



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren, it took winter awhile to get here this year, but it now appears to be making up for lost time! Despite the weather, we have raised two Master Masons in the past month; although, one of the Degrees had to be postponed for 24 hours due to the weather. The Stated Meeting for February 13th also had to be cancelled because of a winter storm. The Craft did a great job in presenting excellent degrees to both candidates, and their extra effort in presenting two degrees within such a short period of time is greatly appreciated.

We have two Fellow Craft Degrees coming up in the near future—one of them being for our Inspection on March 20th. Please mark your calendars for that date. Most Worshipful Brother Michael Himes, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, plans to attend. Tickets for the Inspection dinner can be obtained through the Lodge officers. As usual, the Inspection dinner will take place immediately before the Inspection begins. Last year's Inspection resulted in Alpha Lodge's being presented the award for "Best Entered Apprentice Degree" given in the Second District. At the last Inspection in which Alpha Lodge presented the Fellow Craft Degree, this year's Inspection degree, we also won the "Best Degree Award," and we all hope we can do it a third time.

Several petitions have already been received for the Grand Master's Class, which is scheduled for March 31st. Because so much Masonic information is presented in such a short time in the setting of a Grand Master's Class, we hope to be able to have the opportunity to get to know and to adequately prepare our candidates well before the one-day class takes place. We

would therefore like to have petitions submitted as early as possible. If you know someone whom you think would be a good Mason, the limited availability of the Grand Master's Class as a way to join, may be a good conversation starter. Masons never push, but it is perfectly acceptable to ask someone whom you think would make a worthy Mason about whether he has any interest in learning about Masonry. If he does have an interest, it is also perfectly acceptable to let him know you would support him in his effort to join—including signing his petition.

Remember that the Grand Master's Reception will take place downtown at DMC on March 17th. Tickets are available through the Junior Warden. It is a great opportunity to meet the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers and to enjoy a good dinner with your Lodge Brethren. On Friday, March 16th, Brethren and their ladies will meet at the Lodge at 6:00PM and proceed to a local establishment for an informal St. Patrick's Day get-together. No tickets needed, and everyone buys their own food and beverages.

Inspection and Inspection Dinner

Tuesday March 20th the Lodge will hold its Annual Inspection. This year the Lodge will be inspected in the Fellowcraft Degree. Lodge opens at 7PM with the Grand Master being in attendance.

Prior to the meeting a dinner will be served consisting of stuffed green peppers, new potatoes, green beans, cream of broccoli soup, rolls and assorted pie for dessert. The price of the dinner is \$8, the Lodge meeting is priceless. RSVP must be in by March 16th to the Secretary at 293-1404.

Alpha Lodge

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Investigation

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Grim Reaper Report

As we go to the printer we have lost one member since he last newsletter, Brother Lowell Mowell passed away on January 17th. May he hear those welcome words well done good and faithful servant thy task well done enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

Breakfast

The Breakfast on the first Saturday of the month continues to grow and has increased by 1/3 since last Fall. The money from this event has been going to purchase equipment for the building which benefits all the bodies who meet in the building. As we have gotten bigger we find ourselves in need of more help. If you would like to join us and become part of the Breakfast bunch a phone call to either Russ Oliver at 293-1404 or Jerry Jamieson at 433-2928 will take care of that.

Threstleboard

March 2	Seniors	9-11AM
March 3	Breakfast	7-10AM
March 6	Special Meeting	7PM
	Fellowcraft Degree	
	Exemplar Candidate	
March 9	Seniors	9-11AM
March 13	Stated Meeting	7PM
March 16	Seniors	9-11AM
March 18	Inspection Practice	3PM
March 20	Special Meeting	7PM
	Inspection	
	Fellowcraft Degree	
March 23	Seniors	9-11AM
March 27	Stated Meeting	7PM
March 28	One-Day Class Education meeting	7PM
March 31	One-Day Class	8AM
April 6	Seniors	9-11AM
April 7	Breakfast	7-10AM

One Day Class

The One Day Class will be held on Saturday March 31st with registration starting at 8AM at the Dayton Masonic Center.

As investigations and votes cannot be cut short petitions will only be accepted until March 12th as registrations must be in by March 17th.

An education class will be held at the Lodge on Wednesday March 28th at 7PM. The information the candidates will need along with meal tickets will be distributed at that time. Each candidate will be assigned a mentor who will be with him all day. Some candidates already have mentors while others do not. It will be necessary for the lodge to assign mentors to those who don't. If you would be available and would like to serve as a mentor I could certainly use your help. Mentors will have to be present at the meeting on March 28th. But, please let me know by calling me at 293-1404. Each person attending the One-day Class will be required to have a meal ticket. These are \$10 each and I have those as well.

Russ Oliver- Secretary

Candidates

As of the middle of February we have 5 candidates ready for the One-Day Class with 3 or 4 more in varies stages of investigations or awaiting election. If you have a potential candidate don't delay time is getting near get that petition in. It may be years before the next One-Day Class.

