

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

March

- 2 Stated Meeting 7:30 p
- 9 Rehearsal for Inspection 7p
- 11 Inspection in Master Mason Degree 6:15 p first section, 7p second section – NO MEAL AT THE LODGE
- 13 Grand Masters Reception (by reservation only)
- 16 Special Meeting – Topic and location TBD – 7p
- 27 – April 4 Passover
- 23 Practice – EA degree – 7p
- 30 Practice – FC degree – 7p

April

- 4 Easter Sunday
- 6 Stated Meeting – 7:30 p
- 13 Practice – degree TBD – 7p
- 20 Special Meeting – Topic and location TBD – 7p
- 27 Practice – degree TBD – 7p

May

- 4 Stated Meeting – 7:30 p
- 9 Mother’s Day
- 11 Practice – degree TBD – 7p
- 18 Special Meeting – Topic and location TBD – 7p
- 25 Practice – degree TBD – 7p

In Memorial Worshipful Brother Edward Charles Kayser

Initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 23, 1976
 Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 27, 1976
 Raised to the Sublime Degree of
 Master Mason on May 22, 1976
 Served as Worshipful Master 1984
 Served as District Education Officer 1991-1993
 Passed from Labor to eternal rest on February 15, 2021
 May his memory always be a blessing

From the East WBro Michael Donat



Brethren,

Well wishes to our families and people close to us. Valentine’s Day has recently passed, but I didn’t hear much about it this year. Valentine’s Day is about taking the risk to attempt to take unrequited love toward the start of a relationship, or, more often, to reaffirm the bonds of love and not take your relationships for granted. Keep your loved ones close and try to build new relationships. They make our lives more complete.

I’ll strive to be optimistic. In just a couple of months, we will be thinking of mowing lawns and watching flowers bloom. It could be that by the end of April we will be free of the requirement to wear masks, and life will return to normal. We could start having breakfasts

again at the end of each month, and our lodge will return to being a place of camaraderie and song.

Our MM Inspection will be here soon, and I'm looking forward to our presentation! If you have a part and can attend the practice session on March 9th, please do so. We can make this year as good as any of the others. Also, we will have a stated in person meeting on March 2. Your attendance is desired.

I want to thank the work of our Brethren, and there are many thanks to provide. RWB Ken Cohen and Brother Sam Cohen have been keeping me on track with my duties, while WB Gubanc has been keeping me apprised on building improvements, expenses, and community involvement, WB Roserie for his work as Secretary and connecting us with the Federal Courthouse for our Citizenship Day involvement, WB Davis for keeping track of expenses and helping with the scholarship application, WB DuMolt for making a schedule for inspection practices and keeping track of the people involved in our inspection, and Brother Cook for taking on the duties of the membership committee and creating meet and greet opportunities for prospective members. I wouldn't be successful without the independent initiative you have all shown. Our LEO, WB Stacoffe has presented us with excellent educational topics at our meetings, and I am looking forward to receiving more structural depth from these topics.

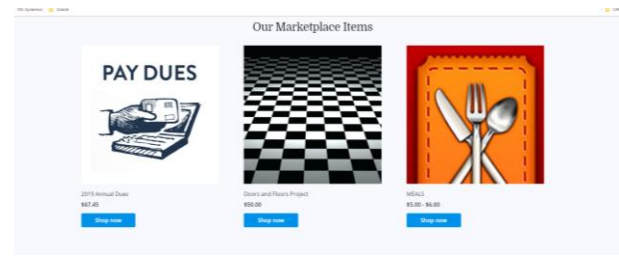
More brethren are supporting the lodge in ways that I haven't mentioned here.

All of this support has been a blessing to me, and I am thankful. The lodge wouldn't stand without you. Thank you.

Brethren, place your faith in God, and hope for a bright future.

Paying Your Dues/Sponsoring the Floor or any other Payment

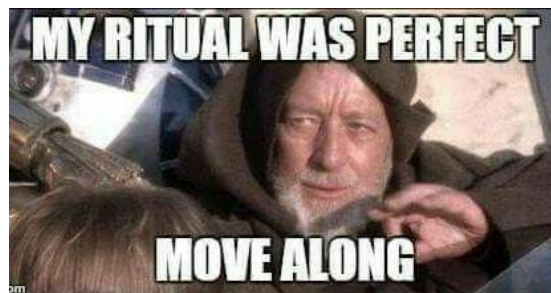
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Brethren: WBro Harold Davis, Treasurer has set up a website where you can pay your dues, donate to the newly renovated floor, or make any other payment to the lodge. Just type in the link above (and below) and enter your information. The site charges 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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From the South Bro Michael DuMolt

Hello Brethren all:

Reynoldsburg lodge has begun a new program to enhance the leadership and ritual skills for all members. You are invited to attend each off Tuesday throughout the year to participate in practice for opening and closing of the lodge, all three degrees, lectures, and charges. This program will have an alternating schedule allowing for all members EA, FC, and MM alike to participate.

To quote from a well-loved leader, John F Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country." In like manner, I say: "Ask not what your lodge can do for you, but what can you do for your lodge."

It is I believe, especially important that we are there not only for our lodge, but more importantly for our new candidates. The more skills we have in our ritual work the better we can demonstrate the beauty of our fraternity. It is not only a great benefit to the lodge, but it builds brotherly love. We have had testimonies in the lodge of how much fun it is to meet, practice, and just be together developing our skills in the craft.

In closing, I strongly encourage all members to join us. It does not matter whether if you have not been to lodge for an exceptionally long time or are a regularly attending member, your lodge needs your support. You will see below the dates of the practices and to which degree we will be working. With all practices we will always open and close in that degree. The practices will begin at 7PM and are normally concluded by 9PM. There is no time restriction on the fellowship during or after the practice. The focus is to build our skills and just have fun.

In preparation for the upcoming inspection on March 11th, we are currently focusing on the Master's Degree. You can visit our website calendar for future practices beyond what is listed below.

We look forward to seeing you at the next practice.



The lodge does adhere to state required guidelines for social distancing and masking during the practice.

Feb 23rd – Master Mason 2nd Section & Lectures
March 9th – Master Mason 1&2 Sections and Lecture
March 23rd – Entered Apprentice 1st Section
March 30th – Fellow Craft 1st Section

Trustees Report

From our Trustees

The elected Trustees this year are WB Etienne Roserie,(term expiring November 2021), Bro. Christopher Baer, Chair (term expiring in 2022) and WB Dave Gubanc (term expiring in 2023),. Notwithstanding the COVID-19 restrictions, we look forward to in-person meetings, ritual work and continued use of the building by appendant bodies and other individuals during 2021. 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.

There are still about 25 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 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 Secretary, P.O. Box 624, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.



Early last year at the beginning of the current pandemic the lodge acquired 11 free standing wooden chairs from New England Lodge #4 so we could maintain social distancing during our stated and special meetings. Due to storage limitations, these chairs will be recommended to be declared excess assets and made available to our members for purchase when the pandemic is over. Here

are some pictures of these high quality wood chairs originally made in the 1950's. Please contact the Trustees if interested in acquiring one or more of these chairs.



It is also important to reiterate to all 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.

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 from time to time, 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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From the Lodge Education Officer WBro Robert Stacoffe



Date	Presentation
3/2	Part II George Washington's 110 Rules
3/16	Paper – Life's Working Tools, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.
4/6	The Morgan Affair/Anti-Masonic Movement
4/20	Paper - Celebrate the Past...Build the Future Interesting Presidential Facts
5/2	Interesting Presidential Facts
5/16	Brother to Brother - Know your Brothers
6/1	Continue Brother to Brother
6/15	The poetry of Freemasonry Possible July and August Going Dark
9/2	Short History of Benjamin Franklin and his Poor Richards Almanack

Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richards Almanack;

Below are some "sayings" from Poor Richard, yours to determine Franklins meanings!

#323 *Let thy mid servant be faithful, strong and homely*

#324 *Let thy vices die before me.*

#330 *Little strokes fell great oaks.*

#332 *Lost time is never found again.*

#405 *One today is worth two tomorrows.*

#410 *Pay what you owe and you will know what you own.*

#414 *Poor Dick eats like a well man, and drinks like a sick.*

#440 *Saying and doing have quarrel'd and parted.*

Calling For Topics and Speakers.

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

Masonic Training

Oh, ladies when you been above,
The cradled offspring of your love,
And bless then child whom you will see,
A man of truth and consistency.
Believe there is in Masons love,
A fund of wisdom, beauty, and power,
Enriching every soul of man,
That comprehends the mystic plan.

Then train your boy in Mason's truth;
Lay deep the corner stone in youth,
Teach him to walk by virtue's line,
To square his acts by square Divine,
The cement of pure love to spread.
And paths of Scripture – truth to tread;
Then will growth of youth to manhood grow,
To honor us and honor you!

Grand Master's Virtual Masonic Roadshow

Join the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Information on the 3rd Wednesday of each month as the Grand Master (or another Grand Lodge officer) will host an evening of Masonic Education. There will be 3 speakers of about 15 – 20 minutes each. The plan is for each month's program to have a theme and be presented via Zoom. Contact Ken Cohen (ken.cohen@mason340.com) for login information or watch Facebook for login details.



A Masonic Poem

by Robert Morris

We meet upon the Level, and we part by the Square:
What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them! They are worthy of a
thought;

In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come.
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his
home;

For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the
Mason's door.

And the poor man fends his best respect upon the Checkered
Floor.

We act upon the Plumb,- 'tis the order of our Guide,-
We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side;
Th' All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness
true;

That we still try to honor God and give each man his due.

We part upon the Square, for the world must have its due:
We mingle with the multitude, a faithful Band and true;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
And we long upon the Level to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal, -- we are hurrying toward
it fast.

We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of death
have passed:

We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion-'tis all ready for each trusting faithful
heart;

There's a Mansion and a Welcome, and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the Level, and been tried upon the
Square.

Let us meet upon the Level, then, while laboring patient here;
Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe;
Already in the Western Sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our Working Tools and part upon the Square.

Hands, round, ye faithful Brotherhood, the bright fraternal
chain,

We part upon the Square below, to meet in Heaven again!
What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,
We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square.

A Contemplation on Protection of Information

Brethren,

One of the difficulties we face in our lives is knowing
which information about ourselves to keep confidential
and which information is acceptable to release to others
when requested.

Most people would never give out certain information
over the telephone, such as a SSN or common security
question answers. However, well funded marketing
companies are using interconnected data to learn our
behavior. Text messages are sent to people promoting
political parties and activist views. And any response
given, whether positive or negative provides useful data.
Artificial intelligence can even predict determine voting
trends based strictly on facial recognition.¹ When
enough data is collected on individuals, the data
provides information to help influence emotion stricken
people into impulse decisions.

How can we predict when to demonstrate the proper
expression of outrage when this very action may place
that person in the spotlight through social media or other
outlets forever?

It is difficult to keep your guard up all the time, and
there are emotional costs to doing so. However, as our
digital profile is always kept up to date by our selection
of interests, what other choices do we have?

It is important to take care in your lives and make sure to
spend some of your time to live your life offline.

Michael Donat

¹<https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/13/facial-recognition-reveals-political-party-in-troubling-new-research/>



I'm done, it's either me or Masonry



If you change your mind I'll be at Lodge



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