



Alpha Lodge Newsletter November & December

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From The East

Brethren,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and Alpha Lodge this past year. We have had a fair turnout for most of the events and the Degree work. We need to recognize those brothers who have stepped up and contributed their time and efforts to keep our Lodge going. We should all take time this coming year to thank any and all who have applied themselves on all levels to provide harmony between Masons, and show the new brothers that there is virtue in joining our fraternity.

I would hope that it is understood that those brothers who do dedicate their time and energies to our cause do not get financial reimbursement for their efforts. They do get compensation in knowing that they are helping the Lodge survive and keeping our long tradition of excellence alive. We should thank them for "doing the work" of the Lodge. They do it because they want to, and without them this Lodge would not survive these times we live in now. Everyone is too busy, and for those who have kids usually both parents are working. It takes a real commitment to come to meetings each week and sometimes 2 or more times a week. We need to acknowledge the Officers, acting Stewards, the Tyler, Secretary, Treasurer, LEO, Craft Captain, the Craft, the Past Masters and those who volunteer to work the prep room and those who come to work for free each month for the breakfast. If we were all just sideline spectators Alpha Lodge would quickly cease to exist.

Hopefully we can get even more participation from the "observers" in our activities this coming year, as all it takes is to ASK and you shall receive. Put more simply, we need your help to make our

functions run better.

Please show our next Master even more respect than you have shown me this coming year and let's all work to make it a better year.

Thanks again brethren for a memorable experience and a great lesson in Masonry and Life!

Fraternally,

WB James S. Blum

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter Brother Elmer C. Sparks, passed away on August 8th, Brother Richard L. Tobias passed away on August 29th, Brother Richard Stroh passed away on September 2nd and Brother Wendell L. Lovell passed away on September 29th. Please remember the families of these Brothers 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'.

Dues Notices

If you have not paid your dues you have until the Annual Meeting Tuesday November 11th to remain in good standing. If you have misplaced the dues notice call the Lodge Secretary and I'll be glad to mail you another. The number is 312-7215. Second notice have either been sent or will be soon to those whose dues remain unpaid. The dues are still \$75.

Awards' Night

Award's Night will be to honor those 25, 50, 60, and 65 year members will be on December 9th at a Stated Meeting. Lodge opens at 7PM. At the moment we have two 50 year members attending.

Trestle Board

Nov	1	Breakfast	7-10AM
Nov	4	Special Meeting Entered Apprentice	7PM
Nov	7	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	11	Stated Meeting Election Night	7PM
Nov	14	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	18	Special Meeting Installation of Officers	7PM
Nov	21	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	21	Christmas Decorating	6PM
Nov	25	Stated Meeting	7PM
Nov	28	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	2	Special Meeting Master Mason	7PM
Dec	5	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	6	Breakfast	7-10AM
Dec	6	Children's Christmas Party See back of page	
Dec	9	Stated Meeting Awards' Night	7PM
Dec	12	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	12	Christmas Party See back of page	
Dec	16	Special Meeting Fellow Craft	7PM
Dec	19	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	23	No Meeting	
Dec	26	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	3	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	4	Breakfast	7-10AM

Installation

The Installation of the Officers for 2014-15 will be held at a ceremony on November 18th. The Installation will be an open installation, meaning your family and non-Masons may attend. There will be refreshments following the meeting. Come and join us as Worshipful Brother Robert Karl and his officers will begin their term as the leaders of Alpha Lodge. The Installation is at 7PM.

Christmas Tree Decorating

The Lodge will be decorating for Christmas on Friday, November 21st beginning at 6PM. During the evening pizza will be served. Let the Treasurer, Alf Butler, know you are coming and helping by calling 937-271-8145.

Christmas Party

This year the lodge's annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 6th. This party will be for the benefit of the kids and grandchildren. There will be entertainment for the kids as usual and at some point Santa Clause will make his appearance. If you would like you child to receive a gift from Santa bring a gift with his or her name on it and place it under the tree. As usual the Lodge will furnish the entr ee with all bringing a cover dish. All the festivities will began at 6PM. Please let the Treasurer, Alf Butler, know you are attending by calling 937-271-8145 so he will have an idea how many are coming..

Christmas Party

On Friday December 12th the Lodge will hold a Christmas Party for the adults only. At this time the location is undecided. Please consult the Lodge website for the information in regard to time and location. The website address is at the heading of this Newsletter.

Brother William McMann

Brother William McMann is in bad shape in St. Leonard's and is not expected to live long. Bill has been our Chaplain for a number of years and has been praised a number of times for his delivery of the prayers during our ritual. Please remember him in your prayers.

From the West:

As we move into the Holiday season, there will be many things to do at our Lodge. Besides our regular and special meetings, we will have a "work day" tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd to put up a "Past Masters Gallery" and do some other jobs. Our annual Christmas family party will be on Saturday, December 6th with fun, food, and a visit from Santa Claus. Our Awards night will be held on Tuesday, December 9th. A Brothers and Ladies Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 12th at a site to be determined.

You can see there are many exciting things going on at Alpha ! Plan to come and be a part of the fellowship of Brothers and family.

Fraternally

Bro. Robert Karl, Senior Warden