

Brethren,

The Grand Master has aspirations of creating a fundraiser for the Charitable Foundation with an event that will be held on April 29, 2023, at the Canton Masonic Temple in conjunction with the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education. The event is called "The Thrilla in Vanilla" and will be a challenge between himself and Worshipful Brother Jason Short from Negley Lodge #565 in the 24th District, to see who can consume a Kitchen Sink from Taggart's Ice Cream Parlor the fastest. The current unofficial record time is 3 minutes, 26 seconds held by WB Short. Grand Master Grindle held the previous time of 3 minutes, 40 seconds for 13 months prior to WB Short's. For those who don't know what a Kitchen Sink is, it is a huge dish of ice cream (6 scoops) with all the trimmings and is a tradition in the 21st District. The Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies typically visit Taggart's every year, and the newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers partake in the Kitchen Sink Degree and if they finish it, there is a pin and a certificate awarded to them.

This event will be streamed live statewide and should prove to be quite exciting. Up for grabs to the winner is a custom championship belt and all the bragging rights. You have a unique opportunity to have your Lodge name, business name or even your personal name engraved upon the side plates of the belt by becoming a "Belt Sponsor". The cost associated with being a sponsor is \$500 and all proceeds will go to the Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation. The presentation will be made at the 21st Masonic District Grand Master's Reception which will be held at the Tadmor Shrine Center on April 29, 2023 beginning at 6:30 PM.

Please email your intent to sponsor to ewm21ddgm@gmail.com and mail checks payable to "21st Masonic District of Ohio" with "Belt sponsor" in the memo to:

Eric Muehlenbein
5639 Patrick St SW
Canton, OH 44706

As an alternative method of payment, you can send via Venmo to [ewm21ddgm@gmail.com](https://venmo.com/ewm21ddgm) with "Belt Sponsor" noted in the comments.

One caveat to the sponsorship is that the space for sponsor names is limited. Please get your sponsorship in as early as possible to ensure that you are on the belt. After the belt is full, sponsors will be engraved on a plaque that will accompany the belt. Please show your support for this fundraiser as we strive to hit or even exceed the Grand Masters goal of raising \$10,000 for the Charitable Foundation.

Fraternally,

Eric W. Muehlenbein
District Advisor
21st Masonic District

