

Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

Kingston, NH

January 2012 Trestleboard



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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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2011 Officers

TO THE BRETHREN OF GIDEON LODGE:

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR VOTING FOR ME TO RECEIVE THE MAJOR GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN AWARD. IT SURE WAS A SURPRISE TO ME!! IT WAS AWARDED TO ME WITH MY FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS AND THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND HIS SUITE BEING PRESENT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO WORSHIPFUL K. WEYLER, RWDGM STEW ARONSON AND BROTHER LIBBY. I COULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED IT WITHOUT THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT. THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT HONOR OF RECEIVING THIS AWARD AND HAVING SUCH A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE VETERANS AWARD PROGRAM ON THIS DAY.

RESPECTFULLY,
G.J. PARZIALE SW

On December 17, 2011 we had a great Veterans Program with GM Paul M. Leary and a Grand Lodge Suite, including our own Brother Stew Aronson, RW Deputy Grand Master. SW Gerry Parziale received the Major General John Sullivan Medal in Bronze. Brothers Richard Johnson, Treasurer and WM Ken Weyler received 25 year pins. Brothers Eddie Thurnquist, Dave Senter and Gordon Bakie each received 40 year pins. Brothers Don Briggs, Stan Lapham and Herb Taylor each received their 50 year pins and Brother Ed Holt received his 60 year pin. We are well served by all this experience in Masonry.

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January 2012 Events

January 2, Monday. Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30; Lodge Opens 7:30. This is our annual meeting. We will be electing officers for the next year, and taking any annual reports that are ready.

January 6, Friday. Noon Lunch. Last month, fifteen of us enjoyed this gathering. We welcome any suggestions for the menu. Bring a friend.

January 7, Saturday, Special. We have two brothers ready for the FC Degree. We will try something different. Come for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Then we will perform the FC Degree afterwards. Our new stove makes cooking easier and more reliable. We should be finished before noon.

January 14, Saturday. Brothers Johnson and Cote and their wives have started up the Ham and Bean Suppers. Richard outdid himself with home-made bread and desserts. This is a fund raiser for the Gideon Hall Society. Tell your friends. It is open to the public and a real bargain. Serving from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Get there early.

January 21, Saturday.

9-12. 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.

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Please note: Enclosed with this regular Trestleboard is the requirements to be considered for the Grand Masters Award program. This is a challenging doable honor. It will require the efforts and co-ordination of all the members. I believe, if we try, we can make the grade. I have a question. What is the "Masonic Service Association's Mark Twain award?" The Grand Master says, "It is better to try and fail, then fail to try?"

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. commenced the Temple 967 B.C. and finished it 960 B.C.

I enjoy going to Grand Lodge session as the Grand Lodge Representative. We usually manage to have a front row seat. Our Worshipful Master Brother Weyler has tried to get us there early so we can get a soft seat, but that is impossible. We swear that those brothers who do get them go there the night before! However, when we sit in the seats on the floor, I get to see my friends from Vermont Grand Lodge when they come in to be presented so I don’t mind the seats we have.

PM Clovis Leach

Christmas Visits

On December 16, W.M. Ken Weyler and Deputy Grand Master Stew Aronson spent the day making Christmas Visits to Gideon Lodge Special Ladies and Gideon Lodge Brothers who were unable to come to lodge on a regular basis. They covered six surrounding towns where they saw six special ladies and five brothers. The special ladies were Bettie Ouellette, Jean Pope, Mary Ann Tavitian, Anna Kelleher Janet McLean, and Elisabeth Klinkmuller. The brothers were Rip Therrian, Ed Foy, Ron Dawson, Ed Bezancon and Joe Melius. Five of those we visited were over ninety years old. It is important that we keep these elderly and infirm brothers in our thoughts, and also the widows of our brothers. The craft is only as strong as the cement which binds us together forever, Keep these folks in our prayers and on our minds if you can stop in and see them or help them out in any way that you can. We still have a few others that we hope to see before Christmas.

WM Ken Weyler