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Newton Masonic Lodge #142 Newsletter January 2014

Events

- Feb 3rd Visit Wichita Lodge #99
- Feb 8th Sweetheart Banquet
- Feb 12th Stated Meeting
6:30 Dinner/7:30 Meeting
- Feb 17th Practice 6 PM
- Feb 22nd Emblem Presentation
- Feb 26th Masonic Education
Study 6 PM

- Mar. 3rd Practice 6 PM
- Mar 12th Stated Meeting
6:30 Dinner/7:30 Meeting
- Mar 17th Practice 6 PM
- Mar 21-22nd Grand Lodge
Annual Communication
Salina

- Mar 26 th Visit Albert Pike #303
401 S. Seneca
- Mar 31st Practice 6 PM

From the East

Tidings from the East, I had the honor to attend the Job's Daughter installation on January 4th at Newton Lodge #142, I would like to thank Dennis Blickenstaff, Erick Puttruff and Most Worshipful Cliff Knauss for supporting the Job's Daughters in there installation of officers. Their presence was appreciated by all the Job's Daughters.

We had the first stated meeting of the year on January 8, and I would like to thank everyone that Came, we had our First Theme Dinner and no one went home hungry. I would like to thank everyone that helped in preparing the meal, those that brought the great side dishes and those that stayed over and Helped clean up afterwards.

On February 3, we will be visiting Wichita lodge #99, 332 East First Street, carpool from Newton #142 @ 6:00 PM, or meet at Scottish Rite at 6:35 PM. If you have never visited another Lodge it is quite an experience, hope to see a lot of support from our lodge.

February 8, Sweetheart Banquet, hope to see you all there, RSVP by February 1.

February 22 Emblem Presentation.

From the South

Greetings Brothers, two in a row a good start for the newsletter. A quick reminder about Dinner this month "Soup/Chili" bring your favorite soup or chili the lodge will supply bowls and crackers. Don't forget to bring a dessert if you don't have a favorite soup. Thanks again to all the brothers for their support in all the things we are trying this year and I hope to see some new faces at practice and study meetings, we all could use the guidance and experience.

Greetings Brothers,

We have had a great start to the year! Our officers are gearing up for the upcoming school of instruction and by the time you receive this we will have already presented the first section of the first degree. I am very happy to be a part of this years officers and have been impressed with everyone's hard work starting in their new positions in the lodge. We are planning to have a Masonic education or study group that started last month and we hope to be able to develop a platform to maybe research the more esoteric, historic, and old traditions of Masonry we are also going to become more familiar with our by-laws to make sure we are striving for perfection. We also have a few petitioners who on favorable reports will be receiving their first degrees in February. I would like to challenge ALL my brothers to make it out to the first degrees to let them we know we support them. I look forward to visiting with as many brothers as possible in the future so please keep an eye on the upcoming events. Lastly, please let the lodge know if you are in need or know of any brother in need of any assistance in getting to the lodge as we would be happy to help anyway we can to keep our members active!

Fraternally,
Russ Beckham S.D



A.F.& A.M.

From the West

Tidings from the West! Just want to remind everyone of the upcoming meeting on January 22nd. We will be going over proper floor movements and rod movements for degree work as well as some topics on lodge etiquette. We have several brothers and candidates in waiting for degree work so I will be needing some help filling the trestle board. Also, I will be bringing up an issue concerning some of the degree work at our next stated meeting. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

Events

Brothers, one of the ideas discussed was to change the Pot Luck Dinner to a Theme based Dinner Where the lodge or a volunteer Brother would supply the entre and then everybody expand from that. Below is a tentative list of Themes. This will be one of the ideas discussed at January Stated Meeting

Feb. - Soup/Stew night

Mar. - Lasagna

April - Fried Chicken

May - Mexican Fiesta (cinco de mayo)

June - Picnic (samiches chips slaw tater salad)

July - BBQ pork

Aug. - Ham/Baked Chicken

Sept. - Pancakes/ Biscuits/gravy

Oct. - Chili n cornbread

Nov. - Fried Chicken (again cause everybody loves it)

Dec. - Ham n beans



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Chaplains Corner

Brotherly love, relief and truth;

The tenets of Freemasonry

The principal tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. They form the foundation on which our Masonic lives are founded. "Freemasonry does not tell us that the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth ought to be true, that it would be better for us all if they were true; it tells us that they are true. Yet if one does not realize that the teachings of Freemasonry are indeed self-evident realities, not visionary ideals, one will never understand Masonic teachings."

What is a Tenet? "The definition of a tenet is simple; it is a teaching that is so obvious, self-proving, and axiomatic that it is universally accepted. They are tremendous realities in human life, and it is as impossible to question their validity as to question the ground under our feet, or the sun over our heads."

What is Brotherly Love? "Unmistakably it means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbor. "By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family." We do not ask that, from our relationship, we shall achieve any selfish gain. Our relationship with a brother is its own justification, its own reward. Brotherly Love is one of the supreme values without which life is lonely, unhappy, and ugly. This is not a hope or dream, but a fact. Freemasonry builds on that fact, provides opportunity for us to have such fellowship, and encourages us to understand and to practice it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence, one of our Principal Tenets."

What is Relief? "To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections."

What is Truth? "Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and with heart and tongue we join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity."

What is Freemasonry? "Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things but, most of all: FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE."

February Anniversaries

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| Phillip Beals | 37 yrs |
| Charles Cooper | 52 yrs |
| Robert Caldwell | 64 yrs |
| Michael Cagle | 14 yrs |
| Blaine Bowlin | 52 Yrs |
| Jack Bliss | 8 Yrs |
| Robert Beardsley | 8 yrs |
| John Berry | 67 yrs |
| Mervin Deschner | 61 yrs |
| Jerry Dilts | 46 yrs |
| Roy Engle | 39 yrs |
| Clair Evans | 28 yrs |
| Leslie Evans | 28 yrs |
| Richard Hamm | 26 yrs |
| Loren Hickerson | 52 yrs |
| Leo Holmes | 26 yrs |
| George Knight | 57 yrs |
| Robert Lamb | 54 yrs |
| Derwin Langley | 8 yrs |
| John MaGehee | 47 yrs |
| Vernon Miles | 60 yrs |
| Edward Miller | 26 yrs |
| Lyle Powers | 44 yrs |
| Riley Requa | 60 yrs |
| David Rhodes | 25 yrs |
| Charles Russell | 33 yrs |
| Alva Shepherd | 66 yrs |
| Doug Watt | 26 yrs |
| Phillip Williams | 8 yrs |
| Norris Woodard | 42 yrs |

February Birthdays

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| Myron Chaffee | 1 |
| Shawn Manning | 2 |
| Benny Miller | 3 |
| Jack Cooper | 6 |
| Harold Reid | 6 |
| Lawrence Wells | 6 |
| Rex Saylor | 8 |
| Bill Brown | 10 |
| Timothy Schmidt | 12 |
| Horace Toevs | 13 |
| John Clark | 14 |
| Ardith Sauerwein | 14 |
| Richard Albers | 17 |
| David Blocher | 21 |
| Frank Spangler | 21 |
| Jerry Kasitz | 23 |
| Daniel Thompson | 24 |
| Richard Janzen | 25 |
| Richard Learned | 25 |
| Robert Reinhardt | 25 |