

Brethren,

Recently many brothers in our lodge have told me that we must offer something more than just our Ritual! This may well be true, but we must not forget that the teachings of our Ritual are the basis and foundation of our Fraternity.

Ritualism is everywhere; the sun rises and sets; the seasons come and go, tides rise and fall; growth is followed by decay! I cannot contemplate our Fraternity without our Ritual, nor do I believe that Masonry would still be alive today if it were not for its Ritualistic work. Freemasonry is alive because of the Ritual, not in spite of it!

Could you imagine that on each night that a degree was conferred it would consist of a speech by some brother or officer. This might be refreshing for a time, if he was a good speaker, but do you think Freemasonry would have survived as long as it has if this was the case? I think not!

Our Ritual is much more than some brother memorizing and delivering a lecture. We should reflect on the effort spent by our brother in learning this narration. His dedication to the Lodge in taking this time from his family, but even more consequential, the true meaning of its teachings.

What is Masonry trying to teach us by it's Ritual? Is it to be better men, a better husband, a better father, to love God and our fellow man, brethren it is all of this and much more!

"One of life's richest joys is making mental discoveries"! Freemasonry's value is said to be like Gold hidden in a mountain ... the miner must dig for it. That in itself is a virtue, because many men refuse to use their own faculties.

I can remember being told when I joined this Fraternity that "You only get out of Masonry, what you put into it".

There are many brothers in our Lodge that have much to offer the Craft, but for some reason have not. Freemasonry is but a word if there isn't someone like you to step-up and voice their opinion. To try to change what you think is wrong! Shekinah Lodge needs and welcomes your input and support. I hope that you can find the time to help us make a difference, to point the Lodge in the direction that you think it should go. And to once again make us all proud to be Masons and members of Shekinah Lodge #58.

So, the next time you attend Lodge, listen to the Ritual, and let your mind perceive its teachings. There are many wise and serious truths to be learned in the Ritualistic work of Freemasonry. We should not ignore these teachings, but as Masons, endeavor to practice them in our daily lives!

I look forward to greeting you at our next communication!

Since and Fraternally,  
**Robert W. Esten**  
*Worshipful Master*

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Brethren, You are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

### REGULAR COMMUNICATION

**Friday, October 2nd, 1998 - 7:30 PM** – Business meeting. Official Visit of R.W. Richard W. Westergaard, DDGM of the 22nd Masonic District. Balloting on the following petitions for membership by Initiation of: Mr. Edward Joseph Mansell, residing at 53 Backneck Road, Fairton, N.J. Age 53, employed as a Corrections Officer, Mr. William James McLoughlin, III, residing at 134 Carmel Road, Millville, N.J. Age 44, employed as a Corrections Officer, Mr. Kurt Ferguson, residing at Fairton-Gouldtown Road, Bridgeton, N.J. Age 44, employed as a Corrections Officer and Mr. Gene Harold Dare residing at 522 Commissioners Pike, Pilesgrove, N.J. Age 75, employed as a Locksmith. Refreshments.

### EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS

**Friday, October 9th, 1998 - 7:30 PM** – The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred upon all eligible candidates. Refreshments.

**Friday, October 23rd, 1998 - 7:30 PM – Dinner 6:30 PM** “Past Masters Night” The Fellowcraft exam will be given to Brother Fellowcraft Thomas Riggio as to his proficiency in the Fellowcraft Degree, and if found proficient, to confer upon him the Master Mason Degree. The work will be performed by the Past Masters of Shekinah Lodge #58. Please come out and help us honor our Past Masters, and welcome Brother Riggio.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, October 6th - 6:30 PM** – 22nd District Past Masters, Masters & Wardens Association Dinner Meeting at De Thomasi's 5 Point Inn (West), Vineland, N.J. Order from menu.

**Monday, October 12th - 7:30 PM** – Official Visit of R.W. Richard W. Westergaard, DDGM to Vineland Lodge #69, Vineland, N.J. Officers are urged to attend, all brethren are welcome.

**Tuesday, October 13th - 7:30 PM** – 22nd District Lodge of Instruction at Elmer Lodge #160, Elmer, N.J. The DDGM has requested the attendance of all lodge officers, brethren are welcome. Refreshments.

**Saturday, October 17th** - Shekinah Lodge's Sub Sale. Pick-up 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the lodge banquet hall. Cost \$3.50 each. Contact any officer for tickets.

**Monday, October 19th - 7:30 PM** – Official Visit of R.W. Richard W. Westergaard, DDGM to Elmer Lodge #160, Elmer, N.J. Officers are urged to attend, all brethren are welcome.

**Tuesday, October 27th - 7:30 PM** – Official Visit of R.W. Richard W. Westergaard, DDGM to Evening Star Lodge #97, Cedarville, N.J. Officers are urged to attend, all brethren are welcome.

**Thursday, October 29th** – The Dancing Grannys will entertain at the New Jersey Veterans Home, Vineland, N.J. All Masons, family and friends are welcome to attend. Refreshments! Cost: FREE!

**Friday, November 20th, - 6:30 PM** – Shekinah Lodge's 6th Annual Table Lodge, Fried Oyster and Ham Dinner. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Ross Van Ness Bayer, will honor us that evening with his attendance. Donation: \$18.00 per person. Contact any officer for tickets.

**Saturday, December 5th** - Grand Lodge's Annual Feast of St. John; at the Masonic Fellowship Center, on the Masonic Campus at 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, N.J.

**Saturday, December 12th** - Grand Lodge One Day Class for relatives only of any past or present member of the Fraternity. This will include men residing in New Jersey who may have, or had, a relative living in another jurisdiction. For additional information contact R.W. Larry Plasket at 609-964-1821 or FAX 215-564-5518.

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