

**Gideon Lodge #84, F. & A.M.
Church Street
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December 2011 Trestleboard



8 Church Street, P.O. Box 372
Kingston, NH 03848
142 Years of Masonry in Kingston

Stated Communications: 7:30 pm
1st Monday of Month
October – June
September – Tuesday after Labor Day
Dinner Reservations Required
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M.W. Grand Lodge of NH, F. & A.M.
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2011 Officers

Ham and Bean Supper

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
December 3, 2011
Benefit of Gideon Hall Society
Information/reservations:
(603) 702-0072

Preceded by:
Holiday Craft Fair
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
December 3, 2011
Masonic Hall
Kingston, NH

Worshipful Master	Kenneth Weyler (603)642-3518 kweyler@aol.com
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Senior Deacon	David Henderson
Junior Deacon	John Paiva
Senior Steward	Paul Costello
Junior Steward	Jason Rodriguez
Marshal	Keith Libbey
Tyler	Jay Brothers

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December 2011 Events

December 5, 2011. Monday; Stated Meeting.
Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.
Year end wrap-up and brief for Semi-Annual Meeting.
Planning for 2012. Please attend and bring any ideas.

December 9, 2011. Friday; Noon. Lunch. A social time, no ritual, just some fraternizing. Bring a guest, catch up on news. Plans to visit shut-ins.

December 17, 2011 Master Class. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Discussion of the Trestleboard. All officers should attend.

December 17, 2011, Saturday; Veterans Program,
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be having the Grand Master join us to present 50 and 60 year pins as well as 40 and 25 year recognition. This will also be a good time to have a Christmas Party. We will serve refreshments and Christmas Cookies. Please come and support our veteran Masons.

As we finish up another year at Gideon, I am thankful for all the brothers who helped raise our brothers and welcome them to the fraternity. Even our many rehearsals gave us more enjoyment than tedium. Our training of the new candidates and brothers were almost festive. If you have not been able to join these sessions or our many travels to give us perfect attendance at visitations, please try to set some time aside in future. You will be glad that you did.

A Vision and a Challenge

On May 26, 2011, our M.W. Grand Master, Paul M. Leary, shared his vision of the future with all his Grand Lodge Officers. This vision serves as his agenda for the next two years and is hereby presented and shared with all Constituent Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Brother Leary's agenda-his agenda for NH Freemasonry in brief-is as follows:

1. **Get back to our Roots.** Paying attention to our principle tenets: Faith, hope and charity. This is not "business as usual." Rather, every Mason, every Lodge and every District needs to make a serious self-assessment to assure ourselves that Masonry in New Hampshire is firmly grounded in the principles that we teach in our ritual, our obligations and our Grand Lodge Constitution. This assessment is necessary to ensure that every Lodge is living up to the principles that we claim to hold so dear as we look towards and move forward to the future.

2. **Hospitality.** It is common courtesy in every environment to make sure that guests are welcomed and treated as special. We invite guests to join us in our events for many good reasons; we, therefore, have an obligation to make their experience special in our midst in every way that we can. It is common sense to mingle with others outside our closest circle when attending Masonic events. It is healthy to listen to and consider what other Brethren say and do. Never let a Brother or guest sit alone.

3. **Participation.** Travelling throughout our District, our State and, when possible, even beyond New Hampshire, is a rewarding activity. In doing so, we grow as individual Masons and strengthen the Fraternity in New Hampshire and beyond. It is a way to meet new

people, make new friends and learn a different way to do something.

4. **Attend Special and Important functions (Unity).** Examples in the recent past included:

- a. Cathedral of the Pines
- b. OES Grand Chapter
- c. Rainbow Grand Assembly
- d. Strawberry Banke 9 July-Annual meeting of William Pit Tavern
- e. 275th Anniversary of St. John's Lodge (275 Anniversary of Freemasonry in New Hampshire, and,
- f. General 10.Court Lodge #1784 Special Lodge Meeting in NH Senate Chamber.

These opportunities are now past; there will be many more in the future. Those presented here appear for the purpose of illustration. Look for these or similar opportunities in the future. When possible, and to the greatest extent possible, participate; to do so promotes and cultivates personal growth and unity within the Masonic Family.

Now, here is the **Challenge** given to every Lodge, Lodge Member and District Officer in New Hampshire.

1. Every Lodge in New Hampshire shall accept this challenge and complete an honest and open two part self-evaluation process. The first part of this process will be for the Lodge Officers to meet and prepare a written plan for implementing as much of the Grand Master's Agenda as the Lodge can accommodate comfortable. The second part in the self-evaluation process will be for the Officers to determine how well they did in implementing their plan. They will meet and prepare a written summary of actions taken.

This written plan shall be submitted to the DDGM by a May 2012. This is not a competition with other Lodges. Rather, this is a growth opportunity for each Lodge.

2. DDGMs, DDGLs and DEOs will work with the Lodges in their District to promote and facilitate self-evaluation. District Officers will mentor and encourage each individual Lodge to respond with its best and most realistic efforts.
3. Three weeks prior to the 2012 GL Annual Communication (May 1, 2012), each DDGM shall attest to the Grand Master the efforts and successes experienced by the Lodges within their District. The DDGM will affirm each Lodge did its best within the length of its cabletow to respond to this Challenge.
4. In the following year (2012-2013), the Grand Master will determine if sufficient response exists. If so, he may choose to include the Challenge as an objective and measurable point towards the Grand Master's Award. He may also decide whether or not individual (persons or Lodges) will receive recognition in a form he deems appropriate.