



Alpha Lodge Newsletter January and February

2015

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From The East:

My Brothers-

A Happy New Year to you and yours !! I hope your Holiday season was busy and rewarding. As we move into the new year, we, at Alpha, have much to be thankful for. The next three months will be busy ones for Alpha Lodge, as we perform the work, prepare for our Inspection, and enjoy some fellowship and family times. I am thankful for the feeling of energy around the Lodge, as demonstrated by a large turnout for our Christmas party. Special thanks to Alf and Renee Butler and Jim Blum for organizing such a fun evening and to Mick Fisher for his usual great performance as Santa. We also have seen our attendance at meetings grow- it's great to see so many brothers getting together and enjoying some fellowship.

We are blessed with a enthusiastic and dedicated group of officers who are rapidly learning their roles and ritual and who are just a great group !! During the next three months, we will have degree work in the Master Mason and Fellowcraft Degrees and preparation for our Inspection (EA Degree). I would ask you, brothers, to take one Tuesday night out of your busy schedules and come to your Lodge during these next three months. I know everyone is busy with jobs ,kid-family activities, and other groups, but please make a return visit to your Lodge- you will be impressed by what is happening.

There are several upcoming social opportunities for us. (See the note below and also the Lodge Schedule) Plan to take advantage of the chance to do things as brothers and families.

I am also grateful for the confidence you have shown in me, and the support and wise council of many Brothers. Together, we will keep Alpha strong and growing !!

Bob Karl- W.M.

January 16- "Going to the Game"- Join together to attend the Fairmont Boys Basketball game. Bring your spouse or/and a friend. Tickets will be provided, but please see the Master (or one of the Wardens) so we can have a 'count'. Plan to be at Trent Arena at 7:00 P.M. so we can sit together.
January 17- Special Olympics Dinner- This is a fund-raiser for one of our Master's special projects for this year. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a meal and fellowship. All profits will go towards our goal of raising \$ 1,000.00 for Special Olympics Ohio. We are also collecting donations at our meetings- Let's "Fill the Bucket" on the Tyler's desk !!

February 11- "Going to the Game"- To keep things even, we will go to this Fairmont Girls game. It will be "Senior Night" and should be a good game. Again, tickets will be provided. See the Master or Wardens, so we can get the right number of tickets.

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost another member, Brother James C. Sowers passed away on October 7th. Please remember this bother'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'.

Inspection

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge is on April 7th. We will be inspected in the Entered Apprentice 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 April 1st.

Trestle Board

Jan	2 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	3 Breakfast	7-10AM
Jan	6 MM Practice with Craft	7PM
Jan	9 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	13 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	16 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	20 Special Meeting Master Mason (Schmidt)	7PM
Jan	23 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	27 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	30 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	3 Special Meeting Master Mason (Barker)	7PM
Feb	6 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	7 Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	10 Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	13 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	17 TBA	7PM
Feb	20 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	24 Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	27 Seniors	9-11AM
March	3 Practice for Inspection	7PM
March	6 Seniors	9-11AM
March	7 Breakfast	7-10AM

Annual Lodge Dues

There remain a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2015. 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.

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.

Current Officers

Master	Robert Karl	723-6677
Senior Warden	James S. Blum	640-3433
Junior Warden	Matthew McFarland	554-3256
Treasurer	Alfred C. Butler	271-8145
Secretary	Russell M. Oliver	312-7315
LEO	Virgil Neal	438-5297
Senior Deacon	Mark Oliver	751-5568
Junior Deacon	Todd Cochran	776-1113
Senior Steward	Jack Morgan	396-1907
Junior Steward	Louis Imundo	428-6620
Chaplain	David Dempsey	574-4419
Tyler	Michael E. Fisher	222-4180
Trustee	Gary Nicholson	434-8507
Trustee	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Trustee	Richard Favorite	673-2646
Memorial Chair	Roy Livesay Jr.	754-1090
Craft Captain	Gary Shuffled	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

Biographies

Each Newsletter will contain at least one biography of an Officers, space permitting in the next few issues.

Worshipful Master Robert Karl
Bob is a graduate of Allegheny College (Pa.) with degrees in History, English, Speech-Drama, and a Master's Degree in Education. A veteran teacher for 39 years with the Brooklyn City, Ohio and Kettering City Schools, Bob has been inducted into the Chester A. Roush Educational Hall of Fame and has received several state and local awards for his teaching and coaching accomplishments. A Mason for 44 years, and a family of Masons, Bob greatest "Masonic Memory" is having his Father, a Past Master of Hudson Lodge, confer all three degrees to start his Masonic journey. He is looking forward to an eventful and meaningful year for Alpha Lodge.