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Lyndhurst, Ohio

## FROM THE MASTER



My Dear Brethren,

We are in the middle of our Masonic year, and the cold Cleveland weather has not hampered us from acquiring new candidates, thereby creating new brethren among us. I wish to welcome and congratulate these new brothers for enlisting in our great fraternity and thus helping to keep the Forest City Lodge officers in their best ritual condition.

In January, our lodge hosted the annual “typewritten ritual” meeting for the 22nd Masonic district. Some 180 brethren came from all over the district to attend this all-day event which is designed to make even the best ritual work – better. We served the brethren breakfast and lunch, and W.B. Burt Task and his committee prepared a delicious soup which left everyone warm, satisfied, and well-learned of our ritual. Our thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their generous donation to our endowment fund for hosting this affair.

In January, once again, Rt.W. & Illus. Bro. Morton S. Negin was honored with an award from the Royal Arch Masons for his dedication to Freemasonry. No amount of congratulations from me can begin to sum up all that Rt. Wor. Bro. Negin means to Forest City Lodge and to Masonry in Ohio.

On the ‘downside’, we’ve lost several brethren to the Great Creator recently. Most notable were Bro. Ted Berman, a long time member of the Fellowcraft Team, and Wor. Bro. Frank I. Candela. Wor. Bro. Frank was always a happy face in lodge, considerate to all who knew him, and a sincere and lovable human being.

On Valentine’s Day, Saturday, February 14, 2009, I flew to West Hollywood, CA to present a 70-year pin to our Bro. Simon “Sy” Apple. In attendance were his wife, Beatrice, and several other family members. Bro. Sy is 101-years young and lives in a nursing home in West Hollywood. Though his hearing has failed considerably, Bro. Sy is in pretty good condition. He walks about a mile each day and is very spry.

To assist me with the pin presentation were our own Grand Lodge of Ohio Officers, namely Most Worshipful Bro. Charles

R. Murphy, M.W.B. Thomas H. Galyen, M.W.B. George O. Bratz, R.W.B. Terry W. Possey, and R.W.B. Bradford A. Goebel. The 90-minute ride each way thru terrible L.A. traffic was worth the while due to my association with the above outstanding Masons. After arriving at the Beverly Hills Carmel Nursing Home, the Grand Master presented a Certificate and 70-year pin to Bro. Apple. The emotions were intense, and we could tell by the look on his face his excitement to be a Mason and the price of belonging to our lodge and this great fraternity. He was so happy to see people coming from so far away just to see him. I was delighted and uplifted by this experience, and hope the Grand Architect makes it possible for us to present an 80-year pin in 2019. Congratulations Bro. Sy, keep those high spirits afloat.

Now to upcoming work. I have appointed a special committee, and our lodge is entering a national competition entitled, “The Mark Twain Award”. This is a national recognition for special service to our fraternity and to our committees. We hope to submit our entry prior to June of this year. If we are fortunate enough to win for Ohio, it will be published in 2010.

Last of all, the Grand Lodge has requested all statewide lodges to open their doors to the public on the same day. We will do so in conjunction with all of the lodges in our building on Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served; tours of the lodge room will be held; some Masonic DVDs will be played in the lobby; and other explanations of what is proper to be disclosed will be presented. You are all encouraged to attend and broadcast the event to your non-Mason friends, associates, and colleagues. We need your help to make this presentation, to novices, a success.

For all other events, please consult the Trestleboard. Make special note of Awards Night on Wednesday, April 15th, and the Annual Master & Wardens Dinner Dance on Sunday, May 31st at the LaMalfa Party Center in Mentor, Ohio. It promises to be an evening of fun, good food, dancing, and fraternity. PLEASE, make your reservations early and join us at this event as well as all of the lodge events throughout the year.

Fraternally yours,  
Franck T. Kakou,  
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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**.

**Saturday, March 21, 2009** ..... **Open House**

April 1, 2009 ... **No April's Fool Joke** ..... Stated Meeting  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge

April 15, 2009 ... **Awards Night**..... Stated Meeting  
6:30 P.M. ... **with the ladies** ..... Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge  
**Selrec Singers to perform – non-members are welcome**

**April 29, 2009**..... Special Meeting  
**Canadian E.A. Degree to be conferred by Mosaic Lodge**  
6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Degree Work

May 6, 2009 ... **Inspection: FC Degree** ..... Stated Meeting  
6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:15 P.M. .... Open Lodge

May 20, 2009 ... **Sports Night**..... Stated Meeting  
**Open to non-members AND children (absolutely)**  
6:30 P.M. .... Dinner  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge

**Sunday, May 31, 2009**..... **Master & Wardens Dinner Dance**  
*See flyer elsewhere in bulletin*

June 3, 2009 ..... State Meeting  
7:30 P.M. .... Open Lodge

June 17, 2009 ... **Table Lodge** .....  
Meeting TBA following dinner

**IMPORTANT:** For further information regarding times, **Early Bird** dinners, or other details, please contact (1) Wor. Master Kakou, (2) W.B. Burt Task, or (3) the Forest City Lodge Website @ [www.forestcity388.com](http://www.forestcity388.com)

### MEET OUR JUNIOR DEACON

Bro. Dale Jackson was born in Cleveland, and grew up in the area. In 1999, his employer relocated him to Michigan. While there, he became a Mason, being *raised* a member of Belding-Ionia Lodge #355 in Belding, MI. He served that Lodge as Junior Deacon, lodge historian, and a member of the Masonic education committee. He was also a *companion* of Hooker Chapter #73 of the Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Bro. Dale was also a member of Tyre Council #10 and Demolay Commandery #5 in Grand Rapids, MI. On his return to Cleveland, Ohio, Bro. Dale affiliated with Forest City Lodge #388 by demit, and he also joined Heights Chapter #206 of the Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. When next you come to Lodge, please introduce yourself to Bro. Dale so that he may better know his newly acquired brethren.

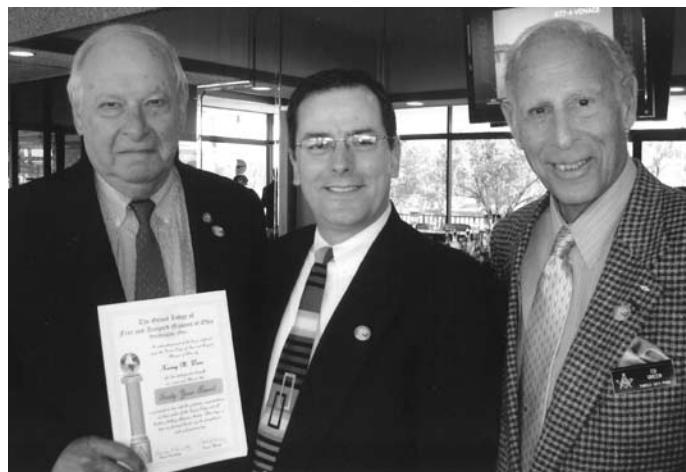
## MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICES

***“to have or not to have – that is the question”***

Over many, many years, a great number of our late brethren were afforded Masonic Services by Forest City Lodge. It is an honor we do with great humility as we bid farewell to a brother – be he relatively new as a Mason, or one with 50-years or more longevity. BUT Masonic services are NOT automatic – families MUST request the Lodge to conduct them by calling the Worshipful Master or the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.

Recently a brother passed away and his funeral was delayed for almost a week. During that time the family did NOT contact the Lodge in any way. The night before the funeral the Secretary received the request. The call being received so late, the notice could not be placed in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the ‘chain call’ to brethren reached fewer than normally; the bottom line being that services were conducted beautifully, but with only a few brethren in attendance. This was unfortunate for our late brother and his family, and for Forest City Lodge.

BRETHREN: If, when you are called by the Great Architect, and you wish your Lodge to conduct Masonic services on your behalf, inform your loved ones – well in advance – that they MUST call promptly so that we can properly attend to the duties to which you are most deserving.



Bro. Harvey Weiss, Grand Master Charles R. Murphy, Bro. Ed Green

### NEWS FROM FLORIDA

Bro. Edwin (Phyllis) Green, who has resided in Florida for many, many years, has reported on Grand Master Charles R. Murphy’s “Grand Masters Luncheon for Ohio Masons” in Sarasota, Florida. He and Phyllis attended along with Bro. Harvey M. Weiss (a high school ‘chum’ of mine) and his wife, Vicki.

Most Wor. Bro. Murphy presented Bro. Weiss with his 60-year service pin and certificate. Bro. Ed extends best wishes to all his brethren for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

**BY THE WAY**, speaking of Florida, Wor. Bro. Gerald Marks, WHERE is the article you promised to send me? At 81-years of age, how long can I wait? PLEASE!!!

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Bro. Theodore (Ted) Berman – *raised in 1967*  
Wor. Bro. Frank I. Candela – *raised in 1976*  
Bro. Joel Jones – *raised in 1951*  
Bro. Jacob A. Karlin – *raised in 1950*

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

Richard M. Berg – son of our late Bro. Aaron Berg.

The mother of Bro. Peter Molay passed away.

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

Bro. Emanuel (Manny) Schonfeld – celebrated his 97th birthday at Montefiore.

Bro. Sean Sanders – recuperating at home following surgery at Hillcrest Hospital.

R.W. Bro. William (Bill) Grater – at home after hospitalization & ‘rehab’ for replacement of both of his knees.

Bro. Irwin Milner – at Montefiore with a foot problem.

Bro. Morris Blatt – in Montefiore ‘rehab’ after repair of a fractured leg.

Bro. Andrew (Andy) Salamon – slipped on ice and injured his face and knee. He is back in lodge with a couple of **really** black eyes. *Andy: How’s the other guy?*

Bro. Harry Golub – at home, but in poor health. Wife, Irene, is doing a yeomen’s job in looking after Bro. Golub’s well-being.

### Congratulations to:

Bro. Marc and Penny Barron – (1) the marriage, on January 2, 2009, of daughter, Marissa, to Mr. Bobby Lester, (2) the birth of granddaughter, Santana, in November, 2007, and granddaughter, Isabella, in December, 2008. The proud parents are Jamie and Mike Iannetta. Grandmother is Rita (our late Bro. Sanford) Barron, and uncles are Bro. Morris and Bro. Mitchell Barron.

Bro. Isaac and Beth Lewin – the birth of granddaughter, Roslyn Maya Stanton, on January 8, 2009.

Wor. Bro. Donald and Paula Samuels – the engagement of their daughter, Sheila. A November wedding is planned.

Rita (our late Wor. Bro. Lew) Solloway – on the engagement of granddaughter, Jessica, to Mr. Sunny Frotman of Livingston, NJ. An October wedding is planned.

Junior Warden Jackie and Mary Woldering – 1st: son, Thomas, graduated from Virginia Tech in December with a B/S in Computer Engineering, with an overall GPA of 3.52/4.00. On the same day, he was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. He works in Washington, D.C., with the Navy’s Dept. of Naval Reactors. 2nd: daughter, Ruth, has returned from a 2-1/2 year stint in Sasebo, Japan, aboard the U.S.S. Juneau. Her new station is at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (the Naval base, not the part that is closing). She has been promoted to Lieut. Jr. Grade. In August, 2008, she was married in Japan to Lt. JG Philip Galindo, a fellow Naval Academy graduate from the Class of 2006. Lt. Galindo is currently deployed with the 5th fleet as the navigator aboard the U.S.S. Nitze. That ship was last known to be on maneuvers in the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.

### Contribution(s) to the Sunshine Fund

Helen Gateman – In memory of her late husband, Wor. Bro. Emanuel Gateman.

Wor. Bro. Julian and Marlene Cohen – In memory of the mother of Bro. Peter Molay.

Wor. Bro. Alex and Millicent Rosenberg – with thanks to the Sunshine Committee.

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**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.*

## MUSINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Those who attend Lodge this year have noticed beautiful banners adorning the podiums of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. They are a gift to the lodge from W.B. Franck Kakou. The banners are respectively white, red, and blue for the three principal officers of the Lodge, and are designated as wisdom, strength, and beauty. These stations are considered to be the three pillars of the Lodge, as the officers who attend them are primarily responsible for its support.

Upon our installation this year, following an explanation of the duties of each station, the three symbolic colors were mentioned along with their symbolism. The color white is emblematic of Innocence, Peace, and Wisdom. Color red denotes Strength, Zeal, Virtue, and Love. Color blue refers to Beauty, Fidelity, Eternity, Friendship, and Divine Truth.

The Worshipful Master represents wisdom, as he must govern his Lodge wisely to the benefit of all the members thereof. He must have the peace of mind to be confident that his decisions, once made, as well as innocence to know that his choices are never driven by negative motives.

The Senior Warden represents strength, as he is oftentimes required to assist the Master in running the Lodge. While the Master is responsible for opening the day's business, the Senior Warden's duty is to close the day. For him, zeal is the force which hopefully will propel him into the office of Wor. Master; virtue is the devotion that he shows to his fellow officers; and love is his gift to the Lodge as he is called upon to maintain harmony and support.

The Junior Warden represents Beauty, as he is the one responsible to conduct the Lodge during the noon hour when the sun is at its zenith. Fidelity is the Junior Warden's due to all the brethren through duty and truth. Eternity, as with the acacia, refers to the immortality of the spirit. Friendship is most evident as he acts as a bridge between the craft and

the officers, while divine truth is demonstrated in this officer's devotion to the living word.

Beauty, Strength, and Wisdom are also said to be closely aligned to the three degrees. The E.A. represents the beauty of youth; the F.C. alludes to the strength of middle age; the M.M. pays homage to the wisdom of age. These qualities may not always be present, but certain traits are more prevalent at certain times. We strive for these qualities in our lives, but though beauty may be natural at first, and strength may quickly develop behind, wisdom comes late – if at all.

As I sit at the Pillar of Beauty, I thank my brethren for the honor of serving in this responsible position. It has been my pleasure to participate in ceremonies of Brotherhood, the three (3) degrees, as well as the 'typewritten' ritual. This is also a year of planning, because if the brethren deem me worthy in two years, my plans must be well-thought out and complete.

My thanks to all who are rendering me their organizational wisdom so that I may successfully face any and all challenges that may arise as I move up the officer line. I look forward, eagerly, to continue to serve OUR Lodge, and I hope to meet each of you in YOUR Lodge – soon.

Jackie Woldering,  
Junior Warden

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# FREEMASONRY and the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Part 2, taken from ElectricScotland.com – “Scots and Freemasonry”*

*by Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot*

Does Freemasonry have anything to do with the American War of Independence?

**WELL,**

**George Washington** was a Mason. On the night he crossed the Delaware, he insisted that only Masons be posted as sentries, because they were the only soldiers he felt could be trusted. He served as Master of his lodge in Alexandria, VA. At the laying of the cornerstone of our Nation’s Capitol, Washington wore his Masonic apron.

**Benjamin Franklin** was a Mason. He was selected to serve on the committee which drafted the Declaration of Independence, and was one of nine (9) Masons to sign it.

**John Hancock** was a Mason. He was the President of the Continental Congress which approved the Declaration of Independence, and was the first of the nine Masons to sign it.

**Patrick Henry** was a Mason. He, too, a member of the Continental Congress, is credited with spurring the formation of the Virginia militia with his speech at St. John’s Church in which he declared, “Give me liberty or give me death”.

**John Paul Jones** was a Mason. He was a Scottish born seaman and privateer (a polite term for a pirate), who was to become “The Father of the United States Navy”.

**Major General Henry Knox** was a Mason. He was the owner of a book shop. He learned about cannons and mortars from the books he read, and became “The Father of the United States Artillery”.

**Marquis de Lafayette** was a Mason. He was the French nobleman and soldier who became a great supporter of his friend AND Brother, George Washington.

**Major General Israel Putnam** was a Mason. He commanded the troops at Bunker Hill, and is remembered for his order, “Don’t fire until you see the

whites of their eyes!”.

**Paul Revere** was a Mason. He was a member of St. Andrew’s Lodge in Boston, MA., where he met John Hancock and Samuel Adams. He acted as one of the “indians” in the Boston Tea Party, and is credited with the famous midnight ride of April 18, 1775.

Does Freemasonry have anything to do with the American War of Independence? Yes!!! It has everything to do with it, and with the struggle for freedom and equality for men and women of every race, religion, and creed throughout the World, and that vision of liberty and justice for all is the New World Order for which we are striving – to this very day.

*More of Carson Smith’s writings will appear in future editions of the Lodge Bulletin.*









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As Editor of the Bulletin, I try to keep you abreast of Lodge happenings and events; to relay messages from those Officers who take the time to submit articles; to communicate the good *and bad* things in the lives of our brethren; to offer Masonic information that I hope is interesting and worthwhile to read; and when space allows, to insert a little humor which may or may not have anything to do with Masonry.

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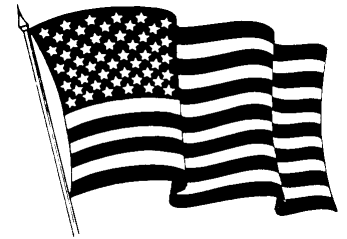
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Builders Emporium in Macedonia, Ohio is a fully-stocked hardware and builders supply house for contractors and do-it-yourselfers alike. It is the “baby” of Wor. Bro. Zalmen Rzepka. Bro. “Z” is married to Robin. “Z” was originally an officer and member of Golden Square Lodge. When that lodge merged with Forest City Lodge, “Z” continued to be a most active Mason. He served as Worshipful Master both in 2002 and 2005, and has served in numerous capacities to assist succeeding Masters.

Wor. Bro. Burt Task is the proprietor of De-Luxe Auto Lease. He is married to Jeannie, whose acting talents are well-known. Like his late fa-

ther, Leonard, before him, Bro. Burt is a long-time Mason – 42 years to be exact. He served as Master in 2001. Bro. Burt is another Past Master who doesn’t know the meaning of slowing down. Despite some lingering health issues, he travels widely throughout the District. In lodge, he is on the Fellowcraft Team; he delivers the ‘apron’ lecture; he is in charge of the Early Bird Dinners, and does most, if not all, of the cooking.

The European Wine Imports, Inc., is the property of our Wor. Master Franck Kakou. ALL about W.B. Franck appeared in the November-December, 2008 edition of the bulletin. Bro. Franck has a busy lodge year well underway, and if he can meet all of the goals he has established for the lodge, HIS YEAR will be extraordinary. Any help the brethren can give him will be gratefully accepted. **REMEMBER – It’s OUR lodge!!!**