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SHEKINAH LODGE

NUMBER FIFTY-EIGHT

Free and Accepted Masons

MILLVILLE, N. J.

Instituted - May 21, 1861



Dear Brethren:

Writing a trestleboard this month is rather difficult. There are so many things to be covered, it leaves very little for what is expected of a Master, and that is his message. The best message of Masonic interest and value at this time would be to evaluate the materials required to print, and govern yourselves accordingly, as Masonry has taught you, and act upon the square, with all mankind especially the brethren, of our great fraternity, of "Free and Accepted Masons". What a beautiful theme to lean on.

As mentioned in last months trestleboard, I indicated the finance committee would be considering a proposal to change the by-laws on dues, according to a must, before approaching Grand Lodge for approval to start our new Temple. The proposal was made as follows:

Present Article VII — Section 2

The annual dues shall be \$10.50 plus all Grand Lodge assessments heretofore or hereafter levied payable in advance, provided, however that upon granting a dimit, the lodge shall remit such portion of the dues as shall be unearned.

Proposed Article VII — Section 2

The annual dues shall be \$15.50 plus all Grand Lodge assessments heretofore, or hereafter levied payable in advance, provided, however that upon granting a dimit, the lodge shall remit such portion of the dues as shall be unearned. This proposal will be up for voting by the membership, which is being handled according to our Grand Lodge rules.

The Grand Master of Masons for this Grand Jurisdiction, has a big task to cover, and has requested some space in the trestleboard for his request, which is as follows. "In last months lodge notice, your received a copy of the Grand Masters message, and since that time his personal letter, pointing out the need for your participation in the 1974 annual appeal." Have you responded to this request? If not, please make your check payable to The Masonic Home, and mail it to P.O. Box 308, Burlington, N. J. 08016. *Donation are Tax Exempt.* At this writing, I have received my personal letter as was mentioned, along with the self addressed envelope for your contribution. Don't forget our elder members or families, living in our Masonic Home and give what you can. Remember the words "Help, Aid and Assist" and let our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wernik, spread the cement of brotherly love and affection for us.

For the benefit of the brethren not attending our stated communication in September the "traveling gavel" was brought to Shekinah Lodge by P. Wayne Astheimer, Worshipful Master of Vineland Lodge No. 69 and some of his members. I was very much surprised, to read the pages of the original "Log" that started traveling with the gavel on May 31, 1961. How many of you are aware of this gesture starting in the 22nd Masonic District by members of Shekinah Lodge? From reading the book it states it originated in idea by Merrell Cottrell, now a Past Master, in either a hotel or motel room in Atlantic City, after a days session of Grand Lodge. Past Master John Robinson, now a Past District Deputy, took it by the horns and got our own Bro. Wm Pettit, better known to many as gavel Bill, to make the gavel and our own Samuel Davidson, then District Deputy for the 22nd District presented it to W. Bro. Wm. Brooks of Elmer Lodge No. 160 at a Masters and Wardens meeting to begin its travels. I have arranged to take this same gavel and history to Salem on Monday, October 21, 1974 and present it to W. Bro. Charles Hampton, W.M. of Excelsior Lodge No. 54. I am very pleased that Shekinah has been so strong in this undertaking and am making a plea at this time, for all my officers, and as many members as possible to travel that evening with me and be present while seeing it further its way, and prove that the purpose of visiting other lodges has been helped by the idea. Transportation can be arranged by calling myself, or any officer.

Making pleas seems to be the order of the day, since I have received a letter from Tyrean Chapter, DeMolay for boys, to try getting some interest among the young boys to join this fine group. The age limit is 13 years to 21 years and there need not be any family Masonic background. All we ask is for good character and desire and leave the rest to DeMolay. I hope to get a lot of response to this plea, since the youth of today will be guiding our fraternity in the future. I am sure Corinthian Assembly of Rainbow for Girls would be equally as happy for some members. Their age limit is 13 - 18 and of good character.

This month we will be honoring our PAST MASTERS. It is not often these men take over so please come out on Friday, October 25th, and see the "Feather Dusters" confer the M.M. Degree on 2 candidates. Surely the evening will be enjoyable from the Dinner at 6:30 P.M. until ?? P.M. when the evening is finished. Lets go all out to show them we appreciate what they have turned over to us. 125 ?

As you can readily see, the wheels have not stopped turning, and the mill continues to grind away. Please help us, who are active in the Government of "Your Lodge", keep the wheels turning and continue to spread the cement of "Brotherly Love and Affection.

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours,

DANIEL W. HAND, JR., W.M.

Brethren:

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

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, October 4, 1974 — 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

Balloting on the following petition for membership:

MR. RONALD G. BALL Age 24 years

139 Fernwood Avenue, Trenton, N. J. Tool and Die Maker

Balloting on change of By-Laws Article VII - Section 2 pertaining to increase of dues to cover needed maintainance.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Friday, October 11, 1974 — 7:30 P.M.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

REFRESHMENTS

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Friday, October 25, 1974 — 7:30 P.M.

PAST MASTERS NIGHT

MASTER MASON DEGREE

DINNER 6:30

— DATES TO REMEMBER —

WEDNESDAY, EVENING, OCTOBER 15th, 1974, 7:30 P.M. Official Visit R.W. A. Boyd Carl, District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic District to Evening Star Lodge No. 97, Bridgeton. Call if transportation is needed.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17th, 1974, 7:30 P.M. District Lodge of Instruction. Elmer Lodge No. 160. Officers required to attend, Brethren welcome. It is never too late to learn something, fact is, you may even find out your way is now the wrong way. Why not give it a try.

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21st, 1974, 7:30 P.M. Excelsior Lodge No. 54, Salem, the traveling gavel will be presented by Shekinah Lodge. Plan on going with us.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1974, 7:30 P.M. Shekinah Lodge will be host at our regular meeting to the Grand Lodge panel on Masonic Enlightenment. There is much to be learned, or brought back to your memory. Could be some topics discussed were never really clear in your mind.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1974. Shekinah Lodge Annual Ladies Night. Centerton Country Club. A very nice evening is planned. All officers have tickets. Join your Lodge officers and members. Also some of the other lodge members have already bought tickets so you can get to know them better also.

DANIEL W. HAND, JR., *Worshipful Master*

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

Any Committee Report on a petition not complete on scheduled evening will be balloting on at a later communication without further printing in trestleboard.

GRAND MASTER — **M.W. MALCOLM B. WERNIK**

45 Norris Avenue, Metuchen, N. J. 08840

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER — **R.W. A. BOYD CARLL**

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OFFICERS 1974

Daniel W. Hand, Jr.	<i>Worshipful Master</i>
William H. Stiles	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Ronald N. Spiels	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Sheppard W. Hogan, P.M.	<i>Treasurer</i>
Samuel Davidson, P.D.D.G.M.	<i>Secretary</i>
Norman A. Schanck	<i>Chaplain</i>
Norman H. Peek	<i>Senior Deacon</i>
J. Douglass Abdill	<i>Junior Deacon</i>
Kenneth Stiles	<i>Senior Master of Ceremonies</i>
Edward L. Abbott	<i>Junior Master of Ceremonies</i>
Robert W. Estell	<i>Senior Steward</i>
Giles T. Ryan	<i>Junior Steward</i>
Philip D. Barnes	<i>Marshal</i>
James A. Hines	<i>Assistant Marshal</i>
George W. Radcliffe	<i>Organist</i>
Russell Bachman	<i>Historian</i>
Harold E. Nichols, P.M.	<i>Tyler</i>
John M. Robinson, P.D.D.G.M.	<i>Director of Work</i>
Russell A. Roberts, P.M.	<i>Assistant Director of Work</i>

TRUSTEES

Russell A. Roberts, P.M. One Year
 Norman H. Fowler, P.M. Two Years
 Walter S. Earling, P.M. Three Years

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter S. Earling, P.M.
 Harry H. Potter, P.M.
 William H. Goshen, P.M.

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Delbert H. Pfeiffer, P.G.C.
 John A. Shea, P.M.
 Richard A. Jervis, P.M.

SICK COMMITTEE

Edmund K. Reeves, P.M.
 Edwin C. Noon, Sr.
 Harold E. Nichols, P.M.
 Philip D. Barnes
 William Moore, III

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

John T. Carty
 Philip D. Barnes
 Russell Bachman
 Robert W. Estell
 Giles T. Ryan
 Oscar F. Stadler
 Thompson A. Schuler
 Frederick J. Bailey
 James A. Hines

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Sheppard W. Hogan	1917	Lewis E. Ferguson, Jr.	1949	George S. Leacock	1945
Edward C. Morrison	1921	Kenneth H. Whilden	1950	William H. Bowen	1964
Harold Headley	1922	Samuel Davidson, PDDGM	1951	Horace B. Hand	1948
Lester M. Hand	1928	Charles F. Finch	1952	James G. Mathis	1951
Shirley D. Haines	1931	James J. Molloy, Jr.	1953	Robert D. Barber	1966
Justus Llewallyn	1932	Norman H. Fowler	1954	Vernon C. Minkwitz, Sr.	1967
Delbert Pfeiffer, PGC	1934	Robert T. Shannon	1955	F. Edward Barsuglia	1968
Herbert Dunham, Sr.	1937	Harold E. Nichols	1956	Harry H. Potter	1969
Edmund K. Reeves	1938	John A. Shea	1957	William H. Goshen	1970
Walter S. Earling	1939	John M. Robinson, PDDGM	1958	Russell A. Roberts	1971
Joseph P. Hogan, Jr.	1941	Parren S. Knarr	1959	Richard A. Jervis	1972
Frank B. Lutz	1943	William S. Stagg, Jr.	1961	Robert F. Andrews	1973
Howard R. Earling	1944	Merrill S. Cottrell	1962	Abraham Tisch	1961
Marshall H. Roe	1946	Herbert W. Dunham, Jr.	1963		