



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

May & June 2009

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Brethren-

It is difficult to believe, but here we are preparing for the summer break and it seems as if the year has just started. In the next 3 or 4 months a number of things are being planned. As you can see from the Trestleboard the ritual work is at a minimum due to the upcoming One Day Class. However, some other things are in the works. There will be a welcoming dinner at the Lodge on the evening of June 13th to greet the new candidates and their families. Brother Jim Blum is putting this meal together and if its like the refreshments after the meetings we have been getting we are in for a treat. There will be more about this in the June Newsletter.

W. Bro. Livesay is planning a Lodge family picnic on Sunday August 2nd at Lofino's Park in Beaver creek.

On Saturday July 11th there will be a Spaghetti Dinner at the Lodge as a fundraiser to assist those Brethren who are unable to pay their Loge dues. Open House at the Ohio Masonic Home will be on June 14th. For those who have never been to the Home to visit, remember this is your home. This is an all day affair with a picnic lunch where you can eat lunch for \$3, there will be music, a Shrine Parade, and even free strawberry short cake. The Lodge members work the 2nd District Officers Association's food booth. If you would like to volunteer please call me at 293-1404.

All though the Lodge is closed during July and August we are planning on having family oriented events during this time but your attendance is necessary for these to be successful.

Fraternally –
 Russ Oliver
 Secretary

Trestle board

May	1 Seniors	9-11AM
May	2 Breakfast	7-10AM
May	8 Seniors	9-11AM
May	12 Stated Meeting	7PM
May	15 Seniors	9-11AM
May	22 Seniors	9-11AM
May	26 Stated Meeting	7PM
May	29 Seniors	9-11AM
June	2 Special Meeting	6PM
FC	Master Mason Degree	
June	5 Seniors	9-11AM
June	6 Breakfast	7-10AM
June	9 Stated Meeting	7PM
June	12 Seniors	9-11AM
June	13 One- Day Class	7PM
June	19 Seniors	9-11AM
June	23 Stated Meeting	7PM
June	26 Seniors	9-11AM
July	3 Seniors	9-11AM
July	4 Breakfast	7-10AM

2009 One-Day Class

The Grand Master's One Day Class will be held on June 13th at the Dayton Masonic Center. We are currently taking petitions and registering candidates for this class. If you have any questions or if you need a petition please let me know. All petitions will need to be in by NO LATER than May 12th so the candidates maybe properly investigated prior to their election. Remember for the One Day Class the whole fee of \$150 must be made before the petition can be read in the Lodge.

Budget

The Secretary and the Treasurer presented the lodge budget at a Stated Meeting in April. Like everyone else expenses continue to rise and with the drop in the interest rate and the decreasing membership our income has dropped.

Dues Increase

At the last Stated Meeting in April a proposed increase of \$5 in the dues lodge was entertained this will raise the annual lodge dues to \$60 per member. As required by the Grand Lodge Code the membership is hereby notified of this proposal and this will be addressed at the Stated Meeting of May 12, 2009.

SICK & HOSPITAL REPORT

By Bro. Bill Mc Mann

By the time this report appears, we hope that all the Brethren that have had some health problems are on the road to recovery.

W. Bro. Jack Bissinger is experiencing serious health problems and has been in and out of the hospital and a nursing home a number of times in the past few months.

Grim Reaper Report

Since the last report two of our Brethren have passed away Brother James L. Mc Nulty on March 23rd and Brother Frederick A. Good on April 8th. 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.

Breakfast

The Breakfast will continue on the first Saturday of each month through out the Summer. After some discussion we have decided to serve breakfast on July 4th as well. Although, attendance will be down at least those of us who stay home can attend. Our attendance continues to increase and we appreciate your continued support.

Officers and Committee Contacts

266-7881	Arnold D. Grubb	Master
293-1404	Russell Oliver	Secretary
754-1090	Roy Livesay Jr.	Treasurer
432-0265	Daniel Sullivan	Sr. Warden
294-4840	Alfred C. Butler	Jr. Warden
270-8854	Matthew Rentz	Sr. Deacon
673-2630	Jerry Sturgill	Jr. Deacon
439-2042	James Blum	Jr. Steward
298-4210	Gene Hedrick	Jr. Steward
434-4137	William McMann	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
434-4137	William McMann	Vice-President
293-1404	Russ Oliver	Secretary

Good Cheer and Welfare

434-5137 Bill McMann

Investigation

293-1404 Russ Oliver Secretary

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

June 2nd Raising

The raising of Bro. Pecaroro will be on June 2nd with Lodge opening at 6PM. The 729 Craft Club will prepare hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill outside, weather permitting, while the candidate is receiving the lecture and charge. By starting earlier we will have more time following the meeting to have the cook-out. We may need some Past Masters to step up to open in officers' stations for those officers who work and cannot be there that early.