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Today I Became a Mason

Joseph Moroz, Oct 2007

Today I became a Mason, As many had before me. I've studied for many months, Working to pass each degree.

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The ceremonies were inspiring, The floorwork smart and grand. But when I looked about the room, All I saw was emptiness at hand.

I've been told we number many Our registry beams with pride. Shekinah has raised so many Yet so few sit on the sides.

I'm sure our many brothers' Had more important things to do, Than to see some man get raised, At the ripe old age of thirty-two. Still, I wish that they had been there, To see all that I've been through. I guess hard work and perseverance Doesn't draw much from this crew.

Brotherhood is what I've wanted, And a Mason I've worked to be. But looking north and south A few brothers are all I see.

Our membership counts 320 Yet each chair just gathers dust Except for those few faithful For who attendance is a must.

Yes, today I became a Mason, As have so many others, But next month I'll stay home, A South and South and South A Sout

Brethren,

A very long time ago, there was a farmer who had many, many acres of fields along with several very beautiful daughters. At first the farmer tended the fields by himself. But as he grew older, this became more difficult to do. However, as fortune would have it, he soon found a few hands who were willing to help till the land and sew the fields. Being a caring man, he sent his daughters to fetch water and food for the hands so that they would not go hungry while working. When the field hands saw the farmer's daughters, word quickly spread about their beauty. Soon, more and more field hands offered to help the farmer with his crops. It didn't take long before the farmer reigned over very lush and abundant fields, thanks to the efforts of these young men.

And each day, the farmer continued to send his daughters to provide food and water for them. When the daughters would show up, the field hands would often watch them, talk amongst themselves, or even help the daughters with their loads. As this went on over the years, the farmer found himself with an ever increasing abundance of crops and many strong and able field hands. Everything seemed to be going well for the farmer and his family.

But before long, one by one, each daughter found a husband in one of the field hands and together, they went off to start their own farms. Soon the field hands were left with no water and no beautiful maidens to gaze upon. As a result, their interest waned, and soon they too left the farmer and went their own way. Though he continued to work as hard as he could, he couldn't maintain the farm by himself and as a result, the farmer's once lush and abundant fields soon withered and died.

My brother, I realize that this is a very thinly veiled attempt to capture your attention. If my message isn't clear, I would encourage you to stop by the lodge and I'll be happy to explain this parable.

"Rocky" Moroz, Worshipful Master

Your appearance at our regular meetings is earnestly solicited, yet it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocation, for these are on no account to be neglected.

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Grand Lodge Web Site: njfreemasonry.org District Web Site: www.22nddistrictnjmasons.org Lodge Web Site: www.mastermason.com/shekinah58 My Brother,

You are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS:

Friday, January 4, 2008 - 7:30 PM ***DINNER - 6:30pm***

- Balloting on Brother John C. McCarson for Restoration. Pine Hill, NJ.
- Balloting on Mr. Michael Anthony Scherbekow; Age: 34;Millville, NJ; Emergency Medical Technician
- Annual Reports of Trustees, Treasurer and Secretary
- Refreshments

Brethren,

Please note that all dinners during 2008 will be served *BEFORE* our meetings (typically at 6:30pm). This change occurred because many officers and brethren come to lodge directly from work and don't have time for dinner. Please plan on joining us for good food, brotherhood, and doing the work of a Mason!

EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS:

None for January!

OFFICERS REHEARSAL:

All Officers are required to attend Dates: January 2, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29, 31 Time: 7pm sharp! In by 7pm - finished by 8pm!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

8 January 2008 - 7:30pm: District Lodge of Instruction. Elmer Lodge #160 24 January 2008 - Dinner 5:45pm, Reception 6:45pm: Official visit of MW John S. Ryan and reception for members of 22nd & 24th Masonic Districts. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Choice of beef or fish. Contact R.W. Warren J. Coles, DDGM, for tickets (856) 455-6059.

"Watch your reaction to your failures, and you will know if you have the potential for leadership." Attest: Ronald N. Spiels, PGC, Sec'y



SHEKINAH LODGE WEBSITE:

http://www.mastermason.com/shekinah58 "Where you can find past trestleboards, photos, and events."

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION EVENTS

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, Vineland, NJ Please contact Richard Reynolds if you can assist at any of these events - 696-5038. CHAPEL ESCORT - EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30am BINGO - (5:30 to 8:30pm) -

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