

**Gideon Lodge #84, F. & A.M.
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May 2009 Trestle Board



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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Work of the Lodge

Brothers we have a lot of work to do this year. THANK YOU for all the enthusiasm and the effort that all of you put into planning for it. We are very fortunate.

Rehearsals and study will be at 7:00 on Mondays.

The Fellow crafts degree will be exemplified on April 27th. The E. A. will be done on May 6th.

Our next regular meeting will be on May 4th. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm. The program is a talk and slide show by Linda and Tom Bodenstiener who traveled to China a couple of years ago. Please Contact Brother Gerald Parziale at 382- 8478 for reservations. Guests are welcome.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Plan to **come to the luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 12 noon.** This is an opportunity to meet with your brothers and enjoy Masonic fellowship. Brother Donald Miller is going to prepare the luncheon. Please contact Brother Ken Weyler, S.W. at 642-3518 if you plan to attend. If you would like to prepare a meal some Friday Brother Ken is the man to call.

Answer to the Mechanics Question

Take a spark plug out and insert a hose into the cylinder. Start the engine and watch the tire inflate.

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2009 Officers

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Frequently Ask Questions

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.

Why are discussions of politics and religion forbidden in lodge?

The prohibition goes back to the early history of the Fraternity. It is written in the second paragraph of the sixth “Old Charge” under Behavior after the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone;

“No private Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the Lodge, far less any Quarrels about Religion, or Nations, or State policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholick Religion above-mentioned; we are also of all Nations, Tongues, Kindreds, and Languages, are resolved against all Politicks as what never yet conduc’d to the Welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This Charge has been always strictly enjoin’d and observed, but especially since the Reformation in Britain, or the Dissent and Secession of these Nations from the Communion of Rome.”

Freemasons today hold that the Old Charge prohibits lodge discussions of politics in the sense of *partisan* politics and religion in the sense of *sectarian* religion.

Taken from: One Hundred Frequently Asked Questions About Masonry.

Masters class

The masters’ class is meeting on the third Tuesday in April which is the 21st. The treasurer and wardens are expected to attend. It will be held in Portsmouth in St. Andrews Lodge. Brother Robert Sutherland will be present to discuss “lodge finances”.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Birthday wishes in May from the brothers of Gideon Lodge to the following brothers: Gordon Bakie, Jay Brothers, Edward Cardone Jr, David Conti, Dale Drake, Roy Jeffrey, Richard Kimball, Yrorak Lindsay, Donald Ross, William Simmons Jr., and Mitchell Veroneau.

Hopefully each of you enjoys a special day on your birthday.

A Question for the Mechanics

Two young men were traveling in BAJA land and of all things to have happen A FLAT TIRE. However they found a garage but the garage was not very well equipped. The compressor was broken. The ingenious young men were able to get the flat tire off the rim and repair the leak and get the tire back on rim. Now how are they going to inflate the tire?

Money Saver

We could save about SIXTY DOLLARS PER MONTH if we could e-mail the Trestle Board to each member. Please let me know what your e-mail address is.

From the Master's Chair

Secretary is a nine letter word that is part of EVERY organization. One of the first orders of business in almost any meeting is to read the minutes of the previous meeting or meetings.

The secretary's duty is to "keep a just and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting" so that "the good deeds of the members will not go unrecorded". Whenever a question arises about what happened at the last meeting or a meeting last year, they look at the minutes of the meeting taken by the secretary at that time. In most cases, these are legal documents.

It is absorbing to read the minutes of older documents and see the different expressions that were used fifty or a hundred years ago. If you are a person who looks at the hand writing and wonders what the writer is like, you have an interesting challenge. Sometimes the writing is unique and the formation of the letters has changed over the years. The writing done by a left-handed versus right-handed person is always interesting to observe. The lettering in some cases is very neat and clear. The manuscript of old documents is fascinating to read.

I remember when I joined the Navy the first thing they did was to assign each of us to a company. As soon as we were settled, the Chief "assigned" a person who had typing skills to become the company clerk. His duties included typing the names of the men in the company in alphabetical order. Following this he kept records of each man such as: the number of times each one went to "sick bay", got in fights and general attitude. This information determined future assignments in the Navy and also became a permanent, confidential part of each person's Navy records.

The secretaries in Masonry are more than recorders of events. They are the "business managers" of the organization. The secretaries of Eastern Star have a similar role. Both,

however, are expected to keep a "just and accurate record" of the meetings.

In Eastern Star, for example, a sister or a brother can be a secretary. I was secretary of Waverly Chapter in Vermont for a couple of years, not a very good one, but I understand their duties. Not only do they take care of accurate minutes but also handle communications and petitions for the chapter. Some chapter secretaries have a set of books which correspond to the treasurer records. The only difference maybe the investments which are not part of the secretary's records.

In my own case as Master, I often talk to the secretary between meetings. The secretary is always an excellent source of information.

We are fortunate at Gideon to have Brother Alden Palmer who has a wealth of knowledge and is very good at keeping the Master on course. Also, Brother Keith Libby recently joined us and consented to be an assistant secretary. "Look well to the East" and look to the left of the Master's chair. Brothers Alden and Keith are keeping just and accurate records.

R.W. Clovis Leach, Worshipful Master