

# North Star Light

North Star Lodge No 638 F.& A.M. 15500 Trisket Rd Cleveland Ohio 44111

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

We would like to thank all the brethren who have made contributions to the Renovation Fund and to the Ohio Masonic Home.

## Why North Star?

In September of 1916 a meeting was called and all the Master Masons residing in West Park were invited. The meeting was held in the town hall of West Park where it was resolved to form a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and to partition the Grand Lodge of Ohio for Dispensation. One of the eight men in attendance that day was Brother S.V. Cox, who suggested the name North Star, the Lodge was duly constituted North Star Lodge #638 on November 2, 1917. The Lodge minutes did not show the reason for the name. In 1972 W. B. Charles Wither (Lodge Education Officer) contacted W.B. Harry Barber, who was Master in 1924 and also the first member raised after the Dispensation was granted. He said to the best of his knowledge, at that time several names for the lodge were considered and North Star was selected because it was used frequently as a Masonic Symbol and is the Pole Star, that guides Freemasons over the stormy seas of time. We know the eight Masons that attended the first meeting realized the importance of selecting the right name for the lodge so that it would grow and perpetuate itself as it has done and we can all be proud to be a small part of it.

Berry's Section

## TRESTLEBOARD

- Apr 10 Stated Meeting  
 Apr 21 Sunrise service at Riverside  
 Apr 24 Stated Meeting  
         Inventory  
 Jun 8 Spaghetti Dinner  
        Hosted by Boy Scouts  
 Jul 4 Kamm's Independence Parade

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

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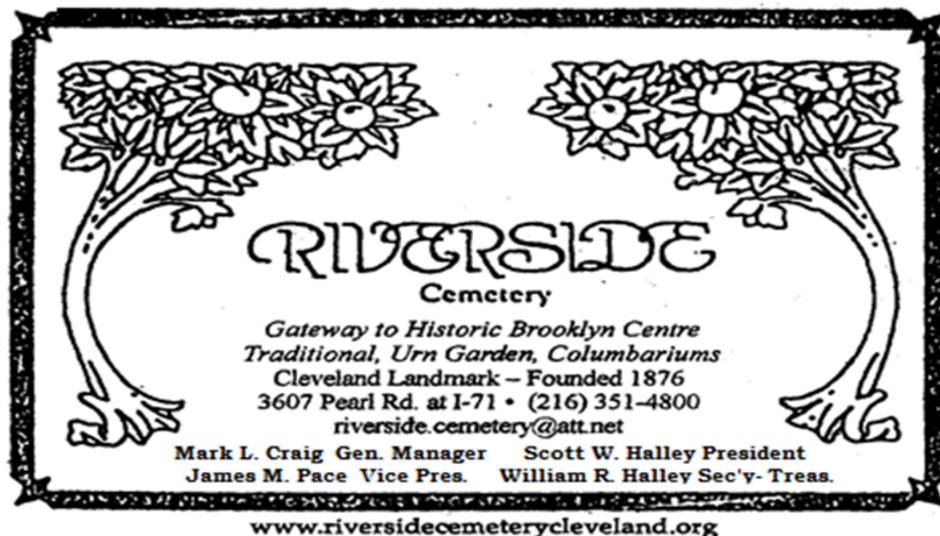
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## From the East

Spring has finally arrived! We have so many exciting things coming up at lodge! We'll be conducting a physical inventory of the lodge's assets on April 24, 2019 for the first time in a few years. We'll also be having some fun events coming up (stay tuned for details). We will be celebrating Saints John Day on June 23, 2019. We'll be joining our neighbors, Bethany English Lutheran Church, for services and then we'll be inviting them over for breakfast and entertainment.

I am MOST excited about the outdoor raising we will be conferring at the end of May/Early June for newest FC. This is the first time that our lodge will be having an outdoor raising in recent memory and I simply cannot wait!

As you can imagine, all of that is going to take some work to accomplish. And all of that work will be for naught if there is no one there to participate. So, I ask you, my Brethren, how long is your cable tow? That is a question that we all must ponder from time to time. We have all pledged to serve our lodge and our brethren so far as we can without material injury to ourselves. Please consider how you are contributing. Are you coming to lodge? If you haven't been in a while, I am personally inviting you to come join us! We have a LOT of really great changes going on and I'm very excited about where our lodge is going.



Visit below for information, pictures, and upcoming events.

Lodge webpage at [www.northstar638.org](http://www.northstar638.org)  
 District webpage at [www.ohiodistrict22.org](http://www.ohiodistrict22.org)  
 Ohio Grand Lodge at [www.freemason.com](http://www.freemason.com)

An Eye Witness Account from New York City, on a cold day in December ...

A little boy about 10 years old was standing in front of a shoe store, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes." was the boy's reply. The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get a half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could get her a basin of water and towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down and washed his little feet, then dried them with the towel. By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair on the boy's feet and purchasing him a pair of shoes and putting them on him, then said "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?" As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's wife?"

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has launched a new member management system called Grandview, which replaced our existing system MORI. I know, you're asking yourself "So?", and that is a fair question. What *does* this mean for you? Grandview has become the central hub for all information concerning our fraternity. From member data, birthdates, and years of service to documents and forms. One of the largest impacts of Grandview is in the communication area. This system allows Grand Lodge, your District and your lodge to post events and messages which can be subsequently email to you. The emails arrive in your inbox from the Grand Lodge of Ohio and have the Square and Compasses at the top. Additionally, the emails will show where the it originated from by listing "22nd District" or "North Star Lodge" next to the Square and Compass. This is another way for your lodge to disseminate valuable information to you, our brethren.

However, this system is only as good as the information contained within. Another benefit of Grandview is that it puts you in control over your information by giving you the ability to maintain and update your information. Have you recently moved? Changed phone numbers? Changed emails? Grandview was loaded with the data on file which may not contain the latest changes but with this new system you are able to make those changes. By navigating to [oh.grandview.systems](http://oh.grandview.systems) in an internet browser, you can register and set your login and password, all you need is your dues card. Once you register you will be able to see your contact information by going to "My Profile" in the upper right-hand corner. Here you can update that information as well as your contact preferences, and event upload a photo. Brethren, it is crucial that we have the most up to date information to ensure that you are receiving information about your lodge. If you have not already done so, I challenge you to go to [oh.grandview.systems](http://oh.grandview.systems), register and verify that your contact information is up to date and see what other things our Grand Lodge has made available. There are many great things in Grandview and more coming in the near future, so keep an eye out in your email and the North Star Light for these exciting new features.

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Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

Are you helping to plan and carry out the the events that I mentioned? If you are, I appreciate you so much! Please, take a moment today to ruminate on the question of "How long is your cable tow?". Please ask yourself what you are doing for your lodge and your brethren, what you can do, and what you will do. Many hands make light work and we need your help.  
Sincerely,

George W. Gladden

WM, NSL #638 "

### *From the South*

I just wanted to take a few minutes and update all of you on a couple events that are coming up in June.

On Saturday June 8th, Boy Scout Troop 319 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at our lodge to help raise funds for a High Adventure trip to Nantahala in North Carolina that they have planned for 2020. This is the same troop that has presented the flags at many of our events. Myself along with our Worshipful Master, and LEO are active leaders and have boys in Troop. We invite you and your family and friends to come out and enjoy a great dinner and help the boys raise funds for their trip. Towards the end of the month on Sunday June 23rd, we will be celebrating Sts. John's Day. As I was beginning to plan this year's celebration, multiple

brethren expressed their opinion that it would be nice to attend a church service together as we have done in past years. I reached out to Bethany Lutheran, across the parking lot from the Lodge, and spoke to their Pastor. He welcomed us with open arms and would love to have us join them at their 10AM service that day. Afterwards, we will welcome brethren, their families, and members of Bethany Lutheran back to the Lodge for light refreshments. This is a great opportunity for us to renew our involvement and strength in the community. Please plan to come out and join in the celebration.

Brian Davis - Junior Warden

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.

Any distress, illness or good contact our Senior Deacon; Eric R. Owens  
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**LODGE ORGANIST NEEDED**

Brethren, those of us who received our Degrees in the traditional fashion in our North Star Lodge can all remember the anticipatory anxiety we experienced as we progressed through each of the three Degrees. As we entered the Lodge room, one thing that stood out was the calming and reassuring atmosphere provided by the soft sounds of our electric organ playing throughout the ceremony. More recently, that was provided by our late Bro. Jack McKee. With his sudden passing recently, the instrument is now silent, and a stark reminder of how much of a blessing having that music truly was to all of us.

Not all Lodges have an organist; we have been fortunate to have had several fine ones over the years. We are now very hopeful that someone from among our capable Brethren, will come forward and provide us with that special music dimension once again.

Initially, we are seeking someone to cover our Degrees for new candidates. If the same person can be with us at other meetings as well, that would be a plus, but the most critical current need is providing the same musical dimension to our Degrees that we all enjoyed ourselves. Anyone interested can just play background hymns or other appropriate selections with which they are familiar. There are only a couple songs that are used regularly, and these are very familiar and traditional hymns; the rest is a nice soft selection of background music to calm the candidate and officers while enhancing the effectiveness of our Degrees.

If any of our members would be willing to try and help our Lodge in this regard, please contact WB George Gladden, our Master this year, or our Secy., WB Bill Craig. Both of their phones and email addresses are listed in the block of officers for 2017 on the first page of this newsletter.

WB Bill Halley

West Park Masonic Temple Company is undergoing a few projects which included cleaning the carpets in the building. Any donations to cover the costs of these projects would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to WPMTTC at 15500 Triskett Ave. 44111.

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**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

An annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the W. R. Halley Chapel within historic Riverside Cemetery, located at the Pearl Rd./W 25<sup>th</sup> St exit off I-71, in the Old Brooklyn Centre Community on April 21st at 6:30 am. Gen Mgr, Mark Craig and his staff will preside, Marijane and Bill Halley will offer a duet, and Rev. Chuck Behrens, from the Hospice of the Western Reserve, will again give one of his always inspiring messages. Bob Orlandi again as organist. You are cordially invited to attend and share in this special Easter experience.