

OCTOBER 1999

My Brother,

Autumn has officially arrived, and soon the leaves will change and display their wondrous colors. This summer has been particularly brutal for most of the northeast, with excessive heat and drought conditions. As I watched my newly planted grass burn in the summer sun, I was amazed to see some shrubs and plants had the endurance to survive.

Although we have had recent rainfall to bring some relief, only time will tell if the rainfall is consistent enough to pull us completely out of the drought. As summer ends, and autumn begins, experts say the effect of the drought will last well into the winter. The typical vibrant colors of autumn will be another victim of the summer drought, and will be less colorful than normal.

It is interesting to see, in nature, how one thing greatly affects another. Although the drought lasted during the summer, its influences will stretch throughout the winter. This affect can also be seen in the lodge. The absence of just one component (one member) in the lodge could cause a drought. Fewer members attending the meetings, fewer new initiates, fewer activities, and many other affects, we have all seen this in our lodge.

Fortunately, over the past few years we have experienced resurgence in the number of new initiates. We have also tried to increase the number and variety of activities, to increase interest in the lodge. The process is long and hard, and we struggle to have successful activities. However, only time will tell if we can be consistent enough to pull us out of the drought. I am confident that the lodge has the endurance to prevail through any drought.

Fraternally,
Brian N. Myers
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Brethren, You are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Friday, October 1st, 1999 – 7:30PM – Business meeting. Official Visit of R.W. Richard W. Westergaard, DDGM. Video on the Battleship USS New Jersey. Refreshments.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS

Saturday, October 16th, 1999 – 7:30PM – The Fellowcraft Degree to be conferred upon all qualified candidates and annual visit of Phoenix Lodge No. 75 of Phoenixville, PA. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Friday, October 22nd, 1999- 7:30PM – Annual Feast of Sts. John and to honor the widows of our departed brethren. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. For tickets see any lodge officer. Cost: \$10.00.

Friday, October 29th, 1999 – 7:30PM – Official Visit of Most Worshipful Wayne E. Hackney, Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey and Reception to Right Worshipful Robert Thornborough, Grand Chaplain and Right Worshipful Thomas H. Litterer, Junior Grand Steward. **Dinner** at 6:30 P.M. Tickets: \$12.00. See any officer for tickets.

REHEARSALS

Thursday, September 28th, 1999 – 7:00PM
ALL PAST MASTERS - Past Masters Night.

Thursday, October 14th, 1999 – 7:00PM
ALL LODGE OFFICERS - F/C Degree.

Thursday, October 28th, 1999 – 7:00PM
ALL LODGE OFFICERS - Official Visit of Grand Master.

SHEKINAH LODGE DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 12th, 1999 – Shekinah's Annual Past Masters Night.

Saturday, November 20th, 1999 – Shekinah's Annual Table Lodge. Details to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, October 12th, 1999 - 7:30PM – District Lodge of Instruction at Elmer Lodge #160, Elmer. All Officers are urged to attend.

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

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION EVENTS

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, Vineland, NJ

Please contact Bob Estell if you could assist at any of these events 825-7864

CHAPEL ESCORT – EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30AM

Bowling - (6:30PM for all dates)

Monday, October 4, & Tuesday, October 26, 1999

OFFICIAL VISIT OF MOST WORSHIPFUL WAYNE E. HACKNEY

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey

Sunday, October 3, 1999 - Meet 9:30AM - Service 10:00AM

Officers please wear apron and jewel of office!

Members, family and friends are welcome, refreshments.
