



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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From the East

It's almost spring and when was the last time we had a winter like this last one? Cancelled meetings, busted water pipes, car and furnace problems, shoveling and then more shoveling. Glad it's almost over and it's going to make warmer weather feel so much nicer.

March 18th will be our MM Inspection. Our officers and the Craft have been doing their part to attend practices in spite of the weather and I'm proud to have their support. Special thanks to RWB Gene Pequignot for his direction. I've been told a number of times by members of other Lodges that Alpha Lodge brothers have a reputation around the district for doing their work well.

April 5th there will be another One Day Class. Petitions for this are due in by March 4th if you know anyone who wants to join us in making more good men Masons.

There will also be a Table Lodge in April and all brothers are invited to attend especially those who've never seen one before. There will be good food, a good time and a speaker, so contact the Secretary or one of the officers to get more info.

Fraternally.

Worshipful Brother James S. Blum

Trestle Board

March	1 Breakfast	7-10AM
March	4 No Meeting	7PM
March	7 Seniors	9-11AM
March	11 Stated Meeting	7PM
March	14 Seniors	9-11AM
March	15 Eastern Star Breakfast	7-10:30AM
March	18 Special Meeting	7PM
	Inspection MM Degree	
March	21 Seniors	9-11AM
March	25 Stated Meeting	7PM
March	28 Seniors	9-11AM
April	1 Special Meeting "see below"	7PM
April	4 Seniors	9-11AM
April	5 One Day Class	
April	8 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	11 Seniors	9-11AM
April	15 No Meeting HOLY WEEK	
April	18 Seniors	9-11AM
April	20 Easter Sunday	
April	22 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	25 Seniors	9-11AM
April	29 Table Lodge	6PM
May	2 Seniors	9-11AM
May	3 Breakfast	7-10AM

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost another member, Worshipful Brother Arthur L. Lindsley passed away on January 19th. Please remember this brother'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'.

One Day Class

A One Day Class will be held on April 5th at the Masonic Center in downtown Dayton. This is where a candidate can receive all 3 degrees in one day without the catechism. The Secretary has to turn the petitions in to the 2nd District by March 15th in order to meet the deadline the Grand Lodge has set when all elected candidates' petitions have to be turned in. This gives you only until March 4th to get your petitions in.

If you need a petition call the Secretary and one will be mailed out to you. Remember, in the one Day Class the full \$150 fee must be paid when the petition is turned in.

Special Meetings

From time to time during January and February a Special Meeting maybe called for the sole purpose of voting on a petition for the One Day Class, particularly as the cut-off date for petitions to be submitted, approaches. Some of these dates will be used for the practice of the Master Mason degree to prepare for the year's Inspection. The Craft Captain, Bro. Gary Shifflett, will try to keep you apprised of the schedule.

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. I will guarantee you will hear things you never heard before.

Table Lodge

The Lodge will hold a Table Lodge on April 29th at 6PM. A Dinner will be served at the meeting. The cost of the dinner will be \$12. Tickets can be purchased from the Officers or reservations can be made with the Senior Deacon Matthew McFarland at 937-554-3256. The cutoff date for reservations will be Friday April 25th.

Inspection

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge is on March 18th. 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 menu is Beef tenderloin w/ sautéed mushrooms, potato casserole, vegetable medley, salad, roll, and dessert. The reservations must be made by Tuesday March 14th.

Special Meeting

An Education Program will be held at the Special Meeting on April 1st. The evening will be devoted to the Lodge Education Officers who will deliver a series of Education Programs. Due to the weather and the number of Tuesdays that have been needed to practice for the Inspection the LEO has fallen behind in the number of programs he wants to present to the Lodge henceforth, this Special Meeting.

Ninth Degree

Alpha Lodge has been asked to again present the Scottish Rite Ninth Degree at the AASR Spring Reunion, April 11, 2014. The Lodge last presented this degree at the Mid-Winter Program in 2012 and received great praise for that conferral. Any Alpha Lodge Brother who is also a member of Scottish rite is welcome to participate in the Degree. The cast is now being recruited, and roles range from short non-speaking parts to intense dramatic roles. Rehearsals will all take place in the AASR Auditorium at 7:00PM on February 27, March 19, and March 31. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Degree Director, Gary Nicholson: gnicholson@woh.rr.com or 937-510-6397.