Brethren,

There isn't one of the Symbols of Speculative Masonry more important in its teachings, or more interesting in its history than the lambskin, or white leather apron. It was the first gift which you received, the first Symbol that was explained to you, and the first tangible evidence that you had been, therein, made a Mason.

The material from which it is made is lambskin, not linen, silk or satin, because the material from which a Mason's apron is constructed is of the most importance! Because the Lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem of innocence. We are taught "by the lambskin" of that purity of life and conduct, which is so essentially necessary to our gaining admission into that Celestial Lodge above. Where the Supreme architect of the Universe presides!

We learn that white was anciently used as an emblem of purity, and for this reason the color has been preserved in the apron of the Freemason.

In the past weeks our Fraternity has lost two very special people. W.B. William H. Bowen, Past Master of Shekinah Lodge, and Most Worshipful Thomas R. Dougherty, Past Grand Master. These two men dedicated their lives to Freemasonry. They lived what each of us are taught in Freemasonry, they lived by their honor, they served by precept and example. They both will be sadly missed! But, we can be assured that, at this moment, they are sitting in that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides! May God bless them both. So mote it be.

We will be trying something a little different this month. We will be holding an Emergent Communication on Saturday morning June 13, 1998 at 10:00 A.M., to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother E.A. Joe Gross. Brother Gross works steady afternoon shift at Chrysler Corp. in Delaware, and cannot attend Friday night. It will be interesting to see how this will affect attendance.

Also, please plan to attend Shekinah's Chicken and Ribs Bar-B-Que, which will be held on Saturday, August 15, 1998 from 12 Noon 'til 5:00 P.M. Call any officer for tickets. Price \$8.00 per person, with take-outs available.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer, and that I will have the pleasure of greeting you at our next Communication!

Sincerely and Fraternally, Robert W. Estell Worshipful Master

# — In Memoriam — WILLIAM HALEY BOWEN, P.M.

E.A. 1-10-58

F.C. 2-21-58

M.M. 3-28-58

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

# REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, June 5th, 1998 - 7:30 PM - Business meeting. Refreshments.

# EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS

Friday, June 12th, 1998 - 7:30 PM - To examine Brother Entered Apprentice Thomas Riggio as to his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and if found proficient to confer upon him the Fellowcraft Degree. Refreshments!

Saturday, June 13th, 1998 - 10:00 AM — To examine Brother Entered Apprentice Joseph John Gross as to his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and if found proficient to confer upon him the Fellowcraft Degree. Refreshments!

Saturday, September 26th, 1998 - 7:30 PM - Master Mason Degree and Annual Visit of Phoenix Lodge #75, Phoenixville, P.A. Oyster and Ham dinner at 6:30 P.M.

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, June 7th - 10:00 am - Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of NJ for the purpose of Dedicating and Consecrating the Lodge Room in the new Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ; immediately followed by the Re-dedication of the Masonic Home on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. A Gala Picnic Luncheon will follow at 12:00 noon in observance of the 100th Anniversary and the "Annual Family Day" celebration activities. If you plan to attend, you MUST call 1-609-239-3990 and advise the home of the total number of adults and children that will attend. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, May 26, 1998. Contact your District Deputy if you have any questions.

Tuesday, June 16th, - 7:00 PM - Shekinah Square Club meets every 3rd Tuesday for refreshments, and social get-together. Any member can attend!

Saturday, June 20th, - Sub pick-up from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Annual Sub Sale at Shekinah Lodge, Price \$3.50 each. Contact any officer for tickets. Please select American or Italian!

Thursday, June 25th, - 7:30 pm - 22nd District Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association's annual visit to Tyrean Chapter Order of DeMolay at Vineland Lodge #69, Vineland, N.J. The DDGM has requested the attendance of all lodge officers, brethren are welcome. Refreshments.

Saturday, August 15th, - 12 Noon 'til 5:00 rm - Annual Chicken and Ribs Bar-B-Que at Shekinah Lodge. You may eat at the Lodge or order take-outs. Price \$8.00 each. Contact any officer for tickets. A limited number of dinners are available, so please purchase your tickets as soon as possible!

Sunday, September 26th, - 1:00 PM 'til? – Masonic Picnic at the Thundergust Area of Parvins 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, November 20th, - 6:30 PM – Shekinah Lodge's 5th Annual Table Lodge, Oyster and Ham Dinner. Most Worshipful Ross Van Ness Bayer, Grand Master and his staff will be in attendance. Donation: \$18.00 per person. Contact any officer for tickets.

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