

The 142 Express

April 2011

Upcoming Events in 2011

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
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| April 4 | Lodge Practice | Newton Lodge | 7:00 PM |
| April 11 | Lodge Practice | Newton Lodge | 7:00 PM |
| April 13 | Carry in Dinner | Newton Lodge | 6:30 PM |
| April 13 | Stated Meeting w/DDGM | Newton Lodge | 7:30 PM |
| April 23 | Highway Clean Up | Newton Lodge | 8:00 AM |
| April 25 | Lodge Practice | Newton Lodge | 7:00 PM |
| May 2 | Lodge Practice | Newton Lodge | 7:00 PM |
| May 9 | Lodge Practice | Newton Lodge | 7:00 PM |
| May 11 | Carry in Dinner | Newton Lodge | 6:30 PM |
| May 11 | Stated Meeting & Election | Newton Lodge | 7:30 PM |
| May 23 | Lodge Practice | Newton Lodge | 7:00 PM |
| May 30 | Unity Council | Scottish Rite | 7:00 PM |

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New Master Masons

Brothers, please welcome our newest Master Masons to Newton Lodge #142. Brothers Bret Kellum and Dennis Blickenstaff are the newest Master Masons in our fraternity.

Urgent Announcement:

Bill Hickerson will be resigning his position as lodge secretary at the end of April 2011. In order to ensure a continuum in the execution of his duties Newton Masonic Lodge #142 will be holding an election for the position of Lodge Secretary during the May 11, 2011 stated meeting.

From the Chaplain's Desk

By Cory Llamas

It is springtime once again and like years before, foliage is coming out of dormancy and people have begun to plant flowers, and plants for the growing season. Masonry has many symbolic designs amongst its several rites and orders. As such, we should find symbolism in all areas of life to remind us of the important lessons that apply to us today.

Experiencing the rejuvenation of springtime, one begins to wonder about creation. How wondrous and splendid it must have been in man's original estate, surrounded by new plants and animals in his grand architects' garden. Being free from sin, disease, and death, are traits that no human can truly understand. To be so pure of spirit and so innocent at heart as to have merited a walk in the garden beside the creator, void of guile or remorse, seems quite foreign, to people since the fall of mankind. It is only natural for a created being to desire to know and have a relationship with their creator. Unfortunately in our case, sin intervened and brought with it a barrier that inhibits our relationships with the creator. That is not to say that sin prevents us from having a relationship with the supreme architect, but that sin merely makes it much more difficult.

The divinely inspired word that constitutes the Holy Bible speaks volumes about us, and our relationships with our creator. It defines sin and righteousness and guides us in reconciling with those whom we have sinned against. Paramount to all these lessons is the story that brought us Easter Sunday.

"For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world, that He gave up His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal and everlasting life."

John 3:16

Jesus was tried, convicted, and executed for crimes that He did not commit. He accepted these atrocities without protest in order that mankind, whom he created in the beginning, could move past their committed transgressions and into a reconciled relationship with their creator.

I have one final thought for you today. The book of Revelations speaks of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, whom biblical scholars identify as Jesus. This year April started out with some favorable weather: sunny, warm, and pleasant. Late this month we will celebrate Easter Sunday. May we all take to heart the example and sacrifice that instituted this holiday so that while the month may have started like a lamb, it will end like a Lion. Happy Easter!