



Alpha Lodge Newsletter November & December

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Trestle Board

Nov	2 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	3 Breakfast	7-10AM
Nov	6 No Meeting	7PM
Nov	9 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	13 Stated Meeting Election Night	7PM
Nov	16 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	16 Christmas Decorating	6PM
Nov	18 Installation Practice For Officers	2PM
Nov	20 Special Meeting Installation of Officers	7PM
Nov	23 Seniors	9-11AM
Nov	27 Stated Meeting	7PM
Nov	30 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	1 Breakfast	7-10AM
Dec	1 Children's Christmas Party	6PM
Dec	2 Adult Christmas Party See back of page	
Dec	4 No Meeting	7PM
Dec	7 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	11 Stated Meeting Awards Night	7PM
Dec	14 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	16 La Comedis Details Elsewhere	
Dec	18 No Meeting	7PM
Dec	21 Seniors	9-11AM
Dec	25 Merry Christmas	
Dec	28 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	1 Happy New Year	
Jan	4 Seniors	9-11AM
Jan	5 Breakfast	7-10AM

Grim Reaper Report

We have a number of members since the last report who have passed away: Brother Darwin Helmbold passed away on August 25th, Brother Edward Anders passed away on August 31st, as did Brother Harry M. Wall. Brother James M. Thorpe passed away on September 23rd, and Brother Mark Barker passed away on October 3rd. Please remember the family of this Brother and may he hear those welcome words 'well done good and faithful servant thy task well done, enter thou into the joy of our Lord'.

La Comedia

The lodge has 30 seats on the floor for the showing of "White Christmas" at La Comedia on Sunday December 16, 2018 with seating beginning at 5:30PM. The cost is \$40 per person. Reservations must be made by November 13th by calling the Secretary at 937-312-7315

Installation

The Installation of the Officers for 2018-19 will be held at a ceremony on November 20nd. The Installation will be an open installation, meaning your family and non-Masons may attend. There will be refreshments following the meeting. Come and join us as Worshipful Brother Mark Oliver and his officers will begin their term as the leaders of Alpha Lodge. The Installation is at 7PM.

Christmas Decorating

November 16th at 6PM bring the kids and join the officers and their wives and help decorate the lodge for Christmas. Pizza will be served so come hungry. Let the Master know if you can help.

Christmas Party

This year the lodge's annual Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 1st. This party will be for the benefit of the kids and grandchildren. There will be entertainment for the kids and as usual at some point Santa Clause will make his appearance.

If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa bring a gift with his or her name on it and place it under the tree. The Lodge will furnish the entrée please bring a cover dish and we will eat about 6PM. Please let Worshipful Brother Alf Butler know you are attending by calling 937-271-8145 so he will have an idea how many to prepare for.

Adult Christmas Party

On Sunday December 2nd the Lodge will hold a Christmas Party for the adults only. The party will be at Milton Club at 640 Cosler Drive. The cost is \$12 per person. The meal is a buffet with cold cut sandwiches, cheese & crackers, a vegetable tray, and fruit tray. The bar will be open and from what I have heard the food is great, bring the wife and give her a day out, the time is 2PM. Reservations must be made to determine the food order by contacting the Secretary at 312-7315.

Dress Code

A number of complaints are being voiced concerning our dress code or the lack of one. I, as the Master of the Lodge have effective immediately that the minimum attire at the lodge meetings will be dress slacks and polo shirt. Jeans, t-shirts, and gym shoe will not be accepted and you will be asked to leave. Furthermore, it is against all Masonic practices to have all of these ritual books opened in the Lodge. Therefore, only one ritual book will be open and that being the Junior Warden who always serves as the prompter for the ritual work.

From the Secretary

One Day Class

Another One Day Class has been authorized by the Grand Master. All the details have not been finalized as of yet but, the date has been set for Saturday May 4, 2019. We are currently accepting petition for the class. Petition may be obtained on the Alpha web site (the address is in the heading) or by calling the Secretary. The cost is \$250 and must be paid at the time the petition is submitted.

Dues Notices

If you have not paid your dues you have until the Annual Meeting Tuesday November 13th to remain in good standing. If you have misplaced the dues notice call the Lodge Secretary and I'll be glad to mail you another. The number is 937-312-7315. Second notices are being sent or will be soon to those whose dues remain unpaid. The dues are \$80.