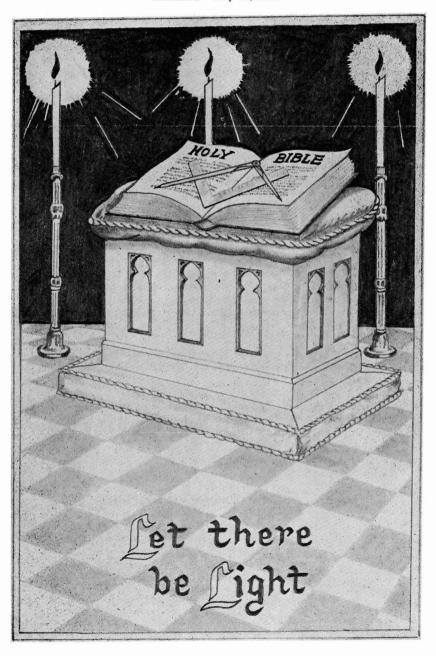
SHEKINAH LODGE No. 58

Free and Accepted Masons

Millville, New Jersey

Instituted - May 21, 1861



Brethren:

Are Masons better men than others? This thought - provoking question is found in an old English manuscript which claims to have been written by the hand of King Henry VI, and seems to be a transcript of an oral examination taken by a member of the Brotherhood of Masons, possibly in the presence of the King.

To what extent Henry was influenced by this examination we shall never know. However in 1450 he was initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry and immediately put a stop to the persecution of the Craft whose assemblies had been prohibited by Parliament since 1425.

There can be no denial of the fact that at first thought the question seems to be a fair one, especially if asked, whether five hundred years ago or in our own day, by one who is trying to make an honest appraisal of the Craft.

Upon more mature deliberation it becomes apparent that it is a question which no thoughtful Mason would dare to answer by a mere "yes" or "no". There have always been, and, no doubt will always be many good men, and alas, some evil men, both in and out of the Fraternity. Our unknown Brother who stood before the King and answered the question put to him, was well aware of this fact, he dared not say that Masons are better men than others. What then was his reply?

Some Masons are not so virtuous as some other men; but in the most part, they are better men than they would be if they were not Masons.

In this truth we find much of the glory of Freemasonry. Its influence through the centuries has been such that, in the most part, those who have followed its teachings have become better men than they otherwise would have been. If this were all that could be said in its favor, snrely this, and this alone, would be a sufficient excuse for its being.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

WILLIAM H. GOSHEN
Worshipful Master

Brethren:

You are cordially invited to attend the following communications of Shekinah Lodge:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION Friday, May 1, 1970 — 7:30 P.M.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION Friday, May 22, 1970 — 7:30 P.M. MASTER MASON DEGREE Dinner 6:30 P.M.

— Dates to Remember —

DIVINE SERVICE

Sunday, May 24, 1970 — 10:00 A.M.
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH - Second and Sassafras Streets
Breakfast will be served at Shekinah banquet room at 9:00 A.M.
Please plan to attend.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION Tuesday, May 5, 1970 — 7:30 P.M. Brotherhood Lodge No. 292, Vineland, N. J.

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
Thursday, May 21, 1970
Brearley Lodge No. 2, Bridgeton, N. J.

STATE-WIDE MASONIC SERVICES June 14, 1970

Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital, Knollcraft Rd., Lyons, N. J.

Grand Master Will Be In Attendance

T.V. PROGRAM "The Way To Go" - June 21, 1970 Channel 2 (C. B. S. in N. Y.) The Grand Master will be a guest on this program

WILLIAM H. GOSHEN, Worshipful Master

Attested: Samuel Davidson, P.D.D.G.M., Secretary

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