



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## November & December 2009

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### Brethren-

As I look toward the upcoming election in anticipation of being elected as your Master for the ensuing year I cannot but contemplate the changes I have seen since I first became an officer in Alpha Lodge back some six years ago. With the passing of Joe Mathews and the other Past Masters who have passed away Earl Shroyer and Jack Bissinger, and the Brethren who are no longer with us. The little things that we use to do that made Alpha Lodge different from the other Lodges in the district.

There will be a number of changes I would like to implement, things that we seem to have gotten away from. With your help and support I hope to return to some of these things. The officers were busy this summer at the practices learning some of these things that have not been passed on to them in the last few years. I believe you will see a marked improvement in their ritual work and hopeful your will be impressed. Let them know you appreciate their efforts. Remember these officers were elected by you to serve you and represent you.

Senior Warden  
 WB Dan Sullivan

### Christmas Decorating

On Friday November 20th at 6PM we will decorate the Lodge for the Christmas season. We can use all the help we can get. We'll order in pizza and chips and have a party while we are it. As they use to say we might even open up a keg of nails.

### Trestle Board

Nov	1 Church Services	10:30AM
Nov	6 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	7 Breakfast	7-10AM
Nov	10 Stated Meeting Annual Meeting	7PM
Nov	13 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	15 Church Services	10:30AM
Nov	17 Special Meeting Installation of Officers	7PM
Nov	20 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	20 Decorate the Lodge	6PM
Nov	22 Church Services	10:30AM
Nov	24 Stated Meeting	7PM
Nov	27 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	29 Church Services	10:30AM
Dec	1 Special Meeting Cancelled	7PM
Dec	4 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	5 Breakfast	7-10AM
Dec	5 Christmas Party	6PM
Dec	8 Stated Meeting	7PM
Dec	11 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	15 Special Meeting E. A. Degree	7PM
Dec	18 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	22 Stated Meeting	7PM

### Special Meeting

Keep this in mind. December 15th. This will be an opportunity to see this degree conferred on Mr. Brown.

## **Annual Meeting**

On Tuesday November 10th the Lodge will hold its Annual Meeting for the year. For the benefit of our newer members this is the end of the year for the current Officers and the time to elect new Officers for 2010.

It's also the date that your dues card expires as is covered elsewhere in this Newsletter. Annual reports of Lodge business will be given as well. If you can attend it might prove interesting.

## **Installation of Officers**

Once again for the benefit of our newer members on Tuesday November 17th the Officers elected the previous week will be installed. On this night the lodge is open to your families as they will be allowed to attend with you to see the officers installed. Normally, this takes about an hour or a little more. There will be refreshments to follow.

## **Church Services**

Beginning on Sunday October 18th the Reverend Greg Jones will hold non-denominational church services in the lower level of our building. The services will be held on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays and the 5th if there is one in the month. The service will run from 10:30AM until 11:30AM. Rev. Jones is the son of Dwayne Jones past Potentate of Antioch Shrine and he is currently a member of Millennium Lodge. I'm sure he would appreciate your attendance .

## **Dues**

On November 10th if you do not have your 2010 dues card you are NOT in good standing. The Grand Lodge rules say that I must send you another dues notice before this date and another prior to December 31st giving you sufficient time to respond to this 3rd notice before that suspension date. Also, a phone call is attempted to be made as well. At 44 cents a notice this gets rather expensive. It would benefit the lodge if I did not have to send out all of these notices. You can assist in this by getting your dues paid as soon as possible.

## **One Day Class**

W. Bro. Sullivan is working with a couple of other Lodges trying to get a scheduled date for the 2010 one Day Class. The dates we considered in April had to be changed as there were some conflicts with the Scottish Rite Reunion on April 10th and the Shrine Circus on April 24th. So now we are looking at a Saturday March 27th. We are currently taking petitions for this event. I would be glad to mail you a petition if you will let me know. They are also available on the Lodge web site which appears at the heading of this Newsletter.

## **Newsletters**

In an effort to cut cost with the mailing of the Newsletter if anyone would like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail please send your e-mail address to the e-mail address at the top of the Newsletter. Of course you can go on the Lodge web site and get it there as well. But please let me know that so I don't continue to mail you the Newsletter. If you use this method it will be necessary that if you change your e-mail address or your home address you'll have to be sure you let us know or we will lose you and we will have no way to find you.

## **Grim Reaper Report**

Worshipful Brother Joe Mathews passed away on October 11th. Please remember the family of this brother 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

## **Christmas Party**

Saturday December 5th at 6PM the Lodge will have its Annual Christmas party. Everyone should bring a covered dish and the Lodge will supply the meat. Parents should bring a gift with your child name to place under the tree and Santa will present them during the evening. The entertainment for the evening will be the Shiloh Puppets. (For those who do not know they are like the Muppets that you've seen on TV.) The kids love them. P.S. bringing your own table service.

## **Congratulations !!!**

Congratulations R.W. Bro. Doug Kaylor on your appointment as the Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.