

Gideon Lodge #84 F. & A.M.

Kingston, NH

May 2012 Trestleboard



8 Church Street, P.O. Box 372
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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Dates to Remember

May 7 Stated meeting.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
For reservations, call WM Gerald Parziale or
JW John Paiva

May 10 Mothers Day!

May 11 Luncheon at 1200 noon.
Enjoy and socialize with friends and brothers.

May 12 Clean-up day for the outside grounds of
the lodge. **Time:** 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

May 13 Rehearsal for degree work. 7 p.m.

May 19 Grand Lodge for Master and Wardens and
Grand Lodge Representative.

May 28 Memorial Day!

If you wish to receive your Trestleboard by e-mail,
please e-mail me at juneclo@comcast.net.

This will assure me that I have the correct e-mail
and will result in a sizable savings to the Lodge.

Thanks, Clovis

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MORE GOOD NEWS

The Grand Secretary & Grand Treasurer are going to run training sessions for the Secretary and Treasurer of all the Lodges in the State. To accomplish this in the easiest way, they are doing it by District, or to make it easier, several Districts that are close together will meet on the same date. To that end District Six and District 1 have selected Monday April 30th at

7:00 p.m. in Rochester at Humane Lodge.

Please give this Due Notice to all Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Treasurers of the First Masonic District who are highly encouraged to attend this most important training session. This will help you update your information, get the latest form and learn the best way to do your jobs.

Robert L. Sutherland, DDGM

Message from the East

We are having rehearsals for the officers and any brothers who would like to attend. At the last stated meeting, we had a great turnout of our lodge and also from other lodges. We elected a committee for the buying back of Gideon Lodge building and we hope to have a report on their findings soon. **WM Gerald Parziale**

What is the “Lodge of the Holy Sts. John at Jerusalem?”

Many a Master has been puzzled to answer this simplest and most natural of questions. As there is not now and never was such a lodge, there is certainly some reason for confusion.

Originally, lodges were dedicated to King Solomon. Later-at least as early as 1598-Masonry connected her name with that of St. John the Evangelist. Dedications to the Sts. John were made by other organizations as early as the third century, when the Church adopted the two pagan celebrations of summer and winter solstices and made them our St. John’s Day in Summer and St. John’s Day in Winter. It was wholly natural for operative Masons, having dedicated their Craft to the Holy Sts. John, to begin to believe that both Johns were themselves Craftsmen. Craftsman must have a lodge-where should that lodge be, but in Jerusalem? Hence “The Lodge of the Holy Sts. John of Jerusalem” came into imaginary existence.

No such lodge ever existed in fact, and yet it is not a fiction-it is an ideal, and without such ideals our life would be dim and drab. The thought back of the question and answer, then, is that we come from an ideal or dream lodge into this actual workaday world where our ideals are to be tested. Today, as we use the phrase as the starting point for a Masonic career, Masons mean only that their Craft is dedicated to these holy men, whose precepts and practices, ideas and virtues, teachings and examples all Freemans should try to follow. (from **101 Questions about Freemasonry**)

Freemasonry as we know it today has survived many anti-Masonic movements over the years. One particular incident I found in the Spring issue of the **Green Mountain Freemason** that follows.

An incident in Iowa in the mid-1840s reflected the softening shift in public attitude regarding Freemasonry. A Methodist minister, a mason, was told by the state-level general conference of the church to resign his membership in the masons to make himself more effective in the church. Here is his reply:

“I have...I believed...extended my usefulness, without violation of my vows to the Church...by becoming a Freemason. Now you demand I renounce (it) or retire from the church...It is not for me to question whether that requirement is right or wrong, wise or just, so at your bidding...(here the minister paused) I separate myself from the Methodist Episcopal Church.”

There was silence at the conference. One of those who had originated the demand stood up and walked over to the minister.

“My brother, there must be something good about Freemasonry, or you, whom we all love so well, would not adhere to it so tenaciously. I want to be a Freemason. Will you recommend me and present my petition to your lodge?”

Is Freemasonry a religion or has it a religion?

No, to both questions.

“A” religion connotes some particular religion. Freemasonry is nonsectarian. Before its Altar, Christian, Jew, Mohammedan, Buddhist, Gentile, Confucian, may kneel together. If the question be phrased “Is Freemasonry religious” then the obvious answer is that an institution “erected to God” which begins, its ceremonies and ends its meeting with prayer: which has a Holy Book upon its Altar; which preaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, of course, has a religious character, although, let it be emphasized again, wholly nonsectarian. All Grand Lodges require their initiates to express a belief and trust in God. No atheist can be made a Mason.

Taken from:

101 Questions about Free Masonry