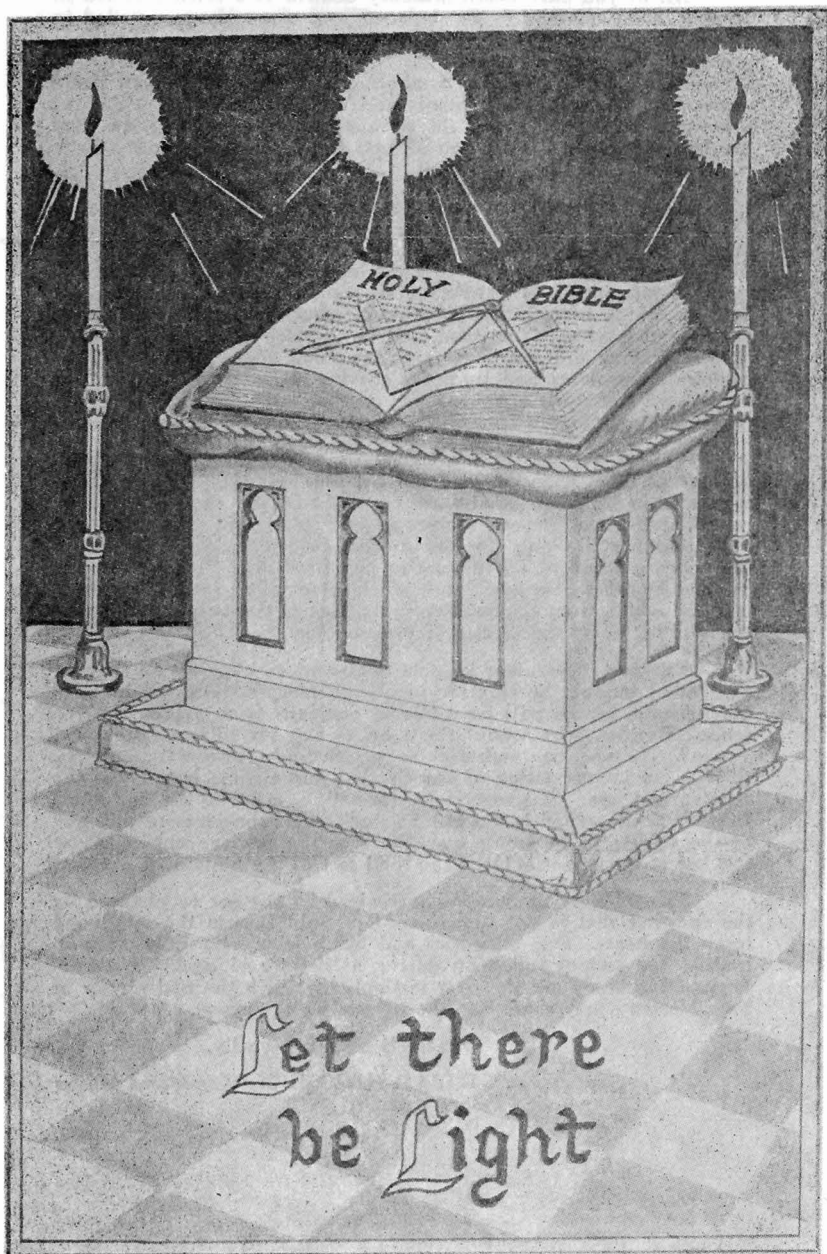


SHEKINAH LODGE No. 58

Free and Accepted Masons

Millville, New Jersey

Instituted - May 21, 1861



Let there
be Light

Brethren:

All of you have heard Masonry defined as a science veiled in allegory and explained by Symbols. Why is Free Masonry veiled in allegories when few of us even recognize the allegories and certainly are unable to interpret them? Why are the lessons and teachings of Free Masonry explained by Symbols, when none of us can name more than a few of the Symbols and are able to interpret few of those we can name? Why do we not explain the allegories and Symbols in simple English that all may read and understand? Here is my answer to those questions.

About all the secrets Free Masonry has are contained in its allegories and Symbols. Of course, we have some words and signs. Many of the profane think they know what some of these are. If they did know, these would be worth nothing to them except to aid them in attempting to gain admission to a Masonic meeting. All they do for us is to aid us in proving ourselves as Masons, but we could do that without the words and signs. It would be odd if many of the profane did not have a pretty good idea what our ritual contains. Our aims and purposes are broadcast to the world, and are known to many, but have any of you ever heard one of the profane attempting to interpret one of our allegories or Symbols?

Veiling our secrets in allegories and concealing them in Symbols keeps them from the profane. At the same time we keep those secrets from many of us who are entitled to know them. This may reveal one of the greatest secrets of Free Masonry. The secrets of Free Masonry are only for those who diligently search for them. That means study of our allegories and Symbols. That is the only method by which we may know what those allegories and Symbols contain, which is equivalent to saying, that is the only way we may know much about the secrets of Freemasonry.

The new Mason may hesitate to attempt to interpret an allegory or Symbol for fear he may err in his misinterpretation, but he need not hesitate, for he will have lots of company from among the veterans. Besides, who would there be to say his interpretation was wrong? No one has authority to say that any interpretation errs, there is no interpretation of any Symbol that anyone may say is the only correct one. The correct interpretation, so far as the individual Brother is concerned is the one he finds. That becomes to him one of the secrets of Freemasonry. None of the profane may discover that secret because it is locked in the heart of the individual Brother.

The allegory or Symbol is received by the ear or pictured by the eye, but that is not sufficient. It should inform the mind and teach the heart. Our allegories and Symbols present fullest opportunities for serious reflection during a lifetime of study. Such reflection and study are the only methods by which the real secrets of Free Masonry may come into the possession of anyone.

Sincerely and fraternally,

WILLIAM H. GOSHEN, *Worshipful Master*

Brethren:

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

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, November 6, 1970 — 7:30 P.M.

Balloting on the following petition for membership:

MR. CLAIR BENJAMIN SWEIGART Age 44 Years
127 Laurel Lane, Williamstown, N. J. Supervisor

REFRESHMENTS

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Friday, November 20, 1970 — 7:30 P.M.

Fellowcraft Degree

REFRESHMENTS

— Dates to Remember —

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Wednesday, November 18, 1970 — 7:30 P.M.

Neptune Lodge No. 75, F.&A.M., Mauricetown, N. J.

ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT

Saturday, November 28, 1970

Dinner - Dancing - Entertainment

Buena Vista Country Club — Officers have tickets

WILLIAM H. GOSHEN, *Worshipful Master*

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

Any committee report on a petition not complete on scheduled evening will be balloted on at a later communication without further printing in trestle board.

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William H. Goshen	<i>Worshipful Master</i>
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Richard A. Jervis	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Sheppard W. Hogan, P.M.	<i>Treasurer</i>
Samuel Davidson, P.D.D.G.M.	<i>Secretary</i>
John A. Shea, P.M.	<i>Chaplain</i>
Robert F. Andrews	<i>Senior Deacon</i>
Frank R. Morris	<i>Junior Deacon</i>
George Carty	<i>Senior M. of C.</i>
Daniel W. Hand, Jr.	<i>Junior M. of C.</i>
William H. Stiles	<i>Senior Steward</i>
William R. Piper	<i>Junior Steward</i>
Carl W. Nixon	<i>Marshal</i>
George W. Radcliffe	<i>Organist</i>
Merrill S. Cottrell, P.M.	<i>Historian</i>
Edward L. Grau	<i>Tyler</i>
John M. Robinson, P.D.D.G.M.	<i>Director of Work</i>

TRUSTEES

Walter S. Earling, P.M.	One Year
Robert D. Barber, P.M.	Two Years
Norman H. Fowler, P.M.	Three Years

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		Max C. Whitmore

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Sheppard W. Hogan	1917	Howard R. Earling	1944	John M. Robinson, PDDGM	1958
Edward C. Morrison	1921	Marshall H. Roe	1946	Parren S. Knarr	1959
Harold Headley	1922	Kenneth H. Sheppard	1947	William S. Stagg, Jr.	1961
Lester M. Hand	1928	Lewis E. Ferguson, Jr.	1949	Merrill S. Cottrell	1962
Shirley D. Haines	1931	Kenneth H. Whilden	1950	Herbert W. Dunham, Jr.	1963
Justus Llewallyn	1932	Samuel Davidson, PDDGM	1951	William H. Bowen	1964
Delbert H. Pfeiffer	1934	Charles F. Finch	1952	Robert D. Barber	1966
Herbert W. Dunham, Sr.	1937	James J. Molloy, Jr.	1953	Vernon C. Minkwitz, Sr.	1967
Edmund K. Reeves	1938	Norman H. Fowler	1954	F. Edward Barsuglia	1968
Walter S. Earling	1939	Robert T. Shannon	1955	Harry H. Potter	1969
Joseph P. Hogan, Jr.	1941	Harold E. Nichols	1956		
Frank B. Lutz	1943	John A. Shea	1957		

AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

Elmer Gross, P.G.S.B.	1946	George G. Chapman	1954
Horace B. Hand	1948	James G. Mathis	1951
		George S. Leacock	1945

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