

My Brother,

At our regular business meeting in February, we had the pleasure of welcoming two Past Grand Masters. They had very kind words to say about our meeting, and complemented the officers on a fine opening and closing. I would like to thank all the officers for their hard work and dedication. I have always been, and will continue to be, proud of being a member of Shekinah.

An interesting comment was made by one of the Past Grand Masters. Although the meeting was only a regular business meeting (with the reading of minutes, communications, and bills), he said that he had enjoyed the meeting. The reason, he stated, was because we had "discussions" during the meeting.

The main discussion that evening was initiated by the Senior Warden, regarding attendance at the meetings. Rich discussed several possible causes for low attendance, including the night of our meetings. He suggested the possibility of developing a questionnaire. Several brethren added other suggestions to discover the cause, or causes, of low attendance. If you have a suggestion, please pass it on to Rich or myself.

In the past, some have said low attendance is from the fact that there is nothing new offered. While this is true with the ritual, it should not be true of the activities. Therefore, I am planning some different activities to spark interest. These will be announced throughout the year.

On that note, I am planning a whitewater rafting trip, the weekend of April 17th, to the Gauley River in West Virginia. In the past, I have planned several rafting trips for friends and family, this year I am extending it to my Masonic Family and friends. This trip is open to anyone. If you are interested, please call me for information.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Brian N. Myers

Worshipful Master

**** FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY ****

Brethren please note: Questions concerning the Lodge chair sale should be directed to W.B. Robert Estell (825-7864). The Secretary will only receive checks and name slips for same.

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

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, March 5th, 1999 – 7:30 PM – Business meeting. Balloting on the petition for membership of Mr. James Dee Stiles, age 46, residing at 115 N. 13th St., Millville. He is employed by SJ Gas Co. Balloting on Joel Barry Briggs for restoration to membership. Following the meeting a slide presentation on Egypt and the pyramids will be shown. Refreshments.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Friday, March 19th, 1999 – 7:30 PM – This date is rescheduled from Friday, February 19th, 1999. The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred upon Brothers Entered Apprentice William James McLoughlin and Christopher Scott Hunter. Refreshments.

REHERSALS

Thursday, March 18th & 25th, 1999 – 7:00 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 7th, 1999 – 7:00 AM to 12:00 NOON – All You Can Eat Breakfast by “Breakfast Inc.”, at Shekinah Lodge #58, Millville. Open to ALL members, family and friends. Adults \$5.00. Children under 10 \$3.00. Please come out and support this fund raiser.

Tuesday, March 9th, 1999 – 7:30 PM – District Lodge of Instruction at Brearley Lodge #2, Bridgeton. Officers are urged to attend, all brethren welcome.

Saturday, March 20th, 1999 - 9:30AM – Special One-Day Class to join the Order of DeMolay, honoring MW Ross Van Ness Bayer, Grand Master. Young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years of age, at the Trenton Masonic Temple, Barracks St., Trenton, NJ. For more info contact Dave Glattly at 973-790-6149.

Saturday, April 3rd, 1999 – Shekinah Lodge’s annual visit to Phoenix Lodge #75, Phoenixville, PA. Bus departure will be at 4:00 PM from the Lodge parking lot. Those interested please contact Br. Bruce Ferguson, JW. Bus price to be announced at the March regular meeting.

Tuesday, April 20th, 1999 - 6:00PM – 22nd Masonic District Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association Dinner Meeting at DeTomasi’s 5 Points Inn-East, Vineland.

Saturday, April 24th, 1999 – Masonic Relative One-Day Class to be held at the Masonic Fellowship Hall, 1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ. Contact the Sec’y for more info.

Saturday, April 24th, 1999 - 7:00PM – South Jersey Past Masters, Masters and Wardens Association’s “Candidates Night” to be held at Kove Caterers, 519 Garfield Ave., Palmyra, NJ. Cost \$20.00 per person. Contact R.W. William Berman at 609-227-6544 for tickets.

Wed. & Thurs., April 28th & 29th, 1999 - 9:00AM – 212th Annual Grand Lodge Communication to be held at the Tropicana Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ.

Thursday, April 29th, 1999 - 1:00PM – Grand Master’s Open Installation at the Tropicana Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ.

Saturday, May 8th, 1999 - 4:00PM – Grand Master’s Church Service at the Chapel at the Masonic Home, Burlington, NJ. Followed by the Grand Master’s Reception at the Fellowship Center, 1114 Oxmead Rd., Burlington, NJ. Tickets for the banquet are \$30.00 per person, make checks payable to Keystone Lodge #153, and mail to Wayne Thomas, Sec’y, 29 Jackson Ave., Northfield, NJ 08225 or call him at 609-641-5722. The Grand Master’s Reception will follow, with no charge or reservation required.

Attest: **Ronald N. Spiels, PGC, Sec’y**

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TRUSTEES

Byron J. White - 1 yr.
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Frank B. Lutz 1943	William H. Stiles 1975	Kirk A. Karrer 1985
Lewis E. Ferguson, Jr. 1949	Charles S. Lehman 90-1975	Marvin White 1986
Charles F. Finch 1952	Ronald N. Spiels, PGC 91-1976	Gary R. Lawson 88-1987
James J. Malloy, Jr. 1953	Robert W. Karrer, PGC 89-1976	Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr., PGC 1988
Robert T. Shannon 1955	Norman H. Peek, PDDGM ... 90-1977	Terry R. Sherman ¹ 89-1988
John A. Shea 1957	Earl R. Gassaway 1977	Floyd G. Taylor 1989
William S. Stagg, Jr. 1961	Frank B. Camp 87-1977	Robert J. Riggins 1991
Herbert W. Dunham, Jr. ... 1963	Thomas H. Litterer ² 1977	Charles V. Shropshire, PGC 1991
Milton Moroz, P.JGD ³ 1964	J. Douglass Abdill 1978	Howard J. Young, PDRI 1992
James S. Wylie ⁴ 1965	Russell C. Parsons, Sr. 84-1978	E. Lee Myers, PGC 1993
Robert D. Barber, PGC 1966	Robert W. Estell 98-1979	William S. Davis 1993
Robert F. Morgan ⁴ 1967	Robert L. Davidson 1979	Robert Thornborough 1994
F. Edward Barsuglia 1968	J. Roy Oliver 1980	Richard A. Hinckley 1994
Harry H. Potter 1969	Royce E. Robinson ⁵ 83-1980	Brian A. Thomas 1995
Donald B. Pike 1969	George Carty 1981	David E. Exel 1996
William H. Goshen, PGLT 1970	Frank Rosiejka ⁴ 1981	Wm. Anthony Loteck 1997
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