

FOREST CITY



LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

Fall, 2004

Lyndhurst, Ohio

FROM THE MASTER-ELECT



My Brethren:

I should like to thank you for once again electing me as Worshipful Master of Forest City Lodge for the upcoming year. It is always an honor and a privilege to be permitted to serve *our* Lodge.

Installation of officers, this year, will be held on November 17, 2004, beginning with a dinner at 6:30 P.M. in the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple. Tickets for dinner are \$8.00. This will be a *closed* installation at which *ALL* Masons, in good standing, are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, December 1st, we will hold our annual Brotherhood Night in our own Lodge meeting room. The Grand Master of Masons in Ohio has voiced his intent to join us. Details of this event will follow once the other speakers and entertainment are confirmed. This inspiring evening is open to Masons and non-Masons alike. A festive dinner will precede the program. Dinner tickets are \$8.00, and because our seating is limited, we strongly suggest that you purchase your tickets early.

Please mark your calendars!! The Officers' reception will be held on December 4th at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. The choice of entree for this affair is either Medallions of Beef or Salmon. Tickets prices are: members: \$35.00 — non-members: \$45.00. Make reservations early with Howard Marx or Emory Kritzler.

Our annual inspection, this year, will be in the Master Mason degree. Your help is urgently requested to participate in the ritual work of the Fellowcraft Team. I want to continue the tradition of excellence which has always been attributed to our Lodge. New members to the team are always welcome, and I would be personally honored to hear that you are interested. Please call me at (216) 361-4833 after 6:00 P.M.

I look forward to spending quality time with all my brethren and their families this year. Let's work together to make it a spectacular one.

Fraternally yours,
Zalmen Rzepka, P. M.
Worshipful Master Elect

'Adieu' and Thank You

Having just concluded my year as Worshipful Master, I'm in awe of just how quickly this Masonic year has flown by. I thank each and every one of you for the opportunity given to me to serve as your Master

It is my hope that each of you derived a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction from our social activities, our Lodge functions, and both the regular and special meetings of our Lodge.

For all of the successes which we had and which are attributed to 'my year', I didn't do it alone. A large number of individuals played a part in assisting the Lodge in those events and the business of the Lodge, which insured the fruition of all of our endeavors. I intend to express my gratitude to each of them personally, and I hope that each of you feel the same.

My heartiest best wishes go to the next Worshipful Master, and I am certain that he will have a very successful year. If you have the ability to pitch in and help the Lodge in some capacity, and as yet have not done so, please throw your hat in the ring. You will experience a personal reward for the effort.

Ron Jacobs,
Worshipful Master
(2003-2004)

IT'S TIME TO PAY

My Brethern, according to the By-Laws of Forest City Lodge and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, lodge dues are payable upon or before the Annual Meeting of the Lodge. The Annual Meeting along with the election of officers for 2004-2005 occurred on November 3, 2004. Anyone who has not paid their dues by that date is considered to be delinquent.

Our Lodge Treasurer carefully scrutinizes the finances of the Lodge, and the collection of dues has the highest priority in this regard. Please help to ease his job by mailing in your dues at once.

If by chance you have misplaced your 'dues envelope' and you do not recall how much or where to send it, our Treasurer continues to be:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Brethren: You have probably received a letter from the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple Association, requesting a donation for their proposed elevator project. PLEASE NOTE that this letter was sent without the approval of YOUR Lodge.

While this project is a very worthy one, and you are free to contribute if you so desire, KNOW that you are under no obligation whatsoever to participate.

"ENTERTAINMENT 2005"

The *NEW* Entertainment Books for 2005 are now *ON SALE*. Your purchase of these books help to subsidize the fabulous Fellowship Dinners for which Forest City Lodge is famous. The regular price per book is \$30.00.

The *EARLY BIRD* price is only \$25.00 – but only until November 30, 2004. As of December 1st, we *must* sell the books at the regular price.

To make a purchase, call Ron Wolfe (216) 383-9798 or (440) 498-1964.

FROM THE WEST

My Brethren,

My name is Steven Friedman and I am your Senior Warden elect. I joined Forest City Lodge this past year as a plural member. For many years I was an officer in University Heights Lodge, and have been asked to complete my journey through the chairs here in Forest City. I am delighted to be a part of the wonderful tradition of excellence here in Forest City Lodge.

I am a Podiatrist with offices in Euclid and Parma Heights, and for many years I was a full-time faculty member at The Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. My wife, Heidi, and I have been married for 19 years. We have five wonderful children, namely Hilary 17, Adam 16, Pam 14, Ilyse 10, and Hanna 9. We live in Solon with our menagerie of pets. We enjoy traveling as a family, especially to Walt Disney World.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the next year. I pledge to continue the excellent degree work that Forest City Lodge has always maintained.

Steve Friedman – Senior Warden Elect

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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., Nov. 17, 2004 ..Annual Installation of Officers

(For Masons only)

6:30 p.m. Dinner

(Donation: \$8.00)

7:30 p.m. Installation

Wed., Dec. 1, 2004Stated Meeting

BROTHERHOOD NIGHT (Open to everyone)

6:30 p.m. Dinner

(Donation: \$8.00)

7:30 p.m. Program for the evening

Sat., Dec. 11, 2004Officer's Reception

(Details in message from Worshipful Master Elect)

Wed., Dec. 15, 2004Stated Meeting

7:30 p.m. Lodge opens

Wed., January 5, 2005Stated Meeting

7:30 p.m. Lodge opens

Wed., January 19, 2005Stated Meeting

7:30 p.m. Lodge opens

Veterns & Widows Night – (Open to everyone)

6:30 p.m.Dinner

(Donation: \$8.00)

8:00 p.m.Program for the evening

Mon., January 24, 2005Special Meeting (TBA)

Degree Work

6:30 p.m.Dinner

A Different Dimension

Editors note: Bro. Franck Kakou is originally from France. He brings new ideas to Forest City Lodge. He and his wife, Wendy, are valuable assets to our Lodge.

Since I am from another background, it is not easy to express my feelings about the tolerance and fellowship I have received from and with all the brethren of Forest City Lodge along with other members of the Masonic Fraternity.

This coming Masonic year, I will be elected an officer for the 1st time in my Masonic life. It is a great Honor, and I would really like to thank all of the people involved.

I have been a Mason for over 12 years, having been initiated an Entered Apprentice in France; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in Minnesota; and raised a Master Mason in Forest City Lodge. The warmness I have experienced in our Lodge assures me that I truly belong to the lodge whose motto is "Pride in Brotherhood".

I dedicate myself to work harder and stronger for our Lodge, and perhaps in five years, my brethren will have the confidence in me to allow me to ascend to the East. My personal credo is "Freedom By Working". It is what I practice daily, as do most of you, but I also believe that this is the only way Men can express themselves by achieving their work and gaining the freedom they deserve.

Masonic Symbols were always like guides to me. I shall serve Forest City Lodge with the best of my accuracy in Masonry.

Franck T. Kakou
Junior Deacon Elect

"The Case of the **LOST BOWL**"

One brisk afternoon, Leslie Anderson was looking for antiques at a garage sale in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She came across this very pretty round brass bowl. The bowl had scalloped edges and a floral design on the inside. When Leslie arrived home and was cleaning up her purchase, she noticed the following inscription: Made in India

for
W.B. LeRoy J. Gelfand
(Masonic Symbol)
Forest City Lodge #388
Hugo D. Spatz, W.M.

Leslie then decided to go on the internet to try to see if any of the names located on the bowl were still around. She discovered our website, **WWW.ForestCity388.com**, and promptly emailed the webmaster. She inquired if any of the people named on the bowl were still alive, and if the family of the presumed deceased wanted the item as a memorial.

I contacted Leslie and told her that LeRoy's widow was still around and that I would inquire if she wanted the bowl returned to her. After discussing the matter with Natalie Gelfand, she asked that I forward her telephone number and address to Leslie.

This incident only happened within the past month, so we are anxiously waiting to see if Natalie is reunited with her long lost treasure. The next time you see Natalie, ask her about, "The Case of the **LOST BOWL**".

Alan Rothman – Senior Deacon Elect and Webmaster

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Unsung Heroines

During my 55 years as a Mason in Forest City Lodge, I have observed the valuable contributions made by the wives of our members. Some were the backbone of our Blood Bank wherein they made countless phone calls to solicit donors. Some have baked delectable desserts to enhance our "hour of refreshment". Some have worked elbow to elbow with the men to insure great affairs.

Two ladies, this year, deserve the kudos of all our Brethren. They have labored both in the kitchen and at the dessert table for every Lodge event this past year. They have arrived early at the Temple, and have remained after everyone else was gone just to make certain that everything was left in shipshape condition.

These two ladies are Ann Jacobs, wife of Wor. Bro. Ron, and Beverly Rothman, wife of Bro. Alan. Brethren, the next time you happen to see either of these stalwarts, be sure to thank them for a job - well done.

Ronald Wolfe, P.M.

True Brotherhood MUST extend beyond the Lodge

I received a note recently from Helen Gateman, widow of our late Wor. Bro. 'Manny' Gateman. She is now 92 years young and lives alone in Florida. When she and Manny lived in Cleveland, the Lodge was their social life and they had friends galore. Now, her only contact with Forest City Lodge is through our bulletins. She would very much love to hear from any of her 'old' friends either by mail or by phone.

She lives at: 7400 N.W. 17th Street, #302 - Plantation, FL 33313. Her phone number is: (954) 587-2217. By the way, Helen just became a great-grandmother "twice" within a few weeks.

P.S. If any of you brethren or widows of brethren have lost touch with old friends, send a note with your name, address, and telephone number to:

W.B. Ron Wolfe
4459 Gilmer Lane
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We'll include the information in our next bulletin.

Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Myron Goldstein; Bro. Harold Levitt; Bro. Jerry Polatsek.

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Katherine Davis - wife of Bro. Frank; Mildred Fine - widow of Wor. Bro. Lewis; Beatrice Joseph - wife of Bro. Harold; Marjorie Haffner -niece of Ann and our late Wor. Bro. E. Leonard Arnoff; Sarah Laidman - widow of Bro. Albert, and also the aunt of Bros. Theodore and Barry Laidman.

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

Bro. Morris Gilbert; Bro. Terry Marks; Bro. Peter Molay; Bro. Mark Nathanson; Donna Negin - wife of illustrious Bro. Mort; Bro. Robert Pinkis; Bro. Burton Wolfe; Margie Zeman - friend of Bro. Norman Douglass; Bro. Emory Kritzler; Bro. Sanford Ziff; Bro. Robert Dorsky; Bro. Burton Margolis; Bro. David Conant.

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries:

Bro. Seymour and Fern Press celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise to the Bahamas with their family.

Wor. Bro. Mickey and Claire Eichler celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Harold Danto - on the marriage of granddaughter, Jessica Husteck, to Malcolm Glennie. They met at the University of Queensland, Australia, and now reside in the U.S. where Jessica is continuing her education in nursing.

Bro. Morris and Hilda Gilbert - on becoming great grandparents to Nathaniel Logan Eisenberg (parents: Adam and Jill of Westerville, OH); to Nadav Oren Weiss (parents: Danny and Jessica of University Hts.); and to Raleigh Moss Berman (parents: Meredith Moss and Donald Berman of Brooklyn, NY).

Bro. Sanford and Sally Ziff - proud grandparent of Nadav Oren Weiss (see above).

Bro. Charles and Riki Levenson - on the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey, to David Silverstein.

Bro. Richard and Charlotte Rickman - on the birth of granddaughter, Gillian Natalie Rzepka, (parents: Dr. Rick and Vikki of Solon, OH).

Wor. Bro. Mitchell and Marcia Alperin - on the birth of grandson, Jacob Logan Shoylar, (parents: Kelly and Alex).

Bro. Barry and Marcy Wessler - on the birth of grandson, Grant Wessler, (parents: Bret and Shelli).

Bro. Greg and Maria Berlin - on the arrival of daughter, Emma Danielle. She becomes the 1st grandchild for Bro. Stan and Cathy Berlin of Erie, PA, and a great grandchild of Bro. Aaron "Sonny" and Rieda Berlin.

Helen Gateman, widow of Wor. Bro. Emanuel - on the recent arrivals of great grandson, Joshua Eli Nelson, and great granddaughter, Marissa Danielle Kahn.

Contributions to the Sunshine Fund from:

Helen Gateman - her Annual gift in memory of our late Wor. Bro. Manny Gateman.

Corrections from our last report:

We reported the passing of Allen W. Epstein. Mr. Epstein is alive and well, living in Florida with wife, Vivian.

PLEASE CALL US WITH *YOUR* NEWS OF BIRTHS, GRADUATIONS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OTHER HAPPENINGS.

NOTIFY: Bro. Richard Sanders of any Sunshine Fund happenings. Call us at (440) 255-4155 or FAX (440) 255-0048. The answering machine and FAX are always on.

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As our Website continues to grow, the awards keep piling up. As of this date, our Website has won seven (7) awards. The home page has been viewed over 900 times. The following are the awards won thus far:

3-12-04 – The Florida Mason Award

3-13-04 – The George Washington Past Masters Award

3-15-04 – The Daylight Lodge - 2 Awards

3-23-04 – Helena Lodge

3-27-04 – West Milton Lodge

5-10-04 – The Operative Webmason Guild — *this award requires special mention since only a select few lodges have been so recognized. It is based upon content, speed, and ease of use.*

Please remember that this is Your Website, and the Webmaster really needs your input. If there is any part of the Website that you would like to see changed, or if you have have any information that you would like included or deleted, please email the Webmaster at [webmaster@ forestcity388.com](mailto:webmaster@forestcity388.com). Web information update forms will be available at the Tyler's desk. When filled out, please return them to me. The creation of this website has been a labor of love, and I hope it will continue to serve our Lodge for many years to come.

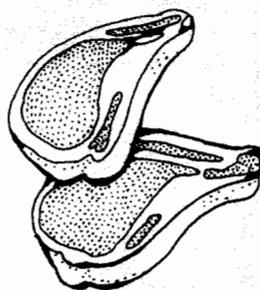
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Another Fabulous Steak Roast

To those of you who have never attended a Forest City Lodge Steak Roast, you are missing a *wonderful meal*, but even more, you are missing the warmth and fellowship of brethren, their ladies, and other friends getting together and having a *really* good time. Brethren, who like myself, are up in years can remember the days before TV and all the other myriad of extra-curricular activities when friends and/or families would gather together for a cook-out or a picnic. MUCH LIKE our Lodge Steak Roast.



This year, 192 people attended this event. As you can well imagine, the broiling of steaks (or chicken for those not eating meat) along with all of the other preparations necessary required a devoted and hard-working committee of Brethren, their ladies, and their children and families.

A 'big hand' of appreciation goes to Mort Negin, daughter, Adrienne Hausman, and friend Tony DiLillo; to both Burton and Seth Task; to Sue (Mitchell) Freiberg; to Alan and Beverly Rothman; to Ron and Ann Jacobs; to Frank Orlove; to Richard (Dick) Weiss; to Millie (David) Kaplan; and to Harlan Siegel.

The Lodge Education Officer

The primary quality of the Lodge Education Officer is to manifest alertness. Alertness in his duty in attending the LEO workshop; alertness in knowing the Lodge education forms, handbooks, and programs; alertness in having contact with other education officers; and of prime importance, alertness in meeting with the Worshipful Master and knowing what he expects of his Lodge Education Officer.

It is the responsibility of the LEO to have one candidate counselor for every five candidates, and to fill out all the required forms and return them to the DDGM in a timely manner.

This year I will again have Wor. Bro. Barry Siegel as the Associate LEO. Be aware that the candidate is the backbone of your lodge, and his satisfaction makes the Lodge successful.

Finally, I should like to leave you with a brief speech written by General Douglas MacArthur, a soldier, a general, and a brother. It is titled: "In honor of the American serviceman and women".

When the country is in need,
it has always been the soldier

It's the soldier, not the paper, who has given us
"Freedom of the Press"

It's the soldier, not the poet, who has given us
"Freedom of Speech".

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer, who
has given us Freedom to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the Flag,
who serves under the Flag.

It's the soldier who is called upon, to defend
our American way of life.

David Kaplan
Lodge Education Officer

Personal Reflections

Serving our Lodge as Senior Deacon will be a great honor for me. On several occasions, last year, I had the pleasure of filling in at this position. The intense feeling of bonding that you acquire from the experience of assisting a candidate is immense. I shall never forget the night when for the first time, I performed the faithful duties attached to this office.

I wonder who was more frightened, the candidate or I. We both shook and trembled as though we were an out-

of-balance tire traveling at 95 mph. Actually, I believe that my nervousness added to the candidate's comfort and to his total experience.

As I study and learn the many different parts, I am awed by the complexity and thoughtfulness that went into the Masonic rituals. I am trying to put my Masonic lessons into practice in my everyday life, and sometimes everyday lessons into My Masonic life.

For example, I learned that it is best to give praise loudly and publicly, but if taking one to task, do it quietly and privately. This rule is especially effective in business and aids in the formation and retention of teams. Isn't our Lodge really a team? We share the same common goals and aspirations. Why then should we not give praise in Lodge for all to hear, but correct the failing of our brethren softly and in private. Would that not show the world that we are a light unto the nations, and that we truly practice Brotherly Love.

The future of our great fraternity is in our hands. We need to teach, practice, and glorify the tenets that we all embrace so dearly. I wish to publicly thank those of you who have given me encouragement, and embraced me with knowledge. It is now incumbent on my generation to carry on, and to improve on the legacy left by the millions of Masons who have preceded us. Those of you who have assisted me know who you are, so please consider this your LOUD AD PUBLIC PRAISE.

Alan H. Rothman
Senior Deacon Elect

Welcome Our Newest Mason

The occasion of the Annual Past Masters' Night of Forest City Lodge witnessed the *raising* of Scott Nicholas Lidle to the *sublime degree of Master Mason*. Bro. Lidle proved to be a very good sport as the Past Masters conferred the degree in their own, once-a-year, unique way.

Bro. Scott has resided in Willoughby Hills for almost three years with this wife, Geri, and their three children, Megin, Tiffany, and Mitchell. Scott originates from Youngstown, Ohio, and is the General Manager of the M.B. Electric, Inc.

When you see Bro. Scott in Lodge, please give him a Forest City Lodge welcome.



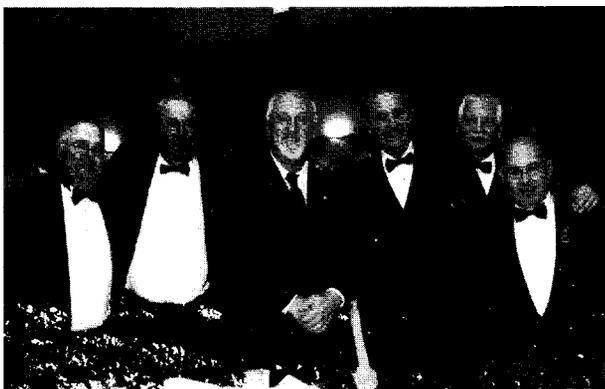
OUR BROTHERS TO THE NORTH

Early Monday morning, September 20, 2004, with coffee in hand, a small but determined contingent of our Brethren set off to carry on the age-old Masonic tradition of visitation. On Monday evening after being welcomed by our Brothers to the North (in Ontario, Canada), and being content with the evening's bounty of food and drink, we as a group engaged in the age-old, yearly tradition of renewal.

Mosaic Lodge No. 559 installed their Master, Wor. Bro. Sheldon Rose along with his corps. of officers. Their ceremony is rich in tradition and requires some fifty participants to perform. Unlike our installation, they open in each degree, perform the Past Master's degree, and finally close in each degree. The Past Master's degree is only observed by Past Masters, and is performed as part of their installation. In Ohio, this degree is performed either in Chapter, or in a special Past Master's convocation a day or more before the Master is installed. We are always warmly received, our colors are always presented, and our National Anthem is always sung by all present; which begs the question, "how many of us can sing O'Canada?".

Our Master, Wor. Bro. Ron Jacobs fittingly presented Wor. Bro. Sheldon Rose our traditional traveling plaque and cordially invited Mosaic Lodge members to our upcoming installation, November 17th. Ron then presented some Cleveland sports memorabilia to Sheldon for his crops of officers as has become the custom during such visitations.

In turn, we were each presented a gold coin commemorating 150 years of Freemasonry in Ontario, Canada.



The installation presentation was magnificent, with each word carefully and artfully drafted to convey its ritual meaning. Officers and members alike prepared and presented each part to ensure the rite of Masonic teachings. As I think back upon that evening, let me share with you a quote from a brother's presentation that went something like this:

He said that there are three (3) types of wood, namely:

Deadwood, Driftwood, and Hardwood

Deadwood is like a mason who becomes a member of a lodge and never attends;

Drift wood floats in and out of lodge at their whim;

-but-

Hardwood is there day after day, working to insure the structure and longevity of Free Masonry.

Following the Lodge ceremony and dessert reception, the tradition of good Fellowship continued as some brethren drank a toast to visitations and friendships.

Early Tuesday A.M., again with coffee in hand, having said fond farewell to our Brothers from the North, the arduous ride home was had. Enroute, one Brother asked, "Why carry on this tradition, it's a lot of effort for such a short amount time?". Another Brother answered, "It is all about Masonry, it is what we do...it keeps us strong, and it preserves Brotherhood into the Next Millennium."

God Bless America...

Fraternally and Respectfully,
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Worshipful Master, 2000

