

Gideon Lodge #84

F. & A.M.

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April Trestleboard 2014



Stated Communications

7:30 PM 1st Tuesday of the Month
Dinner: 6:30 PM

Dark - July and August

Dinner Reservations Strongly Requested

<http://www.gideonlodge.com/Reservations.html>

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Masonic Trivia:

What were the Schaw Statutes?

In 1598 these statutes, or rules and regulations, were enacted in Scotland to cause the craftsmen to observe the ancient usages and to live charitably together. Fines were made enforceable. Obedience to wardens, deacons and masters was enjoined. Cowans were prevented from working under any master, and other rules and regulations pertaining to craftsmen were made mandatory. In 1599 these statutes were amended at the request of Kilwinning Lodge in an attempt to receive royal recognition. The masters convened at Edinburgh and thirteen articles were adopted. Royal recognition was obtained in part.

How long have lodges with speculative masons been in existence?

To be historically accurate, one cannot go beyond six centuries to find lodges of masons accepting men other than operative craftsmen. And for many centuries few, other than actual craftsmen, were accepted. But it's not unreasonable to assume clerics and other educated men were readily united with the craftsmen (most of whom couldn't read or write). Grand Lodge says the first record of non-operatives being accepted was in July 1634 when Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander and Sir Alexander Strachan were admitted "fellow craft" in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). Coil dates non-operative masons from 1600 in the Lodge of Edinburgh, but McLeod believes this incorrect. The non-operative, John Boswell, attended a trial of a warden, not a meeting of the lodge. But this Lodge did admit Lord ALEXANDER of Menstrie in 1634 as a Fellowcraft. Then Coil finds non-operatives in Kelso, 1652; Aberdeen, 1670; Kilwinning, 1672. He found the last of the operative masons as members of a lodge in Lodge Glasgow in 1842.

Courtesy: The Masonic Trowel

Important Dates in April

Wednesday, April 2

7:00pm - St.Johns #1 Stated Meeting

Thursday, April 3

6:00pm - Fellowcraft Degree at Star in the East

7:30pm - MajGen John Sullivan #2 Stated Mtg

Saturday, April 5

2nd annual Run to Read 5k

Tuesday, April 8

7:00pm - EA Degree at Moses Paul

Wednesday, April 9

7:00pm - Strafford #29 Stated Meeting

7:30pm - Rising Star #47 Stated Meeting

Thursday, April 10

7:00pm - Star in the East #59 Stated Meeting

Saturday, April 12

8:00am - Out of hibernation 5 k

Monday, April 14

7:00pm - St. Andrews #56 Stated Meeting

Tuesday, April 15

6:00pm - Sojourners Chapter #386

Thursday, April 17

7:30pm - St. James #102 Stated Meeting

Saturday, April 19

9:00am - 1st District Masters Class

5:00pm - NH Rainbow - Backwards Banquet

6:00pm - Triple 8 Travelers –Testimonial Dinner

Tuesday, April 22

7:30pm - Tucker #99 Stated Meeting

Dates Courtesy of:

<http://www.1stmasonicdistrictofnh.com/calendar.html>





Message from the East:

Brethren:

As the days are becoming warmer, Spring is in the air and generating new life all around us. With the recent events in my life, I cannot help but reflect on how precious “life” is to all of us. As many of you know, my father recently suffered a very large stroke and is now in the long arduous process of learning, all over again, how to do some of the most very basic skills which many of us take for granted. This will be a long recovery road, but I can see his determination and am sure he will continue to make great strides in his recovery over time.

When situations like this present themselves, when loved ones are affected, it leads one to cherish those things which are most important to us and reflect upon all the wonderful times and memories we all share.

As Mason’s we learn to “*show the world how Mason’s love one another*” and to “*aid a distressed worthy brother*” in his time of need. The outpouring of support and prayers from all of you has proven to me yet again, I am at home in Masonry and you are ALL my brothers. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate all that you have done and your patience during this time, which has taken me offline somewhat to focus on family matters.

I would like to encourage each of you to remember that each day is a new day and brings with it newness of life. Take time to tell the ones you love how you feel about them, don’t miss out on opportunities to share memories and tell them you love them and

continue to extend that cable tow whenever possible to assist a brother in need.

We have several candidates and new brothers coming up through their degrees in different stages, so the next few months proves to be busy for us in our degree work. We had degrees in March for both EA and FC and will likely have more degrees once they are ready to proceed further. I am encouraging our new brothers to visit other lodges performing the degrees so they can once again experience what they did on their special night. I hope we all can help support them in their journey to Master Mason.

I would also like to extend a couple of special “Thank You’s” to both Right Worshipful Bill Thomas and our Junior Warden Brother Keith Libby and Worshipful Brother Gerry Parziale for taking time to meet with our new brothers and work on their lessons. RWB Thomas has been working regularly with many of the candidates and offering more than 50 years of valuable experience in Masonry. Thanks brothers for all your extra help and assistance.

Finally, as a reminder, I encourage all to help us out by letting us know you will be coming for the meals at our meetings. You can easily let us know by going to our website at:

<http://www.gideonlodge.com/Reservations.html>

It’s quick, easy and helps our fine chefs know how many to expect for dinner, insuring there is always enough for all.

Faternally,
David S. Henderson, Worshipful Master

