

Stonington Lodge #503 Newsletter



Officer Installation Slated for December 18, 2021

Join us on December 18th at 7pm for the Installation of Officers at the Amherst Masonic Temple.

Elected Officers include...

Worshipful Master:
Bro. Norman Miller

Senior Warden:
WB James Moore

Junior Warden:
WB Sam Jacobs

Treasurer:
WB Roger Lawson

Secretary:
WB Robert Conrady

Senior Deacon:
Bro. Shane Brown

Junior Deacon:
RWB James Hieb

Tyler:
WB John Porter

3yr. Trustee:
WB James Moore

Appointed Officers include...

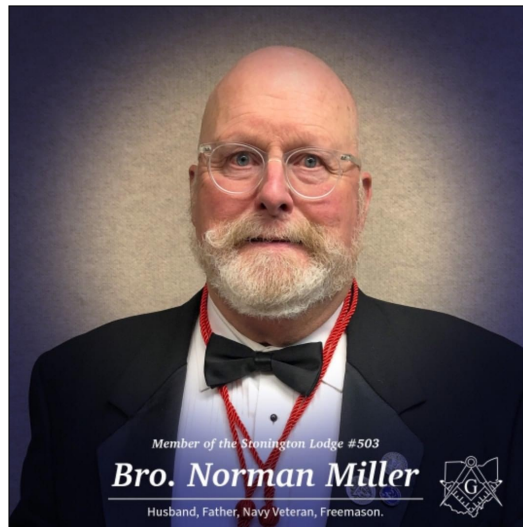
Marshall:
Bro. Russ Marty

Senior Steward:
Bro. Kyle Hieb

Junior Steward:
Bro. Ryan Bangas

Lodge Ed Officer:
Bro. Christopher Cox

Chaplain:
WB Robert Wiegand



Bro. Norman Miller was the first Stonington Member featured on the Grand Lodge's Mason Monday Program on social media.

Hieb Completes Service as District Deputy Grand Master

RWB James Hieb completed his third year as a District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) in October 2021.

Hieb was the third Stonington member to serve the Grand Lodge in this capacity following RWB Gerry Brove and RWB Don Morgan.

He will continue serv-

ing as the Mason Monday social media coordinator.

Hieb commented, "I consider myself very fortunate to have been given the DDGM opportunity, but also very excited to now have more time to attend Stonington meetings again.

Stonington Scholarship renamed the "WB Duane C. Foor Memorial Scholarship" Program

The lodge has voted to change the name of the Stonington Scholarship program to the "WB Duane C. Foor Memorial Scholarship" in tribute to the many years that WB Foor guided this program.

WB Roger Lawson notified his widow Frances Foor who was deeply touched by the news. She shared, "Duane would have been deeply touched by this news. The scholarship program was incredibly important to him."

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Stonington Assists Multiple Sclerosis Bike Race

The 2021 Multiple Sclerosis Breakaway Bike Ride was held Saturday August 8, 2021, with support again from Stonington.

There were close to 500 bikes that made the ride for this worthwhile cause! Rest stop #4 was sponsored and manned by Amherst's Stonington Lodge #503 and Blue Steel #791 Masonic Lodges at Plas Farm in

Grafton Ohio. A special thanks goes out to Plas Farm, WB James Moore, WB Roger Lawson, WB Ed Adams, Bro. Norm Miller, Bro. Brian O'Hare, and WB Bob Nilson!

Stonington has been sponsoring a rest stop for several years.



Bro. Miller named DeMolay Legion of Honor Recipient

Bro. Norman Miller was honored by DeMolay International as a recipient of the "DeMolay Legion of Honor" recipient.

The Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by DeMolay International. It's conferred on a Senior DeMolay for outstanding leader-

ship in some field of endeavor or for success in fraternal life, including adult service to DeMolay.

He joined WB Andrew Washburn and RWB James Hieb as Stonington brethren who have received this award.

Congrats to Bro. Miller.

Kylie Lawson Awarded Scholarship

June 2021: Kylie Lawson was the recipient of the newly renamed "Duane C. Foor Memorial Scholarship" in June 2021.

The presentation was made by Scholarship Chairman Denny Keplinger. Kylie is the

granddaughter of WB Roger Lawson.

A graduate of Amherst High School, Kylee is now attending Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Roof Project Nears Completion

The roof replacement project is nearing completion as all of the slate over the original church building has been removed and replaced with standard shingles.

As reported earlier, Ranch Roofers was employed with 90% of the costs covered by an insurance claim.

Join us February 20th for a slate painting party.

Cutting Boards Available

WB Tom Smart has donated a number of hand-made wood cutting boards as a fundraiser for the lodge.

Special thanks to WB Smart for providing these beautiful boards. Contact any officer for more details.

Stonington Mourns Recent Deaths of Brothers Brove, Brown, Keplinger

It is never easy to learn about the passing of a beloved brother, however, 2021 has been an extremely difficult year.

RWB Gerry Brove who was the first Stonington member to serve as a District Deputy Grand Master passed away in May.

In October, Stonington lost WB Jimmie Brown who had battled the affects of ALS for several years. Bro. Dennis Keplinger also passed away suddenly during the same month. Keplinger was serving as treasurer for both Stonington and Blue Steele lodge(s).

March 12, 2022—Save the Date Annual Inspection in FC degree

Plan on joining the brethren of Stonington Lodge for the annual inspection on March 12th at 6pm.

The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred with RWB Jason Stitak representing MWB Timothy Wheeland for

this inspection.

WB Jason Maiher (District Education Officer assigned to Stonington) will be providing a status report about the lodges education program.

Washington Portrait Presented Following LEO Program

Lodge Education Officer Norman Miller presents WM James Moore with a portrait of George Washington following a lodge education program about Washington.

Also included in the picture (see left) was RWB Jason Stitak.

The portrait of Washington now hangs in the dining hall.

Did You Know?

The largest in the world, the Detroit Masonic Temple rises 16 floors, stands 210 feet tall, and has 1,037 rooms. It is home to several Masonic organizations including the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Architect

George D. Mason designed the whole building, which includes three theaters, three ballrooms and banquet halls, and a 160 by 100 feet military drill hall. The Masonic Temple Theater contains a 55-by-100-foot stage, one of the largest in the United States.



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Special Thanks to WB James Moore

Special thanks to WB James Moore for guiding Stonington through the 2021 masonic year in which much was consumed by the impact of the COVID pandemic. Thanks for your efforts to lead by virtual and in-person meetings!

2022 Grand Master's Charity: Children's Hunger Alliance

Each year the Grand Master and First Lady pick a charity to support. For the 2021 -2022 Masonic year, Grand Master Timothy S. Wheeland and First Lady Kim chose the Children's Hunger Alliance.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, December 14th—Stated Meeting at 7:30pm

Saturday, December 18th—Installation of Officers at 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 4th—Officers Meeting at 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 11th—Stated Meeting at 7:30pm

Saturday, January 15th—22nd Masonic District Leadership Event at 9am (Collinwood Lodge, Euclid Ohio)

Tuesday, January 25th—Stated Meeting at 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 1st—Officers Meeting at 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 8th—Stated Meeting at 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 15th—Fellowship Dinner at 6:30pm (Look for more details soon)

Sunday, February 20th—Slate Painting Party from 2pm to 4pm (Details to follow)

Tuesday, February 22nd—Stated Meeting at 7:30pm

Consider Making a Year-End Gift to Stonington Lodge

Donations to assist with ongoing lodge operations are always welcomed. Consider making a year-end gift to Stonington Lodge. Donations should be sent to:

Stonington Lodge #503
Attn: Treasurer
399 Franklin Avenue, Amherst OH 44001

Thank you!

Freemasonry

Not only is Freemasonry the leading fraternal organization in the world, but it's also about an individual journey towards becoming a better father, husband, friend, citizen and man, supported by other men at different points on the same journey. Masonry unites men of good character who, though of different religious, ethnic or social backgrounds, share a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind, living by the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.