

## Reynoldsburg Lodge #340

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

Special Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays and as called by the WM

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### Lodge Calendar

#### October

- 30 Public Breakfast
- 31 Halloween

#### November

- 2 Lodge Annual Meeting and election 7:30pm
- 7 Daylight Savings Time ends – Fall back 1 hour
- 9 Candidate Night 6pm
- 9 Practice or special 7pm
- 16 Special Meeting (degree TBA)
- 20 Awards Night and Installation (starting 3pm)
- 23 Practice or special
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 27 Breakfast with Santa (8-11 am)
- 28 Officers Meeting

#### December

- 4 Christmas on the Towne (10am-2pm)
- 7 Stated Meeting
- 14 Candidate Night 6pm
- 14 Practice or Special
- 19 Officers Meeting
- 21 Special Meeting (degree TBA)
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Practice or special



### From the East

#### WBro Michael Donat

Brethren,

For the most part, this year has been a learning experience for me. I considered it my duty to bring in new members and give degree work most of all. The

Reynoldsburg area is blessed with people who seek purpose and are not completely bound by the vices that consume the unwary. This, more than anything else, is what I attribute our new membership to.



When we were primarily an agrarian society, where people built homes, made clothes, and crafted items to benefit families – when people were made to understand the value of having a trade and contributing to society – men sought wisdom by participating in organizations such as our own. However, in this era of instant communication and gratification, it is easy to lose sight of the interconnected nature of society, paying too much attention to the noises coming from the phone.

Our society now allows for people to be self-absorbed. This may make it more difficult for some of the young people to keep the connections required for personal growth, building family structures, and charitable behavior. We need to be aware of this weakness when we observe it. Developing methods, both subtle and overt, to remind people to be inclusive, spend time helping others, and to have a charitable spirit, would be beneficial.

WBros Ken Cohen and David Gubanc have been instrumental leaders for many aspects of the work performed by the lodge. These activities include fundraising events and direction for prospective members. I thank them profusely. Without them, the lodge would not have been as successful. WBros Michael DuMolt and Brad Love are leading our ritual committee, and I am thankful that the newer members are interested in attending those meetings and improving their presentations. WBro Benjamin Okwumabua and Bro Cohen are promoting the lodge with their larger actions through the fraternity. WBro Robert Stacoffe is keeping the history of Freemasonry alive with his presentations.

It has been a pleasure being the Master of Reynoldsburg Lodge this year. I look forward to participating in functions for years to come, and see improvement for the future of our lodge.

Michael Donat  
Reynoldsburg Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons #340

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## From the West Bro Sam Cohen

The holidays are fast approaching and I hope all the brothers will find time to spend with their family and friends, but things are Reynoldsburg Lodge are also getting busy.



Santa will be making two trips to the lodge. Breakfast with Santa will take place from 8 to 10am on Saturday after Thanksgiving and Christmas on the Towne the following weekend. Bring the kids, grandkids, family and friends for one or both of these events.

On November 2, the lodge will hold our annual meeting to elect the 2021/2022 officers. On November 20, we will hold our awards and installation beginning at 3. More details further down in the Trestleboard.

As you see from the calendar, there are lots of fun events planned as well date we would like to invite you to come and bond with the brothers. My goal, if I'm elected Worshipful Master, is to work hard with the officers to involve as many members as possible and to make lodge having fun.

I would like to thank Mike Donat for his hard work and leadership this past year in the lodge. I will do my best to follow in his example.



Senior Warden Cohen has announced some of his plans for the 2021/2022 year.

**November:**

20<sup>th</sup>-Installation at 3pm  
27<sup>th</sup>- Breakfast with Santa  
28<sup>th</sup> – Officer Meeting

**December:**

4<sup>th</sup>- Community Santa in Town 10am-2pm  
19<sup>th</sup>- Officer Meeting  
TBA: Ice Skating

**January:**

4<sup>th</sup>- Stated Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Officer Meeting  
TBA: Snow Tubing/Ski

**Febuary:**

20<sup>th</sup> – Officer Meeting  
TBA: Wife/Widows Night

**March:**

12<sup>th</sup>- Grand Master Reception  
20<sup>th</sup> -Officer Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> – One Day Class  
22<sup>nd</sup> -Inspection  
TBA: DeMolay Month(Visit Chapter)

**April:**

27<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting  
TBA: Trip to Museum  
TBA: Shrine Easter Hunt

**May:**

26<sup>th</sup>-Officer Meeting  
TBA: King Island/Cedar Point

**June:**

TBA: Lodge Picnic  
TBA: Masonic Home Day  
TBA: District Golf Outing

**July:**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
TBA: Camping weekend/Outdoor Master Mason Degree

**August:**

TBA: Tomato Festival  
TBA: Clean up Day

**September:**

Millersport Sweet Corn Festival

**October:**

Community Halloween Event

## From the South Bro Michael DuMolt



Hello Brethren,

It is an exciting time in our lodge. We have many upcoming events for the holiday season and several degrees to confer. The officers are making many changes to enhance the atmosphere in the lodge. The incoming Worshipful Master has made a sound plan for 2022, including many events geared toward to lodge members and families. We have planned Ladies Night in February, events planned for Brothers' Nights Out, table lodge and plenty of family events.

Additionally, we have formed a membership committee to reach out to our brethren. In the coming year each of you should be receiving either a letter or phone call from this committee. We are interested in knowing what we can do for you. What can be changed or included to help you engage with the lodge and become a more active member? Is there something you would like to see the lodge do or participate in? I strongly believe if you ask any of the officers, "Are we willing to change?" The unanimous answer would be yes.

The bottom line is we need you! If we wish our lodge to grow and become a more involved member of the Reynoldsburg community, we must make additional attempts to participate in the community events. There are so many events we could participate in, not just in Reynoldsburg, but also in neighboring communities, all we need are brothers to do so! There are activities that our families could benefit from and things we can take our kids and grandkids to.

As mentioned in the previous Trestleboard, one focus of our lodge for the near future is to get Brethren back to lodge. "Let's fill the seats!" I implore you to ask yourself, "What is keeping me from lodge?" At this time, we currently have just a few brethren doing the bulk of the work that is needed to keep our lodge thriving. I, as your Junior Warden, am asking for your help. Please come out and support your lodge.

You are aware of all the needed tasks that are required to get a candidate from being a petitioner to a Master Mason (and then to truly become a Mason) (Investigation committees, Master Craftsmen, and help

with conferring the Degrees). I am not asking you to perform a lecture or sit as the Master to confer a degree. In the future we will be conducting multi-Candidate degrees and perhaps some Grand Master (one day) classes. These bring new challenges for the lodge. Extra hands are needed to properly perform the degrees, things as simple as moving lodge furniture to the right place at the right time during the degree. In addition to these items for candidates, we also need help with the special events. For example, we can always use extra hands with the monthly breakfast.

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 any questions, please feel free to contact me at (614) 312-6304 or [gmdumolt@gmail.com](mailto:gmdumolt@gmail.com) for any reason, I am here for you (our brethren) and our lodge.

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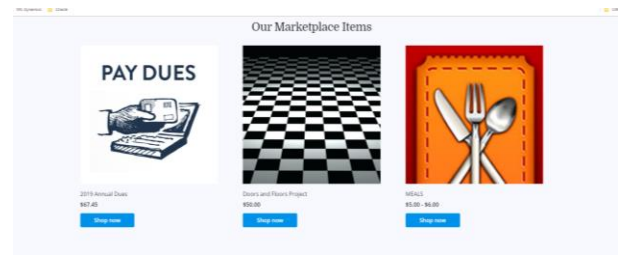
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### Calling For Topics and Speakers.

Brothers, please submit your recommendations for Topics and Speakers to [LEO@mason340.com](mailto:LEO@mason340.com) .  
Suggestions anytime!

## 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 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.

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## Trustee Corner

The big news from the Trustees this quarter is the replacement of our 40 year old roof. This comes at the end of lengthy negotiations with our insurance company to address wind damage and missing shingles observed over the last year. We are hopeful that insurance will reduce the lodge's outlay of cash for this roof replacement by about 50%. The ultimate result will be a longer life and higher quality roof which meets current code and will serve our lodge many years into the future. We are hopeful this roof replacement project will be completed before our annual meeting on November 2, 2021.

As we prepare for our new Masonic year, we would like to close out the Doors and Floors project by collecting the \$50 donations we need to complete our donor plaque which will be located in our lodge room to memorialize the contributions of our members to improve the physical appearance of our facilities.

As we head into the holiday season, remember 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.

We want to remind our members 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.

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

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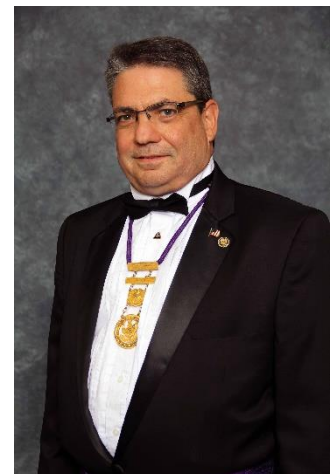
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## Kudos

Congratulations to WBro Kendric Ball who was named "Rose" of the Croix by the Scottish Rite!



RWBro Ken Cohen has accepted a renewed commission from MWBro Tim Wheeland to serve as a District Deputy Grand Master for the 14<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. RWBro Cohen previously served as a DEO and as a DDGM under MWBros Rill and Kaylor. Congratulations to both of these brothers.

Hearty congratulations and a cordial welcome to our new District Deputy Grand Master Clifford Nicol, who has been assigned to work with this lodge in the coming year. The DDGM serves as the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, helping the lodge to follow the Grand Lodge code and become a better lodge.





## Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge was recently held in Sharonville, Ohio. Most Worshipful Brother Timothy S. Wheeland has been elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. MWBro Wheeland's theme is Reflect on Freemasonry and his catch phrase is "Let's Make Masons!"

In his first edict, the Grand Master allows us to make Masons in any way possible. We can now conduct Grand Master's classes as many times as we need to upon single or multiple candidates, in one day or over multiple dates. This flexibility will help each lodge reach its goal of ten new Master Masons for lodges over 75 members. If all lodges meet this goal, we will finally halt the ever decreasing number of members in Ohio.

Also serving in the grand line are Grand Chaplain, RWBro Tim Ward, Grand Tyler, RWBro Greg Brewer and Junior Grand Deacon, RWBro Ward Weber II.

## Telling your Masonic Story

You're on an elevator and you happen to be wearing a Masonic ring. The man riding with you notices your ring and asks you about Freemasonry. What do you tell him? We'll look at this idea during some meetings this year, but here are some questions that might be used to guide your thoughts:

Why did you join Freemasonry?

- What were you looking for?
- Did you have a Masonic history?
- Tell me about the moment you asked: Who did you ask, where were you, etc?

Why did you join this Lodge?

- Was there a personal connection?

Why do you stay in this Lodge?

- The people. What do you mean by that?
- What are the traditions that you think are important?
- What does this Lodge give you that another Lodge couldn't?

What do you get out of being a Mason?

- Fellowship. Is Masonic fellowship different than what you would get elsewhere?
- Given a choice between going home and watching a game and coming to Lodge, why do you come to Lodge?

Each of us is someone's first impression about Freemasonry.





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