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Working with Purpose – On Purpose

RWBro Chris Greise

As I sit and reflect on my Masonic journey, I'm amazed at how far I've come. In just twelve short years, I've stepped off the sidelines of life and into a path of meaning and purpose. What drove me forward was the realization that I had spent much of my thirties treading water—busy but going nowhere. That awareness stirred something within me. I wanted more. I needed to *be* more.

Yes, hard work brought me to this point—but I would be remiss not to recognize the individuals who nudged me in the right direction along the way. None of us truly walks alone. And if we spend our lives gathering wisdom only to hoard it, then that wisdom dies with us. *Masonry* shows us how to live with intention. It helps us discover and live out our purpose.

Each of us is born with different skills and talents. We're not meant to be carbon copies of one another. Instead, we walk through life's orchard, picking the best fruit from each experience and from the people we meet along the way. We will stumble—we're only human—but those stumbles are not failures; they are opportunities. In fact, *failure is a privilege reserved for those who try*.



Masonry gives us countless chances to try. It invites us to step outside our comfort zones and reach greater heights. And as we climb, we must never forget to reach back and lend a hand to those just beginning their journey.

Get involved. Keep an open mind. Be a sponge. Lose yourself in the service of others. One day, years from now, you'll look back in awe at how much you've grown. Find your purpose. Feed the light within your soul—and share it. You may be the very spark that ignites the sacred flame in another brother's heart.

A brother recently reminded me that too many people today want the reward without doing the work. That's why we must *work on our purpose—on purpose*. Be intentional. Prune your tree. Live with balance. Pursue excellence. Give your brothers more than they expect.

Anything worth doing is uphill. When work is just a job, it's simply work. But when work is done *with purpose, for a purpose*, it becomes Masonry.

Masonic Meals

Enjoy Some Great Fellowship

Come out for one of the many breakfasts or dinners around the district and enjoy some great food & fellowship.

First Saturday at
Grove City Lodge:
Breakfast, 8 - 10a

First Saturday at
Hiram Lodge:
Breakfast, 8 - 10a
EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST

Second Saturday at
West Gate Lodge:
Breakfast, 9a – 12p

Third Saturday at
Groveport Lodge:
Breakfast, 7:30 - 10a

Last Saturday at
Reynoldsburg Lodge:
Breakfast, 8 - 10a

In Memoriam

Michael A. Himes

Born August 1, 1953—Died June 21, 2025

Please drape your altars for 60 days



Michael A. Himes
M.W. Grand Master 2006-2007

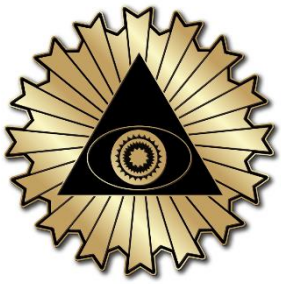
Transitioning

WBro Nicholas Bolyard

We are now entering the phase of every Masonic year when we begin to explore the transition of the lodge. Lodges are relatively quiet during the summer. But that does not mean work is not being done. We are entering upon the transition of lodge officers. For some lodges, there is a transition of secretary or treasurer. At the district level, new leaders are preparing to transition into new roles, while outgoing leaders are preparing to phase out.

During the process of transitions, leadership is displayed. This is an opportunity to lead with true grace and humility. For example, if you are transitioning from Senior Deacon to Junior Warden, what steps have you taken to mentor the incumbent Senior Deacon? The summertime is an opportune time to get together, build fellowship, mentor, and lead. During the summer, you have the unique opportunity to meet with your brother and help them on the path.

Let's think beyond Masonry. If a business changed CEOs each year and changed the direction and vision of the company, what would that business look like? How successful would they be? In 2020, the Grand Master of Colorado challenged brethren to consider how leadership in lodges can be viewed similarly to running a business. If, each year, we changed the focal point of our lodges, are we set up for success? According to his address to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, he believed that long-range planning and continuity are important to the success of lodges.



As we are approaching transitions, consider the transitioning of your lodges. Maybe your lodge does "move-up" nights to help prepare the brethren for their new stations. Perhaps your lodge takes a retreat to bond and to prepare together. No matter what your lodge tradition is, consider your challenges and opportunities to help your lodge and your brethren transition for success.

Free to a good home!

WBro Mark Foley

New England Lodge has been storing items from the old Worthington Lodge and Grand Lodge for the past 10+ years. We need to get this storage unit cleaned out this summer, one way or another!

These items are being offered to all 14th District masons and Lodges, then hauled off to the junk yard if there are no takers!

Check out these items. For photos and descriptions go to http://members.newengland4.org, the click on 'Photo Gallery', then 'Storage Unit Items'.

The Stainless Steel Square & Compasses sculpture on rotating base at over 8+ feet tall is probably too big for your personal man-cave, but perhaps you know of a Lodge or masonic body that might be interested. We believe it cost close to $10,000 to create this sculpture back in the day. This sculpture was created for New England Lodge's 200th anniversary in 2003 and was used in the Lodge's bicentennial parade. It may have been used once since. It is shown in this picture in the breezeway at the old Grand Lodge in Worthington.

There are two 6-1/2 foot tall fireproof safes. One photo shows the doors opened to reveal drawers and shelves. We have the combinations, and a locksmith examined the locks and said they are changeable. One of these might make a great gun cabinet.

Pictured are two heavy duty locking file cabinets. Not sure if they're fireproof (probably), but they're heavy.

We have all seven of the officers' chairs from the old Grand Lodge in Worthington. Take one, take all! Maybe you know of a lodge in need of new officer's chairs?

The old Grand Lodge Tyler's desk could make a nice tool chest in your garage.

There are several frames that once held New England and Humbolt Lodges' Past Master photos. These photos have been removed from these frames and digitally scanned. If your lodge frames your Past Master Photos (or Past High Priests!), you can have some free frames, with glass. Some already have cut-out in the mat.

Interested? Reply to secretary@newengland4.org and we can arrange pickup.



14th District Officers

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If you are having an event and want to invite the district, please send an email to:

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District Advisor
RWB Adam Michael

Masonic Youth Update

Members of the Masonic Youth Organizations

DeMolay: Jonathan Nelson, 4th DeMolay District President

The district corn hole event was a great success, and everyone there had a lot of fun. We're getting close to the end of this term, and we officially have no more district events left. The term is planned to start in July. Watch our socials for more details. The members of the 4th DeMolay District can assist your lodges in any way we can. Lodge dinners, educational nights, clean-up events, and more. Just reach out to your local chapter to see how we can help you.

Job's Daughters: Caitlyn Sproul, Past Honored Queen of Bethel 31 (North Canton)

Greetings from the Job's Daughters of Ohio. We are working hard to grow the Bethels in the Ohio Masonic family. We have already gained 6 new members this year. That's a good start, but we still have work to do. We do lots of fun activities in Jobs Daughters. My Bethel loves to swim, go bowling, and putt-putt golf. It would be really fun to have Masons join us during our activities and get to know you better.

The mission of Job's Daughters is to develop confident young women who respect tradition and will lead our country into the future. We are a unique masonic youth group because without the Masons, we could not exist. A girl cannot join Job's Daughters unless she is related to or sponsored by a Mason. We truly couldn't exist without you. Our members are between the ages of 10 and 20. Our organization is based on the 15th verse of the 42nd chapter of the book of Job, which says, "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job."

By sponsoring a girl, you will help her grow in spiritual and moral character. You will help her learn a love of country, respect for her parents, guardians, and elders, respect for herself, and others. We learn about how to speak in public, run a meeting, audit bills to make sure you get what you pay for, & so many more great life lessons.

We perform many service projects in our community. As Honored Queen last term, I raised $746 to help Veterans with PTSD get service dogs. According to the VA, about 20-30% of Veterans live with PTSD, and 18 service members take their lives each day because of the things they witness in service to our country. They have given so much to our country to keep us safe, and I wanted to help give them a service dog they can count on and love. The donations I received from the generosity of Masons were sent to Canine Companions in New Albany, OH.

Columbus Assembly #172: International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Columbus Assembly held its Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 14th. With numerous exciting activities planned, it promises to be another outstanding term. One of the activities that will take place during this term is the Grand Assembly. At the Grand Assembly Session, the following members held Grand Offices. Madeline K., Grand Worthy Associate Advisor; Brenna B., Grand Hope; Grace W., Grand Patriotism; Megan K., Grand Service; Brooke C., Grand Rainbow Flag Tribute and Representative to Kentucky, and Alexandria L., Grand Prompter and Representative to Texas. On Saturday night, June 28th, Madeline was installed as the Grand Worthy Advisor. She will lead Ohio Rainbow for the next year with exciting plans for the state.

My Masonic Journey So Far

Bro Paul Saltz

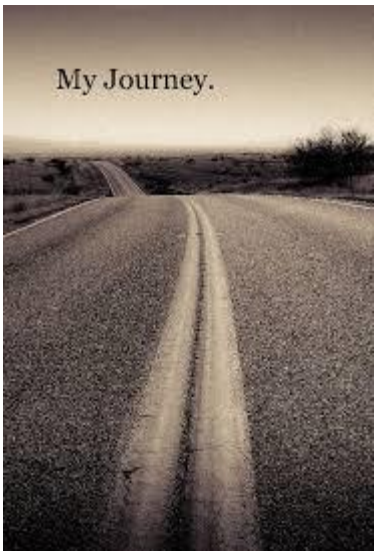
I was initiated into Reynoldsburg Lodge #340 as an Entered Apprentice on June 27, 2023. Then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 13, 2024. What initially drew me to Freemasonry was a desire to pick up a dropped family lineage from my great grandparents on both sides, a love of symbols and esotericism, and a penchant for ritual. What keeps me engaged are the bonds I have formed, my passion for masonic education, and the fact that my initiatory process has helped me find my voice and that I have brothers who are actually willing to listen to it.

I remain thankful to my Master Craftsman Kurt Grubenhoff who saw my passion early on for masonic education and put me on the path of the Royal Scofield Society. I am presently working on my Masterpiece, which is designing a supplemental curriculum for candidates. The goal is to to teach them how to live the lessons in our craft degrees. I'm also thankful for RWB Ken Cohen who has been a dear friend and mentor, both in my Masterpiece and in learning the more intricate details of lodge leadership.

I presently serve Reynoldsburg Lodge #340 as Junior Deacon and Assistant LEO. I enjoy working our monthly breakfasts, organizing our Table Lodge, a group trip to Ohio Lodge #199 for the Water Buffalo Degree, planning stated meeting educational discussions, and guiding our candidates through their initiatory process. While I find the work itself incredibly meaningful, it is really in the opportunities for conversation that I love the most. That is where we are able to really learn from each other and bond over shared experience, trials, and joys.

In my humble opinion, our DEO's did a wonderful job leading the 2025 SYSK Cohort. While I have taken various leadership trainings before in my professional life, SYSK affords an opportunity to delve into the details which are unique in leading a masonic lodge. It also affords the opportunity to meet brothers from across the district. For various reasons, I am rarely able to travel to other lodges. So SYSK allowed me to form bonds that I would not have been able to otherwise.

As I write this, it is early morning on June 9, 2025. I am three days away from my wedding anniversary. I would be remiss if I didn't speak to the love and (though shaky) support of my husband. While there are days where his skepticism of what we do as masons and the time away from home it requires is made abundantly obvious, I know that he sees the fulfillment masonry gives me and the joy I have in using skills that I can't use elsewhere in my life. Most of us have a spouse or loved one at home. We need to thank them every day for allowing us to do what we do and involve them as much as possible, so that they see the value we see. It is why my husband has been drafting concepts for a new lodge logo and we've been bouncing menu ideas for a Loved One's at the Table event to be held in the near future.



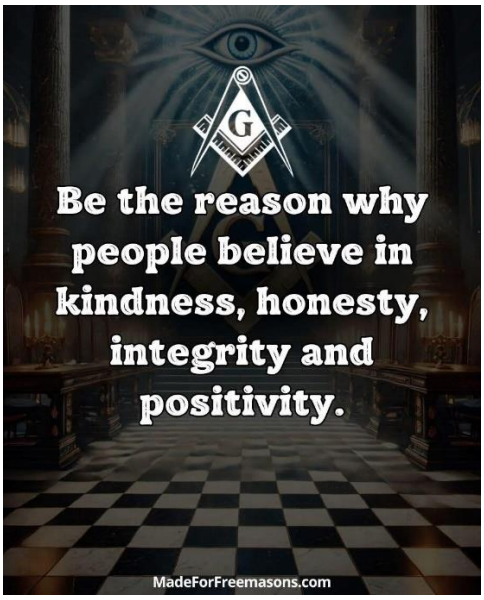
I have been a Master Mason for one year and almost four months. Many rightly consider me a newer Freemason. I know I have plenty to learn still, yet my journey is on a solid foundation. I have my brothers to thank for that and I am honored to assist new candidates set their own foundations. On a side note, I am also Junior Deacon for the Ohio Lodge of Research. If you have an inquisitive mind, I'd be happy to talk to you about it.

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
14th District Golf Outing	York Golf Club, 7549 N High St, Columbus, OH 43235	Saturday July 12, 2025	11 am
14th District Summer Picnic	Highbanks Metro Park, 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035	Sunday, August 3, 2025	12 pm Lunch 2 pm
Steaks & Stogies	York Golf Club 7549 N High St, Columbus, OH 43235	Tuesday, August 12, 2025	5:30 pm
Deputy Grand Master Rollout	Northwest Masonic Temple 2436 W Dublin Granville Rd Columbus, OH 43035	Thursday, August 14, 2025	7 pm
Masonic Weekend	The Masonic Temple Canton, Ohio	Friday, September 12 – Sunday September 14	
Grand Lodge Annual Communication	Kalahari Resorts	Friday, October 24, 2025	
14th District Annual Meeting	Northwest Masonic Temple 2436 W Dublin Granville Rd Columbus, OH 43035	Wednesday, October 29, 2025	6 pm

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Steaks & Stogies
$45 member of Scottish Rite
$50 non-member
$40 for dinner only
5 Packs of Cigars
from WB David Gizzo's Collection
$20
(While supplies last)
Proceeds benefit Adopt America
August 12, 2025
York Golf Club
Social Hour 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Includes steak dinner, 2 Culebra cigars, and dessert.
Cash bar available. Appropriate golf attire required.
Please RSVP with the Valley Office by 8/5 (614-766-2272).


THOMAS MILLER
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025
REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM
SHOTGUN START 9 AM
VILLAGE VIEW GOLF COURSE
210 SOUTH MAIN ST
HARTFORD, OH 43013
• Pre-Registration $60 a Golfer - Includes Cart, Golf, and Food
◦ Day of Event $70
• Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle
• Hole Sponsors - $100
• Pathway Sponsors - $50
• Registration on Eventbrite
• https://sparrow400golf25.eventbrite.com
• For More Information - GolfInfo@sparrowlodge.com or Geoffrey McCash 614-582-8039

Magic Mountain East

5890 Scarborough Blvd
Columbus

Saturday, September 13th
10:00 AM

18 holes of golf

Pizza

Drink

Commemorative Shirt

Cost $25

Shirt only $20 Golf only $15

Please make checks out to the Grand Guardian Council. Deadline is August 9th to have shirts in time.

Return form to Tracey Owens

10895 Kader Dr.

Parma OH 44130

330-241-8511

Owens.tracey18@gmail.com



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Name & Bethel #	Daughter Adult Chaperone	Gluten Free	Golf, Shirt, Both	Shirt Size

