



# Alpha Lodge Newsletter

## March and April

2018

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### Trestle Board

My Brethren,

As we move into the spring months, have some upcoming events, our annual Inspection is on March 6. We are being inspected in the Entered Apprentice Degree, the officers have been practicing their parts so that we can put on the best degree. April 17th we are having a Table Lodge. The speaker will be one of our new Fellow Crafts, Brother George Carpenter. He will be doing a program on funeral services, so that we can prepare ourselves and families with information that we can help with our final needs. The last Special Meeting in January we passed 4 brothers to the Fellow Craft Degree, we are hoping to raise them on April 28th.

The Lodge is in need of Master Craftsmen. Brother Gary Shifflett is stepping down as the EA instructor, and Brothers Bill Whitaker and Dan Thornton are stepping down as the Master Mason instructors. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Fraternally,

WB Mark Oliver

March	2 Seniors	9-11AM
March	3 Breakfast	7-10AM
March	6 Inspection	7PM
	Entered Apprentice Degree	
March	9 Seniors	9-11AM
March	13 Stated Meeting	7PM
March	16 Seniors	9-11AM
March	20 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	
March	23 Seniors	9-11AM
March	27 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	3 Special Meeting	7PM
	Master Mason Degree	
April	6 Seniors	9-11AM
April	7 Breakfast	7-10AM
April	10 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	13 Seniors	9-11AM
April	17 Special Meeting	7PM
	Table Lodge	
April	20 Seniors	9-11AM
April	24 Stated Meeting	7PM
April	27 Seniors	9-11AM
April	28 Special Meeting	9:00AM
	Master Mason Degree	
May	1 Special Meeting	7PM
	Fellow Craft Degree	
May	4 Seniors	9-11AM
May	5 Breakfast	7-10AM

### **Grim Reaper Report**

We have been informed that a number of our Brethren have passed away since the last report. Brother Gary Smith passed away on November 21st, Brother John Loy passed away on November 30th, Brother George J. Watson passed away on December 14th, Brother Jerry E. Brasier passed away on December 27th, and Brother Robert I. Daumann passed away on January 11th. Please remember the families these brothers' at this time 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'.

### **Saturday Meeting**

On Saturday April 28 the Lodge is having a Saturday raising with Lodge opening at 9:00AM. We will be raising three (3) candidates to that degree. In the morning we will do the first section than break for lunch followed by the second section after lunch. John W. Durst Lodge No. 716 has been invited to attend and participate. There will be donuts and coffee prior to opening with doors opening at 7:30AM. It should be an interesting day come and join us.

### **From The Secretary**

I have been asked many times over the years "do we have anybody in the Lodge that does -----? I don't know why I've never done this but now I will try. The following is who the Lodge uses for varies jobs, we do have others and if you are someone that would like to be include please let me know and I will put it in another newsletter  
Heat & Air Conditioning: Kettering Heating & Air at 937- 294-3131  
Plumbing: Dave Lowe at 937-829-8631  
Lawn Service & Snow plowing: Essential Lawn at 937-384-0440  
Financial Service: Stan Brookins at Westfall & Brookins at 937-865-5235  
We have other such as handymen one of whom is now a Fellow Craft.  
Don't misunderstand their services are not free but at least you are dealing with someone you can trust as these are Masons.

### **Table Lodge**

There will be a Table Lodge held on Tuesday evening April 17th at 7PM. The guest speaker will be Brother George Carpenter who is employed by Tobias Funeral Home as a funeral planner. We thought this would be an interesting subject and one we will all need one day. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per with required reservations being made to the Senior Deacon, Brother Brian Holley at 901-6388.

### **Royal Canadian Mounted Police Degree Team**

Ready for something different? All area Master Masons will have the opportunity to learn more about Canadian Freemasonry by watching the Royal Canadian Mounted Police degree team perform their version of the Master Mason degree on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Dayton Masonic Center.

Open to all Master Masons in good standing, the event is free and starts at 2pm after registration opens at 1pm. Bring your dues card and apron and get ready to enjoy some international brotherhood!

This is the third in the series of visiting degree teams – Oklahoma Indian, Black Watch from Scotland and now the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

For more information, contact Alf Butler at 937-271-8145.

### **Inspection**

The Lodge's Inspection is March 6th in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Lodge opens at 7pm there is no dinner however, there will be refreshments following.

### **Quotes**

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, sub-sidize it.

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.