



Alpha Lodge Newsletter January and February

2014

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From The East
Brethren,
Happy New Year!

Here's hoping this will be a year that brings more of us together as Masons. We have an enthusiastic line of officers who are doing their best to keep us all active and proficient in our work. Take time to talk with any new brothers and especially congratulate the new Junior Deacon, Brother Jeff Starr, and the 2 new stewards Brothers Glenn Thompson and Virgil Neal. Both have come to us from Millennium Lodge. Try to help all the new brothers feel welcome by always being ready to give advice and direction as experienced Masons should do.

There will be a Table Lodge in February, and there are a number of open Tuesdays in January and February that we hope we can filled by conferring Degree work, if not, these will be used for the practice for the Inspection.

Once again it's nice when any/all join in, making suggestions, or just to there to support the Lodge.

We have a great tradition to continue.

May this year 2014 be an important one for all of us, our families, and Alpha Lodge.

WM
Fraternally,
WB James S. Blum

Trestle Board

Jan	3 seniors	9-11AM
Jan	4 Breakfast	7-10AM
Jan	7 No Meeting	
	Inspection Practice (Officers)	7PM
Jan	10 seniors	9-11AM
Jan	14 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	17 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	*21 No Meeting	
	Inspection Practice (Officers)	7PM
Jan	24 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	28 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	31 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	1 Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	* 4 No Meeting	
	Practice Officers & Craft	7PM
Feb	7 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	11 Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	14 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	18 Table Lodge	7PM
Feb	21 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	25 Stated Meeting	7PM
	March 1 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	21 Seniors	9-11AM
March	1 Breakfast	7-10AM
March	4 No Meeting	7PM

Inspection Practice

*One of these meetings will be a Fellow Craft meeting. Brethren, you will have to call me a couple of days before to find out, 312-7315.

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost another member, Brother Richard Butcher passed away on November 11th. 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 5th 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 March 15th in order to meet the deadline the Grand Lodge has set when all elected candidates' petitions have to be turned in.

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 18th. We will be inspected in the Master Mason Degree. The Lodge will open at 7PM with dinner at 6PM. The cost is \$12 with tickets available from the officers or you may call the Secretary at 937-312-7315 to make reservations. The reservations must be made by Tuesday March 14th.

Annual Lodge Dues

There remain a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2014. 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 937-312-7315 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. Some of these dates will be used for the practice of the Master Mason degree to prepare for the year's Inspection. The Craft Captain, Bro. Gary Shifflett, will try to keep you apprised of the schedule.

Current Officers

Master	James S. Blum	546-7391
Senior Warden	Robert Karl	723-6677
Junior Warden	Daniel Sullivan	513-383-8848
Treasurer	Alfred C. Butler	271-8145
Secretary	Russell M. Oliver	312-7315
LEO	Anthony J. Burk	427-8776
Senior Deacon	Matthew McFarland	554-3256
Junior Deacon	Jeffrey T. Starr Jr.	234-7501
Senior Steward	Glenn W. Thompson	434-0793
Junior Steward	Virgil Neal	
Chaplain	William H. McMann	434-5137
Tyler	Michael E. Fisher	222-4180
Trustee	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Trustee	Gary Nicholson	434-8507
Trustee	Dwayne Jones	478-1683
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 you didn't know..

Ninth Degree

Alpha Lodge has been asked to again present the Scottish Rite Ninth Degree at the AASR Spring Reunion, April 11, 2014. The Lodge last presented this degree at the Mid-Winter Program in 2012 and received great praise for that conferral. Any Alpha Lodge Brother who is also a member of Scottish rite is welcome to participate in the Degree. The cast is now being recruited, and roles range from short non-speaking parts to intense dramatic roles. Rehearsals will all take place in the AASR Auditorium at 7:00PM on February 27, March 19, and March 31. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Degree Director, Gary Nicholson: gnicholson@woh.rr.com or 937-510-6397.