



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## January & February 2011

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### From the East

Alpha Lodge is planning to start 2011 off with a bang by having a New Year's Eve party. Karaoke and games with friends and fellow brethren will ensure that the crowd will have a fun and safe time ringing in the New Year. The party starts at 7pm and Masons are encouraged to bring their lady and any family or friends. Bring a side and get ready to party!

Throughout January and February, the lodge is also planning to have degree work as we initiate a new Entered Apprentice and prepare for our inspection by having a Master Mason degree. The officers are excited about degree work and look forward to having the brethren join them on these dates.

Also, the social nights on the fourth Tuesdays of the month are becoming very popular. In January and February, Alpha Lodge is planning to continue these events with guest speakers on the Museum of the United States Air Force and is planning to recognize Kettering's finest police and fire fighters. If you haven't been yet, this is a great chance to have dinner and conversation with your fellow brothers and their families. You may learn something too!

Inspection season is also starting off in January. I know the officers and I are planning to go to as many inspections as we can this year. If anyone would like to join us, please call me at 294-4840. I'll be happy to keep you informed of any that I go to and even drive you to any that I may be attending. It'd be great to win the traveling gavel award this year and I know we came very close several times last year!

### Trestle Board

Jan	1 NO BREAKFAST	
Jan	4 Craft Practice	7PM
Jan	7 <b>Seniors</b>	<b>8-11AM</b>
Jan	11 Monthly Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	14 Seniors	8-11AM
Jan	18 Special Meeting	7PM
	Entered Apprentice Degree	
Jan	21 Seniors	8-11AM
Jan	25 Social Night	6PM
	See Master's comments	
	for entertainment	
Jan	28 Seniors	8-11AM
Jan	29 Past Master's Dinner	6PM
Feb	1 Craft Practice	7PM
Feb	4 Seniors	8-11AM
Feb	5 Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	8 Monthly Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	11 Seniors	8-11AM
Feb	15 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	
Feb	18 Seniors	8-11AM
Feb	22 Social Night	6PM
Feb	25 Seniors	8-11AM
Feb	27 Inspection Practice	2PM
March	1 Inspection	7PM

### Grim Reaper Report

Bro. Harry Shelton passed away on October 16, Charles W. Darr passed away on October 25, Don L. Kapeller passed away on November 17, and Clifford S. Thornton passed away on November 29. Please remember the families of these Brethren and may they hear those welcome words 'well done good and faithful servant thy task well done, enter thou into the joy of our Lord'.

## **Educational Programs**

With the new social night on the fourth Tuesday, the lodge is looking for topics that the brethren may be interested in learning about. Preferably the topics should relate to Masonry, however, the topics could cover a hobby or a craft that you'd like to share. Future talks may relate to the history of Alpha Lodge, estate planning for your family so the family knows how to request a Masonic funeral service, brothers helping brothers and other topics. If you have a suggestion for a topic or would like to present a topic, please let any of the officers know.

## **Past Masters' Dinner**

If you're a Past Master of Alpha Lodge, please plan to attend the Past Masters' dinner on Saturday, January 29th. This is something that was started last year and because it was so well received, we're planning to do it again this year. There is no cost to the Past Masters or their ladies for dinner. Please RSVP to the Secretary by January 21st.

## **Standing Resolutions**

Another Standing Resolution of the Lodge was presented at the Stated Meeting in December clarifying those authorized to transact and conduct the Lodge's financial business. This will be voted on at the January Stated Meeting.

## **Craft Club**

With the inspection in Master Mason Degree right around the corner, on March 1st, the Craft Club will be practicing on January 4th and February 1st, with a conferral on February 15th. It is imperative that the Craft attend these sessions in preparation of our Inspection. There is a need for some help in the Craft in the walking parts as well as speaking parts. If you are interested in participating call Brother Gary Shifflett at 258-0991 for further information.

## **Community Assistance**

The Lodge has adopted a deserving single mother and her 6 year old daughter to assist them in her struggle. She attended our December Stated meeting with her daughter and a collection was taken for them. If you would like to participate in this work donations can be sent to the Secretary designated for Amber.

## **Secretary**

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## **Current Officers**

<b>Master</b>	Alfred C. Butler	294-4840
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Matthew K. Rentz	270-8854
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Vince Pecoraro	386-451-2356
<b>Treasurer</b>	Roy Livesay Jr.	754-1090
<b>Secretary</b>	Russell M. Oliver	293-1404
<b>LEO</b>	Anthony J. Burk	427-8776
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	James S. Blum	938-6751
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Daniel L. Sullivan	432-0265
<b>Senior Steward</b>	Joseph W. Stargel	527-8989
<b>Junior Steward</b>	Timothy T. Maizel	242-6295
<b>Chaplain</b>	William H. McMann	434-5137
<b>Tyler</b>	Michael E. Fisher	222-4180
<b>Trustee</b>	Howard Bailey	426-6622
<b>Trustee</b>	Dwayne Jones	429-2149
<b>Trustee</b>	David Smart	848-2604

## **Petitions**

Please find enclosed a petition for the Lodge. If you have a family member or a friend whom you feel is worthy fill out the petition and send it to the Secretary with the proper fee. The fee is \$150; this may be paid in full or a degree at a time with payments of \$65, \$45, and \$40. There will not be another One Day Class for at least 2 years.

## **Special Events**

The 1st Tuesday Night Social function was held on November 23rd with the decorating of the tree. A number of Brethren and their families were here to share in the fun and pizza. The next one will be on January 25th. R. W. Bro Barner will present a program on the Air Force Museum. We have heard it is very good. Bring a covered dish and the family and come and have dinner with us.

The Christmas Party was not only good but great with over 70 people in attendance. The Lodge bought gifts for all the kids. The Shiloh Puppets were present, they are always enjoyed by the kids, and of course Santa was here to close the evening.

Stay tuned for further family oriented events as W. Bro. Butler has some different ideas. He thinks this no longer just an Old Men's group but our younger members should get involved. Come and join us and bring the kids.