



Alpha Lodge Newsletter

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My Brothers:

Brethren, as my term as Worshipful Master comes to its end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Brethren of Alpha Lodge for permitting me to serve as their Worshipful Master this year. I would also like to thank those who have offered support to the Lodge and to me during that time.

I look forward to a successful new year under the leadership of our incoming Master and his officer corps. It will be a special year since it represents the bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. I certainly hope to be able to offer support and assistance to our new Master and to our Lodge whenever I can.

May the blessings of the Grand Architect rest upon Alpha Lodge and all its Brethren and their families. May God bless America, and may He bless and support Freemasonry throughout the world. Thanks again, Brethren!

Fraternally,
 Gary Nicholson M. D.
 Worshipful Master

Annual Meeting and 2008 Dues

If you do not have a 2008 dues card as of November 13, 2007 you are no longer in good standing and your dues needs to be paid. This date marks the Annual Meeting of Alpha Lodge when the Officers who will serve for the next year will be elected.

Installation of Officers

The installation of officers for 2008 will take place on Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 7PM and will be an open installation by invitation only. R. W. Brother Douglas N. Kaylor 33rd Degree will be the installing officer. I'm sure the officers would appreciate your attendance and remember

your wives are also invited.

Widows' Chairman

A new Chairman has been found. One of our newest members who has affiliated from Englewood Lodge has agreed to assume the duties of this position. Brother McMann, a 30+ year member and a retired accountant has also assumed the position of Chairman of the Good Cheer Committee as well. Welcome Bill, and thank you.

Grim Reaper Report

Although the Lodge lost no members since the last report a frequent visitor, a friend, and an acquaintance of all of us who attend Alpha Lodge meetings passed away on October 6th, Worshipful Brother Nolan Kimbler Past Master of West Carrollton. We know whose side you're on now. May he hear those welcome words well done good and faithful servant thy task well done enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

Threstleboard

Nov	2	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	3	Breakfast	7-10AM
Nov	6	Special Meeting	7PM
		Master Mason Degree	
	Nov	9 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	13	Stated Meeting	7PM
		Annual Meeting	
Nov	16	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	20	Special Meeting	7PM
		Installation	
Nov	23	Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	27	Stated Meeting	7PM
Nov	30	Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	1	Breakfast	7-10AM

As we close out the term of the Masonic year and pay our dues to renew our financial commitment to the Lodge, it is a great time to also renew our spiritual commitment to the fraternity. We must realize that Masonry isn't just something that you participate in once a week in Lodge. Masonic principles are something that each of us should live and be a part of our daily lives.

As a Master Mason, we take a solemn oath and obligation to uphold the Masonic principles in all that we do. While that may mean coming to Lodge, participating in charity or fundraising events and performing the work asked of you, it also means taking an active role in continuing the growth of the fraternity. That means not waiting for someone to ask you to help and, instead, taking the initiative and sharing an idea for a meeting, an educational program or an activity with an officer or the Master. Chances are, they will appreciate your involvement in the Lodge. In fact, it is one of the officers' duties to the Lodge and the fraternity to promote this leadership and participation.

One of the great tenets of Masonry is that all men are equal and that we should practice selflessness attending to the needs of our brethren as far as we possibly can. These are great things to think about as we renew our membership. Whether you're a new brother in the fraternity or a past master of the Lodge, we are taught we are equal as we each spread the time-honored Masonic virtues of brotherly love and relief to friends, family or other brethren. This means being accepting of differences among us, volunteering to help others in need and always be willing to assist in Masonic activities.

Another great opportunity for brothers to become better Masons is to learn the true meanings behind the ritual and the lectures. While we all learn the words early, we may not fully understand the meaning behind them. Understanding the beauty of the intricacies behind the text can greatly help Masons learn to apply those tenets in their everyday lives. To assist interested brethren in this, Alpha Lodge is offering a ritual club on Wednesday evenings at 7pm open to interested brethren who wish to learn more.

While Masons pay their dues and are considered members in good standing of their

Lodges, if they do not fully participate or practice the Masonic virtues, they may not be truly good Masons. They may have the due cards, the badges and degrees from all of the different Masonic Orders, but if they aren't living the principles in their heart and actions, they may not truly be in good standing. Yet, it's never too late to change and this time of year is a great opportunity to renew living the Masonic life.

Fraternally, Alf Butler Chaplain

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

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