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GIDEON LODGE #84 F. & A.M.

## TRESTLE BOARD



#### FEBRUARY 2021

WORSHIPFUL MASTER WM. TIMOTHY P. LAVELLE

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#### 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: <a href="http://www.gideonlodge.com/Reservations.html">http://www.gideonlodge.com/Reservations.html</a> or by calling the Jr. Warden. Reservations are encouraged. Families are always welcome to join us for the meal.

#### Gideon Lodge #84 Officers Directory - 2021 Worshipful Master Timothy P. Lavelle (603) 944-2178 Senior Warden **OPEN OPEN** Junior Warden Treasurer Rt. Wor. Kenneth Weyler (603) 642-3518 Assistant Treasurer Matthew A. Steinel Secretary Nicholas Lang (603) 329-2309 Assistant Secretary Open Chaplain / Historian Wor. John J. Paiva, PM (603) 490-2883 **Grand Lodge Representative** Wor, Gerald J. Parziale (603) 247-0124 (603) 332-5631 Senior Deacon **Peder Hamilton** Junior Deacon Dale Drake Senior Steward Matthew A. Steinel Junior Steward Benjamin MacIntosh Marshal Wor. Alan E. Davey (Ollie) Tvler Open Webmaster / Trestleboard Wor. David S. Henderson (603) 303-3758

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

#### Special Events / Upcoming Dates / Notices

#### Dues

It is that time of year again brethren and annual dues are due!

Remember however, you can easily pay your dues online if more convenient for you by using PayPal. In fact, you can now pay any amount you wish, if behind in your dues as well. Additionally, you can use the notation area to earmark where you would like your funds directed should you wish to donate to another lodge fund. There is also a page for donations as well, but you can now use the one site to pay both your dues and any other donation you wish.

Remember too, 2020 dues were "special" dues amount of \$50. Any additional amount over the \$50 dues will be automatically put towards the General Building Fund, unless you direct it otherwise within the notation of the payment. With all credit charges taken online, there is always a small convenience fee that is charged to us for you to use your Credit or Debit Card. See the webpage for more details on this small amount to consider to be added to your dues. Visit our website at <a href="https://www.Gideonlodge.com/Dues.html">www.Gideonlodge.com/Dues.html</a> and pay for your 2020 Dues online.

#### Calendar Events for February and Beyond:



February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Stated Meeting, 6:30 Dinner / 7:30PM Opening Reservations Requested –

http://www.gideonlodge.com/Reservations.html

February 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Valentine's Day

April 11th - GLNH Leadership Training Seminar

**GIDEON SOCIAL MEDIA Changes:** Gideon Lodge Social Media responsibilities will now be handled by the Lodge secretary. We will no longer advertise for any social media within the Trestleboard.

#### Messages from the East

#### Warm Fraternal Greetings Brethren!

We had our first stated meeting of 2021 in January and with me being in the East for my first time (officially) it was all in all a wonderful evening. We had a good turn out of brothers and were able to nominate and vote in Brother Matthew Steinel as Assistant Treasurer to Wor. Brother Weyler. Welcome Brother Steinel, you are lucky to be learning and assisting to the best.

Before I go any further, I must make a special announcement. In last months Trestleboard I mentioned that we had many brothers come in to assist us with our Installation of Officers. In my haste to get my first Trestle Board out and in communicating with both who assist me in the process, we managed to leave out of that recognition the installing officer Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, John Gordon. I want to formally apologize for missing that recognition. When I was told about it, I was quite upset that between several eyes quickly viewing the drafts, we left it out. So... to the Past Most Worshipful Brother John Gordon I want to extend an extremely warm fraternal apology AND thank you for helping to pull off what was a very difficult task in performing during a pandemic. So many brethren made so many sacrifices that day and I sincerely appreciate all that took time and helped to make the installation a success and a fun time for all.

As warmer days and longer days are ahead, we need to begin thinking about Spring activities. One which of course comes to mind is the Annual Lodge Cleanup. At our next Stated Meeting I hope to try and set a date for that event and to get volunteers. The other I want to discuss further in February is cleaning of the basement. There is a lot of junk down there and we need to purge and clean it out. I will be looking for volunteers. Once cleaned out, we might want to consider doing something else with the space down there. Wor Brother Henderson mentioned boxing off a "Cigar/Card" room down there. Other lodges have those, so it might be an idea to discuss!

Wor. Brother Paiva announced news at our Stated that he had obtained information about a new HVAC solution for the lodge. It got a lot of good response and dialog, but ultimately tabled till next months meeting when Brother Paiva will provide more detailed information and pricing.

I am also happy to announce the Wor. Brother Davey is now home from the hospital where he had been for some time in fighting Covid. He is doing much better, still recovering, but is home and we are ALL extremely happy for that news.

Food bank donations we voted on for surrounding towns to the lodge were distributed last month and all were thankful to Gideon for our continued support.

Lastly brethren, our next Stated Meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. We are planning for a Pork Roast dinner, so please use the lodge website to make reservations so we can plan.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Timothy P. Lavelle

WM Timothy P. Lavelle

Worshipful Master – Gideon Lodge #84

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#### Webmasters Message:

#### The Three Senses of Human Nature Mason's Hold Most Dear

As we all learned from the Middle Chamber Lecture; "...they next arrived at a flight of winding stairs consisting of 3, 5 and 7 steps." The number 5 alluding to the 5 senses of human nature, but of these the first three, Hearing, Seeing and Feeling are deemed most important among masons.

Brethren, our world is becoming ever more increasingly filled with some who would like to step on and squash our God given rights to freely express ourselves both on Social Media and in the public forum. Freedom of speech, religious liberties and more seem to all be in some degree of jeopardy and many are finding themselves looking for answers on how best to cope with these unprecedented and somewhat fearful times.

As one who learned and recited the Middle Chamber Lecture numerous times, I probably tend to think of how it relates more than some and how it pertains to what we are seeing around us every day.

Fraternally brethren, I would like to remind all of us that we are a Masons and we have many brothers from all over and from all walks of life. We <u>all</u> meet on the level and with what we are taught within the MCL, Hearing, Seeing and Feeling are the three senses deemed most important as they allow us all to recognize each other as Masons in the Dark and well as in the Light. Fear not brethren, the world as you know it may be changing, but take comfort in your many brothers who are here to extend their cable tows, always willing to listen, greet you and receive the masonic grip when meeting. We are a strong fraternal group and there is much love and brotherhood to go around. Be strong and don't ever feel fearful, your brothers are here, and we stand together, fighting and cherishing our freedoms.



7:30pm Dinner @6:30pm

Wor. Brother Henderson

## IMPORTANT COVID-19/CHINA VIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT UPDATE:

Gideon Lodge is continuing to remain fluid in our responses to the current health alerts. We continue to get direction from Grand Lodge around Stated Meetings and Degrees.

The situation remains fluid – keep checking with other brothers and our online calendar of events.

## Ritual Lessons are held at the Lodge at 5:30pm every Sunday Check 1<sup>st</sup> - Confirm with your mentoring Brother

Ritual Rehearsals are held at the Lodge at 6:00pm most every Monday - Check 1st



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# \* \* \* CHINA VIRUS/Covid 19 \* \* \* \* \* \* HEALTH WARNING REMINDER \* \* \*



#### Brother are You Feeling Under the Weather??

As much as we all want everyone to come out and enjoy and share fraternal gatherings at lodge, **please** be mindful and consider during this flu season, your fellow brethren if you are fighting ANY bug. Many of our older brothers are challenged fighting off common viruses and the consequences can be extreme for some. **PLEASE** remember your fellow brethren before coming out to Lodge.

If you are quarantined, shut in or can't get out and need some assistance, please reach out to one of the line officers or any brother.

### District #1 - Monthly Stated Meetings

St. John's #1 1st Wednesday 7:00pm Dinner @6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday MajGen Jn Sullivan #2 7:30pm St. Andrews #56 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:00pm Dinner @6:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:00pm Dinner @6:15pm Star in the East #59 St. James #102 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm Dinner @6:30pm Tucker #99 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm Dinner @6:30pm

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Remember to Meet on The Level