

My Brother.

This month's message has struck a note inside of me and I would like to share it with you. It is a bit long, but well worth reading. **MEMORIAL DAY 2006**. More than a century ago, at Arlington National Cemetery, the first official Memorial Day ceremony was held. Since that day, more than 650,000 American men and women have given their lives so that our nation might endure.

I am sure some of you, like myself, can recall the faces of a few young men who were so full of life and hope and who were personally dear to us. We now have only memories of those young soldiers who loved America more than they feared death. Yes, their task is done; but ours remains before us. Surely, it is a time to rededicate ourselves to upholding and strengthening the institutions and values that so many Americans have fought, suffered and died to preserve.

On this Memorial Day, our words of tribute will not be empty, no matter how inadequate they may seem for the occasion; Memorial Day will take on an even greater significance, if we gain from our observation of it a new inspiration to rededicate ourselves to the ideals and principals that made America great. That made America "ONE NATION UNDER GOD."

Such a Memorial Day observance would fittingly commemorate the gallantry and sacrifices of all, both living and dead, who have fought for Liberty, Justice, and Freedom.

Join with us, My Brother, as we participate in this year's Millville Memorial Day Parade and encourage your family and friends to fill the parade route and attend the ceremonies at Mount Pleasant Cemetery following the parade. Your life will be richer and fuller by the experience. In closing I want to tell you about someone you will meet if you join us on **MEMORIAL DAY 2006**.

REMEMBER ME? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally, I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze. When your Daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. But I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. I may get a small glance but then you look away.

I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and look around. He didn't see anybody else with their hat off so he quickly put his back on. Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I have been - Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan? Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls some time. Look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep the Republic FREE. "ONE NATION UNDER GOD." When you salute me, you are actually saluting THEM!

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight and place your right hand over your heart. I'll salute you by waving back, and I'll know that you **REMEMBERED**.

Fraternally,
H. Stu Harris, IV
Worshipful Master

*****REHEARSALS TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM*****

Officers are required to attend and members are always welcome.

*****BRETHREN NOTE*****

If any Brother needs a ride to practice, regular or emergent communications, or any other special event, please contact a Lodge Officer, who will assist you with transportation.

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My Brother, you are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, May 5, 2006 - 7:30 PM – Business meeting. Masonic Birthdays. Refreshments.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 1, 2006 - 6:45 PM – Grand Lodge of Instruction for the 22nd Masonic District at Shekinah Lodge #58.

Saturday, May 6, 2006 – Shekinah Lodge's Bus Trip to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, limited seating. Bus departs Shekinah's parking lot at 9:00 AM SHARE. Open to all members, their families and friends. \$20.00 fee includes: bus trip, tour and buffet lunch.

Sunday, May 7, 2006 – In the event of the election of RW Douglas R. Policastro as Grand Master on Tuesday, April 25th, the Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be held at the Trenton Masonic Temple in Trenton, NJ. Worship Service - 11:00AM, Installation - 11:30 AM, Light Buffet - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 - 7:30 PM – District Lodge of Instruction at Brearley Lodge #2, Bridgeton. Review GLI. Officers are required to attend, brethren always welcome.

Saturday, May 13, 2006 - 1:30PM – The Grand Master's Church Service will be held in the Chapel at the Masonic Home, Burlington, New Jersey.

Saturday, May 13, 2006 – The Reception and Banquet honoring the newly elected Grand Master and President of the Masonic Charity Foundation will be held at the Masonic Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ. The reception will be held at 3:00 PM. The Banquet will start at 5:00 PM with a Social Hour followed by the Banquet at 6:00 PM. Entrée is Beef Tenderloin or Baked Salmon, Appetizers, and Dessert. Tickets - \$45.00. Admission to the Banquet is by reservation only. **The reservation deadline is Friday, April 14, 2006.** Checks should be made payable to Ocean Lodge No. 89 and mail with a SASE to: Charles R. Egan, Sr., Chairman, 1101 Raymere Avenue, Wanamassa, NJ 07712-4115.

Sunday, May 21, 2006 - 11:00 AM – Shekinah Lodge's Annual Church Visitation at the First United Methodist Church, Pine & 2nd Streets, Millville. Breakfast in the lodge banquet hall at 9:30 AM. Members, their families and friends are cordially invited, come out and attend this family event.

Monday, May 29, 2006 – Millville's Annual Memorial Day Parade. Meet 8:30 AM at the American Legion Nabb-Leslie Post #82, Buck & Mulberry Streets, Millville.

*** NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM FRIDAY, MAY 5th ***

Friday, June 2, 2006 - 6:30 PM Dinner - 7:30 PM Meeting – Shekinah Lodge's Gold Token and Annual Awards Night. OPEN to family and friends. 25, 50 & 60 year awards will be presented, also recognition of 50 year + Past Masters.

Attest: Ronald N. Spiels, PGC, Sec'y

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS MAY

Brethren, please note: The following dates are for your date of raising not your date of birth.

William Allen	5/22/1964	Earl Banks	5/27/1955
Robert Berry	5/24/2002	Charles Bowker	5/2/1963
Charles Dayton Jr.	5/23/1989	Gerard Dowd Jr.	5/31/1996
David Exel	5/11/1985	Bruce Ferguson	5/27/1977
Dreu Ferguson	5/27/1977	Wilbert Goodwin	5/27/1960
Richard Gruff	5/24/1977	Kurt Haywood	5/25/1979
Donald Heer	5/24/2002	William Herman Sr.	5/25/1990
Augustus Hudson	5/26/1978	Harry Hunter	5/27/1960
Walter R. Johnson	5/25/1956	John Keeler	5/18/1977
Daniel LaFerrier	5/27/1966	Gary Lee	5/10/1983
Richard Lorence	5/14/2004	William Nichols	5/28/1974
Jonathan Paes	5/31/1996	Norman H. Peek	5/22/1970
Kenneth Peplow	5/4/2001	Walter Phifer	5/4/2001
Gary Read	5/31/1996	Wayne Rodney	5/23/1991
Charles Sparks	5/25/1979	Brian Thomas	5/25/1990
Lewis Tomlin	5/23/1989	Charles Vetter	5/21/1966
Richard Weber	5/1/1998	Marvin White	5/30/1980
Robert Willis	5/4/2001		

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Frank B. Lutz	1943	Frank B. Camp	87-1977	Howard J. Young, PGC	1992
Charles F. Finch	1952	J. Douglass Abdili	1978	E. Lee Myers, PGC	1993
Robert T. Shannon	1955	Russell C. Parsons, Sr.	84-1978	William S. Davis	1993
William S. Stagg, Jr.	1961	Robert W. Estell, PDDGM ..	98-1979	Robert Thornborough, PGC	1994
Herbert W. Dunham, Jr.	1963	Robert L. Davidson	1979	Richard A. Hinckley	1994
Milton Moroz, PJGD*	05-1964	J. Roy Oliver	1960	Brian A. Thomas	1995
James S. Wylie	1965	George Carty	1981	David E. Exel	1996
Robert D. Barber, PGC	1968	Leonard R. Potter, Jr.	1962	Wm. Anthony Lotock	1997
Harry H. Potter	1969	John G. Keeler, PGC	1982	Brian N. Myers	1999
Donald B. Pike	1969	C. Randall Quay, PDDGM	1982	Richard C. Panas	2000
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C. Randall Quay, PDDGM	1970	Kirk A. Karrer	1985	Edward Gallagher	2001
Russell A. Roberts, PGC	1971	Marvin White	1986	James L. Sheats	2002
Robert F. Andrews	1973	Gary R. Lawson	88-1987	W. Louis Henry	2003
Lawrence Smith, PGC	1973	Richard Weber [†]	93-92-89-88-1987	Belford J. Riggins	2004
William H. Stiles	1975	Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr., PGC	1988		
Ronald N. Spiels, PGC	91-1976	Terry L. Sherman, PGC [†]	89-1988		
Robert W. Karrer, PGC	89-1976	Floyd G. Taylor	1989		
Norman H. Peek, PDDGM ..	90-1977	Robert J. Riggins	1991		

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