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FROM THE MASTER



Dear Brethren,

What an exciting time it is for Masonry in 2008. As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, we are reminded of the three Great Tenets of Freemasonry, namely Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The world needs these tenets more now than ever – not just through words,

but by the individual actions of each and every one of us.

Serving as Worshipful Master has given me even greater appreciation of exactly why we are in this Great Fraternity. As I sat at the recent Cuyahoga County Blue Lodge Association installation of officers, I thought of the reasons that made both my attendance and that of my officers so important. Was it the installation itself, or just to get the new directories? No, it was to see my many friends and their ladies from around the district, and to renew old acquaintanceships. In my short tenure as a Mason, I have made many lifelong friends from all walks of life. How did I ever get along without all of you in my life? You have enriched my reason for being a person, and made me whole. My fervent hope is that I have made a difference to some of you.

On January 2, 2008, we had a memorial dinner for our late Bro. Emory Kritzler. I could almost feel his presence as we discussed his fine memory. What really matters in life is not what we have acquired or achieved, but how we have affected those around us. Will the memory of each of us be for a blessing to those whose paths in life have crossed ours? This should be our goal throughout our lives.

The year 2007 produced many statistics, and some of them reflect black marks on our community. In Cleveland, violent crime was up 11%, a figure which outpaced the nation. Our city was also rated as the most poverty stricken major city in the U.S.A., and we lead the nation in home foreclosures. While our world was changing around us, we as Masons did not let go of our principle values. I am extremely thrilled to say that as a Fraternity, we do not contribute to the above statistics. Even divorce rates

among active Masons is below the national average, and has been so for many years. Is it our selection process, or are the teachings we learn in lodge affecting us more than we realize?

The opportunities to improve ourselves in Masonry and in life are numerous. For just a few, consult the Trestleboard located elsewhere in this bulletin. Of course you can log onto our Website at www.Forestcity388.com for more complete details and to make reservations.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you.

Alan H. Rothman,

Worshipful Master and Webmaster

HELPING A BROTHER - HELPING OTHERS

We recently received a request from a Brother to assist him with a move. It is with a very warm feeling that we report that the following brethren displayed the true tenets of our profession by assisting the needy brother in this endeavor.

Wor. Bro. Mitchell Alperin
Bro. William Michaels
Wor. Bro. Burt Task

Bro. Brad Kaufman
Bro. Michael Rothman

In addition, two wives of officers assisted in the move. They were Mary Woldering, wife of our Senior Deacon, and Beverly Rothman, wife of our Worshipful Master. Extra mention goes to Elizabeth Rothman, the Master's daughter, who also assisted. Thank you all for your aid and assistance.

Would you like to help others? Bring your old eyeglasses and/or cell phones to lodge. The glasses are being recycled for distribution in third world countries. The cell phones are being redeemed for much-needed cash to donate to the Ohio Special Olympics.

Many of us will be attending the Special Olympics in Columbus, Ohio, this summer. Watch future Bulletins for further details.

Finally, do you have an extra \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$20.00 bill sitting around gathering dust?. Send it to the Lodge and mark it, "For: Annual Brotherhood Night". ALL PROCEEDS go to feed those less fortunate than ourselves.

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Trestleboard

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**.

Wed., Feb. 20, 2008 Stated Meeting

Lodge Education Officer's Program (for Masons Only)

6:30 p.m. *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 p.m. Open Lodge + Birthday Night + Program

Wed., Mar. 5, 2008 Stated Meeting

Lodge Education Officer's Program (for Masons Only)

In Honor and Memory of our long-time L.E.O. David Kaplan

6:30 p.m. ... Kitchen-side dinner in Memory of David Kaplan

7:30 p.m. Open Lodge

Wed., Mar. 19, 2008 Stated Meeting

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Open Lodge + Birthday Night

Masons ONLY! Lodge Education Program of

200 years of Masonry in Ohio—Masonry, then and now...

Mon., Mar. 24, 2008.. Special Meeting - Degree Work

7:30 p.m. Open Lodge

Wed., Apr. 2, 2008 Stated Meeting

Lodge Education Officer's Program

Wed., Apr. 16, 2008... Stated Meeting and Pre-Inspection

6:00 p.m. ... ALL Officers must be present for pre-inspection

6:30 p.m. *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 p.m. Open Lodge + Birthday Night + Program

Rusty Nail Degree – Special L.E.O. Program

Wed., May 5, 2008..... Stated Meeting and Sports Night

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Open Lodge

7:45 p.m. Sports Night Guest Speaker

PLEASE NOTE: Early Bird and Kitchen-side Dinners are only \$5.00 per person.

Little Known Quotations

Courtesy of Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr.

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself – “Lillian, you should have remained a virgin”

–Lillian Carter (mother of Pres. Jimmy Carter)

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

–George Burns

Preparing A Time Capsule

Calendar year 2008, represents the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Many events have already taken place, and many more are scheduled in observance of this milestone happening in Ohio Masonic history.

Each Masonic district throughout Ohio is going to have a time capsule buried at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio. The capsule, made of 4” pvc pipe, will be capped at each end. The intent is to unearth these capsules in the year 2108, in honor of the 300th anniversary of our great Grand Lodge.

We need your assistance in putting together ideas of items that would be appropriate for deposit in the time capsule. It has been suggested that CDs and DVDs and other electronic media not be used since we do not know if the technology to view these will be available in 2108.

The deadline for placing items in the capsule is June 30, 2008. Please contact Wor. Bro. Rothman, or present your ideas at lodge.

Work – The True Path To Freedom

As this Masonic year progresses so successfully for Forest City Lodge, it behooves me to thank all of you who have been attending both our meetings and our social functions. It's always a pleasure to gather with our brethren in peace and harmony. A new brother has already been raised, and there are others ‘waiting in the wings’.

The last initiation reminds me that there is always work for all men to do. We, Masons, belong to a society which has made labor the highest duty of humanity – its honor and its nobility. Labor is our law. We can never rest, and we hope that when our span of years forces us to lay down the working tools of life, our labor, if it has been done well, will not be lost.

It will be taken up and continued by our successors, to the benefit of those who will come after them. This theme represents limitless progress for our fraternity. We work not only for the present, but also for the future; not only for ourselves, but for future generations to come. The tree seeds planted now will provide needed shelter in the future.

As Senior Warden of F.C.L. #388, I will be assisting our Wor. Bro. Rothman in accomplishing his tasks and goals. Likewise I shall, to the best of my ability, assist all the officers in their ritual work to the end that our Lodge will grow even stronger and well-recognized throughout the 22nd Masonic District and all of Ohio.

Franck Kakou - Senior Warden

Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

- Bro. Jack Berger – *raised in 1994*
Bro. Stanley Davis – *raised in 1965*
Bro. Martin Fromet – *raised in 1944*
Bro. Milton B. Stern - *raised in 1966*
Bro. Jack Wynbrandt – *raised in 1952*

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Fred C. Chakoff - brother of the late Adelaide (Bro. Myron) Rubin, and uncle of Rochelle (Wor. Bro. Mark) Nyer.

Sally Gillett - widow of our late Bro. David, and mother of Marilyn (Wor. Bro. Marvin) Hersch.

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

Wor. Bro. Julian Cohen - recuperating at home following a hip replacement.

Bro. Dan Lash - at home resting, following a series of tests at Cleveland Clinic.

Gertrude Levit (our late Bro. Irwin) Levit - is living in an Alzheimers Assisted Living facility in Florida.

Paula (Wor. Bro. Donald) Samuels - at home recovering from pneumonia.

Bro. Richard Sanders - currently being treated as an “outpatient” for blood tests and chemotherapy. It was good to see him back in lodge.

Celia (Bro. Emanuel) Schonfeld - is a patient in University Hospital.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Stewart and Alyce Segall - on the birth of granddaughter Lily Katherine DiGioia. Lily is the daughter of Melissa and Michael DiGioia of Seattle, WA., and the great granddaughter of Bess (our late Bro. Erwin) Segall.

“Soon-to-be” Bro. Joe Gambatese - on the birth of Olivia Julia Gambatese on 12-26-07. Joe will take his EA degree as soon as his schedule permits.

Rita (our late Bro. Sanford) Barron - on the engagement of daughter, Lori, to Robert Kline of

Miami, FL. Lori’s proud brothers are Bros. Morris (Bonnie), Marc (Penny), & Mitchell (Erika) Barron.

Bro. Morris & Bonnie Barron - on the engagement of their son, Jeremy, to Mindy Kolender of Orchard Lake, MI. Jeremy is the grandson of Rita and our late Bro. Sanford Barron, and a nephew of Bros. Marc (Penny) and Mitchell (Erika) Barron.

Wor. Bro. Mark and Shellie Nyer - on the marriage of daughter, Rabbi Shoshana Nyer to Stephen Langel. The new Mrs .Langel is the granddaughter of Bro. Mike and Dolores Rubin and the late Adelaide Rubin. They will reside in Fairfax, VA.

Wor. Bro. Alex and Millicent Rosenberg - on their 60th wedding anniversary. This milestone event was celebrated with a luncheon at Maggiano’s restaurant sponsored by their children.

Bro. Don and Ruth Kalish - on their 50th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed a family weekend in Columbus, Ohio, and a trip to Nassau this past January.

Wor. Bro. Ronald Wolfe - on his 80th birthday. Wife, Shirley, and their four daughters took him on a weekend cruise to Nassau.

Wor. Bro. Mort and Donna Negin will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in March.

Contributions received for Forest City Lodge Brotherhood Fund ‘2008’:

Wor. Bro. Ronald Wolfe - with sincere thanks to the Sunshine Committee.

Contributions received for the Forest City Endowment Fund:

Helen Gateman - to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the passing of her beloved husband, Wor. Bro. Emanuel ‘Manny’ Gateman.

Operative Masonry

Though we are ‘speculative’ Masons only, we are taught how the Operative Masons transformed the ‘rough ashlar’ for use in the building of King Solomon’s Temple. That Temple was not only a tribute to King Solomon, it was also a monument and a memorial to that great King. Unfortunately, today, only the western wall remains as a holy shrine to which King Solomon’s descendants come from around the world to pray and draw themselves ever closer to the almighty. As space allows, we will discuss modern day monuments in future Bulletins editions.

Performing One's Duties
According to the code – and –
According to the tenets of Freemasonry

Greetings from the greeter, and welcome to all those who would visit Forest City Lodge. I assumed my present office in lodge in mid-November, and shortly thereafter, some of my official and unofficial duties came into play. As the brethren are aware, one of the duties of the Senior Deacon is to “introduce and accommodate visiting brethren”. At no time during the Forest City Lodge year does this duty ‘move to center stage’ more than on Brotherhood Night when we are honored with a huge outpouring of not only visiting brethren, but of visiting non-Masons as well.

It was my honor and privilege to introduce our religious guest speakers, the vocalist for the evening, numerous District Deputies, many Past Grand Lodge officers, most of the current Grand Lodge officers, and most exciting for me, our current Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Most Worshipful Bro. Ronald L. Winnett – a very gracious and personable gentleman indeed. Despite all the names and titles that needed to be mentioned, MWB Winnett took time to notice, to review his introduction, and to say thank you afterward. What an exciting way to start off in a new lodge post.

Not all tasks are pleasant however. Shortly after the start of the New Year, I received a call from Wor. Bro. Chester Willey, the Master of the Heights-Lion Heart Lodge, and also the director of the Scottish Rite Chorus. He informed me of the passing of a Bro. John Tall from Mentor, Ohio, whose family had requested Masonic services. W.B. Willey had been asked to do the vocal music at the service, but due to previous commitments he was unable to oblige. He asked if I would take his place, an honor I humbly accepted.

Bro. Tall was not a member of Forest City Lodge, but he was a Mason. That is where, for me, Brotherly Love and Relief entered the picture. I contacted the widow, Mrs. Norma Tall, and learned of her desires concerning the service. With that information in hand, I was able to coordinate with the Reverend of the Church, the organist, and even obtained the services of a bagpiper from C. T. Raymer - Covenant Lodge #683.

When at last the service began, thirty (30) Masons entered the Church. Each wore an apron and carried a sprig of acacia. The Master of Thatcher Lodge #439 in Painesville then recounted the life of Bro. John Tall – a veteran of WWII, a supervisor at the Lubrizol Corp., a husband, a father, and a member of several Masonic organizations. Following the service, Mrs. Tall was overheard to say how moved she was by the beautiful memorial to her late husband. It was then I realized that I had paid more than just ‘lip service’ to the tenets of Freemasonry.





Jackie F. Woldering - Senior Deacon

Masonic Presidents

	Presidential Term	Life Span	State of Birth
George Washington..... Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, Virginia	1789-1797	1732-1799	Virginia
Thomas Jefferson Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, Virginia	1801-1809	1743-1826	Virginia
James Madison Hiram Lodge, Westmoreland County, Virginia	1809-1817	1751-1836	Virginia
James Monroe..... Williamsburg Lodge #6, Williamsburg, Virginia	1817-1825	1758-1831	Virginia
Andrew Jackson Harmony Lodge #1, Nashville, Tennessee	1829-1837	1767-1845	S. Carolina
James Knox Polk..... Lodge #31, Columbia, Tennessee	1845-1849	1795-1849	N. Carolina
James Buchanan Lodge #43, Lancaster, Pennsylvania	1857-1861	1791-1868	Pennsylvania
Andrew Johnson..... Greenville Lodge #119, Greenville, Tennessee	1865-1869	1808-1875	N. Carolina
James A. Garfield..... Magnolia Lodge #20, Columbus, Ohio	3-4-1881 to 9-19-1881	1831-1881	Ohio
William McKinley..... Hiram Lodge, #21 Winchester, Virginia	1897-1901	1843-1901	Ohio
Theodore Roosevelt..... Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York	1901-1909	1858-1919	New York
William Howard Taft Occasional Lodge, Cincinnati, Ohio	1909-1913	1857-1930	Ohio
William Gamaliel Harding..... Marion Lodge #70, Marion, Ohio	1921-1923	1865-1923	Ohio
Franklin Delano Roosevelt.... Holland Lodge #8, New York City	1933-1945	1882-1945	New York
Harry S. Truman..... Belton Lodge #450, Missouri	1945-1953	1884-1972	Missouri
Gerald R. Ford..... Malta Lodge #465, Rand Rapids, Michigan	1974-1977	1913-2006	Nebraska



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Your Sunshine Committee now consists of 12 members. In order for them to function in your best interests, you must take on some responsibilities. **Only you and your family** know when an item of brotherly interest occurs. **Only when the Committee is notified** can the appropriate action be completed.

1. We want to welcome every new child, grandchild, or great grandchild with a gift.
2. We want to remember the bereaved families of our brethren.
3. We want to bring some sunshine to those who are ill, and even visit those who are up to receiving visitors.
4. We want to acknowledge any pleasant family happenings.

Remember it is all up to you!!

All it takes is a phone call to any member of our Sunshine Committee

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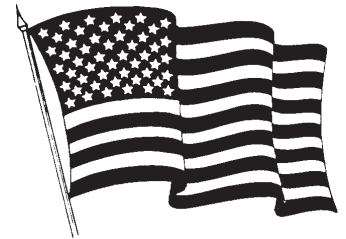
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FreeMasonry Under Totalitarian Regimes

(from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Virtually ALL totalitarian regimes have treated FreeMasonry as a potential source of opposition due to its secret nature and international connections. It has been alleged by Masonic scholars that the language used by these regimes is similar to that used by some modern day detractors of our great Fraternity.

Papal State: In 1736 the Florentine Inquisition investigated a Masonic Lodge in Florence, Italy, and the Lodge was condemned in 1737. The lodge had originally been founded by English Masons, but they accepted the Italian members. The following year, in 1738, Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal prohibition on FreeMasonry.

Hungary: In 1919, Bela Kun proclaimed the dictatorship of the proletariat in Hungary. This marked the start of raids by army officers on

Masonic lodges along with theft, and sometimes destruction, of Masonic libraries, records, archives, paraphernalia, and works of art. Several Masonic buildings were seized and used for anti-Masonic exhibitions. Masonry was outlawed by decree in 1920. In post-war Hungary, lodges were described as “meeting places of the enemies of the people’s democratic republic, of capitalistic elements, and of the adherents of Western imperialism”.

Eastern Europe: Free Masonry was suppressed throughout Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union during the Communist era.

Iraq: Under Saddam Hussein the death penalty was “prescribed” for those who “promote or acclaim Zionist principles, including freemasonry, or who associate (themselves) with Zionist organizations.

In future editions of this Bulletin, we will explore other totalitarian regimes who outlawed freemasonry.