

Brethren:

October, 1993

This past Sunday, I heard a stirring message at church on forgiveness. I was at once reminded how beautiful it is to see mercy extended to those who have wronged us, those against whom we are inclined to hold a grudge.

Mercy, I understand, is a willingness one has to work, with compassion, through problems with those whom we feel have wronged us. Mercy is overcoming adversity together, striving for harmonious relations with our fellow man.

Forgiveness is mercy in action, it is so easy to allow hate to cloud our vision. The result is that others become one-dimensional: we become so consumed with the mental tally we keep running in our heads of what our neighbor or brother has done to us, we are unable to see much else about him. More, difficult, but far more rewarding, is to be able to allow mercy to aid us in reaching a point of release - of forgiveness.

It empowers us to move forward, to grow psychologically as well as spiritually. Forgiveness lends itself well to the workings of a group. It is especially important within the lodge, where unity, as a group remains a prerequisite to rewarding masonic experiences.

I am comforted by the knowledge that I belong to a fellowship of brothers to whom mercy and forgiveness are no strangers. Our tenants and traditions are based in part on these very concepts, and I have observed a willingness, even an enthusiasm, within our membership to work together for the good of the lodge.

I am proud to be a Mason in these times. It is good to see those who work tirelessly for a peaceful cohesiveness among our members. Even better is the realization that we need look no further than our fellow mason to find a merciful and forgiving heart. We should stand tall and hold fast to the teachings we have learned and we should continuously strive to uphold that which is good and right, that which exhibits forgiveness and mercy. Then we may proudly call ourselves masons in the truest sense.

Faternally,

E. Lee Myers, Worshipful Master



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- THE TABLE LODGE -

The civilized people of the world have ever cherished family feasts; Christmas, New Years, and in this country, Thanksgiving Day. These gatherings are more than mere opportunities to eat; they are spiritual solidifications of family ties, opportunities for mutual family rejoicing.

Most American lodges are familiar with the "fourth degree" when members gather in the dining hall following the meeting, to enjoy collation. They are familiar with the Masonic banquet, which provides an elaborate meal, followed by a speaker, or some other form of entertainment.

The feast, as a function or ceremonial occasion is very, very old. The Lodge feast carries out, in Masonry, a custom which was old when the pyramids were built. From this ancient custom, in which brethren broke bread together and drank in common, came the Table Lodge of the late 17th and early 18th century.

A Table Lodge is not only a banquet with entertainment, but rather a special lodge ceremony in itself, with ritual, formalities, and a special terminology which is interesting indeed.

The arrangement of the tables, in a tiled banquet hall, where only Masons are admitted, is enough, in itself, to testify to the Masonic interests and connection of this unique affair.

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You are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1993 Regular business meeting and balloting on petitions for the following memberships by initiation on :

Forrest Allen Andrews
Age:34 Occupation: Chemist

Hurley Eugene Litterer
Age:36 Occupation: Respiratory Therapist

Shekinah Lodge will hold its 35 and 45 year awards presentation. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening. 6:30 P.M. Dinner.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1993 - 7:30 p.m. In the event of a clear-ballot we will be conferring The Entered Apprentice Degree on all eligible candidates. Refreshments.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1993 - 6:30 p.m. Have you ever attended a table lodge? If not you are in for a treat. Come out for an evening of fun and fellowship. Also Phoenixville, PA. will be making their 38th annual visitation. Ham and Oysters meeting will be held in the banquet hall. Tickets are \$15.00 - all officers have them. There are a limited number of tickets.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1993 Sub Sale. By popular demand we are having another sub sale. Officers have tickets - \$3.50 each. Pick up subs from 11:00 to 1:00.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1993 - 7:30 p.m. D.L.I. Neptune No.75.

OCTOBER 8, 1993 - 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for all officers.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1993 District Ladies Night - Cohan-zick Country Club. Tickets are \$55.00 per couple. Come out and treat your ladies to a fine evening. See officers for tickets.

Remember to support the Blood Bank.

Attested: Milton Moroz, Secy.

In Memoriam

Edward Van Hook Simpson
Raised June 11, 1943 Died August 10, 1993

Charles Frederick Jublou
Raised May 28, 1954 Died August 16, 1993

Charles Payne Corson
Raised September 19, 1958 Died August 18, 1993

Maxwell Collins Barber
Raised October 18, 1929 Died August 26, 1993

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Frank B. Lutz	1943
Lewis E. Ferguson, Jr.	1949
Charles F. Finch	1952
James J. Malloy, Jr.	1953
Robert T. Shannon	1955
John A. Shea	1957
William S. Stagg, Jr.	1961
Herbert W. Dunham, Jr.	1963
William H. Bowen	1964
Robert D. Barber	1966

Vernon C. Minkwitz, Sr.	1967
F. Edward Barsuglia	1968
Harry H. Potter	1969
William H. Goshen	1970
Russell A. Roberts	1971
Richard A. Jervis	1972
Robert F. Andrews	1973
William H. Stiles	1975
Ronald N. Spiels	'91-1976
Norman H. Peek	'90-1977
J. Douglass Abdill	1978

Robert W. Estell	1979
J. Roy Oliver	1980
George Carty	1981
Leonard R. Potter, Jr.	1982
Paul N. Pantelis	1983
William C. Parr, Jr.	1985
Marvin White	1986
Gary R. Lawson	'87-1988
Floyd G. Taylor	1989
Howard Young	1992

LIVING AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

Horace B. Hand	1948
Robert L. Smith	1962
Milton Moroz	1964
Herbert E. Reback	1971

Anthony Padilla	1974
Theodore S. Levin	'64-'7477
P. Wayne Astheimer	'74-'1980
Christian P. Antel	'72-1981

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C. Randall Quay	1970
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