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September - October 2011

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FROM THE EAST



September has arrived, and before we know it, the hot, humid days of summer will be just a memory. In this month and October we will wind down the 2010-2011 lodge year for Forest City #388. I earnestly solicit your attendance so that the year will end as wonderfully as it has been, thus far, throughout this year.

Since our last bulletin we enjoyed a memorable Table Lodge on Wednesday, June 15th with guest speaker, W.B. Timothy M. Dailey. This event was well

attended by both our own brethren and Masons from across the District. It was an evening of good fellowship that was amply boosted by a delicious turkey dinner. We initiated one candidate who sat at the head table as the special Table Lodge ceremony of toasts and songs was performed. My personal thanks to W.B. Julian Cohen for his helpful chairmanship.

Our Annual Steak Roast was held at Horseshoe Lake in Shaker Heights on Wednesday, August 17th. As always our committee of cooks and servers, headed by R.W.B. Morton S. Negin and W.B. Alan Rothman, made this event a smashing success. The steaks with all of the trimmings were superb, and being able to meet with friends, brethren, and the ladies in such a beautiful setting to partake of such a feast has always been the peak of the summer.

We resume labor on Wednesday, September 7th featuring our Annual Memorial Night wherein we recall to memory those brethren who have passed to the celestial lodge above during the preceding year. The meetings on Wednesday, September 21st and Wednesday, October 5th will include degree work as we advance two of our candidates. On Wednesday, October 19th, W.B. Zalmen Rzepka will chair our Annual Past Masters' Night. On this evening, the Past Masters of Forest City Lodge will raise a candidate to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a manner in which only they are proficient.

This year is a special one in that M.W.B. Bradford A. Goebel will be holding the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Cleveland at the downtown Renaissance Hotel on Friday and Saturday, October 14th and 15th. Besides our line officers attending this event, all our brethren have the rare opportunity to attend this Communication without a major financial outlay for travel, lodging, and meals. For further details please call me.

Our Annual Election of Officers will occur on Wednesday, November 2nd, and those elected or appointed are scheduled to be installed on Wednesday, November 16th. Beyond this point the next Wor. Master will set his own agenda. My final comment is that this year has been a wonderful one of learning and growth for me, and I can never thank, adequately, all of my Brethren who

helped make this year one which I will treasure throughout my lifetime.

Again, let me say "welcome back to Lodge". Let us renew friendships and strengthen our commitments to our Lodge and to one another as we go forth into a new season of our Masonic labors. I look forward to being with all of you who can attend Lodge during the coming months, and I hope to hear from those of you who are unable to attend to pass along your best wishes to the membership. Thanks again to my line officers and all those who are making Forest City Lodge the crown jewel of the 22nd Masonic District.

Fraternally,

Jackie Woldering
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

When I was raised in 1968, I accepted the premise that "Wednesday Night is Lodge Night" and I have tried to plan my schedule around it. There may have been interruptions which prevented me from attending my Lodge, such as the three year period that I was honored to serve as a District Deputy Grand Master, but I have generally tried to avoid missing meetings. To a great extent, the practice of regularly attending meetings, and especially watching and participating in degree work has been a pleasant break from every day life.

When I served as Worshipful Master in 1983-1984, it was my goal to make attending Lodge enjoyable, and if it was possible to mix some entertainment into our meetings, we did so. Sometimes the "unexpected" can be enjoyable, as, for example, the night we had an "Ugly Tie" contest.

Unfortunately, since our move from Shaker Heights to Lyndhurst and our loss of at least two meeting nights each month, we are now faced with having to concentrate [and perhaps dilute] the content of our meetings. I recently attended the Deputy Grand Master's "Roll Out Meeting", where he announced that there will NOT be a one-day class during his term of office. Hopefully, we will be receiving a good number of petitions for membership in the near future, which means that we will have to make use of the time that we have to bring these men into the Fraternity in the Forest City tradition of quality ritual work. This means that your Lodge is counting on you to participate in the activities of your Lodge, bearing in mind that the officers you elect to govern and lead are depending on you for the success of Forest City Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
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NOTE: We are required by our By-Laws to open a Stated Meeting on the **first and third Wednesday** of each month, excluding July and August. Variations from this schedule will, to the extent possible, be indicated in **bold type**.

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 Stated Meeting

ANNUAL MEMORIAL NIGHT CEREMONY

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Open Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Memorial Night Ceremony 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 Stated Meeting

Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Open Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Degree Work either F.C. or M.M.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 Stated Meeting

Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Open Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Degree Work either F.C. or M.M.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 Stated Meeting

ANNUAL PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

1st Section – M.M. Degree 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Open Meeting 7:30 p.m.
2nd Section – M.M. Degree

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 Stated Meeting

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Election of Officers –and– Lodge Education program

Please watch the Forest City Lodge website for time and any other changes.

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 Stated Meeting

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Meeting in Tiled Lodge 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 Stated Meeting

Brotherhood Night-Evening with the Clergy

Dinner with Ladies and Guests 6:15 p.m.
Program 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Officers' Reception Brunch 11:00 a.m.
Hilton Garden Inn – Mayfield Village

Wednesday, December 21, 2011 Stated Meeting

Possible Degree Work 7:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT: For further information regarding times, **dinner prices**, or other details, please contact (1) Wor. Master Woldering, (2) W.B. Burt Task, or (3) the Forest City Lodge Website @ www.forestcity388.com

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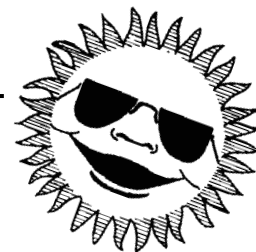
39th ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD NIGHT – NIGHT WITH THE CLERGY

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Dinner with the Ladies – 6:30 P.M.
Open Lodge – 7:30 P.M.
Program – 7:45 P.M.

Dinner Tickets: \$10.00
See Officers for Tickets

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Thank G-D – none

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Celia Elton – sister of Ruth (our late Bro. William) Szabo

Sylvia Schwartz – mother of Bro. Michael Schwartz

Molly Teitelbaum – mother of Bro. David Teitelbaum

Congratulations to, and/or Newsy Tidbits:

Bro. Alan & Karen Berger – on the birth of granddaughter, Lila Cassidy French.

Bro. Edward & Renee Diamond – (1) grandson Andrew Diamond, 18, a senior at Centerville High School this fall, spent the summer at Carnegie-Mellon University studying in the Drama School for Theatre Design and Production. He plans to pursue this field in college. (2) younger grandson Matthew Diamond, 15, participated in the Dayton, Ohio All-City Youth Team Tournament, and

bowled his first 300 game. He was presented his 300 game ring at the Youth Banquet in May.

Bro. Jordan & Pamela Feinstein – of Omaha, NE, announce the birth of son, Levi Benjamin. Great grandparents are Bro. Howard and Shirley Marx.

Bro. Jeffrey & Sharon Levey – on the wedding of son, David, to Hana Ron in Maui, Hawaii this past March.

Wor. Bro. Burt & Jeanne Task – on the birth of granddaughter, Lila Grace Buccheiri, on January 11th of this year. The proud parents are daughter, Marni, and son-in-law, Richard Buccheiri.

Bro. Seth Task – son of W.B. Burt & Jeanne Task, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors (CABOR). Our heartiest best wishes to Bro. Seth who we know will do his utmost to straighten the current real estate problems in our area.

Please: Contact your Sunshine Committee with ANY news – good or bad – so that your committee may respond appropriately.

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Sometime in August or September, we will be receiving our shipment of *Discount Books* from (1) Our Town & All Around –and– (2) Entertainment. The Our Town books will be \$28.00 each, and the Entertainment books will be \$30.00 each. Both are at the same price as last year.

We would like to complete our book sales by the Annual Meeting of Lodge on November 2, 2011. Your cooperation is urgently requested.

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144th ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Dinner [Masons Only] – 6:30 P.M.
Tiled Lodge – 7:30 P.M.

Dinner Tickets: \$10.00
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OFFICERS' RECEPTION AND BRUNCH

Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.

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The opera conveys key Masonic ideals throughout the work ie. brotherhood, tolerance, and wisdom, which battle against the evils of sinister opposition. From the very opening of the overture, in the key of E-flat (three flats), the number "3" dominates the work. The overture begins with full orchestral chords denoting the knocking on the Lodge door, and from beginning to end, Masonic allusions abound. The popularity of the opera was so immense that the Viennese public had to arrive three hours prior to the performance in order to acquire a seat.

Alas, the opera's purpose, the save Masonry in Vienna was not served. In 1792, a year after Mozart's own death, Leopold II became suddenly ill and died. Rumors were rampant that the Freemasons had poisoned him. The new, young Emperor Francis was convinced that Masonry was a threat, and soon

thereafter, all lodges were ordered closed. They would not 'come to light' again in Austria until 1918 – 123 years later.

Though it is proper to recall Mozart for his achievements as an artist, let us not forget to honor his noble heart. He was a zealous member of the Order. His love for his Brothers, his charity, his deep joy whenever he could serve his Brethren with his special talents, these were his great qualities. He was husband and father, a friend to his friends, and a brother to his Brothers. He only lacked riches to make hundreds of people as happy as he would have wished them to be.

On December 5, 1991, at Avery Fischer Hall, 200 years to the day that Mozart went to the "Great Architect of the Universe", Maestro Kurt Mazur and the New York Philharmonic opened the Gala Centennial Evening with The Masonic Funeral Music, K-477 – a fitting tribute to a Brother who gave so much to our beloved Craft and to the world. As comedian Victor Borge put it, "In my dreams of Haeven, I always see the Great Masters gathered in a huge hall in which they all reside. Only Mozart has his own suite".

This series on Mozart was taken from: "Reprint of "Mozart", The Empire State Mason, 1991 Winter Edition. Editor: PGM Kenneth R. Force, Grand Lodge of New York, 1992.