



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter September & October

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## From the West-

My Brothers-

It hardly seems possible, but the start of a new, exciting Masonic year is upon us. As we all look forward to the continuation of our Masonic journey, it would be well to reflect on how we can contribute to our lodge and to our community. There will be several opportunities for all of us to be involved in projects around the lodge, with two "work days" scheduled to "fix up" and "make-over" some areas of the lodge. Projects involving going to local high school events, raising money for Special Olympics, improving our Masonic knowledge, socializing with our Brethren, and other special events will highlight our up-coming year. Plan to join your other Brothers as we "improve ourselves in Masonry" and show the "best tenets of our institution" to the community around us. Looking forward to a great year- See you in Lodge!

Bob Karl- S.W.

## Trestle Board

Sept	2	Special Meeting Fellow Craft Degree	7 PM
Sept	5	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	6	Breakfast	7-10AM
Sept	9	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	12	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	16	Special Meeting Master Mason Degree	7PM
Sept	19	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	23	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	26	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	30	Special Meeting If needed check web site	
Oct	3	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	4	Breakfast	7-10AM
Oct	7	<b>Craft Dinner</b> See back page	7PM
Oct	10	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	14	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	17	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	17 & 18	Grand Lodge Cincinnati, Ohio	
Oct	21	Special Meeting If needed TBA see web site	7PM
Oct	24	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	25	OES Breakfast Prepared by Alpha Crew	7-11AM
Oct	28	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	31	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	1	Breakfast	7-10AM

Dues

In the next few weeks most of you will receive your 2014 dues notice, I say most because about 50 went out without the amount of the dues. If you were one of these the dues for 2015 is once again \$75. Sorry about the error but to error is human to forgive is divine. I stagger the notices because some of you prefer to pay your dues closer to the due date which is November 11th to remain in Good Standing. I do keep a record of when you usually pay therefore you will receive your notice shortly before that. Remember however, they must be paid by December 31, 2014 to avoid suspension.

### **Craft Dinner**

The Craft Dinner is on Tuesday October 7th at 7PM, with the usual format. The dress for the evening will be casual. If you are a member of the Craft and have a current Craft dues card your meal is free however your spouse's meal is \$10. All non-craft member will be \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Gary Shifflett at 673-6873. The meal will consist of Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and dessert.

### **Grim Reaper Report**

Since the last Newsletter there have been a number of deaths. Brother Charles E. Mc Connell passed away on April 19th and Brother Arthur Dase passed on May 19th. 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'. Brother Dase was a Charter member. There are two left - brothers Robert Harmon and Darwin Helmbold.

### **Heading Change**

There has been a change in the heading at the top of the Newsletter. Look and see if you know what it is. This Summer I had a Masonic Brother call me and say he got gone through a number of Newsletters on line trying to find my phone number before he found it. And he was right. So to correct this foresight the Secretary's phone number will now appear at the top of the Newsletters.

### **Good Cheer**

We don't always hear about your members' health issues as they are not always forthcoming and most of the time when we do, it is not from the member himself, but an acquaintance. With that in mind, Brother Jimmie Mitchell and Brother William Harris, our Treasurer for a number of years, are in nursing facilities with Alzheimer's. Brother Bill McMann, the past Chaplain is having some serious health issues and Brother Mike Erwin had surgery on his leg over the Summer.

### **Education Programs**

The Following are the Topic the Lodge Education Officer will speak on during the months of September and October:

1. Every Mason is a P.R. Man for Freemasonry by R.W. Brother Jack L. Allen, Grand Marshal
2. The Benefits of Being a Lodge Officer by R.W. Brother Jack L. Allen, Grand Orator
3. "Lodge Etiquette" The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio Committee on Education and Information
4. Lodge Officer Duties

Brother Virgil Neal  
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