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LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

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MASTER'S MESSAGE



"Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them."

-Aristotle

I am writing you tonight on a mildly personal note. At every stated and special meeting we introduce a good deal of our brethren. We introduce our past masters, PDDGM's, 50 and 65 year members, and many others. While we introduce a high percentage of brethren present at every meeting

there are quite often a few that do not fit into any of these categories. Brothers like Jack Stewart, Leonard Clark and others make up a very accomplished group of brothers we know as "Masons of the Year". Though we do not introduce them, this is not to say that they are not appreciated or that we do not need them. We often use the term "backbone of our lodge" to describe these brethren. While it is true that they are a driving force to help keep us just and upright, they are not the only ones that provide balance to our group. While we strive to stand as strong and tall as a pillar on King Solomon's temple, sometimes we stumble and it is at that time that we rely on the rest of the brethren to catch us.

A short time into the second term of worshipful brother Jackie Woldering as master of Forest City Lodge, he encountered a change in his work schedule that made it extremely hard to attend all the meetings. At that time our lodge was at a pivotal tipping point as myself and my junior officers were not ready to take over the day to day operations of the lodge. In this hour of our extremity came brother Elliott A. Gross.

Brother Gross became a member of our lodge in the 1980s and immediately became an officer and started moving through our line. He shortly thereafter was forced to move to Chicago for his job causing him to remove himself from the officer's line. While on a trip to Arizona he contracted a very rare disease of his lungs known as Sarcoidosis. Per his diminished capacity he waited until his health improved before attempting to fulfill his decades old obligation to our lodge. Sarcoidosis is a very severe and life threatening disease that the vast majority of people who contract it do not survive very long but our brother was a fighter. He has fought this disease through thick and thin

with his wife by his side the whole time. He fought and fought for over 10 years until his situation improved enough that he could retake his rightful position back in the officer's line at Forest City Lodge. During the 2013-2014 year brother Gross not only took the helm when the ship was faltering on its course, he did so with astonishing results. We had a great year with near record attendances at many events. Brother Gross led this line of officers with great vigor and excellent skill. He made hundreds and hundreds of phone calls, emails, letters etc., etc., etc. in the attempt to reach out and let all the brethren be a part of that year.

Unfortunately it was very taxing upon him. His disease came back and started once again to take its toll on him. It became clear that waiting another three years to become master was not something he was expected to survive. With much admiration and appreciation now Senior Warden Daniel Cohen, and now Junior Warden Alex Meske agreed to take a step back and allow brother Gross to move ahead of us and ascend to his rightful spot in the East. Brother Gross immediately started planning and calling as is his style. He had his calendar done, budget near completion, and letters ready to send when his disease once again knocked him down. Again, fearing that he would not be able to serve to the best of his ability he relinquished his position and was forced to move to Florida due to his wife's employment and his needing to have around the clock care.

Brother Daniel Cohen and I visited brother Gross in the hospital during a trip to Florida in December. I feel horrible admitting this now but at the time I thought he would not make it much longer. His disease had caused paralysis and doctors were suggesting amputation of limbs and telling him he would never walk again. Myself and the doctors made the same mistake the doctors in the 1980s made. We underestimated him. He has once again fought back and is now at home walking with only the assistance of a cane. He is back driving and visiting other lodges in the south Florida area.

He is representing us in a great fashion, not in the fashion of a Past Master for which he so long wrought and is more than deserving of, but a great mason none the less. He is the personification of the tenacity that our lodge at this time needs to reflect. As long as our lodge has people willing to persevere as hard as Brother Elliot A. Gross then we can weather any storm, dam any flood, and put out any fire that may come our way. Thank you Brother Elliot A. Gross for being such a great brother and a very special thank you to all the brothers who have served us in a similar fashion.

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for further information and updates
about future Lodge events –
things do change over time...*

I hope all of you reading this have had a chance to thaw out from the deep freeze of our winter. In doing so I hope you will come out to join us in some of our upcoming events.

Our Annual inspection will be Wednesday, April 29th in the fellowcraft degree. We hope to see you all, Dinner will be prime rib or salmon and the cost is \$12.00 plus a non perishable (canned) food item, or \$14.00. The food collected will be donated to a local shelter for homeless men and women.

Saturday, May 2nd will be our annual Master and Warden's dinner dance. This year's event will be held at Landerhaven party center and the menu will consist of a stuffed chicken breast or Salmon with Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails beforehand. Cost is \$40 per person.

Saturday, May 9th we will be Joining PDDGM Brother Mitchell L. Alperin as we help out in this year's "Riversweep". We will be helping to clean up along the towpath trail in the Metroparks. It will be a great event for families and individuals alike.

This year on Saturday, June 13th Forest City Lodge will be hosting its first annual car show. Price of admission is \$10 per car with driver and \$5 per person. Admission includes refreshments and entertainment.

Reservations for events can be made with Worshipful Brother Jerry Block at JBlock508@wowway.com or (216) 598-0156.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S QUILL

I hope all of you are enjoying the spring time weather that we have been blessed with. I am not sure if it is just part of the aging process but to me winter seems to be getting longer and colder than I remember. Well that's all behind us now at least for the next nine months.

So far this Masonic year we have conferred two Entered Apprentice degrees and one Fellowcraft degree. We have one additional petition to consider and, if all goes well, we will have at least several more.

Unfortunately, we still have to answer to the Grim Reaper who must take Brethren on a journey to face the Grand Architect of the Universe. Many good and influential Brothers have disappeared from our earthly abode in recent history.

This year our Worshipful Master decided to give every newly obligated Brother a Masonic ring to wear. The rings are for the EA degree and FC degree and correspond accordingly to the degree that they just witnessed. The rings will be worn hopefully with pride and returned to the lodge for future candidates going through the process of becoming a full fledged Master Mason.

Recently Right Worshipful Brother Alperin gave an education piece on community involvement. RWB Alperin is arranging a community project where we will assist in the Towpath Clean-up in the Metroparks. This event will take place on Saturday May 9th at 9:00 am. Please contact RWB Alperin to place your name on the list to participate. All participants will receive a complementary Forest City Lodge tee shirt to be worn with the pride and joy that I know you all share in our lodge.

A car show is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th, 2015. It is another way to cause our good effects to become known to the general public and to society at large. Please see our upcoming events on-line at www.forestcity388.com as well as in this, and future bulletins so that you don't miss the chance to have fun, meet new people, and to practice brotherly love.

Serving as your secretary has been a educational and rewarding experience. Recently I had the opportunity to hand out two checks in the amount of \$1500.00 each to a worthy brother who was in dire need of some unexpected financial assistance. One of the checks was from Forest City Lodge and the other was from The Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation. Please consider your tax deductible donation to assist our brothers in a time of need. The pride that I experienced in helping a fellow human being was overwhelming and I thank you for the possibility to perform this task. To me it means that we really are practicing the teachings of the various degrees and putting our words into actions.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Alan H. Rothman your Secretary and Webmaster

Make your check to:
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Springfield, Ohio 45504

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

During the January and February period the Sunshine Committee Members had many visitations, delivered cookie trays and made personnel contact with many Brethren. Just a reminder, please let us know when you have information about the members or relatives of the lodge.

Deceased relations of our Brethren and their family:

- 1/15/15 - Elliot Geller, Brother of Honey Friedman, wife of Edward Friedman.
- 1/10/15 - Faith Golub, Mother in Law of Zalmen Rzepka.
- 1/30/15 - Shirley Sugarman, widow of Robert S Sugarman, Master in the late 1950's.
- 1/30/15 - Norman Kline, brother of Claire Feigeles, wife of Brother Joe Feigeles.
- 2/03/15 - Sheldon Cohen, father of Daniel Cohen.

Hospitalized or recuperating either at home or in a Facility:

- 2/10/15 - Irwin Milner, had surgery, at home recuperating.
- 2/21/15 - Sanford Ziff, fell broken ribs, home recuperating.
- 2/18/15 - Mel Bernsweig, in Hillcrest Hospital and in Montefiore recovering.
- 1/30/15 - Don Samuels, in Ahuja.

Contribution:

- 1/10/15 - Burt Siebert to Sunshine Funds, in memory of Burt Task.

Congratulations:

WB Jerry Block and his wife Jackie, proud grandparents for the first time. WB Jerry Block's stepdaughter had a baby boy on April 12, 2015. The parents are Erin Carey & Travis Crum.

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Do You Have Any Reservations?

Please contact me, WB Jerry Block, for dinner reservations for early bird dinners except for the first week of each month, which is birthday night that Bro. Peter Molay is in charge of. Please also contact me for all big event dinners. You can send me an email at jblock508@wowway.com with your first name, last name, type of dinner, lodge name & number, and email address if applicable. You may also make your reservations at forestcity.com. Additionally, you may also contact me by cell phone at 216-598-0156. If you get my voice mail please leave your name, type of dinner, number attending & number to reach you if any questions need to be answered.

Deadline for big dinners are Sunday night at 9:00 p.m. No reservations will be taken after that time. Food is ordered at 9:00 a.m. Monday morning prior to the event.

I am not taking reservations for the Master Wardens Dinner Dance.

Fraternally
WB Jerry Block

JOIN RIVERSWEEP 2015

Brethren, Family and Friends!

Volunteer, Join Us and Participate
in this year's RIVERSWEEP 2015

Saturday May 9, 2015

This year Forest City Lodge will
be among the many volunteers
participating in Ohio's largest
done-in-a-day cleanup effort.

**Riversweep 2015 will happen from
9:00 am to noon
on Saturday, May 9th, 2015**

Last year 732 volunteers removed
over 70 tons of trash including
781 tires from the Towpath,
Canal Basin and beyond.

Join us and receive a **free** Forest City
Lodge T-Shirt to be worn on that day
and beyond exemplifying your
"Pride in Brotherhood".

To sign-up
contact your LEO, Mitch Alperin at
MLAatty@aol.com or
come to Lodge and personally
add your name to our volunteer list
before April 20, 2015.

Join in the Fun!

Stay for the cleanup luncheon after
including food and entertainment.

Show your
Pride in Brotherhood!

MUSINGS FROM THE WEST

Brethren, as the ice and snow
melt away and the first daffodils
of spring begin to poke their
buttery heads from the frosty
earth, we begin to feel the
awakenings within. Spring is a
time to celebrate the new. If you
have taken a break from getting
out of your house during these
cold winter months, now is the
time to venture out again. The
month of April is a pivotal month in the northeast.
April signals how the spring will be. Will we have a
warm spring with sunny days or will it be a cold and
damp affair? Either way, if you have been taking a
break from venturing out, now is the time to get out
there. Did you know that in April of 1896, after a
break of nearly 1500 years, the first Olympics of the
modern era was held in Athens, Greece? As much
as our winter feels like 1500 years, I can assure you
that it was not that long. There are many events
upcoming, including our Master & Warden's Dinner
Dance. I am very much looking forward to seeing all
of you there.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Forest
City Lodge #388 and all of the members who have
helped me through a difficult time this past winter.
I would like to thank the Grand Lodge of Ohio for
their assistance as well. This past February I learned
what true brotherhood is and can be. As a person who
is generally of the giving nature, it was an unfamiliar
feeling to be in need of strength and support. I would
like to thank the Sunshine Committee for their role. I
would like to thank the officers and brethren of Forest
City Lodge #388 and the other brethren from around
the district who took time out to be sure I was alright.
My father, Bro. Sheldon R. Cohen, a 50 Year Mason
and member of FCL #388 passed on to the Celestial
Lodge Above with his chin up, dignified, unafraid,
and so truly humbled by the actions of our members
and masons both in Ohio and in Florida. My last
memory of my father's face with a smile was when
his 50 year pin was placed on his lapel. "Behold,
how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell
together in unity!"

Brother Daniel N. Cohen
Senior Warden – Forest City Lodge #388

FOREST CITY LODGE #388 F. & A.M.

Master and Wardens Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015



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6111 LANDERHAVEN DR. • LYNTHURST, OHIO 44124



Social Hour: 6:30 P.M. — ENDLESS HORS D'OEUVRES

Dinner Entrée: SALMON OR CHICKEN



ENTERTAINMENT: DJ

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Tables of Eight (8) and Ten (10) Available



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- July-August Bulletin.
Articles Due: June 3, 2015.
- September-October Bulletin.
Articles Due: August 2, 2015.
- November-December Bulletin.
Articles Due: October 7, 2015.

ATTENTION!

Don't lose contact with your Brothers!

It is time to update the Forest City Masonic Lodge #388 Directory

Please submit the following information to:
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Mary R. Woldering, wife of Dr. Jackie Woldering, P.M. announces the publication of her second novel in the series Children of Stone. The title is “Going Forth By Day” and is a sequel to the first book entitled “Voices in Crystal”. Both books are in the genre Epic Paranormal Fantasy.

If you would like an autographed copy, please contact her or Jackie via e-mail listed in the directory, or Mary’s Facebook Page “Mary R. Woldering”. We will bring it to an event or gladly ship it to you. You may also order either book from Amazon or Barnes & Noble online.

For e-book fans, Book 1 is available now. Book 2 will be available by mid April. Contains some Adult content.

Dear Brethren,

Over the course of the next several weeks you should receive a call from one of your officers asking you to confirm your contact information for Forest City Lodge’s updated directory. Please do everything you can to assist them. It will be great for Forest City Lodge to have an updated and accurate directory. This is not connected in any way with the Grand Lodge’s directory.

Thank you