

**Gideon Lodge #84  
Kingston, NH  
January 2014 Trestleboard**



8 Church Street, P.O. Box 372  
Kingston, NH 03848  
Gideon Lodge.  
Chartered June 12, 1867

*Stated Communications: 7:30 pm*  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month  
Dark July and August

**Dinner Reservations Required**  
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## Committees For 2014

We will be asking for volunteers for the following committees at our first Stated Meeting in January. Please volunteer so we can have good coverage on all these important groups.

- Lodge Building Committee:
- Fund Raising Committee:
- Masonic Relief Committee:
- Scholarship Fund Committee:
- Special Ladies Committee:
- Finance Committee:

### *Dates to Remember*

**January 7<sup>th</sup> – First Stated Meeting of the year.**

*“The Morgan Affair”* Presentation.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers**

*Moses Paul #96 – 10:00am*

*MGEN John Sullivan #2 – 1:00pm*

*St. James #102 – 5pm*

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – EA Degree**

*Star in the East #59 – Exeter, Dinner 6:15.*

**January 29<sup>th</sup> – Ritual Class : Location TBD**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> – Masters & Wardens Meeting**

*St. John’s #1, Dinner @6:30PM, Meeting at 7:15.*

## Elected Officers for 2014

Worshipful Master	David S. Henderson (603) 303-3758 <a href="mailto:David.Henderson@gideonlodge.com">David.Henderson@gideonlodge.com</a>
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Associate Treasurer	Dale Drake <a href="mailto:Dale.Drake@gideonlodge.com">Dale.Drake@gideonlodge.com</a>
Secretary	Tim Lavalle (603)944-2178 <a href="mailto:Tim.Lavelle@gideonlodge.com">Tim.Lavelle@gideonlodge.com</a>
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Senior Deacon	Glenn Miller
Junior Deacon	Jason Rodriguez (603) 244-2339 <a href="mailto:Jason.Rodriguez@gideonlodge.com">Jason.Rodriguez@gideonlodge.com</a>
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Junior Steward	Todd Dabrieo
Marshall	James Alexander <a href="mailto:James.Alexander@gideonlodge.com">James.Alexander@gideonlodge.com</a>
Tyler	-OPEN
Organist	Matt Orio

## ***What is a “Moon Lodge”?***

In the early days in this country many lodges met “on or after full moon,” or “on or before full moon.” Transportation was poor; roads were rough and difficult; getting from home to lodge was often a problem. Having the light of the moon made such journeys safer and easier. Many old lodges refused to change their dates of meeting even when the necessity for lunar meeting times had passed. But many Grand Lodges have legislated the “moon lodge” out of existence by insisting that their lodges meet upon definite dates, and others of the old moon lodges are gradually giving up that distinction in favor of the more practical settled date. Only a few hundred moon lodges still exist in this country.

Taken from: ***One Hundred Questions about Freemasonry.***

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE \*\*\*\*\***

**CALL AHEAD FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS  
SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR ALL**

## ***Why are we called “Freemasons”?***

There are many theories: a man was a Freemason because his ancestors were not slaves nor was he a slave; he was so called because he was free within his Guild, or free of the Guild’s laws and could thus “travel in foreign countries” and work where he would; he was a Freemason because he worked in freestone, which is any stone which can be cut, smoothed, carved in any direction; he was free when he had passed his apprenticeship and became a Fellow of the Craft; he was free when he had left the status of serf or villein and legally became free. Probably at one time or another masons were called Freemasons for any of these reasons or for all of them. The consensus leans to the theory that the Freemason was such because of his skill, knowledge and abilities which set him free of those conditions, laws, rules and customs which circumscribed masons of lesser abilities in the Cathedral building age.

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### ***Some of the brothers raised in January***

**Gordon Bakie 1/6/69    James Crozier 1/31/81  
Charles Marden 1/7/85    Richard Palmer 1/7/46  
Richard Sawyer 1/4/54    Leo Storey 1/15/53  
Kenneth Therrian 1/4/54**

### ***Message from the East***

Brethren –

I am not sure really where to begin, it has been such a whirl wind of events that has led me to the East over the past couple years that it almost seems surreal that I am actually here. Let me start by again saying I am honored and humbled by your confidence in my abilities to lead the lodge over the next year. I will do my best to honor your confidence in me.

I firmly believe that planning is the essence which creates success to any good event or organization. My intent first and foremost is to insure good communication to all and maintain accessibility to all of you for any questions or concerns you may have. My contact information is on the home page of our website and is also here on each and every Trestleboard. Myself and any of the officers listed are here if you need anything. Whether you need a ride to Lodge for a meeting or if you just need information about an upcoming event. Whatever the reason, please, do not hesitate to reach out to one of us.

### ***The Coming Year***

I have been discussing with several brothers ideas for the coming year and I would really like to get everyone's input. It is only with many great minds that great ideas happen, so let's all put our heads together and think about what we can accomplish together in the coming year. As I mentioned in my comments at the installation, my path for the coming year is to be involved in the **C**ommunity, look for acts of **C**harity where we can be involved and do it all with **C**amaraderie; that brotherly love which cements us all. As we think of ideas, let's keep all that in mind and I am sure we will do some really great things. At our first stated meeting, I will be introducing our Yearly Calendar for you all to have and take with you. It will outline the Stated Meetings for the coming year and the program

of events for the meetings. This way, before you come to a meeting you will know the Masonic Education event, meal etc. I will introduce and discuss this more on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### ***"The Morgan Affair"***

At our Stated Meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, we plan to kick it off with a bang having Brother Roderick MacDonald our District Education Officer for the First Masonic District presenting the much talked about presentation on "*The Morgan Affair*", the event that shook Masonry to its core and almost caused its demise within the United States. Be sure to come out for this one as it is one you won't want to miss it.

I look forward to fun and exciting year and hope we can all show our support and join in on the activities of Lodge. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Fraternally,



**WM David S. Henderson**  
Gideon Lodge #84

### ***COMING SOON:***

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- **Make your Stated Meeting dinner reservations online!**
- **Military Night! – Wear your favorite military hat and your ribbons and medals...**