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**GIDEON LODGE #84  
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**TRESTLE BOARD**

**DECEMBER 2021**

**WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
TIMOTHY P. LAVELLE**



**HAM BEAN**

*Brown Bread  
Cole Slaw  
Potato Salad*

*Hot Dogs  
Desserts  
Assorted Pies!*

**Supper**

**Adults \$8**      **4:00PM to 6:00PM**      **Children 12 & Under \$5**

**Every 4th Saturday**

**Stated Communications are on the 1st Tuesday of the Month**

Dinner is served at 6:30 PM      Meeting Opens at 7:30 PM (Sept-Jun)

Dinner Reservations can be made online at: <http://www.gideonlodge.com/Reservations.html> or by calling the Jr. Warden. Reservations are encouraged. Families are always welcome to join us for the meal.

**Message from the East**

**Warm Fraternal Holiday Greetings Brethren!**

I was trying to get this trestle board out a little earlier than normal because we have many things happening in December that did not get mentioned in November's Trestle Board. Alas, schedules and timing hindered that approach, but hopefully you all get this information before the end of the month this month.

First, we will be participating in the Fellow Craft Degree at St. Johns November 17<sup>th</sup>. Brother Nick Zis we be receiving the degree. I hope we can help fill the sidelines as well.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be traveling for an Entered Apprentice Degree to be held at Tucker Lodge in Raymond, NH. Brother Ken McCarthy will be able to receive the history, which was



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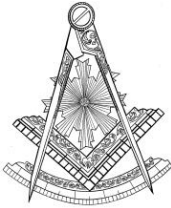
put off from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

On November 27<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Ham and Bean Supper. October’s dinner was a huge success!! We served over 100 patrons for the evening and just ran out of food items right near the end, so all went exceedingly well. Brothers received so many countless “Thank You’s” from the patron’s for re-establishing the suppers and commented on how good everything tasted. For those who have not helped in the past; it warms your heart to see the joy and happiness this simple event brings to those within our community who long for a decent meal AND that is “All you can eat”. I whole-heartedly encourage all brothers to participate in this great community event each month.

This month’s event proceeds will be donated by the Lodge to the **Kingston Recreation Department**. Thank you to all the brethren and their spouses that helped, brought food, delicious desserts, helped cook and then clean up. Many hands made for light work and everyone appreciated the amount of support we had. Let’s keep that up.

Finally, our Stated Meeting which is also our Annual meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you there as we will be voting for officers for the coming year. Enjoy your holidays

***Fraternally,***



*Timothy P. Lavelle*

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***Gideon Lodge #84 Officers Directory - 2021***

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Timothy P. Lavelle	(603) 944-2178
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<i>Junior Warden</i>	OPEN	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rt. Wor. Kenneth Weyler	(603) 642-3518
Assistant Treasurer	Matthew A. Steinel	
<b>Secretary</b>	Nicholas Lang	(603) 329-2309
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Open	
<b>Chaplain / Historian</b>	Wor. John J. Paiva, PM	(603) 490-2883
<b>Grand Lodge Representative</b>	Wor. Gerald J. Parziale	(603) 247-0124
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Peder Hamilton	(603) 332-5631
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Dale Drake	
<i>Senior Steward</i>	Matthew A. Steinel	
<i>Junior Steward</i>	Benjamin MacIntosh	
<b>Marshal</b>	Wor. Alan E. Davey (Ollie)	
<i>Tyler</i>	Open	
<b>Webmaster / Trestleboard</b>	Wor. David S. Henderson	(603) 303-3758



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**@eMAIL Communications:** Your line officers can be reached via email, by addressing your email to their [First.Lastname@gideonlodge.com](mailto:First.Lastname@gideonlodge.com) i.e. [Tim.Lavelle@gideonlodge.com](mailto:Tim.Lavelle@gideonlodge.com)  
Want yours? Just contact the Webmaster and he will hook you right up!

**Special Events / Upcoming Dates / Notices**



**Dues Reminder**

Dues can be paid online now through our website if desired (*online fee assessed*). Dues this year are back to pre-pandemic rate of \$125.00. Please remember you can add additional amounts and any over normal dues will be put towards the General Building Fund unless you direct it otherwise within the notation of the payment. Visit our website at [www.Gideonlodge.com/Dues.html](http://www.Gideonlodge.com/Dues.html) for more details.

**Noted Calendar Events for December:**

November 17<sup>th</sup> - Fellow Craft Degree at St. Johns

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Travel to Tucker Lodge, EA Degree - Raymond, NH.

November 27<sup>th</sup> – Ham & Bean Supper 4-6pm (December Event TBD)

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting 6:30 Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting “EA DEGREE”  
**ANNUAL MEETING – VOTING ON 2022 LINE OFFICERS**

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve



December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day!



December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve!



- Ritual Rehearsals are held at the Lodge at 6:00pm most every Tuesday
  - Ritual Lessons are held at the Lodge at 5:30pm every Sunday
- Please Check first to Confirm



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## Masonic Humor

### The Night Before Christmas, Down at the Lodge

'Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the Lodge. Not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge. Of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West, you could savor the silence, most gladly divest. All metal and mineral, it mattered not, since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot. In the hearth of your homestead, all Masons abed, as visions of trestle boards danced in their head; When up on the roof there arose such a clatter, our Tiler jumped up to see what was the matter! He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door, three knocks shook the panels - he wondered 'What for?'

He answered the knocking with raps of his own, and once the door opened he saw with a moan, of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red except for one notable feature Instead! Upon his large finger lie wore what we knew was compass and square on a background of blue! 'Why Santa!' he shouted and lowered his blade 'I see you're a Mason!' the Tiler relayed.

He looked toward the Master's most dignified chair and said, voice near trembling, 'Most Worshipful there is a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!' The Master replied, 'Let's allow him - but wait! You tell me a Gentleman, but I don't see his Apron beneath that red suit, can it be our visitor hasn't been properly raised? Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased?

'I do beg your pardon,' old' Santa said quick as he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick, but a cane with, engraving, two balls did appear and oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear! Adorned like the Master' complete with a sign of "Lodge Number One, the North Pole" on one line! "Now let man enter," the Master declared, and once in the Lodge room the Brethren all stared, for Santa was wearing a jewel not seen for many a century - there in between. The fur of his coat and the splendid red collar gleamed two golden reindeer that shone like a dollar!

"It's Donner and Blitzen, who, I must confess are actually images brought from the West. By my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!" And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled an ear of fine corn and some oil from the east, "My friend I have plenty, tonight we will feast. On all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir!" A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir. As presents and promises flew from his sack this Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack for making this Christmas the best you could glean and soon even Deacons were laughing, they'd seen.

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On this very night only happiness reigned! This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained. That only a Mason could be so inclined to make all kids happy, make all people find. A Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right!

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

*(As copied from MidnightFreeMasons.org – Author Unknown)*

### **HAM & BEAN NEWS:**

We had a fantastic first turnout for our Ham & Bean supper this month with just over 100 visitors joining us for a wonderful meal, good visit and lots of laughter. We received high praise, great comments on the food and very large THANK YOU's for having the suppers again. It was welcome by all. In addition, we had a great turn out of support from the brethren. Of course, Anita Libby was there to keep us all in line and insure we made things the correct way. Special thanks to her, Lisa Paiva, Donna Henderson our Worshipful's Linda who was there too and to all the spouses who helped out. Many hands made for quick and easy work, so let's keep that trend going. We meet each Friday evening around 4-6pm prepping for the next night, so all help is welcome then too. Next month's will be on November 27<sup>th</sup>!!



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All**

- *From: Gideon Lodge #84 F&A.M.*

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