

**Gideon Lodge #84, F. & A.M.
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September 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
Strafford 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>Points</u>
Master	1
SW	2
JW	3
SD	4
Stew	5
Members	6
Sect	3
Treas	3
Other Officers	3

TRESTLE BOARD

September 2011

Sept. 6. Tuesday. Stated Meeting. Social Hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Program 7:30. This our welcome back semi-public, steak and Lobster Special. Cost of the meal is \$25. You may bring a guest if you wish. Many have brought their wife or a prospective candidate. We will have a public program by our DDGM on Masons prominent in our history.

Sept. 13. Tuesday. Special Meeting; Dinner 6:00, Open 7:00. This is the new format for the visitations. We will have the formal opening with receiving the DDGM suite. The DDGM will give opening remarks. The DDGL will then give a short talk on ritual, then the DEO will speak. I have asked him to give the history of the naming of our lodge.

Sept. 17. Saturday Nottingham, Farmers Degree, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. something new. This will be an outdoor degree, and an EA degree. All participants and sidelines (sitting on hay bales) are to be dressed as farmers. The ritual will be followed by a barbeque, contribution \$10. I have the tickets. We should have many Masons from around the district and state. We will have car-pooling leaving from Gideon at 12:15. Please call me early for tickets.

Sept. 26. Monday. Special. Dinner 6:30, Lodge opening at 7:15. FC Degree. We have four candidates ready for this degree. The DDGL will be coming to judge our performance. Please come to support your brothers.

Invitations for lobster-steak dinner did not include a return envelops. Please send your checks, made out to Gideon Lodge, to Ken Weyler, 23 Scotland Rd., Kingston, NH 03848

Visitations

Annual visitations are an ideal time to visit the other lodges in our district. They will be expecting to host other lodges and will likely make a special effort to put on their best performance and best meal. The District Deputies have changed the program a little as I explained in the schedule. Later I expect we will be able to publish the schedule of the topics to be covered. This should be fun as well as a learning experience. I attach the places and dates for the visitations so that you can make plans. Don't worry about the locations, we will be leaving in car pools from Gideon around 5 o'clock. Although the WMI's are always expected to attend, take a look at the points for the other officers and members. If you do not hold an office, you are worth six times more than the WM for award purposes. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

News from the Master

Gideon Lodge performed the complete Master's Degree on Friday night July 29, 2011. We raised two of our own brothers and two from Major General John Sullivan Lodge in Epping. We had help from York Rite Council for four of the speaking parts, and from Epping for three of them. We created a few more speaking parts for this degree and I am very pleased by the participation of our brothers who helped. We had fourteen members of our lodge who took speaking parts for this degree, some with multiple roles. I cannot express how important this is. Our ritual depends on brothers willing to take some part in the proceedings. We may not all have to memorize the long piece that RW Bill Thomas did, but every little piece helps. My greatest appreciation goes to all of you who pitched in, not just for the speaking parts, but for the non-speaking parts as well. I was also impressed with those like John Paiva and Eddy Thurnquist who had to perform some roles that they had not rehearsed. Great Job!

Fun Facts About Dollar Bills

\$ Of the notes printed each year, 95% are used to replace notes already in circulation. 45% of the notes printed are \$1 bills.

1. \$ What do you think the weight of a dollar bill is? There are 454 bills in one pound.

\$ If each bill ever printed was laid end to end, they would stretch around the equator about 24 times.

\$ From studying old manuscripts, historians suspect that the "\$" came about by writing "S" over "P" for the Spanish peso or pieces of eight, their currency. This symbol was widely accepted before the adoption of the United States dollar in 1785.

2. What do you think the thickness of a bill is?

\$ A stack of bills one mile high would contain over 14 million currency notes.

\$ So why do only people and places appear on currency?
As a government agency, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing cannot endorse and thus reproduce the likeness of any commercial product or firm. But what about the four automobiles on the back of the \$10 bill that are supposed to be Model "Ts"? While nothing says American pride more than Ford, the cars are of no specific make or model; rather, they are composites of cars produced in the 1920s when the vignette was completed.

\$ It costs approximately 4.2 cents to produce each bill.

Hello Brethren!

You asked for it and here they are tickets for your Districts outdoor degree! I guarantee it will be an outdoor degree come rain or shine! Please attend, support your District and more importantly let's have FUN!!!

It will be the first farmers degree ever done, sitting on hay bails and with pitch forks for staffs and I am not telling you what else, come and see for yourself. So ~~down~~^{Don} your bib-alls, dungier- alls, flannel shirts, shit kickers and straw hats and join the FUN!!!

Price--\$10 to cover the barbeque that follows the Degree

When---September 17, 2011

What time—1pm to 4pm

Where—7 Deerfield Rd. Nottingham NH 03290

Just off the Nottingham 4 corners across from Fernald's Farm

Can't Miss It!!! Don't Miss It!!!

The E A degree will be exemplified on the first 5 candidate's Who's names are given too us by our District Lodges. It also means, ask all those new Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts you have on the rolls to attend so they can witness some of the fun in Freemasonry!

Any help or ideas you might have to contribute to this event will be greatly appreciated. Let's make it a Great Success!!!

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