

Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

Kingston, NH

June 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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Dates to Remember

May 28 Memorial Day!

June 4th. Stated meeting; dinner is at 6:30 at 7:30. (Please call J. Paiva or G. Parziale for reservations.) Brother Weyler will be giving a program on commercial airlines.

June 8th. Lunch at 12:00 noon. Join us for lunch and a friendly conversation!

June 10th. rehearsal at 7:00 for EA degree. This is for any brother for rehearsal who would like to attend.

June 17th. rehearsal at 7:00 for EA degree. This is for any brother for rehearsal who would like to attend.

June 18th. EA degree; dinner will be at 6:15 and the lodge will open at 7:15 for degree work.

If you wish to receive your Trestleboard by e-mail, please e-mail me at juneclo@comcast.net.

This will assure me that I have the correct e-mail and will result in a sizable savings to the Lodge.

Thanks, Clovis

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Message from the East

I want to thank everyone who attended our Lodge clean-up day. The Brothers did an outstanding JOB.

We had a Masonic Service for Brother Walter Goss. In another month he would have been at the age of 100. The number of Brothers who attendance was exceptional and the family was very appreciated for the Masonic Service. Thank you to the attending Brothers who represented our Lodge.

Brethren, we will be going Dark in a month. Keep in mind that there are our Brothers who cannot get out or get around very well. I'm sure that they would like to hear from some of you or just give them a call. We will have a degree this summer and due notices will be given to all Brothers of our Lodge. We hope to see a lot of support for them. And I hope that you have remembered Memorial Day!!! We have Brothers who gave their lives so that we may be Safe and have our freedom.

Respectfully,

Worshipful Master Gerald J. Parziale

We are having rehearsals for the officers and any brothers who would like to attend. At the last stated meeting, we had a great turnout of our lodge and also from other lodges. We elected a committee for the buying back of Gideon Lodge building and we hope to have a report on their findings soon. **WM Gerald Parziale**

Unity

One of the first questions you are asked when you become interested in joining Masons is : “Do you believe in a Supreme Being?” Later you are asked, “In whom do you put your trust?” In both cases, you begin to realize that Masonry has something to do with God. Then you hear the words: **Behold, how good and how pleasant is it for brethren to dwell together in unity.**” These words cannot be heard too often. They remind us that one of the great strength of any organization is unity. By working together, many things can be accomplished. Many large projects are much easier. Masonry extends beyond the confines of the lodge room. It includes brothers from many faiths and backgrounds. One of the very beginning things you will notice is that they come from all walks of life. You will be surprised to see the neighbor you respect is a Mason, the doctor you visited is also an active Mason and even the pastor of the church you attend is a member. You may see brothers from India or England. All of them have heard the same words, **“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.”**

There may be diversity and differences in the lodge. Nevertheless, we can find commonality, cooperation and friendship as brother Masons.

Clovis Leach, P.M.

A Mason's Wife from Vermont

A Mason's wife from Vermont, a friend of June's and mine, wrote an article to be published in the **Vermont Free Mason**. She wrote "There are many reasons for Ladies to be proud of their Masons." (In her case, she is the wife of a Past Grand Master of the State of Vermont. Not many wives get this experience, but they do get the chance to do many of the things she talks about that makes her proud to be a Mason's wife. She talked about the many beautiful and ornate buildings they saw. This is true of many Grand Lodges that are in concert with Masonry in general.

In the state of New Hampshire we have the unusual experience of being able to meet in one of the oldest lodges in the United State, the William Pitt Lodge. The profound beauty in these lodge rooms is the common use of ancient symbolism that is used to build each brother's character.

This was a small part of what being the wife of a Mason means. She felt that there is something stronger than a sense of opulence, no matter how breathtaking a room or the properties, the basic reason why Freemasons meet. Simple beauty is the Masonic spirit of brotherhood that starts with a handshake with the promise of a lifelong band of friendship. There is beauty in the profound belief that brothers meet on the level. They act by the plumb. They part on the square. Brothers come back each month because of their personal commitment to charity, truth, kindness and friendship. We have the new brothers who are accepting these responsibilities that will help the lodges grow. All of these benefits of Masonry are part of the reasons that Masons are better men and their wives are proud to be Masonic wives.

#3. Who discovered, designed or invented Masonry?

No one man, any more than any one man discovered, designed or invented democracy, or philosophy, or science, or any one government. Freemasonry is the result of growth. Many Masons had a part in it; it has taken to itself teachings from many religions, philosophies, systems of knowledge, symbols. The most generally accepted orthodox belief as to those who "began": Freemasonry is that the Craft is a descendant of Operative Masons. These Operatives inherited from unknown beginnings, of which there may have been several and were probably many, practices and some form of ritual. Speculative Masonry, reaching back through Operative Masonry, touches hands with those who followed unknown religions in which, however, many of the Speculative principles must have been taught by the use of symbols as old as mankind and therefore universal, and not the product of any one people or time.

#97 How should I wear my Masonic ring; with compass pointing towards my fingers or the reverse?

No Grand Lodge has legislated upon the subject except North Carolina whose law states that a Mason *should* wear the ring so the tips of the compasses are pointed towards him. But this is suggestive, not mandatory. The consensus is that if a Masonic ring is worn to advise those who see it that the wearer is a Master Mason, the tips of the compasses should be pointed toward the tips of the fingers. If the ring is worn to remind the wearere that he is a Master Mason, the ring should be worn with the tips of the compasses pointed toward the wrist.

Taken from **101 Questions About Freemasonry**