

# Gideon Lodge #84

## F. & A.M.

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Chartered June 12, 1867



### December 2015



### *Stated Communications*

7:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> 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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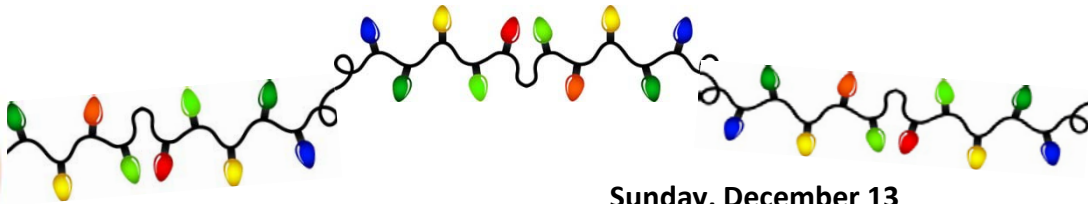
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# Upcoming District Events in December

**Tuesday, December 1**  
**Gideon Lodge #84**

*Stated*

*/ Annual Meeting*



**Annual Meeting**

*Dinner at 6:30pm – Reservations Recommended*  
*Annual Meeting Begins: 7:30pm*

**Wednesday, December 2**

6:00pm *St John's Lodge #1*

**Thursday, December 3**

7:30pm *MajGen Jn Sullivan #2 Stated Mtg*

**Friday, December 4**

6:00pm *Star in the East Annual Holiday Party*

**Monday, December 7**

6:00pm **Gideon Lodge Inspection - MM Degree**  
*No Meal Planned, Lite Refreshments following*

**Tuesday, December 8**

7:30pm *Rockingham #76 Stated Meeting*

**Wednesday, December 9**

6:00pm *St John's Lodge #1*

7:30pm *Rising Star #47 Annual Meeting*

**Thursday, December 10**

7:00pm *Star in the East #59 Annual Meeting*

**Saturday, December 12**

1:00pm *Saint Andrews Installation*



**Sunday, December 13**

1:00pm *Gideon Lodge Installation of Officers*

**Monday, December 14**

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

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:30pm *Tucker #99 Annual Meeting*

**Wednesday, December 16**

6:00pm *St John's Lodge #1*

**Thursday, December 17**

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

**Saturday, December 19**

9:00am *1st District Masters Class*

**Wednesday, December 23**

6:00pm *St John's Lodge #1*

**Friday, December 25**

*Christmas Day*



**Sunday, December 27**

*St. John the Apostle Day*

**Wednesday, December 30**

6:00pm *St John's Lodge #1*

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*New Years Eve*



*Dates Courtesy of:*

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

## ***Gideon Lodge December Birthday's***



<b><i>Charlie Henderson</i></b>	<b><i>December 1<sup>st</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Timothy Lavelle</i></b>	<b><i>December 2<sup>nd</sup></i></b>
<b><i>James O'Donnell</i></b>	<b><i>December 7<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>James Alexander</i></b>	<b><i>December 8<sup>th</sup></i></b>



### ***Master's Messages from the East:***

#### ***Greetings Brethren!***

December is upon us....another year coming to an end as yet another begins. We have several important events planned this month as we close out the year, so please try to be available and show your support in all that we have coming up. We do need YOUR support, please come out and support your Lodge.

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> District Lodge Visitations***

The final 2015 Visitation was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Tucker Lodge in Raymond. After a fantastic meal, a full Lodge welcomed and said good bye to the DDGM for 2015 visitation season. Not before, a final presentation from both the DEO and DGL.

Both were interesting and captivating and we learned interesting facts around Masonry and the holiday season and later tested in our knowledge of Masonic Trivia. Lots of fun and laughs were had by all.

#### ***Annual Meeting in December***

Our 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting is this month Brothers. We will be voting for your new line of officers for 2016 along with other annual business needs. Please reserve time to attend your annual meeting and show your support for your new line officers. The officers of Gideon along with your support are what keep the lodge running throughout the year. They are also your primary support mechanism. Voice your needs and concerns by coming out, letting your voice be heard and your vote counted. If you attend only one meeting this year, THIS is the meeting you should come out for and show your continued support for those who represent you and be proud to cast your Gideon Vote.

#### ***Annual Installation of Officers December 13<sup>th</sup>***

The Annual Installation of Officers will follow our Annual Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Contact Brother John Paiva for more information as it becomes available.

#### ***Gideon Master Mason Inspection Degree***

Our inspection degree has been planned and rescheduled several times due to varying reasons. The last being that we did not have enough brothers available to cover all the parts needed for a complete degree. We have some small parts still available and will be encouraging participation at the Stated Meeting and assigning those empty spots to brothers before closing for the night. The new date for the inspection degree is set for **December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

***“Live” Candidate:*** Previously we were working without a “Live” candidate for the inspection degree; however, we now have a Fellow Craft, who has informed us he is ready to test for proficiency in open lodge, during our next Stated Meeting. Provided proficiency is observed, we will have a “Live” candidate for the Degree! Please come out to support our new brother in both his testing and his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.





## Raise the Roof Fundraiser is Underway!!

Brothers, we have begun the fundraising campaign discussed at our November Stated Meeting for our new Roof.

In September, there was a storm where the deluge or wind and rain, damaged areas of the roof and some small

amounts of water leaked into the lodge. The new roof will be about \$16,000.00. As discussed at the last meeting, we will be scraping and replacing vs covering which was defeated by discussion as an option. We are asking ALL members to contribute within the length of their cable tow and without injury to themselves.

A new plaque is being created which will be placed within the lodge listing the names of all the donors who helped support our new roof. Member's who donate \$500 or more will also have their name listed among the Lodge Sponsor's board for 2015.



PayPal is already being used on our website for donations and some have already made donations. We are using Facebook and all other means available to advertise our cause, so please help spread the word and that this donation pay option is available.

Remember, we are a 501 c(10) organization. Help encourage others to make that end of year charitable donation!

Be on the lookout updates by email, share and visit our donations page at:

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

Remember, many donations make it work and make it easier for the rest to help. Donate what you can without injury to yourself and the funds will rise quickly, I am sure.

## Annual Special Ladies & Brothers Holiday Baskets in December

We will be delivering our annual gift baskets to our special ladies and brothers who are shut in at this time of year. This is a fun event brothers and as always, I encourage you to spend a little time and extend your cable tow for the holidays. This means a lot to all and to all who participate as well. I promise, this is an enjoyable event and one which will warm your heart while you spread some love and joy around the holidays. Please contact Br. John Paiva for more details and to volunteer. Ph: (603) 480-2883 [John.Paiva@gideonlodge.com](mailto:John.Paiva@gideonlodge.com)



## 2016 Annual Dues

Annual dues notices should be arriving soon if not already. Please keep up to date with your dues and remember you have the option to pay online now with our secure [Paypal](https://www.gideonlodge.com/Dues.html) site.

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If you are behind on your dues, you can also use the online pay app to catch up on your past dues. If you are experiencing any financial concerns around paying your dues, please speak with the secretary about bringing it to the appropriate committee.



**Please Remember to Make Reservations**

We have several events coming up at the lodge brothers. We need your help in planning for the attendance and the amount needed to prepare for everyone to enjoy a meal. Please visit your website page to make your reservation and let us know you will be attending, it really helps us out and provides enough for all to enjoy.



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

**Grand Lodge of New Hampshire - Summary**

On November 21<sup>st</sup> the 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire took place. Below is a summary sent from Grand Lodge of the days proceedings.



**The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire**  
Free & Accepted Masons

**Thomas S. Lowe**  
Grand Secretary

**Subject:** 157th Semiannual Communication - November 21, 2015

Brother Henderson,

The 157th Semiannual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, F&AM, was held at Manchester, New Hampshire on Saturday, November 21, 2015, Most Worshipful Brother John F. Gordon presiding. The significant business follows.

**Election**

The election of Officers was held and the following were elected for installation at the end of the 227th Annual Communication on May 21, 2016.

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

**Legislation introduced**

1. After more than four years work, the Constitutional Review Committee has filed with the Office of the Grand Secretary, the new Grand Constitution, Manual of Grand Lodge, and the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge. These documents will be shared with the Lodges for action at the 227th Annual Communication on May 21, 2016.
2. Article XIII, Section 6.A was amended to increase the Grand Lodge per capita from \$43 to \$45. As planned, this did not receive the required unanimous vote for immediate adoption and will be acted upon again at the 227th Annual Communication on May 21, 2016.

**Fraternal Recognition**

1. The Grand Lodge voted to extend Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Lodge of Montenegro.
2. The Grand Lodge voted not to extend Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Lodge of Georgia (in Tbilisi) at this time, pending determination of the Commission on Information of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

The 227th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Hampshire will be held on Saturday, May 21 2016.

Cordially and Fraternaly,

Thomas S. Lowe, Grand Secretary

**Notable December Calendar Dates:**

- December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Annual Meeting
- December 7<sup>th</sup>** – MM Inspection Degree
- December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Installation of Officers



*As I Depart the East....*

Amazing two years has passed already. It's to believe all that has happened and accomplished in the time I have been sitting in the East but yet, there is still much to be done before the end of the year.

In Masonry, we continue to preserve through the years and with each new line of officers, new life is pumped into the lodge as well. Year after year, we remain vigilant to carry on from those who have passed this way before us. We all strive to do whatever we can for our lodge and our fellow brothers, if we can do it, if within the length of our cable tow and we can do it without injury to ourselves. Over the past two years, I have tried to do just that and provide my cable to tow to those who need it and those who have asked for help, aid and assistance. One comes to the East with many ideas and aspirations to make things better and to encourage new and exciting ideas of others to let them flourish and ultimately be successful. I have tried to provide encouragement of new ideas and bring my small part into the grand picture of Gideon Lodge, thus leaving some small mark on its continued success.

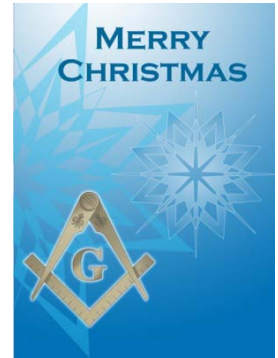


I leave the East, letting all the brothers of Gideon Lodge and the 1<sup>st</sup> District know, this has been two of the most exciting and rewarding years of my life. I have been

privileged and honored to serve as your Worshipful Master and hope that I have in some small part, made a mark which will benefit all who pass through our doors in the future.

It has been a lot of work at times, but none more rewarding. I have made so many new friends along the way. By constancy and fidelity in those friendships, I fully intend to see the beneficial and happy effects of having them.

I am very much looking forward to my future in Masonry, first being able to assist others as they come up through the lines and offer whatever encouragement and support I can. This is important I feel, as it helps to see the lodge maintains its success.



Yes, being Master has been a lot of work at times, but it has also been FUN and I have had so many good times with many of you in going to visitations and in all the events which we have held and been part of throughout the years. I am very fortunate to have such great brothers and the fond relationships which have spawned from my Masonic ties to all of you. I am a lucky man to have had the support of a line of officers who have been willing to help out whenever and however they can and I could not have done the work of Master without all their support; so I want to extend a personal "thank you" to the entire line of officers.

Thanks again, to you the Brethren, for trusting me to be your Worshipful Master the past two years. I hope I have made you proud of your decision to entrust me with such an important office. I will remember all the good times and laughter we have shared. May you all be successful in your Masonic endeavors and may the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with and bless you all..

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*David S. Henderson - Worshipful Master 2014-2015*

