

Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

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June 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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Why do Brethren not Pass between the Altar and the East when Lodge is at Labor?

Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East in a Masonic lodge at labor (except in a degree) because the Master is supposed to have the Great Lights constantly in view. In theory, at least, he draws inspiration from the Altar to preside over the lodge and must not, therefore, be prevented from seeing it at any time. The custom is but a pretty courtesy, but it is rooted in a fundamental conception of the Craft - that the Altar is the center of Masonry and that from it and from the Great Lights it bears, flow all that there is of Masonic inspiration and truth and light. English lodges do not have this problem, since in them a pedestal near the Master is the Altar on which lies the Holy Book.

Taken from One Hundred One Questions about Freemasonry



How do I apply for the Thirty-Third Degree?

You do not apply. To ask for that degree is to make sure that you will never receive it. The Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, in both the Northern and the Southern Jurisdictions, is an honor given by a Supreme Council and cannot be requested. The same is true of the Military and Ecclesiastical Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, in which membership comes by invitation, never as the result of application.

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June Calendar Events

Wednesday, June 4

- 6:30pm - Strafford Lodge Fellowship
- 7:00pm - St. Johns #1 Stated Meeting

Thursday, June 5

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

Monday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 11

- 7:00pm - Strafford #29 Stated Meeting
- 7:30pm - Rising Star #47 Stated Meeting

Thursday, June 12

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



Saturday, June 14

- 11:00am - Tucker Lodge Annual Masonic Veterans program

Sunday, June 15



Tuesday, June 17

- 6:00pm - Sojourners Chapter #386

Thursday, June 19

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

Saturday, June 21

- 9:00am - 1st District Masters Class
- 4:00pm - Masonic Veterans' Night at Star in the East

Sunday, June 22

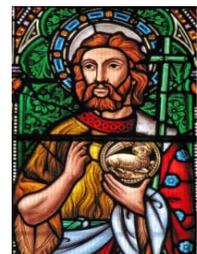
St. John's Sunday

- 8:30am - Portsmouth
- 10:30am - Cathedral of the Pines

Tuesday, June 24

St. John the Baptist Day

- 7:30pm - Tucker #99 Stated Meeting



Thursday, June 26

- 6:30pm - Masters & Wardens Assn. Meeting

Dates Courtesy of:

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

May Meeting Report

Last month we had the experience of having one of our newer, younger members discuss his views on Masonry. Brother Jason Rodriguez, a busy manager of Fremont Pizza restaurant, gave a nice talk on the light and dark lights of Masonry. Before Brother Rodriguez joined Gideon Lodge, he had read about Freemasons online. When I talked to him about joining Gideon Lodge, I listened with a smile on my face. After he had taken his Entered Apprentice degree, we asked him if that was what he expected. I think he said, "There were some surprises." He learned his lesson well and quickly. He apparently has been doing some extra studying and has developed an interesting philosophy. One thing about Brother Rodriguez is his willingness to do whatever needs to be done as a member of our lodge. Brother Weyler pointed out that Brother Rodriguez is not a negative person and always does his share of any project in which he is involved.

The Grand Master has stated that he wants more discussions about Masonry at monthly meetings. We talk about being a Mason means "making good men become better men". Our Master, Brother Henderson, at his first meeting after installation, focused on the kind and considerate things that Masons do to aid a brother. If my memory serves me correctly, there are three or four brothers in our lodge who do thoughtful things to help other brothers. These brothers received pins in recognition of their acts of kindness. At each meeting, we are given the charge to be kind to one another. This is what we want brothers to remember. It is part of being a Mason with honor and be proud to say, "I am a Mason" and mean it.

Clovis Leach, RWDDGM



When visiting other lodges it's interesting to see slight variations of the ritual

Message from the East:



Brethren:

Summer is at our doorstep which brings outdoor activities, family vacations and time to just enjoy the nice warm days. It also means we are approaching our "Dark" months for July and August. Although we won't be holding our Stated Meetings during months we are "Dark", we still may hold "Special" events for degree work. We have several candidates and brothers in line to take their degrees. When they are proficient with their lessons and ready to advance we will hold degree events as needed. Watch for "Special Event" notifications summer as we will want everyone out to support our new brothers coming into Masonry.

We held our annual "Spring Cleanup" on May 18th this year. I would like to thank all those who helped to beautify our lodge property and insure our Kingston neighbors see what a beautiful property we have at Gideon. Much work was done to clear out some of the brush to open up a better view of the lake. Special thanks to Brother Mitch Veraneau for continuing to mow for us and keep the lawn looking clean and nice.

The building committee is also exploring options on how we can make some changes to the back side of the lodge in order to be more accommodating to those who may wish to rent the lodge for their private functions. Suggestions of opening up a door on the back side of the dining room which would create easier access to the back and lead directly out to the back yard and lake. Currently, we can only use the side kitchen door and front door. Another suggestion was to add a bay window or windows on the back of the dining room wall so you can see out to the West and the beautiful sunsets which touch the lake early in the evening. If you have any suggestions, I encourage you to voice your suggestions either in writing to me or to bring it up at the next Stated Meeting.

I also want to wish you all a fun, happy and safe summer. Enjoy the warm weather, your time vacationing with family and spending time with friends and loved ones.

Fraternally,

David S. Henderson, Worshipful Master