

Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

Kingston, NH

September 2009 Trestle Board



Kingston, NH 03848
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

Stated meeting of Gideon Lodge#84, Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

We will be honoring our new First District officers.

Semi-public casual dress. Guests welcome.

Meeting and greeting with appetizers at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations must be received by
August 25, 2009.

Please contact Richard Johnson: (603) 702-0072 or
Mark Decareau: (603) 642-4277

Luncheon will be on Sept. 11th (an unforgettable day that
changed the world). Come and visit Gideon Lodge at 12:00
p.m. This is a time to talk Masonry and meet friends and
enjoy a lunch.

**Brother Weyler is working on the memorial
garden. He needs help from anyone who has
experience in building stone walls. Please call
642-3518 if you can help him.**

Masters and Wardens of District #1 will meet on September
16th at Gideon Lodge at 7 p.m.

Happy Birthday wishes to these brothers in
September

Richard H. Johnson

John A. Burnet, III

John A. Burnet, Jr.

John Pizar

William H. Thomas, II

William D. Wicks

2009 Officers

Worshipful Master	RW Clovis Leach 603-642-4320 junclo@comcast.net
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Junior Steward	Jay Brothers
Asst. Steward	Yrorak Lindsay
Asst. Steward	Peter Veroneau
Marshal	Dale Drake
Tyler	Edward Foy
Personal Advocate	Wor. Norman Freeman, Sr.
Trestle Board	Wor. Donald M. Miller 978-465-1373

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the significance of the Northeast Corner?

Cornerstones are laid in the Northeast corner. Entered Apprentices stand in the Northeast corner of the lodge. The point midway between the darkness of the North and the brilliance of the East was chosen by ancient builders as the point of beginning, a spot to mark a birth, the commencement of a new structure.

The symbolism of the Northeast corner in the Entered Apprentice degree is taken from this ancient practice of laying the cornerstone in the Northeast corner. He who stands there in the lodge, “a just and upright Mason,” is himself a cornerstone of the lodge which will be. A lodge is erected not only by, but *upon*, her sons. The Entered Apprentice of today is the veteran Mason and lodge member of tomorrow.

Is the Masonic story of Hiram Abif true?

If by true is meant “factual,” the answer is no. If by “true” is meant “containing a great truth” then the answer is yes; it is true as is the story of Santa Claus which tells a truth to children in words they can understand. The Legend of Hiram as told in the Master Mason degree is one of the oldest legends in the world but Freemasonry’s legend is peculiarly her own. The three who encountered Hiram at the gates of the Temple are themselves symbols of error, evil, sin and the story as a whole is of the ultimate weakness of such forces against the power of the Great Architect. The word *Abif* is translated both “his father” and “my father” with “father” used in these senses as a patriarch, a teacher, a source of wisdom, and not as the actual father of a family. “Hiram, my father” is thus a title of honor and respect.

A GAGGLE OF GIGGLES #1

Q: What do snakes do after a fight?

Bumblebee bumblebee

As aerodynamic engineers found a long time ago, the bumblebee can not fly! Its wings are too weak and its body is too heavy to fly, but, fortunately, the bumblebee doesn’t know that, and it goes right on flying.

We Salute You

Since 1937, the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, has been guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The duty requires that the sentinel march 21 steps across the Tomb—a number that corresponds to the 21-gun salute, the highest military honor in the United States.

Hot Stuff!

If you encounter a sinfully spicy hot pepper, drink milk or reach for some milk chocolate to put the fire out. **Capsaicin**, the alkaloid that is responsible for the heat, *clings to your taste buds* and is *insoluble* in water—so a glass of H₂O won’t help. The casein in *milk* or *milk chocolate* attracts the capsaicin, so that you can cool down!

Weather, wind, women, and fortune *CHANGE LIKE THE MOON.*

From the Master's Chair

Gideon Lodge is proud to be able to honor the District officers. It is a well-known fact that these officers spend many hours doing things for Masonry. In every case, they have served their respective lodges for many hours making those lodges better. In every case, they are examples of what Masonry means to them.

One of the things that is so often true about Masonic meetings and Masonry in general is that the ladies are not included in their activities. When Brother Pettengill accepted the duties of DDGM and responsibilities of that office, he reminded us that he would like to see more meetings that included our wives.

He wanted to have Masonry be fun, to have a few laughs and still do our required work. He further suggested that the meals we have previous to our meeting should include our wives, not as cooks, but as guests. This could make a happier lodge if our wives could get to know each other and be included in our concerns about the welfare of our brothers.

The event we are doing to honor our district officers may serve as a precursor to this. Although it is more extravagant than the usual meal, it may be the beginning of what can be done.

The officers of Gideon Lodge are very excited about doing this event. They are all very much aware of the amount of work they have to do, yet they are eager to continue to do their part to make it a success.

It is wonderful to see Gideon Lodge looking forward to a special event with so much enthusiasm.

WM Clovis Leach

Answer to Gaggle Question #1:
They hiss and make up.