



Alpha Lodge Newsletter January and February

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From The East
Brethren,

As we close 2012 I am happy to inform you that your new Lodge Officers have been installed and are well prepared to run your Lodge and perform the ritual work as well as it has been done for many years.

Brother Bill Whitaker was awarded Mason of the Year for 2012 at our Awards Night. Bill has been a dedicated instructor for many years at Alpha Lodge.

As many of you read this newsletter you will probably remember Brother Bill instructing you and later examining you in Lodge. Our selection committee did a fine job in selecting Bill for this award as he has also been a breakfast worker as well as many other things to help out our Lodge,

If you haven't been to Lodge for a while we would love to see you on a Tuesday night or at one of our several functions this year. If you need assistance getting to or from any event please contact one of the Officers and we'll make arrangements to get you here. The more participation you enjoy strengthens not only your enjoyment of our fraternity but also allows others to enjoy your Masonic travels.

I'm looking forward to 2013 as we have a diverse group of Officers both young and seasoned anchored by our own "OLD FAITHFUL" WB Russ Oliver. Please watch the newsletter and challenge yourself to make a meeting or a social event, You'll be glad you came and your Brethren will be rewarded with your fellowship.

Fraternally,
WB Dan Sullivan

Trestle Board

Dec	31	New Year's Eve Party	8PM
Jan	4	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	5	Breakfast	7-10AM
Jan	8	Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	11	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	18	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	22	Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	25	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	1	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	2	Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	8	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	12	Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	15	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	19	Last Days for One -Day Petitions	
Feb	22	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	26	Stated Meeting	7PM
		Pre-Inspection	
March	1	Seniors	9-11AM
March	2	Breakfast	7-10AM
March	5	Special Meeting	7PM

Inspection

Fellowcraft Degree

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost another member, Brother Delbert Gross passed away on August 25th. Please remember this brother'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'.

One Day Class

A One Day Class will be held on April 20 at the Masonic Center in downtown Dayton. This is where a candidate can receive all 3 degrees in one day without the catechism. Petitions will have to be turned in by February 19th in order to meet the deadline of March 1st when all elected candidates' petitions have to be turned into the Grand Lodge. If you need a petition call the Secretary and one will be mailed out to you. Remember, in the one Day Class the full \$150 fee must be paid when the petition is turned in.

Inspection

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge is on March 5th. We will be inspected in the Fellow Craft Degree. The Lodge will open at 7PM with dinner at 6PM. 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 Tuesday February 28th.

Annual Lodge Dues

There remains a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2013. If you are having a problem with your dues we may be able to give you some temporary relief, if so call the Secretary at 937-293-1404 and maybe we can work something out. Even if is a partial payment. We hate to lose you but if they remain unpaid we have no choice.

Special Meetings

From time to time during January and February a Special Meeting maybe called for the sole purpose of voting on a petition for the One Day Class, particularly as the cut-off date for petitions to be submitted, approaches.

Current Officers

Master	Daniel L. Sullivan	432-0265
Senior Warden	James S. Blum	938-6751
Junior Warden	Robert Karl	723-6677
Treasurer	Alfred C. Butler	294-4840
Secretary	Russell M. Oliver	293-1404
LEO	Anthony J. Burk	427-8776
Senior Deacon	Michael Sherwood	901-9232
Junior Deacon	David Lowe	829-8631
Senior Steward	Kris Moore	409-9099
Junior Steward	Kyle Moore	232-7912
Chaplain	William H. McMann	434-5137
Tyler	Michael E. Fisher	222-4180
Trustee	Dwayne Jones	478-1683
Trustee	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Trustee	Gary Nicholson	434-8507
Memorial Chair	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

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.

Family Game Night

Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? The last Friday of (nearly) every month, the lodge hosts a game night at 7pm. Whether it's Risk, Clue, Monopoly, euchre or other games, we will play it. Bring a game, a side to share and usually we all chip in and order pizza. Anyone is welcome to join so bring the older kids, the significant others or family or friends. It's a great opportunity to introduce someone to Masonry in a fun setting as well! We've had as many as 30 people at this event so it's usually a fun social event.