

FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

Summer, 2006

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East. I cannot believe that we have passed the halfway mark of this Lodge year. Thus far, this year has been very busy and productive, and the Brethren and their ladies (when apropos) have been treated to outstanding dinners and excellent programs.

The *Early Bird* dinner program has gained new attendees each month as Brethren have passed the word along to other Brethren. Kudos to W.B. Burt Task for his culinary prowess. The Officers' Reception and the Master & Wardens Dinner Dance were both well received, and a good time was had by all. Over 120 Brethren attended our Annual Inspection, and the Officers conferred the Fellowcraft Degree with great proficiency. A full house was on hand to witness our Veteran members receive their 25, 40, and 50 year pins. Likewise, our Annual Sports Night was well attended. Our speaker was Jim Donovan, the *voice of the Cleveland Browns*, from TV Channel 3. We all left with a much better understanding of the Cleveland sports scene. Hats off again to W.B. Task for arranging for our speaker, and for preparing the delicious meal which preceded the event.

We will close Lodge for our summer recess on a busy note. June 21st will be our Annual Table Lodge. The Annual Lodge Golf Outing will take place on July 19th at St. Denis Golf Club, followed by a night of baseball at Jacobs Field on July 29th. Then on August 23rd, R.W.B. Mort Negin and his fabulous committee will again prepare a bountiful feast at the Annual Steak Roast at Horseshoe Lake. For **full details**, consult the Trestle board and/or the enclosed **flyers**.

Lodge will **resume labor** Wednesday, September 6th. Please watch your mail, and our excellent Web Site for further details.

Fraternally,
Steve Friedman,
Worshipful Master

WALKING ON AIR

If you've seen either Bro. Rickman or his wife, Charlotte, lately, you may have noticed that their feet don't touch the ground – or so it seems.



By order of President George W. Bush, Dr. Gregg Rickman (son of Charlotte and Rick) was appointed as the 1st Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism. This position was created by the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act, and is a position which will be housed in the U.S. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

The oath of office was administered on May 22, 2006 by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in the Treaty Room in Washington, D.C.

In attendance at the 'swearing in' ceremony was Dr. Rickman's wife and children, his parents, Bro. Rick and Charlotte, and a number of dignitaries. Among them were Ohio Senator George Voinovich who played a vital role in creating this position, and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

The full text of both Secretary Rice's remarks, and the reply by Dr. Gregg Rickman can be found **online**. Go to "Search" and type in: Dr. Gregg Rickman.

For those of us who know Bro. Rick, we know that he is a 'die-hard' Mason who does his utmost to support Masonry in general, and Forest City Lodge in particular. He has certainly passed on to his now famous son a Masonic legacy of community service, love and loyalty to country, and compassion for one's fellow human beings.

Forest City Lodge #388 F. & A.M. extends heartiest congratulations to Dr. Gregg Rickman, and G-d speed in his new undertaking.

Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Morris Gilbert - a 48 year member. He is survived by his wife, Hilda.

Bro. Bernard Richard Zipser - a 48 year member. Masonic Services were held May 30th.

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Ruth Bloom - widow of our late Bro. Myer, and mother of Bro. Howard. She was a Past President of the Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah.

Lynda Lerner - wife of Bro. Donald. Donations are suggested to the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Research Fund.

The mother of Carol Marks - wife of Wor. Bro. Gerald.

The father of Bro. Isaac A. Lewin.

Elsie Blain - widow of Wor. Bro. George Blain who served as Master in 1971.

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

Bro. Sheldon Kest - at home following a knee replacement.

Bro. Edgar 'Bud' Kammer - at home following a stay at Hillcrest Hospital.

Sherry Lidawer - wife of Bro. Gary - 'recup' at home with a torn ACL.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Morton Negin - at home following knee surgery.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Harvey S. Morrison - please read his article in this Bulletin.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Greg & Marla Berlin - on the birth of daughter, Andie Paige Berlin. The grandparents are Bro. Stan and Cathy Berlin, and the great grandmother is Rieda Berlin - widow of Bro. Aaron "Sonny" Berlin.

Bro. Richard and Charlotte Rickman - see the article about their son in this bulletin.

Contributions to the Sunshine Fund:

Wor. Bro. Jay and Sandra Kaufman - In Memory of Bro. Burton Wolfe.

Helen Gateman - to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of her late husband, Bro. Emanuel Gateman.

BRETHREN: A 'get well' note or a phone call to a brother or his wife helps to brighten the day when someone is ill or injured.

PLEASE contact a member of the Sunshine Fund with any news of a death, illness, wedding, birth, anniversary, graduation, or any other happening.

Bro. Richard Sanders - see Officers for 2005-2006

Bro. Howard Marx - see Officers for 2005-2006

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Wor. Bro. Zalmen Rzepka - see Officers for 2005-2006

Wor. Bro. Steve Friedman - see Officers for 2005-2006

Bro. Mark Nathanson - see Officers for 2005-2006

Don't Pass UP the Test!

I had been one of those men who had not seen a doctor unless something was clearly bothering me - sort of a health laissez faire approach - a "guy thing". Last summer, in the course of some minor dental surgery, I was told that my blood pressure was somewhat high and that I should see a physician. Tests confirmed that diagnosis and I was put on the usual blood pressure (and cholesterol) medication. The tests also indicated that I had a high PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) result indicating some form of prostate problem, and I was told to see a urologist. Although I was not experiencing any of the "usual" symptoms, I eventually found my way to the urologist's office. After further examination and extensive testing, I was told that I had prostate cancer. No discomfort - no difficulties - no pain - but I had prostate cancer.

My doctor, my wife, Patsy, and I discussed the various alternative treatments of this condition and I chose to go through radiation therapy. I was then referred to an excellent radiation oncologist at the Cleveland Clinic and began my treatments late in March. After eight weeks of Monday through Friday treatments, I have finished the process and we are now awaiting the results of my getting "zapped" on a regular basis. Until now, I have not generally publicized my condition, but I do thank those who were 'in the know' for their concern and good wishes.

Patsy and I did a lot of reading about prostate cancer - literature is readily available on the Internet as well as in bookstores. It helped us to make the decision as to the manner of my treatment. This form of cancer is not generally considered to be aggressive and is very treatable, if found early.

This brings me to the purpose of this message - You might feel healthy as a horse, symptom-free and, yet, be totally unaware that your body is under attack. Before this all began, I laughed when a friend asked me about my PSA - I thought nothing of it and went on my way. Please don't follow my example. Have your PSA tested on a regular basis - make that your "guy thing". It will be healthy decision to make.

Harvey S. Morrison, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

From Our *Soon to be Traveling* Webmaster

This is my 2nd of a series of upcoming travels to foreign sites. Beginning June 11th thru June 22, 2006, my wife, Beverly, our children, and I will be journeying to the State of Israel. This trip has been in the planning stages since my kids started Hebrew School many years ago. At that time we decided to enroll in the **Gift of Israel Program**. This program is a joint effort sponsored by the Cleveland Jewish Federation and local Temples and Synagogues. Through this program, children are able to have a fully paid up trip to Israel in seven years. Here is how it works: You enroll in the program and place some seed money into an account. In our case the amount was only \$150.00. We made additional payments, in our child's name, to the account, and after seven years our total payment was nine hundred dollars (\$900.00).

My Synagogue and the Federation matched my payments as long as my child remained in Hebrew School. The final amount available in my situation was \$2,450.00 per child. Not bad for a \$900.00 investment.

We will be traveling with a group from B'nai Jeshurun Congregation and their senior rabbi, Rabbi Steven Weiss. We have an action packed itinerary, and you may track our progress and also see photos the day they were taken by visiting www.keshetisrael.co.il.

Regarding the humanitarian trip to Mexico of which I wrote in the last bulletin, plans are moving ahead according to schedule. We were finally informed of the location in Mexico where our eye clinic would be set up, and where we would be fitting glasses for so many underprivileged people. Up to this time, based upon the number of shots I received, I was certain we were going into the Mexican jungle.

Actually, we will be in Saltillo, Mexico, in the province of Coahuila, with a population of about 600,000 people. Saltillo was founded in 1577 by the Spanish; is the 20th largest metropolitan center in Mexico; and is the oldest city in northern Mexico. One of their best known exports are the brightly colored sarapes. They have been affected by NAFTA significantly, so that both Daimler Chrysler and General Motors have major manufacturing plants located within the city limits. While once considered the Athens of Mexico, it is now referred to as the Detroit of Mexico.

I have contactd the Grand Lodge of Coahuila to see if I might visit a Lodge there. Thus far I've had no reply. **More to follow...**

Allen Rothman
Junior Warden and Webmaster

From the West

I want to start out by simply saying, **Thank You**, to all of you who have attended Lodge this year, and for helping make this a fantastic year. Without **YOU**, it could not and would not happen.

This year the Worshipful Master and his Officer Corps. agreed to restart the **early bird dinner program**. As the year progressed we were all so very pleased as more and more brethren "**jumped on the bandwagon**". At the most recent early bird dinner, we started with two tables; quickly added two more; and finally ended up with eight full tables of brethren enjoying dinner and good fellowship. Past Master Burt Task came over to my table and said, "build it and they will come". Bro. Burt, all your hard work is appreciated by one and all.

For those of you who have decided to come to Lodge, and we thank you in advance, please try to remember to wear your **name badge**. Some brethren are hesitant to ask a brother for his name. If you either lost your name badge or never received one, let an officer know so that we can order one for you. Lastly, despite the lodge room sometimes being a bit warm, a jacket and tie is the proper dress fare unless directed by the Worshipful Master.

My personal thanks goes to:

1. Worshipful Brothers Mitch Freiberg and Mitch Alperin for making the Master and Wardens Dinner Dance happen with such perfection.
2. The brethren and non-brethren alike who relentlessly go down the stairs to work in the kitchen long before Lodge even opens. No amount of thanks is ample.
3. The members of the Sunshine Fund who are on call 24/7 to comfort the bereaved, or brighten the day of someone who is confined due to illness.
4. The members and Past Masters of the Lodge who are ready and willing to do whatever is asked of them – oftentimes without prior notice. Thank you.
5. All of the Officers of our Lodge who work for Forest City – in Lodge and in the confines of their respective homes and offices.

I have really enjoyed this Lodge year, and I trust that you did as well. **Now you know what I am about to say**. If you did not enjoy this year as I did, then you simply did not come to Lodge and get involved. Please, PLEASE, PLEASE come to Lodge; enjoy a nice dinner with your Brethren; sit and relax in our cozy lodge room, and let us entertain you with upcoming events. "Ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but what you can do for your Lodge.

May G-d bless all of you, your families, and loved ones with good health and happiness.

Mark H. Nathanson
Senior Warden

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**FOREST CITY LODGE #388 F. & A.M.
ANNUAL STEAK ROAST**

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

HORSESHOE LAKE PAVILION - Shaker Lakes

We will return to Horseshoe Lake for our
Annual Summer Steak Roast

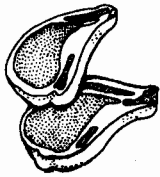
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For the modest cost of **\$13.00** per person, we will be serving

SALAD, STEAK, CORN-ON-THE-COB,

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who make their reservations AND SEND IN THEIR CHECKS**

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Friday, August 11, 2006. For reservations or information
call: Burt Task @ (216) 831-9455 – or – Mort Negin @ (440) 942-1144

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Forest City Lodge Annual Memorial Golf Outing:

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

at

St. Denis Golf Course and Party Center in Chardon, Ohio

18 holes of golf w/cart • Skills contests • Lunch • Steak Dinner • Prizes Galore

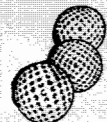
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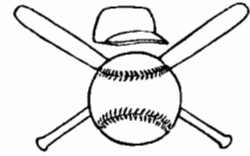
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CLEVELAND INDIANS vs SEATTLE MARINERS



Saturday, July 29, 2006



Game Time: 7:05 P.M.

Gates Open at 5:30 P.M. for Dinner

“All you can eat” Picnic before the game

Hot Dogs, BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, BBQ Chicken,
Drinks, Dessert, and all the ‘fixings’

Adults: **\$16.00** Children: 10 yrs old and under: **\$6.00**

Deadline for reservations:
June 27, 2006 per the Indians management

Name _____

of adults _____ # of children _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

IF POSSIBLE, please seat me with: _____

Tickets will be mailed as soon as we receive them from the Indians
Mail reservations and payment to:
Steve Friedman - 33555 Wagon Wheel Drive - Solon, OH 44139

Editor's note: Frequently in our Lodge bulletin, you have noticed significant mention made of our sister Lodge in Toronto, Canada, namely Mosaic Lodge. Forest City Lodge brethren have made numerous visits north to Mosaic, and similarly the Brethren of Mosaic Lodge have journeyed south quite often to visit with our Lodge. Some of you may have wanted to know a little more about our sister Lodge. Brother Sheldon Kofsky is the Lodge Historian for Mosaic, and he has graciously sent us this brief history of their Lodge.

History of Mosaic Lodge No. 559 G.R.C.

*(Instituted as Palestine Lodge No. 559 G.R.C. in June of 1920)
from the Seventy-fifty Anniversary Booklet*

In the first two decades of the Twentieth Century, there was considerable objection to accepting Jews in existing lodges. As a result, Bro. Arthur Brookstone, with the assistance of three Past Masters of Alpha Lodge No. 384, saw the necessity for a Lodge for people of the Jewish Faith. In 1913 the Mount Sinai Lodge was formed as a Lodge for members of the Jewish Faith and Bro. Brookstone later became one of the founding members of Palestine Lodge No. 559

The year 1920 marked the beginning of the Flapper Era, and the merger of the Royal North-West Mounted Police and the Dominion Police to form the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Around this time a remarkable resurgence in Masonic interest was also taking place when many young men returning from war, began to join various Lodges. Among the new lodges formed at this time was Palestine Lodge No. 559.

On January 28, 1920 Palestine Lodge became a Masonic entity and thus began a saga of Masonic dedication that was to follow unimpeded by time.

The first Regular Meeting of the Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple Building at 888 Yonge St., Toronto, on February 25, 1920, with twenty-one officers and members, together with thirty-eight visiting brethren present. By the end of the first year, the lodge could boast a total eighty members and was showing every indication of a successful future.

At the close of the first year, it was considered in the best interest of the Lodge, for the W.M. (W.Bro. E. J. Redpath) and the other officers to remain in the post for another term. By doing so, it was felt that the officer corps would be strengthened and a solid foundation on which to build a strong and vibrant Lodge would be created. There followed decades of growth and Masonic fraternity with a goodly portion of Charity.

A formal notice came before the Lodge on November 24, 1993, following which a petition was made to the Grand Master for permission to change the name of the lodge to Mosaic Lodge No. 559 G.R.C. This was approved in time for the Ceremony of Investiture and Installation of Officers on September 22, 1994, the commencement of the lodge's Seventy-Fifth year.

Thus a remarkable and wonderful era in Masonic achievement ended after approximately 74 years, and a new future awaited the brethren of the Lodge under the name, Mosaic.

Editor's note: Sincere thanks to Bro. Sheldon Kofsky for this 'bio' of Mosaic Lodge

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio Visitation

Early Saturday morning, April 8 2006 Forest City Lodge continued to extend brotherhood and our cherished principles of fraternity by our visits to the Seventh Masonic District Meeting of Prince Hall. Rt. W. Deputy Grand Lecturer Carl A. Williams was received with appropriate honors and then conducted a harmonious and productive meeting. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters and others were with honors introduced. Then having received appropriate dispensation from the Grand Lodge, a candidate received all three (3) degrees in a shortened fashion and thus became the newest member of the fraternity. Our lodge was recognized as an invited guest and I was given the great honor and privilege of speaking on behalf of our fraternity and lodge, extending to all in attendance, greetings and an open invitation to share in our upcoming brotherhood night.

Upon conclusion of the meeting, fellowship continued through lunch.

I know that I speak on behalf of Burton J. Task, P.M., as well as myself, as we both want to thank those brethren who attended in support of our friend and brother, Carl A. Williams.

Traveling and visitation have long been the stronghold of our profession, and it is that tradition which allows each of us to improve ourselves in Masonry. It's the observance of differences, the understanding of district principles and the actions of similarity which creates the cement which binds us together as one common mass of brethren all, improving ourselves in masonry.

PONDERISM - part I - things to think about

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people died of natural causes. Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure that you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something you've lost around the house is to buy a replacement

Never take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from.

Editor's note: Hope a couple of these made you smile.

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Wed., June 21, 2006 Stated Meeting

5:00 p.m. Lodge opens for Entered Apprentice Degree

6:30 p.m. **TABLE LODGE** and Dinner

For Master Masons ONLY

Dinner: **\$8.00** per person

Lodge is at summer recess

Wed., July 19, 2006 **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

Sat., July 29, 2006 **NIGHT WITH CLEVELAND INDIANS**

Wed., Aug. 23, 2006 **ANNUAL SUMMER STEAK ROAST**

At Horseshoe Lake – See enclosed flyer

Wed., Sept. 6, 2006 Stated Meeting

6:15 p.m. **Early Bird Dinner**

\$3.00 per person

7:30 p.m. Meeting

ANNUAL MEMORIAL NIGHT