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October 2011 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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Visitation Schedule for District One

<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Audit Date</i>	<i>Visitation Date</i>	<i>Topics Picked</i>
Gideon No. 84	8/18 1 PM	9/13/2011	N
Star in the East No. 59		9/22/2011	N
St. John's No. 1	8/31 7 PM	9/28/2011	Y
Tucker No. 99	8/16 7PM	10/4/2011	N
St. Andrew's No. 56		10/24/2011	Y
Stafford No. 29	8/17 7PM	10/26/2011	N
Moses Paul No. 96		10/27/2011	Y
M.G.J. Sullivan No. 2		11/8/2011	N
Rising Star No. 47		11/16/2011	N
Saint James No. 102		11/21/2011	Y

2011 Officers

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

Point system for DDGM's 1st District Best Visitation

<u>Office</u>	<u>Attendance Award</u> <u>Points</u>
Master	6
SW	6
JW	6
SD	6
Stew	6
Members	6
Sect	6
Treas	6
Other Officers	6

OCTOBER EVENTS GIDEON LODGE#84

OCT.3, Monday. Stated. Dinner 6:30. Lodge opens at 715. This will be a business meeting. We have some catching up to do since we delayed this in our September meeting and our last business meeting was in June. Candidate Reports, voting, insurance, chair lift and scheduling are on the agenda.

Oct.7, Friday. Lunch, noon. Let us get back to a well supported social lunch. We have not had one for a few months. This is a chance to catch up on news with some of our brothers who do not like to go out at night. Bring a friend.

Oct.15. Saturday. State-Wide Masonic Open House. 9:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m. Please come and help meet and greet folks who may be interested in what we do, and who we are, enough to join us. I would appreciate as many of you as possible giving a couple of hours to help host.

EVENTS WE WILL TRAVEL TO

Oct. 4,Tuesday. Leaving Gideon at 5:15 p.m. to go to Tucker in Raymond for a Visitation.

Oct.24, Monday. Leaving Gideon at 5:15 p.m. to go to St. Andrew's in Portsmouth for a Visitation.

Oct. 26, Wednesday. Leaving Gideon at 5:00 p.m. to go to Strafford in Dover for Visitation.

Oct. 27, Thursday. Leaving Gideon at 5:00 p.m. to go to Moses Paul in Dover for Visitation.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

For our District, the Lodge of Instruction will be in St. Johns Lodge in Portsmouth at noon on Saturday October 29. It is important that we have a good showing from our Lodge. These events are important for seeing ritual demonstrated and meeting brethren in our district.

September Wrap-Up

Thanks for all of you who helped support our "Welcome Back" Dinner on September 6. We had about 60 join us for dinner. Our Chaplain, Dick Gordon, did his usual fine job of getting us the freshest lobsters. Our Treasurer, WM Richard Johnson grilled up the tasty steaks that the SD Dave Henderson had purchased. Thanks to all the other brothers who helped serve and brought home-made desserts. We have a good group of supportive wives. Brother Alexander has provided me with many pictures which I hope to add to our website. Bring friends, have a good time, do a little work, enjoy the fraternity.

We hosted the First District Visitation on September 13. We had 36 guests and a turkey dinner with plenty of left-overs. We had a chance to see the new format, and demonstrate a full opening and closing.

On Saturday the 17th., we went to Deerfield for an out-door degree. Our Tyler, Mitch Veroneau, was asked to do the job there, as was our Marshal, Keith Libby. We had ideal weather, a great barbecue, and a picturesque location. Again I hope to have a photo on our website so you can see our farmer garb with our boots, jeans and straw hats. Eight of us attended, one EA was grateful for the review.

As I write this I am looking forward to passing four of our own brothers to the FC degree. We have been busy enough with degree work that we are getting pretty good at it. Thank you to the brothers who come to all the rehearsals and learn the parts. We will devote October to catching up on some of our other work and preparing for a busy November. I am hopeful that in November we can perform both an EA and a MM degree. Any brother who would like to help with either degree, please let me know.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the “High Degrees” in Masonry?

In spite of the fact that the expression is in common use, there are no “High degrees” or “higher degrees.” There are only “more degrees” than those of the Symbolic Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry.

There are degrees which are, numerically, *larger* than the Third Degree; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has degrees numbered up to and including thirty-three. But a horizontal line thirty-three feet long is no higher than one three feet long; a hole in the ground thirty-three feet deep is no “higher” than one three feet deep. The conception of degrees as notches in a flagstaff which are three feet and thirty-three feet high respectively is as false as it is natural.

All degrees of all rites of Masonry are dependent on the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry; no man may receive the light from either the Scottish or the York Rite unless he is a Master Mason.

For this reason no degree is “higher” than that of Master Mason.

How do I apply for the Thirty-Third Degree?

You do not apply. To ask for that degree is to make sure that you will never receive it. The Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, in both the Northern and the Southern Jurisdictions, is an honor given by a Supreme Council for notable services to humanity, country or Masonry. To receive it, a brother must have obtained the Thirty-Second Degree, but it is given only by sufferance of a Supreme Council and cannot be requested. The same is true of the Military and Ecclesiastical Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, in which membership comes by invitation, never as the result of application.

Why are Masons of the Second Degree called Fellowcrafts?

Probably prior to 1726 all Freemasons except the “King’s Master Mason” were either Apprentices or Fellows of the Craft, in imitation of the workers of the operative days, when Apprentices became Fellows after a period of seven years training and the making of a “Master’s Piece” to show proficiency in some part of a mason’s work. We continue the old names, as preferable to such modernizations as “beginners” and “members.”