



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

**January and February**

**2017**

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

I want to begin my first article as the Master of Alpha Lodge by thanking Worshipful Brothers Dan Sullivan, Bob Karl, and Jim Blum, and especially Russ Oliver for showing me the way. I only hope that I can be as helpful and as gracious to Alpha's current Officers as they have been to me. Our current Officers and I are excited about getting back to work and preparing for our upcoming inspection, as well as the Grand Master's One Day class. The one day class is an opportunity for men that can't otherwise progress through the degrees because of time or scheduling issues to obtain all three degrees in one day. If you know a man that you think would be a good addition to our fraternity, make sure that he knows about this offering. Any petitions for the One Day Class need to be turned before the stated meeting on February 13. In the past few months we have had a number of social events open to our families that have been well attended and have, I think, strengthened the bonds of friendship between us. Please join me in thanking Virgil Neal, as well as Alf, and Renee Butler for spearheading these efforts. On behalf of the Officers of Alpha Lodge, we wish you and your families the happiest and a blessed new year.

WB Wm. Matthew McFarland

## Trestle Board

Jan	1	Happy New Year	
Jan	3	Entered Apprentice Degree	7PM
Jan	6	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	7	Breakfast	7-10AM
Jan	10	Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	13	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	17	Special Meeting	7PM
Jan	20	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	24	Stated Meeting	7PM
Jan	27	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	31	Special Meeting	7PM
Feb	3	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	4	Breakfast	7-10AM
Feb	7	Practice	6:30PM
Feb	10	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	14	Stated Meeting	7PM
Feb	17	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	21	Practice	7PM
Feb	24	Seniors	9-11AM
Feb	27	Spaghetti Warehouse	6:30PM
Feb	28	Stated Meeting	7PM
March	3	Seniors	9-11AM
March	4	Breakfast	7-10AM

## Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost two members, Brother Basil H. Lewis passed away on November 16th and Brother Darrell Rath passed away on November 20th. 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 2017. If you do not have a 2017 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, If they remain unpaid I have no choice, shortly after the first of the year I will have to suspend you for non-payment of dues. .

### **Inspection**

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge will be on March 7th. 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 Friday March 3rd.

### **Scottish Rite**

In January and February, we have some great events coming up! If you're a Reds fan, on Friday, January 27 at 7pm, Hal McCoy will be speaking in the auditorium. You'll get to meet him, buy his book "The Real McCoy" and have him sign it. This event will be free and open to Masons and their invited guests.

Mid-winter program is also coming up on Feb 18 starting at 9am. You'll get to see two DeMolay degrees along with the 5th (presented by Valley of Columbus) and the 20th (presented by Valley of Dayton).

To make reservations, call the AASR office at 937-222-9103 or email [melanie.asbell@daytonaasr.org](mailto:melanie.asbell@daytonaasr.org)

### **Widow contact information**

At Alpha, one of our focuses this year will be on widows and enhancing our communication with some of our older members. Please remember to keep the secretary and master informed of any changes in contact information so we can still keep you informed. Also, we do not presently have an extensive list of our widows, so if you have contact information for those that would like to be contacted, please make sure our master or secretary have that information as well. We'd love to be able to give them a call or a note.

### **Current Officers**

Master	Matthew McFarland	554-3256
Senior Warden	Mark Oliver	751-5568
Junior Warden	Todd Cochran	776-1113
Treasurer	Alfred C. Butler	271-8145
Secretary	Russell M. Oliver	312-7315
LEO	Virgil Neal	438-5297
Senior Deacon	Jack Morgan	396-1907
Junior Deacon	Louis Imundo	428-6620
Senior Steward	Keith Bayer	238-3726
Junior Steward	Thomas Rutherford	433-3386
Chaplain	Robert Karl	723-6677
Tyler	Charles Marcum	222-4180
Trustee	Robert Karl	723-6677
Trustee	Stan Brookins	409-3110
Trustee	Gary Shifflett	673- 6873
Memorial Chair	Roy Livesay Jr.	754-1090
Craft Captain	Tim Maziel	242-6295
Instructors		
Entered Apprentice	William Schmidt	298-4634
Fellow Craft	Bill Whitaker	372-1586
Master Mason	Daniel Thornton	432-9696

### **Ohio Masonic Home**

Alpha members may not realize that the Masonic Home now has a local resource line that can help our brethren and their families. More than just three locations in Ohio, the Masonic Home is becoming a partner to help people age respectfully where, and how, they want. Truly, it's a vehicle that we can use to live our Masonic obligation to aid and assist widows and orphans.

To aid with that, Alpha members can use the resource line to call about any questions - ranging from how to apply for Medicare/Medicaid to simple questions about the home. Call 1-877-881-1623 and someone will be able to assist you or a family member with any questions.

### **Spaghetti Warehouse**

The Lodge has made arrangements to attend a Mystery Night at the Spaghetti Warehouse on Monday evening February 27th. Seating will begin between 6:30 and 6:45PM. This is the only night of the week the play is preformed and we must have 20 for them to perform the play. The cost is \$29.95 plus tax per person which included dinner and is payable on that date. Although reservations are not necessary we do need to know if we have the required number of 20. So do please let me know at 312-7315.