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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: 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.

#### Gideon Lodge #84 Officers Directory - 2021 Timothy P. Lavelle Worshipful Master (603) 944-2178 Senior Warden **OPEN** Junior Warden Brandon G. Marrs (813) 347-3982 Treasurer Rt. Wor. Kenneth Weyler (603) 642-3518 Assistant Treasurer Open 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 Peder Hamilton Senior Deacon (603) 332-5631 Junior Deacon Senior Steward Open Junior Steward Open John Rodriguez Marshal Tvler James Dobson (781) 831-2151 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 First.Lastname @gideonlodge.com i.e. Tim.Lavelle @gideonlodge.com Want yours? Just contact the Webmaster and he will hook you right up!

#### Messages from the East

## 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.

#### Warm Fraternal and New Year Greetings Brethren!

I want to first thank all the Brethren for electing me to be the 95<sup>th</sup> Worshipful Master of Gideon Lodge. I am truly honored that you have put your confidence in me and my abilities to lead in being the Master of the Lodge.

Over the years I have been involved in Masonry, I have come to learn a great deal about the duties and responsibilities being Master of the Lodge requires and I commit to you all to do the best I am capable of in fulfilling the duties to which you have bestowed and entrusted to me.

I have many ideas as to how we can continue to improve our lodge, our standing within the local charitable communities within the area of the lodge. We must never forget we are a charitable organization and with our fine leadership over the past years by Worshipful Weyler, our charitable funds have grown considerably, and we are well positioned now to do some

remarkable work.



Although it was a small gathering, we were still able to hold our annual installation of officers this month. We had a condensed group of highly skilled and seasoned Masons perform the ritual of installing the officers. Special thanks go to Worshipful and Rite Worshipful brothers, Mike Pettengill, Roger Retzke, Steve Welch and Nick Carron for risking the elements and pandemic rules to

perform a modified but beautiful ritual for us. In addition to the event, Wor brother Henderson and Brother Lang arranged for the installation to be carried over a ZOOM video call so those who could not attend, could in fact, see the event before them on their phone or PC at home. It was a great day and we successfully installed our new line of officers for 2021. Some elected brothers could not attend and will be installed officially at a later date. We still have a few open seats, so if any brother is interested in taking a seat in the new line, please let me know.

As a special surprise, our very own MWGM Kenneth Clay of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire made a special appearance. Initially there for a quick stop and hello (we were told), the Most Worshipful decided to stay for the entirety of the event, but then announced he had a special award presentation. The Most Worshipful then proceeded to present Wor Brother Henderson with the Major John Sullivan Award for distinguished service in Masonry. It was a wonderful presentation and Worshipful Brother Henderson was completely surprised and honored by the award.

We have a brand-new year ahead of us brothers as we thankfully close the door to 2020. As many would likely agree, 2020 can be buried deep in the ground as a mark on our history that we would like to soon forget but will sure to feel for some time still to come. It is my hope as the vaccines are pushed out, rules and restrictions will be lifting and life as we once knew it will slowly come back to being. I look forward to leading us all into the new awakening of 2021 and want you all to feel free to come to me with ideas, suggestions and ways in which we can all work together in the new year to be the best lodge in District #1 and in the State.

Thank you again for giving me your trust and entrusting me as Master for 2021. I am looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead.

#### Fraternally,



Timothy P. Lavelle

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Worshipful Master – Gideon Lodge #84

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#### Special Events / Upcoming Dates / Notices

#### **Dues & PayPal**

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 January

January 1st - NEW YEARS DAY 2021!!!

January 5<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting 7:30PM Opening

January 18th – **HOLIDAY:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Message from the Webmaster – The Newest MGJS Award Recipient!



As the newest recipient of the Major General John Sullivan Award, I want to thank you all for the nomination and the award. I was totally taken back that you all would have done that for me as I feel most of the time, I don't do enough and always want to try and do more as time permits. Unfortunately, I still have a lot of work and life events to deal with that continues to get in the way of the extra activities I would like to do. Thank you again brethren for the award, I am honored and will continue to do all I can to help the lodge and the brethren however I can.

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



# \* \* \* 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. All are encouraged to take common sense measures for hygiene practices, washing hands etc. and general awareness of bugs in the air.

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

Gideon Lodge #84 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm Dinner @6:30pm 7:00pm Dinner @6:00pm St. John's #1 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday MajGen Jn Sullivan #2 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:30pm St. Andrews #56 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:00pm Dinner @6:00pm Star in the East #59 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:00pm Dinner @6:15pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm Dinner @6:30pm St. James #102 Tucker #99 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm Dinner @6:30pm

Remember to Meet on The Level