



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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From the East

Greeting Brethren of Alpha Lodge,

As we move into March the Officers have been preparing for Alpha's Annual Inspection. Our inspection will be in the EA degree. It starts at 7pm; dinner at 6pm. Dinner tickets will be 10 dollars at the door or can be purchased in advance from the Worshipful Master.

Also in March is the Grand Masters Reception. Our Grand Lodge First Lady-Pamela Todd is sponsoring a "Children's Book Program". The 2nd District is hoping to raise 300 new books. Our Lodge's goal is 10. These books will be presented to Mrs. Todd at the Grand Masters Reception. There is a marked box to put books in at the Lodge. Cutoff date is March 11th.

Also looking ahead to April 28th, we are having a Ladies Night. Men will pay 10 dollars a dinner, ladies eat free. More details on this will be made available at a later date. On May 8th, Alpha Lodge will be holding its Memorial Service to acknowledge all our brethren who have traveled to that Celestial Lodge above in the past year.

On a final note, now would be a good time to start looking through your attics and garages for old stuff you don't want. Alpha Lodge will be asking for any donations of old stuff you don't want any more for a garage sale that will help to raise money for the Lodge. More details on this at a later date and time.

Matthew K. Rentz
 Worshipful Master

Trestle Board

March	2	Seniors	8-11AM
March	3	Breakfast	7-10AM
March	4	Inspection Practice Officers Only	2PM
March	6	Special Meeting Inspection EA Degree Dinner 6PM \$10	7PM
CALL FOR RESERVATIONS			
March	9	Seniors	8-11AM
March	13	Stated Meeting	7PM
March	16	Seniors	8-11AM
March	20	Special Meeting Entered Apprentice Degree	7PM
March	23	Seniors	8-11AM
March	27	Stated Meeting Probably FC	7PM
March	30	Seniors	8-11AM
March	30	Game Night	7PM
April	3	Holy Week	
April	6	Seniors	8-11AM
April	7	Breakfast	7-10AM
April	10	Stated Meeting	7PM
April	13	Seniors	8-11AM
April	17	Special Meeting Probably FC	7PM
April	20	Seniors	8-11AM
April	24	Stated Meeting Work TBA	8-11AM
April	23	Ladies Night	6PM
April	27	Seniors	8-11AM
April	27	Game Night	7PM
April	28	Ladies Night	6PM
May	5	Breakfast	7-10AM

Grim Reaper Report

Brother John S. Simpson passed away on January 25th and Brother Lawrence E. Fulkerson passed away on January 30th. Bro. Fulkerson was a Charter member, there are still 5 remaining. Please remember the families of these Brethren 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'.

First Lady's Children's Reading Project

The First Lady of Ohio Masonry, Pam Todd, is a school teacher who wants to help Ohio's children learn to enjoy reading. She is asking Ohio Masons to consider donating a new children's book for that purpose. These books will be donated to children's hospitals, local school libraries, and other children's facilities within the same district in which the books are donated. The goal for the Second Masonic District is to collect more than 300 books, which will be presented to the First Lady at the Grand Master's Reception on Saturday, March 17th. To achieve that goal would require each lodge to provide ten books.

Alpha Lodge has already collected a few books, and we hope to surpass the goal of ten books in the next couple of weeks. While the books must be new, some very inexpensive children's books are available. Books for ages from toddler to early teens are appropriate. Worshipful Brother Rentz has provided a container for donated books in the lodge. Prior to the Reception, the District Deputy, RWB Paul Weglage, will pick up the books from the Lodge. While the books will be "presented" to the First Lady at the Grand Master's Reception, the books will actually remain in the Second District at be distributed to local children's facilities.

Garage Sale

Sometime in May the Lodge will again have a garage sale. Get your spring cleaning done and bring your forgotten "Treasures" you no longer need down to the Lodge. Please don't wait until the last minute as we need time to price them. Time and date will appear in the next Newsletter. All proceeds will go to operate the building.

Scheduling

We have heard a few comments about all of the degree work not appearing in the Trestle Board. Remember we are dealing with a schedule sometimes 2½ months in advance of the degree work date. We have no control over the speed in which the candidates learn their work and with new petitions coming in all the time, we are doing the best we can. If there is a question concerning a Special Meeting on a particular Tuesday, call the Secretary at 312-7315, after all some of you say he knows everything.

Ladies Night

Bring the wife and come on down on Saturday April 28 for our Annual Ladies Night dinner beginning at 6PM. Dinner will be free for the ladies and \$8 for the guys. You may call the Secretary for reservations at 937-293-1404 or 937-312-7315 or e-mail alpha0729a@sbcglobal.net

OES Chuck Wagon Breakfast

On March 24 the Alpha Lodge Breakfast crew will prepare the Annual Belmont Chapter Eastern Star's Chuck wagon breakfast. This will be in addition to our monthly 1st Saturday of the month breakfast. Please come and support this breakfast as this is their (OES) biggest fundraiser of the year. Breakfast is \$7, with the Lodge Breakfast Committee preparing the meal.

Last Friday of Each Month

On the last Friday of each month some of our younger members and their families are getting together at the Lodge to play all sorts of board games. They will have snacks, pizza, drinks, etc. If you are interested in an evening of fun and games come on down as the activities start at 7PM. A call to the Master or Senior Warden can confirm the details.

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you read the newspaper you are misinformed.

-Mark Twain