

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

At the time of writing this Trestleboard, the Grand Master (in compliance with the recommendations/orders of civil authorities) has suspended all in person meetings of all Masonic bodies until at least May 9, 2020.

Until the lodge is re-opened, we will hold all stated (1st Tuesday) and special (3rd Tuesday and as needed) meetings online via Zoom. You can engage in the Zoom meetings via computer, tablet or cell phone OR can just call into the meeting via phone. Contact one of the officers above if you need help connecting to the lodge via Zoom.

Once we return to labor, we will have some candidates to work and special meetings will be scheduled within the bounds of best practices (social distancing, etc). The officers will be discussing the resumption of our full calendar, including meals. If we are allowed to do so, we will continue to meet during the summer. We will always act with both safety and sanity in mind.

If you or your family or the widow or orphan of a member needs assistance, please contact one of the officers.

From the East

RWBro Ken Cohen



As I have moved through the line in the lodge toward the position of Worshipful Master, I spent time planning the term. I imagined how things were going to go. But I have to be honest...

I never imagined the way this year would go. But here we are. As I write this, lodge is closed, perhaps until May 10 and perhaps longer. How can we fulfill our purpose of making good men better when we can't meet? How can we serve our community when we're largely restricted to our homes? Is a lodge our building or is it our people?

Well, first of all, we need to check up on our brethren. Thanks for our Senior Warden, Bro Mike Donat for taking the lead on that project. Michael called or coordinated the calls to all our members. As I write this, he's working on the next round of calls. If you have the time and energy to help make some calls, please reach out to Mike. My thanks to Mike and the rest of his team.

Next, we think about how to get together when we can't get together? In 1918, that was impossible to do safely, but in 2020, that means we use the Internet. Grand Lodge has allowed us to hold meetings online. While we can't perform ritual or work candidates, we can hold education meetings. What do we meet for? One of the charges given in our charter is that we make Masons. We can't make NEW Masons right now, but we can continue to build the members we already have. We have scheduled some internal and externals speakers to come spend some time with our lodge and I hope you will join us. If you have

email and it is entered in Grandview, you've probably gotten emails. If not, then let me know.

Don't have a smart phone, tablet or computer? You can still listen in on the audio stream of the meeting. Just contact the WM for assistance.

One advantage of the online format is that out of town members have been able to join us. So far, we've heard from Bro Stephen Baker in Texas, Bro Jack Freund in North Carolina and Bro Jeff Mason in Florida. What a pleasure to once again sit "in lodge" with each of these brothers!

Brethren: Much of the membership of our lodge is in the high risk for a poor outcome from the Coronavirus. As we eventually resume normal operations, we will do so in a safe way. That may mean we change the way we operate for a while, but we want to keep everyone safe. If you are feeling ill or feel uncomfortable coming to lodge, please stay home until you feel better. I hope you join me in praying for the wisdom of our leaders, first responders, seniors and our entire nation and look forward to the time we can once again meet at the lodge in person and in friendship and brotherhood.

Some Cancellations (that we know at press time)

The reception for our Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers scheduled for March 14 was postponed. It may be rescheduled

The Grand Master's One Day class scheduled for May 9 is cancelled. Grand Lodge is discussing the possibility of rescheduling.

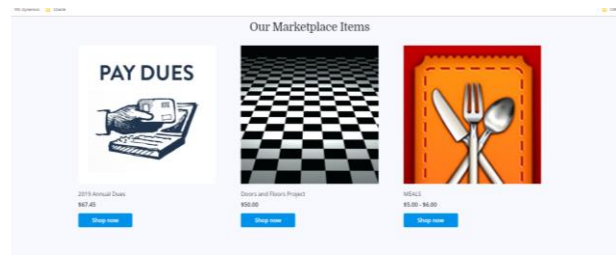
Ohio Masonic Home Day on June 7 is cancelled. Special Olympics Summer Games on June 26 is cancelled.

Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls have cancelled their summer annual meetings.

Shriners International Imperial Session are cancelled.

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.

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From the West Bro Michael Donat

Well, Brethren,

It's another peaceful day in a world which is basically quiet. I may live in a bubble, but life here appears to be close to normal, except that fewer people are employed. I'm pleased to express my satisfaction with the safety net so far.

A plan has been established to bring people back into the patronage of establishments once it is decided they may open. I wonder whether people, once forced to defer spending weekends on the town, will quickly return to the entertainment that they once enjoyed, or whether they will decide that their new lifestyle is reasonably suited for their desires. If some of us were proficient in reading the data, we could discern these patterns for ourselves.

This might be a good idea to make a second set of calls to our brothers to check on them. Staying at home is not as valuable for social experiences as attending functions with other people. The media - to a fault - tells us that life will improve when the stay at home orders are lifted, but this will not console the people who live for the freedom and opportunities of the moment. Calling them provides them with a break from the daily sameness that they want to escape. Consider it, and reach out to me if you would like to brighten some people's lives.

Be safe and blessed.

Michael Donat



Citizenship Day

Just before the virus had its devastating impact on our world, we did manage to serve as hosts for the swearing in of 65 new citizens of the United States. They came from 26 different countries and each had to pass the rigorous requirements to become a citizen. We didn't get to shake their hands, but their excitement was still very visible. We did get to provide a reception for them after the ceremony and share in this milestone of their lives.

In attendance were Bros Harold Davis, Chris Baer, Glenn Call, Michael Donat, Dave Gubanc and Ken Cohen. Missing but participating were Bro Bud Sifford who made cupcakes and Bro Etienne Roserie, who coordinated the event, even though he couldn't attend.

This is the one of the important programs we inherited from Whitehall Lodge and I thank all involved.



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

**Improvise, Adapt
Overcome**



As the pandemic spreads across America, the Marine Motto “Improvise, Adapt, Overcome” is permeating every aspect of life, especially the Masons. Until COVID-19, I never considered Masonry to be a touchy-feely organization. Just consider the trauma of not handshaking, of not giving the grip and word whereby one Mason may know another in the dark as well as the light. This is just not Masonic but until recently, unthinkable! Centuries of custom forced to be tossed out in mere weeks! Heresy! Take a deep breath, the grip and word will return eventually.

Freemasonry has always adapted to the times while maintaining our customs, traditions and history but ever so slowly (think glaciers). COVID-19 is doing in weeks what would have taken years or a decade or more to accomplish – a forced mind blowing evolution. Could you imagine that the Grand Lodge, in less than two months, could adapt to the new reality by authorizing and encouraging all Lodges to conduct Virtual Stated meeting (with some restrictions)?

Seeing the new light, many Lodges have aggressively embraced the change and have already conducted discussion groups and Stated meetings complete with outside speakers and LEO sessions. What an exciting and frightening time to be a Mason.

Looking to the future, with a few more tweaks in governance and leadership, we could virtually reengage many of our older members who miss and still strongly desire to connect to the Lodge. Not only can our older members benefit but we may be able to boost our Lodge’s membership. What better time to engage Gen X and the new emerging Gen Z generations of technical savvy candidates? The oldest of the Gen Z’s are already 24. Let’s not miss out.

We can overcome this difficult time and prosper but only if we are willing to do the hard work of improvising and adapting.

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Rent Godfrey Hall and our commercial kitchen for your function.
\$50 for Godfrey Hall for members of Reynoldsburg Lodge & Helios Pronaos Group (AMORC)
\$25 additional charge for kitchen use
\$75 for Godfrey Hall for non-members
Daily Rental/Use agreement required
Contact a Trustee for details
reservations@mason340.com or 614 496-5444

Calling For Topics and Speakers.

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

My COVID-19 Bookshelf

Finished “A Mosaic Palace” by Martin Faulks and The Mysteries of Freemasonry by Seb Giroux.
Quickly scanned “Mystic Masonry” by J.D. Buck. Next up on the reading list is “The Hidden Life in Freemasonry” by C.W. Leadbeater... What is on your bookshelf or have a short Masonic Book Review?
Send it to LEO@Mason340.com.

Trustees Report

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



Your trustees have been busy this past quarter. Using the proceeds from previous fundraising campaigns, we were able to replace our 31 year old furnace and air conditioner that services our kitchen and dining hall with a 90+% efficient 80,000 Btu/hr gas furnace and a 4 ton, 16 Seer air conditioner with a

remotely programmable thermostat. The work was performed on March 23rd and 24th. Pictures of the furnace, condenser and thermostat are below.



Even with our new HVAC system, 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.

Anyone who wishes to rent our building is asked to complete our Temporary User Agreement, which contains a check list that must be completed when leaving the building. Contact a Trustee if you are interested in using our building for that graduation, birthday or retirement party or family reunion. The more lead time that can be provided, the more likely the building will be available for your use.



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At this time the lodge has several excess assets for sale. Some are items that were left over from organizations that were dissolved, and others are items acquired and never used. It is our desire to allow all of our members to have the right of first refusal on the excess items available for sale. Listed below are some of the non-

masonic items declared excess in February and their replacement cost. The Trustees are always willing to consider fair offers.

Items	Qty	Replacement Cost each
2 gallon Juice Dispenser	1	\$10
40 cup Regal SS Coffee Maker	1	\$75
42 cup GE Aluminum Coffee Maker	1	\$20
Metal Mop Bucket & Wringer	1	\$40
8 ounce ceramic coffee cups	30	\$2
Glass flower vases	6	\$2
Metal microphone stands	2	\$75
Wood Stands with square tops	2	\$50
20 gal Aluminum Pot w Spigot	1	\$50
4" x 8" Pavers	90	\$2.80

Finally, after this forced separation caused by COVID-19 fades into history, our fundraising season will begin with our commitment to sell funnel cakes and beverages at the Reynoldsburg Fireworks display at Civic Park on Daugherty Drive on Friday, July 3, 2020, 6 to 10pm. We will be using our mobile concession trailer and portable deep fryer. If you have an interest in assisting during this important community event for Reynoldsburg Lodge, please call, email or text one of the Trustees.

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

"WHEN THIS IS OVER, MAY WE NEVER AGAIN
 TAKE FOR GRANTED
 A HANDSHAKE WITH A STRANGER
 FULL SHELVES AT THE STORE
 CONVERSATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS
 A CROWDED THEATER
 FRIDAY NIGHT OUT
 THE TASTE OF COMMUNION
 A ROUTINE CHECKUP
 THE SCHOOL RUSH EACH MORNING
 COFFEE WITH A FRIEND
 THE STADIUM ROARING
 EACH DEEP BREATH
 A BORING TUESDAY
 LIFE ITSELF.
 WHEN THIS ENDS
 MAY WE FIND
 THAT WE HAVE BECOME
 MORE LIKE THE PEOPLE
 WE WANTED TO BE
 WE WERE CALLED TO BE
 WE HOPED TO BE
 AND MAY WE STAY
 THAT WAY – BETTER
 FOR EACH OTHER
 BECAUSE OF THE WORST."
 LAURA KELLY FANUCCI

The Working Tools Of An E-Mason

I now present to you the working tools of an E-Mason.

They are the mouse...
 the keyboard...
 and the router.

The mouse is to move within the desktop, the keyboard to input the data, and the router to publish the data to cyberspace.

But as we are not, however, assembled as Computer Nerds, but rather as Operative or E-Masons, these tools are downloaded as vehicles of moral significance and to show the meaning of E-Masons, and thus we apply them -

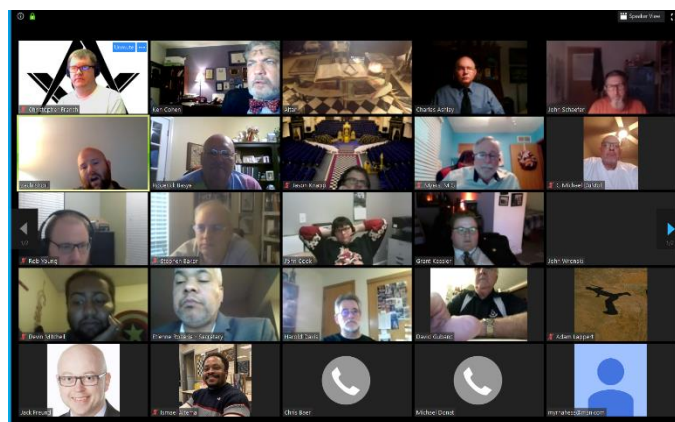
The Mouse teaches us to keep within the bounds of the screen - a square wherein which we must all meet.

The Keyboard to show us that communication will lead us to better understanding to each other and the rest of mankind.

And the Router to teach us that even when we are alone on the most remote part of the globe, we may meet and gain moral sustenance from each other and thus learn more of the wonderful works of the GAOTU.

Posted online by Bro. Nick Penegar-Mills

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The Masons' Toast

Under the Time of Pandemic

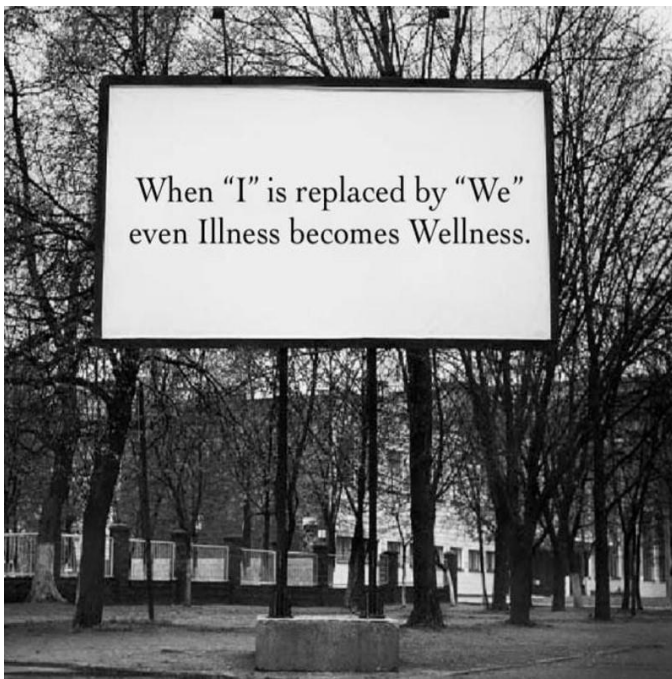
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OUR LODGES ARE CLOSED, OUR LABORS ARE DARK.
NO TYLER BY THE ENTRANCE DOOR WE HARK.
THE BRETHREN ARE ABSENT, SOME ABSENT FOREVER.
SORRY TO PART AND TO MEET THEM AGAIN NEVER.

'TIS NINE O'CLOCK HERE OR NINE O'CLOCK THERE.
WE TOAST TO ABSENT BRETHREN HERE AND THERE.
WHETHER THEM WHO AID, THE POOR AND DISTRESSED
WE WISH THEM THE BEST IN THESE TIMES RECESSED.

UNTIL THEN, MY BRETHREN, YOUR SAFETY WE ENTREAT.
UNTIL THEM, MY BRETHREN, AGAIN HOPING TO MEET,

TO THE ABSENT BRETHREN!



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