

# VIADUCT PRESERVATION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KEYSTONE CLUB MEMBERSHIP**  
\$2,500.00 Level

**RINGSTONE CLUB MEMBERSHIP**  
\$500.00 Level

**Keystone Club Membership(s) x \$2500.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
There are 40 Keystones available, two per arch, corresponding to the 20 arches in the western portion of the viaduct. *Keystone Club Members receive lifetime membership in the GSV Society.*

**Ringstone Club Membership(s) x \$500.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friend of the Viaduct (any contribution amount)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT \*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please contact me regarding sponsoring an entire arch in the name of my high school class, a special dedication or an in memoriam sponsorship.*

*I would be interested in setting up an endowment or trust fund to benefit the Great Stone Viaduct Preservation project.*

Name(s) to be placed on bronze plaque for Keystone or Ringstone Club memberships:

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "GSV Society," and mail to **GSV Society, P.O. Box 145, Bellaire, OH 43906-0145**. You may contact us by email at [info@greatstoneviaduct.org](mailto:info@greatstoneviaduct.org). Payment can also be made by credit card or PayPal. Please go to our website at [www.GreatStoneViaduct.org](http://www.GreatStoneViaduct.org) and click on the "Donate" button. All donations to the GSV Society are fully tax deductible. The GSV Society is a non-profit, tax exempt 501 (c)3 corporation.

\*All funds will be segregated in the name of the GSV Society solely and exclusively for maintenance, protection and preservation of, and for use as matching grant funds for, the former CSX Railroad property that includes the western 20 Great Stone Viaduct arches. No part of the funds shall be used for any other purpose.

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A PDF version of this brochure and form is available on the GSV Society website at:

<http://www.GreatStoneViaduct.org/ringstone.html>

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Great Stone Viaduct, Bellaire Ohio

**WE ARE COUNTING ON  
YOUR SUPPORT SO THAT  
FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN  
ENJOY THE BEAUTY AND  
HONOR THE BUILDERS OF  
THIS MAGNIFICENT  
STRUCTURE RIGHT HERE  
IN BELLAIRE, OHIO**

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# THE GREAT STONE VIADUCT HISTORICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY

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**HELP US  
PRESERVE OUR  
HISTORIC TREASURE**

The Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society has embarked on a mission to protect and preserve the Great Stone Viaduct. The railroad traffic and the maintenance on the abandoned portion of the viaduct ceased in 1996. Since then, an overgrowth of weeds, brush and trees, as well as other environmental factors, have eroded the beauty of this historic treasure. The GSV Society wishes to protect the viaduct for future generations to enjoy.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The GSV Society, a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation, has acquired from CSX Corporation, the abandoned portion of the viaduct including 20 arches, which extends from Guernsey Street to Rose Hill, to develop walking and bicycle trails, a viaduct walk and observation area, a park and a pavilion to honor and celebrate this historical structure.

In 2021, with support from Keystone and Ringstone Club sponsors, we will be able to cheerfully celebrate the 150th anniversary of the construction of this viaduct.

Watch a concept video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/qcmW0CzUYsQ>

**YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS PRESERVATION EFFORT BY BECOMING A  
KEYSTONE OR RINGSTONE CLUB MEMBER.**



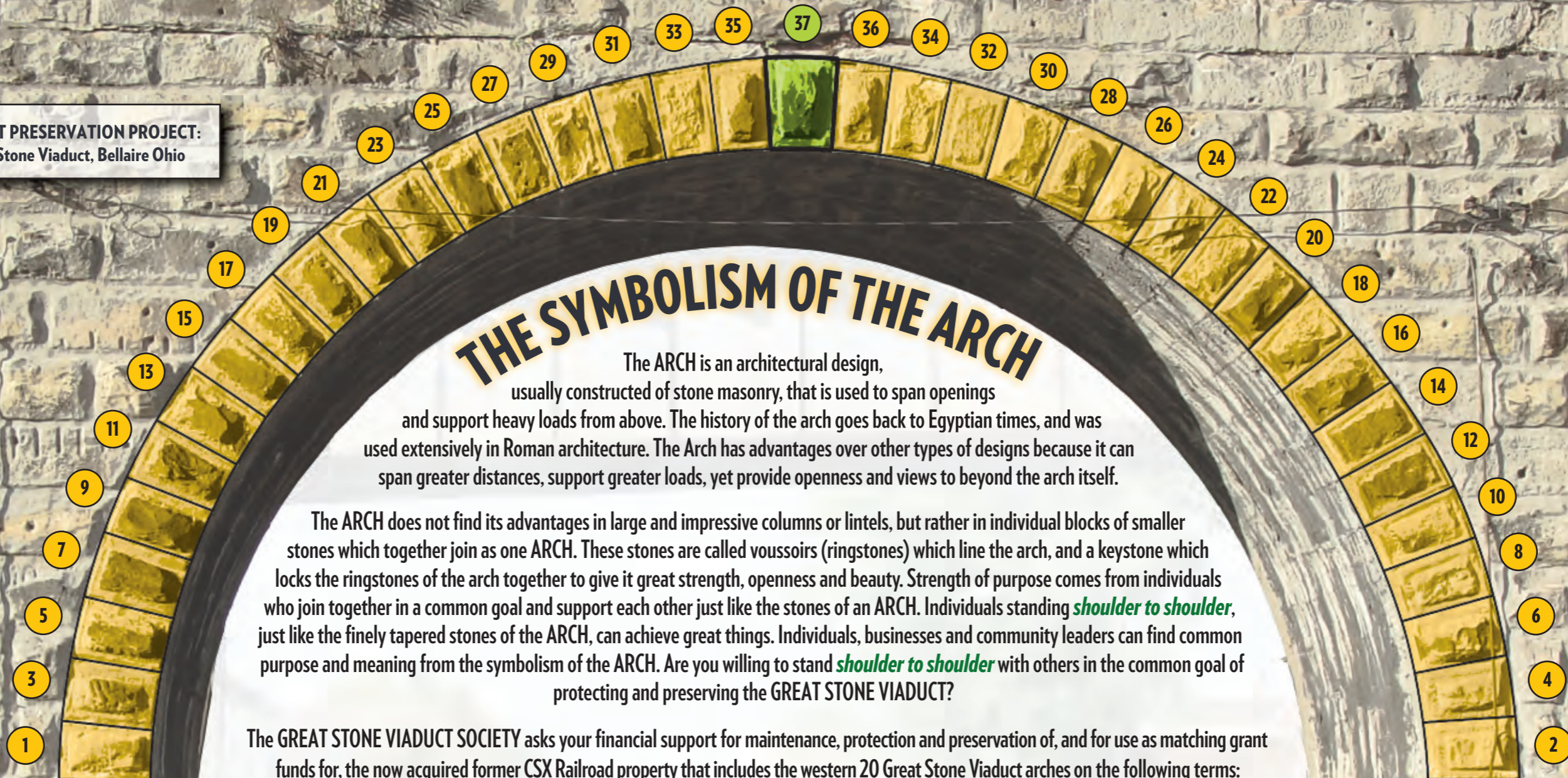
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**WHY 37 STONES?**  
The 37 ringstones and keystone of the arches represent the 37 States of the Union at the time of construction in 1870.

# THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ARCH

The ARCH is an architectural design, usually constructed of stone masonry, that is used to span openings and support heavy loads from above. The history of the arch goes back to Egyptian times, and was used extensively in Roman architecture. The Arch has advantages over other types of designs because it can span greater distances, support greater loads, yet provide openness and views to beyond the arch itself.

The ARCH does not find its advantages in large and impressive columns or lintels, but rather in individual blocks of smaller stones which together join as one ARCH. These stones are called voussoirs (ringstones) which line the arch, and a keystone which locks the ringstones of the arch together to give it great strength, openness and beauty. Strength of purpose comes from individuals who join together in a common goal and support each other just like the stones of an ARCH. Individuals standing *shoulder to shoulder*, just like the finely tapered stones of the ARCH, can achieve great things. Individuals, businesses and community leaders can find common purpose and meaning from the symbolism of the ARCH. Are you willing to stand *shoulder to shoulder* with others in the common goal of protecting and preserving the GREAT STONE VIADUCT?

The GREAT STONE VIADUCT SOCIETY asks your financial support for maintenance, protection and preservation of, and for use as matching grant funds for, the now acquired former CSX Railroad property that includes the western 20 Great Stone Viaduct arches on the following terms:

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YOU CAN HELP PRESERVE this National Historic Landmark placed on the National Register of Historic Structures in 1976, and marked by the Ohio Historical Society Marker Program in 2008. All funds will be segregated in the name of the GSV Society solely and exclusively for maintenance, protection and preservation of, and for use as matching grant funds for, the former CSX Railroad property that includes the western 20 Great Stone Viaduct arches. No part of the funds shall be used for any other purpose.

All donations to the GSV Society are fully tax deductible. **PLEASE STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER** with the GSV SOCIETY and assist in this worthy goal of protecting a historic treasure of the Ohio Valley. Please visit us at [www.GreatStoneViaduct.org](http://www.GreatStoneViaduct.org)