



THE "LUCKY" 13TH DISTRICT! TRESTLE BOARD

February 2024 Issue

Officer Spotlight:

Happy New Year! I hope these words find everyone reading them healthy, happy, and prosperous going into the New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. We have much to be thankful for and look forward to!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Lodges in the 13th Masonic District on you Annual Elections and Installation of Officers. I know I am excited for the new year and the opportunity to serve and grow this wonderful Fraternity.

December was a very busy month with the Past Master’s Convocation, Installations, and other degree work across the district. I am excited not only to serve you as your 13th Masonic District Association President, but also as the Worshipful Master of Amanda Masonic Lodge #509. I was honored to be installed on Monday, December 4th. Another highlight in December was working with Mingo Masonic Lodge #171 to raise 3 Master Masons. It was great to see not only 2 lodges come together to preform great degree work, but we also had several other lodges in the district represented. Afterwards we gathered at 33 Brewery and enjoyed some Mingo Mango Beer. In addition, on December 18th, I had the special opportunity to Initiate my son Nathan an Entered Apprentice. What an emotional night that was. One that I will remember for the rest of my life and I hope he will as well! December was also an opportunity for us to share in family traditions and celebrate the most holy of holidays. As I am writing this, I am looking forward to an Ohio State Buckeye Cotton Bowl Game vs. Missouri. And then, 2 days later, New Years Day with a lot of Pork and Sauerkraut.



Well now we are pressing onwards towards 2024. That means stated meetings, pre-inspections, practices, and inspection season. I really enjoy Inspection Season. The opportunity to meet new friends and build on old friendships. I also really enjoy the degree work of the lodges of the 13th Masonic District. This is a long season. More like a marathon verses a sprint. It starts in January and runs through April 27th with 17 lodges in our district.

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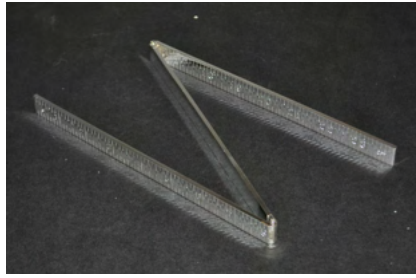
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The 24" Gauge

For centuries, Freemasonry has provided ways for men throughout the world to achieve their fullest potential. From the first moment a Brother steps into a lodge, we strive to equip them with tools to build a well-rounded life. One of those tools, which a new member encounters during the Entered Apprentice degree is the 24-inch gauge.

A reminder of the importance of balance, discipline, and managing one's time wisely, this working tool is foundational to the teachings of the craft. In our new article, we continue our "Behind the Masonic Symbol" series by exploring the significance of the 24-inch gauge in the craft. Please enjoy this piece here: <https://bit.ly/3TOAksT>

How do you use this working tool in your life? How often do you think about its meaning?

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Zerubbabel Masonic Engagement Award

Throughout your Masonic degrees, you were taught to build a "temple of character" to honor yourself as a Man and a Mason. Symbolic lessons were taught to you, using King Solomon's Temple as an overriding symbol for the journey you undertook as you knocked on the door of Freemasonry.

According to Biblical history, Solomon's Temple did not endure long. Eventually

the Jewish people found themselves captive and exiled from their land and their Temple. Many generations later, a man named Zerubbabel was chosen to lead the People back to the land, and rebuild the Temple.

In much the same way, as a new member of the fraternity, you are now in Zerubbabel's place—previous generations have built this fraternity before you, but it is now your duty to make the fraternity your own.

The Zerubbabel award is a recognition program intended to reward new Masonic Brothers (in their first two years of membership) who get involved with Masonic activities at a local level.

For more information on this new award see the resources section of Grandview, or ask your Lodge Education Officer!

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The District is also very much looking forward to the Grand Master’s Reception on Friday January 26th in Logan, Ohio. We are expecting most if not all our Grand Lodge Officers to be present as well as a few Past Grand Masters. This will be a fun night out, where we will have the opportunity to meet and get to know our Grand Master and his officers. We will also recognize and award our Youth in Excellent Awards as well as our Local Community Service Award winner. Tickets have been sent out to the Lodge Secretaries and are available for purchase.

Also, in January we will celebrate the Reconsecrations for Mingo #171 and New Straitsville #484. We will start off at Mingo at 9:00 am and then head to New Straitsville at 11:00 am. Also Doric #172 will have a recon starting at 4:00 pm. These are very impressive and historic ceremonies. Please come out and support these lodges on these important dates in their history.

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- 13th District Golf Scramble – Saturday, July 20th, 2:00 pm, Lancaster Country Club.

13th District Meetings:

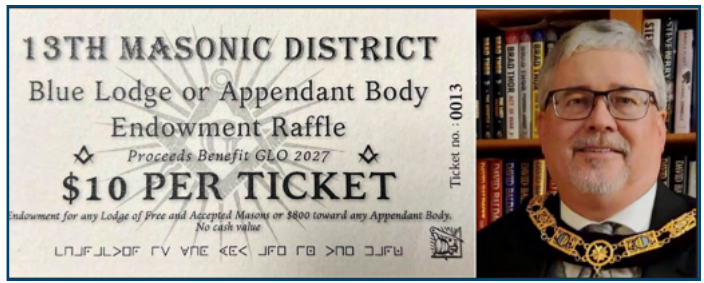
- Thursday, January 18th – Lancaster Masonic Lodge, GM Reception Tickets due
- Thursday, April 25th – Somerset Masonic Lodge
- Thursday, May 23rd – Mingo Masonic Lodge, 2025 Inspection Draw
- Thursday, September 26th – Lancaster Masonic Lodge

I am so much looking forward to the new year and the opportunity to serve and represent both the 13th Masonic District as well as Amanda Masonic Lodge #509 in our communities, throughout the 13th District and around the state. I just want to again thank you again for this opportunity to serve! Let us all continue to “Spread the Cement”

Kory Weldy
President of the 13th District Masonic Association
Worshipful Master
Amanda Lodge #509



GLO 2027 Mug Sales!
Amanda Lodge #509 is back with the 2nd edition of 4 mugs raising fund for RWB. Mike McCandlish and the GLO 2027 efforts! Mugs \$20!



Endowment Raffles!
The 13th district, Blue Lodge or Appendant Body Endowment Raffle. Proceeds to benefit GLO 2027. \$10 Per Ticket. (Endowments for any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons or \$800 towards any Appendant Body.

What's Happening Around the Lucky 13th District:

Do you or your lodge have an event, program, or general advertisement for the good of the order? Please Contact the the district communications team on Facebook messenger.
<https://www.facebook.com/13thdistrictmasons>



Fairfield/Perry County Scottish Rite Association Facebook Group!

Scottish Rite Freemason? In Fairfield/Perry County? Want to get more involved? Check out our new Facebook Group where we can share events going on and how to help out.

**Peerless Lodge # 591
 Monthly Breakfast!
 First Saturday of every month, 7:00-10:00am.
 \$9.00
 ALL YOU CAN EAT!**



FUNDRAISER
FEB. 17th
 11:00am - 1:00pm



**-Chicken & Noodles plus a Sandwich
 -Or-
 -2 Shredded Chicken Sandwich's
 Both with chips, pie, and a drink!
 Only \$10**

**CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!
 ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

109 N. John's Street Amanda, Oh 43102



Follow us on facebook for updates on future events!



**13TH DISTRICT
 2024 GRAND MASTERS RECEPTION**

Save the date for the 2024 Grand Masters Reception! We're excited to celebrate MWB Paul A. Weglage at the Logan Conference Center on January 26, 2024, starting at 6 PM. Join us at 30682 Chieftain Drive, Logan, Ohio 43138. Your presence will make this event truly special!

Tickets \$30



13th District Masonic Association

Lancaster 57 • Somerset 76 • Lithopolis 169 • Mingo 171 • Delta 207 • Rushville 211 • New Lexington 250 • Baltimore 475 • New Straitsville 484
Amanda 509 • Thornville 521 • Shawnee 526 • Pleasant Valley 531
Alturas 537 • Corning 584 • Peerless 591 • Bremen 608

2024 13th DISTRICT INSPECTION SCHEDULE

January 19th: Corning #584, Entered Apprentice, Meal 6:30 Work at 7:30 P.M.

January 20th: Peerless Lodge #591, Master Mason degree, Meal at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

January 26th: Grand Master Reception (Logan Conference Center)

January 27th: 13th & 17th District Reconsecration's

Mingo #171, New Straitsville #484, & Doric #172

Reconsecrations to start with Mingo #171 at 9:00 A.M., with New Straitsville #484 at 11:00 A.M., and Doric #172 at 2:00 P.M. approximately.

February 3rd: Rushville #211, Entered Apprentice Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

February 10th: Somerset #76, Master Mason Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

February 16th: Pleasant Valley #531, Entered Apprentice Degree, Work 7:30

February 17th: Mingo #171, Fellow Craft Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

February 24th: New Lexington #250, Entered Apprentice Degree, Work at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments to Follow

February 29th (Thursday): Amanda #509, Fellow Craft Degree, Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Work at 7:30 P.M.

March 2nd: Delta #207, Master Mason Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

March 9th: *Secretary School*, Registration 8:30, Aladdin Shrine

March 15th: Thornville #521, Entered Apprentice Degree, Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Work at 7:30

March 16th: Shawnee #526, Master Mason Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

March 22nd: Baltimore #475, Fellow Craft Degree, Dinner at 6:30 Work at 7:30 P.M.

March 23rd: Lithopolis #169, Master Mason Degree, Dinner at 6:00 Work at 7:00 P.M.

April 6th: Alturas #537, Fellow Craft Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.

April 12th: New Straitsville #484, Fellow Craft Degree, Work at 7:30 Meal After

April 13th: Lancaster #57, Master Mason Degree, Breakfast at 9:00 Work at 10:00 A.M.

April 27th: Bremen #608, Master Mason Degree, Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Work at 7:00 P.M.



Join us for a day full of
Masonic Fellowship and Fun!



Mingo Masonic Lodge #171 Outdoor Degree.

Logan, Ohio

Saturday, July 20th, 2024

Lodge opens at 10:00am

Lunch provided after the degree



13th Masonic District Golf Scramble

Proceeds to benefit GLO 2027.

Saturday, July 20th, 2024

Lancaster Country Club

The scramble starts at 2:00 pm

Dinner and Awards is open by RSVP to both golfers and non golfers.

Amanda Fellow Craft Club Date: Aug 3rd



Registration: 1:15 pm - \$70 per golfer

Pumpkin Vine Golf Course

1348 Pumpkin Vine Rd

Lancaster, OH 43130

Golfer Includes: Skins,

Mulligans, and food

Ralph Hedrick 740/969-4525

Randy Abbott 740/969-4795



Come join the Amanda #509 F&AM on June 8th
for the 6th Annual cruise-in on Main street
in Amanda

Registration at 10:00 am

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/CruiseApaloozaAmandaOH?>

Scottish Rite:

Valley of Columbus: Athens/Hocking county dinner, February 15th at the Old Dutch in Logan
RSVP Ill. Bro. Rod Carr by Feb. 10th **(The meal is open to all Masons, and the price is FREE)!!!**

Email: carr_30@hotmail.com

Valley of Dayton: Mid-Winter Program February 17th.

Peerless Lodge 591 & American Legion

Fish Fry: Dates are February 23, March 1, March 8, March 29. Times TBA at a later date.