



Alpha Lodge #729, F. & A. M.

2251 South Smithville Road

P. O. Box 20191

Kettering, OH 45420

@gmail.com

(937) 657-5618

www.AlphaLodge729.us



Newsletter

January / February 2020

From the East...

Brethren,

Good morning/evening Brethren! I hope that everyone had a joyful holiday season, and that Santa brought you everything that you asked for (even though some of us have been naughty). Things are rolling along at Alpha, we had an excellent time at both the Children's and Adult Christmas parties and the wreath laying at the VA cemetery. More volunteer opportunities will be available, check the website (alphalodge729.us), the newsletter, or come to a meeting to get a list of upcoming volunteer events.

Inspection season is upon us, and the schedule for the Second District is on the Tyler's desk outside the lodge room. Please look and see if there are any other inspections you might be able to make it to. Alpha's first inspection is March 3rd in the Entered Apprentice degree. Alpha won the best Fellowcraft degree award from the Second district, so please come out and support your officers as we try to put on the best degree work possible.

The work on the building itself is progressing well. As of the publication of this newsletter, the kitchen work should be getting started, and the HVAC and electrical work almost done. A big thank you to Brother Erwin for all his work to make this possible.

Last, on a personal note, I want to thank all the brothers who have supported me both as a member of Alpha and as the Worshipful Master. As many of you know, my father passed away suddenly in November. Even though he was not a member of this lodge, I lost track of the number of brothers who came to his viewing, and who have reached out with messages and offers of support. I am honored to be a member of this lodge, and each and every one of you exemplify what it means to be a Mason.

Fraternally,
W.B. Lou Imundo



Grim Reaper Report (since last report)

D. O. D.	Brother
October 1, 2019	William C. Hoyer
October 7, 2019	John A. Cook

Lodge Attire

Proper attire 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
Jan 4	Breakfast	7 - 10
Jan 7	Officer MM training	7 PM
Jan 10	Seniors	8 AM
Jan 14	Stated Meeting	7 PM
Jan 17	Seniors	8 AM
Jan 21	Fellow Craft Degree	7 PM
Jan 24	Seniors	8 AM
Jan 28	Stated Meeting	7 PM
Jan 31	Seniors	8 AM
Feb 1	Breakfast	7 - 10
Feb 4	Entered Apprentice	7 PM
Feb 7	Seniors	8 AM
Feb 11	Stated Meeting	7 PM
Feb 14	Seniors	8 AM
Feb 18	MM Full Practice	7 PM
Feb 21	Seniors	8 AM
Feb 25	Stated Meeting	7 PM
Feb 28	Seniors	8 AM
March 3	Inspection EA	7 PM
March 6	Seniors	8 AM
March 7	Breakfast	7 - 10

August 2019 To-Date Statistics

Activity	Count
Master Masons	343
Fellowcraft	0
Entered Apprentice	2
Candidates	0
Initiated – EA	2
Passed – FC	3
Raised – MM	3
Affiliation	1

Plural Membership	1
Demits	3
Suspensions	0
Reinstated	5
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, forty-two (42) 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 937.657.5618 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

The (first) Annual Inspection of the Lodge will be on March 3rd. We will be inspected in the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Lodge will open at 7 PM as usual. There will be a second Inspection later in the year in the Master Mason Degree.

Grand Lodge of Ohio/Grand View

Currently our Lodge only has twenty-two registered members in Grand View. Registration is very simple, and the site offers a great deal of useful information to our membership. Please consider taking advantage of this resource and register today.

Community Outreach

Our next community volunteer opportunity will be February 23, 2020 at the House of Bread in Dayton from 9 am. – 2:00 pm. For more information contact the Master at: imundo2@hotmail.com

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 937.657.5618.

Lodge Officers

Master	W.B. Lou Imundo	937.428.6620
Senior Warden	Brian Holley	937.901.6388
Junior Warden	Michael Clark	937.825.2751
Treasurer	Jeffrey Starr	937.234.7501
Secretary	Dan Vulgamore	937.657.5618
L. E. O.	Virgil Neal	937.438.5297
Senior Deacon	Stephen-Paul Yelland	937.902.2200
Junior Deacon	Justin Barbarino	216.235.0278
Senior Steward	<open>	
Junior Steward	<open>	
Chaplain	W.B. Robert Karl	937.723.6677
Tyler	Charles Marcum	937.222.4180
Trustee	Todd Cochran	937.776.1113.
Trustee	M.W. Doug Kaylor	937.865.0810
Trustee	W.B. Mark Oliver	937.751.5568
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		

How you can help

There are many opportunities for our members to serve the Lodge. Please contact any senior officer on how you can be an active part of Alpha Lodge.

Secretary's Contact Information

Brother: Dan Vulgamore
 Email: Sec.AlphaLodge729@gmail.com
 Phone: 937.657.5618
 Address: 2811 Red Lion Court
 Dayton, OH 45440