

Gideon Lodge #84

F. & A.M.

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December 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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December Calendar Events

Tuesday, December 2
7:30pm - Gideon #84
Annual Meeting



Wednesday, December 3
7:00pm - St. Johns #1 Stated Meeting

Thursday, December 4
7:30pm - Maj Gen Jn Sullivan #2 Stated Mtg

Monday, December 8
7:00pm - St. Andrews #56 Stated Meeting

Tuesday, December 9
6:30pm - Rockingham #76 Stated Meeting

Wednesday, December 10
7:30pm - Rising Star #47 Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 11
7:00pm - Star in the East #59 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 14
2:00pm - Gideon Installation of Officers

Monday, December 15
6:00pm - Town Hall Event with the Grand
Master @Gideon Lodge! (*Refreshments*)

Tuesday, December 16
7:30pm - Tucker #99 Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 18
7:30pm - St. James #102 Stated Meeting

Saturday, December 20
9:00am - 1st District
Masters Class

Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day



FREEMASONRY AND CHRISTMAS

The observance of Christmas doesn't seem to bring satisfaction to some people. On one hand, many say it's too religious, and thus don't want Christmas trees in public buildings and nativity scenes within a shepherd's-crook length of government lawns. On the other hand, many say it's not religious enough; it's too commercial. They've been saying it for years-it's the central theme behind the charming animated cartoon A Charlie Brown Christmas which was made some 40 years ago.

Setting that aside, what does Christmas mean to the Freemason?

Certainly Freemasonry is not a religion, Christian or otherwise. It leaves the determination on spiritual matters to each individual Mason, so long as he believes in the Almighty Creator. But there are certain messages from the story of Christmas that are applicable to all Masons, not just those who celebrate a certain birth on December 25th.

Many Christians feel God gave his greatest gift to mankind, and that Gift's birth is marked on Christmas Day. And the spirit of giving is also outlined in our Masonic ceremonies. The new Entered Apprentice is reminded in the northeast corner of charity, and to practice it whenever possible. There's the monetary charity of that portion of our ceremony. And there's another kind. The one referred to in the Charge in the same degree which admonishes "to relieve his necessities, soothe his afflictions, and do to him as you would that he, under similar circumstances, should do until you." In other words, the Golden Rule, from the Sermon on the Mount.

Christmas is a time of faith for our Christian brethren. But all Masons are reminded in the different degrees of the principle of faith. In the

Freemasonry and Christmas Continued.....

explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board, we hear "How ready and willing ought we to be to adore the Almighty Creator." Therefore, let this time of year serve as a reminder to all Masons to practice their faith, whatever it may be.

Faith and Charity are names of principal staves or rounds on the Ladder you see every meeting on that Tracing Board. But there is another round, and that is Hope in Salvation. While Salvation has a particular connotation to those who believe in the story of the virgin birth, the concept of some kind of reward for following Masonic principles during our lives winds its way through the various degrees, as those of you familiar with the working tools explanations of the Second and Third Degrees well know.

So let this season of the year remind all Masons, no matter what their religious beliefs, to follow those universal tenets of the Craft-faith, hope and charity. Doing so should bring satisfaction to you at Christmas-time.

*Courtesy: Jim Bennie, PDDGM
Southern Cross No. 44, Vancouver B.C.*



Birthdays in December

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| Timothy Lavelle
39 Barrel Run Road
Danville N.H. 03819 | December 2nd |
| James O'Donnell
P.O. box 548
Fremont N.H. 03044 | December 7th |
| James Alexander
41 Main Street
Danville, N.H. 03819 | December 8th |

***New Hampshire
Grand Lodge Report***



The **156th Semiannual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, F&AM**, was held at Manchester, New Hampshire on Saturday, November 15, 2014, Most Worshipful Brother Stewart L. Aronson presiding. The significant business follows.

Election

The election of Officers was held and the following were elected for installation at the end of the 226th Annual Communication on May 16, 2015.

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| Grand Master | John F. Gordon |
| Deputy Grand Master | John E. Lobdell |
| Senior Grand Warden | Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. |
| Junior Grand Warden | David S. Collins |
| Grand Treasurer | R. Bradley Alderfer |
| Deputy Grand Treasurer | James H. Lawrence, III |
| Grand Secretary | Thomas S. Lowe |



Legislation Enacted

Article III, Section 2 was amended to change the style of the Junior and Senior Grand Deacons from Worshipful to Right Worshipful.

Article IV, Section 3 was amended to increase the monetary fine for a Lodge not represented at either the Semiannual or Annual Communication from \$10 to \$100.

Article IV, Section 9 was to require Constituent Lodge Treasurers and Secretaries to attend District Lodges of Instruction.

Article V, Section 3 was amended to require that appointed Grand Deacons must have served as Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

Article X, Section 10 was amended to codify changes to Lodge Charters.

Article XIII, Section 6.E was amended to change the timing of any per capita recommendation from the Committee on Finance and Investments from the Annual to the Semiannual and to clarify the effective date of per capita changes.

Article XIII, Section 27 was amended to allow Constituent Lodges to sponsor Assemblies of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Article XIV, Section 1 was amended to simplify Constituent Lodge Officer elections.

Article XIX was amended to add Section 6, codifying the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award.

Lodge Merger approved

The Grand Lodge approved the merger of Grafton-Kane Lodge No. 46 into Burns Lodge No. 66. A requested name change from Burns Lodge to Golden Dawn Lodge No. 66 was also approved.

Fraternal Recognition

The Grand Lodge approved vacating the suspension of Fraternal Recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Francais, to resume normal relations.

Information Courtesy of: Wor. Bro. Gerald Parziale, Grand Lodge Representative & NH Grand Lodge

Message from the East:

Happy Holidays Brethren!!

Where did the summer go! As I am sure like most of you, it has been a very busy summer and the warm days have all but passed now giving way to cold winter nights. As the days bring with it, more cold, snow and ice, I ask that each of you keep in mind your brothers who may have difficulties dealing with the inclemency of the weather. Reach out to those who may need your assistance and help them when you can. If you find or are aware of particular incidents where a brother is in need or more assistance than you can offer, I ask that you please let others know so we can all extend our cable tows if needed.

****Gideon Lodge Annual Meeting****

December is our Annual Meeting at Gideon Lodge. I encourage all of you to come out and support your line officers and vote to let your voice be heard.

Installation of Officers -

Gideon Lodge will hold their annual Installation of Officers on December 14th at 2PM. Light refreshments will be served after the installation.

Special Ladies

As the Christmas season approaches, we remember our special ladies and members who may be shut in or not have family around for visiting during the holidays. We will be having our annual Special Ladies event with the delivery of Holiday Gift Baskets. Brother John Paiva, your Senior Warden and Senior Member of the Special Ladies Committee, is handling the



logistics and will be announcing at our Stated Meeting in December the details of the event.

This is a great time of year to give back a little of yourself to those who need it most. I encourage you all to volunteer for this event as it is very rewarding to see the happiness and joy you bring to others just by sitting, talking and visiting together for a short time.



www.facebook.com/gideonlodge84

Gideon Lodge Joins Social Media!!

After much hoop jumping with Facebook and ownership rights to the Facebook name for our lodge, we have finally successfully launched our very own Facebook page. Many of you have already paid a visit to the site, leaving comments and "Liking Us" on the page. Please feel free to share the link to the site, share your images of lodge functions and other Masonic points of interest on the site.

Dues & Paypal

It is that time of year again brethren and annual dues are due.

There is good news though, your Gideon Lodge Webmaster, in conjunction with the help of your Lodge Secretary and Treasurer have successfully set up PayPal to accept payments online through our website. Beginning in early December, you will begin to enjoy having the added convenience of paying your annual dues online through our Website!



Links are available on our website [Trestleboard](#) page which will direct you to the [Dues page](#) or you may go directly to:

www.Gideonlodge.com/Dues.html

Once on the page, you can use the PayPal button to use the secure server to make your

Dues Payment for your 2015 dues. In addition there is a process available to pay your past dues, should you be in arrears.

This is a big step for the lodge and I am certain we will find many other benefits of having this service available to us. Online, we will now be able to accept donations for events, special dinner reservations and many more.

Phone a Brother

Last month at our Stated Meeting, we passed out cards to each of you with names and phone numbers for brothers in the lodge. Each of you were to reach out and contact those brothers to see how they were doing, encourage coming out to lodge and of course, if they are in need of anything.

Please remember to make those calls, talk to your fellow brothers and wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please bring any updates or information to pass along to the stated meeting so we can update our records as well.

Lastly brethren, I wish each and every one of you a joyous and blessed Christmas. May you and yours enjoy the time you have with family and friends. In particular, please remember our Veterans and those who still serve to protect our freedoms around this world.

Have a safe and enjoyable season and may the joy of peace and happiness bless you all both now and in the New Year ahead.

With Fraternal Holiday Wishes,

David S. Henderson
Worshipful Master

