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FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



As I stood in the East for the first time as Master of Forest City Lodge, I realized there, that I was a part of history; that I was the Master of a great Lodge made up of my Masonic brothers.

Our Annual Installation of Officers was very well attended, and our Installing Officer, R.W.B. Robert Hibjan helped to make the event even more impressive. There was one difficulty which occurs almost every year and for most of our dinners. Many people show up for dinner without having made advance reservations. This causes big problems for our servers. In order to alleviate this situation in the future, we will hereafter seat those with reservations, and then, if there is room available afterward, all others will be seated.

It is my sincere desire to be able to bring our family and friends together, and in so doing, make a lasting, positive impression of Masonry and Forest City Lodge on them so they may say, "this is my type of lodge, I would like to be a part of what I see!! I will petition to become a member".

In keeping with the theme of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Terry W. Posey, "FREEMASONRY, IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY", we have planned what we believe is an outstanding schedule of events that we hope will involve the wives, children, and friends of our lodge brothers. Among our events are our standards, i.e., Brotherhood Night (which was held on December 16th), Sports Night, Steak Roast, and the Master & Wardens Dinner Dance (May 8th, 2010), to which we have added a Murder Mystery, a Captains baseball game, Whirlyball, and a 50's sock hop – plus others.

With humility I pray that I am able to be the kind of Master you want and deserve. Join me in making this a year that we all will enjoy.

Fraternally yours,
Allen Hammes
Worshipful Master

THE MASONIC FOOTPRINT OF OUR NEW GRAND MASTER

For those who either do not receive or do not bother to read the "BEACON", 'A Joint Publication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Ohio Masonic Home', here is a brief synopsis from that publication on the masonic life of our new Grand Master, M.W.B. Terry W. Posey.

Raised in 1978 at John W. Durst Lodge #716 in Dayton, Ohio, our distinguished brother served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1990. He is a plural member of Millennium Lodge #779. He served as District Education Officer for the 2nd District from 1999-2001, and as District Deputy Grand Master from 2001-2002.

He is a member of Victory Chapter #210, Royal Arch Masons; Silver Trowel Council #141, Royal and Select Masons, and Reed Commandery #8, Knights Templar. He is a plural member of St. George's Commandery #76, in which he served as Eminent Commander in 2008, and has been awarded the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple.

A member of the Valley of Dayton, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he served as Sovereign Prince of Miami Council, Princes of Jerusalem from 1996-1998. He was coroneted a 33rd degree Mason in 1997, and has served as a Trustee of the Valley since 1998. He also serves as General Counsel of the Valley.

The list goes on and on, but you get the idea. Lest we forget, however, M.W.B. Posey and his wife, Cheryl, are members of Dayton-Victory Chapter #594, Order of Eastern Star. Earlier this year, Bro. Posey joined the Ohio Masonic Home Board of Trustees, inspired by the care his mother received as a resident of the Pathways Center for Alzheimer's Care.

In his private life, although it doesn't seem that he has much time for it, M.W.B. Posey is a member of the private law practice, Posey and Caspar, in Dayton, Ohio, specializing in personal injury, domestic relations, and representing injured employees before Ohio pension funds.

With all of the above 'on his plate' and more, being Grand Master should be a 'piece of cake' for Most Worshipful Bro. Terry W. Posey. Nevertheless, we wish him every success and G-d speed on his journey of destiny as he leads the Masons of Ohio thru 2010.

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January 6, 2010.....Stated Meeting

Veterans Awards Night

Open to both Masons and non-Masons

6:30 pm..... Dinner by **Reservation Only**

7:30 pm..... Open Lodge

7:45 pm..... Program

January 20, 2010.....Stated Meeting

Early Bird Dinner??? - call the Master to verify

7:30 pm..... Open Lodge

February 3, 2010.....Stated Meeting

7:30 pm..... Open Lodge

Saturday - February 13, 2010..... Valentine Sock Hop

Event Chairman: Barry Siegel, P.M.

For details call: (216) 932-4094

February 17, 2010.....Stated Meeting

6:30 pm..... *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 pm..... Open Lodge

Birthday Night

March 3, 2010.....Stated Meeting

7:30 pm..... Open Lodge

March 17, 2010.....Stated Meeting

6:30 pm..... *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 pm..... Open Lodge

Birthday Night

Saturday - March 20, 2010..... Whirlyball

Event Co-Chairmen:

Brothers Chris Stafford and Michael Rothman

Wednesday - March 24, 2010..... E.A. Degree

Mosaic Lodge Visitation

All Day Event...Call Master for Details

Wednesday - March 31, 2010 ... Extra Meeting (if needed)

NOTE: All dinner reservations must be made with Wor. Bro. Hammes or one of the officers.

Full course dinners: \$10.00 per person

Early Bird dinners: \$5.00 per person

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 Lodge Website @ www.forestcity388.com

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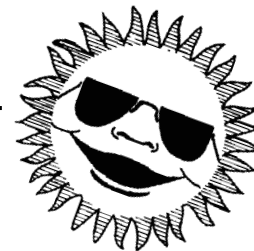
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Howard Glickman – raised in 1958
Bro. Alan Gray – raised in 1955
Bro. Joseph Greenes – raised in 1965
Bro. Roland Kraus – raised in 1942
Bro. Seymour Press – raised in 1997

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Milly Cadkin – sister of Sally (Bro. Sanford) Ziff

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

Bro. Philip Moskowitz – returned home prior to additional testing to be performed in the hospital.

Bro. Barry Wessler – at home recuperating from surgery.

Bro. Dick Sanders – undergoing a ‘booster’ series of chemo-therapy.

Joan Jackson – wife of J.D. Dale is at home following knee replacement surgery.

Bro. Abe Kadis – currently residing in Menorah Park in “Euclid #144”.

Carole Kline – wife of Bro. John, hospitalized in Hillcrest Hospital.

Bro. David Kaplan – is presently in Montefiore Home.

Bro. Fred Gold – admitted to University Hospital for a surgical procedure.

Congratulations to:

W.B. Chester Willey – on the birth of Danika Brigit, his 3rd granddaughter.

Bro. David Rothenberg – on the forthcoming marriage of his son.

Bro. Bryan and Marci Novak – on the birth of son, Evan, on Oct. 27th, 2009. The proud grandparents are Bro. Marc and Kathy Novak.

Bro. William Hoon – on getting married during the weekend subsequent to his being raised to the sublime degree of M.M. in Forest City Lodge. He has since announced that married life is great.

W.B. Donald & Paula Samuels – on the marriage of their daughter, Sheila.

Bro. Dr. Stewart & Alyce Segall – on the birth of granddaughter (their 4th), Caroline Grace, to Melissa & Michael DiGioia of Seattle, WA. The proud great grandmother is Bessie Segall, widow of our late Bro. Erwin.

Bro. Arthur & Frances Taylor – on the arrival of great granddaughter, Zoe Credico, to Allison & Joe Credico of Willowick, OH.

W.B. Ronald & Shirley – on having attained a “6-pack” of great grandchildren. The newest addition is Leah ‘Lizzie’ Aliza Kramer, daughter of Samantha and Benjamin of Flushing, NY. The great, great grandparents were W.B. Sol H & Betty Wolfe, both of blessed memory.

Bro. Paul & Maxine Fine – on the marriage of granddaughter, Jennifer Reiner, to Mr. Robert Ferns.

***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.*




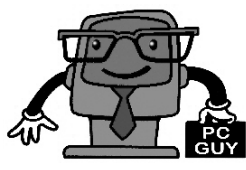


***Brethren:** A card or phone call is always welcomed by someone ill at home, in a nursing facility, or in a hospital. It will certainly provide a Bright Spark of Appreciation and Hope.*

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.

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MUSINGS FROM THE WEST

As we enter a new year, I want to take this time to thank all of you who have made this past year such a great success for Forest City Lodge. Our membership has been augmented with some vibrant new members, both through the Grand Master's One-day class, and through the standard process of initiating, passing, and raising candidates. I look forward to working with these newer members, as well as the rest of the membership and officers to make a wonderful year in 2010.

Ten days after being elected Senior Warden, in early November, I attended the School of Instruction for newly-elected officers held during the Past Masters Convocation at Euclid Lodge. As W.B. Hammes stated in his article, our Installation of Officers was well-attended, and since that time I have had the opportunity to attend many other installations. Occasions such as this are fantastic opportunities to meet and greet Masons from various lodges; invite them to visit our Lodge and attend our affairs; and to honor those officers who are taking vital roles in governing their lodges.

Each of us at Forest City Lodge have good reason to be proud of W.B. Mitchel L. Alperin who became Right Wor. Bro. Alperin in October through his appointment as a District Deputy by Grand Master Terry Posey. He was officially installed as a D.D.G.M. at our December 2nd meeting before a packed lodge room of brethren of Forest City Lodge and many other lodges, brethren from Prince Hall Masonry, the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, two Past Grand Masters of Masons in Ohio, current and past Grand Lodge officers, wives, and other guests. A deluxe dessert reception followed this worthy celebration for a deserving Mason. I know we all wish R.W.B. Alperin well in fulfilling his duties during his tenure as a District Deputy for the 22nd Masonic District.

Moving forward into the winter season, we have many more chances to travel to sister Lodges that are being inspected, and to observe their proficiency in ritual.

I will be traveling to as many of these inspections as possible, and I invite all of you to do likewise. Unlike installations, inspections are far more varied inasmuch as they may be held in any of the three different degrees as opposed to the single ritual of installation. Many lodges have dinners before their inspections. If interested in attending with me, please give me a call at (216) 789-2483.

On Saturday, January 30th, the Typewritten Ritual will be presented at Quarry Lodge in Berea. It will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a great event to attend for all officers and members who have questions about any part of the ritual of all three Blue Lodge degrees – even as small as a single word. Bring your question(s) and ask your District Deputies to clarify any issue you might have regarding ritual. Please pay particular attention to the Entered Apprentice degree this year!

Let me close by saying that we all have a busy year ahead, and to request that we stay in close communication with each other, especially the officers, to make all of our affairs run smoothly and on time. Let's use all the avenues of communication available – phone, email, bulletins, announcements in Lodge, word of mouth, etc., to keep each member informed, interested, and eager to attend our meetings. Watch every day for quality men who are not Masons, and discreetly bring Freemasonry to their attention – they may have had an interest in Masonry, but were unaware of how or where to apply for membership. To obtain the necessary petition(s), contact R.W.B. Morton Negin or any of the other officers.

Fraternally,
Jackie Woldering
Senior Warden



BROTHERHOOD NIGHT

37 Years Old – but who's counting

If a Broadway show remained a smash hit for 37 years, the number of cast member changes would be enormous; the 'show-backers' would be wearing out the soles of their shoes as they ran to and from the bank; and Guinness would have a record in their books that would never be broken. BUT – for the 37th straight year, the Annual Forest City Lodge #388 Brotherhood Night, held Wednesday evening, December 16th, was just that – a smash hit.

As per tradition, Chef Kathy White and her staff put everyone in a great mood with delectable servings of either prime rib or salmon. Many of the brethren and guests then 'fed our gold kettle' which was a nice way to begin preparations for Brotherhood Night, 2010.

Once inside the Lodge hall, the program began with the escorted introductions of our guest speakers and soloist, namely Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria and Cantor Aaron Shifman, both of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation; Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Pastor Emeritus of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church; and Most Worshipful Bro. Terry W. Posey and Rt. Wor. Bro. Nathan Pelfrey, Grand Master and Grand Chaplain respectively of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Ohio. Following these introductions was (1) the Presentation of the Colors, (2) the Flag Lecture, (3) the Pledge of Allegiance, (4) our National Anthem, and (5) the singing of God Bless America.

Wor. Master Allen Hammes welcomed everyone, and then turned the program over to our veteran co-chairmen for Brotherhood Night, Wor. Bro. Jay Kaufman and Bro. David Kaufman. For the edification of those who were first time attendees at this event, a brief history of its origin was presented. Each of the speakers then delivered brief, but insightful messages as to their outlook and approach to Brotherhood. Cantor Shifman, an outstanding soloist, first performed the lighting of the Chanukah candles and then entertained our brethren and guests with a number of appropriate vocal selections.

The highlight of the evening, as far as your editor was concerned, was the distribution of the Brotherhood Fund Donations which were collected throughout the year. We do not know whether some of our brethren heeded our request to put some small change away each day so that they might add \$50 or \$100 to the Fund, or whether brethren were much more generous at the 'gold kettle', or whatever, BUT despite the current economic difficulties, enough money was collected so that for the first time, six (6) rather than five (5) worthy causes were recipients of our largesse.

The representatives of these charitable causes each received a check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). They were: Major "Mom" Dorothy Lykes of the Salvation Army, Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria of the B'nai Jeshurun Chesed Fund, Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg and Bro. Joseph Feigeles of Temple Israel Ner Tamid for their monthly "feed the needy" efforts, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss of the Olivet Baptist Church Benevolent Fund, Rev. Hurst of the North Presbyterian Church (whose work and plight were recently written up extensively in the Plain Dealer), and last, but certainly not least, M.W.B. Terry W. Posey for the Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation which aids and supports needy Masons and non-masons alike.

While Brotherhood Night is always a 'feather' in the Forest City Lodge 'cap', the real winners are those 'hurting' men, women, and children whose lives will be a little more pleasant because of our efforts. Our sincere thanks to all who participated. REMEMBER – 10 cents a day, every day, from January 1st thru November 30th, can mean \$33.40 for Brotherhood Night, 2010. It's painless and SO worthwhile.

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Mitchell is the owner of PostNet in Hudson, Ohio a UPS/FEDEX store. They are also into a variety of printing applications, ie. business cards, envelopes, brochures, and others too numerous to mention at this time. Mitchell is married to Erika.

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A Bit of Humor from Our Texas Brother or, words of wisdom – often said in jest



Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.

Too many couples marry for better, or for worse,
but not for good.

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into a nag.

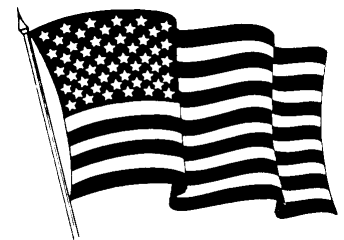
On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past – but never the present.

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment
only when the interest is kept up.

Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr

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As all of you who read this Bulletin are aware, our Advertising page has brought in valuable income, but not enough to allay the inevitable. If any of you, in business, would consider placing an ad, it would be helpful, but not the end. For many, many years, your Lodge has sold the Entertainment Books, and more recently we have also sold the Our Town & All-Around Books. These sales have generated income, but as with the Ads, not enough.

Here is another way some costs might be reduced. Please remember that our ideas may not postpone a dues increase, but perhaps we can help relieve its severity. When speaking with our Webmaster, we were informed that approximately 150 of our brethren are registered on our Website. All of the Lodge Bulletins are reproduced, in full, on the Website. If all of those registered brethren were to come forth and say, "don't mail the bulletin to me anymore because I read it on the Website", the costs for printing and mailing of the Bulletin would be reduced by 25-35%. This equates into an annual savings in excess of a thousand dollars.

If reading the Bulletin on the Website rather than on a printed paper form appeals to you, please contact the Webmaster and indicate your preference, or call your editor, W.B. Ron Wolfe at (216) 383-9798 home—or—(440) 248-5100 work, or drop a note to Ron at: 4459 Gilmer Lane, Richmond Hts., Ohio 44143. Should the response be sufficiently significant, the procedure can be implemented this very year.