



# Harding Concordia Lodge

January 2023

## FROM YOUR JUNIOR WARDEN

I look forward to sitting in the South, knowing I have the support and guidance of all Brothers in the lodge. In the coming year our Worshipful Master has a lot of fun events planned. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year at these events, and our regular meetings.



I hope to make you proud of your lodge, and look forward to your help to be successful in the South.

## HARDING CONCORDIA CHARITY

One of the three great tenets of our Profession is to relieve the Distressed throughout the world. Here at Harding Concordia, we are doing pretty good.

### Friends & Fans of Special Athletes

Lodge has donated over \$2,500 toward the local athletes of Friends & Fans of Special Athletes.



### Childrens Dyslexia Center of Cleveland

For over two decades, the Scottish Rite Masons, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, have been national leaders in the effort to help children and their families overcome the painful obstacles of dyslexia by providing free tutoring and by training a growing cadre of highly skilled and dedicated tutors.



## FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

As we enter a new year I would like to congratulate all of the upcoming line of brethren in the order of Harding Concordia 345. I would also like to congratulate Worshipful Master Dominic Gildone on a fantastic year of being Master. He did a fantastic job. I also wish that upcoming Worshipful Master A.J. Kinney his best at doing his role as Master. On another note I wish all of you a happy holiday season and new year with your family and friends. Good times with loved ones! I encourage all new and more experienced brethren to join the line and join us in this great fraternity that we hold so dear. On another note I want to thank each and everyone of you for being a great member of this lodge and your contribution. Harmony and support being the strength of all institutions especially this.



Fraternity,  
Jon "Woody" Widrig  
Senior Warden

Brethren,

Please send us your current email address and telephone number, so we can include you in our regular updates and announcements.

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## MASTERS MESSAGE

As we rap up 2022 and head into the new year, I hope this finds you all in good health along with your families and loved ones. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and good tidings for the New Year.



I am honored and proud to have been elected to be Master of the Best Damn Lodge in the 22nd District for the upcoming year. I would like to personally invite everyone to join in brotherhood and fellowship at our many events that we have planned in the upcoming year. I would also like to personally invite all that regularly attend our stated meetings or those who haven't been in a while to please come out and join with rest of our officers in assisting me in lodge and strengthening all of our fraternal brotherhood. As a reminder our meetings are held at Theodore Breck Lodge on the First and Third Wednesday of each month September – June at 7:30 PM. I would also like to thank our past Master Dominic for doing such great job, it will be very difficult to stand just and upright in such big shoes to fill.

Here is to hoping to seeing all of you in lodge in 2023. If there is ever anything that myself or any of our officers can do or need to be made aware of, please never hesitate letting me know. As I am no longer in the in the west this year, I still feel it is my responsibility that no one in our lodge goes away dissatisfied.

Fraternally yours,  
A.J. Kinney

# HARDING CONCORDIA LODGE

## 2023 - Calendar of Events:

**January 18:** Stated Meeting

**January 25:** Officers Meeting

**February 1:** Stated Meeting (Awards Night)

**February 15:** Stated Meeting

**February 11:** Friends & Fans of Special Athletes Wine Tasting

**February 22:** Officers Meeting

**March 1:** Stated Meeting

**March 15:** Harding Concordia annual inspection: Theodore Breck Lodge, 7:30 PM

**March 18:** Harding ConBowlia (location TBA)

**March 22:** Officers Meeting

**April 5:** Stated Meeting

**April 19:** Stated Meeting

**April 22:** Lodge Open House

**April 26:** Stated Meeting

**April 27:** Brewing Beer at the Brew Kettle  
8377 Pearl Road, Strongsville, 5:30 PM

**May 3:** Stated Meeting

**May 17:** Stated Meeting

**May 18:** Bottling Beer at the Brew Kettle  
8377 Pearl Road, Strongsville, 5:30 PM

**May 20:** Grand Masters Reception at the Independence  
Holiday Inn

**May 24:** Officers Meeting

**June 7:** Outdoor Raising of Colton Beaver at Beaver  
Meats Pavilion: 539 E Main Street, Smithville, 7:00 PM  
Bus transportation will be available from BRT Garage:  
7885 Snowville Road, Brecksville, 5:00 PM

**June 21:** Last stated lodge meeting before summer  
break

**June 23:** Steak Roast at Dave James Farm  
2650 Columbia Road, Richfield Township, 6:00 PM

**July 22:** Harding Concordia Brewery Bus Tour  
More details to follow

**August 27:** HC #345 Golf Outing at Sleepy Hollow Golf  
Course: 9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville 1PM

**August 30:** Officers Meeting

**September 6:** First stated lodge after summer break

**September 16:** Fall Picnic

**September 20:** Stated Meeting

**September 23:** Lodge Guardians Baseball Game & Fan  
Appreciation Night at Progressive Field  
East 9th Street & Ontario Avenue, Cleveland, 7:00 PM

**September 25:** Officers Meeting

**October 4:** Stated Meeting

**October 18:** State Meeting

**October 19-20:** Grand Lodge Communication  
Kalahari Resort, Sandusky OH

**October 23:** Officers Meeting

**November 1:** Lodge Officer Election Night

**November 15:** Stated Meeting

**November 20:** Officers Meeting

**December 6:** Stated Meeting

**December 20:** Stated Meeting

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for any updates of Grand Lodge protocols during these trying times.



# L.E.O.'S CORNER

## COMMON MASONIC TERMS

Can you name additional ones to be added to the list.

1. The Seeing Eye - The All-Seeing Eye, also known as the Masonic Eye or Eye of Providence, is up there as one of the most recognized Freemason symbols. This is especially so considering it features on none other than the American dollar bill. It's been around since way back in 1797 when it was introduced in a publication of the Freemasons Monitor.

It represents the eye of God and serves as a reminder to Freemasons that God is always watching, seeing all of their actions and thoughts.

2. The Letter G - While Freemasons can't claim an entire letter of the alphabet as their own, they do use the letter G within their symbolism quite frequently. The problem is, there's a bit of contention around what it actually means.

Some say it's as simple as standing for 'God' and 'Geometry'. Others believe it represents the word 'Gnosis', meaning the knowledge of spiritual mysteries, which is a big component of Masonry. Others still devise that the letter G in ancient Hebrew had a numerical value of 3, which is highly referenced throughout history when talking about God.-

3. Square and Compasses -As well-represented as the All-Seeing Eye is, the Square and Compasses are really the most well-known or recognized Freemason symbol. The meaning behind it is quite literal, with the square representing morality in that Freemasons need to 'square [their] actions by the square of virtue with all mankind'.

The compass then measures the ability to wisely conduct actions within certain boundaries. In other words, together the Square and Compasses remind Freemasons to explore their desires and passions without stepping outside the realms of moral behavior.

4. Masonic Gavel - There are two meanings to this symbol. Firstly, it represents the authority of the Freemason yielding it, who might use his gavel to punctuate his ideas and command order like a judge in court does.

Secondly, it's a tool used to break off the rough edges of a stone. Used in this way, the Masonic Gavel can be a reminder for Freemasons to chip off certain vices and maintain a pure, moral and spiritual heart.

5. Cable Tow -A cable tow is attached to a Freemason's robe and represents a promise that he will help his Brother however much he can - as long as it's within the length of his tow rope. That's why the length of the cable tow rope is so important; it measures how capable the Brother is in terms of being able to assist his fellow Freemason.

6. 47th Problem of Euclid - Things get a bit geometrical here, so bear with us. The 47th Problem of Euclid - also known as Pythagorean Theorem - is symbolic of the need to 'square your square'. In everyday practice, this means to keep your life in order, and in building infrastructure, it is the method Freemasons follow when laying foundations

## PAST EVENTS

### HOFBRAU HOUS WITH OUR CANADIAN BRETHREN



## PAST EVENTS

### LODGE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



## PAST EVENTS

### CELEBRATING OUR CANADIAN BRETHRENS ANNUAL INSTALLATION THIS PAST FALL



## FUTURE EVENTS

### COLTAN BEAVER WILL GET HIS MM AT THE BEAVER PAVILLION!

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Dear Lodge members,

Please save the date of June 7th to see Coltan Beaver be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! I'm sure the event will be memorable along with the steak dinner! Let's all come out to honor the late Dick Beaver and bring his Grandson in to the Fraternity in true form.

Stay tuned for further details as we get closer to the event.



## MY BRETHERN, MY BRETHERN!

My Time in the East has passed. What a Privilege and an Honor it has been to serve such a Kind and Generous Brotherhood, and to Represent the BEST Lodge in the State of OHIO. At my installation, I challenged the Brothers of Harding-Concordia to recall the commitment made by our founding brethren of Concordia Lodge #345 in 1863, and to pick up the standard of Hope, Love, and Charity, 1st declared by these great men in the most desperate of times. With the backdrop of the great sacrifices made at Gettysburg during the Civil War, could we ask any less of ourselves, today? These similar commitments demonstrated by our founders were made more real when the Gettysburg Address, given by President Abraham Lincoln was delivered less than one month after our Charter of Dispensation was granted in October of 1863.



There was one additional piece of history I left out at my installation, as I was waiting to share when my time was over. Among these significant moments of history unfolding in 1863 the year of our beginnings, President Abraham Lincoln also encouraged Americans to recognize the last Thursday of November as "a day of Thanksgiving." Proceeding Congress' eventual passage of the Legislation Declaring Thanksgiving a National Holiday.

In that same Spirit, I offer my deepest and sincerest Thanks to you, my Brothers, for allowing me to lead this great group of men, for assisting me along my own Masonic Growth and Life, and for your dedication and commitment to our Lodge. And a Sincere Thanks to all of the elected and appointed officers that served so faithfully this past year. You have all responded so enthusiastically that I could not be more Proud.

Finally, as I am relieved from my duty at the Captain's Wheel, rest assured that you have one heck of a tremendous group of Men taking on their new responsibilities and settling into their new seats. WM AJ Kinney will be a sure handed Leader at the helm, and will continue to chart a Bright, Bright future for Harding-Concordia #345!

Sincerely WB Dominic Gildone, PM

## PAST EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS FUN WITH OUR SPECIAL ATHLETES



HARDING CONCORDIA



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## Order Form

Item	Color	Quantity	Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXL)	Price	Line total. (Quantity times Price)
Shirt	Charcoal			\$35	
Hat	Black			\$15	
Hat	Red			\$15	
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