



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter November & December

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## Threstleboard

Nov	1 Special Meeting	7PM
	Entered Apprentice Degree	
Nov	4 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	5 Breakfast	7-10AM
Nov	8 Stated Meeting	7PM
	Annual Meeting	
Nov	11 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	15 Special Meeting	7PM
	Installation	
Nov	18 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	18 Christmas Decorating	6PM
Nov	22 Stated Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	
Nov	25 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	29 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	
Dec	2 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	3 Breakfast	7-10AM
Dec	3 Christmas Party	6PM
Dec	6 Award's Night	7PM
Dec	9 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	13 Stated Meeting	7PM
Dec	16 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	20 Special Meeting	7PM
	Fellow Craft Degree	
Dec	23 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	27 TBA	
Dec	30 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	7PM
Jan	3 Special Meeting	9PM
	Fellow Craft Degree	

## Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter we have lost 2 more members. W. Bro. Jude Madden passed away on August 24th and Brother Thomas A. Brown passed away on September 5th. 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'.

## Treasurer

W. Bro. Roy Livesay is finally retiring as the Treasurer of Alpha Lodge. Roy and I have worked together in our present capacities for the 10 years or so. During that time we have had our arguments and disagreements but we have always worked together for the benefit of the Lodge. I will hate to see him go but there comes a time when we must all step aside. My time will be here before we know it as well. In November I will begin my 19th year as your Secretary. I have make commitments to some of the Officers currently in line but I will not always be here. I'm sure if you ask Roy he would tell you there are other things he would like to do. I also feel the same. W. Bro. Alf Butler, if elected, will assume the duties of the Treasurer. I look forward to working with him as he tries to teach me his way and un-teach me Roy's way. The next time you see him thank him for a job well done. We all appreciate it.

### **Installation**

The Installation of the Officers for 2012 will be held at a ceremony on November 15th. This is an open installation for our invited guest therefore all families are welcome to attend. There will be snacks and refreshments following this event. Come and join us as Brother Matt Rentz and his officers will begin their term as the leaders of Alpha Lodge. The festivities will begin at 7PM.

### **Christmas Party**

As usual the Annual Christmas Party will be on the first Saturday the 3rd of December. Again as usual bring a covered dish the lodge will supply the entrée. Santa will arrive following the Shiloh Puppets so bring a gift with the child's name and place it under the tree. We are planning on decorating the building on Friday night November 18th at 6PM with pizza being served. This is always a fun time so come and join us.

### **New Year's Eve Party**

One again we will have our own party to bring in the New Year. We will have entertainment and if everyone will bring a snack we should have a good time like last year with friends and their families and we will not have to contend with all the drinking and the consequences that leads to. It's a whole lot more entertaining than watching Dick Clark on TV. We'll start around 9PM come join us. There is no cost.

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting is on November 8. We have had a good year overall and this will be reported in detail at this meeting. This is also the date all Lodge dues are due in order to be in "Good Standing". If you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible, we hate to lose you.

### **Annual Lodge Dues**

2nd notices will be going out soon followed by final notices around the middle of December. The mailing of these notices become expensive when they exceed over a hundred at a time. Help us out and get your dues paid before the Annual Meeting on November 8th. Remember on December the 31st those not paid will be reported as Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.

### **Awards' Night**

Award's Night will be on December 6th at 7PM. Families will be permitted to attend as this is not a regular meeting but a ceremony to honor those 25, 50, 60, 65, and 70 year members.