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COLUMBUS, INDIANA

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**SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

01 St. Johns Lodge Fish Fry ..... 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
 03 OES Stated ..... 7:30  
 04 DeMolay Stated ..... 7:30  
 05 York Rite Activity Night ..... 7:30  
 06 High Point Lodge #755 Stated ..... 9:30 AM  
 06 Rainbow Stated ..... 7:00  
 07 Amaranth Stated ..... 7:30  
 12 York Rite Chapter Stated..... 7:30  
 12 York Rite Council Stated..... 8:15  
 18 DeMolay Stated ..... 7:30  
 25 St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated ..... 7:3  
 26 Beauceant Stated ..... 7:30  
 26 Commandery Stated ..... 9:00

**A LOOK AHEAD TO THE  
 JUNE SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

01 DeMolay Stated ..... 7:30  
 02 York Rite Activity Night ..... 7:30  
 03 High Point Lodge #755 Stated ..... 9:30 AM  
 03 Rainbow Stated ..... 7:00  
 07 OES Stated ..... 7:30  
 09 York Rite Chapter Stated..... 7:30  
 09 York Rite Council Stated..... 8:15  
 15 DeMolay Stated ..... 7:30  
 18 Amaranth Stated ..... 7:30  
 22 St. Johns Lodge #20 Stated ..... 7:30  
 23 Beauceant Stated ..... 7:30  
 23 Commandery Stated ..... 9:00  
 24 St. John the Baptist Day .....

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

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

MASONIC TEMPLE ..... 376-3266  
 4131 Rockyford Rd., Columbus, IN 47203  
[www.stjohnsldodge20.org](http://www.stjohnsldodge20.org)

**Amaranth:** Amaranth's stated meeting in June will be on the 18th.

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:** Are extended to all Members and Brothers celebrating either their physical or Masonic Birthday during the months of May and June.

### STS. JOHN DAYS.

**June 24- December 27**

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27. A lodge which forgets either forfeits a precious link with the past and loses an opportunity for the renewal of allegiance to everything in Freemasonry symbolized by these Patron Saints. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was available.

Most Freemasons are agreed that the choice of our ancient brethren was wise. No two great teachers, preachers, wise men, saints, could have been found who better showed in their lives and works the doctrine and teachings of Freemasonry.

St. John the Evangelist apparently came into our fraternal system somewhere towards the close of the sixteenth century; at least, we find the earliest authentic lodge minute reference to St. John the evangelist in Edinburgh in 1599, although earlier mentions are made in connection with that may be called relatives, if not ancestors, of our Craft. For instance "The Fraternity of St. John" existed in Cologne in 1430. "St. John's Masonry" is a distinctive term for Scotch

Lodges, many of the older of which took the name of the saint. Thus, in its early records, the Lodge of Scoon and Perth is often called the Lodge of St. John, and the Lodge possesses a beautiful mural painting of the-saint, on the east wall of the lodge room.

Other Lodges denominated "St. John's Lodges" were some of those unaffiliated with either the "Moderns" or the "Ancients" in the period between establishment of the Ancients (1751) and the Reconciliation (1813).

In many old histories of the Craft is a quaint legend that St. John the Evangelist became a "Grand Master" at the age of ninety. It seems to have its origin in a book printed in 1789, in which one Richard Linnecar of Wakefield wrote certain "Strictures on Freemasonry," although his paper is really an eulogy. Whether this writer really continued a tradition, or invented the tale which was seized upon by Oliver and kept alive as a legend, impossible though it is, no man may say.

One Grand Lodge has ruled that Sts. John's Days are Landmarks! Of course any Grand Lodge may make it's own laws, but it is beyond the power of any Grand Lodge either to make a Landmark by pronouncement, or to unmake a Landmark by denying it. Inasmuch as Landmarks are universally admitted to be handed down to us from "time immemorial", and Sts. Johns' Days as Masonic festivals, are neither extremely old nor universal among the Craft (England using Wednesday after St. George's day; Scotland St. Andrew's Day; and Ireland St. Patrick's), we must consider only that Grand Lodge's intent to honor our patron saints, and not the validity of her results.

Historians believe that only after 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge was formed, did Freemasons generally hold festival meetings on either or both June 24 and December 27.

Pay attention to the website for more information about how we, as members of St. Johns Lodge #20, are going to celebrate St. John the Baptist day this year.