



Alpha Lodge Newsletter January and February

2016

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My Brothers-
Happy New Year one and all!!!

2016 is upon us and here we go again initiating, passing, and raising more good men into our fraternity.

We have had 3 Christmas parties, (2 officially) and hopefully everyone had a good time at whichever party they attended. Thanks to Santa for showing up and to WB Alf for organizing the family get-together

I am hoping that this next year will be a productive one for the Lodge as well as each brother, and that we act to keep Alpha Lodge open and available for generations to come.

We can always use more ideas for events that can give us more opportunities to socialize with each other and families. All suggestions welcome.

All the officers are doing a good job learning their work and they should each be proud of that and to be an officer in an historically recognized Lodge.

Thanks to the Craft for its work and to Bro. Bill Schmidt for continuing to provide us excellent food. Brethren let's all do a good job this year and don't forget to have some fun in spite of it being called "work".

WB Jim Blum

Inspection

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge will be on March 15th. We will be inspected in the Fellow Craft 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 8th.

Trestle Board

Jan	2 Breakfast	7-10AM
Jan	5 Officers Practice	7PM
Jan	8 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	12 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	15 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	19 Special Meeting	7PM
	See Below	
Jan	22 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	26 Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	29 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	2 Special Meeting	7PM
	Fellow Craft	
Feb	5 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	6 Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	9 Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	12 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	16 Officers Practice	7PM
Feb	19 Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	23 Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	26 Seniors	9-11AM
March	1 Table Lodge	6PM
March	4 Seniors	9-11AM
March	5 Breakfast	7-10AM
March	6 Practice for Inspection	2PM

Special Meeting

On January 19th an initiation of a candidate will be held with a group from the Scottish Rite portraying the Colonial Degree in full regalia. If you have never seen this degree it is very impressive. Lodge opens at 7PM. A dinner (meat mashed potatoes, vegetables, and salad) will be served at a cost of \$2 at 6PM with all proceeds going to Special Olympics. Call The Secretary at 937-312-7315 to say you are coming.

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost another member, Brother Walter C. Johnson passed away on October 16th, Brother Melvin Van Over passed away on October 19th, Brother Leon F. Pinion who passed away on November 1st, and Brother Robert M Hoppe Jr, passed away on November 17th. Please remember these brothers' families at this time 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'.

Annual Lodge Dues

There remain a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2016. If you do not have a 2016 dues card you are not in Good Standing. 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. But, I have no choice, shortly after the first of the year I have to suspend you for non-payment of dues. .

Question???

Do you old guys remember the Belmont Boosters?

Dinner with the family at \$1 per person with a carry in dish with the meat provided? Guess what? We are going to do this again. The Junior Warden, Brother Mark Oliver, remembers this when he was a kid and wants to start it again. It will work like this: On the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting January 20th at 6PM we will have dinner with the lodge supplying the meat at first. You will bring \$2 per person, you do not have to be a member of the lodge, bring the wife and kids, your own table service, and a covered dish. Eventually, we will have a very short, in length not in height, speaker. If you have any question contact Mark at 751-5568. This is not to have a meeting but to have a good time and meet some new people with common interests.

Table Lodge

Alpha will also host a table lodge this year on March 1 at 6pm. We're planning to have Rick Grimes as a speaker. He will be portraying Civil War brigadier general Lewis Armistead, who has a great tale of Masonry in action during the war. Tickets will be available soon at a cost of \$10. To make reservations for this event contact the Junior Warden, Brother Mark Oliver, at 751-7758.

Current Officers

Master	James S. Blum	640-3433
Senior Warden	Matthew McFarland	554-3256
Junior Warden	Mark Oliver	751-5568
Treasurer	Alfred C. Butler	271-8145
Secretary	Russell M. Oliver	312-7315
LEO	Virgil Neal	438-5297
Senior Deacon	Todd Cochran	776-1113
Junior Deacon	Jack Morgan	396-1907
Senior Steward	Louis Imundo	428-6620
Junior Steward	Keith Bayer	
Chaplain	Robert Karl	723-6677
Tyler	Charles Marcum	222-4180
Trustee	Robert Karl	723-6677
Trustee	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Trustee	Richard Favorite	673-2646
Memorial Chair	Roy Livesay Jr.	754-1090
Craft Captain	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
Instructors		
Entered Apprentice	Gary Shifflett	673-6873
	William Schmidt	298-4634
Fellow Craft	Ron Dill	376-4219
Master Mason	Bill Whitaker	372-1586
	Daniel Thornton	432-9696

Upcoming Social Events

As always there's always something great going on around Alpha!

In January, the Valley of Dayton Scottish Rite will recognize all of the worshipful masters in the Valley of Dayton. Held on January 23 at 6pm, it's one of the largest annual gatherings of masters next to Grand Lodge. The cost is free and the event is open to Masons and their significant others.

On February 26, the Valley of Dayton Scottish Rite will host a dinner with Mark Twain. This will be a great opportunity to have dinner with one of the most famous historic Masons. Steve Hollen will be portraying Mark Twain and dinner will be at 6pm. The event is open to friends and family and will be a great opportunity for a brothers and friends night if you have a friend who is considering becoming a Mason. Cost is \$5 for dinner.

More events will be posted. Upcoming events will include bowling on a Sunday afternoon in February and dining out with fellow lodge brothers and their spouses. Check the Alpha Lodge 729 Facebook page or the website for the latest details.