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COLUMBUS, INDIANA
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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

01	Amaranth Stated	7:30
04	OES Stated	7:30
05	DeMolay Stated	7:30
06	York Rite Activity Night	7:30
07	High Point Lodge #755 Stated	9:30 AM
07	Rainbow Stated	7:00
10	Grand Master's Pilgrimage to Schofield House	
13	York Rite Chapter Stated	7:30
13	York Rite Council Stated	8:15
19	DeMolay Stated	7:30
26	St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated	7:00
27	Beauceant Stated	7:30
27	Commandery Stated	9:00

A LOOK AHEAD TO THE MAY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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Note: All times are P.M. unless stated otherwise.

*Please watch the newspaper and our Website for any meetings
not scheduled above.*

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GRAND MASTER'S PILGRIMAGE TO SCHOFIELD HOUSE: On April 10th, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Kenneth E. Willis, will be making a Grand Master's Pilgrimage to the Schofield House in Madison. Grand Master Willis will be at the Schofield House from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

All Brother Master Masons, their families and friends are invited to join in this special day. It is our hope that as members of St. Johns #20 we can make a strong showing and have as many members join the Grand Master as possible. We will be meeting at the Lodge starting at 1:30 pm and will be leaving the parking lot promptly at 2:00 pm and driving down as a group. Car pooling from the lodge will be available and we would also like to encourage any Brother who rides a motorcycle to join in the caravan as well.

If there are any questions, contact Matt Simmons, PM, at matt.b.simmons@comcast.net. We look forward to enjoying a day of fellowship in a truly unique piece of Indiana history as well as such an equally unique and important piece of Masonic history in Indiana. Grand Master Willis will be greeting all who join him with a special token given only that day.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION: As of December 31, 2010, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will no longer pay for eye surgery. All funds will be used for research.

ST. JOHNS LODGE MEETINGS: Unless otherwise noted, there will be refreshments available before and after meetings as well as access to the recreation room before meetings for fellowship. Doors will open one and one half hour prior to the beginning of the meetings.

MASONIC LIGHT

The Schofield House, also known as the Lanier-Schofield House, is an historic building located in the Madison Historic District of Madison, Indiana. Built in 1817, this Federal-style building was the first two-story brick house and the first tavern house in Madison. It was also here, on January 13, 1818, that the Grand Lodge of Indiana was founded.[1][2][3]

The first residents of the house were Alexander and Drusilla

Lanier, parents of James Lanier; they or a William Robinson may have had the house built to begin with in 1817. The house initially had a bedroom, kitchen, and tavern room on the first floor, and a sleeping lot and meeting room on the second floor. Later additions to the house allowed for the initial bedroom to be made into a parlor, and the kitchen become a dining room. [4][5]

On January 13, 1818 fourteen Masons throughout Indiana met at the upstairs meeting room, after agreeing to meet there to establish a Grand Lodge for Indiana the previous month in Corydon, Indiana. Alexander Lanier was himself a Freemason, and his newly built tavern could support a lodge room being set up in the upstairs meeting room. It was here that the constitution to start the Grand Lodge of Indiana was approved, and five lodges from Indiana demitted from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to form the initial lodges of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. There is no evidence it was ever used again for Masonic ceremonies for 150 years afterwards.[6][7]

After James Lanier sold the building, it would remain in the hands of the Schofield family. In 1972 it was acquired from the family by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Indianapolis. Three years later it was restored to become a Masonic museum, opening on April 19, 1975.[2]

Today, dues from Indiana Freemasons and donations fund the house. Admission to enter the house is charged for all who are not Freemasons. Degree work is sometimes done, but due to the smallness of the lodge room (set to be reflective of 19th century lodge rooms, and not how it looked in January 1818), only Entered Apprentice degrees are recommended there.[2]

References:

1. *Walking Tour of Historic Madison, Indiana. (Madison Area Convention & Visitors Bureau,)* pg. 6
2. <http://www.indianafreemasons.com/SchofieldHouse.html>
3. <http://www.keywestshrimphouse.com/placesof.htm>
4. *Lanier-Schofield House (pamphlet) (Lanier-Schofield House)*
5. <http://www.oldmadison.com/homes/schofield.html>
6. *Smith, Dwight L. Goodly Heritage (Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Indiana, 1968) pg.42-44*
7. *pamphlet*