



*Alpha Lodge Newsletter*  
**November & December 2016**

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**Trestle Board**

Nov	1	Special Meeting Fellow Craft Degree	7PM
Nov	4	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	5	Breakfast	7-10AM
Nov	8	Stated Meeting Election Night	7PM
Nov	11	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	13	Installation Practice For Officers	2PM
Nov	15	Special Meeting Installation of Officers	7PM
Nov	17	Fundraiser for Alpha At Chili's	All Day
Nov	18	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	22	Stated Meeting Awards' Night Christmas Decorating	7PM
Nov	25	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	2	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	3	Breakfast	7-10AM
Dec	4	Adult Christmas Party See back of page	
Dec	6	Stated Meeting	7PM
Dec	9	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	11	La Comedia See article	6 PM
Dec	16	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	20	Stated Meeting	7PM
Dec	23	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	25	Merry Christmas	6 PM
Dec	30	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	1	Happy New Year	
Jan	6	Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	7	Breakfast	7-10AM

**Grim Reaper Report**

Tis is the report since the last Newsletter Brother Robert B. Beck Sr. passed away on August 17th, Brother Robert P. Copenhefer passed away on September 6th, Brother John W. Forsyth on September 29th, and Brother Donald L. Kear on October 1st. 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'.

**Dues Notices**

If you have not paid your dues you have until the Annual Meeting Tuesday November 8th 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 937-312-7215. Second notices have either been sent or will be soon to those whose dues remain unpaid. The dues are \$80.

**Awards' Night**

Award's Night will to honor those 25, 50, 60, and 65 year members will be held on November 22nd at a Stated Meeting. Lodge opens at 7PM. We expect a number to attend to receive their awards. Please make an effort to attend and support these brothers.

**Coming events**

There are some special social events in the works, probably beginning in February. Stay tuned and keep checking the newsletter. The first will be a dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. We will give you the date when it is decided. Also, once again at some point we will be returning to Ladder 11, and another bowling night will be put together. We will announce these are they are scheduled. .

### **Christmas Party**

This year the lodge's annual Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 17th. This party will be for the benefit of the kids and grandchildren. There will be entertainment for the kids and as usual 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. The Lodge will furnish the entrée please bring cover dish and we will eat about 6PM. Please let Worshipful Brother Alf Butler know you are attending by calling 937-271-8145 so he will have an idea how many to prepare for.

### **Officers**

We still are in need of potential officers for the next couple of years. If you are interested in being in being an officers Alpha Lodge please contact the Senior Warden at 937-755-5568.

### **Adult Christmas Party**

On Sunday December 4th the Lodge will hold a Christmas Party for the adults only. The party will be at Snyder's Tavern at 836 Watervliet Ave in Belmont. We have been told and it has been CONFIRMED that we will have the entire building, by ourselves, for this event. The bar will be open and from what I have heard the food is great, bring the wife and give her a day out, the time is 2PM. Please consult the Lodge website for additional information. The website address is at the heading of this Newsletter.

### **35 and 40 year service pins**

The following members have qualified for a 35 year pin. If you would like a pin call me at 937-312-7315.

Terry Hanauer	John Stuckey
Jim Thorpe	Harry Wall

The below names have qualified for a 40 year pin. Once again call me at 937-312-7315 if you are interested.

Charles DeVorak	Donald Ganger
Charles Hudson	James Kessler
Henry Lacy	Richard Loechinger
Russ Oliver	Charles Peters
Michael Shank	Herman Taylor
Lloyd Smith	Daniel Thornton

### **La Comedia**

On Sunday December 11th the Lodge has made reservations at La Comedia for the Christmas program "A Christmas Carol". Dinner is at 6PM. Reservations are a little different in that the money needs to be in a month in advance and MUST be paid to the Lodge. The Lodge MUST receive your check by November 8th the cost per couple is \$80, because the Lodge is subsidizing this, the event is for Alpha Lodge and their spouses only. La Comedia must receive payment by November 11th, therefore no money or reservations will be accepted after November 8th. The reason for this is the Lodge got burned for a large number of reservations by Miami Valley Winery where 20 plus people made reservation and did no show. The \$80 is non-refundable. To made reservations call either Virgil Neal at 756-4324 or the Secretary at 937-312-7315.

### **Fundraiser**

On Thursday November 17th we have a fundraiser at Chili's restaurant at 1110 Miamisburg- Centerville Road (SR 725) across the street from Sam's Club. The event runs all day with the Lodge receiving 15% of the receipts from our orders as long as we have over \$500 of sales generated. By the time you receive this e-mail you should have already received a coupon that you must present for you order to be credited to Alpha Lodge. From what I've heard they have good food and we all must eat, this would be a great way to check out this restaurant and help the Lodge at the same time. Remember it runs from opening to closing time. I hope to see some of the Brethren there.

### **Installation**

The Installation of the Officers for 2015-16 will be held at a ceremony on November 15th. 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 Matt McFarland and his officers will begin their term as the leaders of Alpha Lodge. The Installation is at 7PM.

### **Help**

We seem to have lost the following:

Kenneth J. Baker  
Joshua Buck

If you have any information on these two Brothers please call the secretary at 937-312-7315.