

FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

FROM THE MASTER



Dear Brethren,

I hope you and yours are enjoying summer as much as I do with my family. Though Lodge is in summer recess, there are still events for you to enjoy – with your family – before we convene again in September.

Since the mailing of our last Bulletin, we had a very successful Master & Wardens Dinner Dance on May 31st. On June 3rd, we raised Bro. Scott Mahursky to the sublime degree of Master Mason with the proficiency that comes only with much study and practice. Jr. Warden Bro. Jackie Woldering is to be commended for his great work in organizing and coordinating the Fellowcraft Team.

Ten days later, on June 13th, the Grand Lodge one-day class took place at the Masonic Temple at 3615 Euclid Avenue. For those who have not visited the “old” lodge building in many years, it is more beautiful than ever, and is a credit to those who have overseen the maintenance and remodeling. Forest City Lodge was fortunate to have thirteen (13) candidates take the one-day class and become *new brethren* in our fraternity. Following the degrees, a total of 32 people consisting of ten candidates, some wives, mentors, and fellow officers enjoyed an evening of fellowship with a steak dinner at the Roadhouse.

Last, but not least, on June 17th, we conducted our Annual Table Lodge. About 75 brethren, including the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Charles R. Murphy, broke bread together. The featured speaker, Bro. Marvin Scheer, spoke on Masonic Philately and the history of Masonic stamps around the world. A brief address was also given by M.W. Bro. Murphy.

Coming events: On August 12th, we will hold our 21st Annual Steak Roast at Horseshoe Lake in Shaker Heights. This event is always one of the best attended of the year. Full information appears in this bulletin. For information and reservations, call R.W.B. Morton Negin at 440-942-1144, Wor. Bro. Burt Task at 216-831-9455, or W.B. Alan Rothman at 216-381-2203. **Then**, on Friday, August 21st, Greater Cleveland Freemasonry will bring 600 Masons, their families and friends to Progressive Field to see the Cleveland Indians play the Seattle Mariners. Tickets are specially priced at \$15.00 each, and fireworks will follow the game. For ticket reservations, call W. B. Alan Rothman at 216-391-2203.

Lodge will reopen for business on Wednesday, September 2nd. Consult the Trestleboard for the full calendar of fall meetings. Please note that we will be raising a candidate on both September 16th and October 21st. Fellowcraft Team workers are urgently requested. To participate, call Jr. Warden Jackie Woldering at 216-289-2682.

Finally, on Wednesday September 23rd and Thursday September 24th, many of us will be traveling to Toronto, Canada, to visit our sister lodge, Mosaic Lodge. Those who wish to join us must call me at 216-426-0979, for dinner and hotel reservations – ASAP.

I look forward to seeing many of you both at our summer events, and again in September.

Fraternally yours,
Franck T. Kakou,
Worshipful Master

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NOTE: Stated Meetings are scheduled for the **first and third Wednesday** of each month. Variations from this schedule will, to the extent possible, be indicated in **bold type**.

August 12, 2009 **Annual Steak Roast at Horseshoe Lake in Shaker Heights**
Adults: \$14.00 and Kids: \$5.00.
See the ad in this bulletin for reservation information.

August 21, 2009... **Masonic Night with the Cleveland Indians**
See the Master's message for reservation information.

September 2, 2009 Stated Meeting
Memorial Night and Mason-of-the-Year Award
Open to Non-Masons
6:30 P.M. Dinner **by reservation only!!!**
7:30 P.M. Open Lodge
7:45 P.M. Program

September 16, 2009 Stated Meeting
5:30 P.M. 1st Section – Master Mason Degree
6:30 P.M. *Early Bird Dinner*
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting and 2nd Section M.M. Degree

September 23rd & 24th..... Trip to Mosaic Lodge
in Toronto, Canada
A valid passport is absolutely necessary...
See the Master's message for reservation information

October 7, 2009..... Stated Meeting
7:30 P.M. Open Lodge

October 21, 2009..... Stated Meeting
Past Master's Night
5:30 P.M. 1st Section – Master Mason Degree
6:30 P.M. Dinner **by reservations only!!!**
7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting and 2nd Section M.M. Degree

November 4, 2009 Stated Meeting
7:30 P.M. **Annual Election of Officers** – Open Lodge

NOTE: All dinner reservations must be made with Wor. Bro. Kakou
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IMPORTANT: For further information regarding times, *Early Bird* dinners, or other details, please contact (1) Wor. Master Kakou, (2) W.B. Burt Task, or (3) the Forest City Lodge Website @ www.forestcity388.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM:

Alan Rothman, P.M. and our Webmaster

Brethren, as we continue to move into a more electronic society, it is even more imperative than ever to register your email address with the Webmaster. Recently your Lodge conducted an experiment to see how effective email notifications really are. Normally we send out postcards to all members of the membership and budget committees, informing them of upcoming meetings. On this one occasion we decided to test the waters by notifying members of an upcoming meeting by email only. To our surprise, the meeting was well attended, and all of the regulars were present.

The email notification service is also used for other Lodge business, ie. funeral notices; changes of dates and/locations; and other types of official lodge business. The list is never shared with any other group or organization, and every attempt is made to protect your identity. IF you are not now getting emails from our Webmaster, and you wish to do so, please email the Webmaster at: webmaster@forestcity388.com Be sure to insert the word "subscribe" in the subject area.

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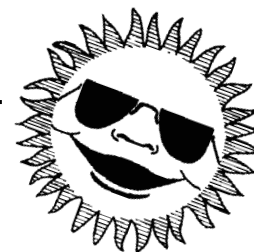
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Advance Notice

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Remember that the profits from these book sales go directly to Forest City Lodge – there is no middle man. Help expedite our sales by reserving your book(s) in advance. Call W.B. Ron Wolfe – either at home (216) 383-9798, or at work (440) 248-5100. When the books arrive, I'll arrange to get it or them to you.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Harvey Klass – raised in 1952

Bro. Sam Maizner – raised in 1974

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Jack Majzner – brother of Bro. Sam Maizner

Fran Eckelson – widow of our late Bro. Sam and
sister of Bro. David (Faye) Kaplan

Helen Gateman – widow of W.B. Emanuel ‘Manny’
Gateman, and mother of Bro. Alvin Gateman

Jochhanan Rzepka – father of W.B. Zalmen Rzepka

Ruth Ryshen – sister of Maxine (Bro. Paul) Fine

Hospitalized or Recuperating either at Home or in a Nursing Facility:

Beatrice Apple – wife of Bro. Simon ‘Sy’, in Los
Angeles with a broken hip.

Bro. Daniel Ermine – in Cleveland Clinic following
by-pass surgery.

Bro. Bernard Shepard – currently in Montefiore
for ‘rehab’ following an extended stay in Hillcrest
Hospital.

Bro. Lee Lechner – hospitalized with a knee
replacement.

Bro. Arnold Axel – at home with a shoulder problem.
Wife, Ruth, injured her hip due to a fall in the hospital.
She is in Montefiore for ‘rehab’.

The son of Bro. Sanford and Sally Ziff – has been
reported to be quite ill. Our prayers go out to him and
to his parents.

Congratulations to:

Jr. Deacon Dale and Jo Ann Jackson – on the arrival
of their new granddaughter. The proud parents are
Robert and Sarah Jackson.

Bro. Howard and Joyce Bloom of Plano, TX – their
new grandson, Alexander Brian Polakoff was born on
May 13, 2009. The beaming parents are Matthew and
Cathy Polakoff. The baby is the great grandson of our
late Bro. Myer Bloom and his late wife, Ruth.

Wor. Bro. Ronald and Shirley Wolfe – pleased to
announce the arrival of great grandson, Akiva aka
Mark Isaac Schostak in Cherry Hill, NJ. His parents
are Brooke and Elimelech Schostak. This is the 2nd
great grandchild since the beginning of 2009, and
with the blessing of G-d, a 3rd will ‘hit the scene’ in
November.

Bro. Paul and Maxine Fine – on the engagement of
granddaughter, Jennifer Lindsey Reiner to Robert
Michael Ferns. ALSO, grandson, Josh Reiner, just
graduated from Ohio University. The Fines now have
22 grandchildren (two (2) having been born within the
past few months) and four (4) great grandchildren.

***Editor’s Note:** How marvelous it is to report on the birth
of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.
We know that death is inevitable, but these new babies
are truly a gift from the Almighty, and a wonderful
treat to mention in our Bulletin.*

***Brethren:** A card or phone call is always welcomed by
someone ill at home, in a nursing facility, or in a hospital.
It will certainly provide a Bright Spark of Appreciation
and Hope.*

IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

*Your Sunshine Fund Committee is only as good
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MESSAGES FROM THE SOUTH

Item 1. Help Wanted – Tyler or Assistant Tyler

Our current Tyler, Bro. Michael Rothman, has indicated that due to his increased responsibilities in his daily job, he needs to either have an Assistant Tyler to help him set up and take down the lodge, or barring that, he would have to relinquish the office of Tyler after the upcoming 2009-2010 Masonic year. Bro. Michael has served Forest City Lodge well as its Tyler, but as all of us know well, our occupations are of foremost importance.

Among the duties of the Tyler, an elected (and paid) position, are arriving early to open the lodge building; setting up the altar; putting out all of the regalia and tools of the lodge; readying a new sign-in sheet in the meeting register; checking the dues cards of brethren who desire to enter a meeting; guarding the door during meetings; alerting the Master when brethren and/or visitors wish to enter after the meeting is already in progress; and finally putting everything away following the close of the meeting. The Assistant Tyler, an appointed (and unpaid) position, has the responsibility to assist the Tyler in all of the above duties.

The office of Tyler or Assistant Tyler requires that the Brother performing the above duties must be consistent and punctual in making the lodge ready so that every meeting may proceed smoothly. If you have these qualities, and have a desire to serve Forest City Lodge in either capacity, please contact W.B. Kakou, Bro. Hammes, or me. Our phone numbers are listed in the bulletin on the page with all of the officers. Thank you for your consideration.

Item 2. A Question of Perspective

I recently discovered an interesting quote by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done”. On reflection, this quote has many meanings. In the literal sense it indicates that we never have a true perspective with regard to ourselves. We see everyone outside our own being in a completely different and less vivid way, limited by what others demonstrate to us. As we see through a glass darkly, so do we evaluate the motivations of others. From another angle, it indicates that others can only know us by our works and our deeds. What

we give, what we produce, what we show to others, and subsequent impressions that these leave on the memory, become our legacy.

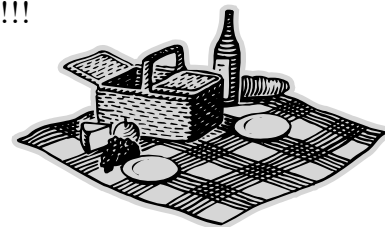
Perhaps the best purpose for this quote is that once it is known, we can adjust our own thinking to compensate for this disparity. Can we begin to look at others and see that their actions and reasoning may be based upon internal characteristics that we have not yet discovered? Might we start to communicate more effectively and show the world our clearest thoughts? Is it time to train or engage a hidden talent otherwise heretofore unseen? As Masons, we are taught that the internal, and not the external qualities of a man are what Masonry regards. As we refocus our lens to see the best parts of others, let us re-evaluate each one from a more learned standpoint.

Item 3. Forest City Fellowcraft Team Rides Again






As we enter into the summer season, let me once again say thank you to our wonderful Fellowcraft Team that has raised two M.M.s in Forest City Lodge during the past few months, and also to those who helped raise two more M.M.s in Heights-Lion Heart Lodge during June. I’ve enjoyed speaking with each of you both on the phone and in Lodge as we have rehearsed and performed the Master Mason degree together. It has truly been a pleasure and an honor.

Due to our cooperation, William Pritchard, the Senior Warden of Heights-Lion Heart Lodge has invited all of us to picnic with his Lodge on Saturday, August 8th, 2009 at ‘high twelve’ in Wiley Park in Mayfield Village. It is open to Forest City Lodge members and their guests, BUT you must contact me or Bro. Pritchard prior to Monday, August 3rd, so that ample food can be purchased for the picnic. Wiley Park is located at 610 S.O.M. Center Road (Rte. 91), between Highland and Wilson Mills Roads. Bro. Pritchard may be contacted at (440) 516-1955 or wpritchard2@yahoo.com, while I can be reached at (216) 289-2682 or jackie-wcs@roadrunner.com
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Jackie Woldering,
Junior Warden



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Earl R. Agin & Associates, Inc., has been a specialty company in all types of window treatments for over forty (40) years. Wor. Bro. Earl was raised in 1959 in Golden Square Lodge, where he served as Master in 1972 and 1985. He became an integral part of Forest City when the two lodges merged. Among W.B. Earl's strongest attributes is his wife, Nancy.

NEOHTL (installer of pay telephones) is the creation of Wor. Bro. Ron Jacobs who was raised in 1999, and served as Worshipful Master in 2004. He currently serves Forest City Lodge as Associate Chaplain. W.B. Ron is married to Ann. Their son, Scott, was raised in 2002, and now lives in California. He and his wife have made Ron and Ann grandparents twice, and they couldn't be happier or prouder of these additions to their family.

A REVIEW OF RECENT LODGE EVENTS

Sunday evening, May 31st, was the occasion of the Annual Master & Wardens Dinner Dance. About 120 brethren, their ladies, and other guests congregated at the beautiful LaMalfa Party Center in Mentor, Ohio for an outstanding evening of excellent food, great dance music, and superb fellowship. Bro. Marvin Danziger and his committee deserve the highest accolades for the precise and outstanding manner in which everything was done.

The evening began with appetizer tables (not trays) that were overflowing with un-ending delectables up until dinner was served. The filet mignon and crab stuffed sole were fabulous, only to be followed by a delectable dessert. To cap it all off, the Music of Katch made the evening complete as they played plenty of 'oldies' along with selections to please our younger members or those who are still young-at-heart.

Wednesday, June 17th, our Lodge enjoyed its Annual Table Lodge – for Masons only. Once again, the event was chaired by W.B. Julian Cohen. About 75 brethren dined on either orange roughly or chicken. Following dinner, the regimen for the Feast of St. John was carried out according to tradition. First the Lodge was opened for Table Instruction. During this portion, Bro. Marvin Scheer (brother-in-law of W.B. Julian) gave an address about Philatelics and Masonry. He also recounted many of the outstanding world leaders, patriots, pioneers, astronauts, explorers, musicians and composers, film and TV stars, entertainers, sports figures, authors and writers, business leaders, war heroes, and others – all of whom **were Masons**.

As always, W.B. Julian, a job well done...

MEET A NEW MEMBER OF OUR LODGE

Bro. Jay Weiss was raised not too long ago, and is already taking an active role in lodge work. Remember his name because we think you'll be seeing and hearing about him often in the coming months and years. The following is a mini bio about Bro. Weiss.

He was born in Pittsburgh, PA.; attended Hillel Academy High School; graduated from Duquesne University with a B.A./M.S. Education. He is married to Sally, and they are the proud parents of Amanda Johnson, Lindsay Johnson, and Raphael Weiss. Bro. Jay is a police officer in the EMT unit. He served in the Medical Service Corps. of the Army National Guard.

He is an instructor in CPR and first aid (might be good for a non-stated meeting). Among his hobbies are hiking, camping, and bicycling. Bro. Weiss is no stranger to Masonry since his father and two brothers were Masons, along with his maternal grandfather and an uncle.

Bro. Jay Weiss – welcome to Forest City Lodge #388.
May your journey through Masonry be smooth and safe for many, many years to come.

To all new brethren of 2009, we would like to introduce you as well to your new brethren. Please mail me your brief bio. Send it to:
W.B. Ron Wolfe – 4459 Gilmer Lane – Richmond Hts., OH 44143.

TWENTY NEW MASONS And Two Committees Re-Activated

Wor. Bro. Franck T. Kakou is leading the way in new growth, and striding forward with newly excited candidates as we unfold the mysteries of Freemasonry in Forest City Lodge.

This year, W.B. Kakou will have raised seven (7) candidates in the traditional manner experienced by the majority of our members, along with thirteen (13) additional candidates at the Grand Lodge "one-day class". Just think of it, twenty (20) new Masons to invigorate OUR lodge.

Currently two of these new brethren have shown a serious desire to travel that difficult journey through the officer line to achieve their own personal goal as Worshipful Master. W.B. Kakou has obviously made a strong and lasting impression on these brethren for them to be so dedicated at this early stage of their Masonic life. We congratulate him for a job well done, and the new brethren for their zeal and ambition.

One of these newly raised Masons is Bro. Scott Mahursky who has already given a letter perfect charge in the F.C. degree, as well as performing the duties of Jr. Steward in that degree AND coaching new F.C.s to take their examinations. Bro. Mahursky owns a heating and air conditioning company, and has many hobbies. He is married to Lorie, a pre-school teacher, and a great wife.

The other new Mason referred to above is Bro. Jay Weiss. He, too, is already taking part in degree work. He has also worked alongside W.B. Burt Task in the kitchen – a location in which he is no stranger. A brief bio of Bro. Weiss appears elsewhere in this bulletin.

With the consent of the Master and the two Wardens, we have just revitalized two old committees that somehow were lost in the archives of the lodge, namely the Stewards Committee and the Phone Committee. Bro. Scott Mahursky and Bro. Jay Weiss have both agreed to, and accepted the responsibility of being chairman and co-chairman of these two much-needed committees. I am certain that they will do a fine job for Forest City Lodge.

On behalf of the W.B. Kakou, the Officer Corps, the Past Masters, and the brethren of Forest City Lodge #388, we congratulate and thank both Bro. Scott and Bro. Jay for putting forth this remarkable and unselfish display of conduct before us. We are humbly grateful, and wish them both a long, healthy, happy, and prosperous Masonic life.

Fraternally,
Mark Nathanson, P.M.

THE GRAB BAG ~ all kinds of tidbits ~

I. They say that even a dog wags its own tail. Well, from our Junior Warden Bro. Jackie Woldering, **please note!**

Forest City Lodge Receives 22nd District Ritual Award
Tuesday, June 30th marked the 22nd Masonic District Awards Night which was held at Elyria Lodge to recognize the best Lodge Inspections and the Lodge(s) which made the most visitations to those inspections. Representing Forest City Lodge at this meeting were Bro. Woldering and W.B. Mark Nathanson.

OUR Lodge was awarded 2nd place for its representation of the Fellowcraft Degree on our Inspection Night on May 6th. This was predicated on the judgement of Rt. Wor. Bro. Martin Woodworth, our DDGM for 2009. W.B. Franck Kakou and all those who made the inspection a success can be very proud of the way we worked together to achieve this award. A certificate will be presented in Lodge in September.

II. In the Sunshine Committee report, we reported the passing of Helen Gateman. Helen and husband, W.B. Manny Gateman, were exceptionally active in Forest City Lodge – before, during, and following his years as an officer and as Worshipful Master. After Manny's demise, Helen would mark every anniversary of his passing with a generous donation to the Sunshine Fund. She was also very zealous about receiving the Lodge Bulletin regularly, and she read it thoroughly. Though in her mid-nineties, she continued to knit, crochet, and sew for this person or that relative or whoever – her hands were 'like gold'. We will miss you Helen.

III. Our regular contributor, Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr., was studying information from the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. in March, 1976. He discovered that many of those killed in the Alamo were members of the Craft. He also has pictures from Savannah in which there are old tombstones with Masonic symbols on them. For more information, contact Bro. Sedory at albertsed@yahoo.com

IV. For those of you who receive the monthly Menorah Park Campus News, did you notice the picture of Bro. Harold Berson who now resides in Wiggins Place. It mentioned that Bro. Berson had received his 60-year pin from the Masons.

V. Lastly, and most certainly not the least, the summer 2009 edition of the Cleveland Clinic "Family Checkup" featured M.W. Bro. Thomas Galyen (an honorary member of Forest City Lodge) and his lovely wife, June, on the cover page. Apparently Tom's triglyceride and cholesterol levels had gotten far out of control. Together, Tom and June went on a program of diet and exercise which worked out extremely well – for both of them. If you want the full article, call me, Ron Wolfe. I'll be happy to send you a copy (it might save your life).

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An Open Letter to Masonic Family Members

This open letter is written specifically to families of Forest City Lodge members. Its purpose is to inform you of Lodge responses in general, and how they apply to the families of Forest City members. It is also to make you aware of the rights of your husband, father, or grandfather who is a member of our great fraternity.

First, we have a hard-working Sunshine Committee. This Committee is designed to deal with important issues, such as: weddings, births, bar/bat mitzvahs, anniversaries, illnesses, hospitalizations, rehabilitations, and deaths. However the Committee cannot acknowledge any event unless it is so informed. Therefore it is the responsibility of a family member, for any major event, whether happy or sad, taking place within the family members' family. Then and only then can we acknowledge the family issue.

Second, one of the privileges of Masonic Membership is the right to a Masonic Funeral Service. If this is desired, please contact the Master of the Lodge, the Lodge Secretary, or the Sunshine Committee chairman so that the information can be routed appropriately. Many times we hear after the fact that a family member did not know what to do. Now, with this letter, you do know. Please contact them as soon as you know of your loss so that we have time to arrange the proper necessities. This might be an appropriate time to consider a donation to the Lodge Endowment Fund, in memory of your loved one.

Finally, the Lodge Bulletin is NOT a secret. The member and whole family may read the Bulletin. It generally includes many items of general interest as well as information about what is going on at the Lodge. There is information about future events in which you may have an interest, taking place at the Lodge. There are also lists of names and phone numbers of the Lodge officers and the members of the Sunshine Committee, in the Lodge Bulletin.

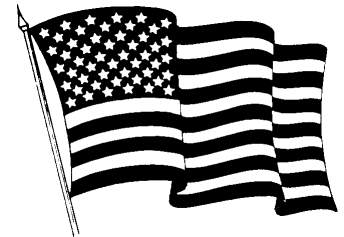
Please do not shy away from calling any of these phone numbers to inform the Lodge of any issues mentioned above. Your Lodge Officers and Sunshine Committee can only function based on the communications they receive.

Sincerely Yours,

Forest City Sunshine Committee
Howard Marx, Chairman

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