Brethren.

On Saturday, March 21, 1998, we will be traveling to Phoenix Lodge #75 in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania to join with them in celebrating their 200th Anniversary.

Pennsylvania has a rich Masonic heritage. It was on December 5, 1730 that Benjamin Franklin, then editor of the "Pennsylvania Gazette" wrote, "As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this province, and people have lately been amus'd with Conjectures concerning them; we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to our readers," and then, follows a Masonic catechism.

Benjamin Franklin was not then a Mason, but made frequent references to the Craft in the Gazette. He became a Mason the following year, 1731. In 1732 he was appointed Junior Grand Warden, and then elected Grand Master in 1734.

In 1755 there were three Lodges in Philadelphia, and in 1758 a Lodge was warranted there by the "Ancients," followed by another in 1761, and in 1764 authority was granted by the "Ancients," for forming a provincial Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, which in 1786 became the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Brethren, Phoenix Lodge #75 was constituted March 12, 1798, just twelve short years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania!

This is a tremendous opportunity for you and your wife, to join us in helping our Brothers and their Wives from Phoenix Lodge observe this most momentous time in their history!

At our March Regular Communication we will have the pleasure of having with us R.W. W. Roger Butler, Grand Lodge Trustee, and a candidate for Junior Grand Warden at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Atlantic City. He will speak to us and answer any questions that any of the Brethren wish to ask him. Please come out and join me in extending to him the opportunity to address the members of Shekinah Lodge.

I look forward to greeting you at our next Communication!

Sincerely and Fraternally, Robert W. Estell, P.M. Worshipful Master

# In Memoriam

GEORGE G. McCONNELL

E.A. 11-1 F.C. 1-3-50 M.M./3-14-50 Raised on High February 4, 1998

MOST WORSHIPFUL GERALD H. GROSSKOPF Grand Master of Masons of the State New Jersey 1102 Curtis Avenue, Point Pleasant, N.J. 08742

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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WARREN J. COLES District Ritual Instructor of the 22nd Maronic District 23 Devonshire Pl., Bridgeton, N.J. 08302 (609) 455-6059 Brethren, You are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

## **REGULAR COMMUNICATION**

Friday, March 6th, 1998 - 7:30 pm — Business meeting. Balloting on the petition for membership of Mr. Thomas Riggio, age 32. He resides at 27 Lakeview Ave., Bridgeton, N.J. Occupation: Correction Officer. Guest Speaker R.W. W. Roger Butler, Grand Lodge Trustee and candidate for Junior Grand Warden. Refreshments.

### **EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS**

Friday, March 27th, 1998 - 7:30 PM - The Master Mason Degree will be conferred upon Brother Fellowcraft Kevin Lloyd. Dinner 6:30 PM.

# REHEARSALS

Thursday, March 12th, 19th & 26th, 1998 - 7:00 PM - Shekinah Officers are asked to make every effort to attend!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, March 1st, 1998 - 7:00 AM to 12:00 NOON - Shekinah Square Club Breakfast in the Lodge banquet hall. Donation \$5.00 Adults — \$3.00 Children (under 10). Volunteers needed to serve - call Byron White at 327-2339. Tickets available from officers. Wednesday, March 4th, 1998 - Shekinah Chapter Order of the Eastern Star invites ALL Master Masons to attend their annual "MASTER MASON NIGHT", at which time they will be honoring all Master Masons. Dinner 6:30 PM. Entertainment by the "Dancing Granny's". Refreshments after the meeting.

Tuesday, March 10th, 1998 - 7:30 PM - District Lodge of Instruction at Evening Star Lodge #97, Cedarville, N.J. Officers requested to attend, brethren always welcome.

Tuesday, March 16th, 1998 - 7:00 PM - Shekinah Square Club. Meets every 3rd Tues-

Tuesday, March 16th, 1998 - 7:00 РМ — Shekinah Square Club. Meets every 3rd Tuesday for refreshments, and social get-together. Any member can attend!

Saturday, March 21st, 1998 – Annual trip to Phoenix Lodge #75, Phoenixville, PA Phoenix Lodge will be celebrating their 200th year as a Lodge. The Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania and his staff will be in attendance. All Brethren and their wives are welcome to attend. There will be a short meeting for the men at 2:00 pm, with entertainment for the ladies in the Banquet Room. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 pm, at the Westover Country Club, Jeffersonville, PA, followed by Dinner, (your choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Prime Rib). There will be entertainment after dinner. All this and more for \$30.00 per person. A limited number of tickets are available, please contact Brother Senior Deacon Bruce Ferguson (358-6210), or myself (825-7864) by March 1st, 1998. A bus will leave the Lodge parking lot at 12:00 NOON and return at approximately 9:30 pm. We will be asking for donations to help compensate for the cost of the bus.

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 28th & 29th, 1998 – Grand Lodge Banquet at Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Brighton Ave. at the Boardwalk, Atlantic City (Royal Swan Ballroom, Fourth Floor, North Tower). 6:00 pm Social Hour (cash bar) - 7:00 pm. Dinner Price: \$35.00 per person. (Tues.: Entree - Salmon) — (Wed.: Entree - Prime N.Y. Steak). Wednesday & Thursday, April 29th & 30th, 1998 – 211th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Brighton Ave. at the Boardwalk, Atlantic City N.J.

### **OFFICERS FOR 1998**

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| LIVING PAST MASTERS   |   |  |
| Frank B. Lutz 1943  | Richard A. Jervis, PGC1972              | Randall C. Quay 1982   |
| Horace B. Hand* 1948  | Robert F. Andrews 1973                  | Paul N. Pantelis 1983  |
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| Charles F. Finch  | William H. Stiles                       | Kirk A. Karrer 1985  |
| James J. Malloy, Jr 1953  | Charles S. Lehman 90-1975               | Marvin White 1986  |
| Robert F. Friant <sup>‡</sup> 1954  | Ronald N. Spiels, PGC 91-1976           | Albert L. Smith 1986   |
| Robert T. Shannon 1955  | Robert W. Karrer, PGC 89-1976           | Gary R. Lawson 88-1987   |
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| Robert D. Barber, PGC 1966  | Robert W. Estell 1979                   | E. Lee Myers, PGC1993  |
| Robert F. Morgan <sup>a</sup> 1967  | Robert L. Davidson 1979                 | William S. Davis 1993  |
| F. Edward Barsuglia 1968  | J. Roy Oliver 1980                      | Robert Thornborough 1994   |
| Harry H. Potter 1969  | Royce E. Robinson§ 83-1980              | Richard A Hinckley 1994  |
| Donald B. Pike 1969   | George Carty 1981                       | Brian A. Thomas 1995   |
| William H. Goshen, PGLT 1970  | Frank Rosiejka <sup>4</sup> 1981        | David E. Exel1996  |
| C. Randall Quay, PDDGM 1970   | Leonard R. Potter, Jr 1982              | Wm. Anthony Loteck 1997  |
| Russell A. Roberts, PGC 1971  | John G. Keeler, PGC 1982                | *Affiliated *Dual *SPD-NPD *Dimitted   |
| Herbert E. Reback <sup>†</sup> 1971   | Emest S. Barry, PGC <sup>†</sup> 1982   | §Withdrew  |
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