



Alpha Lodge Newsletter January and February

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One Day Class

The Grand Lodge has authorized another One Day Class which will be held on March 25, 2017. We are already taking petitions for the event. If you need a petition call me and I'll be happy to see you get one. The fee for the degrees is \$250 and must be paid before the March 25. \$110 must be paid at the time the petition is submitted.

Dues

It's that time of the year again when the annual dues will soon be due. This year the dues are again \$80 and notices are already being mailed out. I usually stagger them according to when you have paid them in the past. If you are a life member and have not received your new card call me. There are a few differences this year the biggest difference is you will receive a permanent plastic dues card. If you need a replacement for whatever reason there is a \$2 replacement charge from the Grand Lodge. There will be a scanner system to ensure your card is current. Because of this new card there will be a slight delay in receiving your dues card. Be patient, when I receive them I will mail them out. Your current dues card is good until the Annual Meeting (Nov 8th).

Special Meetings

As usual our Special Meetings are contingent upon the candidates returning their work. It's impossible to know at the middle of August what the situation will be in October. The best thing is either consult the web site or call to see if there is a meeting.

Trestle Board

Sept	2	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	3	Breakfast	7-10AM
Sept	9	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	13	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	16	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	20	Special Meeting	7PM
		Master Mason Degree	
Sept	23	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	27	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	30	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	1	Breakfast	7-10AM
Oct	4	No Meeting	
Oct	6	San 6PM	
Oct	7	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	11	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	14 & 15	Grand Lodge Sandusky Ohio	
Oct	14	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	18	Special Meeting	7PM
		Fellow Craft Degree	
Oct	21	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	25	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	28	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	4	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	5	Breakfast	7-10AM

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter there have been a number who have passed away. Brother Leonard R. Huff passed away on April 23, Brother Raymond F. Mefford passed away on May 9, and Brother Joseph H. Sorah also, passed away on May 9. Brother Richard Harding passed away on June 18, Brother Michael Lane passed away on August 7, Brother Larry Tharp Sr. passed away on August 8.

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.

Blood Drive at Alpha

As some of you long-time members might remember, Alpha used to host regular blood drives. A few brethren are interested in renewing that tradition back up, but before we can schedule it (it takes six to 12 months to schedule), we need 60 volunteers to sign up to make sure we have enough to have a great turnout.

If you've never given blood before or it's been a while, it's an easy thing to do and it saves lives! Only 38% of the population is eligible to give blood so usually there's a desperate need. It typically takes less than 15 minutes and you'll even get juice and cookies! Bring a friend or family member and be a hero for someone!

If you're interested in signing up, contact Mike Erwin at 937-477-6547 and he'll add you to the list.

Alpha Lodge shirts

A few brethren are interested in buying Alpha Lodge golf shirts. We'll have the lodge name and number customized on the shirts.

Before we order any shirts though, we'd like to gauge how much interest there would be so we know how many we would order. We're planning to order a high quality poly blend shirt. It should be less than \$30, but we may save more if we know how many people would be interested.

Please email Alf Butler at abutler2@woh.rr.com or call at 937-271-8145 if you're interested and he will add you to the list.

Breakfast

Don't forget about the first Saturday breakfast each month from 7-10am! We've had amazing attendance the last few months with over 100 people. It's a great opportunity to socialize with Alpha brethren and brethren from around the district. You never know who you might see!

This is one of Alpha's biggest fundraisers and helps provide funding to keep the building running. When you come, please give generously. It's one of the best breakfasts you'll get with biscuits/gravy, eggs to order, homemade hashbrowns, toast, pancakes, sausage and famous left-handed bacon.

Interested in helping? We usually need at least eight people or so to put it on each month. Please contact Alf Butler at 937-271-8145 and he'll put you down for a shift!

Scottish Rite Updates

For those Alpha brethren in Scottish Rite, or those interested in finding out more, this fall has several great events to participate.

On September 17, there's a family outing at Young's Jersey Dairy from 11am-4pm. Not only will there be ice cream, Putt-Putt and a great picnic, but it's also a great chance to introduce friends and family to Scottish Rite.

On September 24th, the Valley of Dayton and Valley of Columbus are presenting the 23rd and 30th degrees in Springfield at the Springfield Masonic Center at 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be provided.

The fall reunion will be presented on Nov 12 starting at 1pm this year and will only feature the 32nd degree. For the candidates, they will receive a special commemorative jewel. A ladies program will be included as well.

To sign up for any of these programs, call the AASR office at 937-222-9103 or email steveargast@daytonaasr.org for reservations and information.