

FOREST CITY

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

MASTER'S MESSAGE



My Brethren:

It has been a very eventful Masonic year so far and I hope that you have enjoyed the programming. Magic Night with Manny Sperling was fantastic, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Valentines Night gave us a moment to show our appreciation to our ladies, and to enjoy with them, the music and entertainment of Jim

Marzullo who once again put on a fabulous show. Thanks goes out to the Demolay for their touching flower presentation. Homeland security was an interesting, enlightening evening shared by our brethren, wives and guests. Special thanks to Bro. Gary Lidauer for his invaluable help in arranging this evening.

On Wednesday, March 16, we will be honoring our veterans and widows beginning with dinner at 6:30, followed by our award ceremony and musical entertainment. If you know of any widows who have not been contacted, please let me know. For this evening they are guests of the lodge and we would like to show our ongoing support to our lost members' families.

Saturday, April 16 we will once again be enjoying our 10th annual Night at the Orchestra arranged by W.B. Mitch Alperin. For information and reservations, please contact Bro. Mitch.

Saturday Night, May 7th is our Master and Wardens Dinner Dance - this year held at the Normandy Party Center. The cost for this event is \$35 for members or \$45 for non-members. The price includes appetizer, dinner, dessert, open bar and musical entertainment. Bring your dancing shoes. For more information, please contact Bro. Howard Marx.

This year's inspection will be on Wednesday, April 20th which will be open to all brethren. This year's inspection will be in the Master Mason degree. The fellowcraft team will be meeting on Monday, March 28th to rehearse. Dinner will be provided. Your help is needed to keep the work in this degree up to the high standards Forest City has always achieved. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact me at 216-831-0660 after 6:30 pm.

Zalmen Rzepka,
Worshipful Master

FREEMASONRY IN ISRAEL

As we approach the spring season and the holidays of Passover and Easter, we are reminded of just how closely Christianity and Judaism are related. The practice of Freemasonry in Israel could and should be a model for the rest of the world. The two official languages in Israel are Hebrew and Arabic. Masonic lodges operate in those two languages, as well as in six others, namely: English, French, Spanish, German, Rumanian, and Turkish. There are eight (8) lodges located in the City of Jerusalem, and many others can be found throughout the entire country.

Israel is often criticized by the media as being biased, dogmatic, and abusive towards others who don't fit the mainstream philosophies. Masonry offers Arabs and Israelis the opportunity to sit down next to each other and practice *Brotherhood*. It appears in Israel that the bonds of our brotherhood are stronger than the bonds of traditional Arab vs. Israeli hate.

Another example of Israeli tolerance of self-expression, especially in Freemasonry, is present on the altar in every lodge in Israel. In a lodge in the United States, you will usually find just one bible on the altar. This bible either corresponds to the majority faith of the lodge members, or to the faith of the candidate upon whom the degrees are being conferred. In Israel, *all* lodges utilize all three (3) volumes of sacred law which are opened side-by-side on the altar. These volumes are the Hebrew Bible (The Tanach), the Christian Bible, and the Koran (Islam).

Further evidence of social tolerance is denoted by the following symbol: a Jewish Star of David, a Christian Cross, and a Muslim Crescent are all intertwined with a square and compasses. Oftentimes it is possible to attend a lodge meeting where more than one language is used during the meeting.

I should like to conclude this brief expose' by quoting the Grand Lodge of Israel. "Despite its small size, the Grand Lodge of Israel can be proud of having been able to foster and develop a true and fraternal spirit within its lodges even under the most trying external circumstances. We must endeavor to bring our message of enlightenment, toleration, and fraternal love to all. Thus helping to build a better world for our children."

Alan Rothman,
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Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Robert R. Cohen; Bro. Meyer Harry Goldberg;
Bro. Jack "Jay" Herman; Bro. Harold Joseph; Bro. Jay A.
Jaffe; Bro. Thomas J. Lester; Bro. Bernard Schwartz;
Bro. Cyril E. Winston.

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Judith Fien - niece of Bro. Melvin & Goldie Fishman;
Sanford "Sy" Katz - uncle of Wor. Bro. Stuart Marks and
Fran (Bro. Peter) Molay; Herman Sims - formerly a
member of Golden Square Lodge.

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

*Please Note that inasmuch as this bulletin is published
every two months, many of the individuals listed below
may have fully recovered.*

Wor. Bro. Earl Agin was hospitalized; Sandra
Blankfeld, wife of Wor. Bro. Marvin was hospitalized;
Rita Barron, widow of Bro. Sanford, was taken to
emergency room, but was not hospitalized; Wor. Bro.
Frank Candela was hospitalized; Wor. Bro. Julian Cohen
is home following knee surgery; Maxine Fine, wife of
Bro. Paul, recuperating at home; Bro. Gerald Garr was
hospitalized; Bro. Joseph Gattozzi is home after knee
surgery; Bro. Neil Gilman is recuperating at home; Wor.
Bro. Ronald Jacobs is back in Lodge following a hospital
stay; Bro. David Kaplan, our Lodge Education Officer, is
home after a stay at the Cleveland Clinic. Dotty
Kaufman, widow of Ben and mother of Bro. David and
Wor. Bro. Jay, is recuperating at home; Bro. David Lash
is recuperating at home; Bro. Lawrence Klein is at home
following surgery at the Clinic; Shirley Marx, wife of
Bro. Howard, suffered a terrible fall at Lodge - was
rushed by EMS to Hillcrest Hospital Emergency Room;
and thank G-d, she is improving rapidly at home; Bro.
Melvyn Molecke is recuperating at home; Bro. Phil
Moskowitz is in re-hab at Montefiore Home; Mark
Negin, son of Donna and Rt. Wor. Bro. Mort, is at home
after knee surgery; Gloria Orlove, wife of Wor. Bro.
Frank, is home from the hospital; Bro. Robert Pinkus at
home recovering from broken ribs. Bro. Dennis Rohal is
home following surgery; Robin Rzepka, wife of Wor.
Bro. Zalmen, is recuperating at home after surgery;
Janice Sedory, wife of Bro. Albert, Jr., is undergoing
treatment; Bro. Marvin Scheer had eye surgery, and is
back at home; Bro. Nicholas Vajad is at home
recuperating from middle ear problems.

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries:

Bro. Art and Fran Taylor - 55 years - *fantastic*.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Howard Marx - 80 years young.

Bro. Marty & Sheila Silverman - on the arrival of twin
grandchildren, Brayden Morgan & Peyton Liza Salomon.
This makes ten - *so far*.

Helen Gateman, widow of Wor. Bro. Manny - on the
birth of great grandson Chase Ryan Greenamy.

Bro. Neil & Jacqueline Gilman - on the birth of
grandson, Bryce Mason Gilman.

Contributions to the Sunshine Fund from:

Bro. Sanford and Sandra Victor - In Memory of Bro.
Emory Kritzler.

Bro. Rueben and Nancy Michelson - In Honor of Bro.
Howard Marx's 80th birthday.

David & Lynn Feldman - In Memory of Bro. Emory
Kritzler.

Wor. Bro. Jay and Bro. David Kaufman - to the
Cleveland Foodbank on behalf of Forest City Lodge
#388. Every dollar generates enough food to prepare four
(4) meals.

*BRETHREN, IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEND A
CARD OR CALL THE ABOVE MEMBERS WHO ARE
RECUPERATING AT HOME FROM HOSPITAL
STAYS. KIND WORDS AND WISHES ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME. THIS WILL GIVE A BRIGHT
SPARK OF APPRECIATION AND HOPE.*

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

NOTIFY: Bro. Richard Sanders at (440) 255-4155 or
FAX (440) 255-0048. Both the answering machine and
the FAX are *always* on.

An Unexpected Blessing

The man whispered, "G-d, speak to me", and a meadowlark
sang.

BUT, the man did not hear.

So, the man yelled, "G-d, speak to me", and the thunder
rolled across the sky.

BUT, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "G-d, let me see you", and
a star shined brightly.

BUT, the man did not see.

And the man shouted, "G-d, show me a miracle", and a life
was born.

BUT, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me G-d, and let me
know you are here".

Whereupon G-d reached down and touched the man.

BUT, the man brushed the butterfly away...and walked on.

"Brethren, don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't
packaged in the way that you expected it to be. Nature
speaks in many ways. Bless all the members of Forest City
Lodge, and may each of you along with your family have a
blessed year."

This inspiring message was sent to us by 41-year Forest City Lodge
member, Bro. Leonard Markowitz, Past District Education Officer of
the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio.

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., March 16, 2005Stated Meeting
Veterans & Widows Night – (Open to everyone)
6:00 p.m.Lodge opens
6:30 p.m.Dinner
7:30 p.m.Meeting
8:00 p.m.Program
Mon., March 28, 2005 Special Meeting
Degree Work (for members only)
6:30 p.m.Dinner
7:30 p.m.Rehearsal
Wed., April 6, 2005Stated Meeting
7:30 p.m.Lodge opens
Sat., April 16, 2005.....Orchestra Night
Wed., April 20, 2005Stated Meeting
Annual Inspection (for Masons only)
5:30 p.m.1st Section
6:30 p.m.Dinner
7:30 p.m.Introductions
8:00 p.m.2nd Section
Wed., May 4, 2005Stated Meeting
7:30 p.m.Lodge opens
Sat., May 7, 2005Annual Master & Wardens
Dinner Dance (*Flyer to Follow*)
Wed., May 18, 2005Stated Meeting
Sports Night (*open to all*)
6:30 p.m.Dinner
7:30 p.m.Program
Wed., June 1, 2005Stated Meeting
7:30 p.m.Lodge opens
Wed., June 15, 2005Stated Meeting
Table Lodge
5:15 p.m.Introductions and E.A. Degree
6:30 p.m.Dinner
7:30 p.m.Program

FROM THE MAIL BAG...



Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr. was raised in 1972. He currently resides in Florida. His late father, Bro. Albert, Sr., was a 60+ year member of Forest City Lodge, and rarely missed a meeting.

Bro. Al writes “I still can associate faces with many names as I read the TrestleBoard. My son, David, ran into Bro. Peter Molay at University Hospital. He spotted a Forest City mouse-pad on Peter’s desk, and that initiated the conversation.

David, my son, finishes Medical School at Case Western Reserve University in May, and will do his residency in San Antonio Brooke Army Hospital in

orthopedic surgery. He will marry in Jamaica on 6-04-05. David is a member of Brandon Lodge #114, Brandon, FL.

My wife, Jan, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, 4th stage, in August, and is currently getting chemotherapy.”

Editor’s note: If anyone would like to write to Bro. Albert, or to send a Get Well card to Jan, the address is: 2517 Culbreath Cove Court – Valrico, FL 33594-6387.

Bro. Morris Blatt has been a Mason for 34-years. Though retired, both he and lovely wife, Hilda, are active volunteers with RSVP – ‘Retired Senior Volunteer Program’. Wherever RSVP sends them, they go – for example: the Cleveland Playhouse, Red Cross Blood Banks, Cleveland Sight Center, and many more.

Bro. Morry wrote us the RSVP had selected and driven them, along with three other couples from this area, to Columbus, Ohio. There, with eighteen other couples from around the state, they were recognized by the Ohio Department of Aging for (1) their collective volunteering efforts, and (2) because each had been married for fifty (50) years or more. By no coincidence, this event was held on February 14th – Valentine’s Day.

They were all driven to the home of Governor Bob Taft and 1st Lady, Hope Taft. She spoke to the group on their keys to success. As Morry related to us, “She and her staff were delightful. Pictures were taken, and they made us all feel at home”. He also said, “the RSVP hostesses accompanied us the entire day. We were honored”.

(In addition to volunteer work, Morry is Past Commander, Jewish War Veterans Post #44, Past Cuyahoga County Commander, and Past Department Commander for the State of Ohio. Not to be outdone, Hilda is Past President of Jewish War Veterans Post #44 Women’s Auxiliary, and Past President for both the County and State Auxiliary).

Brethren AND ladies, we would love to hear from those of you who either reside out-of-town, or who live in the Greater Cleveland area but rarely if ever come to Lodge. Our Lodge is a family, and members want to know about others in the family.



The TRUE SPIRIT of AMERICA

Remember the guy who got on the plane with a bomb built into his shoe and tried to light it? U.S. District Court Judge William Young sentenced 'would-be bomber' Richard Reid to *life imprisonment* plus 110 years. I thought it important to make you aware of portions of the statement made by Judge Young condemning Reid in particular, and terrorists in general:

"We are not afraid of you or any of your terrorist co-conspirators. We, *are Americans*. We have been through the fire before. You are *not* an enemy combatant. You *are* a terrorist. You are *not* a soldier in any war. You *are* a terrorist. To call you a soldier gives you far too much stature. We do not negotiate with terrorists. We hunt them down, *one by one*, and bring them to justice.

It seems to me you hate the one thing that is most precious. You *HATE* our freedom. Our individual freedom to *live* as we choose; to *come and go* as we choose; to *believe or not believe* as we individually choose. Here, in this *society*, the very winds carry freedom. They carry it everywhere from *sea to shining sea*. It is because we *Prize* individual freedom so much, that you are here in this beautiful Courtroom. So that everyone can see, *truly see*, that *justice* is administered *fairly, individually, and discreetly*. The way we treat you is the measure of our own liberties. Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America, the American people will gather to see that *justice, individual justice – justice, not war – individual justices is in FACT being done*. See that flag, Mister Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag *stands* for freedom. You know it *always will*."

Our thanks for permission to use the above article, to Don Rothman, Commander, Jewish War Veterans Post #44. The article recently appeared in their newsletter, the *Walkie-Talkie*.



"Spoken From The Heart"

I was just sitting down at my desk, listening to a telephone message from Rt. Wor. Bro. Mort Negin that he was sending a membership petition to my son, Eric, who resides in Boca Raton, FL, for the April 9th Grand Master's one-day degrees. Bro. Negin has done so much to help me over the months to see my son become a Mason.

Not only has he contacted the Grand Lodge of Florida to obtain the necessary waived jurisdiction for him to join OUR Lodge, but he has called me numerous times to wish me well through a hard and difficult year. Bro. Mark Nathanson has likewise called me often and visited me both at Hillcrest Hospital and at Montefiore Home where I spent two weeks in 'rehab' for three broken ribs.

Bro. Mark wanted me to speak and write about my experiences as a Principal at Shaw High School for many years. As I sat at my desk and thought about it though, my thoughts were not about a former position, but rather about people such as Bro. Paul Fine who brought me flowers; Wor. Bro. Burt Task who gave me a hug at Montefiore Home as I sat in my wheelchair; Wor. Bro. Bert Siebert, my old coach for whom I have the greatest respect, who also visited me; and all of the other brethren who have called me over the many months in which I have been ill.

All of this support has and will make it possible for me to see my son become a member of Forest City Lodge. This has been the greatest enjoyment a father can pass down to his son, upon the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth which have been the traditions our founding fathers held dear, and that good men of every race, religion, and ethnic origin still value today and can pass on to their children.

I truly feel that I have been blessed by being a part of Forest City Lodge, and would like to thank all the members who called me, especially the ones like Wor. Bro. Al Rosenberg who phoned me each and every day to wish me well and help bring up my spirits.

"Bro. Mark, these are the stories you want to hear about. Not my experiences as a Principal at Shaw High School, but the ones I have been able to share for over 25 years as a member of Forest City Lodge. Likewise the Masonic symbols that have guided me for a better life. The true friends I have made over the years by attending Lodge. These are the true stories you want the brethren to write about. This is why I took the time to write this letter and "toot" about our Lodge."

Fraternally,
Bro. Bob Pinkis – raised in 1978

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"I'M NOT OLD.....just mature"

Today at the drugstore, the clerk was a gent.
From my purchase, this chap took off ten percent.
I asked for the cause of the lesser amount'
He answered, "Because of the Seniors' Discount".
I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries;
and there, once again, I got quite a surprise.
The clerk poured some coffee which he handed to me.
He said, "For you, Seniors, the coffee is free".
Understand - I'm not old - I'm merely mature;
but some things are changing; temporarily, I'm sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day;
and people speak softer - can't hear what they say.
My teeth are my own (I have the receipt);
and my glasses identify the people I meet.
Oh, I've slowed down a bit...not a lot, I am sure.
You see, - I'm not old - I'm only mature.
The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun.
You should see all the damage that chlorine has done.

Washing my hair has turned it all white;
but don't call it gray...saying 'blond' is just right.
My car is all paid for...not a nickel is owed;
yet a kid yells, "Old duffer...get off of the road!".
My car has no scratches...not even a dent;
still I get all that guff from a punk who's 'Hell bent'.
My friends all get older...much faster than me.
They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see.
I've got 'character lines', not wrinkles... for sure;
but don't call me old...just call me mature.
The steps in the houses they're building today;
are so high that they take...your breath all away.
And the streets are much steeper than ten years ago;
that should explain why my walking is slow.
But I'm keeping up on what's hip and what's new;
and I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo.
I'm still in the running...in this I'm secure;
I'm not really old...I'm only mature.

Our thanks to Bro. Alan Rothman, Senior Deacon & Webmaster

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WHERE? – Severance Hall in University Circle

COST? – \$118.00 per couple (parking is not
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PROGRAM? – ALL Mozart – a symphony, a
divertimento, and two (2) piano
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ANNUAL LODGE BUS TRIP NIAGARA FALLS, HERE WE COME!!!

Forest City Lodge will again travel this summer on a bus trip. This year's destination will be Niagara Falls during the weekend of August 12-14, 2005. We will take a deluxe motor coach to the Falls, and stay at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel.

The trip will be highlighted by attendance, on Saturday, August 13, 2005, at the performance of "Gypsy". This musical will be presented in the Festival Theatre at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Cost of the trip is \$400.00 per person based on double occupancy. Full details and a sign-up sheet are included in a flyer located in this Lodge Bulletin. For further information, please contact Wor. Bro. Jerome Kustin at (216) 292-4943 - *evenings only!!*

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

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PLACE!**

Although it may not seem like it at this time, Spring is, indeed, on its way! You all know what that means! "Golf Season" is almost here! Last years' Memorial Golf Tournament is still fresh in our memories. Those memories make us eager for this years' tournament.

Last year we had 118 golfers; plus marshals and others in attendance. We are hoping for even more this year, as we will not have a conflict with another member's tournament held on the same day. Those who attended the past few years know that the food and prizes were "Grrrrreat!" We plan on making things even better this year!

Early reservations are a MUST, as we anticipate a sellout!

(A sign-up coupon is printed below.)

It is important to remember that not only is this one of THE social events of the Summer, but it is also a **Major Charitable Fund-Raising Event** for our Lodge. Please make your plans (and reservations) early, so that YOU can participate in this fabulous day of fun and fellowship.

Fraternal Regards,

BARRY WESSLER, RICHARD LANDIS, & BURTON J. TASK, P.M., GOLF CO-CHAIRMEN

WHAT: 18 HOLES OF GOLF w/CART
Skill Contests • Lunch
Steak Dinner • Door Prizes Galore

PRIZES: (FOR HOLE-IN ONE) 1 Car • 1 Trip
& 1 Set of Golf Clubs
Plus other Prizes for Closest to the Pin, Etc.

REGISTRATION: Starts @ 9:30 A.M.

FEE: Lunch, Golf, Cart, Dinner, & Prizes = \$110.00/person

LUNCH: **10:45 A.M. SHARP**

Lunch, Dinner, & Prizes ONLY = \$55.00/person

SHOTGUN START: **11:30 A.M. SHARP**



Please Check Appropriate Box:

Twosome Sign-up [] Foursome Sign-up [] Single - Match Me Up []

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