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Newsletter

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From the East...

Brethren,

We have made it through another Inspection. I would like to thank all the officers for their hard work. I would also like to thank Brother Fodor for sitting in as a Steward; Brother Maynard for making dinner for us, it was good as always; WB McFarland for an outstanding lecture; and Brother Vulgamore for the charge.

Now that we are done with the inspection we can focus on our other degrees. We are going to have a practice for the Master Mason on March 19th, and the real thing on April 30th. We will do another Master degree in September. The EA degree doesn't take as much planning so we will do those in the fall.

The dead line for the one-day class is fast approaching, April 2nd is the last day that we can take petitions. It takes two meetings to read and vote on petitions, so if you know someone who would make a good mason, get those petitions in sooner than later.

We are looking into getting a card game together at the lodge on Friday, March 29th, there will be more information as we closer.

This is the first newsletter that our now retired Secretary did not have a hand in, so if anything is wrong with it, let Brother Lumnah know.

Fraternally,
WB Mark Oliver



Grim Reaper Report (since last report)

D. O. D. Brother
December 25, 2018 Henry E. Lacy

Lodge Attire

Proper attired is required when attending Lodge. Please, no blue jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweat shirts, or gym shoes. Jacket and tie are welcomed, but not required. You may wear a dress shirt and pants. Please show respect for your lodge and dress accordingly.

Trestle Board

Date	Event	Time
March 1	Seniors	9 AM
March 2	Breakfast	7 - 10
March 5	Annual Inspection	7 PM
March 8	Seniors	9 AM
March 12	Stated Meeting	7 PM
March 15	Seniors	9 AM
March 19	MM Practice	7 PM
March 22	Seniors	9 AM
March 26	Stated Meeting	7 PM
March 29	Seniors	9 AM
March 29	Card Game Night	7 PM
April 5	Seniors	9 AM
April 6	Breakfast	7 - 10
April 9	Stated Meeting	7 PM
April 12	Seniors	9 AM
April 19	Seniors	9 AM
April 23	Stated Meeting	7 PM
April 26	Seniors	9 AM
April 30	Special Meeting-MM	7 PM
May 4	Breakfast	7 - 10
May 4	One-Day Class	8 AM

August 2018 To-Date Statistics

Activity	Count
Master Masons	340
Fellowcraft	0
Entered Apprentice	2
Candidates	5
Initiated – EA	4
Passed – FC	3
Raised – MM	2
Affiliation	0
Plural Membership	0
Demits	1
Suspensions	16
Reinstated	2
Deceased	13

Annual Lodge Dues

As of this writing there are a number of members who have not paid their dues for 2019. The number is embarrassing. As of December 31, sixteen (16) members were suspended for non-payment of dues.

If you are having a problem with your dues we may be able to give you some temporary relief, if so call the Secretary at 937.750.0007 and maybe we can work something out. Anything in this nature will of course remain confidential. We do not want to lose our members, please communicate with us.

Annual Inspection and Dinner

The Annual Inspection of the Lodge will be on March 5th. We will be inspected in the Fellow Craft Degree. The Lodge will open at 7 PM as usual. There will be a dinner at 6 PM with a cost of \$12. Contact the Worshipful Master, Mark Oliver to make your reservations.

One-Day Class

The Ohio Grand Lodge will hold multiple One-Day Degree Classes throughout the year. The location and dates will depend on the Masonic District holding the class. Our district, District 2, will hold the One-Day Class on May 4th at 8:00 at the Dayton Masonic Center.

The latest date possible to accept petitions is on April 2nd. This will allow time to read the petition during a Lodge meeting, investigate, and vote at another Lodge meeting.

For other One-Day Class locations and dates, contact the Lodge's Secretary.

Your Contact Information is Requested

If you have not already provided your personal contact information, please send your phone number and e-mail address to Sec.AlphaLodge729@gmail.com or by text to 937.750.0007.

Lodge Officers

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Trustee	M.W. Doug Kaylor	937.865.0810
Trustee	Mike Erwin	937.477.6547
Memorial Chair	R.W. Gary Nicholson	937.510.6397
Building Manager	Mike Erwin	937.477.6547

Lodge Instructors

Entered Apprentice	Gary Shifflett	937.673.6873
Fellow Craft	William Schmidt	937.298.4634
Master Mason	Terry Cannon	937.751.9210
Craft Master	W.B. Russell Oliver	937.312.7315

Changes Have Arrived

After serving as Alpha Lodge's Secretary for 25 terms, WB Russell Oliver retired effective February 12th. All of the Brothers of the Lodge wish to thank WB Oliver for his dedication and service to our Masonic organization. WB Oliver was raised on March 29, 1977.

A Special Election was held on February 12th where Brother Dan Lumnah was elected to fill the position of Secretary. Bro. Lumnah has had some previous experience as Secretary of Phoebus Lodge #82 in New Berlin, NY where he was raised as a Master Mason on January 26, 1991 and later affiliated with Alpha Lodge in 2015. We wish Bro. Lumnah much luck as he fills those large shoes left behind by WB Oliver.

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