

# FOREST CITY



LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

Fall, 2005

Lyndhurst, Ohio

## MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brethren:

It has been a long summer, and I hope it has been enjoyable for everyone. As my year draws to a close, I should like to thank you for once again allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master for the 2004-2005 year. My special thanks goes to all of the committees and their respective

chairmen for their zeal and dedication which helped make this a great year in Forest City Lodge.

But wait, there's more!!! Lodge will reopen on September 7th with our Annual Memorial Night. I hope to see many of you at the Fellowship Dinner preceding the meeting, and again in the Lodge hall as we resume labor for the remainder of this Lodge year. We will recall those brethren who have passed to the "celestial Lodge above". Please join us as we remember those brethren. Dinner begins at 6:30 P.M., and the Stated Meeting will follow at 7:30 P.M. **Be there and Be Square.**

On September 21st we will hold our Annual 'Mason of the Year' presentation. As always, this event is open to friends and family, and recognizes the accomplishments of a distinguished Forest City Lodge Mason. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. followed by a brief meeting at 7:30 P.M. The 'presentation' and entertainment which will follow promises an enjoyable and memorable evening for all.

The primary business of the Lodge is to 'initiate', 'pass', and 'raise' candidates into fellow Masons. This 'ladder' will be demonstrated by our Past Masters corps on October 19th as they raise a brother in their own inimitable way. This meeting is for Master Masons only and is eagerly looked forward to every year. For those who have never seen it, it is an experience not to be missed. Dinner and Meeting times are the same as shown above.

Fraternally,  
**Zalmen Rzepka,**  
Worshipful Master

## From the West

Brethren, I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable summer, and that you are ready for the return of regular Lodge meetings.

Should I be fortunate enough, come November, to be elected Master of Forest City Lodge, I pledge that I will do my very best to lead our wonderful organization. Many exciting events are planned for you, my brethren, your ladies, friends, children, and grandchildren. I am serious about getting more family involvement in our activities, especially the children and grandchildren of our brethren who can be the future members of Forest City Lodge.

My calendar for the next Masonic year will soon be revealed, and I encourage all my brethren to become involved in the various Lodge functions. I shall also welcome input from any of the brethren, and hope that you will share your thoughts and ideas with me.

It is my sincere wish that with the help of the Past Masters, our talented Line Officers, and the Brethren, Forest City Lodge will continue its tradition of Excellence into the future.

Fraternally,  
**Steve Friedman,**  
Senior Warden

Dear Brethren,

Many groups and organizations have developed an Email notification list. The purpose of such a list is to Email you about changes and Lodge current events that require immediate attention. If you wish to subscribe to this list, please Email me at [webmaster@forestcity388.com](mailto:webmaster@forestcity388.com). Please be sure to put the word, subscribe, in the subject, and include your name somewhere in the document.

Brethren please be assured that this list will not be sold or utilized by anyone else except Forest City Lodge #388. I do not anticipate more than four (4) Emails per month.

**Alan Rothman, S.D.,**  
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## Masonic Education by Barry Siegel, P.M. Associate LEO

Architecture – An Exhibit in Washington, D.C. opened recently, and is running until December 31, 2005 at the Octagon - the Museum of The American Architectural Foundation. This exhibit is focusing on the significant contributions of Freemasons to the design and architecture of Washington, D.C. The exhibit is entitled *The Initiated Eye*. Additional information can be found online at either [www.theoctagon.com](http://www.theoctagon.com) or [www.initiatedeye.com](http://www.initiatedeye.com)

## Masonic Public Awareness

The Masonic Information Center recently issued a report regarding **Masonic Public Awareness**. The study made the following conclusions: **Ideally, today, Masonry should be recognized as:**

1. A serious men's organization, dedicated to personal growth and community involvement.
2. A provider of camaraderie, mutual trust in each other, instant fellowship, and lasting brotherhood.
3. A provider of an atmosphere of inclusiveness.
4. An organization that makes good men better in body, mind, and spirit.

**They then asked, "Who do we want to reach as potential members?"**

After much soul searching, they found that the target market exists among men who can be found in all ages, areas, and groups.

What Masons and potential brothers share is the following:

1. They seek fulfillment through multiple levels of experience, including body, mind, and spirit.
2. They enjoy fraternal fellowship.
3. They want community enriched by participation, dialog, and inquiry.
4. They desire a life that is principled, disciplined, and compassionate.

In conclusion, they said that Freemasonry wants to reach fellow journeymen seeking enrichment in body, mind, and spirit through participation in a brotherhood committed to personal growth, good works, and spirituality. They also said, "We strongly feel that programs must be developed that highlight the central core of our fraternity."

Freemasonry must be centered on the Lodge, and give members opportunities to express themselves through activities that improve the experience of the Lodge, and benefit the life of the community.

Freemasonry sustains its viability as a fraternal organization through its performance of Masonic rituals and values both in the Lodge and throughout everyday life. As trustees of Masonry's rich and valuable heritage, members must continually invigorate their approach to Masonic participation, making it an experience that is rewarding, enriching, and relevant to its members, their families, and the greater communities.

In future bulletins and in Lodge, I will be providing more on how we can increase our Membership. I know this article has been lengthy and quite deep in its content. Your indulgence is greatly appreciated.

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## Hidden Treasures

Recently the movie "National Treasure" shed new light on Masonry and on its 'hidden treasures'. Although the movie was pure fiction, it leads us to explore the hidden treasures in the fraternity itself. Learn how many benefits, scholarships, awards, people, and places are devoted to the 'craft' and established to help make the world a better place.

Recently I discovered a very prominent psychiatrist and university professor who for 29 years kept his Masonry in the closet. Why? Because in his profession, and with his contacts, he feared that others might not understand his intentions in belonging. At his recent demise, no mention was made of his affiliation with the 'craft'. Another recent Masonic treasure discovery came to me when I learned of a "campground made for Masons by Masons". This little treasure is located just 37 miles southeast of our Masonic Temple in Garrettsville, Ohio. Imagine a place to sit back, relax, and share the good brotherhood of your

fellow Masons - all in the comfort of G-d's paradise. This little, well known treasure was created over 35 years ago by some extremely forward thinking and generous Masons. These people put together a legacy for future generations of Masonic families to enjoy for centuries to come.

I urge you to get two points from this article. First, go out and discover for yourself some of the hidden treasures that this great fraternity has to offer. Second, make your own treasures for the future generations of the world. Masonry is too great to keep in the closet.

Information on the campground can be found on our website or by e-mailing me at [webmaster@forestcity388.org](mailto:webmaster@forestcity388.org).

Fraternally, **Alan Rothman**  
Senior Deacon and Webmaster

# Forest City Lodge #388

## Calendar of Activities

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Stated Meeting

MEMORIAL NIGHT

6:30 P.M. Dinner – \$8.00 at the door

Dinner ticket in Fellowship Ticket Book

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Stated Meeting

MASON OF THE YEAR NIGHT

6:30 P.M. Dinner – \$8.00 at the door

Ladies and Guests are cordially invited to join us

Dinner ticket in both men's and ladies' Fellowship Ticket Book

7:30 P.M. Meeting

Program and Entertainment to follow

Saturday Evening, October 8, 2005

MURDER MYSTERY AT WOK WITH WING

Dinner and the 'investigation' begin at 6:30 P.M.

R.S.V.P. to Zalmen Rzepka – evenings (216) 831-0660

-or- (216) 316-4833

\$15.00 per person – space limited to first 35 couples

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Stated Meeting

PAST MASTERS NIGHT 6:30 P.M. Dinner – \$8.00 at the door

Dinner ticket in Fellowship Ticket Book

7:30 P.M. Program and Master Mason Degree

## Sunshine Committee Report

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

Bro. Albert Trabit; Bro. Edward Weisberg.

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

Ruth L. Alperin - beloved mother of Wor. Bro. Mitchell, and widow of our late Bro. Norman; Morris Siegel in Florida - stepfather of Bro. Evan Fineberg; Rose Solomon - devoted mother of Helen (Bro. Lloyd R.) Marks, and grandmother of Bro. Joshua Marks.

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

Bro. Peter Molay; Beverly Kritzer - widow of Bro. Emory; Bro. Allen Hammes; Bro. Leon Shon; Bro. Herman Rosen; Ann Jacobs - wife of Wor. Bro. Ron, and Bro. Marvin Scheer all are recuperating in their respective homes.

Millie Rosenberg - wife of Wor. Bro. Alex is in rehab at Hanna House following a hip operation.

### Milestone Wedding Anniversaries:

Bro. Jack and Trudy Stewart  
50 years - **FABULOUS!!**

### Congratulations to:

Bro. Charles and Riki Levenson - on the wedding of their daughter, Lindsay, to David Alan Silverstein.

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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 7, 2005 ..... Stated Meeting  
**MEMORIAL NIGHT**

6:30 p.m. .... Dinner  
7:30 p.m. .... Meeting

*NOTE: Dinner ticket is in the Fellowship Ticket Book*

Wed., September 21, 2005 ..... Stated Meeting  
**MASON OF THE YEAR NIGHT**

6:30 p.m. .... Dinner  
7:30 p.m. .... Brief Meeting  
8:00 p.m. .... Program

*NOTE: Dinner ticket is in the Fellowship Ticket Book*  
-or- **\$8.00** donation at the door

Mon., September 26, 2005 ..... Special Meeting  
**DEGREE WORK**

6:30 p.m. .... Dinner  
7:30 p.m. .... Rehearsal

Wed., October 5, 2005 ..... No Meeting - Rosh Hashanah

Wed., October 19, 2005 ..... Stated Meeting  
**PAST MASTERS NIGHT**

6:30 p.m. .... Dinner  
7:30 p.m. .... Program

*NOTE: The Fellowship Ticket for this evening indicates October 9th. It **SHOULD** read: October 19th.*  
-or- **\$8.00** donation at the door

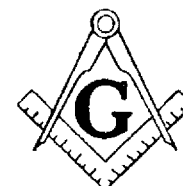
Wed., November 2, 2005 ..... Stated Meeting  
**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

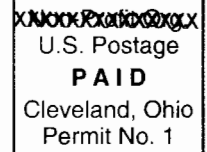
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My Brethren:

I've learned.....that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.....that we should be glad G-d doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.....that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.....that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned.....that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.....that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned.....that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.....that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.....that that love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.....that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.....that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.....that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned.....that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned.....that life is tough, but I'm tougher,

I've learned.....that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.....that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.....that I wish I could have told those I cared about that I love them one more time before they passed away.

I've learned.....that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned.....that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned.....that ALL of the above makes me a better Friend and Brother

Fraternally, **Ron Wolfe**