



Pennsylvania Grand Master Ronald C. Davies reviews the Penn-Ohio program with Grand Master James B. Parker IV.

Ohio Welcomes Neighbors at 34th Annual Penn-Ohio Day

Grand Master Ronald C. Davies led a contingent of Pennsylvania Cryptic Masons to Lyndhurst Masonic center May 12 to participate in the 34th annual Penn-Ohio Day. A traditional Amish dinner followed the Super Excellent Master degree by Seventh Arch companions.

Grand Assembly in Independence Promises Fun and Fellowship

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One of the most important committee reports Monday will be from Jack L. Colglazier, Charity and Benevolent chairman, covering the Diabetic Kids Fund.

Other committee reports will include several pieces of legislation designed to further the cause of Cryptic Masonry in Ohio.

Officers for 2007-2008 will be elected before the session closes for lunch at Noon.

The Council of Anointed Kings will confer the Order of the Silver Trowel on recently-installed Illustrious Masters and several visitors Monday afternoon in the hotel. Running concurrently will be a school of instruction conducted by the Arch Inspectors.

The Grand Master plans to present several special awards at the gala banquet Monday evening.

Arches will have hospitality rooms open Sunday and Monday evenings

Tuesday morning Arches will meet separately at 7:30 a.m. following breakfast. The annual meeting of the Grand Council Benevolent Fund, Inc. at 9 a.m. includes installation of the fund's officers.

The Grand Council business will then continue with final reports, awards, and installation of the officers to serve until October 2008.

Advance reservations are necessary for all meal functions.

Councils Advance Most Candidates Since 1992

Using an intensified membership development program and taking advantage of the Grand Master's class, Ohio Councils advanced the most candidates since 1992.

The American Rite Advocate program created by Grand Master James B. Parker IV carried the York Rite message into many lodges, while Michael A. Himes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, promoted the Rite and authorized the Mark Master degree to follow the lodge degrees at his 1-day classes March 31.

Councils advanced 500, and there are many more candidates awaiting the Chapter degrees so that they can advance to the Cryptic Rite.

York Council No. 115 took advantage of the Grand Master's class to advance 33 candidates and set the pace for membership development this year. Akron 80 followed with 21 while Marietta 78 and Columbus 8 each advanced 16.

York had a net gain of 26 while Akron increased its membership by 20 and Cuyahoga Falls 144 by 10..

Marietta 78 remains the largest Council with 448 members, staying ahead of Chillicothe 4 (361) and Columbus 8.

Other Councils with double-digit advancements were Cuyahoga Falls 144, Springfield 17, Chillicothe 4, Bellaire 87, Warren 58, Hillsboro 16, Ohio 92, Ashland 128, Hamilton 19, Silver Trowel 141, Middletown 136, and Canton 35.

Seventeen Councils showed a net gain while seven others stayed even.

Youth Groups Install New Leaders

Lauren Simmons was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor of Ohio Rainbow and Eric W. Small was elected State Master Councilor of DeMolay last month. Gwendolyn Ohlemacher became Miss Ohio Job's Daughter in June.

The Grand Master says . . .

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In closing: **PRIDE** like **JHVH** is a word of new meaning. **P.R.I.D.E. is Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence.** I have PRIDE and I am asking that we all take Personal Responsibility In Developing Excellence. Working as a **TEAM** with but **ONE HEART BEAT** we will prosper.

James B. Parker IV, Grand Master



Deputy Grand Master Bobby G. Campbell transfers the leadership of the Cryptic Leaders Conference to Charles D. Wood, Indiana P.G.M.

Companions Witness New Skit At Annual OKI Day in Indiana

Deputy Grand Master Bobby G. Campbell presided as the joint Grand Councils of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana (OKI) met in historic Corydon, Indiana August 4 for this year's portrayal of the Cryptic Degrees.

Kentucky conferred the Royal Master degree; Ohio performed the Select Master Degree; and Indiana, the host for the event, exemplified the Super Excellent Master Degree.

Festivities began with the portrayal of the newly rewritten Peculiar Stone Skit by an Ohio ritual team led by Ill. Master John H. Donohoo, Director and author of the skit.

The skit, originally written some 40 years ago to promote Capitular Masonry, has been totally rewritten as an education and membership development tool for both Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.

The 7-minute skit is informative and entertaining, and may be viewed by the entire family.

Ohio will host next year's OKI Day in Xenia August 2 – *John H. Donohoo*

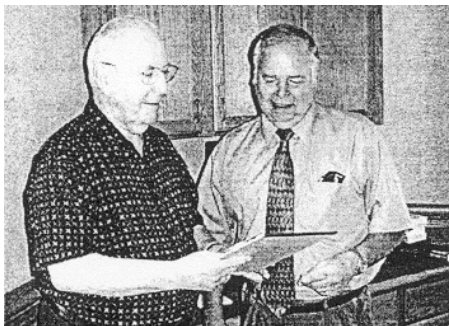
Council of Anointed Kings Confers Silver Trowel at Grand Assembly

The Order of the Silver Trowel will be conferred on Illustrious Masters at the Grand Assembly Monday afternoon, October 1.

The Council of Anointed Kings will also welcome eligible visitors to join the class Illustrious King Richard B. Jackson announced. Scribe Burke A. Cumbie is mailing petitions to Illustrious Masters. The fee is \$25.

Parker Fills OMH Board

Grand Master James B. Parker IV has announced that he is filling the unexpired term of deceased P.G.M. David L. Stickel on the Ohio Masonic Home Board.



Finance chairman Wilbur B. Smith (left) and John R. Clime review the budget which is being mailed to Masters and Recorders.

Bodies Ready for Annual Meetings

Grand High Priest James M. McDonald will preside at the Grand Chapter convocation October 2-4 in the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. The Grand Commandery will follow October 4-6 in the Columbus Renaissance hotel under the gavel of Grand Commander Bruce D. Basil.

The Grand Lodge communication will be October 19-20 in Cincinnati with Michael A. Himes presiding.

Eminent Prior Alan D. Hart will preside over Ohio Priory, K.Y.C.H in the Canton Masonic complex Nov. 3.

The Ohio Council of Deliberation met June 1-2 in Columbus with Neil M. Smalley, Deputy for Ohio, presiding.

Diabetic Kids Benefit

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Korelitz (Cincinnati area); \$6,500 to Diabetes Youth Services (Defiance); and \$1,500 to Camp Glenn (Findlay). Each camp operates with a different schedule and will make a report later.

McKinley Funeral Procession to be Reenacted in Canton Sept. 22

Masons will reenact the funeral procession of President William McKinley Saturday, Sept. 22 In Canton. Sponsored by Wm. McKinley Lodge 431, the program was originally scheduled for the 100th anniversary in 2001, when 9/11 occurred two weeks earlier. There were 2000 Sir Knights in the procession in 1901.

The procession will include a horse-drawn hearse, a casket draped with a 45 star American flag, and a rider-less horse. It begins at Noon near the Church of the Saviour United Methodist Church, 120 Cleveland Ave. SW and will proceed over West Tuscarawas St. one mile to the National Memorial. At the mausoleum Grand Master Michael A. Himes will preside and Grand Lodge officers will rededicate the memorial..

All Masons are invited to participate, and Templar uniform is suggested. The Grand Council family will assemble at 11 a.m. and march in plum jacket, jewel, and apron, along with other similarly-attired York Rite leaders.

The ceremonies will be recorded on a documentary film by the Grand Lodge to be shown on public television.

DeMolay Hall of Fame Inducts

Two companions have been inducted as charter members of the Ohio DeMolay Hall of Fame. Former DeMolays and Past Executive Officers Steven J. Krekus and Merlyn E. Meredith received plaques at the banquet June 30.

Dodson Travels the State to Promote Organ Donors

Presentations on the Grand Council Organ Donor program have been made in the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Arches by chairman Henry A. Dodson this year. A heart transplant recipient himself in 1997, he is available to travel to any part of the state on invitation to present the Gift of Life program. Dodson's email address is HnDod@sbcglobal.net.

"Mr. P" Featured in Beacon

The Grand Lodge Beacon refers to Grand Master James B. Parker IV as "Mr. P" in an interesting article on the Grand Master in the latest issue.

Two Councils Plan Reconsecrations

Two Councils have invited the Grand Council officers to reconsecrate the secret vault this fall.

Zabud Council No. 99 will celebrate 100 years with the ceremony Nov. 4 in the Blendon Masonic center in Westerville. Fremont Council No. 64 will sponsor the ceremony Dec. 9 in the Fremont Masonic center.

Masonic Volunteers are Marshals

As a community service project Council Masons served as race/walk marshals for the South Euclid "Perfect 10 Miler" which raises funds for scholarships August 19.

The Masonic Volunteers work at the Cleveland Browns games and Medina County Fair to raise money for the Diabetic Kids Fund.