



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## May 2007

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### FROM THE EAST

#### My Brothers:

Many of us are old enough to remember when Masonic Lodges were important social centers—particularly in smaller towns and cities. Today, a large majority of the population under the age of 40 have scarcely heard of Freemasonry. Many who have heard about Freemasonry have learned about it through fictional references such as Dan Brown's books, the incomplete perspective of television specials, or the twisted view of conspiracy theorists and anti-Masonic internet sites. Sometimes the image of Masonry presented to the public is a positive one, as in the movie *National Treasure*. But even in these positive accounts, the facts about the TRUE TREASURES of Masonry are often buried beneath the fictions of glamorous but false treasures, such as those of the Templars—the location of which, of course, is always hidden in a complex and fascinating system of secret Masonic symbols and codes. The increased separation of Lodges from their communities is unfortunate. It deprives the community of the positive moral, ethical, and charitable influences of Masonry in a time when those influences are most needed. It limits the source from which Masonry can attract worthy petitioners and deprives Masonry of some of the stimulus and energy that comes from active community participation.

On May 1, Alpha Lodge is going to make an effort to reach out to our community. We will have a "Brothers and Friends Night." In addition to pizza, snacks, desserts, and drinks, we will be serving up a lot of information about Freemasonry in the form of a "Poster Session." Each table will

contain a poster (or a computer with a PowerPoint presentation) dealing with a different aspect of Freemasonry. If you have any friends or family members who are curious about Freemasonry, please encourage them to attend. While we would obviously like to see some petitions arise from this effort, "Brothers and Friends Night" should be viewed as a community outreach effort and not merely a recruiting effort. People who are merely curious but have no intention of joining—including ladies—are very welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. The event will be advertised in the *Neighborhoods* section of the *Dayton Daily News*.

On Saturday, May 5, there will be an informal get-together of the Brothers of the Lodge at Las Piramides Restaurant on Wilmington Pike at 4:00PM as a celebration of "*Cinco de Mayo*." Ladies are welcome. Each Brother buys his own food and drinks.

Please save the date of June 23 for Table Lodge as well as June 24 for St. John the Baptist Day conjoint worship. More about those events later...

Fraternally,  
Gary L. Nicholson M.D.  
Worshipful Master

#### Ohio Masonic Home Day

Remember the Open House at the Masonic Home on Sunday June 3rd. if you haven't been there in a while things have changed a great deal. Take the entire family and enjoy all the festivities of the day including a picnic and a parade on the grounds. This is the facility that we as Masons support. Go and check it out. Maybe one of these days you might decide to make it your home. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the trimmings are served for lunch at a very modest charge.

## **Alpha Lodge**

### **Officers and Committee Contacts**

434-8507 Gary Nicholson .....Wor. Master  
293-1404 Russell Oliver.....Secretary  
754-1090 Roy Livesay Jr. ....Treasurer  
902-0488 Lawrence Richardson Sr. Warden  
266-7881 Arnold D. Grubb .....Jr. Warden  
294-4840 Alfred C. Butler ..... Chaplain  
432-0265 Daniel Sullivan .....Sr. Deacon  
253-6266 Kent Lyon..... Jr. Deacon  
643-1852 Joseph D. Zeek . . . .Sr. Steward  
435-9823 Antoine Banna.....Jr. Steward  
241-6338 "Bubba" Robinson.... .. Marshall  
433-2928 Jerry Jamieson.....Tyler  
433-5449 Edgar Wightman.....LEO  
865-0810 Douglas N Kaylor.....Trustee  
253-2549 Jude Madden.....Trustee  
426-6622 Howard Bailey.....Trustee

### **Memorial Services**

754-1090 Roy Livesay Jr.

### **Blood Bank**

233-9991 Dwight Morgan

### **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  
252-4741 Dick Massie

### **Good Cheer and Welfare**

434-8507 Gary Nicholson Master

### **Instruction**

293-1404 Russ Oliver (EA)  
252-4741 Dick Massie (FC)  
372-1586 Bill Whitaker (MM)

### **Investigation**

848-4502 William Bretscher

### **Widows**

433-3832 James St John

### **Grim Reaper Report**

The Lodge lost two members this past month; Brother Bobby Davidson passed away on April 1st and Brother Robert J. Tobias passed away on April 9th. May they hear those welcome words well done good and faithful servant thy task well done enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

## **Threstleboard**

May	1	Brother & Friend Night	7PM
May	4	Seniors	9-11AM
May	5	Breakfast	7-10AM
May	8	Stated Meeting	7PM
May	11	Seniors	9-11AM
May	15	Special Meeting Master Mason Degree	7PM
May	18	Seniors	9-11AM
May	22	Stated Meeting	7PM
May	25	Seniors	9-11AM
May	29	Special Meeting EA Degree	7PM
May	30	Kettering Masonic Center	7PM
June	1	Seniors	9-11AM
June	2	Breakfast	7-10AM
June	3	Ohio Masonic Home Day All Day affair for the family	

### **Lodge Short News Report**

1. The Lodge took in 14 candidates at the Grand Master's Class on March 31st.
2. Three remain who have chosen to come in the regular way.
3. At the Breakfast in April we had our highest every attendance of 101. Ads will soon appear in the newspapers in the area as this fund raiser continues to increase.
4. The water cooler in the lower level has been replaced and the tinting of the front windows has been done in an effort to keep the heat out this Summer.
5. The Temple Board has signed a number of contracts and soon you will see work begun around the building. The front doors will be the first thing to go and then a section of the parking lot and then the floor in the lower level in July.

### **Memorial Service Night**

At the Stated Meeting on May 22 the Lodge will perform the Memorial Service in remembrance of those who have passed away since May of 2006. As in prior years , if you chose, we would ask you to wear your white leather aprons on this night.