



# THE 142 EXPRESS



## Newton Masonic Lodge #142 Newsletter March 2014

### Events

- Mar. 3rd Practice 6 PM
- Mar 12th Stated Meeting  
6:30 Dinner/7:30 Meeting
- Mar 15th Brotherhood Night  
Doors open 6:00
- Mar 17th Practice 6 PM
- Mar 21-22nd Grand Lodge  
Annual Communication  
Topeka
- Mar 26 th Visit Albert Pike #303  
401 S. Seneca
- Mar 31st Practice 6 PM

### From the East

Brethren, on February third, Eleven Masons from Newton Lodge #142 visited Wichita Lodge # 99 and enjoyed their meeting and hospitality. We will be visiting Albert Pike Lodge # 303 on Wednesday March 26, hope to see you all there.

I would like to thank all the Past Masters that showed up at the Past Master dinner, the meal was excellent and I had a wonderful time.

I would like to thank everyone that helped prepare the meal and that set up for the Sweetheart Banquet.

Thank you to the Job's Daughters for the excellent service and entertainment, everyone had a special time and enjoyed the healthy dinner. Special thanks to the J.W. Dennis, the meal was great.

Job's Daughters are having a dinner and dance on March first, dinner at 6:00-7:00 pm, Dance at 7:30-10:30pm, Jack, Eric, and Jeff St Peters will be preparing the food. Contact Janet Soukup for more information. Tickets 10.00 per person, hope to see you there.

I hope to see everyone at the stated meeting on March 12, dinner at 6:30, theme will be Italian food, bring your favorite or side dishes, don't forget deserts.

Grand lodge will be on March 21-22 in Topeka Kansas, hope to see you there. You will need an apron if you plan to attend.

Greetings Brothers,

As we continue to move into 2014 we have had a great start with our officers learning and working in their new positions, and I am happy to say that we had 100% attendance to the school of instruction for another year! And we received praise on our work conferring the 1st section of the 1st Degree. I would like to give many thanks to the new officers and those who help us continue to learn the work. We have many upcoming events so please keep an eye on calendar and email notifications. March 15 will be a brotherhood night for current brothers to enjoy snacks and play some cards or other favorite games please bring any candidate that has petitioned or any man you know that has shown an interest in Masonry as well as any favorite card or board games doors will open 6:00 PM. Lastly, Congratulations to Bill Koontz who received his 2nd degree this month.

**Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile.** -Wilfred T. Grenfell

The dates are as follows for the Brotherhood Night and the Family night, if you would get them in the newsletter. (Gary has them on the lodge master calendar already)

Brotherhood Night - Sat. March 15 6pm

Family Night - Sat. April 12 6 pm

If would just add "more details to come", so once our committee meets to decide on what we are actually going to do on these nights we can inform the brethren.

Thanks,  
Jeff

### From the South

Greetings Brothers, we had a good February, we visited Lodge 99 and had a great dinner met new brothers and received Lodge pins from them. Sweetheart Banquet went well good times were had. If I'm not mistaken we had 100% attendance for School of Instruction again this year. March looks good we are visiting Albert Pike the 26th so I hope to see some brothers getting out for that. Also would like to invite more brothers to make practices, I know there is a lot to be shared and learned yet, so come on down.

### 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

Mar. - Italian Food

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



A.F.&A.M.

### From the West

Brothers!

Greetings from the West. I have missed several of the Masonic functions lately due to my being on 2nd shift at work. I truly miss the fellowship with my masonic brethren. I WILL attend the next stated meeting and hopefully due to some 2nd shift brothers going through degree work and some potentially incoming candidates I hope we can arrange some Saturday degree work that I can attend. I truly hope to see all of you soon. Until the next time we meet, well wishes to you and your families and friends.

SW Chris Koch.





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### March Anniversaries

Eldon Akers	50 yrs.
Richard Albers	37 yrs.
Donald Anderson	50 yrs.
Russel Beckham	2 yrs.
Dennis Blickenstaff	3 yrs.
Ross Childs	30 yrs.
William Brown	15 yrs.
Robert Chambers	50 yrs.
Robert Charles	40 yrs.
James Daily	35 yrs.
Gary Dix	12 yrs.
Paul Dutton	33 yrs.
Fred Farthing	55 yrs.
John Gillock	36 yrs.
Kenny Hill	45 yrs.
Carl Jackson	15 yrs.
Steven Johnson	31 yrs.
Shawn Manning	6 yrs.
Eldon Miller	17 yrs.
Dale Perkins	55 yrs.
Harold Reid	12 yrs.
Gail Schroeder	51 yrs.
Shawn Sullivan	5 yrs.
Jack Townsley	54 yrs.
George Wilson	58 yrs.
Guy Wright	11 yrs.
Carl Younts	19 yrs.

### March Birthdays

Ronald Brown	1
David Carter	1
Ross Childs	2
Larry Stafford	3
Loren Hickerson	5
Paul Dutton	6
Charles Bair	7
Johnathon Richstatter	7
Harold Bayless	8
James Taylor	8
James West	9
Timothy Aelmore	12
Matthew Bogner	12
Gerald Stiver	13
Norris Woodard	17
Bartlett Kellum	19
Eric Stamples	22
Gary Hale	24
Shawn Younts	29
Richard Alcorn	31

Attn Everyone,  
 Newton Lodge 142 is participating in sending St. Patrick's Day care packs to our deployed military personal. The theme is "Green." We have been asked to contribute the below items. Any amount of any of these items will be helpful. Please bring your items to the Lodge and leave in the Foyer or with the Secretary no later than March 1st.

Water bottles  
 Gum  
 Candy (no chocolate)  
 Lip balm,  
 Travel Mugs  
 Thermoses with Lids  
 Knitted hats in black or olive green (handmade or store bought)  
 Or anything "green" or in a "green" package

Bro Scot Gibbens

*"And so it has come to pass, a Brother Master Mason having completed all the design's laid down on the Trestleboard of Life, has answered the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven and Earth and has entered into the Grand Lodge over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides..."*

### **Worshipful Brother Gene Shepherd 1926-2014**

On Feb. 2, 2014, Alva "Gene" Shepherd passed away at his home with family by his side.

He was born Oct. 5, 1926, in Brightwater, Ark., to Doc and Visa Shepherd in Pea Ridge, Ark. He married Ermina Koby on March 27, 1954. They have been married 59 years.

Gene joined the Army in 1955, serving in the Korean War. After serving for his country, Gene went to work at Boeing in Wichita for 17 years then Axtell Hospital and Newton Medical Center in Newton, retiring in 1992.

Gene was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a member and Past Master of the Newton Masonic Lodge #142, Past Worthy Patron Order Eastern Star #5, Past Assoc. Bethel Guardian of Bethel #21 Job's Daughters International, Past President of the Harvey County Hobo's Newton Shrine Unit, member of Newton Toltec, York Rite, Consistory of Wichita and member of the Midian Shrine in Wichita.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Doc and Visa Shepherd; in-laws, Lyle and Lela Koby; and brothers, Clifford, Claude and James Shepherd. Survivors include Ermina of the home; daughters, Linda Pierceall from Plano, Texas, Janet and son-in-law, Joe Soukup of Newton; grandson, Jerrod (Angela) Soukup; granddaughter, Amy Gean and Marc Kyle of Houston, Texas; grandson, Justin Soukup and Lacy Spaulding of Peabody; granddaughter, Jodi Soukup and Doug Burford of San Antonio, Texas; great-grandchildren, Abri Fisher-Soukup, Preston Kyle, Dominic Knight, Ryan Burford, Jayden Soukup, Addison Kyle and Madison Burford, Andrew, Tina and Matthew Hase; great-great-granddaughter, Kaydence Hase; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, and burial was held at Greenwood Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Midian Shrine Plane of Mercy. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thekansan/obituary.aspx?pid=169500194#sthash.XW3lciSQ.dpuf>

*"...Although our beloved and respected Brother has passed through the portals of Eternity, his passing memory will forever remain to inspire all who mourn His passing to live life as he did, respected and depart this life regretted. As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep, so one by one, in each of us must come the touch of sleep. As one by one, the roses burst into the morning light, So one by one, our soul will wake again beyond the night."*

*"Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our Brother; may our Heavenly Father protect him and enfold him in his arms with love. Until then, dear friend and Brother, Until then - - - Farewell!!"*