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NORTH STAR LODGE No. 638 F. & A.M.

Meetings -- Stated 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.--Specials as called by W.M.
Refreshments before Lodge at 6:15

Visit below for information, pictures, and upcoming events.

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TRESTLEBOARD

Oct 24 Stated meeting & EA Degree
Oct 27 NS Lodge Chile cook-off
Nov 14 Stated & Annual meeting
Nov 18 Job's Daughters Inspection 2pm at WPMT
Nov 28 Stated & Awards & Memorial Night
Dec 8 Christmas Party at WPMT at 6pm
Dec 12 Table Lodge

All meetings unless noted have refreshments before the meetings at about 6pm

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Rather than incorrectly predict the degree schedule in advance I would encourage you to monitor the Trestleboard on [www.northstar638.org](http://www.northstar638.org) or check your emails. If you do not have internet access, and would like to be updated please let us know.

We have started advertisements in the North Star Light as we did years ago. This is being done to pay for the printing and sending of our newsletter. If you or your business would like to participate --- contact Editor Bill Craig.

Any distress, illness or goodness contact our  
Senior Deacon; Brian Davis  
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Brother Jim Sobota passed away on October 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by all. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Most Worshipful Brother Jess Raines appointed the following brethren from our district to serve the Grand Lodge this year. Please join us in congratulating them.

**Senior Grand Deacon and District**

**Advisor:**

William Carter III

**District Deputy Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Brother Daniel Hall

Right Worshipful Brother James Hieb

Right Worshipful Brother Gregory Kita

**District Education Officer:**

Worshipful Brother William Fletcher

Worshipful Brother John Montgomery

Worshipful Brother Jason Stitak

On 10/13 WPOES will be having their Installation of officers at Berea with our own WB Henry Rees as Worthy Patron along with Cara Hogan as Worthy Matron.

Another thank you is for WB Marty diMichele and Rise' for the picnic. As usual they went above and beyond to make this enjoyable for all. Besides all the great food and fellowship, there were gifts for all. Don't know what we would do without you both. Thanks again

We have new petitions and will be doing a bit of Degree work – come join in.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> The Reconsecration Ceremony of North Star Lodge for our 1<sup>st</sup> 100 years was done by our Past Masters and The Grand Lodge of Ohio with MWB Eric Schau, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. RWB Steven Grindle, Grand Marshal as Master of Ceremonies took over. Grand honors were given to all the Grand Lodge officers and the PM's of North Star participating in the ceremony. RWB Greg Kita read our Charter; RWB Ron Runion told us of the year 1917 with world events, Masonry and our Lodge

and that we received our charter with 5 other Lodges.

After Lodge MWB Schau presented Bro. Gordon Adams with his 50-year pin.

WB Gregory Kita is you new DDGM assigned to North Star Lodge – Welcome Brother Greg

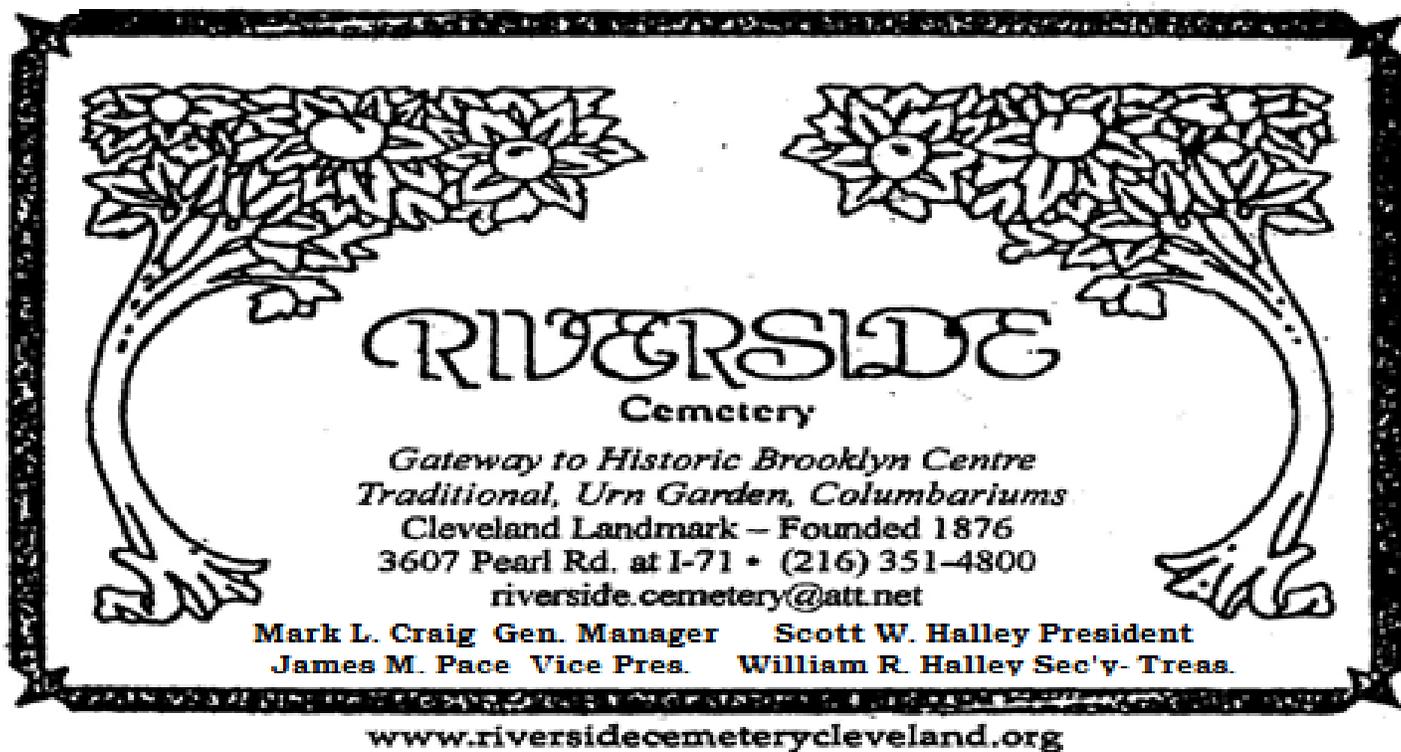
We meet to hand down to succeeding generations the knowledge and practice of certain ceremonies, which we have ourselves inherited from our Masonic ancestors, and the analogues of which can be traced in the remotest antiquity... Lastly, we meet to practice our three grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

More has been written about Masonry than and other subject except the Holy Bible; but the book has never been produced, and probably never will be, that will fully explain the symbolism of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry is an ancient and respectable institution, embracing individuals of every nation, of every religion, and of every condition in life. Wealth, power and talents are not necessary to the person of a Freemason. An unblemished character and a virtuous conduct are the only qualifications for admission into the Order. [LAURIE]

Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race. [GEORGE WASHINGTON]

Masonry might not be for everyone, but everyone could benefit from its teachings.



Many Freemasons are curious as to what is the oldest Masonic Lodge in the world.

So was I. I have always heard that Mother Kilwinning was the oldest,... but, alas,.. history may have proved me wrong. I hope you find this information as fascinating as I did.

Credit is given for the information, below to Past Grand Master of Missouri, Brother Ray V. Denslow, (1885-1960) author of "*The Masonic World of Ray V. Denslow*". Missouri Lodge of Research, publisher, 1964.

Brother Denslow also founded the Royal Arch Mason magazine in 1942 and was instrumental in founding the Missouri Lodge of Research.

The oldest Masonic Lodge in the world (with verifiable lodge minutes) is the **Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, Edinburgh, Scotland**...sometimes known as Mary's Chapel.

In July, 1949, it observed its 350th anniversary of its establishment. In 2008, (at the time of this writing), Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 is 409 years old.

**Oldest Masonic Lodge Minutes - July 31, 1599:** Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 has records to prove its long time existence as the Oldest Masonic Lodge.

Most impressively, its first 5 pages of minutes incorporate the Schaw Statutes which are dated December 28, 1598.

Six months later, on **July 31, 1599**, are to be found the minutes which confirm the lodge's claim as having the oldest existing Masonic minutes. It must be noted, however, that from these minutes there exists no conclusive evidence that the lodge was actually constituted on this date nor that it is, in actuality, the oldest lodge.

**Schaw Statutes:** The Schaw Statutes (part of the [Old Charges](#)) are named for William Schaw, who was Master of Work to His Majesty and General Warden of the Masonic craft. In these Statutes, he declared

that these ordinances issued by him for the regulation of lodges considered the lodge at Edinburgh to be for all time, the first and principal lodge in Scotland.

Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 was first called "The Lodge of Edinburgh" and retained this name until 1688, when the Grand Lodge of Scotland confirmed its charter, designating it as "The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1"

Prominent members belonging to the Lodge of Edinburgh in its very early days were:

- His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales (afterward called King Edward VII)
- His Royal Highness King Edward VIII

Both were affiliated with the lodge, taking the obligation on the "Breeches Bible", which was printed in 1587. The pen with which these 2 brothers signed the roll is still preserved in the Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 museum.

### Oldest Masonic Lodge

First Operative to Speculative in Scotland - 1600: As early as 1600, The Lodge of Edinburgh began to admit non-operative Freemasons. In June, 1600, the Laird of Auchinleck was made a speculative member, the first authentic record of the making of such a member.

The famous Dr. Desaguliers visited the The Lodge of Edinburgh on August 24, 1721. He had served as Grand Master of England and was referred to as "General Master Desaguliers". On the next day, while he was present, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Treasurer, the Deacon Convener of the Trades and the Clerk to the Dean of the Guild Court were admitted as members.

This date is thought to mark the change over from operative to speculative Freemasonry in Scotland.

Inception of Grand Lodge of Scotland - 1736: When the Grand Lodge of Scotland was established on November 30, 1736, Lodge of Edinburgh took an active part. Thirty-three lodges were represented at the meeting which was held in the lodge room of Edinburgh Lodge. Because the oldest minute of a lodge was that of Edinburgh Lodge, it was placed first on the roll of the Grand Lodge.

Lodge Kilwinning - 1642: Lodge Kilwinning was the second oldest Masonic lodge because of its records dating to December 20, 1642. (It is believed there may be older lodges, but empirical proof has not been found.) Considerable friction developed in 1807 when the Grand Lodge of Scotland permitted Kilwinning to prefix the word "Mother" to its name.

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If you have not received anything from the Lodge via email, it is because you have not given me your email address. If your email address has *changed in any way* please let me know ASAP.      Your Secretary

The Annual Chili Cook-off will be held at North Star Lodge, on Saturday, October 27th starting a 2:00 pm. There will be entertainment, Prizes for best Chili, people choice award, and 1-2-3 by the judges. If you bring Chili it is free, if you just come to eat Chili, hot dogs and desert it is a whopping \$8. All proceeds will benefit our Building Renovation Fund. If any other information is needed call WB Marty diMichele 440-341-0003 or email him [masterns638@gmail.com](mailto:masterns638@gmail.com)

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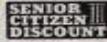
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