

# FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

November-December 2008

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

## FROM THE MASTER – ELECT



Please accept my sincere thanks for electing me to serve as your Worshipful Master for the year 2008-2009. I can only hope and pray that one year from now, you will all feel that your confidence in me was well placed. My pledge to you is that I shall try to lead Forest City Lodge to the best of my ability, and that I shall concentrate my efforts on bringing to our Lodge, the highest recognition of others

both in the Fraternity and in the non-Masonic community.

For those who do not know me, I should like to acquaint you with myself, Franck Kakou, and my family. I was born in Paris, France, in 1964; graduated from culinary school in Paris in 1981; and served two years in the French Army as an airborne soldier.

In 1993, I came to our great country, the U.S.A., to work. Five years later I married my wife, Wendy, in Minneapolis, MN. That same year we moved to Cleveland, and I began my importing and distributing wine business. Wendy and I are blessed with two beautiful children, Alexander - 6 years of age, and Margot - 3+ years of age. I also have a 16-year old son, Robin, who resides in Paris with his mother.

I was initiated a Mason in France in 1992, a few months after my first son was born. After moving to Cleveland, I joined Forest City Lodge in 2000. Soon, thereafter, I became a part of our Lodge officer corps. In April, 2007, I was extremely honored to become a naturalized American citizen. Though this introduction to Franck Kakou and his family is quite brief, I hope it will whet your appetite enough to come to lodge so that you and I may become better acquainted.

My committees and I have planned an exciting year, one that you will certainly find interesting and entertaining. Our Annual Installation of Officers will occur on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. It will be open to Masons, ladies, and guests. If everything falls into place, as planned, The Grand Master of Masons in Ohio will be in attendance

along with the Grand Chaplain. In attendance, also, will be a French delegation of Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge National of France. Joining us as well will be members of Mosaic Lodge, our sister lodge from Canada. Other dignitaries are also expected. I am truly honored that our installation will be so international in scope. We will open at 5:00 p.m., and a wonderful dinner will precede the installation at 6:30 p.m.

In December we will again renew our widely-known, annual Brotherhood Night or Night With The Clergy. Again, a great dinner will precede the event. We will close out 2008 with a joint children's Holiday Party right in our own lodge building. Forest City Lodge, Lyndhurst Lodge, and the resident Eastern Star Chapter will co-host the event. PLEASE bring your young children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for an afternoon of entertainment and gifts. Many of these youngsters will be the Masons of the future.

In the beginning of 2009, we will post the entire calendar for the year both in our bulletin and on our website, [www.forestcity388.com](http://www.forestcity388.com). One 'sneak preview' is our hosting of the 'typewritten ritual' on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Join us for breakfast and lunch as we learn exactly the correct wording in our ritual work.

The future of our Lodge and of our beloved Fraternity looks bright. We already have candidates waiting to be initiated, and others to be raised. With the help of my fellow officers, these new brethren will be treated to good degree work. Come to lodge and enjoy the ritual work which makes our fraternity so unique.

Your participation at lodge meetings and social events is essential for our lodge to be one of the best in our district, and I am so proud and honored to be the Master for this Masonic year. So come, gather, and bask in this wonderful feeling of Fraternity and Brotherly Love.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Franck T. Kakou,  
Worshipful Master Elect

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## Operative Masonry

### All about monuments – Final Segment

When selecting a monument, remember that it is the only purchase you will ever make that is designed to last forever. It must look just as beautiful 50 or 100 years from now when our children's children come to see it. All stones are not the same. Some retain their appearance, and others darken and discolor.

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*Our thanks to our advertiser, Classic Memorials, for providing the information used in this series of articles.*

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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., November 19, 2008..... Stated Meeting  
and **Installation of Officers**  
5:00 P.M. .... Open Lodge  
6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Program

Wed., December 3, 2008 ..... Stated Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Early Bird Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge

Wed., December 17, 2008 ..... Stated Meeting and  
**Brotherhood Night aka Night With The Clergy**  
6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge  
and Program

**T.B.A.....Children's Holiday Party**

Wed., January 7, 2009 ..... Stated Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Early Bird Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge

Wed., January 21, 2009 ..... Stated Meeting  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge

**Sat., January 24, 2009 ..... Typewritten Ritual**

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

We recently held our 2nd Annual Forest City Lodge Fun in the Sun event. It was very well attended, and 100% of the proceeds collected were donated to the Grand Lodge of Ohio - 2009 Special Olympics - fund. We were able to donate 100%, instead of the 50% as originally advertised, due to the generous donations received from the following companies:

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## Worshipful Brother Marvin H. Hersch

Recently Forest City Lodge #388 observed the passing of Wor. Bro. Hersch. It was my sad duty to serve as Chaplain for the Masonic Services. I would like to take this opportunity to relate some thoughts I have of the Masonic history of this devoted Mason.

Marv was raised a Master Mason in 1955. He was content to simply sit among his brethren on the sidelines until 1982 when son, Barry, embarked upon the "degree journey" which culminated in his becoming a Master Mason. I suggested to Marv that he learn and deliver the charge to Barry, a suggestion to which he eagerly agreed.

Shortly before I was elected Wor. Master in 1982, I met with Marilyn and Marvin Hersch and asked him to consider becoming my appointment to the Officer Corps. He phoned me a few days later and graciously accepted my offer. Marv continued through the "line" learning and delivering all required lectures. He carefully planned and successfully executed his year as Worshipful Master, and it was both an honor and a privilege to serve as his Chaplain in 1989.

After serving as Wor. Master, Marvin continued his active participation in Forest City Lodge in whatever capacity that might be asked of him. He served on the Fellowcraft Team, delivered the M.M. lecture whenever he was needed, he made certain that 'chain calls' to his fellow Past Masters were always prompt and complete, he served as F.C.L. Lodge Education Officer, and many other duties - too many to relate.

On a number of Past Masters' Nights, Marvin would pair with me or other Past Masters to deliver the Master Mason lecture. I will truly miss his participation. May his repose be peace.

Burt C. Siebert, P.M.

## Sunshine Committee Report

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### Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Leonard Markowitz – *raised in 1964*  
Bro. William Szabo – *raised in 1954*

### Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Leonard Hoicowitz – brother of Bro. Morton Hoicowitz and cousin of Bro. Arthur Hoicowitz.

Louis Freeman – father of Marilyn (Wor. Bro. Barry) Siegel.

Donald Porbert – brother-in-law of Bro. William & Ruth Szabo.

Evelyn Bellin – mother of Barbara (Bro. Lee) Janovitz.

Luba Konstantinovsky – mother of Vladimir (not a lodge member, but owner of Classic Memorials, an advertiser in our lodge bulletin).

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

Bro. Howard Marx – is recuperating at home.

Bro. Richard Sanders – is in remission, and has returned to most of his regular activities.

Bro. Edgar 'Bud' Kammer – a 50-year member is now residing at the Arden Courts facility in Bainbridge, Ohio - visitations are limited, but cards are very welcome.

Bro. Dennis Rohal – at home following a mini-stroke. With good care and our prayers, he may be able to return to work in the near future.

The son of Bro. Dan and Rosie Lash – now able to swallow 'whole foods', and is back at work.

Bro. Ronald Bayer – has been admitted to Anna Maria Rehab Center.

Bro. Michael Smith – has undergone spinal surgery, and is currently wrapped in a full-body cast. Cards are welcome.

Millie Rosenberg – wife of Wor. Bro. Alex – is back in the hospital following a heart attack.

Bro. Irwin Singer – released from the hospital after a bout with pneumonia.

## Congratulations to:

Wor. Bro. Jay and Sandra Kaufman – on the Bar Mitzvah of son, Alex, on September 13th.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Morton S. and Donna Negin – on the arrival of Hannah Hausman, great grandchild No. 3.

Bro. Marc Stolarsky – for his annual participation in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society "Light the Night" Walk. Donations to this worthy cause may be mailed directly to Bro. Marc.

Bro. Terry and Susan Marks – their daughter, Dr. Katie Lynn Marks, has completed her residency in internal medicine at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She will be a Fellow in allergy and immunology at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 2005.

Bro. Sam Kool – on the births of three (3) great grandchildren during the past two months. He now boasts, proudly, of eight great grandchildren – 4 boys and 4 girls. All mothers and children are doing well. Bro. Sam also reports that his youngest granddaughter, Emily, has been accepted into the pre-med program at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y. Last, but certainly not least, Bro. Sam was recently selected as the 2008 Forest City Lodge Mason-of-the-Year.

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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 as the information YOU forward to it. PLEASE! Call a Committee member with good news and/or bad news. We want to remember our brethren and their families – whatever the situation may be.*

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## FROM THE EAST

Oh, what a feeling! No, I'm not talking about an automobile ad, but rather I am referring to the numerous events and memories that you have given me via my term as your Worshipful Master. I have learned more about people *and* myself through this experience than I might ever have imagined.

Allow me to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and **our** Lodge. Without the confidence and support of so many of you, we would not have created the memories that I and many of you will have for the rest of our lives. All successful endeavors result from people behind the scenes who work to make things happen. Forest City Lodge is certainly no exception. To list all of the "movers and shakers" would take up a lot of ink, and in so doing I am certain that some names would be inadvertently omitted. After all of your devoted help, the last thing I want to do as I leave office is to hurt somebody's feelings.

Instead, let me just say thank you to (1) my fellow officers – especially our Tyler (my son, Michael), (2) to my committee chairmen and the workers who served under them, (3) to all who worked on the Fellowcraft Team, (4) to the team of Installing Officers, though one was called away by the Great Architect prior to the conclusion of my year, and (5) to my family, especially my wife, Beverly, without whose help I would have been in deep trouble on numerous occasions.

Here are a few of the highlights of this, our Grand Lodge's 200th Anniversary year. We had an offsite installation which attracted the largest attendance of any installation in the 22nd

District – 190 people to be exact. Next, we helped raise more money than ever before for the Special Olympics. This was done through license plate frame sales, officer ritual fines, and our Family in the Sun Day. Together we collected over 200 pairs of eyeglasses which are being 'overhauled', and which will be distributed to those in need.

This year we raised more candidates than was done last year. This was no small task in view of my predecessor's very active degree schedule. As a part of the Grand Lodge's 200th Anniversary, we held one of our meetings in a 'throw-back' manner to the year 1808. All officers were attired in 'period' outfits. For a good laugh, log into our website photo album and see Rt. Wor. Bro. Morton S. Negin looking every bit like Buster Brown or the DutchBoy on the paint can. In addition, 21 of us traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the Special Olympics, and while there, we visited 'old' New England Lodge where we put on a degree.

As I said, Oh, what a feeling!

The officer corps for the coming year is ready to assume the reins of leadership, and with your continued assistance, Forest City Lodge #388 will be propelled to even greater heights. I have been privy to some of the new plans and ideas for this year, and I am certain that we will prove, once again, that our Lodge is alive and well-prepared for the future.

As a Past Master, I have every intention of being an active force in moving our Lodge forward. I shall continue to be your webmaster for as long as the Great Architect of the Universe allows.

Thank you once again for the opportunity of a lifetime – that of serving Forest City Lodge #388 as Worshipful master for 2007-2008. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve you. God Bless our Troops, and God Bless America.

Alan H. Rothman  
Worshipful Master



## Lodge Simulates 1808 Masonic Meeting

A Lodge meeting conducted as if it were 1808 and a meal of wild turkey, stuffing, cornbread, and vegetable soup were part of the Bicentennial celebration dinner held by Forest City Lodge #388. The Lodge officers were dressed in authentic costumes and presented ritual from 1808. Also, a fife and drum provided entertainment after the meeting. ☺

# 18 Masonic Principles in Modern English

1. Serve G-d, as you understand Him to Be.
2. Expect good things in life, and live like you do.
3. Be generous to people in need.
4. Keep your promises.
5. Be industrious, and improve your mind.
6. Remember that there is a life to come, and act with this in mind.
7. Take care of your family.
8. Be tolerant of the honest opinions of others.
9. Keep yourself morally clean.
10. Help your Brother Masons.
11. Learn the ritual work, and be active in Lodge.
12. Protect your own physical and mental health.
13. Be strong in the face of adversity.
14. Make your decisions in a calm frame of mind.
15. Always treat other people fairly.
16. Be proud to be a Mason, but modest in expressing it.
17. Watch for good men seeking what Masonry offers, and assist them within our rules.
18. Be happy and enjoy life.

*By Doug Price, PM, Grand Lodge of Kansas, as printed in the BEACON, a joint publication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Ohio Masonic Home.*

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## Masons Love Our Country With All Their Soul and With All Their Might

**Bro. Daniel Neal Heller – 1924-2008**

Bro. Daniel Heller (not a member of Forest City Lodge), the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA from 1963-64 died at the age of 83 in his Miami, FL home. **He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Shrine.**

Bro. Heller served our country during WWII aboard an aircraft carrier as a member of the U.S. Navy. A practicing attorney for many years in Miami, Bro. Heller was also extremely active in civic affairs. As National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of America, he marched in President John F. Kennedy's funeral procession, and both he and his wife stood behind French President Charles de Gaulle at JFK's Arlington National Cemetery burial.

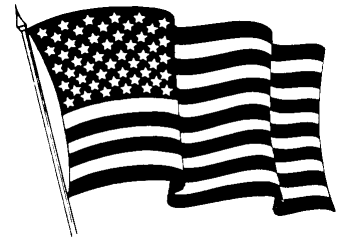
In 1964, Bro. Heller had an audience with Pope Paul VI to discuss anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, during which the Pope said he sympathized with and would pray for Oppressed Jews. During his term as National Commander, Bro. Heller urged all Jewish War Veterans posts to support the racial equality goals advocated by the Kennedy administration.

Bro. Heller was indeed a true Mason and a living example of the goals of our Great Fraternity.

*Taken from The Jewish Veteran, the publication of the Jewish War Veterans of America.*

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## **ANNUAL OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

Open to All

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Opening of Lodge at 5:00 p.m.  
Program at 7:45 p.m.

Dinner by Reservation  
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