

Reynoldsburg Lodge #340

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Stated Meeting: 1st Tuesday 7:30PM
 September through June

Special Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays and as called by the WM

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Lodge Calendar

February

4 Stated Meeting – 6:30p Dinner, 7:30p meeting
 18 Special Meeting – 6:00p Dinner, Fellowcraft degree 7pm
 20 14th District Meeting at Sunrise Lodge
 26 Officers Meeting
 29 Community Breakfast – 8a – 10a
 Brother's Night Out Event – Curling

March

3 Stated Meeting – 6:30p Dinner, 7:30p meeting
 10 Citizenship Day
 14 Grand Master's Reception
 17 Special Meeting – Time and agenda TBA
 27-29 Aladdin Shrine Circus
 28 Community Breakfast - 8a – 10a, Reynoldsburg Lodge
 Brothers Night Out Event - TBA

April

1 Officers Meeting
 4 SYSK hosted by Reynoldsburg Lodge
 7 Stated Meeting – 6:30p Dinner, 7:30p meeting
 21 Special Meeting – Time and Program TBA
 25 Community Breakfast - 8a – 10a, Reynoldsburg Lodge
 25 Scottish Rite in Mt Vernon

Citizenship Day 2020 WBro Etienne Roserie

Citizenship Day, was tradition for Whitehall #761, and since 2019, has become the tradition of Reynoldsburg #340. We have the honor of witnessing the Naturalization Ceremony, and hosting a reception for new US citizens. We will provide cake, punch, and certificates of congratulations, honoring their accomplishment. The efforts of legal immigrants, and the naturalization process they complete to become a part of the mosaic of our great nation is not an easy task and deserves recognition.

Enacted by the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act (McCarran-Walter Act), once an immigrant obtains their green card, they need to know and learn English, need to have lived in the United States for at least five years, and are required to pass a US civics test. This also includes navigating through years of patience-testing paperwork. The reward, is the privilege of becoming a member of our great nation. For the 2019 year, Reynoldsburg brethren and their families witnessed the swearing-in of 65 petitioners, from 34 countries. Many attending the event for the first time, were moved by the experience and endeavor to share the impact it had on them throughout their travels.

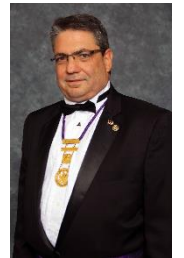
Citizenship Day is a key piece of community outreach celebrated on the 2nd Tuesday of March annually, and was conceived in 1991 by Brother Joseph David Wines of Whitehall Lodge. The event is arranged in partnership with Federal Deputy

Francis Green, who has been a liaison at the Federal Courthouse downtown Columbus (Southern District of Ohio) for many years.



From the East RWBro Ken Cohen

Time to reflect on the first quarter of our lodge term and look forward to the next (and beyond).



Whence Came We? In reflection, we had some successes. In November, we installed all the officers of the lodge and we held our inspection in the Fellowcraft degree to prove to Grand Lodge that we can properly operate as a lodge. We also held our first Ladies at the Table program, which was attended by about 35 people and was well received. I hope we will continue this program in the future. Inspection on January 14 went great. I want to thank EVERYONE who helped make the evening go perfectly.

We also have been calling the oldest 20% of our membership (about 60 members). It was very satisfying to talk to these older members for no other reason than just to check up on them. The lodge is not a building nor a group of officers. It is over 300 members who have chosen to become Freemasons and live their lives by the ideals of Freemasonry. What a pleasure to talk to some of these members. If we missed you, please call me directly as I would love to chat with you. Thanks to Bros Merle Caswell, Michael DuMolt, Charley Ashley and Harold Davis for their time and attention to this task.

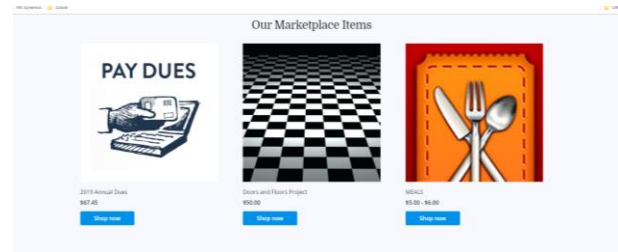


What Came We Here To Do? Upcoming, we will have a series of programs entitled Brothers Night Out. The first of these will be history by the time you read this as we go bowling on 1/26. Future activities may include attending (or playing) sporting events, and a Table Lodge. These are activities which do not involve normal lodge ritual, but let us get out and enjoy each other's company as brothers.

Reynoldsburg Lodge inherited a number of wonderful programs from Whitehall. The finest of these is Citizenship Day. During Citizenship Day, members of the lodge (any member who would like to go) attends the swearing in ceremony of dozens of new citizens of the United States. These citizens have come here on valid visas, gotten green cards to work here, lived here for five years, learned about our country and our language and CHOSEN to become Americans. There were tears in my eyes last year as I attended for the first time. Please join us this year.

Paying Your Dues/Sponsoring the Floor or any other Payment

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Brethren: WBro Harold Davis, Treasurer has set up a website where you can pay your dues, donate the floor, or make any other payment to the lodge. Just type in the link above (and below) and enter your information. The site charges a small fee to cover administrative expenses and the rest comes to the lodge. Or you can pay your dues with your normal check sent by “snail” mail (or even just come to lodge to pay your dues). You can also donate to Masonic charities through the same process.

There are about several dozen donation opportunities left for those members who want to support the recent capital improvements by adding their name or a short message to a representation of the newly installed mosaic pavement in the center of the lodge room. Squares are available at \$50 each. Make your check payable to Reynoldsburg Lodge 340, F&A.M. and print "Doors & Floors" in the memo line and mail them to the Secretary.

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From the West Bro Michael Donat

Hello Brethren!

Winter is here, and I am thankful for the mild temperatures that we have been blessed with. Sleep comes easy, and the time flies by. Have you been able to experience the satisfaction of peace that comes with rest and no digital devices?

Well, not many people do. Perhaps a century ago, we had more down time in the winter. Spending time with one's loved ones wasn't an option, it was a necessity. Joy was experienced by one's family being in good health, having plenty of food and drink stored for winter, and seeing the newest inventions and improvements designed to make life easier and more productive.

Also, inspection season is here! When most of the population consisted of farmers, metalsmiths, and labourers, inspections were a welcome respite from the endless toils of day-to-day life. Our modern life has more availability and variation regarding the types of distraction than our ancestors enjoyed, but the basis is much the same. There seems to be a pressure not to leave these newer distractions until one is weary. However, we can attend an inspection and come away feeling up to enjoying time with our loved ones afterwards.

My Brothers, be safe, work together to help those who strive for autonomy, and enjoy the blessings that God provides us with.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Since we just did Ladies at the Table in December, Ladies Night, which was previously announced for February, will be held in May.

From the South Bro Sam Cohen

Dealing with holidays, new year and installation of officers, we have had a busy schedule the last few



month. I would like to thank each member of this Lodge for their confidence in allowing me to serve you as Junior Warden for this year and will do my best to lead. As you all know, inspection season has started and I would like to ask you to consider signing up to visit other lodges. If you have not done so please contact me so I can help you get there.

In the recent past, the Grand Lodge had a number of U40 groups, which allowed members under 40 years of age to meet together. I'd like to try to organize something similar at Reynoldsburg Lodge. This group, composed of the younger members of the lodge (you get to decide if you are "younger." Noone will be turned away) will be focusing on ways to advance and modernize the Masonic experience. We'll also work to promote leadership, education creating a bond with each other. We'll have the first get together on February 22 at 5pm at the lodge. Come join us and help build something new.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our lodge meeting where we can enjoy the bond of Freemasonry and the ancient degree work of our Order.

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**From the Lodge Education
Officer
Bro Charles Ashley**

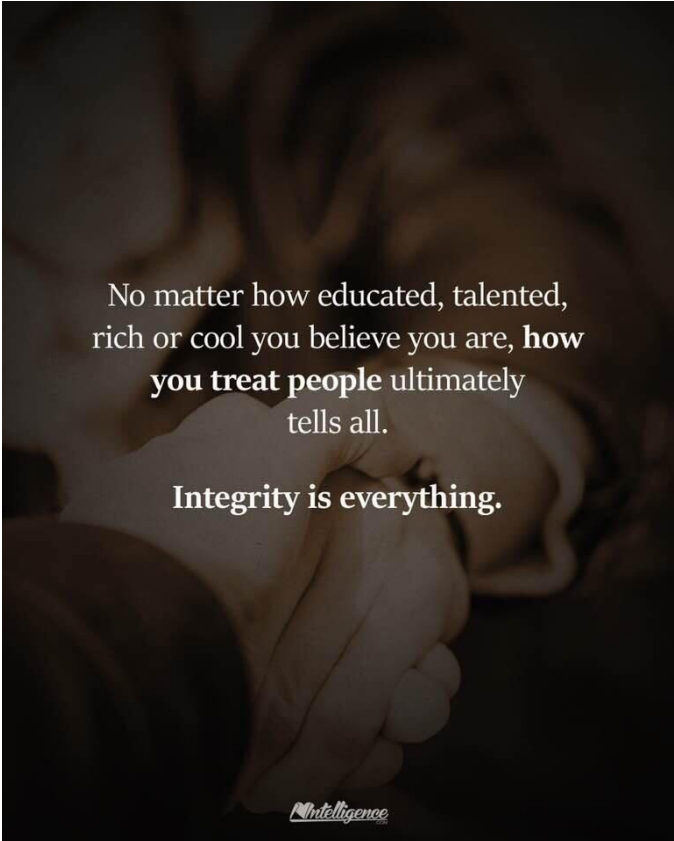


To a new Master Mason the wide world of Masonry may be a bit bewildering. Masonry branches out into a compendium of other Masonic organizations - The Scottish Rite, The York Rite, the Grotto, The Odd Fellows, the Shrine and the list goes on. Enthusiastic Brothers will ask the new Mason to petition their Masonic body. Sometimes to many choices are no choices. What to make of this? Is there a commonality among them all? I would like to offer the opinion that all the bodies owe their allegiance to just one foundation document, the Alpha and Omega of all things Masonry, our Cipher and Ritual.

Our Ritual book is well worn as we have used and studied it for countless hours, memorizing the cipher, and learning the lectures and passages. The Ritual is the foundation – set in stone, immutable and unalterable. We take seriously the admonishment to never change the ritual; never to pollute it or let it be diluted by change.

Historically, that is not true. It has never been set in stone. The Ritual has been an ever-evolving document as have Masonry. Shortly after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England the Ancient Charges was compiled and printed by Dr. James Anderson. It was known as Anderson's Constitution and published in 1723. Prior to 1717 there is no record that Freemasonry consisting of more than one degree. Scholars agree that between 1723 and in only 7 years, 1730, the second and third degrees were created. Were they just made up? Were the rituals influenced by Renaissance thought? Did they reflect the social and theological thoughts of the time? Over the remaining year, the Educational program will delve into these issues, explore the documents and manuscripts before Anderson's Constitution and follow the Ritual's evolution from England to the colonies and finally to Ohio.

Stay Tuned....



No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, **how you treat people** ultimately tells all.

Integrity is everything.

Intelligence

Calling For Topics and Speakers.

Brothers, please submit your recommendations for Topics and Speakers to LEO@mason340.com . Suggestions anytime!

From our history

In 2012, we celebrated our Sesquicentennial. Here is the official portrait from that event. BTW: this portrait was published in the Grand Lodge proceedings.



Front Row RWBro Ronald Connelly, Grand Treasurer, RWBro David Collins, Grand Chaplain, RWBro Eric Schau, Acting Senior Grand Warden (Senior Grand Deacon), WBro Ken Cohen, Worshipful Master of Reynoldsburg Lodge, MWBro Kevin B. Todd, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, RWBro Norman Mick, Acting Deputy Grand Master (Senior Grand Warden), RWBro Steve Cokonougher, Junior Grand Warden, MWBro Mike Watson, PGM, Grand Secretary

Second Row WBro Kendrick Ball, Past Master with Corn, WBro Bob Stacoffe, Past Master with Symbol of Darkness, RWBro Robert Rill, Grand Orator, WBro Rod Basye, Past Master with 2nd Lesser Light, W Bro Gary Wehr, Past Master with Carpet (Secretary), RWBro Jeff Rannebarger, Past Master with 1st Lesser Light (PM/DDGM), WBro Scott Thomas, Past Master with 3rd Lesser light, WBro Ed Kayser, Past Master with Wine, RWBro Frank Carson, Senior Grand Deacon (DDGM), RWBro Calvin Guisto, Grand Tyler

Third Row RWBro Douglas Kaylor, Grand Marshal, WBro Bill Lane, Past Master with Oil, Bro Mike Longfellow, Junior Deacon of Reynoldsburg Lodge, Bro Monroe Bradley, Chaplain of Reynoldsburg Lodge, Bro Alex Jackson, Senior Deacon of Reynoldsburg Lodge, Bro Charley Ashley, Junior Steward of Reynoldsburg Lodge (Protem), W Bro Ray Belfrage, Past Master with Great Lights, Bro Brad Love, Senior Warden of Reynoldsburg Lodge, W Bro John Wronski, Past Master of Reynoldsburg Lodge

Fourth Row W Bro Lou Carman, Junior Grand Deacon (PM adopted), Bro Jim Woodward, Senior Steward of Reynoldsburg Lodge (Junior Steward), Bro Buck Boyd, Treasurer of Reynoldsburg Lodge, RWBro Brian Bolyard, District Deputy Grand Master, Bro James Aiken, Tyler of Reynoldsburg Lodge (Protem), Bro Derek Martin, Junior Warden of Reynoldsburg Lodge



Reynoldsburg Lodge welcomes Miss Athena Ravinne Mitchell, daughter of Bro Devin Mitchell and his wife Rachael, niece of Junior Warden Bro Sam Cohen and Granddaughter of Worshipful Master Ken Cohen. Big brother, Myles kinda likes her.

Trustees Report

Christopher Baer, Chair, Etienne Roserie, PM,
David Gubanc, PM

The elected Trustees this year are WB Dave Gubanc (term expiring in 2020), WB Etienne Roserie, (term expiring in 2021) and Bro. Christopher Baer (term expiring in 2022). After a successful November and December we look forward to a full schedule of meetings, ritual work and continued use of the building by appendant bodies and others that meet on a regular or periodic basis. We have surveyed many of the non-profit organizations in the Reynoldsburg and Pickerington area that own buildings, and our daily rental rate of \$50 for members is one of the lowest in the area. Details on how to arrange daily rentals for any family or community event can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Trestleboard.

As the use of the lodge increases, the need for more maintenance, cleaning and storage capacity also increases. It is therefore the duty of the Trustees to assure that duplicate assets and items no longer needed or used and subsequently taking up valuable storage space are declared excess and sold, traded, recycled or disposed as soon as possible. It is also important that all our members know that the lodge is not a depository for personal items, nor should items be lent to the lodge with the expectation that they will be returned if they are no longer needed. It is not possible for the Trustees to keep track of such items and assure they don't get mixed in with assets that were purchased or donated for the lodge's use.

At this time the lodge has several items for sale on ebay, the list of which can be obtained from the Trustees, or viewed at the lodge. Excess assets are added every month, per the current standing resolutions.

As always, we remain in service to the Great Architect of the Universe, our brothers and their families.



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