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Kingston, NH

March 2011 Trestleboard



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Stated Communications: 7:30 pm 1st Monday of Month October – June September – Tuesday after Labor Day Dinner Reservations Required Gerald J. Parziale 603-382-8478 M.W. Grand Lodge of NH, F. & A.M. PO Box 486 Milford, NH 03055-0486 <u>http://www.nhndlodge.org</u>

THE DAILY EXTRA QUESTIONS

1. What is the word, phrase, or saying depicted below" ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTVWXYZ

2. What does a king do when he burps?

3. How many different four letter words can you make from the letters in the following word?

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One Liners

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

Contentment is counting blessings instead of hardships.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we use "So mote it be" instead of "Amen"?

"So Mote It Be" are the final words in the Regius Poem. "Mote" is old English for "May." Masons have used the phrase since the beginning of the written History of the Craft. Freemasonry includes many other words, now obsolete, which bring the sanctity of age and the continuity of ritual from ancient days to modern times.

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From the Master

March 7th, Monday. Stated meeting 7:15 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. The executive committee has asked Brother Leach to discuss with Corinthian-Queen Esther chapter of Eastern Star the installation of a new stair chair: the cost not to exceed \$6000. The committee is asking if they will consider paying \$3000 which would be half of the cost.

Bring your ideas for our future meetings and activities. We have some brothers working on projects you may want to involve yourself in for the good of the lodge. We must prepare for the Town Meeting with GM.

March 11, Friday at noon for the social lunch, bring a guest, enjoy the company.

March 11, Friday. Supper 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth. We will car-poll from Gideon at 5:50 p.m. Town Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. We hope as many brothers from Gideon as possible will attend. This is the Grand Masters chance to talk about the viability of our lodges, suggest changes, and answer any questions. Our number in attendance will be looked at as an assessment of our viability. Please come.

March 21, **Monday.** Degree work Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:15 p.m. We will be performing the Entered Apprentice Degree again. Some candidates we balloted on last month and one who did not make our Feb. 21st. degree. Come and support our newest members.

We are pleased to have so many new brothers joining us. I am looking for coaches who can assist them with their lessons. Those of you who have just recently become Master Masons many know the lessons better than some of our older members and may be the ideal coaches. Please let me know your willingness and availability. Fraternally, Ken Weyler, W.M

The Right Thing to Do

By Brother Walter Kyllonen, PM, DDGM The idea for this article comes from the above article in St. Aspinquid Lodge in Maine. They polled the newest members to determine why they were not returning to the lodge following their degree journey. The poll suggested the new Masons were looking to give back to their communities.

What developed was a paradigm, a breakthrough with tradition and with old ways of thinking. The interesting aspect of the paradigm shift at St. Aspinquid Lodge was that they never stopped to think about the breakthroughs in tradition or of changing old ways of thinking.

The most significant change was attitude. They went on to say that they wanted things to happen. They used to defeat new ideas readily. But today, they are brainstorming ways to use new ideas that might work. Their latest outreach activity was to put on a benefit fund raiser for a family in a neighboring town whose home was destroyed by fire. The family members were total strangers to the lodge, but they were in need. For comparison, Gideon Lodge#84 in District #1 of New Hampshire has been busy helping strangers. One of the new members of Gideon Lodge heard through his contact in Sons of a Widow that a brother from Maine was is a coma after a motorcycle accident. Brother Jay Brothers arranged for a fund raiser at the noon luncheon that Gideon Lodge has on the Friday following our stated meeting. Also Brother Paul Costello furnished the food and Brother Jason Rodriguez did the cooking. The luncheon was wellattended and they raised \$340.00 to give to a stranger in trouble. The paradign started by these newly-raised brothers is moving forward. Brother David Henderson has also prepared a web site for Gideon Lodge and appointed the Senior Deacon. Brother John Paive has been elected Assistant Secretary and appointed Junior Deacon and Brother Jay Brothers, appointed Tyler. All of the above newly-raised brothers have started in the line. Many thanks to them for stepping forward.

Clovis Leach, P.M

Why are candidates hoodwinked?

Blindfolding a candidate is symbolical of that state in which he has "long been in darkness and now prays for light."

It is not to keep him from seeing the lodge room, or the officers, or the brethren, but to make a deep and lasting impression on his mind, that Masonically, he has no, or but partial, light, and that only by the consummation of the ceremonies for which he has asked and which the lodge has granted, may he receive that Masonic light which will enable him to "travel in foreign countries and receive Master's wages." That the conclusion of parts of Masonic degrees be accompanied by unexpected sight and sound is a very old and very effective way of making an event memorable.

Is there a distinction between Masonic oath and Masonic obligation?

The "oath" is the "So help me, God" at the end of any solemn promise made with hand upon the Book of the Law. The "obligation" is the substance of the preceding promises. "Oath" is thus symbolical of man's fear of God; "obligation" signifies the promises and agreements, made preceding the oath.

Answers to Daily Extra Questions:

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