



Alpha Lodge Newsletter January and February

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Trestle Board

Jan	3 Special Meeting Fellow Craft Degree	7PM
Jan	6 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	7 Breakfast	7-10AM
Jan	10 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	13 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	17 Inspection Practice	7PM
Jan	20 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	24 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	27 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	28 Past Master's Dinner	6PM
Jan	31 No Meeting	7PM
Feb	3 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	4 Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	7 Inspection Practice	7PM
Feb	10 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	14 Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	17 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	21 Inspection Practice	7PM
Feb	24 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	28 Stated Meeting	7PM
March	2 Seniors	9-11AM
March	6 Special Meeting	7PM

Inspection

Entered Apprentice Degree

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost another member, Brother James B. Ray, (J.B.) passed away on November 19th. Please remember J. B.'s family at this time and may he hear those welcome words 'well done good and faithful servant thy task well done, enter thou into the joy of our Lord'.

Ladies

Do you know where your husband's white lamb skin apron is? Do you know how to contact the Lodge should you have to? Do you know that you have to contact the Lodge should you desire a Memorial Service for your deceased husband? or whom to contact? Does he belong to the Scottish Rite or the Shrine? Did he or do you want a Scottish Rite ring service? How do you go about doing that? "I have all of his Masonic things what should I do with them?" "I just found his apron what do I do with it now?" These things are encountered by some of our widows at a time when their mind should be on other things. There is a form your husband can fill in stating his wishes relating to a Masonic Services. This form is available from the Secretary. Some of the funeral homes in the area are well acquainted with the Masonic Lodges are have our phone numbers to contact us directly while others do not. In most cases the Secretary of the Lodge is the place to start. The Secretary of Alpha Lodge is easily reached at his home 937-293-1404. He is only at the Lodge office on Tuesday evening and Friday morning so don't feel like you are bothering him at home. That's what he gets paid the bill bucks for. But, please feel free to call.

Inspection

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge is on March 6th, we will be inspected in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Lodge opens at 7PM with dinner at 6PM. The entrée will be chicken cordon bleu. The cost is \$10 with tickets available from the officers or you may call the Secretary at 937-293-1404 to make reservations. The reservations must be made by Friday March 2nd.

Scottish Rite

A longstanding Alpha Lodge tradition will again be fulfilled when Scottish Rite members of Alpha Lodge present the AASR “9th Degree: Master of the Temple” at the Mid-Winter Program on Saturday, February 18, 2012, Dayton Masonic Center. The action of the degree takes place on the day that King Solomon’s Temple is dedicated, and it teaches important lessons about faith and religious toleration.

The degree cast have been working hard and have already done three “walkthroughs” of the degree. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

First: Monday, January 23; 6:30PM, AASR Auditorium

Second: Monday, February 6; 6:30PM, AASR Auditorium

Third (Star): Thursday, February 16; 6:30PM, AASR Auditorium.

The Mid-Winter Program is a Multi-Valley Degree Program. The Valleys of Cincinnati, Toledo, and Columbus will also be presenting degrees. The 9th Degree presented by Alpha Lodge will be the only work presented that day by the Valley of Dayton. We hope that all Scottish Rite Brethren of the Lodge will plan to attend.

Annual Lodge Dues

There remain a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2012. Is it because the dues have increased and you cannot afford them? If this is the case call the Secretary at 937-293-1404 and maybe we can work something out. We hate to lose you but if they remain unpaid we have no choice.

Seniors

Some of us meet every Friday morning from 8AM until 11AM at the Lodge for donuts and coffee and conversation. Every week we learn things we’ve never heard before. Right now there are 10 to 12 of us regularly. You don’t have to be old to join us just at home with nothing to do. As I said come join us you might learn something.

Current Officers

Master	Matthew K. Rentz	270-8854
Senior Warden	Daniel L. Sullivan	432-0265
Junior Warden	James S. Blum	938-6751
Treasurer	Alfred C. Butler	294-4840
Secretary	Russell M. Oliver	293-1404
LEO	Anthony J. Burk	427-8776
Senior Deacon	Robert Karl	723-6677
Senior Steward	Michael Sherwood	901-9232
Junior Steward	Daniel Thomas Jr.	901-0666
Chaplain	William H. McMann	434-5137
Tyler	Michael E. Fisher	222-4180
Trustee	Howard Bailey	426-6622
Trustee	Dwayne Jones	478-1683
Trustee	James Sharpe	885-9803
Memorial Chairman	Roy Livesay Jr.	754-1090
Craft Captain	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Instructors		
Entered Apprentice	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Fellow Craft	Ron Dill	376-4219
Master Mason	Bill Whitaker	372-1586
	Daniel Thornton	432-9696

Other Masonic Bodies

Ever thought of joining the Shrine? For the year 2012 Antioch Shrine’s initiation fee to join is now \$50.12. You will never see a lower fee. The fee for initiation into the Scottish Rite is still \$100.

The York Rite bodies vary and I have heard some of our members with questions concerning them. If you interested in any of these contact the Secretary and I will see that you receive the proper information as well as petitions. I have petitions for almost all Masonic bodies in my office at the Lodge. This includes the Eastern Star if you wife is interested in that.