

Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

Kingston, NH

February 2012 Trestleboard



8 Church Street, P.O. Box 372
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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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Letter from the East

Another year has passed and it was a very good year for our lodge! We have raised new Masons and I hope that we can continue to do the great work that our outgoing Master Brother Ken Wyler has done for our lodge.

Brethren, we have a new line of officers and my wish is that you will all come out to support them. We will work hard to support our lodge and they will need your assistance to do so. Please call any of our officers if you need to be assisted in getting a ride here for meetings.

I would also like to thank everyone for the confidence and respect you have bestowed upon me and our line of officers. We will work hard and serve you all throughout this coming year.

Respectfully,
WM Gerald J. Parziale

Elected Officers for 2012-2013

WM: Gerald J. Parziale

SW: Dave Henderson

JW: John Pavia

Treasurer: Richard Johnson

Secretary: Paul Szot

Senior Deacon: Kenneth Weyler

Junior Deacon: Keith Libby

Chaplain: William Thomas

Marshal: Richard Gordon

Senior Stewart : Jason Rodriguez

Junior Stewart: James Dobson

Tyler: Mitch Verneau

Rep. to Grand Lodge: Clovis Leach

Public Relations: Jim Alexander

2011 Officers

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Junior Deacon	John Paiva
Senior Steward	Paul Costello
Junior Steward	Jason Rodriguez
Marshal	Keith Libbey
Tyler	Jay Brothers

GIDEON LODGE #84 F. & A.M.
January 2012 Events

January 21, Saturday.

9a.m.-12 noon Masters Class at Star in the East in Exeter, (Planning and Running a meeting)

2-4 p.m. Installation of Officers for 2012. Please come and support your Lodge.

January 26, Thursday. Masters and Wardens meeting; MG J. Sullivan, Epping. Dinner at 6:30 for 7:15 meeting.

January 28, Saturday. Ham and Bean Supper, same as the 14th, 5-6:30 p.m. serving.

February 6, Monday. Stated meeting.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Stated at 7:30 p.m. A history of offices

February 10, Friday. Lunch at 12 noon @lodge.

February 15, Rehearsal for degree (to be announced) or just ritual for officers.

February 22. Rehearsal for degree for MM or ritual for officers.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is the Masonic story of Hiram Abif true?

If by true is meant “factual,” the answer is no.

If by “true” is meant “containing a great truth” then the answer is yes; it is true as is the story of Santa Claus which tells a truth to children in words they can understand. The Legend of Hiram as told in the Master Mason degree is one of the oldest legends in the world but Freemasonry’s legend is peculiarly her own. The three who encountered Hiram at the gates of the Temple are themselves symbols of error, evil, sin and the story as a whole is of the ultimate weakness of such forces against the power of the Great Architect. The word *Abif* is translated both “his father” with “father” used in these senses as a patriarch, a teacher, a source of wisdom, and not as the actual father of a family. “Hiram, my father” is thus a title of honor and respect.

What day of the week, in what month and in what year did Hiram Abif die?

This is among the unanswerable questions, like the date on which Santa Claus starts to manufacture Christmas toys. Myth and legend are alike silent on early Masonic dates. As the Temple was begun by Solomon in the

Fourth year of his reign, legend, if there was such, would have to place the death later. Solomon came to his throne approximately 971 B.C. and finished it 960 B.C.

Why has Symbolic Masonry three degrees only and not four or seven or a larger number, as have other branches of the Fraternity?

Three is the numerical symbol of the equilateral triangle, which is man's earliest symbol for God. It was the "most sacred number" at the dawn of civilization. Masonry emphasizes it: three degrees, three circumambulations in the Third Degree, three Great Lights, three Lesser Lights, three steps on the Master's Carpet, three Fellows who stood at the gates of the Temple, three who discovered the Master Workman, three principal rounds, three Grand Columns, etc.

Evidently the ritual makers of an early age believed that there should be a symbolism of number as well as of object in the teaching of Masonry regarding the fatherhood of God, to instruct that He is present at all times in every ceremony and meeting.

Message from the Grand Master!

Looking to 2012

Happy New Year! The year 2012 is now upon us, providing a convenient time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going as a fraternity. It's also a great time to consider what makes Freemasonry so important in our daily lives. As I travel throughout this fine State, I continue to be amazed by the positive energy exhibited by our membership. I see a sense of revitalization in our Lodges, both in the brick and mortar and its members. Lodges are more active than ever, bringing new members into the fraternity, supporting community functions, assisting our Special Ladies, and gaining more light in Masonry. As found in any organization, some members and Lodges are more active than others. This is understandable, given the hectic pace of our busy lives. But I ask you to harken back to that time when you first joined the Craft. Do you remember that life-changing experience? Do you remember the strong sense of friendship, fervency and zeal amongst your brethren? Do you still hold that spark? Keep that flame burning my brethren. Be as active as you can, while working within [...]