

FOREST CITY



LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brethren:

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. Your Lodge has had a full schedule of summer events for brethren only, for brethren and their wives or significant others, and for brethren and their families. I really hope that you had the opportunity to enjoy some or

even all of the events.

The golf outing, under the direction of Wor. Bro. Burt Task, Richard Landis and Bro. Barry Wessler, was well attended and a wonderful day and evening was enjoyed by all. The steak roast, in the ever capable hands of Rt. Wor. Bro. Mort. Negin and Wor. Bro. Burt Task, was as delicious and enjoyable as ever (more that one belt was loosened a notch by the end of the meal). The Cleveland Indians game along with the barbeque behind the fence was a very fun evening. The Brethren, who organized these affairs and brought them to fruition, put in a tremendous amount of time and effort, and deserve a great deal of thanks.

I wish to take this opportunity to discuss one of the basic tenets of Freemasonry, namely Brotherly Love. There has been some complaining, and I understand some unhappiness amongst the Brethren about the attendance at meetings, the manner in which our meetings are run, and the general direction that the Lodge is taking. These feelings need to be expressed, **but** in a constructive manner. Those of us who attend meetings do it for the camaraderie; to be with our Brethren; and to have a good time. It is **not** a good time when all the conversation is negative. We need not only to remember Brotherly Love, but to actively exercise it and become supportive of our Brethren and our officers, so that our meetings become a place where we all want to be.

I look forward to seeing you all at the opening of

Lodge on September 6, 2006. The open meeting will begin at 5:15 P.M. with the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree. We will then break for a delicious dinner prepared by our wonderful cook, Kathy White, at 6:30 P.M. Lodge will reconvene at 7:30 P.M. to conclude the F.C. degree lecture and charge, conduct necessary Lodge business, and hold our Annual Memorial Night service at which we call to mind those Brethren who have entered the Celestial Lodge above during the past year.

Please consult the Trestleboard and our excellent Website for further details.

Fraternally,
Steve Friedman, Worshipful Master

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Every year, Forest City Lodge sells the Entertainment Discount Books to our members, their families, and friends. The **PROFIT** from these sales helps to subsidize both our **Fellowship Dinners AND Early Bird Suppers**.

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Prince Hall Visitation (continued)

In our last bulletin, Wor. Bro. Mitchell L. Alperin wrote a wonderful article about the Forest City Lodge visitation to the Seventh Masonic District Meeting of Prince Hall Masons. It was not until the bulletin had been printed and mailed that we discovered that the final paragraph of the article had somehow been omitted. This omission also included the name of the author. We have printed below, the last paragraph of the article as it appeared in the bulletin, and we have added the paragraph which was omitted. Our sincere apologies to Wor. Bro. Mitch.

“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.”

Through the morning’s observance, all in attendance gained a better understanding of these Masonic principles which distinguish each of us from the common masses, and through our differences we each gain a better understanding that it is through **brotherhood** that our fraternity remains strong.

God Bless and Keep Safe our Servicemen and women, our Country and Our Fraternity.



It Takes Many Hands to Make Work – Light

Did you enjoy our “early bird dinners”? Did you enjoy Chef Burt’s delightful creations? PLEASE: Give Chef Burt a hand. He needs a few assistants to help him create and develop new things in the kitchen. PLEASE, pick up the phone, call Burt and say, “Hi, Chef Burt, can I help you in the kitchen or anything to lighten your load?”. We are only talking about an hour or two once a month. Let’s give Burt the support he needs and deserves as he helps to make our Lodge the best of the best.

The rewards for working with Chef Burt are endless. You will enjoy the friendship, brotherhood, and fellowship that takes place in the kitchen, and as an extra bonus, you will have the opportunity to learn many culinary secrets from Chef Burt. I **guarantee** it.

Chef Burt Task (216) 926-6990

Fraternally,
Mark H. Nathanson,
Senior Warden

Everything I Need To Know About Life, I Learned From Noah’s Ark

1. Don’t miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead – it wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit – when you’re 600 years old, someone may ask you to do Something really big.
5. Don’t listen to critics - just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety sake - travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you’re stressed - float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs...the Titanic by professionals.

Thanks to Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr., for this keen insight.

IPONDERISM - part II *things to think about*

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could learn a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60’s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world **is** weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Politics is suppose to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box of matches to start a campfire?

Do illiterate poeple get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Why doesn’t glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Do you ever wonder why you gave me your email address in the first place?



Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Marvin Irving Dvorin.

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Robert Schur - father of Sherri (Bro. Joseph) Gattozzi.

Richard Corn - brother of Talya (Bro. Alan) Gerstein.

Clifford Senor - brother-in-law of our Junior Deacon, Bro. Al and Veronica Hammes.

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

Bro. Sanford Ziff - recuperating at home.

Bro. Robert Pincus - doing well following a heart attack.

Shirley Gold, wife of Bro. Fred - injured in a fall at a California Bar Mitzvah.

Wor. Bro. Julian Cohen - recovering from hip surgery.

Bro. Lawrence Klein - at home following an extensive stay in the Cleveland Clinic.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Irwin Singer and Bro. Neil & Jacqueline Gilman - on the birth of grandson, Camdyn Hunter Singer, on June 2, 2006. The proud parents are Scott and Julie Singer.

Bro. Robert & Sara Beth Dvorin - on the birth of granddaughter, Emmie Fremont

PLEASE: contact any of the Sunshine Fund committee listed below for **any** and **all** Happenings.

Bro. Richard Sanders – Bro. Howard Marx – Wor. Bro. Zalmen Rzepka – Wor. Bro. Steve Friedman – Bro. Mark Nathanson.

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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., September 6, 2006Stated Meeting

For Masons Only

4:30 p.m. Open Lodge

Entered Apprentice examination and Fellowcraft degree

6:30 p.m. Dinner

\$8.00 per person – or – ticket in Fellowship Book

7:30 p.m.....Meeting

Memorial Night Service

Wed., September 20, 2006Stated Meeting

6:30 p.m. Dinner

\$8.00 per person – or – ticket in Fellowship Book

For Masons, Ladies, and other non-Masons

7:30 p.m.Meeting

Mason-of-the-Year Program

Wed., October 4, 2006Stated Meeting

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

7:30 p.m.....Meeting

Wed., October 18, 2006Stated Meeting

Past Masters Night

For Master Masons Only

5:15 p.m.1st section Master Mason degree

6:30 p.m. Dinner

\$8.00 per person – or – ticket in Fellowship Book

7:30 p.m.Meeting & 2nd section M.M. degree

Wed., November 1, 2006.....Stated Meeting

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

7:30 p.m.....Meeting

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SUMMATION

As this Masonic year draws to an end, I would like to thank all of the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren for the wonderful time I have enjoyed while serving Forest City Lodge as Senior Deacon. Should you see fit to elect me to the post of Junior Warden, I shall not disappoint you.

Though you've read and heard this a hundred times, please come to Lodge as often as you can. Many of you say that the meetings are boring. We have a young line of officers with an average age of about forty-five years. So many of you are unknown to them. We need your input to make Lodge meetings more appealing; to let us know how things were "in the good old days".

In Forest City Lodge, we try our utmost to make everyone feel welcome. Our officers have been studying *overtime* to try to make our ritual work as close to perfect as possible. We need **you** there to critique us, and to make constructive suggestions. Our social events and our dinners at lodge take a back seat to no one. The only thing missing is **YOU!**

Masonry is alive and strong all over the world after all these years because Masons care about others, and continue to live the principals of Brotherly Love and Affection. We need each other to complete that sacred band or society that has allowed us to survive and flourish. May it ever be so.

Fraternally,
Franck T. Kakou
Senior Deacon

Did you ever take a vacation to another country, and then get a feeling of patriotism and joy as you touched down on American soil? You almost want to start singing the National Anthem as you breathe a sigh of relief.

This feeling of coming home is very common among the traveling public. I experienced that same feeling as our Boeing 777-200 touched down on Israeli soil. This was an unexpected surprise, and one that I never even dreamed about. Every experience encountered in Israel helped me cement a relationship and a feeling of belonging. I had never fully understood the impact of the existence of the State of Israel on the lives of Jews living in the diaspora. The ability to live a Jewish life and to be able to pray openly in public was truly an eye opening event. Israel needs us, and frankly, we need Israel.

Some of the highlights of our trip included: hiking in the central Negev Highlands; an early morning hike up to Masada; an archaeological dig at which we actually uncovered pieces of history over 2,200 years old; and rafting on the cool waters of the Jordan River on a very hot day. Three generations floating down the river created memories that will last a lifetime.

My only disappointment was my inability to locate and visit lodge(s) in Israel. Our guide knew nothing about Masonry, so my conclusion (right or wrong) is that Masonry maintains a very 'low key' existence in that part of the world.

Masonic traditions and rituals did come alive for me, however, as we visited King Solomon's Temple. As I entered and walked through the water tunnels, I knew that the tunnels had a deeper meaning than that of just carrying water. I saw keystones and columns adorned with lily work and pomegranates. Despite the recent turmoil precipitated by the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers by Hezbollah, I strongly urge everyone – Jew and Christian alike – to plan a visit to the Holy Land. Judaism, Christianity, AND Masonry, ALL have their roots in Israel. Getting back to one's roots is an amazing experience.

NOTE: I am writing this article at home where I am recovering from surgery. I am totally amazed by the support and fellowship I received from my brothers. My sincere thanks for all of your good wishes.

Fraternally and Respectfully,
Alan Rothman,
Junior Warden and Webmaster

Fraternal greetings to all of you. I trust that everyone is having an enjoyable summer. While tumultuous world conditions are a source of concern for most of us, it still behooves each of us to also look for the fun side of life. I must admit that the balancing act between daily exposure to human misery and having fun with family and friends is a very difficult one.

This summer Karen and I have been camping at a few Masonic campgrounds. With all the men there being Masons, there is always plenty to do. The grounds at Portage Lakes are great for boating and fishing, and the area is quite a restaurant haven. On the other hand, the grounds in Garrettsville, Ohio offer a more relaxed atmosphere, the serenity of nature, and a beautiful swimming pool. With this summer's excessive heat, it was just natural that we should stay close to the pool facility.

Belonging to a Masonic campgrounds means making new friends from a variety of Lodges. A few have become very close friends and brothers. One of these brethren, a Ron Landaus, became ill and had to undergo open heart surgery. My fellow camper, Jr. Warden Alan Rothman, and I have grown close with Bro. Landaus, and are keeping a close eye on him. With Bro. Rothman having his own surgery very recently, I am now closely monitoring the progress of two close friends.

This summer recess has also given me time to think about and plan for my year as Master should I be fortunate enough to be elected this coming November. I want to have events that will be of interest to you, and to your families. Planning things which will improve the future of Forest city Lodge is foremost on my agenda. I urge all of you to send me your ideas and suggestions to help me accomplish my goals.

Should you have any questions about our lodge in particular or Masonry in general, please call me – write to me – or email me. I have a host of Past Masters from whom I can generally glean the correct answer(s).

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Please mark your calendar for our 1st meeting in September - the 6th to be precise. See the Trestleboard for all the details.

Fraternally,
Mark Nathason,
Senior Warden

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS...

Watch for the NEXT Lodge Bulletin for FULL DETAILS!!!

– OR BETTER YET –

Come to Lodge meetings on Wednesday, September 6th and 20th and be among the brethren who get their Lodge ‘info’ first...

1. Election of Officers – Wednesday, November 1, 2006.
2. Tickets are going on sale for our Installation of Officers dinner. Wednesday, November 15, 2006 • Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Share in the mouth-watering delicacies.
3. Officers’ Reception – Saturday, December 2, 2006.
4. Brotherhood Night – Wednesday, December 6, 2006. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
5. Fellowship Dinner books will be going on sale for both men and women. Don’t get in the doghouse with your wife or significant other. Buy her a book too!!!

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A Tradition Continues

On Wednesday, June 21, 2006, Forest City Lodge hosted its 28th Annual Table Lodge. The Grand Lodge refers to this as the Feast of St. John, as it celebrates the Feast of St. John the Baptist or St. John the Evangelist.

This traditional last meeting, prior to the summer break, was started by Wor. Bro. Gerald D. Marks in 1979, and has continued and been enjoyed these many years.

The evening began with the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree, on Mr. Brad Kaufman, by Wor. Bro. Steven L. Friedman. The lecture was given (for his very first time) by Bro. Franck Kakou, our Senior Deacon.

Following the degree conferral, we adjourned to the Social Hall for a sumptuous dinner of either prime rib or salmon. This is sometimes referred to as the "Festive Board." After dinner, we were

addressed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Cygan who spoke about Masonry and the Constitution of the United States. Thirteen of the thirty-nine signors were Masons, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Cygan gave a short 'bio' of each one.

The evening concluded with a message from Most Wor. Bro. James M. Williamson which was delivered by Rt. Wor. Bro. Roger Lynch.

Forest City Lodge continues to thrive due to the rich traditions passed down through successive Masters. We all look forward to the next meaningful tradition, that of our 33rd Annual Brotherhood Night or Night with the Clergy in December, 2006. We feel certain that as always, our Lodge Hall will be filled to capacity.

Sincerely,
Burt C. Siebert,
Past Master