



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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From The East

My Brothers:

As you all recall, the Entered Apprentice is that stage in which we "expand our knowledge". Often, that is a short stage in the progression of a modern day Freemason. Our true education comes from learning and experiencing masonry after becoming a Master Mason. This is an eternal process, that should never end. One of the best learning experiences that I have had is the Masonic Courses. Many officers were encouraged to take the "Course IV". This process involved receiving a question sheet from a mentor/proctor, answering the questions, mailing it back in, and repeating this process a few times. This literally took a couple of months. The Grand Lodge of Ohio is in the process of updating these courses, and they are all (there are 5 them) now available online. You can take them online, and get immediate results. When I took them, it took about 30 minutes each, with a copy of the code nearby. I strongly encourage ALL members to expand their Masonic Education, and this is an easy method. The courses can be found at <http://www.freemason.com/html/education.php>, and any of our officers would be glad to assist you in them. Another excellent opportunity is the Ritual Club. Senior Warden Arnold Grubb has been leading this effort every Wednesday evening at 7:00. The group goes through the ritual of the degrees in a relaxed manner. This is for ALL members, not just the officers. If you ever wanted to learn a charge, a prayer, or a portion of a lecture, this is THE place to do it. Giving it in open lodge is a very rewarding accomplishment! As we enter 2008, the Bi-Centennial of Free in Masonry Ohio, I would like to encourage all brethren in the District

to support their lodges and District by attending inspections and district functions within the District. The President's Choice Award is based on this very theme. It will be awarded to the lodge that "stands out" by attending District functions, inspections, leadership within the community and Grand Lodge activities.

Fraternally,

Larry Richardson

Threstleboard

<u>Feb 1</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>9-11AM</u>
<u>Feb 2</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>7-10AM</u>
<u>Feb 5</u>	<u>Special Meeting</u>	<u>7PM</u>
	<u>Master Mason Degree</u>	
<u>Feb 8</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>9-11AM</u>
<u>Feb 12</u>	<u>Stated Meeting</u>	<u>7PM</u>
<u>Feb 15</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>9-11AM</u>
<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>7PM</u>
	<u>Master Mason</u>	
<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>9-11PM</u>
<u>Feb 26</u>	<u>Stated Meeting</u>	<u>6:00PM</u>
<u>Feb 29</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>9-11AM</u>
<u>March 1</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>7-10AM</u>
<u>March 4</u>	<u>Special Meeting</u>	<u>7PM</u>
	<u>Master Mason</u>	
	<u>Inspection</u>	

Inspection

The Lodge's Inspection will be held in the Master Mason Degree on Tuesday March 4th. Dinner will be at 6PM and will consist of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, a salad, rolls and pie for dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$8. Tickets are available until February 26th through the Junior or Senior Wardens or by making reservations through the Secretary by no later than February 29th.

Help Needed

Bro. Joe Zeek is looking for help to cleanup in the kitchen during the Inspection. Anyone who is NOT involved in the Craft who would like to participate should give Joe a call at 643-1852.

2008 Dues

There were 17 members who were reported as not having paid their 2008 dues. We are continuing to work with these in an attempt to lower this number. If the dues are not paid by the Stated Meeting in November then the member will have to go through the election process again. Once again if there is a problem please call the Secretary at 293-1404, We do not want to see anyone suspended for non-payment of dues.

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last report Brother William E. Miller passed away on December 30th. Please remember the family of Brother Miller and may he hear those welcome words well done good and faithful servant thy task well done enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

Grand Lodge Bicentennial

As most Masons know by now this is the bicentennial year for the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The first meeting was in January 1808 and to commemorate this event there are numerous events scheduled through out the year. The first of these events was the Founders Day dinner held in January at the DMC. On June 21st in Columbus a Masonic Parade is scheduled followed by a reenactment of the Cornerstone laying of the annex to the Statehouse. Other special events will take

place at the Grand Lodge Communication in Columbus October 16, 17, and 18th. All Masons are invited and encouraged to attend these events. A complete schedule is available by going to the Grand Lodge web site. Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

Alpha Lodge

Officers and Committee Contacts

902-0488 Lawrence Richardson ..Master
293-1404 Russell Oliver.....Secretary
754-1090 Roy Livesay Jr.Treasurer
266-7881 Arnold D. GrubbSr. Warden
432-0265 Daniel SullivanJr. Warden
435-9823 Antoine Banna.....Sr. Deacon
294-4840 Alfred C. ButlerJr. Deacon
643-0819 Stephen-Paul Yelland...Sr. Steward
270-8854 Matthew Rentz.....Chaplain
222-4180 Michael E. Fisher.....Tyler
427-8776 Anthony J. Burk.....LEO
253-2549 Jude Madden.....Trustee
426-6622 Howard Bailey.....Trustee
433-2928 Jerry JamiesonTrustee

Memorial Services

754-1090 Roy Livesay Jr. _____

Blood Bank

654-0442 Dave Dill _____

Kettering Masonic Center

294-2588 Gene Skinner _____ President
426-6622 Howard Bailey _____ Vice-President
293-1404 Russ Oliver _____ Secretary

729 Craft Club

254-0226 Ted West _____

Good Cheer and Welfare

434-5137 Bill McMann _____

Instruction

253-2549 Jude Madden (EA)
376-4219 Ronald Dill (FC)
372-1586 Bill Whitaker (MM)

Investigation

848-4502 William Bretscher _____

Widows

434-5137 Bill McMann _____

Grievance Committee

299-5829 Neil M. Smalley
434-9526 Gene R. Pequignot
865-0810 Douglas N. Kaylor