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LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



I hope that you feel, as I do, that this Lodge year has started off with three (3) spectacular and well attended events. Our Annual Installation of Officers was held on November 18th, observed by more than 180 brethren and guests. Of those, many came to honor our outgoing W.M., Bro. Franck Kakou for his excellent year of leadership, and some (I hope) attended to see

me installed as Master of Forest City Lodge. The thrill of the moment still exists with me.

We held a 'special' degree meeting on Monday, November 30th to raise Bro. Russell Sundberg to the 'sublime degree of Master Mason'. This enabled us to free up our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting on the 2nd of December, for the installation of R.W.B. Mitchell L. Alperin as District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District of Ohio. A full house of Masons (ours and others from all over the District), Grand Lodge Officers, and guests were on hand. Following the installation, everyone was treated to a beautiful dessert reception.

Finally, as written up extensively in our last Bulletin, we held our Annual Brotherhood Night on December 16th. In excess of 240 brothers and guests, including Grand Master Terry Posey, were in attendance for this event which has earned widespread recognition for Forest City Lodge throughout the Masonic family here in Ohio and elsewhere. Prior to the event, and in closed Lodge, W.B. Franck Kakou requested and was granted permission to bring M.W. Bro. Charles R. Murphy and R.W.B. James F. Easterling to the altar where they were both presented an Honorary Membership in Forest City Lodge for their ongoing support of and frequent attendance at Forest City Lodge functions. Both were visibly surprised and deeply moved, and they individually thanked us for the honor.

Our Annual Awards Night was chaired by W.B. Ronald Wolfe on January 6th. Appropriate pins were presented to those in attendance who had earned either their 25, 35, 40, 50, or 60 year awards. A wonderful dinner preceded the event, and an evening of music from the various 'award years' was presented by Ms. Kim Lausin. On Wednesday, March 17th, brethren who could not be on hand in January will be afforded another opportunity to receive their awards in 'open lodge'. Remaining pins after this date will be hand-delivered locally or mailed to out-of-town brothers.

This has been a busy and rewarding start for our year. We will have *Early-Bird/Birthday Nights* on February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, and May 19th. By the time you receive this bulletin, I hope that many of you will have attended and enjoyed "Sock-Hop" chaired by W. B. Barry Siegel. Other events coming up are: Sports Night on Wednesday March 3rd with Les Levine as Guest Speaker; Whirlyball on Saturday March 20th; Lodge Inspection on Wednesday the 5th of May (Fellowship dinner tickets dated April 7th will be honored at this time).

Please remember ALWAYS, my brethren, that this is your Lodge, and it can only be as good as you help to make it. Support and attend as many functions as you are able to do so, and watch for good men whom you feel will make worthy Masons.

Fraternally yours,
Allen Hammes
Worshipful Master

SPORTS NIGHT

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Special Guest: Les Levine

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. • \$5.00 per person

Children under 12 *Free*

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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.

March 3, 2010 Stated Meeting
6:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Open Lodge
Sports Night - Guest Speaker, Les Levine
Cost \$5.00 per person – Children 12 & under Free

March 17, 2010 Stated Meeting
6:30 pm *Early Bird Dinner*
7:30 pm Open Lodge
Birthday Night and Awards Night – Part 2

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)

Wednesday, April 7, 2010..... Stated Meeting
7:30 pm Open Lodge

Wednesday, April 21, 2010..... Stated Meeting
6:30 pm *Early Bird Dinner*
7:30 pm Open Lodge

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

Oops – An Unknown Relationship

In our last bulletin, in the article entitled, “Know Your Advertisers”, we mentioned that Bro. John V. Goodman of Wells Fargo Advisors was the son-in-law of W.B. Stuart and Karen Marks. What we **did not know** was that John is the son of Bro. Henry and Shirley Goodman.

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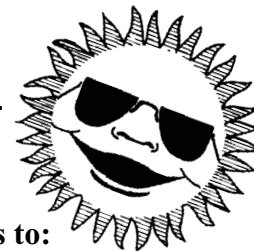
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Leon Lechner – *raised in 1995*
Bro. Marvin Sorin – *raised in 1963*

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Ruth Lane – wife of Bro. Myron

Shirley Kutash – with of Bro. Sanford

Dane Pariesi – husband of Mindy, and son-in-law of R.W. and Illus. Bro. Morton S. and Donna Negin. Dane, a retired Army master sergeant, was killed in Afghanistan along with a group of CIA employees on December 30th by terrorists.

Lilyan Mendelson – sister of Bro. Morton (Gale) Tucker

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

Millie Rosenberg – wife of W.B Alex, back again in University Hospital with multiple injuries. PLEASE!!! NO cards, phone calls, or visits.

Charlotte (Bro. Richard) Rickman – at home following surgery.

Bro. Gary Mintz – in Marymount Hospital.

Bro. Philip Moskowitz – at home, and in and out of hospital undergoing extensive testing and treatments.

Bro. Allan Rubenstein – at home following a stay in Hillcrest Hospital.

W.B. Ronald Wolfe – back to ‘business as usual’ following back surgery.

Marsha (Bro. Sanford) Halpert – currently residing in Menorah Park.

Bro. Alex Williger – presently a resident of R. H. Myers. Would appreciate any visits, cards, or phone calls.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Sam Richman – on the engagement of daughter, Jill, to David Heller.

Bro. Edwin Green – on receiving his 60-year award pin directly from Grand Master Terry W. Posey at the Annual Grand Master’s luncheon for Ohio Masons in Sarasota, FL on January 18th.

Bro. Dick Sanders – while still undergoing treatments and tests, has been allowed to and is in fact going to spend a few months in Florida.

Contributions to the Brotherhood Fund:

Bro. Geoffery Engel, MD. of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Shirley Dembe

Contributions to the Sunshine Fund:

Bro. Sanford and Sandy Victor of Las Vegas, Nevada

W.B. Alex and Millie Rosenberg

W.B. Burt and Harriet Siebert – In Memory of Dane Pariesi, son-in-law of R.W.B. Morton S. and Donna Negin.

Note: *A contribution was made from the Sunshine Fund to the USO In Memory of Dane Pariesi.*

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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MUSINGS FROM THE WEST

by Jackie Woldering - Senior Warden

The other day, a fellow Mason asked me, “Do you think I’m intelligent?”. The thoughts and subsequent discussion that occurred in response to this question prompted me to do some research about the nature of intelligence, and finally to write this article in order to communicate this knowledge.

Although many of us see intelligence as it relates to a number on an IQ test, this score only measures a limited subset of a person’s abilities. In more general terms, intelligence can be seen as the ability to adapt to a new or changing environment; to acquire and store knowledge; to reason and think in abstract terms; to understand relationships; and to produce something of value utilizing that intelligence. The number we see on an IQ test, like a credit score, is only a predictor, an indicator of the potential of a person’s intelligence, not a guarantee.

According to psychologist and author, Howard Gardner, there are nine types of intelligence, and each of us has a varying degree of competence in each. Normally, no one person is strong in all of these intelligent varieties, but often a person that we might consider as a role model will be competent in a few of these. Conversely we may meet a person highly gifted in one particular type of intelligence, but severely lacking in all the others, such as the late Kim Peek who inspired the film, “Rain Man”. Perhaps you can see yourself or some of your friends among these nine types of intelligence; I think I can attach a face to more than one of them.

1. Naturalist intelligence (“Nature Smart”) – ie: a farmer, zoologist, or explorer.

2. Musical intelligence (“Music Smart”) – ie: a musician, composer, or singer.

3. Logical-mathematical intelligence (“Number/Reasoning Smart”) – ie: scientist, mathematician, or even a detective.

4. Existential intelligence (“Mind-delving Smart”) – ie: clergyperson or psychiatrist.

5. Interpersonal intelligence (“People Smart”) – i: teachers, actors, or politicians. P.S. Good and smart Masonic leaders have this vital trait.

6. Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence (“Body Smart”) – ie: athletes, dancers, or pianists.

7. Linguistic intelligence (“Word Smart”) – ie: public speakers, poets, or novelists.

8. Intra-personal intelligence (“Self Smart”) – ie: psychologists or philosophers.

9. Spatial intelligence (“Picture Smart”) – ie: sculptor, architect, or even a sailor.

Masonry can help us work on several, if not all of these abilities, as we are charged to increase in knowledge and improve in social intercourse. I’m certain that each of us can think of at least one friend, acquaintance, or famous individual who is highly capable in one or more of these nine types of intelligence. Perhaps we can also evaluate ourselves by these scales, and decide if there might be areas in which we can improve, as well as intelligences which we possess that we might be capable of sharing with others.

SCOTS and FREEMASONRY

Part 5, taken from ElectricScotland.com – by Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot

Robert the Bruce of Scotland

One year prior to the meeting between King Philip IV and Pope Clement V, where they plotted the destruction of the Knights Templar, Robert the Bruce (1274-1329), grandson of Robert Bruce, who had contended with John Balliol for the crown of Scotland in 1292, murdered his rival, John Comyn, in church in Dumfries in 1306. The Pope, who ordered the destruction of the Templars, excommunicated Robert the Bruce.

On June 24th, 1314, (The Feast of St. John), an English army under King Edward II, that had arrived to relieve Stirling Castle, was defeated by Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn. Legend has it that knights who appeared on horseback, in the flowing cassocks of the Templars, aided the Bruce in the defeat of the English cavalry. Edward II only narrowly escaped with his life, and to this day, the Battle of Bannockburn stands as the most single important military victory in all of Scottish history.

This ‘Battle’ occurred only seven years after the disappearance of the Templars and the Templar fleet.

Like the Templars, Robert the Bruce was under Papal proscription. Like the Templars, Robert the Bruce had been excommunicated. It has been said that, “the enemy of my enemy is my friend”, and there is no reason why the Bruce would not have welcomed the support of Warrior Knights who, like himself, were at odds with the Roman Church.

It is now believed that part of the Templar fleet sailed northward along the west coast of England, through the North Channel which separates Scotland from Ireland. They avoided Ireland which was firmly under the control of the Roman Church, and finally arrived north of Glasgow in Argyll, in the vicinity of the town of Oban. This is supported by the fact that Templar graves, marked with slabs of stones and bearing the outline of a Templar sword, are found in Argyll. Similar graves are found in the vicinity of Rosslyn, south of the City of Edinburgh.

The next segment of Bro. Smith’s writings will appear in a future edition of the Forest City Lodge Bulletin.

BROTHERHOOD *not just in December*

We hate to “beat a dead horse” and keep “harping on the same subject”, but thankfully (to our knowledge) none of our Brethren have to rely on ‘soup kitchens’ for their meals; or for community dormitories in which to house their families; or for civic groups to either help them fight addiction or to help them re-enter society following incarceration. These are just some of the stories that Forest City Lodge brethren heard about on Brotherhood Night, and how much appreciation was expressed by the ‘reps’ of the six (6) organizations to which we distributed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

We would like to see that figure grow so that either more organizations can be helped, or we can distribute funds more often. How’s this for a scenario? We launch a “17 Cents A Day Club”. This equates to \$5.00 per month. Each month, each of us mails in that \$5.00 to the Forest City Lodge Brotherhood Fund. With only a modest participation, the results can easily turn into a 5-figure bonanza for those in need.

If this idea appeals to you, fill out the form below, and send in your 1st \$5.00 contribution. Each month, follow up with succeeding \$5.00 donations. This should be virtually painless for most, if not all of us, but so rewarding for those in need.

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Is This Bulletin Serving You Well?

During the many years in which I have been honored to serve as Editor of the Forest City Lodge #388 Bulletin, I have endeavored to make it as interesting and enjoyable for you as I would want it if I were reading it for the first time. Of course, there are always certain regularly included features, i.e., the Master’s message, the list of officers, the Trestleboard, the Sunshine Committee Report, and the advertising page.

Beyond that we have included articles, when applicable, about (1) Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge officer(s), (2) an unusual or outstanding Lodge event(s), (3) lodge education information - either from our own Lodge Education Officer, or from your editor’s research, (4) general information and/or human interest stories, (5) submissions by our brethren, and (6) anything else we felt worthy of print.

Is there anything missing from our bulletins which you feel would enhance our publication? While we have received many compliments, that does not mean that we are beyond improvement. Please let us know how you feel. Mail your comments to Ronald Wolfe, P.M. – 4459 Gilmer Lane – Richmond Hts., Ohio 44143

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A ‘Committee’ is diligently working to publish an up-to-date directory of the current **Forest City Lodge #388** membership. They need an **accurate** record of your **address (with zip code), telephone number, and name of spouse (if married)**.

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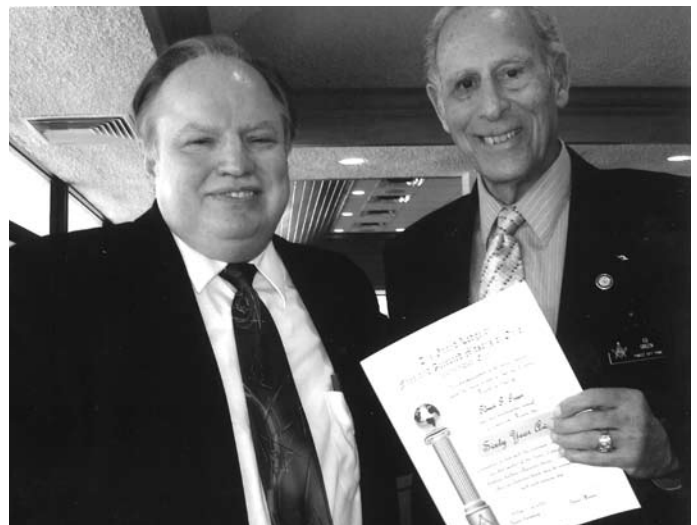
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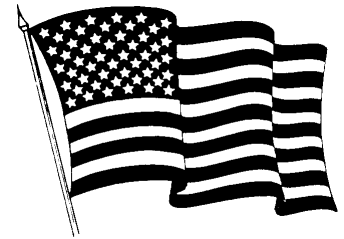
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Grand Master Terry W. Posey presented Bro. Ed Green with a 60 year award pin and certificate at the Grand Masters Luncheon for Ohio Masons in Sarasota, FL on January 18. Accompanying Bro. Ed were his wife Phyllis and Forest City Lodge member Harvey Wiess and wife Vicki.

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**From Bro. Michael Rothman – Tyler AND Co-Chairman of
A NIGHT OF WHIRLY BALL and
AN EVENING OF BASEBALL with THE LAKE ERIE CAPTAINS**

Though I have only been a Mason for 5-years, my father, W.B. Alan, has made certain that I would be an active one. That is why I am so pleased to co-chair the above two events with our Sr. Deacon, Bro. Chris Stafford.

Whirly-Ball will take place on Saturday evening, March 20th, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at 5055 Richmond Road, just about 100 yards south of Miles Road. The cost for this event is \$20.00 per person, and in addition to an evening of game fun, the Winking Lizard will cater a dinner of ribs, pizza, salad, desserts, and beverages.

Reservations **MUST** close on March 10th. Please call either Michael at (216) 262-6921 or (216) 381-2203, or Chris at (216) 965-8424. Make

checks payable to: Forest City Lodge, and mail c/o Michael Rothman 1436 Grenleigh Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124.

An evening with the Lake Erie Captains is scheduled for Saturday July 24th at 5:30 p.m. The price of \$18.00 per person includes your ticket for the game plus a behind the fence picnic dinner. Reservations will close on July 7th.

I look forward to seeing you at one or both events along with your family and friends. Please invite non-members to attend with you to see how our fraternity believes in Brotherhood at its finest.