

# FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

September - October 2010

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

## FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



To All of My Brethren:

The summer recess is almost history, and we will resume labor on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010. I hope each of you, along with your respective families, experienced a healthy and enjoyable summer.

While the phrase ‘summer recess’ might signify hibernation for some brethren and even for some other lodges, Forest City Lodge hosted several events for our brethren and their families. The first was an evening of food, baseball, and fireworks with the Lake Erie Captains in Eastlake, Ohio. Bros. Michael Rothman and Chris Stafford chaired the event, and all who attended had a great evening. More recently a large number of us, again with our families, enjoyed the Annual Steak Roast at Horseshoe Lake in the Shaker Lakes. This always ‘sell-out’ event was chaired by R.W. B. Morton S. Negin and W. B. Alan Rothman. For many brethren, the term Annual Steak Roast has become synonymous with Forest City Lodge #388.

On Wednesday, September 1st, we will hit the ground running with our Annual Memorial Night and also our Annual Mason-of-the-Year Award. Open to Masons and non-Masons alike, the evening will begin with a wonderful “Kathy White prepared-dinner”. Reservations are a **MUST!!!** Also open to family and friends is our meeting on Wednesday, September 15th. Following an *Early Bird dinner*, we will have our monthly birthday night. This, in turn, will be followed

by a *special presentation by Elyria Lodge of “A Rose Upon the Altar”*.

We will visit Mosaic Lodge in Canada on Monday, September 20th and Tuesday, September 21st. W.B. Franck Kakou is in charge of this trip, and more detailed information can be found in the Trestleboard.

Forest City Lodge #388 is extremely proud of (1) being the only lodge in Ohio to be awarded the coveted Mark Twain Award, through the diligent efforts of then W.B. Franck Kakou and his diligent and devoted committee of workers; of (2) R.W.B. and Illus. Bro. Morton S. Negin being the first Mason in Ohio to receive the “Sovereign Grand Commanders Award”. This will be presented to him on Monday, August 30th in Philadelphia, PA by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masonry; and (3) to be the hosts for R.W.B. Bradford Goebel’s ‘roll out program’. With the blessings of the Great Creator, R.W.B. Brad, in October, will be elected and installed as the next Grand Master of Masons in Ohio.

Remember always, that we ARE brothers who should care for each other, and that will allow us to know the true meaning of Masonry.

Fraternally,  
Allen Hammes  
Worshipful Master

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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.

Wednesday, September 1, 2010.....Lodge Re-convenes –  
Stated Meeting

### **Annual Memorial Service and Mason of the Year**

6:30 pm .....By Reservation Only ..... Dinner  
7:30 pm ..... Open Lodge  
7:45 pm ..... Program Begins

**Please attend Lodge on this evening as we  
pay tribute to those Brethren who have passed to the  
Celestial Lodge above during the past year.**

Wednesday, September 15, 2010..... Stated Meeting

6:30 pm ..... *Early Bird Dinner*  
7:30 pm ..... Open Lodge

### **Birthday Night AND Presentation by Elyria Lodge of “A Rose Upon the Altar”**

### **Monday & Tuesday**

**September 20-21, 2010..... Trip to Canada  
to visit Mosaic Lodge and witness their  
Annual Installation of Officers**

Price is \$120.00 per person

RSVP to W.B. Franck Kakou (216) 426-0979

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 ..... Stated Meeting

7:30 pm ..... Open Lodge  
E.A. Degree to be conferred

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 ..... Stated Meeting

### **Past Masters’ Night**

6:30 pm .....By Reservation Only ..... Dinner  
7:30 pm ..... Open Lodge  
M.M. Degree to be conferred by the Past Masters

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 ..... Stated Meeting

7:30 pm ..... Open Lodge

### **Annual Election of Officers**

Show your support for our Officer Corps by attending  
this meeting and casting your vote.

**IMPORTANT:** For further information regarding times,  
*Early Bird* dinners, or other details, please contact (1) Wor.  
Master Hammes, (2) W.B. Burt Task, or (3) the Forest City  
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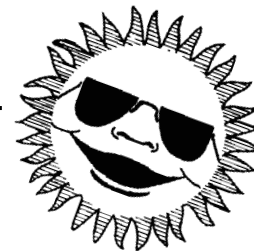
For more than ten (10) years, your editor has ‘chaired’ “A Night At Northfield Track” for several other organizations. I have always made it available to Forest City Lodge members as an ‘un-sponsored lodge event’, and almost every year a few members and their wives do attend.

This year the event will be held on Saturday evening, October 16th, from 6 p.m. until ??????. The cost of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per person includes (1) free parking, (2) free racing program, (3) admission to the clubhouse with special seating, and (4) a sumptuous ‘all-you-can-eat’ buffet dinner which begins at 6 p.m. and goes on and on until approximately 9 p.m.

If any of you are interested, make your check payable to: Forest City Lodge, and Mail to:

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



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

Bro. Simon Apple – *raised in 1939*  
W.B. Earl Agin – *raised in 1959*  
W.B. Maynard Melamed – *raised in 1952*  
Bro. Samuel Richman – *raised in 1961*

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

Harriett Bressman – wife of Bro. Herbert.

Grandmother of Bro. Dan Cohen – passed away in Israel – she was also the mother of Bracha Cohen (formerly married to Bro. Sheldon).

Gloria Orlove – wife of W.B. Frank.

Myron Paige – father-in-law of W.B. Steven (Heidi) Friedman.

Sadie Presser – mother of W.B. Martin, and grandmother of Bro. Mark.

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

Bro. Harold Berson – currently residing at Montefiore.

Bro. Sheldon Cohen – at home following arterial stent implants.

Claire (Bro. Joseph) Feigeles – recuperating after undergoing a hip replacement.

Rose (Bro. Dan) Lash – at home following podiatric surgery.

Bro. Richard Rickman – recuperating after the installation of a defibrillator in his chest. Bro. 'Rick' and wife, Charlotte, recently experienced a fire which totally destroyed their home. Their current, temporary housing is: c/o Homewood Suites – 25725 Central Parkway – Beachwood, OH – (216) 464-9600.

### Congratulations to:

Forest City Lodge, plus a "Thank You" note from the Grand Lodge Secretary for the Lodge contribution to the Special Olympics Fund.

### Contributions to the Sunshine Fund:

From Phyllis Green – In Memory of her late husband, Bro. Edwin Green.

***Editor's Note:** How marvelous it is to report on the birth of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We know that death is inevitable, but new babies are truly a gift from the Almighty, and a wonderful treat to mention in our Bulletin.*

***Brethren:** A card or phone call is always welcomed by someone ill at home, in a nursing facility, or in a hospital. It will certainly provide a Bright Spark of Appreciation and Hope.*

### IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

*Your Sunshine Fund Committee is only as good as the information YOU forward to it. PLEASE! Call a committee member with good news and/or bad news. We want to remember our brethren and their families – whatever the situation may be. **Sunshine Chairman:** Bro. Howard Marx (H) 440-542-1889 (Cell) 440-463-1889 Email: howshir@roadrunner.com or **Co-Chairman:** Bro. Dan Lash (H) 216-531-2668 Email: rosiedan@att.net*

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The summer recess is drawing to a close, and along with the cooler weather comes a renewed interest in Masonry. September brings a more directed sense of urgency toward the coming season of Grand Lodge, election and installation of officers, and the many inspections which will follow after the first of the year. We have enjoyed baseball games, playing golf, swimming, vacations, and partaking in the Annual Steak Roast of Forest City Lodge. Now it is time to resume *labor*, and what fantastic *labor* it is, enriching not only our lives, but those of our families and friends through the wonders of this ancient institution called Freemasonry.

I've spent the better part of the summer (1) teaching a couple of classes in Computer Science at Cleveland State University, and (2) stepping up my biking, running, and walking – enough to shed about 15 lbs. thus far. Although not for everyone, this thrice weekly program of exercise coupled with a reduced intake of calories seems to be an effective method to gain control over a waistline which normally has a tendency to increase over time. Suffice to say, the program will serve me well during the upcoming series of dinners and desserts served us during the season of installations and lodge inspections.

You, like me, should be impressed with the cadre of enthusiastic new members, not all of whom are young in age, but all of whom are young in Freemasonry. Each of these new Forest City Lodge Masons has demonstrated a willingness to help, a drive to work hard, and a desire to belong to something larger than himself. During the coming years, those of us who have been around the Lodge for a period of time need to encourage the interest of our fledgling members by teaching them our committee skills, and sharing the responsibilities of planning and bringing Lodge events to fruition – with happy results for all.

Are you a member who has joined Forest City Lodge within the last 3-5 years? Make it a point to come to our meetings so that you can help and be visible to those planning and looking for volunteers for events. Listen to what goes on during meetings; learn

the rhythm of the rituals; and absorb the energy of Masonic interaction.

Are you a veteran member with knowledge of committees and events to share? PLEASE share this knowledge with a newer member or members so that they are fully prepared to step in when needed to plan and execute events, or be a leader or member of an important Lodge committee. On the other hand, if you spend time in lodge sitting on the sidelines and observing, there is no time like the present to start getting involved in YOUR Lodge activities.

As your elected and appointed lodge officers, we do quite a bit of work. We represent, however, less than 3% of the total lodge membership. We have time to do just so much in addition to our regularly assigned duties, our leadership roles, and ritual floor work. It is you, the 97% balance of our membership who perform the majority of event and committee work, and to whom your Lodge is deeply indebted for taking care of the execution and heavy lifting involved in putting on the superb affairs that solidify the reputation of Forest City Lodge within the 22nd Masonic District.

Every indicator predicts that the spotlight will be on Cleveland and its surrounding Masonic jurisdictions during the 2010-2011 Grand Lodge year, so each of us needs to be resolved to do our part to make our 22nd District shine. Be prepared to come to Lodge not with an attitude of obligation, but one of determination and desire to make Forest City Lodge the best for all involved. Endeavour to communicate more effectively, free yourself from petty grudges, renew old friendships, and forge new alliances that will propel us forward. We are poised and ready to encounter a truly amazing and exquisitely rare confluence of events, and I hope that you are equally as excited as I am to play a part in the celebration. We will work! We will enjoy! It will be glorious!

Fraternally,  
Jackie Woldering  
Senior Warden

## “17 CENTS A DAY CLUB” – UPDATE

EXHILARATING... that's the only way to describe the feeling at the response to our “17 Cents A Day Club” – with EVERY PENNY going to help the underprivileged.

Since our last bulletin, Bros. Alan Apisdorf and I. Ronald Moskowitz have joined the ‘bandwagon’, and existing members have sent in their additional monthly \$5.00 (or multiples thereof) payments. To date, the CLUB has received five hundred fifteen dollars (\$515.00) in member contributions, and the Brotherhood Night committee consisting of W.B. Jay and Bro. David Kaufman are virtually on ‘cloud nine’ with the extra good that Forest City Lodge will be able to do this year.

PLEASE, consider joining the Club with a minimum donation of \$5.00. It won't hurt your personal budget, and the personal satisfaction is priceless. Make checks payable to: Forest City Lodge Brotherhood Fund and mail to:

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Here is the current list of members:

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### **MEMORIAL NIGHT and MASON OF THE YEAR**

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

**Dinner 6:30 p.m.**  
*(Prepared by Kathy White)*

**\$10 per person**

**Reservations by  
Saturday, August 28 to  
Worshipful Master Allen Hammes  
(216) 215-0759**

## **A TOUCH OF HUMOR**

**from Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr.**

Subject: Changing a light bulb Masonically

Three (3) brethren are required:  
one to actually change the bulb;  
one to take minutes of the procedure;  
and one to sit on the side line and say,  
“that is not the way we used to change a light bulb”.

A doctor was addressing a large audience.  
“The material we put into our stomachs is enough  
to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago.

Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your  
stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG.

High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us  
realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs  
in our drinking water. However, there is one thing  
that is the most dangerous of all, and we all have  
eaten or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what  
food it is that causes the most grief and suffering  
for years after eating it?” After several seconds of  
silence, an elderly gentleman in the front row  
raised his hand and softly said, ‘Wedding Cake’.

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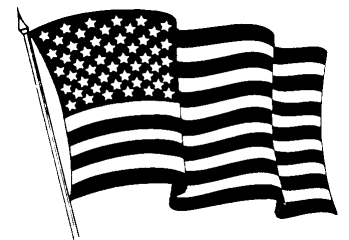
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The Bill of Rights, formulated by a dedicated group of men, some of them Freemasons, guaranteed the basic rights of U.S. citizens, and protected them against the intrusions of the state.

Die Zauberflote (The Magic Flute) by Bro. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was an operatic attempt by both composer and librettist (Bro. Emmanuel Schikaneder – 1751-1812) to convey to the general public, through allegory, the noble ideas of Freemasonry, and thus save the Craft from certain eradication by the political authorities in Vienna.

*The response to our “Scots and Freemasonry” series (a form of Lodge education) has prompted a new series beginning with the above introduction.*

The Editor