

Brethren,

What Is Freemasonry ? There are many definitions but probably the most common one is: "It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols". What is morality, veiled, allegory and symbols? Webster defines them as such: Morality: "good and proper conduct, rules of right and wrong, ethics". Veiled: to hide or disguise, something that covers or hides". Allegory: "a story used to teach or explain something, a meaning besides the one that is readily seen". Symbols: "a mark, object, sign, etc. which stands for another object or idea".

Freemasonry attempts through this to teach man to practice charity, protect chastity, promote brotherly love, assist the old, guide the blind, shelter the orphan, inculcate morality, promote learning, the love of God and your fellow man, to support your government, truth, fortitude, prudence, temperance, and justice! Brethren this list could go on endlessly. But what good does it do if we do not practice what Freemasonry attempts to teach us?

I think that each one of us should ask ourselves! Why did I join this fraternity? Was it because I wanted to wear a Masonic ring so we could let everybody know that I am a Mason! Maybe it was because we thought that it would help us get promoted at our job, or increase sales at our business! Or maybe it was because our father, or uncle, or our best friend, or co-worker was a Mason. Maybe we wanted to belong to a subordinate body of our Fraternity! If any of these reasons are why you petitioned the Lodge I think that you have missed the whole idea of Freemasonry and I fear that you will most likely never get anything of substance out of it!

I think we should be asking ourselves. What is my Lodge doing? What am I doing to help my Lodge, and my community? What more can we do? Or better yet what more can I do!

Brethren Masonry is about giving, not receiving! We in Shekinah Lodge are trying to get more involved in charity work both in the Lodge, and in our community! There is much to do and so little time, and I hope that we can put aside our differences and start to show the world that we as Masons do care! That our Fraternity stands united! That we are willing to give up some of our own time to help others less fortunate. Is this not what we are obligated as Masons to do? We as men and as Masons need to do more! Please come out and bring with you your ideas, and become part of our endeavors, and remember that you only get out of Masonry what you put into it!

On a lighter side we have made many improvements to the lodge building over the summer and are holding many fund raisers to help pay for them. One of which is the reselling of the chairs in the Lodge Room . If you are interested in purchasing one in your name or in honor of someone, please contact me, or one of the trustees. The names that are now on the chairs will stay there, we will just add another name to them.

I look forward to greeting you at our next communication!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Robert W. Estell
Worshipful Master

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

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, September 4th, 1998 - 7:30 PM – Business meeting. Balloting on the petition for affiliation of Brother Michael M. Ward; residing at 5 Alex Drive, Millville, NJ; he is retired, and his age is 75; also some history on Shekinah Lodge #58. Refreshments.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Saturday, September 26th, 1998 - 7:00 PM – Fried Oyster and Ham dinner at 6:30 P.M. Annual Visit of Phoenix Lodge #75, Phoenixville, P.A. The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brother Fellowcraft Joseph John Gross. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please contact any Lodge officer for Dinner reservations by September 15th, 1998. Cost: \$10.00 P.P.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 8th - 7:30 PM – 22nd District Lodge of Instruction at Brearley Lodge #2, Bridgeton, N.J. The DDGM has requested the attendance of all lodge officers, brethren are welcome. Refreshments.

Saturday, September 19th - Official Visit of M.W. Ross Van Ness Bayer, Grand Master to Musconetcong Lodge #151 and Reception to R.W. David A. Chase, J.G.W.; at the Masonic Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ. Contact John R. Meyer at 973-691-9149 for tickets.

Sunday, September 20th - 1:00 PM 'til ??? – 22nd Masonic District Picnic at the Thundergust Area of Parvin State Park. FREE to all Masons and their families. Includes hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, etc. There will be games for everyone, no matter what your age. Please come out and enjoy a day of fellowship and fun. Everyone attending is requested to bring a covered dish and your own eating utensils.

Friday, October 2nd - 7:30 PM – Official Visit of R.W. Richard W. Westergaard, DDGM to Shekinah Lodge #58, Millville, N.J. Officers are urged to attend, all brethren are welcome.

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.

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.

Friday, October 23rd - 7:30 PM – Shekinah Lodge's Annual Past Masters Night. Master Mason Degree. Dinner 6:30 PM.

Thursday, October 29th – The Dancing Grannys will entertain at the New Jersey Veterans Home, Vineland, N.J.

Friday, November 20th, - 6:30 PM – Shekinah Lodge's 5th 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, 1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ.

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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