

Brethren:

Only a few short weeks ago, the ground was covered with snow and ice. All of South Jersey became a playground — kids were sledding and having snowball fights, snowmen dotted the yards throughout the neighborhood. While I, too, enjoyed the first good snow we'd had in years, I was concerned about the young evergreen in my backyard. No longer a sappling, the tree stood as tall as the house. But its slender trunk could not support the burdensome weight of ice and snow which the blizzard had dumped on its branches, and its treetop bent over until it touched the ground. I felt helpless to save the tree, and anxiously awaited the warming sun which would melt the ice and snow away.

A few days later, I ventured out to the back corner of the yard, expecting the tree to be in the same crippled position, or even broken in two, but the tree was standing! It's trunk was a little curved, but it had survived. I took a rope and tied it near the top of the tree, and secured it to the roof. This was all the encouragement this hearty tree needed to stand tall and straight. One month later, the tree is no worse for the wear.

Now as I walk through my yard, I take pleasure in the radiant colors of the spring flowers. Spring is the season of rejuvenation after all. Rebirth is evident everywhere. Yet, it is with wistful sadness that I welcome the blooms of springtime. Yes, their beauty is undeniable, their fragrance sweetens the air. But they are as delicate as they are beautiful. The ones that don't wither from the summer sun will die come the first frost of fall, not to reappear until they are coaxed by next years gentle spring sun and April showers.

I have noticed parallels between freemasonry membership and the foliage in my yard. There are some members that, like spring flowers, need coaxing and encouragement to attend meetings. Their presence is as eagerly anticipated as those beautiful blooms, but they are missed in the interims, and we hope and wonder when they will come again. Others are like the evergreens. They are the steadfast and reliable, attending most every meeting, participating eagerly. Their presence is predictable and comforting.

I gained a new appreciation for the evergreens this spring. Yes they may seem to fade into the background with the appearance of the colorful spring blooms. But come fall, they will survive. And theirs will be the only sign of life in the bleak of winter. Surrounded by gray and brown, the evergreen's brilliant color will be the winter yard's glory.

Let us be inspired by the rebirth of spring. Let this be a time to recommit ourselves to the brotherhood. But let your true resolve be to emulate the evergreen; for, like the evergreen, it is steadfast and reliable membership which is the backbone of the lodge.

Fraternally,  
E. Lee Myers  
Worshipful Master

May 1993

Brethren:

You are cordially invited to attend the following communications.

**REGULAR COMMUNICATION**

**FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1993 – 7:30 p.m.** Regular Business meeting. Balloting on petition of Norman Franckle for dual membership in Shekinah Lodge.

**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1993** Shekinah Lodge No. 58 – Annual Church Visitation and Breakfast. 1st U.M. Church, 2nd & Pine Sts., Millville. Breakfast 9:00 a.m. at Masonic Temple, 1317 Fairton Rd., Church Service 11:00 a.m. Meet at church 10:30 a.m. William S. Davis, W.M. and Neptune No. 75 has been invited to join us for breakfast and to worship together. All Masons invited!

**FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1993 – Awards Night. The following awards to be given 5 yrs., 15 yrs., 25 yrs. and 50 yr.**

**5 yrs.** – Tim W. Ryan, Charles W. Repp, Nykola Kudla; **15 yrs.**, Belford L. Golden, Augustus Hudson, Dale C. Kershaw, John F. Wehling, Bruce Ferguson, Drew Ferguson, John G. Keeler, Jr. PGC, Wayne S. Lutz, Willis D. Lynch, Paul N. Pantelis, PM, William C. Parr, Jr., P.M., Leonard R. Potter, Jr. P.M., Bruce W. Thuener; **25 yrs.**, William R. Carter; **50 yrs.** Edward V. Simpson. District Scholarship Winner. Dinner 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m. – Wives and friends invited.

**MAY 1st** – Don't forget sub sale. Tickets \$3.50, all officers have tickets. Pick up from 11: a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 31, 1993** – Memorial Day Parade 9:00 a.m. Parade starts at High St. and Harrison Ave., dark pants, white shirt, dark tie and apron. All masons invited.

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Attested: Milton Moroz, Secy.



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## PAST MASTERS

Walter S. Earling	1939
Frank B. Lutz	1943
Lewis E. Ferguson, Jr.	1949
Charles F. Finch	1952
James J. Malloy, Jr.	1953
Robert T. Shannon	1955
John A. Shea	1957
William S. Stagg, Jr.	1961
Herbert W. Dunham, Jr.	1963
William H. Bowen	1964
Robert D. Barber	1966

Vernon C. Minkwitz, Sr.	1967
F. Edward Barsuglia	1968
Harry H. Potter	1969
William H. Goshen	1970
Russell A. Roberts	1971
Richard A. Jarvis	1972
Robert F. Andrews	1973
William H. Stiles	1975
Ronald N. Spiels	'91-1976
Norman H. Peek	'90-1977
J. Douglass Abdill	1978

Robert W. Estell	1979
J. Roy Oliver	1980
George Carty	1981
Leonard R. Potter, Jr.	1982
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Marvin White	1986
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Floyd G. Taylor	1989
Howard Young	1992

## LIVING AFFILIATED PAST MASTERS

Horace B. Hand	1948
Robert L. Smith	1962
Milton Moroz	1964
Herbert E. Reback	1971

Anthony Padilla	1974
Theodore S. Levin	'64-'74'77
P. Wayne Astheimer	'74-'1980
Christian P. Antel	'72-1981

Albert L. Smith	1986
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C. Randall Quay	1970
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