

The142 Express

Quarterly Newsletter for Newton Masonic Lodge #142 – January 2010

New to 142

It's a New Year again and with it comes changes. We will all have to get used to writing 2010 instead of 2009, we have a new officer team, and Worshipful Guy Wright is scheduled to serve as our Right Worshipful, District Deputy Grandmaster. Also, at the request of the Worshipful Master we will have a quarterly newsletter that will be available to all members who have email and to those who don't at the following stated meeting. Newsletters will not be mailed through the post office due to increasing postage fees.

Contact Information

To subscribe to "The 142 Express" you may email Cory Llamas at the following address: 142squareandcompass@gmail.com If you wish to contribute an article, it will be included in the next issue as dictated by: relevancy to the time of year, content, and space requirements. If you are submitting an article please type "Article Submission" in the subject line of the email.

2010 Officers

Worshipful Master	Myron Chaffee
Senior Warden	Tony Nelzen
Junior Warden	Mike Williamson
Treasurer	Rex Graham
Secretary	Ron Calbert
Chaplain	Cliff Knauss
Senior Deacon	Jack Bliss
Junior Deacon	Robert Beardsley
Senior Steward	Cory Llamas
Junior Steward	Steve Morrison
Tyler	Guy Wright

2010 Committees

Masonic Education:	Tim Timmons (chair), Cory Llamas, Cliff Knauss
Charity:	Scot Gibbens (chair), Guy Wright, Mike Williamson
Finance:	Adrian McCulloch (chair), Rex Graham, Melvin Luttrell
Public Schools:	Ron Calbert (chair), Gene Shepherd, Gary Dix
Membership:	Steve Johnson (chair), Gene Reid, Tony Nelzen
Masonic Foundation:	Ron Calbert (chair), Dan Timmons, Gary Dix
Masonic Home:	Cliff Knauss (chair), Ron Calbert, Darryl Tackett
Coaching:	Adrian McCulloch (chair), Rex Graham, Tim Timmons
Funerals:	Wallace Hill (chair), John Rhodes, Ron Calbert
Unity Council:	Guy Wright (chair), Scot Gibbens, Tony Nelzen

Events for 2010:

January 30	School of Instruction
February 6	Pin Presentation at Masonic Home
February 13	Lodge Sweetheart Banquet
March 19 & 20	Grand Lodge in Topeka
April 24	Highway Cleanup
May	Unity Council Prospect Night with meal
May	Receive DDGM
June 5	Lodge Family Picnic
July 1-4	Fireworks Sales
August	Unity Council Prospect Night with meal
October 9	Highway Cleanup
November 13	Ladies Table Lodge
December 8	Lodge Elections
December 18	Lodge Office Installation at 2:00PM

2010 Meeting Schedule

Stated Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 7:30PM
Carry-in meal at 6:30PM

Degree Work: 1st, 3rd, or 4th Monday or Wednesday at 7:00PM
Practice: 1st, 3rd, and 4th Monday at 7:00PM

Needed

By Cory Llamas

We are in need of someone to take over the "142 Express". Responsibilities include production, editing, coordinating coverage of Newton Lodge #142 with coverage of the Newton Eastern Star Chapter, announcing upcoming events and other news, and of course email distribution. I have made several previous commitments prior to being volunteered for this project. I currently run the newsletter for the Wichita Knights of St. Andrew that comes out every month in addition to being the creator and one of the administrators for the Knight's Facebook Group, I am also in charge of the new open library project at the Scottish Rite Consistory in Wichita. These are just the extracurricular activities I have committed to outside the lodge, not to mention my positions as Senior Steward, Master Instructor at Llamas Taekwon-Do, and my full time job at Hehr International..

I am told the key to success is to know when to delegate and to know your limits. Clearly I have over stepped my capabilities and I am now in need of assistance. Please understand that I believe all these pursuits to be laudable, unfortunately laudable doesn't mean easily capable of accomplishment. If anyone is interested in this position please contact either Worshipful Myron Chaffee or our Senior Warden, Tony Nelzen.

Eastern Star Events

January 12	Stated Meeting
January 26	Advance Night; Honor Birthdays
February 9	Stated Meeting; Honor Sideliners
February 23	Stated Meeting; Honor Masons; Honor Birthdays; Pie Night

March 9 Stated Meeting: Elections
March 23 Stated Meeting; Honor Birthdays; Farewells

Destinations

By Cory Llamas

Throughout its history Freemasonry has been a fraternity of men who encompassed some of the most revolutionary and unique ideas of their time. The founders of the United States of America were Freemasons and they crafted a nation with the liberty of religion and the application of voting in national elections. Some of our first public schools were invented by Freemasons and the concept of insurance was brought about by Masons during the Great Depression. Indeed, it seems that many of the major social needs of our nation, since its beginning, were pioneered through Freemasonry. Unfortunately, through time these social aids were adopted by various administrations and then became matters of public policy. Our good deeds and philanthropic actions have become institutionalized by bureaucrats and neutered by regulatory agencies.

During the American Civil War, there were many military lodges that migrated about the country as the war progressed. Many lodges provided aid to whatever city or small community they happened to be stationed at. The issue of whether the location was of southern or northern persuasion was often overlooked as the need for aid was more dire than the need for destruction. Today if someone is needing assistance with food or clothes they are directed to apply for a vision card, Salvation Army aid, or perhaps appeal to the United Way. While Masonic Lodges contribute to the Salvation Army and the United Way, the credit for these actions goes little beyond the accounting departments of these organizations.

While it is true that there is a humble nobility in philanthropic actions without seeking publicity from the event therein, it is also true that if credit is not given the masses will forget where the aid comes from. Once the credit is gone, relevance fades, and people forget where public schools and insurance originated from.

You cannot know where you are going until you know where you have been. Now that we know where Freemasonry has been, the question then becomes, "Where are we going?" There are many Masonic Revitalization organizations in the US, and all of them state that to know what the next great cause of Freemasonry will be, we must stop and ask our current membership what they want. We must ascertain what the needs of younger generations are, while maintaining the interests of the current membership. Discovering our destination is not rocket science, but it is a large task that will take many Brothers to complete.

Once our destination is established we will simply be able to board the train, take our seats, and ride in comfort, knowing full well that the rails have been laid correctly and the engine is well maintained. Until next time... All Aboard!