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**Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.  
Kingston, NH**

**January 2010 Trestle Board**



Church Street, P.O. Box 372  
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142 Years of Masonry in Kingston

*Stated Communications: 7:30 pm*  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month  
October – June  
September – Tuesday after Labor Day  
Dinner Reservations Required  
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## Work of the Lodge

The next stated meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup>  
It is also the annual meeting. We will  
be voting on a new slate of officers for  
2010. Officers can wear casual for the  
meeting. Dinner at 6:30; meeting at  
7:30.

December 17<sup>th</sup>: E.A. degree with four  
candidates. We will need extra  
helpers to escort the candidates.  
Refreshments at 6:30 and the degree  
work at 7:30.

Brother Weyler was very pleased to  
have so many brothers at the  
luncheon  
on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Brother Decareau  
and his lovely wife Heather prepared a  
delicious venison stew.

January 7<sup>th</sup>. : E. A. degree with one  
candidate. Refreshments at 6:30 and  
degree at 7:30.  
On January 8<sup>th</sup>, brother Weyler is  
planning to have a luncheon. Please  
plan to attend.

## 2009 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	RW Clovis Leach 603-642-4320 <a href="mailto:juneclo@comcast.net">juneclo@comcast.net</a>
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<b>Junior Warden</b>	Gerald Parziale
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<b>Asst. Secretary</b>	Keith Libby
<b>Rep. to Grand Lodge</b>	Peter Veroneau
<b>Chaplain</b>	Richard Gordon
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Glen Miller
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	William B. Killey
<b>Senior Steward</b>	Mitchell Veroneau
<b>Junior Steward</b>	Jay Brothers
<b>Asst. Steward</b>	Yrorak Lindsay
<b>Asst. Steward</b>	Peter Veroneau
<b>Marshal</b>	Dale Drake
<b>Tyler</b>	Edward Foy
<b>Personal Advocate</b>	Wor. Norman Freeman, Sr.
<b>Trestle Board</b>	Wor. Donald M. Miller 978-465-1373

### **Frequently Ask Questions**

**Why does Freemasonry forbid brethren to ask their friends to become Masons?**

One of the fundamental concepts of Freemasonry is that application for membership must be wholly a voluntary act. A man must seek for himself and join “of my own free will and accord.” Under no other formula can men unite brethren of a thousand religious and political beliefs. Under no more constricting act could Freemasonry accomplish her only end, the building of character among men. Men who become members of a Masonic lodge for any other reason than their own desires can neither receive nor give to others the advantages of a wholly voluntary association. Freemasonry is bigger than any man; the man must seek its blessings; it never seeks the man.

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**What is the significance of the Northeast Corner?**

Cornerstones are laid in the Northeast corner and 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 cornerstone 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

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upright Mason” is himself a cornerstone of the lodge which will be.

Answer: Missile toe

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**Why Are Masonic Rituals Not the Same in All States?**

**Freemasonry came to the United States from several different sources (England, Ireland, Scotland) and its spread westward formed Grand Lodges from lodges which sprang from the thirteen original colonies. These admixtures of rituals produced variations which were occasionally increased by actions of Grand Lodges acting on recommendations of Grand Lecturers and Ritual Committees. In the early days of Freemasonry in the United States many “traveling lecturers” brought their own conceptions of “the true Masonic work” to far areas and taught these.**

**All rituals are “correct.” What a Grand Lodge approves as its ritual is “correct” for its lodges. No rituals in the United States contradict each other: They vary in words and details, not in essentials.**

**A single fact is worth shipload of argument.**

**Christmas is the season to consider giving to your favorite charity. Think of the Masonic CARE. It was formerly called the Masonic Home.**

**Remember that caring for our needy brothers is part of the obligation we made.**

**If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get?**

### **From the Master's Chair**

**This has been an interesting and a challenging year for me. It has been unlike any other experience I have had. Getting to know all the names of the brothers and getting the face and name on the correct person posed a problem. Now add to that this New Hampshire ritual. The brothers have been patient with me and all are willing to help me when I made clear what I want. If only "my rememberer was as good as my forgetter", it would it would be easier.**

**All of the meals have been excellent. We are very fortunate at Gideon lodge that there are several good cooks and if they can't make it their wives always came forth. Thanks to them.**

**The highlight of the year was honoring brother Aronson for all the many things he has done for Gideon Lodge. It was a great idea that**

**brothers Johnson and Decareau had to honor the district officers and at the same have a surprise party to honor brother Aronson. It is unbelievable that all one hundred people present could know about it and "Stew" did not know. It is unforgettable to see the look on brother Aronson's face when he suddenly realized that he was the one we all came to honor. Seldom do we find him speechless but he was then. The exciting part was to see EVERY BROTHER involved and helped to make it a success.**

**It is very seldom that new incoming officers are ready and able to do degree work when they are installed. These officers are. They have proved they can. This slate of officers is eager and ready to go. There are no past masters among them. Last year brother Decareau mentioned that it was the first time he was not an officer since had been a member. I share the same thought for 2010.**

**The master is well prepared to perform his duties. He has already proved he can do the work. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.**

**Thank You to Gideon lodge for allowing me the honor of being a past master of this lodge as well as a Past master of Chipman lodge in Vermont. I will continue to offer to help wherever I can.**

**Worshipful Master Brother Clovis Leach**

**Birthdays for January**

**Frank M. Conley, Roy L. Greenleaf, Eugene F.  
Haight, David E. Riecks, Dennis F. St Germaine.  
Charlton J. Swasey, Kenneth J. Therrian**

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