



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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My Brothers,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. With summer coming to a close, we are returning to light here at Alpha. The officers have been working on their new stations over the past couple of months, and are looking forward to the new Masonic year.

There are some upcoming events, as always the is the "liars club", also known as Seniors held every Friday morning, come out for some tall tales and laughs. We also have our monthly breakfast, first Saturday of the month, always good food and Fellowship. Saturday September 2nd, there is a DEO Eating and Education day at the Lodge from 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

The 208th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio will be held at the Dayton Masonic Center in Dayton, on Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st. Alpha Lodge will open at 8:30 A.M.

We are ordering polo shirts for the brethren, they are tan in color with the Lodge name and number, in black on the right breast. There are some members that already have a shirt. They are \$25 each, this covers the shirt, tax and shipping. If you are interested please contact me (937)751-5568. I need at least 20 shirts to make an order.

Mark Oliver, SW

Brotherly Love

Brother Mike Erwin is in need of some assistance. Mike has some physical issues with his back and spinal cord and has had a number of surgeries and has two more scheduled one in September and another in January. At the end of August he has fire wood coming he cannot move. Anyone who could help would be appreciated. You may contact Mike at 477-6547 or the Secretary at 312-7315 for the date and time.

Trestle Board

Sept	1	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	2	Breakfast	7-10AM
Sept	2	DEO meeting at Alpha	9AM
Sept	8	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	12	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	15	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	19	Special Meeting	7PM
		Fellow Craft Degree	
Sept	22	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept	26	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept	29	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	3	Special Meeting	7PM
		Entered Apprentice Degree	
Oct	6	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	7	Breakfast	7-10AM
Oct	10	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	13	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	17	Special Meeting	7PM
Oct	20	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	20	Grand Lodge Opening	9AM
		By Alpha in Dayton	
Oct	24	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	27	Seniors	9-11AM

A few words of wisdom

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!

P. J. O'Rourke

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last Newsletter there have been a number

who have passed away. Worshipful Brother James Blum passed away on February 18, Worshipful Brother Frank Talmage passed away on February 27, Brother Charles Lucas passed away on March 14, Worshipful Brother Stuart Purvis, passed away on March 23. Brother Clarence Gabbard passed away on April 9, Brother Dennis Moore passed away on April 27, Worshipful Brother Bobbie Lyons on July 15, and Brother Nicholas Moore passed away on July 16, 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.

Grand Lodge Meal Reservations

Planning to go to Grand Lodge in Dayton this year on October 20-21 to celebrate Doug Kaylor's last event as Grand Master? If so, it's a great time to register for lunch and dinner! For \$15, you can sign up for the men's lunch buffet. If your lady comes with you, she can enjoy a special Friday lunch at the Dayton Marriott for \$30. Dinners for the Friday night banquet are also available for \$47.50. All the details can be found at the Grand Lodge website at: <http://www.gloho.com/images/forms/GL-2017-Registration-Letter.pdf>.

Reservations can also be given to Alpha's treasurer, Alf Butler. He can provide more information if needed.

Dues

It's that time of the year again when we start collecting the annual dues. The dues are again \$80 and notices are already being mailed out. As usually I stagger the notices according to when you have paid your dues in the past. As you have a more permanent plastic dues card therefore one will not be sent. Remember if you misplace your Card there is a \$2 replacement charge from the Grand Lodge. Also, there is a scanner system to ensure your card is current. You are in Good Standing until the Annual Meeting (Nov 7th).

The following will be done in two parts. The first in this newsletter and the final in the next.

A Scottish Bible Charge

This was shared by Charlie Shepard, a Mason from Scotland, as part of the Scottish master mason degree. It's a powerful charge when given to new Master Masons and worthwhile reading.

Through the courtesy of your Worshipful Installing Master, it is my privilege to present you with a copy of the Holy Bible, which, as you have been instructed, is the Great Light in Masonry. We have been accustomed to think of the Holy Bible as one book, because it is bound between two covers. It is not one book, it is a large library, sometimes called the divine library, and rightly so. It is composed of sixty six separate volumes, thirty-nine of which comprise of the Old Testament and twenty-seven the New Testament.

It was over fifteen hundred years in the making and a period of about four hundred years passed between the History of the last book of the Old Testament and the first book of the New. Another period of four hundred years passed before they were translated by St. Jerome into a common language and assembled into one collection. This became known as The Latin Vulgate.

Another ten centuries passed before the first crude and partial translation in English appeared, which resulted in our present authorized version under King James in AD. 1611.

The Holy Bible contains Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy, Letters, Morals, Ethics, Philosophy, Medicine, and a revelation of divine Light and Truth. Its authorship is not less varied; its contributors were Law Givers, Historians, Poets, Prophets, Preachers, Mystics, Kings, Collectors of Internal Revenue, Tent makers and Fishermen.

Diverse as are its subject, matter and authorship, remote are as its Types, Figures, Myths, Legends, Allegories and unique styles of expression. The intelligent reader discerns, running through it all, an ever increasing purpose, a progressive revelation of truth. As silver threads run through the darker fabric, appearing here and there prominently upon the surface; so flashes of light rise from its pages, revealing the mind and character of God and his unfailing love towards mankind.