The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio



206th Annual Communication, Columbus, October 23rd and 24th, 2015

To: Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Tylers, Associate Grand Chaplains, District Education Officers, Worshipful Masters and Wardens

Brethren: The 206th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio will be held in Columbus on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th.

<u>Headquarters</u>: The headquarters hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, Columbus, 43215; (614) 463-1234.

<u>Registration</u>: Registration will take place on the 2nd floor of the Hyatt Regency in the Landings Area at the following times:

Thursday, October 22nd: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, October 23rd: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 24th: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

<u>Ladies Registration</u>: Ladies Registration will take place on the 2nd floor of the Hyatt Regency in the Marion Room at the following times:

Thursday, October 22nd: 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, October 23rd: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<u>Grand Lodge Session</u>: The Grand Lodge will conduct its business sessions in Battelle Hall on the 3rd floor of the Hyatt Regency at the following times:

Friday, October 23rd: 9 a.m. (Linden #637 will open at 8:30 a.m.) to approximately 4 p.m. Saturday, October 24th: 8 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m.

<u>Installation of 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers</u>: The 2015-2016 Grand Lodge officers will be installed in Battelle Hall on the 3rd floor of the Hyatt Regency at approximately 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 24th.

<u>Housing</u>: Housing for the Annual Communication is available at the following hotels at a special Grand Lodge rate:

Hyatt Regency Hotel – 350 North High Street, Columbus, 43215; (614) 463-1234 Drury Hotel – 88 East Nationwide Boulevard, Columbus, 43215; (614) 221-7008

Rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency at \$141/night in single, double, triple or quad occupancy. A limited number of rooms are available at the Drury Hotel at \$139/night in single, double, triple or quad occupancy.

To make reservations online for the Hyatt Regency, use the following link:

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/GrandMasonsColumbus2015

If, for some reason, this link does not work or you do not want to make online reservations, call Hyatt's Central Reservations at (888) 421-1442 and indicate you are attending the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons meeting.

To make reservations online for the Drury Hotel, use the following link:

http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2155926

If, for some reason, this link does not work or you do not want to make online reservations, call Drury's Central Reservations at: (800) 325-0720 and refer to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

RESERVATION DEADLINE AT BOTH HOTELS IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND.

Rooms may be available after that date but not at the special Grand Lodge rate.

<u>Meals:</u> The only meals for which tickets may be purchased at this Annual Communication are the Ladies Brunch & Program (\$30) on Friday morning and the Grand Lodge Banquet (\$48) on Friday evening. The Hyatt Regency has several food and beverage outlets in the hotel and there are a number of restaurants on the lower level of the Hyatt and outside the hotel in the general area.

<u>Meal Reservations</u>: Reservations for the meals indicated above are available by using the form enclosed with this mailing. Reservations MUST be made in advance as none will be taken on site and must be accompanied by payment in full. <u>MEAL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th.</u> <u>NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.</u> Tickets for all reservations, whether made online or by mail, will be held for distribution at the Annual Communication and will be available in the registration area.

For the convenience of the brethren, a website has been established to facilitate making reservations online. Information is also provided for those who either have difficulty with the online links or prefer not to make online reservations. The reservation site is: www.gl2015res.com. IT WILL BE OPERATIONAL ON BUT NOT BEFORE JUNE 1ST.

<u>Hospitality Suites:</u> A limited number of hospitality suites are available in the Hyatt Regency for the Districts or Lodges interested in them. Please be advised that it is a strict Hyatt policy that all alcoholic beverages and food served in any guest suite/room must be purchased from the hotel. Those violating this policy may be fined a significant amount for each alcoholic beverage bottle or food item not purchased from the hotel found in a guest room/suite.

REMEMBER: Bring your current dues card AND apron to Grand Lodge for admission to the business sessions!

Fraternally,

The GL2015 Committee

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EVENT RESERVATION FORM

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Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel @ \$48. # of tickets: _____ Total: _____

Grand Total: