner at 6:15 and we Tyle at 7:00. EA degree work scheduled for this evening
Sat., September 30, 2017	Special meeting at Ohio Lodge #10 for the purpose of degree work. We will Tyle in the Fellowcraft degree at 10:00am.
Tues., October 3, 2017	Stated Meeting; dinner at 6:15 and we Tyle at 7:00. FC degree work scheduled for this evening
Tues., October 17, 2017	Stated Meeting; dinner at 6:15 and we Tyle at 7:00. FC degree work scheduled for this evening
Fri. & Sat., October 20 & 21, 2017	Grand Lodge of Ohio annual communication in Dayton OH.
Sat., November 4, 2017	Scottish Rite reunion, Villa Milano
Tues., November 7, 2017	Stated Meeting; dinner at 6:15 and we Tyle at 7:00. This is our annual meeting and election of officers for the 2017-2018 Masonic year.
Tues., December 12, 2017	Annual holiday party and awards recognition reception at York Golf Club. Cash bar opens at 5:30pm, awards at 6:15 followed by a buffet dinner. Please save the date and watch for additional information.
Tues., January 16, 2017	University Lodge #631 will be inspected in the Entered Apprentice degree. Dinner at 6:15pm and the Lodge will Tyle promptly at 7:00
Sat., April 14, 2018	Annual pancake breakfast at Northwest Masonic Temple, 8:30am - 11:00am
Sat., April 21, 2018	Annual Susan Vermeire, Red Cross blood drive at York Golf Club 9:00am - 3pm



## Masonic Organizations Available

**Scottish Rite**—Founded in the 17th Century in Bordeaux, France, the Scottish Rite is one of the branches of Freemasonry to which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the first three degrees of the Symbolic or "Blue Lodge." The Scottish rite includes the degrees 4° through 32°, and its degrees are lessons taught through allegory in the forms of plays. The plays are based upon both Biblical and historical references.

**York Rite**—The "York Rite" is colloquially referred to by Masons as the "American Rite." The York Rite takes its name from the city of York, England, where in about 926 A.D. King Athelstan assembled Masons to receive their charter. It is one of the two main branches of Freemasonry in the United States which a Master Mason may decide to join for further exposure to Masonic knowledge. The bodies of the York Rite include the Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Masons and Knights Templars.

**The Shrine**—Known as the playground of Masonry, the Shrine was founded in 1872 by 13 men belonging to the Masonic Order. It was originally established to provide fun and fellowship for its members. Shiners are known throughout the world for their exceptional philanthropy and their specialized hospitals that treat children with a variety of ailments – free of charge.

**Order of DeMolay**—DeMolay body prepares young men aged 12-21 to lead successful, happy and industrious lives. Basing its approach on timeless Masonic principles and hands-on experience, DeMolay helps young men develop the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. It was established in 1919.

**Rainbow for Girls**—Rainbow for Girls is an organization for girls between the ages of 11 and 20. The seven colors of the Rainbow represent seven teachings that each member receives on her journey toward the pot of gold. Founded in 1922, the organization teaches girls three basic virtues: Faith in a Supreme Being and other people, having Hope in all that they do, and Charity toward others.

**Job's Daughters**—Job's Daughters International™ is a premier organization for young women that provides a wholesome environment based on the foundation of high morals, love of country, love of family and friends and respect for others throughout the world. It is a living organization dedicated to meeting the needs of young women today and their challenges of tomorrow.

**Order of the Eastern Star**—Established in 1850, the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world that's open to both men and women. Members of the Order are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons. Its teachings are based on the Bible, but it's open to people of all monotheistic faiths.

**Daughters of the Nile**—Daughters of the Nile is a benevolent international organization for women who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner/Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile. Founded in 1913 it boasts 148 Temples and 39,000 members throughout the United States and Canada. The Daughters of the Nile are proud of their heritage and are grateful for the deep and lifelong friendships that develop within the membership that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

## Order your Lodge Golf Shirts Now!

In response to overwhelming popular demand, we are making embroidered golf shirts available to our members.

The cost is \$45 each, and they are available in either Royal Blue or White.

If you would like to place an order, please let us know which Lodge name you would like, how many shirts you would like, color and size of each required. You'll be able to pay for and pickup your order in the Lodge at a stated meeting.

Please contact Ed Badger at (614) 906-5621; ewbadger@gmail.com; or Bob Giesseman at (614) 792-6311; univ631@gmail.com.

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### Psalms 133

Verse 1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Verse 2: It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Verse 3: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forever more."

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### CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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So, PLEASE send an email to your Secretary with your name, any address changes, your preferred telephone number, and preferred email address.



We'll keep your information confidential, and use it only to communicate with you about things of Masonic interest.



We hope to hear from you soon.

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