

26 Grand Master's One Day Class

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

January

- 4 Stated Meeting
- 11 Trip to Groveport-Lockbourne 801 Inspection
- 15 OSU Hockey
- 18 Special or Practice
- 23 Officers Meeting
- 25 Special or Practice
- 29 Community Breakfast, 8-10am
- 30 Bowling Party

February

- 1 Stated Meeting
- 5 RCA Spaghetti Dinner - Messiah Lutheran Church 5-8p
- 15 Special or Practice
- 19 Wives and Widows Dinner
- 26 Community Breakfast

March

- 1 Stated Meeting
- 12 Grand Master Reception - Villa Milano
- 13 Master/Warden Dinner - Aladdin Shrine
- 15 Special or Practice
- 22 Inspection Dinner & EA degree
- 26 Community Breakfast

From the East WM Samuel Cohen

Hello Brothers!

I hope each of you had a wonderful New Year as did I.



Your Lodge Officer's and I have many activities planned: OSU Hockey on January 15th with more detail to come, Wives and Widow night, visiting a DeMolay meeting and many others and I encourage each of you to join the fun. The Stewards have planned some pre-meeting dinners at local restaurants such as Taco Tempe, Prost or walking/ driving distance from the Lodge. We'd like you to come to the meeting, but if you prefer, you can just join us for dinner. The Stewards are also looking for guys who are willing to prepare a meal for Lodge. Let them know if you'd like to help out.

We will hold a Past Masters Night sometimes in Spring before going dark for Summer (more details will come soon), and the Past Masters will be opening and closing Lodge as well as performing a degree. Come and see if they still know their stuff. I'd also invite any of you that want to study our ritual to join us for our practices (held every Tuesday when we do not have a meeting) and to sit in a station for a degree. Whether you want to move through the line or just help out once in a while, it's a great way to learn more about our ritual.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, questions, or just need someone to talk to because I want to build a bond with as many of you as possible. It is

also more fun to fill the Lodge room with Brothers just enjoying the time with each other.

From the West Bro Michael DuMolt



Recently, I attended the installation of our dear friend WB Benji Okwumabua as the Master of Pleasant Valley Lodge #351. Congratulations and best wishes to all their officers for a very successful year. It pleased me to see they had a newly made EA and two petitioners in attendance. They are clearly setting the stage for a good year.

I also had the pleasure to hear our MW Timothy Scott Wheeland speak. In his comments to the Lodge, he spoke of reflecting on Freemasonry. Are you the Mason you want to be? I agree with the MW, we should examine ourselves and answer that question. I know for me, it is not about leaning all the lectures, being able to recite the ritual, but rather to look deeper into myself and ask what I can do for myself and my Brethren to help us all to be better Masons. Anyone that knows me is aware that I love the ritual work and practice. For me, there is nothing as satisfying as meeting for practices and having that time to have fun and learn together. But beyond that, what can I do to help my Brethren? What can I do to improve myself? I want to be there when a Brother needs someone to talk to, when they need to call on me for a ride, or just need someone to sit with.

I mentioned in the previous Trestleboards that one of our Lodge's focuses for the coming future is to get Brethren back to Lodge. "Let's fill the seats!" is the moto. I implore you to ask yourself, "What is keeping me from Lodge?" Are there transportation issues that we can help with? Is there some grievance with other Brethren? If there are, I ask that you please make me aware of it and let's work together, as Brothers, to resolve it.

I will be sending letters to those Brethren that are currently listed as "Failure to Advance." These Brethren have completed at least one degree and are pending completion of the Fellowcraft and/or Master Mason degree. The 14th District will be hosting a One Day

Class to be held 26 March 2022. The Time is 8am (performing two degrees before lunch, and one after). The Location will be Northwest Temple, 2436 West Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235. You will need to contact the Secretary Etienne Roserie at 614-632-9186 no later than 1 March 2022 to register for the One Day Class. You will only need to attend for the degrees that are remaining for you to complete. However, you are most welcome to attend for all three degrees. If you wish to advance in the traditional manner, we would be very pleased to work with you on scheduling you for the next degree in your progression..

We are continuing to have our practices on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, excluding any specials for degrees called by the Master. This is an excellent time to visit and get back Lodge. Our goal during practice is to focus on the details of the degrees and most of all to have FUN.

If you have not already done so, please visit the Grand Lodge webpage to either register and/or update your profile. This is an excellent way to stay up to date with the Lodge events as we utilize the email function of the page to get information out.

https://oh.grandview.systems/public_lodges/landing_page

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-312-6304 or gmdumolt@gmail.com for any reason, I am here for you, our Brethren, and our Lodge.

You can also visit our website calendar for future practices beyond what is listed below
<https://www.mason340.com>

Thank you, Brethren! We look forward to seeing you all. "Let's fill the seats!"

Lodge Education Officer

RWB Ken Cohen

Our friend, WBro Michael Clevenger of New England Lodge No. 4 sums up our sentiment in the meme below.



When the WM was planning his term, he asked me to serve as Lodge Education Officer. After I agreed to do so, I was also asked to serve for one year as a District Deputy Grand Master, but thanks to a talented team of assistants (WBros Brad Love, Bob Stacoffe and Bro Charley Ashley), we will still be able to provide a well-rounded program for our Lodge.

There are two different aspects to Lodge education. First of all, new members require “care and feeding.” The education program will help manage candidates from the time they are elected, through their Threshold experience, then after each degree as their Assigned Master Craftsman works with them to understand each degree.



Currently, we have a BUNCH of prospective members and if a significant portion of them join the Lodge (as I expect) then we'll need Assigned Master Craftsman. I have found in my interactions with education (within and outside of Freemasonry), that the teacher often learns as much as the student, so I encourage ANYONE who wants to learn more about Freemasonry for THEMSELVES, volunteer to help mentor a candidate. The LEO and assistant LEOs (as well as several other knowledgeable Brothers) will be happy to help YOU work with a candidate. We're always there to help with answers to your questions or to fill in while you are on vacation. Just contact Ken Cohen (ken.cohen@mason340.com) to volunteer.

The SECOND aspect to Lodge education is educating members. We are planning a number of different types of programs, from discussions of Masonic topics, to presentations about Masonry, to exploring other Masonic bodies, to exploration of esoteric Masonry, to learning about Freemasonry in other places. We have already had a program from a Brother in the Grand Lodge of Togo, plan a program on Freemasonry in South January 2022

America and other interesting programs. Please join us at Lodge for these programs.

In the 5 minutes before Lodge:

As a Master Mason, when I take my apron out of its case to put on before a Lodge meeting, I take a moment in that act to reflect on what I am doing. Physically I am affixing a Masonic Apron to my waist. We are told in the Apron Lecture that this is the badge of a Mason and should be worn with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity.

Symbolically, I am clothing myself as a Master Mason and preparing to enter a space representing the Sanctum Sanctorum, or Holy of Holies, and dedicated to God & The Saints John.

The white of my apron representing the purity of desire to live an honorable and unblemished life. The border reminds me of the courtyard of the temple, and the all-seeing eye on the bordered bib reminds me of God's presence in the Sanctum Sanctorum as well as His Divine Providence watching over my life both in and out of Lodge.

Affixed to either side of my apron, there are 2 tassels. The Leather representing the two columns of the outer porch of Solomon's Temple. Reminding me that as I passed through those columns to receive each degree, I am again about to pass through them to enter the Lodge room. Just as then, I entered ready to receive instruction and grow in Freemasonry, I again enter in the same mindset.

The leather tassels are capped at the end in silver. From each of those caps hang seven chains and seven pomegranates. These are symbolic of the pomegranates that were affixed to the hem of the High Priest's robe when he entered the Holy of Holies. Their sound was an indication that the High Priest was clothed in proper manner and had been prepared to enter.

As such, it reminds me as a Master Mason, that I should be properly clothed and prepared both in my mind and heart to enter the Lodge room.

The sound of those pomegranates was also a sign of life, that the High Priest was performing his duties in the Holy of Holies.

This is also a symbolic reminder to me that Freemasonry is lived in and out of Lodge. Every time I pass my apron case at the door of my office, I am reminded anew of all the above thoughts, symbols and lessons.

As a Master Mason, I strive to build my spiritual temple not as a monument to my achievements, but as a monument to God. A place where my wife and son can thrive and grow. A place that they can know the kind of man that I am and that they are part of my masonic journey as well.

-Drew Martin
Social Lodge No.1 F&AM

REYNOLDSBURG LODGE 340 POLO SHIRTS FOR SALE

Please be advised that Navy Blue Sport-Tek polo shirts with the Lodge logo on the left breast will be available for sale in early to mid-January, 2022. Prices are the same as in 2021. Size XL and smaller are \$25 each. Size 2XL and larger are \$30 each.

If interested, please place your order with WB Harold Davis, Treasurer, with your name, size, quantity, check or money order no later than 1/29/2022. The shirts should be available within 2 to 3 weeks after the order is placed.



The Scottish Rite NMJ Presents The Masonic Hall of Fame: Extraordinary Freemasons in American History November 1, 2021 to October 25, 2024

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library presents “The Masonic Hall of Fame: Extraordinary Freemasons in American History,” a new exhibition that showcases inspiring American Freemasons and introduces visitors to the history of Freemasonry in the United States.

Hall of Fame

Throughout the exhibition, visitors will meet extraordinary Masons who, through their outsized contributions to Freemasonry, government, the arts, and other pursuits, made a profound impact on their world and ours. Ten Hall of Fame inductees will be featured this year, and more will be added in 2022 and 2023.

- Benjamin Franklin
- George Washington
- Prince Hall
- Lewis & Clark
- Mark Twain
- Harry Truman
- John A. Lejeune
- Irving Berlin
- John Glenn
- John Lewis

Notable and Everyday Americans

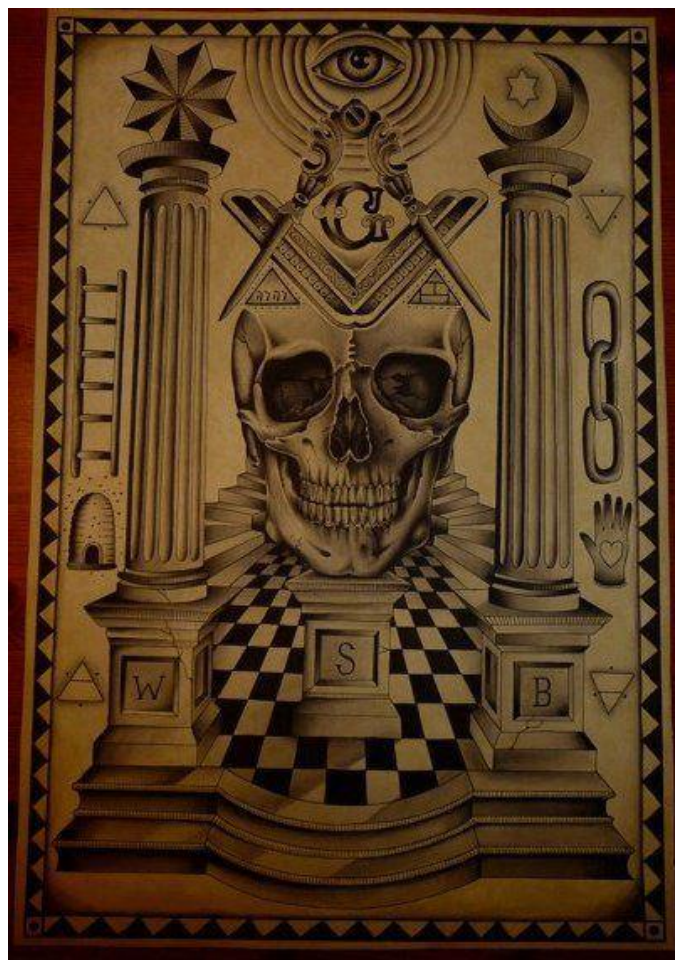
Drawing on images and objects from the Museum

& Library's collection, the exhibition also looks at the history of Freemasonry in the United States from its beginnings in the 1700s to the present day. Visitors will encounter both remarkable and everyday Freemasons who helped to build communities, establish charitable institutions, and shape American society. Rooted in the fraternal bonds and connections between members, Freemasonry continues to play an important part in the lives of members and their families. "The Masonic Hall of Fame: Extraordinary Freemasons in American History" illuminates some of the ways that the United States and Freemasonry have grown, thrived, and changed together.

From <https://www.srmml.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/hall-of-fame/>

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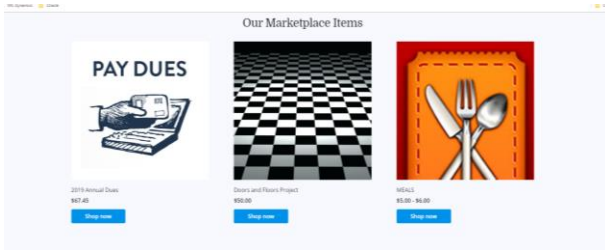


Calling For Topics and Speakers.

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

Paying Your Dues/Sponsoring the Floor or any other Payment

<http://bit.ly/2msdk5e>



Brethren: WBro Harold Davis, Treasurer has set up a website where you can pay your dues, donate to the newly renovated 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.

Trustee Corner

To recap, our 40-year-old roof was replaced with a new very high quality "Harbor Blue" roof in late November. After extensive negotiation and discussion with our insurance company, we were able to offset the cost of the roof by over \$13,000 which allowed the Lodge to replace a roof costing over \$20,000 for a little more than \$6,000. Pictures of our completed roof are shown below.



Now it is time to improve the quality and appearance of the finished walls in the unisex restroom in Godfrey Hall. We are currently collecting bids and reviewing them with the help of our officers to put together a solid plan for renovation.

We are also focused on replacing the exhaust system in our kitchen, which became an issue when our existing fan expired and was disconnected for safety reasons. This is an improvement we have been discussing for some time, and hope that we can present some solid alternatives to the officers in the next month or so for selection.

It is our plan to offer the 11 wood chairs acquired from New England Lodge and declared excess in October,

2021 to our members at an internal auction to be held sometime during the first quarter of 2022. Information about the auction will be communicated to the membership via email.



As a reminder, our daily rental rate is \$50 for Lodge members and members of our lessees. Details on how to arrange daily rentals for any family or community event can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Trestleboard.

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

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The Esoteric Freemason

Bro. Jack Freund

I'm back! I checked and the last Trestleboard that I edited happened about a year before the pandemic. I needed to take a break to focus on some family things and I was very thankful to the WMs for giving me the time I needed. Now that I have



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Reynoldsburg Lodge #340 Trestleboard

returned as Editor, I wanted to write a regular column to share some of the Masonic things that I have been learning and contemplating. Thus we have this column, *The Esoteric Freemason*, which I hope will allow me to share the more obscure and symbolic things I've been learning about and that have originally attracted me to Freemasonry to begin with.

This time, I want to share some thoughts I had on the nature of failure. In reading *The Masonic Initiation* by W. L. Wilmshurst, I came across this line that caught my attention:

You cannot cast away your stone. It is ourself. You cannot evade it and its responsibilities by resigning or remaining absent from the Brotherhood in which you first acquired the stone. Once a Mason, always a Mason: in this world and in worlds to come.

What an amazing bit of prose with so much to unpack. It turns out that there was a part of a more ancient Masonic tradition and practice where a candidate was given an actual stone that represented their rough ashlar. It was to be kept in their pocket much the same way as the tradition of a challenge coin is done today. Except instead of buying another Brother a beer if you couldn't produce the stone, you were to feel this stone in your pocket every day as a reminder of the need to perfect yourself. The revelation that this stone produced in the candidate (namely laying bare their imperfection) was to effectively yoke them with the understanding that 1) they were imperfect and 2) their charge, for the remainder of their lives, was to work towards perfecting themselves. What was true then is also true now: once you "awaken" to the idea that we are never "done" as Masons and human beings, it's difficult to ever go back to the naïve belief that we are perfect and without sin.

The even greater revelation that we need to internalize is that we will *never* be done working on perfecting ourselves. Indeed, perfection is beyond our grasp as mortal beings. We will never be able to master all knowledge, be charming and alluring in all social situations, deliver the correct and proper emotional reaction to our family, friends, and coworkers when they need it, or physically conduct our bodies in the exact way that is needed when the

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moment calls for it. This my Brothers is what failure looks like.

We need to become comfortable with our own failures to the point where we don't use failure as a reason to no longer try. Nor should we take successes that we have as a reason to not pursue perfection elsewhere. I've often heard this called "being brave enough to suck at something new." Indeed, research has shown that cognitive health and intelligence are closely related to curiosity in learning new subjects and disciplines.

In my time studying the Japanese martial art of Aikido, I've learned several proverbs that I've been able to connect philosophically to Masonry. Two that I'm fond of remind me of this notion of a physical and metaphorical rough ashlar in my pocket. The first is the proverb "Nana korobi ya oki" which is translated as "Fall down seven times, stand up eight." In Aikido your partner throws you to the ground using some technique and then you stand up and do it all over again. The metaphor here is obvious: your physical ability to pull yourself up off the ground and do it again is something that you continually have to work on. But the deeper metaphysical meaning is there too: you will fail at things again and again. The value is not in executing all aspects of your life perfectly but in continuing to work on it even after you have failed. Clearly, the Japanese would find something familiar in Wilmshurst's stone parable.

The second proverb that resonated with me is from Miyamoto Musashi's *The Book of Five Rings*. Musashi was one of the (if not the) greatest Japanese swordsman. He got so bored beating people with a regular sword that at one point he starting using a boat oar. The quote from his book that I like is "It will be difficult at first, but everything is difficult at first." How true this is!

Part of the reason I needed some time away from being Editor is that I was having a baby. Even though this was my third child (14, 9, and now 2), I forgot how hard it is for little ones to learn, well, everything: walking, eating, talking, etc. The older ones have trouble learning things too: algebra, geography, etc. I recall how difficult it was last summer teaching the 9-year-old how to tell time with an analog clock. When I teach students Aikido, I forget how hard things were when I started. Things that I make

look easy are difficult for new students. These students think that I've always had this ability but they don't see nine years of hard work. The truth is that we often mistake effort for talent. Where once was a rough stone, now it is smooth.

As we think about how to incorporate these lessons in our own lives, I would implore you to make a list of things in which you are interested but are not skilled. You should always have a list of what's next for you to work on: Masonic ritual, backgammon, chess, CrossFit, frisbee golf, law, sailing, public speaking, escape rooms, tennis, etc. Always have something on the list for you to fail at next. I've taken classes in international law (I didn't do well) and company board governance (I failed the exam the first time, but passed the second).

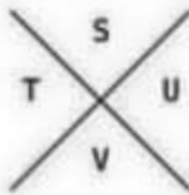
About ten years ago I had the pleasure of giving a Masonic education talk in our Lodge room. I began with a quote from the movie *Fight Club* where the main character asked everybody if they died today, what would they wished they had done. In the movie one person said build a house and another said paint a self-portrait. I had hoped that I could encourage similar conversation amongst our Brethren. Well, it didn't go quite the way I had hoped. I began by saying I wished I would have spent more time with my then 4-year-old daughter. And then everyone realized that they too would like to have spent more time with their family. While these were good answers, I wanted to plumb everyone's ideas for self-improvement and exploration. I failed at this lecture then but I hope I was able to express this lesson better in this column than I was back then. Which parts of your stone would you have wished you would have smoothed more before you are no longer here? What would you wished you'd failed at before you no longer have the chance to try anymore?

We will all never have enough time to do all things we want but it's less about the completion of those things and more about the pursuit. As for me, I have a great list of things that I'm looking forward to failing at and I hope you do too.

Pigpen/Masonic Cipher (Freemason Cipher)

The example key on the right shows one way the letters can be assigned to the grid. For each letter of the plain text you would replace it with a symbol corresponding to the section of the key that the letter appears inside.

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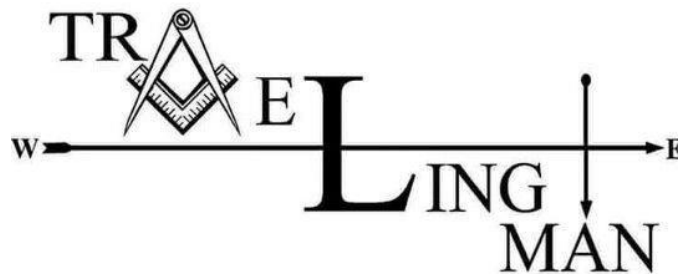


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2022 Annual Inspection Attendance Schedule for Reynoldsburg 340

Lodge	Address	Day	Date	Degree
University	2436 W.Dublin-Granville Rd, Cols	Tuesday	January 4, 2022	FC
Groveport-Lockbourne	5905 Saltzgaber Rd, Grovept	Tuesday	January 11, 2022	EA
Hiram	51 W. William St., Delaware	Tuesday	January 18, 2022	MM
Linden	2436 W.Dublin-Granville Rd, Cols	Thursday	January 20, 2022	FC
Community	2436 W.Dublin-Granville Rd, Cols	Tuesday	January 25, 2022	MM
Arts & Sciences	3980 Main St., Hilliard	Thursday	January 27, 2022	MM
Triangle	211 W. Johnstown Rd., Ghna	Thursday	February 3, 2022	FC
Blendon	130 S. State St., Westerville	Monday	February 7, 2022	MM
Capital City	2436 W.Dublin-Granville Rd, Cols	Friday	February 11, 2022	EA
Sunrise	211 W. Johnstown Rd., Ghna	Tuesday	February 15, 2022	FC
Neoacacia	130 S. State St., Westerville	Wednesday	February 16, 2022	MM
Goodale	2933 Valleyview Rd., Cols.	Monday	February 21, 2022	EA
New England	2436 W.Dublin-Granville Rd, Cols	Monday	February 28, 2022	FC
Canal Winchester	651 Groveport Rd., Cnl-Win.	Wednesday	March 2, 2022	EA
York	2436 W.Dublin-Granville Rd, Cols	Monday	March 7, 2022	MM
Magnolia	2933 Valleyview Rd., Cols.	Tuesday	March 8, 2022	FC
Avery	3980 Main St., Hilliard	Tuesday	March 15, 2022	MM
Sparrow	85 Morning St., Sunbury	Saturday	March 19, 2022	FC
West Gate	2925 W. Broad St., Cols.	Monday	March 21, 2022	MM
Reynoldsburg	7350 Broadwyn, Ryndsbg	Tuesday	March 22, 2022	EA
Grove City	3558 Park St., Grove City	Monday	March 28, 2022	EA

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