



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## March and April

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From The East  
 Brethren,

The year has begun and many of your Officers' have been moving up in stations and doing very well. Brother Jim Blum, Brother Bob Karl and Brother Mike Sherwood have all sat in the East and run stated and special meetings. This has opened stations behind them and the junior officers have done good work filling them. It's great to see some young blood again moving through the Officer line. A special thanks to Past Masters and other brethren from the sidelines for filling chairs as needed. Brother Tim Maizel knows every time he comes to a meeting I personally volunteer him to help. Our LEO, Tony Burke, is charged with finding mentors for our candidates for the one day class. This one day class is April 20<sup>th</sup> and is quickly headed our way. Brother Tony needs 20 to 30 mentors so if you can help, we need you. What a great way to start a new members journey than to be able to guide him through the day and stay with him as he begins his Masonic search for more light. Please contact any officer if you can be a mentor that day. Lunch is free for mentors that day so have some fun with us! WB Russ has arranged a great evening for Ladies Night as you will read about in this newsletter. He has arranged a great buffet dinner for our dining pleasure and I'm sure it will be a great night of food and fellowship! Make your reservations early as we are limited on the number of guest. Please contact WB Russ to get on the list. Our Lodge inspection is March 5th and we have begun preparation for this night. We're having dinner at 6:00pm and our SW Bob Karl has tickets. Dinner is \$10.00 and will be a great way to start the evening. We're being inspected in the Fellow Craft Degree and I'd like to see as many members as possible there. It's a great way to show support for

the officers that have spent hours learning the work and gives them a chance to shine. Please plan to join us and if you need a ride to get there, please contact any officer and we'll get you there.

Fraternally,  
 WB Dan Sullivan

### Trestle Board

March	1 Seniors	8-11AM
March	2 Breakfast	7-10AM
March	5 Special Meeting	7PM
	Inspection	
March	8 Seniors	8-11AM
March	12 Stated Meeting	7PM
March	15 Seniors	8-11AM
March	19 Special	7PM
	Fellow Craft Degree	
March	22 Seniors	8-11AM
March	26 Stated Meeting	7PM
March	30 Seniors	8-11AM
April	2 "On The Threshold"	7PM
April	3 Craft Practice	7PM
April	5 Seniors	8-11AM
April	6 Breakfast	7-10AM
April	9 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	12 Seniors	8-11AM
April	16 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	
April	19 Seniors	9-11AM
April	21 Ladies Night	6PM
April	23 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	26 Seniors	8-11AM
April	30 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	

### **Grim Reaper Report**

Since the last Newsletter we have lost 3 members. Brother Albert R. Elliot Jr. passed away on December 9th, Brother Clyde "Stan" Morgan passed away on January 1st, and Brother Lawrence Warner passed away on January 29th. Please remember these brothers' family at this time of grief 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'.

### **One Day Class**

A One Day Class will be held on April 20th at the Masonic Center in downtown Dayton. If you plan to attend most of Alpha's members are planning on carpooling from the Lodge. For the details call the Secretary at 312-7315. The cost for lunch is \$15 which includes donuts and coffee at registration which starts at 7AM until 8:30AM.

### **Inspection**

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge is on March 5th. We will be inspected in the Fellow Craft Degree. The Lodge will open at 7PM with dinner at 6PM. A Pork Chop Dinner will be served at a cost of \$10. Last minute reservation can be made by calling the Secretary at 937-312-7315 before March 1st.

### **Craft Practice**

The Craft Captain, in preparation for the upcoming raisings, has called a practice on April 3rd at 7PM. There are several new officers and those who have moved up who are unfamiliar with their stations. Also, there are some changes in the Craft assignments and they need to learn their roles. So, please even though you know what you are supposed to do come to practice and help you're Brothers who don't know.

### **Breakfast**

Our breakfast crew will be back on the job on March 2nd. A lot of us were gone working at the Shrine Circus at the breakfast in February. The crew for that February breakfast deserves a big THANK YOU. For those who worked for the first time we welcome you to come back and help.

### **Ladies Night**

As the Master mentioned in his article we have planned a Special Night for the Ladies. For \$25 a couple we will be served a \$22 per person meal consisting of prime rib, chicken and all the trimming. Non-alcoholic beverages are included. The place is Jimmie's Ladder 11 on Brown Street near Apple Street. The time is 6PM on Sunday evening April 21st. The reservations are limited to 30 couples or 60 people. This must be pre-paid with checks made out to the Alpha Lodge as we will be writing only one check. Don't delay as this should fill up quickly. It's first come, not the reservation but the money. Some of us ate there a few weeks ago and the food was great. Call the secretary (312-7315) to make your reservations and send your checks to Russ Oliver at 1460 Raymont Dr. Kettering, OH 45429.

### **On The Threshold**

On Tuesday April 2nd the "On the Threshold" program will be presented to the One Day Class candidates. We would like for the sponsors to attend as well, not only to make your candidate more comfortable but to obtain the information, to get together at the Masonic Center on the morning of April 20th, as always things will be confusing down there. Somehow, as yet undetermined you will receive a ticket for lunch. The lunches for both the mentors and their sponsors will be paid by the lodge. It will be your responsibility to obtain your lunch ticket.

### **Game Night**

On the last Friday of each month beginning at 7PM a group of our younger members and their families and friends gather at the Lodge to play a variety of board games. Sometimes they can last until 11 or so until the last army, or property is lost. Refreshment including pizza and soft drinks are served. If you need further information you may call W. Bro. Alf Butler at 294-4840.

### **Surprise! Surprise!**

Congratulations are in order for our Treasurer, W. Bro. Alf Butler and Renee who announced their engagement with no date set as yet. Alf could not have done better. But I feel sorry for Renee.