



THE "LUCKY" 13TH DISTRICT! TRESTLE BOARD

March 2024 Issue

Grand Master's Reception

January 26th, the 13th district kicked off the season by welcoming Most Worshipful Brother Paul A. Weglage, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. Ohio, and his Lady Karen, along with the rest of the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies to Logan Ohio January 26th for the first Grand Master Reception of the year. In the photo to the right Ill. Bro. Kory Weldy, President of the 13th district welcomes MWB. & Lady Weglage, and the below MWB. Weglage is presenting the two Grand Master's Excellence in Youth Awards, along with WB.



Ralph Hedrick, of Amanda Lodge #509, The Grand Master's Local Community Service Award Recipient. The District, along with the Widows Sons, Lithopolis Lodge #169, & Amanda Masonic Lodge #509, made a total combine donation of \$1012.50 to the Grand Master's Charity, The Children's Dyslexia Centers!



The lore of the traveling lantern

After Being dusted off, from being stuck in a vortex at Peerless Lodge #591; and with the help of the fine brethren of Somerset Lodge #76 the Traveling Lantern is out traveling once again...

This fine tradition was started when MWB. Ron Winnett, who had 25 of them made, one for each district, as Grand Master. Then after Ron's year the district decided to make it a traveling award for the district. The ideas was to get brothers to travel to other lodges.



How it works, a visiting lodge must travel with, at minimum five, members from their lodge to the Lodge holding the lantern regular stated meeting. The lodge with the most members at their regular stated meeting would be able to take it back to their lodge. Good luck brethren, safe travels, and let's follow it to see where we can help it go!

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The Grand Journey — February 2024

RWB. Mike L. McCandlish

Junior Grand Warden

Grand Lodge F. & A.M. Ohio

At this point now in the early part of the year, I have had the opportunity to visit with brethren from not only the Lucky 13th District, but also the 7th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 23rd and 24th districts. We have been to four Grand Master's receptions, and in my humble (and somewhat selfish) opinion, our reception in January has been the highlight thus far.

The Grand lodge has reconsecrated eight lodges so far this year, including Mingo and New Straitsville. Reconsecration's are one of my favorite ceremonies to witness and that the Grand Lodge can perform. Last weekend, we consecrated four lodges in a whirlwind 24 hours and logging eight hours of windshield time for me, but I was able to cap it off with attending a MM inspection at Somerset #76 where we had 79 members attend. That was awesome!

This week we are planning and packing for our trip to the North American Conference of Grand Masters which is in Seattle, Washington this year. I am looking forward to making connections with those brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions of the country who will be serving as Grand Master in 2027 should we each be humbled to be elected by our individual Grand Jurisdictions. We will have the opportunity to share views and experiences with each other and hopefully gain perspective in operations and work other than our own. Year in and year out, Ohio is viewed as one of the most respected and successful Grand Jurisdictions at this conference. I look forward to continuing that leadership.

Last month I gave an educational program in the 8th District at an annual event where each of the Grand Lodge Officers get to pick their own subject matter to deliver and address upon. I spoke about the relation

between the ancient Japanese philosophy of "Ikigai" (pronounces ee-key-guy-a) and own person attempt to a reason for being in Freemasonry. The practice of finding ikigai in one's life is believed to increase your life's expectancy because you then can find the path to happiness and worth in all that you do. Take some time and research this philosophy and apply it to talk in your lodge. Encourage brethren to find that Masonic Ikigai.

As soon as we come back from Washington, I plan to travel to Glouster in the 17th District for an inspection then the next day we head to the 4th and 10th districts (Celina and northwest Ohio) for receptions, inspections and reconsecrations for the last weekend in February and then I plan to be at Amanda for their inspection on the last day of the month.

Brethren, I am so proud of all the activities that have taken place in our district so far in 2024 and I want to thank all of you for your hard work. It comforts Becky and I greatly to know that we are solid and thriving. We have received many wonderful comments from the other Grand Lodge officers and their ladies about the district. You are awesome!

Until our paths cross again,

Mike & Becky
McCandlish





Inspection Season is afoot...

Inspection season has begun and things were kicked off with Corning Lodge #591, on January 19th, with an excellent Entered Apprentice Inspection. Followed directly on January 20th, Peerless Lodge #591 put on a heartfelt Master Mason Inspection. We then traveled to Rushville Lodge #211, on February 3rd and enjoyed an Entered Apprentice degree, and delectable desserts. Lastly, on February 10th, Somerset Lodge #76 put on a masterful Master Mason degree.



Reconsecrations

Saturday January the 27th, the Grand Lodge Officer's traveled to Mingo Lodge #171, New Straightville Lodge #484, and Doric Lodge #172 to preform the Reconstruction Ceremony.

The day started in with Mingo Lodge #171, for their 175th Reconsecration Ceremony, 1849-2024. Followed by New Straightville Lodge #484, for their 150th Reconsecration Ceremony, 1874-2024. Lastly, the day ended at Doric Lodge #172 for their 175th Reconsecration Ceremony, 1849-2024. For many of us in attendance it was our first opportunity to be in a Moon Lodge.



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.

Rienzi and Other Animals of War

RWB. Robert Kishler
Past District Deputy Grand Master



Phil Sheridan was a swarthy Irishman, 5'5", with long arms and short legs, and an unforgettable bullet-shaped head. He had worked as a store clerk before the war.

Rienzi, his 3 yr. old horse, was a gift from the officers of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry in 1862. He was named after the Mississippi town near where they were camped.

From 1862 to 1865, Rienzi was in 45 engagements, 19 pitch battles, and 2 cavalry charges.

The most famous event involving Rienzi occurred on October 19, 1864. Sheridan had been to Washington, D. C., for a meeting and was on his way back to camp at Cedar Creek. He spent the night in Winchester, VA, about 75 miles from Washington and 14 miles from Cedar Creek. On the morning of the 19th, Sheridan learned of General Jubal Early's Confederate forces attacking his army at the Cedar Creek camp. Sheridan rode Rienzi at full speed toward the sounds of the battle to find his army in full retreat.

Appearing through the smoke and haze of the battle, Sheridan rode through his troops yelling, "Men, by God we'll whip 'em yet. We'll sleep in our own camp tonight."

His men did rally and eventually defeated General Jubal Early's army and turned the tide of the war in the Shenandoah Valley. For years after, soldiers recalled the sight of Sheridan on his huge black horse, riding through their ranks, spurring them on in battle.

This young horse helped Sheridan win the day and with that good news, helped Lincoln win reelection against McClellan.

Sheridan, in recognition of the victory, re-named Rienzi Winchester after the name of the town he rode from. Sheridan and Winchester finished the war together. Winchester was part of the gathering of some of the greatest and best known war horses in history at the Appomattox Court House at the surrender of the army of northern Virginia.

Along with Winchester were Cincinnati (Grant's horse), Traveller (Lee's horse), Blackie (Meade's horse), and Duke (Sherman's horse), along with many others.

The taxidermy mounting of Winchester can be seen at the Hall of the Armed Forces Museum at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., still wearing the general's saddle and accessories.

Among the 5,000 Union casualties in that battle, one general was killed and three generals were wounded. The casualty rate for the Confederates was high: about 4,000 of 15,500. Two Confederate generals were killed and four were wounded. Participants in the battle included two future presidents of the United States, two future governors of Virginia, a former vice president of the United States, and a colonel whose grandson, George S. Patton became a famous general in World War II.

Other animals of war include the following:

Sergeant Stubby - Boston Terrier in WWI – warned of gas and chased away rats. [Sgt. Stubby: An Unlikely Hero](#) is a 2018 movie based on historical facts.

Cher Ami – Homing pigeon in WWI – saved 194 lives by carrying messages to Allied Forces, shot down but revived and kept flying.

Sergeant Reckless – Was a horse from a Korean mare and Mongolian sire, made 51 solo trips to the front, carrying 9000 lbs. total.

Traveller – Lee's gray horse stood 16 hands high. Both Lee and Traveller are buried at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

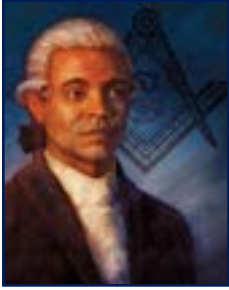
Cincinnati – Grant's bay horse stood 17.2 hands high

Lexington/ Duke – Sherman's horses

Rienzi – Sheridan's black horse

Photo Credit: Ohio Outdoor Sculpture & Sarah Ross
<https://www.sculpturecenter.org/oosi/items/show/1658>

Prince Hall Freemasonry



February is Black History Month, which means it's time for us to reflect on the Black trailblazers, musicians, and athletes who also called themselves Freemasons. As men of the craft we strive to foster inclusion, diversity, and equality both in and out of lodge.

Join us in recognizing the impact these men have had on our

fraternity and the world. Prince Hall Freemasonry, dating back to the Revolutionary War, was founded when Worshipful Brother Prince Hall erected African Lodge #459, the first lodge of Blacks in America.

A Brief Introduction:

Prince Hall Freemasonry is the oldest recognized and continuously active organization founded by African Americans. Prince Hall Freemasonry had its beginnings on March 6, 1775 when Prince Hall (ca. 1748-1807), an abolitionist and civil rights activist, along with fourteen other free black men were initiated into freemasonry. These men later organized African Lodge No. 1 on July 3, 1775. In 1784 they petitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a charter; it was granted and African Lodge

No. 1 became African Lodge No. 459 of Boston, Massachusetts. This organization laid the foundation for African American citizenship, education, and for the improvement of the condition of blacks.

Further Information:

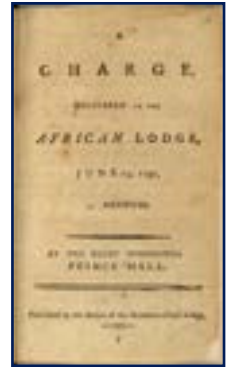
We encourage you to review the history of Prince Hall Freemasonry via the resources below:

A Brief History of Prince Hall

Freemasonry: bit.ly/3WJ3sjD

Prince Hall Freemasonry: A Resource

Guide: <https://bit.ly/3GiY8fS>



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&
Prince Hall Freemasonry: A Resource Guide: <https://bit.ly/3GiY8fS>)

Ladies Day Out!

Lady Becky McCandlish

Recently, while the Grand Line Officers were busy with 3 lodge reconsecrations, the Ladies spent the day in Lancaster. We painted ceramics at Art & Clay, shopped a bit downtown and visited The Georgian museum. It was my pleasure to host the ladies in my neck of the woods!



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13th District Fellowship!



The Ill. Bro. Kory Weldy photo bombing the lovely photo of RWB. Denny Kessler & Lady Becky McCandlish.



Bro. Richie Scott & WB. Rob Long share a quick selfie at New Straitsville!



MWB Paul Weglage sharing fellowship at refreshment in New Straitsville!



WB's Timothy Curry and Kolton Halla. DEO's of the 13th Masonic District. Expounding their knowledge!



WB Mathew Coleman, Master of Delta #207, with MWB at the GM's Reception.



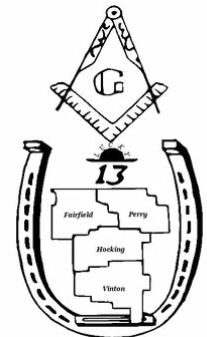
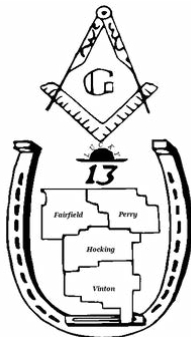
WB. Shane Williams, PM. at Mingo Lodge #171 at their 175th Reconsecration.



RWB. Troy Davis, Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. Jamie Limpett, & RWB. Randy Clark the Grand Chaplain. New Straitsville.



Assembly of the Center Pieces as directed by the 1st Lady of the District. In the pic is WB. Kory Weldy, Lady Sandy Weldy, WB. Sam Zinn, RWB. Wintgens, RWB. Jeff Milligan, WB. Barry Ricketts and RWB. Dennis Kessler.





The Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite Delegation to the 13th District GM Reception!



Bro. Richie Scott, WB. Larry Kornmiller, WB. Carl Robert's & WB. Barry Ricketts "The Mingo Mafia"



MWB. Paul & Lady Karen Waglage pose for a pic with Bro. Lewis & Lady Shawn Whitmore.



Bible from New Straitsville Lodge #484, inscription reads: "BIBLE FROM LODGE ALTAR FOR THE 1880'S - ONE OF THE FEW ITEMS SAVED WHEN THE LODGE WAS BURNED. (NOTE THE CHARED PAGE)"



Masters of the 13th district and their Ladies, with Grand Master and his Lady. Pictured: WB. Tim Warren - Shawnee #526, WB. Barry Ricketts - Mingo #171, WB. Kory Weldy & Lady Sandy Weldy - Amanda #509, RWB. Jeff Milligan - Bremen #608, WB. Dave Zollinger & Lady Patty Zollinger - Alturas #537, WB. Tyler Cosgray - Baltimore #475, WB. Adam Stewart & Lady Misty Stewart - Lithopolis #169, WB. Jonathan Allison & Lady Tiffany Murry - Lancaster #57, WB. Donald Watts - Pleasant Valley #531, WB. Matthew Coleman - Delta #207, WB. Arthur Dickson & Lady Betsy Dickson - Rushville #211, WB. Nathan Gerken & Lady Patty Gerken - New Straitsville #484, WB. Austin Hammers & Lady Logan Hammers - Peerless #591, Together with the MWB. Paul Waglage & Lady Karen Waglage.



Bro. Richie Scott & Bro. Jamie Carter share a quick photo!



WB. Kory Weldy welcomes RWB. Randy Clark



WB. Ralph & Lady Angie Hedrick, with the Community Builders Award!



WB. Rob Long & Bro. Adam Tippet snap a quick selfie.



Rushville #211 inspection Evening

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: <https://www.facebook.com/13thdistrictmasons> -or- Gmail: 13thdistrictnew@gmail.com



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!
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**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.



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

- 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.

Peerless Lodge # 591 & American Legion

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

CRUISE-A-PALOOZA

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?>

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

Scottish Rite:

1. Feb. 15th, Athens/Hocking County Dinner
 - Old Dutch in Logan
 - 6:00 P.M. start time.
2. Feb. 15th, Thursday Night at the Rite
 - Open to all registered members, & Master Masons looking to join the Scottish Rite.
 - <https://tnr.scottishrittenmj.org>
 - 7:30 P.M. 4° (for new candidates)/8:00 P.M. Start
 - 18° Knight of the Rose Criox, Presented by Valley of Southern New Jersey
3. Feb. 17th Valley of Dayton Mid-Winter Program
4. Feb. 29th, Thursday Night at the Rite
 - Open to all registered members, & Master Masons looking to join the Scottish Rite.
 - <https://tnr.scottishrittenmj.org>
 - 7:30 P.M. 4° (for new candidates)/8:00 P.M. Start
 - 10° Master Elect, Presented by Valley of The Hudson
5. March 14th, Thursday Night at the Rite
 - Open to all registered members, & Master Masons looking to join the Scottish Rite.
 - <https://tnr.scottishrittenmj.org>
 - 7:30 P.M. 4° (for new candidates)/8:00 P.M. Start
 - 16° Prince of Jerusalem, Presented by Valley of Michigan (Detroit)
6. Mar. 16th, Degree Event at Scott Lodge #6
 - Scioto Lodge, Chillicothe Ohio
 - RSVP 03/15/2024
 - Contact Mark Aldridge - (740) 993-9803
maldridge188@gmail.com
 - 8:00 A.M. Registration / 9:00 A.M. Start
 - Presenting: 4°, 8°, 9°, & 19°
7. Mar. 27th, Feast of The Pascal Lamb
 - Northwest Masonic Temple
West Dublin Granville Road
 - 7:00 P.M. Start
8. March 28th, Thursday Night at the Rite
 - Open to all registered members, & Master Masons looking to join the Scottish Rite.
 - <https://tnr.scottishrittenmj.org>
 - 7:30 P.M. 4° (for new candidates)/8:00 P.M. Start
 - 13° Master of the Ninth Arch, Presented by Valley of Fort Wayne
9. April 11th, Thursday Night at the Rite
 - Open to all registered members, & Master Masons looking to join the Scottish Rite.
 - <https://tnr.scottishrittenmj.org>
 - 7:30 P.M. 4° (for new candidates)/8:00 P.M. Start
 - 20° Master Ad Vitam, Presented by Valley of Madison
10. April 20th, Marysville Degree Event
 - Palestine Lodge, Marysville, Ohio
 - RSVP 04/15/2024
 - Contact Bruce Kinsey - (937) 243-1100
bkinsey@breezelineohio.net
 - 8:00 A.M. Registration / 9:00 A.M. Start
 - Presenting: 4°, 7°, 11°, & 25°
11. April 25th, Thursday Night at the Rite
 - Open to all registered members, & Master Masons looking to join the Scottish Rite.
 - <https://tnr.scottishrittenmj.org>
 - 7:30 P.M. 4° (for new candidates)/8:00 P.M. Start
 - 19° Brothers of the Trail, Presented by Valley of Buffalo
12. May 18th, Jeffersonville Degree Event
 - Jeffersonville Degree Event, Jeffersonville, OH
 - RSVP 05/13/2024
 - Contact Larry Mayer - (740) 505-0226
 - 8:00 A.M. Registration / 9:00 A.M. Start
 - Presenting: 4°, 21°, & 30°