



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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Brethren-

It is difficult to believe, but the facts do not lie. There is only one half of the year remaining! This brings us into June, which is one of the most active Masonic months we've seen. It seems that there are very significant events going on at every turn. Rather than list all of the events, as they are in the trestle board, I'd like to focus on a couple. The first is our annual recognition of St. Johns Day, which we celebrate in the form of a Table Lodge. For our new members, a Table Lodge is a semi-formal Masonic Dinner with a special lodge ceremony and program. Our table lodge is going to be on Saturday, June 7th.

This year marks the Bicentennial of Masonry in Ohio, and the celebration really kicks into gear this month! One of the events is a Lantern Presentation. Each of the districts in Ohio has a lantern, and it is passed between lodges. We will be receiving the Lantern on June 17th from Ben Franklin Lodge, and passing on to Solar Lodge on June 20th (7:00).

The very next day, we will be participating in a parade in Columbus, where there will be vast numbers of Masons in attendance. Following the parade, there will be a rededication of the Grand Lodge, and amazing food provided by the Grotto.

As most of you know, we take a short break during the months of July and August. This period of Darkness is interrupted on August 9th, when we have a true family affair picnic at Lofino's Park in Beavercreek. I do hope that all of you can attend! Most of all, I hope that each of you has a very safe and enjoyable summer.

Fraternally –
Larry Richardson
Worshipful Master

Trestle board

June	3 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree - cancelled	
June	6 Seniors	9-11AM
June	7 Breakfast	7-10AM
June	10 Stated Meeting	7PM
June	13 Seniors	9-11AM
June	17 Special Meeting	7PM
	Lantern Ceremony	
June	20 Seniors	9-11AM
June	24 Stated Meeting	7PM
June	27 Seniors	9-11AM
July	4 NO SENIORS	
July	5 Breakfast	7-10AM

Breakfast

The Breakfast will continue through out the Summer, on the first Saturday of each month. So please continue to come out and support the Temple Company as the money make goes into purchasing the needs for the building in which we all share.

Officers Practices

The officers will practice on Tuesday nights during the summer. If you are considering getting into line this would be a good opportunity. For the complete schedule of practices call the Senior Warden Arnold Grubb at 266-7881.

Budget

The Secretary and the Treasurer presented the lodge budget at a Stated Meeting in May. Like everyone else expenses continue to rise and with the drop in the interest rate and the decreasing membership our income has dropped. In an effort to keep our dues at the current level we will be cutting back on the Newsletters. Beginning with September's they will be for two month periods. Changes in the trestle board in between the newsletters will appear on the lodge web site. That address appears at the top of the Newsletter.

SICK & HOSPITAL REPORT

By Bro. Bill Mc Mann

By the time this report appears, we hope that all the Brethren listed below are well on the road to recovery. It would be nice to call or drop a card to those who had health problems in the month of April, 2008

Bro. Clarence Gabbard Bro. Harry Wall
Bro. Al Davis W. Bro. Jack Bissinger,
W. Bro. Chuck DeVorak Bro. Wendell Lovell

We ask anyone that is aware of a Brother who is ill or in the hospital to notify me at:

(937) 434-5137 (H) – (937) 479-1729 (Cell)

Comments From the Good Cheer Chairman

I would like to thank Roy Livesay & his Memorial Committee for a job well done.

Brothers, we need volunteers for the "I Care Program"...if you are available to run errands, cut grass, fix a door knob, hang a picture, or be willing to sit & talk with someone we could use your help. Call Bill McMann (H) 434-4137 (C) 479-1729 or Russ Oliver at the Lodge office 252-1151.

Please remember these Brothers in your prayers: Dale Hinkener, Joseph Rogers, Harry Wall, Leonard Howard, Clarence Gabbard, Arthur Andrews & Charles DeVorak.

Let me close by saying it is an honor to serve you. May God bless you and 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. Grubb	.....Sr. Warden
432-0265	Daniel Sullivan	.....Jr. Warden
.....	.....	.....Sr. Deacon
294-4840	Alfred C. Butler	.....Jr. Deacon
643-0819	Stephen-Paul Yelland	.....Sr. Steward
477-6093	Jason Pruitt	.....Jr. Steward
270-8854	Matthew Rentz	.....Chaplain
222-4180	Michael E. Fisher	.....Tyler
427-8776	Anthony J. Burk	.....LEO

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

Good Cheer and Welfare

434-5137 Bill McMann

Investigation

293-1404	Russ Oliver	Secretary
435-9823	Antoine Banna	

Instruction

435-9823	Antoine Banna	Chairman
253-2549	Jude Madden (EA)	
376-4219	Ronald Dill (FC)	
372-1586	Bill Whitaker (MM)	

Widows

434-5137 Bill McMann

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last report four more of our Brethren have passed away Brother Robert W. Wiggins on April 23rd, Brother Bryce E. Oates on May 3rd, Brother Harry F. Bowersock on May 5th, and Brother Leslie "Rocky" Cooper on May 6th. 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.