



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## September 2007

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### My Brothers:

I hope all the Brethren of Alpha Lodge have been enjoying the summer. We will resume work on September 4 with the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The following Tuesday, September 11, will be our first Stated Meeting after returning to work. The schedule is going to be quite busy in terms of degree work. Virtually every Tuesday from September through early November will be utilized for Degree Work or for Stated Meetings. It is wonderful to have so many candidates, and we hope the Brethren will come out and participate. Some of the Degrees will be a little unusual. A Fellow Craft Degree will be given at Bethany Lutheran Village on September 18, and a Master Mason Degree will be presented in our Lodge on October 16 by the Antioch Past Masters. They always do good work. The Ritual Club will continue to meet [see Arnold Grubb's article], and I would encourage all interested Brethren to take advantage of this opportunity.

Other upcoming events to remember include: the Craft Club Dinner at the Lodge on September 7. I understand the menu will include grilled steaks and baked potatoes. For Past Masters and Officers the Past Master's Dinner will take place on October 5. Arrangements are still being made, but it will likely be held at Mama DiSalvo's on Stroop Rd. Finally, Alpha Lodge's first Halloween Party is scheduled for October 27. The party is for everyone, but we particularly encourage you to bring the kids and grandkids—in their Halloween costumes if possible. There will be games and entertainment. Any help with decorations or treats would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers can call me at (937) 434-8507 or email me at [gnicholson@woh.rr.com](mailto:gnicholson@woh.rr.com).

Fraternally,  
Gary Nicholson M. D.  
Worshipful Master

### 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

### From the South

Greetings, Brethren. As many of you may be unaware, I am taking this opportunity to inform all that our lodge is forming its own Ritual Club. The purpose of the Club is to give opportunity to any brother who desires to study the Ritual, without any obligation or pressure. We will be discussing the allegories, symbols, meanings and nuances in the three degrees, learning lectures, charges and duties, and sharing fellowship that we may improve in Masonic knowledge. The club will be meeting at the Lodge every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm beginning on August 15 and is open to any brother who wishes to participate, either in learning or mentoring others. I encourage you all to take advantage of this opportunity to enrich your Masonic lives and join us. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Arnold Grubb

## **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**

426-6622 Howard Bailey

### **Widows' Chairman**

With the death of Brother Jim St John Brother Howard Bailey has assumed the duties and responsibility of that position. You will find his phone number in the above list.

### **Bethany**

On September 18th the Lodge will hold a

Fellowcraft meeting at Bethany Lutheran Village on Far Hill Ave in Centerville. Lodge will open at 7PM. Maps to parking will be made available.

## **Threstleboard**

Sept 1	Breakfast	7-10AM
Sept 4	Special Meeting EA Degree	7PM
Sept 5	Ritual Club	7PM
Sept 7	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept 7	Craft Dinner	6PM
Sept 11	Stated Meeting	7PM
Sept 12	Ritual Club	7PM
Sept 14	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept 18	Special Meeting (at Bethany) Fellowcraft Degree	7PM
Sept 19	Ritual Club	7PM
Sept 21	Seniors	9-11AM
Sept 25	Stated Meeting Fellowcraft Degree	7PM
Sept 26	Ritual Club	7PM
Sept 28	Seniors	9-11AM
Oct 13	Breakfast	7-10AM

## **Grim Reaper Report**

The Lodge lost three members since the last report; James R. Smith passed away on May 7, Ruel Green on June 19th, and James L. St John on June 26th. May they hear those welcome words well done good and faithful servant thy task well done enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

## **Standing Resolution**

A proposed change to the Standing Resolution was offered at the last Stated Meeting and will be voted on at the meeting of September 11th. The proposal concerns adopting the calendar year as the year end for the financial reports to the IRS.

## **2008 Dues**

Enclosed with the Newsletter you will find your dues notice for your 2008 Lodge dues. 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 hardship please call the Secretary at 293-1404 and let us know so we may remit your dues. We can work with you on this if you let us know. We cannot help if we do not know.