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New CEO begins tenure at OMH



David Bannerman

David Bannerman became the new Chief Executive Officer of The Ohio Masonic Home on October 14, 2004. He most recently served as Executive Director of Swan Creek Retirement Community in Toledo, Ohio. Bannerman succeeds Dave Stacy, Chief Financial Officer at OMH, who served

as Interim CEO since July 1.

“David has extensive management experience at two not-for-profit retirement communities in Ohio as well as a history of conducting successful fund-raising campaigns,” said William M. Berry, Chairman of the OMH Board of Trustees. “He has comprehensive knowledge of the regulatory and financial aspects of the retirement industry, and exceptional communications skills,” Berry said.

“The Ohio Masonic Home has a long tradition of setting an example of how to provide services to older adults. I am looking forward to

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Jim S. Deyo, of Mt. Sterling, installed as Grand Master

A retired Columbus banking executive, Jim S. Deyo, has been installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for the 2004-2005 Masonic year.

Using the theme, “One Moment in Time,” Most Worshipful Brother Deyo is bringing his business and fraternal experience and enthusiasm to the Ohio’s premier Masonic office.

Born in Chenoweth, Ohio, he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration, with a minor in accounting. After college, he joined the trust department of Ohio National Bank as office manager, and in 1969, he was elected an officer of the bank and became assistant manager of trust operations and support. He was promoted to manager of trust operations and support in 1972 and elected a Vice President of BancOhio National Bank (successor to Ohio National Bank) in 1979.



Grand Master Jim S. Deyo

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Grand Master’s One-Day Class set for April 9

A Grand Master’s Class, allowing individuals petitioning a Lodge to become Master Masons in one day without any examination, has been scheduled for April 9, 2005, at 11 locations in Ohio.

The overwhelming success of these events in Ohio in 2002 and 2003 has prompted Grand Master Jim S. Deyo to schedule another class during 2005. Following presentation of the Symbolic Lodge degrees at each site, candidates may also receive Scottish Rite and Shrine initiation.

A committee, headed by Terry W. Posey, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge, has been busy

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"Sometimes life's shadows are caused by our standing in our own sunshine."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



by *Jim S. Deyo, Grand Master*

I would like to take this opportunity to say, "thank you," to you, my brethren, for permitting me to serve as your Grand Master. This is a journey that

I wish each of you could have the opportunity to experience.

What seems like only yesterday when I walked from the Preparation Room of Masonry in Mt. Sterling Lodge # 269 into a room of fraternal strangers, little did I know this entrance would take me on a Masonic journey enriching my life with an abundance of everlasting fraternal friendships.

The date of May 4, 1961, will always remain with me as the first greatest gift our fraternity could give me, as will my memory of October 15, 2004, remind me of the final gift that you have given me to complete the last leg of my journey with you my brethren. Thank you so much for the confidence that you have reposed in me by electing me as your Grand Master.

As a young man growing up in a rural

community, I realized that there was a group of men in our community that, by their actions and deeds, displayed a special concern and compassion for their fellow man. These individuals were the family insurance agent, banker, grocers, bread and milk men, teachers, farmers, auto mechanics, store proprietors, government leaders and factory workers within our community.

They were special men in our community that everyone trusted. When I became a member of the Masonic lodge the picture was made quite clear why these men commanded so much respect within our community. These men were the Masons of Mt. Sterling and surrounding communities.

Then when I saw first light in the West, there over the Senior Warden's station was the picture of a giant of a man, Senator and former Governor of Ohio, Ill Brother John W. Bricker, a pillar of Mt. Sterling Lodge.

It was in that "MOMENT IN TIME," I discovered these men had strong moral principles in their lives, displayed brotherly love and took care of the distressed. Their way of doing business was by merely a hand shake and a friendly smile that said I trust you.

Traveling this state visiting with many

of our brethren during August and September this year, I witnessed the same fraternal bonds that I experienced when I became a member of our fraternity. Brethren with open arms and a friendly smile, exhibiting an abundance of enthusiasm and positive attitudes and a willingness to work for our fraternity. They displayed a great desire to work diligently to improve the image of Freemasonry in Ohio.

Each shared a personal eagerness to take ownership of the destiny of their lodges and to improve their leadership skills by working together for one common cause. The brethren are looking forward to the opportunity of sharing knowledge and skills with their neighboring lodges and to do the best they can do, to bring about unity within our fraternity.

It is within this framework that I encourage our brethren to continue their labors.

We must remember that the standards by which we live our daily lives are the windows through which society views Freemasonry. Every Brother must understand that he is a window and the "IMAGE OF FREEMASONRY" he

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



by *David Bannerman, CEO, The Ohio Masonic Home*

Greetings from The Ohio Masonic Home as we enter the holiday season of thanksgiving, faith, and new beginnings. Having just returned from

the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging conference, I am confident The Ohio Masonic Home is on the right path for meeting the future. Many of the presentations support my vision for us, as the leaders in quality service, because we base our service on shared values, common purpose, and building relationships.

My father-in-law, Frank Polis,

introduced me to Masonry, explaining that I would discover "the finest men you would ever want to meet." I've found that quest to be true, and it is the relationships with our alliances, that will guarantee our future. Our boards and employees, residents and families, volunteers and donors, all create our future.

Our boards are composed of those who can best serve the institution. They bring multiple talents, a willingness to learn the complexities of long-term care, and a desire to serve our residents in any way they can. I have observed that our valued employees cheerfully share their abilities and efforts on a daily basis. Nurturing relationships with employees builds an atmosphere of trust and respect, and clients recognize this. Residents and their families have stories

worthy of exploring, so that we can serve them better. Additionally, volunteers and donors expand our capacity to provide charity, care, and service to those in distress. Cementing good relationships is the key to our success, and, together, we create an abundance of energy to face the future.

As the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of The Ohio Masonic Home, I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my gifts to serve my God, my brethren, our residents, our Masonic families, and the greater communities in which we all live. I want to thank Dave Stacy for his service as Interim CEO. With his help and the support of Brother Greg Holm, RWB Tim Strawn and all of our employees, our tradition of service continues.



Become A Mason And Share The Tradition



The Tradition

The Masons are the world's largest and oldest men's fraternity. Our traditions are more than three centuries in the making and are founded upon the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. These are traditions that our founding fathers held dear and that good men of every race, religion, and ethnic origin still value today.

Masons come from all walks of life. Doctors, lawyers, businessmen, plumbers, farmers and factory workers meet together as equals to improve themselves and their communities.

Today there are over 130,000 Masons in Ohio who enjoy membership in 540 different local Lodges.

These men share a tradition of excellence which emphasizes personal integrity, commitment to family, and service to the community.

The Brother Mason who gave you this brochure wishes to invite you to become a member of his Lodge.

By becoming a member, you will walk in the footsteps of great men, perhaps like your father, grandfather, mentor or George Washington, our nation's father.

Become a Mason and share the tradition.

An Important Invitation

The Mason who gave you this brochure thinks that you are the type of individual who believes in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God, works to improve himself and his community, and is an asset to all who know him.

It is his sincere hope that you will consider joining his Masonic Lodge and sharing in the fraternal fellowship that abounds there. Membership in a Masonic Lodge is an honor that says a great deal about the character and personal integrity of a man.

Qualifications for Membership

If it is your desire to join, you should know that membership in a Masonic Lodge is open to men who meet a few important qualifications:

- An Ohio resident for at least one (1) year
- A male at least 19 years old
- Has a belief in a Supreme Being
- Lives a good moral and social life
- Does not advocate the overthrow of the government
- Can read and write English
- Is recommended by two members of the Lodge he wishes to join

The Brother who gave this brochure to you will gladly serve as one of the members recommending you, and he will be able to suggest a second.

The First Step

Please fill out the petition for degrees included in this brochure. This is your first step to becoming a Mason and *sharing in an American tradition.*

Fee for degrees _____ (Lodge's Regular Initiation Fee)

Grand Master's Class — April 9, 2005

Petition for Degrees

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____ Lodge, No. _____
Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

The Petition of the Subscriber Respectfully Shows:

That he entertains a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution and is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy, and that he believes in the existence and perfection of God.

Have you ever petitioned a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and been rejected? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, state which Lodge and where it is located. _____

His present residence is _____ Street _____ City _____ (_____ Phone _____)

Where he has lived since the _____ day of _____, _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

His occupation is _____

His place of business is _____

Located at _____ No. _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Recommended by Brother _____

Recommended by Brother _____

Signed _____
Sign full name (abbreviations not sufficient)

Type or Print Name _____

If elected, I plan on taking the degrees in:
_____ Akron _____ Cambridge _____ Canton _____ Cincinnati _____ Cleveland _____ Columbus
_____ Dayton _____ Rio Grande _____ Steubenville _____ Toledo _____ Youngstown

Instructions for 1st Line Signer: The original petition must be given to the Lodge with the Lodge initiation fees. If the candidate chooses to petition any of the other Masonic groups on this petition, make one copy each, and send a copy with the fees to each group petitioned. If there are any questions, call 800-292-6092.

The Brother inviting you to join his Lodge may wish to invite you to join one or more of these Masonic groups.

Yes, I would like to increase my fraternal experience by petitioning to become a:

32nd Degree Mason, Valley of _____, Fee \$100

Signature of 2 sponsors: _____



Shrine Mason, _____ Center, Fee \$ _____

Signature of 2 sponsors: _____



York Rite Mason by joining:

_____ Chapter, Fee \$25
Signature of 2 sponsors: _____

_____ Council, Fee \$20
Signature of 2 sponsors: _____



_____ Commandery, Fee \$40
Signature of 2 sponsors: _____

Men's Application Only

Member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter _____ No. _____

Fee \$ _____
Signature of 2 sponsors: _____



Petitioner should sign full name _____ / _____ / _____ Date

Completion of Degrees for long-standing EAs, FCs goal of Grand Master's Class

One of the objectives of the Grand Master's One-Day Class is to give the opportunity to existing Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to complete their work.

Virtually every Lodge in Ohio has a number of these candidates who have begun their journey to become a Master Mason, but for a variety of reasons, have

not completed their degree work.

The elimination of the memorization requirements is one powerful reason for them to finish their degrees at this time.

Grand Master Jim S. Deyo is urging Lodge officers to make contact with these individuals and encourage them to complete the work.

10 reasons to become a Mason



Masonry is a place where you can confidently trust every person, and entrust your family with them.



Masonry is a place where, within moral and civil guidelines, free thought, free speaking and the spiritual growth of man can grow into its fullest potential.



Masonry is a place, which provides the opportunity to meet, know, and call brother, outstanding individuals from all walks of life who you would not otherwise have met.



Masonry is a place to be part of an organization that has for its principle tenets — Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



Masonry is a place that provides self-development opportunities, leadership training and experience, and the chance to improve public speaking skills.



Masonry is a place you can go to give support, as well as seek it.



Masonry is a place where moral virtues are taught and through these teachings a regular reinforcement of the moral virtues is experienced.



Masonry is a place to spend time with a group of brothers, who, by acting as good men, can make you want to become a better man. Not better than others, but better than you would have otherwise been.



Masonry is a place to become better prepared to serve church and community.



Masonry is a place to meet with established members of the community and to become part of that community.

The One-Day Class is 'Perfect' for...

- Sons, grandsons, nephews of Masons, who simply have never decided to join, even though strongly encouraged by a family member.
- Individuals who, because of work or family commitments, have just never had time to join in the traditional manner.
- Men, who have feared the memorization requirements, which have been waived for this class.
- Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts, who, for a variety of reasons, have just never completed their degrees.
- Out-of-state relatives, who would like to join the “family” Lodge in Ohio, but were never given this chance before. (A “waiver of jurisdiction” must be obtained through the Grand Secretary’s office, which must contact the Grand Lodge in their state of residence.)

Candidates to have mentors during One-Day Class

Each candidate during the Grand Master's class will have a mentor assigned to him, to be with him and help him all day.

If there are a large number of candidates, Grand Master Jim S. Deyo has directed that one mentor may serve two candidates. This decision was made because of possible limited seating at some locations.

The mentors will assist in several parts of the ritual work and will serve as a friend and companion to the candidates all day.

Seating may be tight at One-Day locations

Depending on the number of candidates in the One-Day Class, seating for visitors may be limited at some of the locations.

Obviously, the candidates and the assigned mentors will be given first priority for seating.

32° — All the way into Scottish Rite in One-Day

Grand Master Jim S. Deyo has invited the Scottish Rite to be a part of the Grand Master's One-day Class scheduled for April 9, 2005.

The 10 Scottish Rite Valleys are providing 10 of the 11 facilities for hosting this historic event.

The Blue Lodge Degrees will conclude at approximately 2:30 p.m., after which each Valley will portray the 32° for those candidates desiring to continue their Masonic travels by seeking more light in Masonry. This will make it possible for a candidate to go "All the Way in One Day". Any man who already is a Master Mason can also participate and become a 32° Mason.

Masons often encounter people who, upon seeing their

Masonic lapel pin or ring, comment, "My Grandfather was a 32° Mason" or "My Uncle was a 32° Mason." These people may not have any understanding of Masonry but they know that being a 32° Mason is something special.

Being a 32° Mason is something special and something of which to be proud. The Grand Master's One-day Class provides the opportunity for a man 19 years of age or older to enjoy the Masonic experience of becoming a 32° Mason. A uniform petition fee of \$100 has been established for this special portrayal of the 32°. Further information about this opportunity is available by calling the Grand Lodge Office at 800/292-6092.

York Rite supports One-Day effort

York Rite Masons of Ohio are planning full support of the Grand Master's One-Day Class on April 9, 2005.

The York Rite calendar has been cleared of activity on that day, and information will be available at all locations to inform newly created Master Masons, as well as current members, of the York Rite story.

The York Rite of Freemasonry consists of four separate bodies of Masonry tied together to exemplify the search for "truth." Those bodies are the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar. Each Mason's entrance into the Fraternity started him on a path of character building.

The first three degrees allow him to discover that the cardinal virtues are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and

Justice. He is taught the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul at the same time. In the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, he receives lessons in Charity, Moderation, Industry and Humility and discovers the "lost word."

The Council of Royal and Select Masons fills the voids created in the Master Mason Degree through the Royal Arch Degree with an important lesson in Fidelity. The Commandery of Knights Templar makes the transition from the Old to the New Testament and is based on the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

As each Master Mason has started his Masonic journey, his next step is to continue that journey.

One and two-day York Rite festivals are being planned in several parts of Ohio in May, 2005.

Grand Master's One-Day Class locations

Akron: Scottish Rite Center, 3089 Manchester Road	Dayton: Scottish Rite Center, 525 West Riverview
Cambridge: Scottish Rite Center, 935 Wheeling Avenue	Rio Grande: University of Rio Grande Fine Arts Building, East College Avenue
Canton: Scottish Rite Center, 836 Market Avenue, North	Steubenville: Scottish Rite Center, 227 North Fourth St.
Cincinnati: Scottish Rite Center, 317 East Fifth Street	Toledo: Scottish Rite Center, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard
Cleveland: Scottish Rite Center, 3615 Euclid Avenue	Youngstown: Scottish Rite Center, 223 Wick Avenue
Columbus: The Riffe Center 77 South High Street	

Shrine Temples also to participate on April 9

The six Shrine Temples in Ohio have decided to participate by offering the opportunity to Master Masons to join the Shrine in the late afternoon of April 9.

Calvin Smith, of Aladdin Shrine in Columbus, who has been working with the other Ohio units to organize the event, said the Shrine will hold ceremonials of initiation at Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo that day.

For information on the Shrine ceremonials to be held on April 9, please contact one of the following:

- Tadmor Shrine, Akron,
at 330/644-8494
- Syrian Shrine, Cincinnati,
at 513/751-3800
- Al Koran Shrine, Cleveland,
at 440/546-9866
- Aladdin Shrine, Columbus,
at 614/475-2609
- Antioch Shrine, Dayton,
at 937/461-4740
- Zenobia Shrine, Toledo,
at 800/462-4728



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



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

Thanks to all of you who made a gift to our annual appeal earlier this year for campus beautification. To date, more than 1,000

donors have provided more than \$32,000 to help us beautify our campuses! These funds, and those which continue to arrive earmarked for this project, will be distributed early in the new year. Just as your similarly wonderful support of our first-ever appeal last year for computer technology brought smiles to the faces of residents who are using the new equipment to search the "web" or email greetings to far away relatives and friends, so this year's appeal dollars will bring smiles to

the faces of residents and visitors alike who will enjoy new plantings, colorful flowers and the other improvements these dollars will provide. Thanks again!

Thanks also to those of you who inquired about or supported the 2nd Jim Perry Legends Golf Classic in Springfield in September. This great event is gaining in popularity and "exposure" in the local area but still has room to grow. Mr. Perry and his Legends...former professional athletes in several sports...bring not only great golf talent but endless stories and humor about their playing days and other legends with and against whom they played. Two days of golf, great food, silent and live auctions with significant items available and great memories are the "take homes" from this event which, this year, raised \$15,000 for the Foundation. The bad news is: this year's event is past and you missed a great time. The good news is:

there will be plenty of room for additional brethren to participate in the 2005 event September 16-17 in Springfield. An inexpensive ticket (which supports the Home), a day (or two) in the sun, an enjoyable course, the opportunity to hit the ball with athletes you watched and cheered in their playing days (this year's Legends included Perry, Milt Plum, Fred Patek, Ryne Duren, Vern Law and ESPN2's Cold Pizza regular Jon Worden) and more await those who will journey to Springfield next September. Don't miss this opportunity in 2005!!! For more information, contact Brother Ken Hershberger toll-free at 888/248-2664 in the Foundation office.

These two programs are just a couple of the ways you can support the Home and help maintain a 109 year tradition of caring for all our residents with concern and compassion! There are, of course, other ways in which you can help. For information about how you can help, call the Foundation office toll-free at 888/248-2664.

Learn More About How You Can Help

To receive information about how you can help maintain the Home's 109 year tradition of caring with concern and compassion for all its residents, please complete form and return to:

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

- Please send me information about how I can help.
- Please call me about a personal visit.
- I've named The Ohio Masonic Home in my will, trust or other planned gift. Please send me information about the Rickly Society, the Foundation's honor recognition program for those making such gifts.

Name

Address

City

State Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Lodge

You may also call the Endowment Foundation toll-free at 888/248-2664

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continuing that legacy," said Bannerman. His interest in science and people led him to pursue a B.S. degree in Social Welfare Systems at The Ohio State University. An Ohio licensed social worker, he later earned a Masters in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan. He is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator and has served the elderly in nursing home and retirement settings for more than 20 years. He is a member of the Bowling Green State University College of Health and Human Services Advocates Board.

A six year Mason, Bannerman is an endowed member of Huber Heights Lodge # 777; a member of Sunbeam Chapter # 465 Order of the Eastern Star; and is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and Antioch Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

He and wife Anita have two children and two grandchildren. "We enjoy traveling, attending auctions, collecting, and visiting with friends," he said.

OMH Scholarship:

Deadline is April 1

The OMH Board of Trustees is offering college scholarships to children of deceased Ohio Masons. April 1 is the deadline for applications. Incoming or current college students must be between the ages of 16 and 22 and be the natural or adopted child of a deceased Ohio Mason who was a member in good standing with the Grand Lodge of F.& A.M. of Ohio at the time of his death.

Each scholarship may not exceed \$3,000 or the cost of tuition. Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis at a qualifying institution before the funds are distributed. Funds are paid directly to the college or university. Application forms are available from: The Ohio Masonic Home Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 120, Springfield, Ohio 45501, or forms may be downloaded from the OMH web site at www.ohiomasonhome.org, then click on "What's New?" on the menu bar. Completed applications must be sent to the above address, and be received by Friday, April 1, 2005.

Last year's scholarship winner was Kevin Heade, who is now a senior at

Kent State University. He is enrolled in a dual degree program in Education and Political Science. He hopes to teach either at the high school or college level. Kevin heard about the scholarship program from his grandfather, who had read about it in last winter's Beacon.

"Winning the scholarship has changed my life," Kevin said. "I now have the ability to focus on school, and am taking 18 credit hours this fall. I am tutoring part time and love it. Without the scholarship, I would have had to go back to school on a part time basis and work full time," he added.

To qualify for scholarship consideration, students must have:

- Graduated from high school or passed the GED and be enrolled in a college or university.
- A grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- A financial need – the 2004 combined federal Adjusted Gross Income of the student and parent may not exceed \$40,000.

Thank You For Your Generosity

We offer our grateful appreciation to the estates, individuals, groups, or other Masonic bodies who have supported The Ohio Masonic Home with donations given between July 1 and September 30, 2004.

\$10,000+

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OSU former athlete receives 80-year Pin



OSU GRADUATE RECEIVES 80-YEAR MASONIC PIN — One-hundred-year-old Brother George Woerlein, a resident of Masonic Health Care and a member of Groveport Lodge # 240, received his 80-Year Masonic Pin recently from Ohio's new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Jim S. Deyo, and Worshipful Brother Dana Parsons, from Groveport Lodge. Brother Woerlein played both basketball and football at OSU, and is the last living member of the 1925 Big Ten Basketball Champs.

Petitioning instructions for Grand Master's Class – April 9, 2004

1. Remove “generic” petition from Beacon, or download and print out petition from Web page. (www.freemason.com) Candidate should fill out as completely as possible.
2. Insert the name and number of the Lodge the candidate is seeking to join.
3. Each Lodge has its own fee structure. If you do not know the amount of fees for the Lodge for this petition, contact the Lodge Secretary, or the Grand Secretary's office. (Grand Secretary's telephone: 800/292-6092) A check for the amount of the fees should accompany the petition.
4. The petition should be signed by two members of the Lodge. If two such signatures are not immediately available, submit the petition anyway and the Lodge will attempt to secure those signatures for you.
5. The candidate should designate which location he would like to attend to receive his Lodge degrees on April 9.
6. Every candidate must be accompanied by a “mentor,” who will be with him and assist him during the degrees. Please indicate your choice for a mentor, or whether you would prefer the Lodge select one for you.
7. Send the petition to the Lodge Secretary, or, if you do not know his address, send it to the Grand Secretary, who will forward it to the Lodge. (The Grand Secretary's address is P.O. Box 629, Worthington, OH 43085.)
8. After receiving the petition, the Lodge will perform its normal investigation of the candidate, and then ballot on the candidate.
9. The candidate will be notified by the Lodge that a “clear” ballot was achieved, and will provide information on the selection of a “mentor” and the time and place to report for the degrees.
10. The candidate should arrive on April 9, 2002, at 7 a.m. for registration. All candidates must be present for the conferral of all three degrees, regardless of how many degrees they have received previously. Lunch for candidates will be provided at no cost. Coat and tie will be the appropriate attire for all in attendance.

Order of Eastern Star adds support to Grand Master's One-Day Class

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star have supported the Masonic Family in Ohio for more than 115 years, and will continue that support to make the 2005 Grand Master's Class a memorable event.

Worthy Grand Matron Jo Ann Hastings and Worthy Grand Patron Clifford Houk have promised to do what ever is needed, and have scheduled no events for April 9, 2005, so Eastern Star members may be available for assistance, if requested.

The Grand Master's Class is a perfect opportunity for women, who wish to join the Order of Eastern Star, but who do not have the proper Masonic affiliation. They can encourage a male relative to become a Master Mason on April 9, and, in turn, become eligible for membership in the Eastern Star themselves.

The Order of Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world, to which both men and women belong. More information is available at www.ohoes.org.



80-Year Award presented by Grand Master Deyo

Blenn D. Bales received recognition on November 6, 2004, for 80 years of membership in Pickaway Lodge #23 in Circleville.

After a Reconsecration Ceremony at the Lodge, Grand Master Jim S. Deyo and several Grand Lodge Officers went to the Pickaway Manor Nursing Home where Brother Bales lives and presented the award to him. In the picture, Worshipful Master Richard D. Adams



also participated in the presentation.

For 80 years of membership, a recipient receives a beautiful engraved clock and a certificate from the Grand Lodge.

Brother Bales, who became a Master Mason on March 25, 1925, is 101 years old and served as Master of the Lodge in 1939. He was an accomplished saxophone player in the Casarey Orchestra in the 1930s. He retired from First National Bank in 1964.

Nancy Hollister named recipient of 2004 Rufus Putnam Award

Nancy P. Hollister, of Marietta, who served briefly as Governor of Ohio, was presented the 2004 Rufus Putnam Distinguished Service Award, the highest award of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Mrs. Hollister is the 18th recipient of the award, created to honor distinguished citizens and community service providers who possess characteristics encouraged by Freemasons.

The presentation, made by Grand Master Steven J. Krekus, was rare, in that Mrs. Hollister is a direct descendant of Rufus Putnam, for whom the award is named.

The recipient has devoted a lifetime to public service in Ohio. She is currently serving a third term as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Marietta College.

A former Mayor of Marietta from 1984 to 1991, Mrs. Hollister was elected Ohio's Lieutenant Governor in 1995. She served as Governor of Ohio



Ohio-shaped plaque received by Nancy Hollister from Grand Master Krekus.

for approximately one month in late 1998 and early 1999, moving up to this post when former Governor George Voinovich was elected to the U.S. Senate and had to resign about a month before the newly elected Governor Bob Taft was installed.

Her service and accomplishments are many, including induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1998.

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In 1991, Most Worshipful Brother Deyo was selected to manage the newly formed Charitable Endowment Division for National City Bank (successor to BancOhio) and served as Vice President and Regional Manager of the Division for the Dayton and Columbus regions until his retirement in 2001.

The Grand Master has been a Master Mason since 1961. He was raised in Mt. Sterling Lodge # 269, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1967. He became a plural member of Capital City Lodge, #656, in 2004.

Most Worshipful Brother Deyo has been very active in the Scottish Rite at the Valley, State, and Jurisdiction levels. He became a member of the Valley of Columbus in 1961, served as Sovereign Prince of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem in 1989-91, was crowned a 33rd Degree Mason in 1986, and was elected Treasurer of the Ohio Council of Deliberation in 1990.

In 1997, he was elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and became Grand Marshal General of the Supreme Council in 2001. He is a member of the Supreme Council's Administrative Council, chairman of the Investment Committee, and member of the Nominating Committee. In 1998, he was elected a member of the Executive Committee for the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., and is currently serving as Chairman for Fund Raising for the Supreme Council Charities in Ohio.

Our Grand Master served on the Ohio Masonic Home Board of Trustees from 1990 to 1999, including service as the Board's Treasurer.

He is a member of Adoniram Chapter, R.A.M., London; London Council, R.& S.M.; Willis Commandery, Knights Templar; Charlemagne Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Aladdin Shrine Temple, and Worthington High Twelve Club.

For the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Brother Deyo is a Past District Education Officer and a Past District Deputy Grand Master, both in the Ninth Masonic District. He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from 1986 to 1997, when he was appointed in the Grand Lodge Officer Line.

Our Grand Master's commitment to the Fraternity is demonstrated by the fact that he has held a Masonic office for 42 of his 43 years in Freemasonry.

Richard E. Fey Honored with P. Dean Gerber Award

A Past Master of Cheviot Lodge #140, who is currently a District Deputy Grand Master in the First Masonic District, was recognized by Grand Master Steven J. Krekus with the prestigious P. Dean Gerber Award.

The award, named for a Past Grand Master, was created to honor individuals who have overcome great challenges as they serve Freemasonry.

The award was presented at the outset of Grand Lodge in Cleveland in October, and was met with a thunderous standing ovation from the brethren in the audience.



Richard E. Fey accepts prestigious honor from Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005

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Grand Master schedules winter visits to Florida and Arizona

Grand Master Jim S. Deyo is planning a visitation in Arizona and three in Florida to gather Ohio Masons and their ladies together for luncheons.

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and a number of Past Grand Masters will be present at the luncheons. A special program has been planned for all who attend.

This year an additional location has been added for the Fort Myers area.

The Ohio Masonic Home has agreed to share the cost of the luncheons this year thus reducing the cost to \$6 per person in each location. This will be a great opportunity for Ohio Masons to share food and fellowship with the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, even though many miles from their home state.

Here is the schedule:

Monday, January 17, 2005 in Sarasota, Florida

Luncheon at noon in the Sahib Shrine Center, 600 N. Beneva Road. Cost is \$6 per plate. For reservations, contact Kenneth Gavin at

5710 Doral Ct. Sarasota, FL 34238, 941/925-4586.

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 in Fort Myers, Florida

Luncheon at noon in the Araba Shrine Center, 2010 Hanson Street. Cost is \$6 per plate. For reservations, contact Richard Scobie, 3153 Old Farmhouse Dr., N Fort Myers, FL 33917, 239/995-6872.

Wednesday, January 19, 2005 in Tavares, Florida

Luncheon at noon at the Lake County Shrine Club, 424 N. Duncan Road (Rt. 19), Tavares. Cost is \$6 per plate. For reservations, contact George R. Young, 6229 E. Rector St. Inverness, FL. 34452, 352/341-3006

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona

Luncheon at noon in the El Zaribah Shrine Center, 552 N. 40th St. Cost is \$6 per plate. For reservations, contact Jack D. Daniel, 14214 West Yosemite Dr., Sun City, AZ 85375, 623/ 556-2116.

One-Day Class

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planning the Grand Master's Class for several months. The committee includes representatives from the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, and Shrine.

Details about the Grand Master's Class are found throughout this issue of the Beacon.

New this year is a "combined" petition, with which an individual may petition for Lodge membership via the Grand Master's Class, and, in a very simple manner, also petition Scottish Rite, Shrine, any of the York Rite bodies, or the Order of Eastern Star. A copy of this petition is published in this Beacon.

The two previous Grand Master's Classes have proven very successful, not just in numbers of new candidates, but also in participation. For example, 4.8 percent of the Masons who were members of the 2002 Grand Master's Class and 5.1 percent of those in the 2003 class are currently serving their Lodge as officers. In many Lodges, two or more of its officers are from one of the two classes.

Grand Master Message

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displays will determine the "FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY" for the generations that follow us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Sometimes life's shadows are caused by our standing in our own sunshine."

The past is history, today is before us, while tomorrow is for us to plan for the future. Let us not continue to stand in the shadows of our fraternal sunshine of

the past, but let the radiance of the sunshine of tomorrow restore to us infectious attitudes about our fraternity that convince the world that the principles of Freemasonry are a necessity for a government of the people and by the people.

God bless each of you in your daily lives. God bless our fraternity and God bless America.

Ohio DeMolay Continues To Lead Nation

Ohio DeMolay is still leading the nation in the number of new members in 2004, with more than 150 new DeMolays having joined in the Buckeye State.

DeMolay Executive Officer H. Jeffrey Shaw and State Master Councilor

Christopher D. Grinstead are working hard to have more new initiates joining than majority members leaving.

Brother Grinstead at age 19 became a Master Mason last May in Temple Lodge # 28, in Painesville.

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