



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## October 2007

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### My Brothers:

As I approach the end of my term as Worshipful Master, I prefer to continue to look forward. Next year will be a very exciting one for Freemasonry in Ohio. January 4, 2008 will mark the bicentennial of an assemblage of five Ohio Lodges in Chillicothe to form the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Alpha Lodge and all Ohio Lodges should use the occasion to vigorously promote Freemasonry in the state. Some interesting events associated with the bicentennial celebration will include the Masonic re-laying of the State Capitol cornerstone on June 21 in Columbus. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Lodge Officers will be placing a commemorative marker at the grave of Rufus Putnam in Marietta. Rufus Putnam was elected the first Grand Master of Masons in Ohio; however, he declined the office because of age and health problems. The first Grand Master was Samuel Huntington, who began his term in 1809. These events are open to the general public, and all Masons are particularly welcomed to attend. It is also my understanding that Governor Ted Strickland is planning to petition a Lodge next year. This would make him the first Governor of Ohio to actually be initiated, passed, and raised while in office.

Alpha Lodge will continue to be very busy with Degree Work between now and the Annual Meeting. Virtually every Tuesday will be occupied either by a Stated Meeting or the

conferral of a Degree. We hope that many of you will be able to attend some of these meetings and enjoy the Degree Work.

The last social event for my term will be a **Halloween Party** on Saturday, **October 27**. This is a family affair, and we particularly hope that you will bring the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and any other children you think might enjoy the event. We encourage the kids to come in their Halloween costumes. (*Any adults who are inspired to wear a costume are welcome to do so as well.*) There will be entertainment, games, and food and drinks. You do NOT need tickets, but your letting Russ or me know how many people you plan to bring would be appreciated to help us in planning.

Fraternally,  
Gary Nicholson M. D.  
Worshipful Master

### **Antioch Past Master's Club**

On Tuesday October 16 the Past Master's Club of Antioch Shrine will confer the Master Mason Degree. The club will fill all of the positions necessary to raise this candidate. Our Treasurer and Past Master, W. Brother Roy Livesay, is the Director of this club. Lodge opens at 7PM. It's been a number of years since this Club has been invited to Alpha. We need to come up and support these men as they confer this degree.

## **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**

434-8507 Gary Nicholson Master

### **Instruction**

253-2549 Jude Madden (EA)  
376-4219 Ronald Dill (FC)  
372-1586 Bill Whitaker (MM)

### **Investigation**

848-4502 William Bretscher

### **Widows**

293-1404 Russ Oliver

### **Widows' Chairman**

With the death of Brother Jim St John we are looking for a Widow's Chairman. The Secretary currently is fulfilling this position. If you would like to assume this position or assist in it please let the Secretary know.

## **Threstleboard**

Oct	2	Special Meeting Fellowcraft Degree	7PM
Oct	3	Ritual Club	7PM
Oct	5	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	9	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	10	Ritual Club	7PM
Oct	12	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	13	Breakfast	7-10AM
Oct	16	Special Meeting Master Mason Degree	7PM
Oct	17	Ritual Club	7PM
Oct	19	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	19 & 20	Grand Lodge Cincinnati	
Oct	23	Stated Meeting	7PM
Oct	24	Ritual Club	7PM
Oct	26	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct	30	Special Meeting Master Mason Degree	
Nov	3	Breakfast	7-10AM

### **Grim Reaper Report**

The Lodge lost two more members since the last report; Brother William Curp passed away on August 24 and Brother William Riggs passed away on September 6th. May they hear those welcome words well done good and faithful servant thy task well done enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

### **2008 Dues**

As a reminder your 2008 Lodge dues are now due. Once again they are \$55. They are due by the Annual Meeting on November 11, 2007 and must be paid by December 31, 2007 in order to avoid suspension for non-payment of dues. If you have a financial hard ship please call the Secretary at 293-1404 and let us know so we may remit your dues. We would rather do this then suspend you.

### **Breakfast Change**

The breakfast for October has been changed from the first Saturday October 6th to the second Saturday October 13th. This was necessitated by the Brookville Shrine Parade on October 6th as a number of our breakfast help participate in the Shrine parades. We will return to our normal 1st Saturday in November