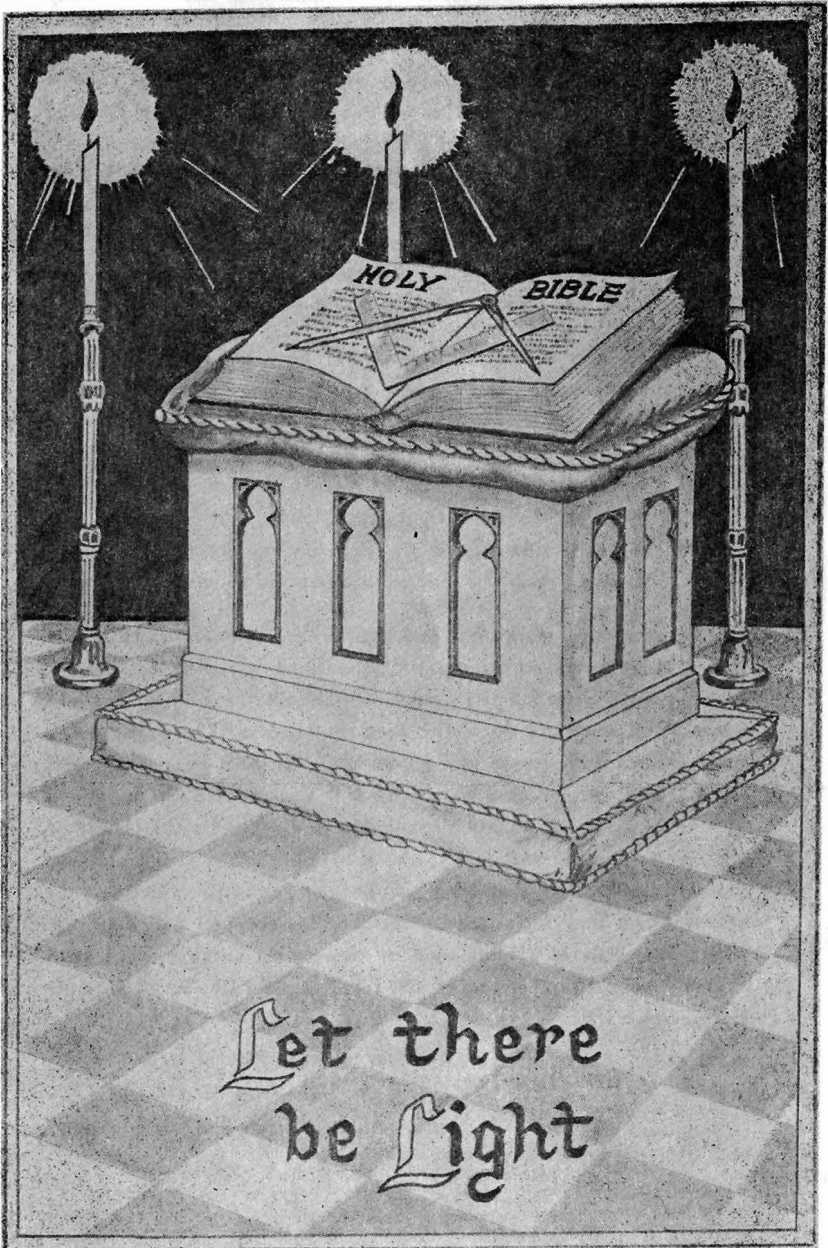


SHEKINAH LODGE No. 58

Free and Accepted Masons

Millville, New Jersey

Instituted - May 21, 1861



Brethren:

An old negro had secured the use of a vacant lot, he had dug out the weeds, remove the stones and rubbish, plowed it, harrowed it, planted seeds and cared for the plants until what had been a stony weed patch became a thing of beauty.

One day the parson passed that way and entered into conversation with the old negro, who was loosening the soil with his hoe and pushing it up around the roots of the plants. The parson remarked, "Brudder Jackson, you and de Lord sure has worked miracles with this old vacant lot." The negro responded "yas suh, parson, yas suh, me and de Lord sure has done a fine job here; you ought to of seen all the weeds and stones and rubbish there was here when de Lord was looking after it all by himself."

That's only a story. It may never have happened, but in it are lessons for Masons, just as there are lessons for them in some of the things that never happened that we teach in Masonry. Freemasonry gives the Brothers only the rough. Yes, it provides him with the vacant lot, with the implements, and even with the seed, but it is up to the Brothers to do the plowing, the harrowing, the planting and the cultivating that will bring out the plants and the beauty. He must push the soil up around the roots of the plants.

The Master, working alone, can't make Freemasonry to bloom in his lodge room, any more than the Lord was able to make a flower garden grow on the vacant lot without the help of the old negro. Without the help of the Brethren there will be only a weed patch strewn with stones and rubbish. There will be no beautiful plants, their roots covered with rich soil. Masonry can't be funnelled into you. You have to use your brains in digging for the beauty of it. Put your mind to it and you may be astonished at the pleasure you will derive from seeing the soil become productive through your efforts. You may be astonished at the pleasure you will get from seeing the seeds of wisdom send up shoots that climb upward, turn their blossoms to the sun and burst into beautiful flowers of Masonic knowledge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

WILLIAM H. GOSHEN

Worshipful Master

Brethren:

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

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, October 2, 1970 — 7:30 P.M.

Balloting on the following petitions for membership:

MR. EMROE DeFORREST HEADLEY R. D. 2, Cumberland Road	Age 27 Years Supervisor
MR. JOHN DOUGLAS ABDILL 101 Whitall Avenue	Age 23 Years Glassblower
MR. WILLIAM ARNOLD JAMIE 622 N. High Street	Age 40 Years Merchant
MR. NORMAN SAMANO Leamings Mill Road	Age 56 Years Contractor
MR. GEORGE DAVID REEVES Dorchester, N. J.	Age 31 Years Supervisor
MR. JOHN FREDERICK STITES 321 G Street	Age 37 Years Policeman

REFRESHMENTS

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Friday, October 9, 1970 — 7:30 P.M.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE (tentative)

REFRESHMENTS

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Saturday, October 17, 1970 — 7:30 P. M.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE (tentative)

Annual Visit of Phoenix Lodge No. 75 F. & A. M. of Phoenixville, Pa.
Presentation of 25 Year Silver Token by W. B. Marshall H. Roe, P.M.

DINNER 6:30 P.M.

Dates to Remember

ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT

Dinner - Dance — November 28, 1970

BUENA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

October 21, 1970

Vineland Lodge No. 69 F. & A.M. Vineland, N. J.

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.

OFFICERS 1970

William H. Goshen	<i>Worshipful Master</i>
Russell A. Roberts	<i>Senior Warden</i>
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

COMMITTEES

FINANCE	RELIEF	SICK
Delbert H. Pfeiffer, P.G.C.	Delbert H. Pfeiffer, P.G.C.	Edmund K. Reeves, P.M.
Harold E. Nichols, P.M.	Edmund K. Reeves, P.M.	Robert T. Shannon, P.M.
John M. Robinson, P.D.D.G.M.	John A. Shea, P.M.	Lawrence B. Kates
		Max C. Whitmore

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Elville Potter	Kingdon G. Vaughan	Thompson A. Schuler
Russell Bachman	William H. Stiles	William R. Piper

LIVING PAST MASTERS

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 Llewellyn	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

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

John E. Krumm, Sr. - 140 Castle Heights Avenue - Pennsville, N. J. - 678-3520