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Lyndhurst, Ohio

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



As has been repeated by so many Masters in the past, the first few months of a new Masonic year seem to rush by in the blink of an eye. Now, in *new* 2011, it is about two months since our Installation of Officers, and Forest City Lodge is moving forward at a 'fast clip'. With several

wonderful events behind us, and many more coming up, I only hope that you are participating to your fullest ability, and by doing so, you are making a valuable contribution to our overall success.

Wednesday, November 17th, 2010, was the occasion of our Installation of Officers. More than 200 Masons and guests were in attendance. Details appear elsewhere in this bulletin. Our Officers' Reception Brunch took place on Sunday, December 5th, and again you will find details in the bulletin. Wednesday evening, December 15th, witnessed the 38th Annual Forest City Lodge "Brotherhood Night and Night With The Clergy". **Another packed house was on hand for our Lodge's signature event highlighting Brotherhood and assisting those of our fellow citizens in need.** More on this epic event also appears in this bulletin.

Saturday night, December 31st, was our New Year's event with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra

at Severance Hall. It was an enchanting evening of music, dancing, food, and celebration, as a number of our Brethren and their ladies enjoyed (1) a wonderful concert, and (2) an evening of merriment as we counted down the hours until the New Year. My sincere thanks to Bro. Neil L. Cantor and his wife, Dee, for both suggesting and acting as coordinators for this event.

In addition to our *Early Bird Dinners*, stated meetings, and degree work, our upcoming events include Sports Night on Wednesday, January 19th; a post-Valentine's Day entertainment happening on Wednesday, February 16th; and a special dinner of latkes and brisket planned for Wednesday, March 16th – with a very special speaker, Jill Noble, who many of you have already met.

Our Annual Inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th, in the Master Mason degree. Much rehearsal time will be required, and you are urged to join our Fellowcraft Team. In addition, W.B. Mark Nathanson will be assisting in organizing a 'traveling team' to visit the *inspections* of all our sister lodges in the 22nd Masonic District. To join in the fun and excitement of these visitations, please contact me directly or W.B. Nathanson.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic support of Forest City Lodge.

Jackie F. Woldering
Worshipful Master

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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.

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 Stated Meeting

ANNUAL SPORTS NIGHT –

open to Masons and non-Masons alike

Guest Speaker – Gene Winters – Announcer for Sports Time Ohio and Co-host of: “All Bets Are Off”

6:30 pm Sports Night Dinner

7:30 pm Open Lodge

7:45 pm Program

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 Stated Meeting

6:30 pm *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 pm Open Lodge

Degree to be conferred AND *BirthDay Night*

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 Stated Meeting

Post Valentine’s Day “Bash”

Magic and Music of Entertainer Manny Sperling

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 Stated Meeting

6:30 pm *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 pm Open Lodge

Degree to be conferred AND *BirthDay Night*

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 Stated Meeting

An Evening with Jill Noble

6:30 pm *Brisket and Latkes Dinner*

7:30 pm Open Lodge

7:45 pm Begin Program

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 Special Meeting

6:30 pm *Early Bird Dinner*

7:30 pm Open Lodge

Degree work to either be conferred or rehearsed

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 Stated Meeting

ANNUAL INSPECTION

5:30 pm Open Lodge

6:30 pm Formal Dinner

7:30 pm Re-convene Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 NO MEETING

HOLY WEEK – LODGE IS DARK

To our brethren of the Christian Faith – Have a joyous Easter
To our brethren of the Jewish Faith – A meaningful and ‘zissen’
Passover (Pesach)

IMPORTANT: For further information regarding times, *Early Bird* dinners, 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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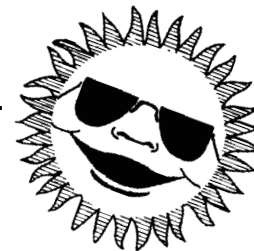
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Richard D. Sanders – *raised in 2003*
Bro. Leonard Shorr – *raised in 1969*

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Gertrude Shon – wife of Bro. Leon, and mother of
Bro. Michael.

Jane Meredith – wife of honorary member, P.D.D.G.M. and
Ill. 33rd Merlyn Meredith.

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

Patsy (R.W.B. Harvey) Morrison – recuperating at
home after a second major surgical procedure.

Bro. Bernard Miller – recovering at home from a
mini-stroke.

W.B. Alex Rosenberg – at home following a stay in
the hospital.

Bro. Sheldon Gross – currently residing in Montefiore
Home.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Paul and Maxine Fine – on the birth of a great
grandson.

Bro. Robert and Sara Dvorin – on the birth of a
grandchild.

W.B. Ronald and Shirley Wolfe – on the birth of a
great grandchild – No. 7 Ezra Jacob Klein weighed
in at 9 lbs. on arrival.

W.B. Ronald and Shirley Wolfe – on their 60th
wedding anniversary.

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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“17 CENTS A DAY CLUB” RECAP FOR 2010

Congratulations to all the members of the ‘Club’, including our newest member, Bro. Donald Peppercorn, for raising \$660.00 of additional support for the 38th Annual Forest City Lodge Brotherhood Night. The Torah teaches that the purest form of Tzedakah (Charity) occurs when the recipient of that charity never knows his or her benefactor.

How wonderful it would be if our recent Brotherhood Night was the last time that needy men, women, and children required our help to obtain much-needed food. Alas, such a thought at the present time is simply a fantasy. As we all are aware, the ‘food banks’ and ‘food kitchens’ are begging for more and more help as greater numbers of hungry souls come knocking at their doors.

With this thought in mind, I urge the current members of the “17 CENTS A DAY CLUB” to start sending in their \$5.00 per month for calendar year 2011. To ALL of my Brethren, consider joining our Club and making Brotherly Love true ‘words of action’. Send your monthly contribution to: Forest City Lodge Brotherhood Fund c/o Ronald Wolfe, P.M. • 4459 Gilmer Lane • Richmond Hts., OH 44143

Here is the final roster of members for calendar year 2010:

Bro. Alan Apisdorf	Bro. Dr. Geoffrey Engel
Bro. Terry Fadem	Bro. I. Ronald Moskowitz
W.B. Frank Orlove	Bro. David Peppercorn
Bro. Stanley H. Rosen	Bro. Allan L. Rubinstein
Bro. Jack Stewart	W.B. Burton Task
Bro. Maurice W. Terkel	Bro. Irwin J. Weinberg
W.B. Ronald W. Wolfe	Bro. Sanford Ziff

GREAT INSIGHT from a young officer

Editor's note: this article from a young member with only about 3-years of Masonry behind him, seems to your editor to be extremely insightful. In his short stint in the Masonic order, Bro. Stafford is advancing at a sprinter's pace to learn lectures, charges, protocol, and more. Keep your eye on him – he's a real "comer".

As our Lodge recently celebrated one of the most profound principles of Freemasonry, "Brotherhood", I would like to take this time to reflect on what this *principle* means to me.

According to the Grand Lodge of Ohio's Officer's Handbook: *In the usages of Freemasonry, "Brother" is neither a sentimental nor a familiar form of address, but it is a title, a distinction, and an honor, as much as "Right Wor. Bro." and Most Wor. Bro.", and must always be used as such.*

While this is true, and should be respected by those of us of the craft, so might the word "Brother" also remind us of its more personal and familiar designation.

When I think of the word "Brother", I think of siblings. I do not actually have a brother, but I do have a sister. When I joined the Masons and my lodge, I received, upon my initiation, the title of "Brother". As time went on I also received instruction on how to treat my Brothers. The funny thing about this title and the rules associated with it, I could not help but notice the stark similarities between the two definitions.

As Masons, we are to go out of our way to assist a "Brother" in need of help. This same rule applies to my sister or to my family in general. We are not supposed to cheat a "Brother" or take advantage of him for personal gain. Again, something I would apply to my family.

Much like in a family, there is no rule stating that everyone has to get along and agree with each other. In Masonry, while we have some say about who joins, we don't always get to pick our "Brothers", and we definitely don't always agree or get along. Like family, however, we are all related. In this case we are related by the virtues of Freemasonry and that profound principle of Brotherhood which encourages us to put aside our differences; break bread together; make decisions that benefit the group as a whole; and support one another in all of our undertakings.

So while The Grand Lodge Handbook says, "*Brother* is neither a sentimental nor a familiar form of address", the bond we form with the Brethren of this fraternity is difficult to be considered anything less than a family. **You can't have a brother without a family.**

So next time a "Brother" shows up in lodge wearing bright green, purple, or white socks, or a "Brother" totally 'botches' his lines while giving a Charge or a Lecture, show him some Brotherly Love. From personal experience I know that the "Brother" will appreciate the support and encouragement.

Thank you, Christopher B. Stafford – Senior Deacon

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

As our Master's message stated, more than 200 people filled our lodge room for this year's Installation. The attendees were akin to a Who's Who in Ohio Masonry. They included Most Worshipful Bro. Bradford A. Goebel with his lady, Kathy; M.W.B. Robert L. Jones and wife, Jay; our current D.D.G.M. Stephen M. Behm; and many past and present members of the Grand Lodge family of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and numerous Grand Lodge officers of Prince Hall Masonry.

The Flag of our Country was presented by the Euclid Naval Jr. R.O.T.C., and the flag lecture ("I Am Old Glory") was delivered by Bro. Adam Pattison. The Scottish Rite Chorus sang several appropriate selections. Members of Euclid Rainbow Girls and Selynma DeMolay served a fabulous dinner as only our own, Kathy White, can prepare.

The Installation team consisted of: R.W.B. William W. Grater, R.W.B. Mitchell L. Alperin, W.B. Henry J. Mankowski, W.B. Ronald W. Wolfe, W.B. Julian Cohen, and W.B. Stuart Marks. Many thanks to W.B. Paul E. Shellhammer for the beautiful organ music; to our outgoing Master, W.B. Allen Hammes; and Bro. Scott T. Morrison, our photographer. Those who made presentations to either the outgoing or the newly installed Master included Wor. Bros. Mitchell Freiberg, Franck Kakou, Jerome S. Kustin, Mark Nathanson, Burt Task, and R.W. & Illus. Bro. Morton S. Negin.

Finally, a word of recognition and commendation to those of our newer Brethren and members of the Ambassador Group for their hard work of planning; of setting up the tables and chairs for dinner; of carrying chairs up to the lodge room following dinner; and assistance with parking, dinner, and the always required "post-event" clean-up.

OFFICERS' RECEPTION BRUNCH

This 'get-to-know-the-officers' brunch took place at the Embassy Suites – Beachwood. Eighty (80) members and guests of the Lodge were in attendance, and we were honored to be joined by M.W.B. Bradford A. Goebel and his lady. The ambiance and the food were excellent, and the room was filled with warm smiles and pleasant conversation for several hours on a particularly cold and snowy afternoon.

The Master wishes to express his thanks to W.B. Mark Nathanson and W.B. Burt Task for their invaluable help in making this "*start the year*" event such a wonderful success.

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Hugh P. Sullivan – Junior Steward

Born in New York and later growing up in Cleveland Heights, Bro. Hugh attended St. Joseph High School, and graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA degree in Economics. He then relocated to Houston, Texas for 14 years, working as a Sales Engineer in the industrial plant maintenance industry.

In the late 1980s, Hugh began working in the field of computer networking. He has several published technical papers in the field of Client-Server computer systems interoperability and the Internet. Currently Bro. Sullivan is employed as an information technology specialist for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Hugh was raised in 2009; is our current Junior Steward; and with a dual membership in Euclid Lodge #599, he is their Senior Deacon. He is a Royal Arch mason, a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland, and a member of the Philalethes Society.

Hugh is married to Nan, his high school sweetheart, and they live in Cleveland Heights.

Adam T. Pattison – Marshall

Our new Marshall was born in Traverse City, Michigan, and later grew up in the Cleveland area. He attended Chagrin Falls High School.

Following graduation, Adam joined the United States Marine Corps and served our country on active duty. In 2003 he served on the front lines in Iraq as an infantryman, armorer, and as a logistics/embarkation specialist. While in the Marine Corps reserves, Bro. Pattison worked in retail management, medical supply delivery, and for Xerox in product testing and development. He also attended Computer Education Services Corp. where he was educated in becoming a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator.

Following his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 2004, Adam was hired as an IT Analyst for Joseph, Mann & Creed in Shaker Heights, and has since moved up to the position of Senior Business analyst. He currently resides in Chesterland with his wife, Keri, and their three sons, Michael, Adam Jr., and Brendan.

Adam was raised in June, 2010, and was appointed Marshall in November. For those who attended our Annual Installation of Officers and/or Brotherhood Night 2010, you heard Adam deliver a beautiful Flag lecture.

THE CROWN JEWEL – Brotherhood Night

If you are a long-time member of Forest City Lodge, you may remember the December meeting in 1973, when our late Bro. Emanuel Gateman was Worshipful Master. His activities chairman that year was the late Illus. W.B. Bert M. Tobin. Bro. Tobin, always on the look-out for something outstanding for the Lodge, invited his good friend, the late Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, along with R.W.B. Rev. Morris Altman, the then Grand Chaplain of Masons in Ohio, to come to Forest City Lodge at this special time of the year to talk about “Brotherhood”.

Both men were eloquent, and at the end of the evening Bro. Altman presented Forest City with a special candle to commemorate not just the evening, but more especially the theme. W.B. Tobin recognized a ‘winner’ immediately, and hence our Annual Brotherhood Night and Night With The Clergy was born. This past December 15th was the occasion of the 38th annual observance of this event.

Not content with what was already a success, Bro. Tobin enlisted the services of W.B. Lewis Fine and Bro. Ben “little brother” Kaufman, both of blessed memory, to help improve and expand Brotherhood Night. Some years later, with the event becoming more and more of ‘a thing’ in Ohio Masonry, Bros. Fine and Kaufman began raising money to ‘put teeth’ into the word Brotherhood. Together they raised considerable sums, much of which was their own contributions, and on Brotherhood Night they invited several worthy charities to attend and receive donations for their respective causes.

Now, many years later, Bro. Ben’s sons, W.B. Jay and Bro. David Kaufman have continued the work of their Dad and his good friend, W.B. Fine. This year, a record amount of money was raised, and checks for \$600.00 were presented to the representatives of: the Cleveland Food Bank, the Grand Lodge of Ohio Charitable Foundation (this year accepted by Grand Master Bradford A. Goebel), the Salvation Army, St. Herman’s House of Hospitality, Temple Israel Ner Tamid, and Trinity Cathedral Church. All funds are used to either feed, house, or in some other way assist those in dire straits.

ONE REASON for the record collection this year was our newly created “17 Cents-A-Day Club”. Early in 2010, your editor suggested that brethren throw 17 cents each day into an empty container, and at the end of the month – or two months, mail in the accumulated \$5.00 or \$10.00. Fourteen of our brethren joined the Club, and with donations ranging from \$5.00 to \$100.00, the Club raised in excess of \$700.00 in just a single year.

Immediately following Brotherhood Night, Bro. Alan Apisdorf and W.B. Ronald Wolfe each made a 3-month, 17 cents a day contribution to get the ball rolling for 2011. If each of my brethren would consider just a 2-month contribution, the amount raised for our next Brotherhood Night will again set a new record, and will allow us to include additional deserving organizations.

REMEMBER Brethren, both Brotherhood and Charity are just inactive nouns. To make them active words, you must do something to energize them. Send your check for at least \$5.00 **TODAY** to: Forest City Lodge Brotherhood Fund, c/o W.B. Ron Wolfe, 4459 Gilmer Lane, Richmond Hts., Ohio 44143.

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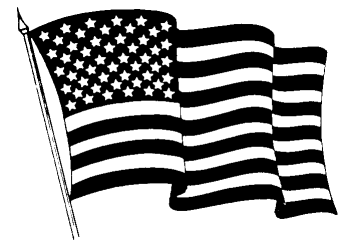
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WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART – A true Master Mason of Freemasonry – Part II

Here in the 21st century, it is difficult for us to get a sense of the enormous and threatening tensions created by ‘radical’ ideas which included the rights which we take for granted. Back in the latter part of the 18th century, however, such things as (1) individual rights, (2) the quest for ennoblement of the human spirit, and (3) the pursuit of intellectual goals, were threatening ideas in an era of absolute monarchs, ecclesiastical privilege, and secret police who wished the ‘status quo’ to continue.

In Europe, the results of the 1789 French Revolution (viewed by some as a “Masonic Conspiracy”), coupled with America’s successful venture into democracy, made the ruling classes tremble in fear of any group of individuals who met in the privacy of a Lodge, utilized “mysterious” ceremonies, and could number among their membership: intellectuals, professionals, and in some cases even prominent figures from the

government and aristocracy itself.

In Mozart’s Vienna, Freemasonry had flourished under the Hapsburgs mainly due to the influence of Duke of Lorraine who, himself, was a Freemason. He married Crown Princess Maria Theresa who openly loathed the Craft and continued to seek its abolition through the successive reigns of her husband, Francis I., and later on when co-ruling with her eldest son, Joseph II. In “The Magic Flute”, Mozart was to satirize Maria Theresa as the evil “Queen of the Night”. Later on a myth was circulated alleging that Mozart had been poisoned by Freemasons because his opera had divulged ‘Masonic’ secrets. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

Part three of this Series will appear in a subsequent edition of the Forest City Lodge Bulletin.