

FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

May-June 2010

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Greetings My Brethren:

Since our last Bulletin, Forest City Lodge has had the unique distinction of being not only the first, but the ONLY lodge in Ohio to ever be awarded the prestigious "Mark Twain Award". The mammoth amount of work required to even apply for this Award was undertaken by, and during the administration of, our immediate Past Master Franck Kakou. He and his very dedicated committee worked tirelessly to create the required presentation which ultimately resulted in Forest City Lodge being recognized in such a magnificent way. Congratulations to Wor. Bro. Franck; to his superb committee; and to everyone in Forest City Lodge #388.

If you missed any or all of our recent events, you are certainly the poorer for it. Wor. Bro. Barry Siegel chaired a "1950s Valentines Day Sock Hop" which was a 'blast'. It brought back lots of memories for some of our elder statesmen and their wives. We also enjoyed an evening of Whirlyball which was co-chaired by Tyler, Michael Rothman and Junior Deacon, Christopher Stafford. Event three (3) was our Annual Sports Night with guest speaker, Les Levine. At all of these events, the attendees enjoyed great food, camaraderie, and 'surprise, surprise', almost everyone stayed until the events were concluded.

In the upcoming weeks I shall be visiting those veteran members who are entitled to received either their 50 or 60 year pin. These are brethren who were unable to attend our Annual Awards Night earlier in the year. I shall be presenting them with both the pin and the Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Ohio which acknowledges their contribution(s) to Freemasonry through their steadfast loyalty to the Craft over these many years.

We anticipate the distribution of our new Lodge Membership Directory at our Annual Inspection on Wednesday, May 5th. This yeoman's job was completed under the leadership of Senior Warden Jackie Woldering. Elsewhere in this Bulletin, in Bro. Jackie's article, all the members of his committee are credited.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday, April 21st, we will have an *Early Bird Dinner*, birthday night, and a speaker from the United States Secret Service. Our Inspection will be on Wednesday, May 5th, and I urge as many of you to attend as possible so that Forest City Lodge can once again demonstrate that it is the benchmark by which our lodges are measured.

The Master & Wardens Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, May 8th; and the Lake Erie Captains baseball game and behind the fence party will be on Saturday, July 24th. See both flyers elsewhere in this Bulletin. The Annual Golf Outing will be announced in our next Bulletin.

Attend as many Lodge functions and meetings as possible because this is your Lodge, and I continue to maintain that you can only get out of Masonry (YOUR LODGE) that which you put into it.

Fraternally,
Allen Hammes
Worshipful Master

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker from U.S. Secret Service

Open to all Masons and Non-Masons

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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**.

Sunday, April 18, 2010Grand Master's 'One-Day Class'

Registration at 12:30 p.m. is a MUST for everyone.
Dinner (prime rib or salmon) at 6:30 p.m. by reservation only. NO ticket sales at the door. For information, call W.B. Franck Kakou at 216-426-0979 -or- 216-244-7262.

Wednesday, April 21, 2010.....Stated Meeting
6:30 pm.....*Early Bird Dinner*
7:30 pm.....Open Lodge
8:00 pm.....***Birthday Night and a Speaker from
the U.S. Secret Service***

A question and answer period will follow

Wednesday, May 5, 2010.....Stated Meeting
ANNUAL INSPECTION

6:30 pm.....Dinner

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

Full course dinner: \$10.00 per person

7:30 pm.....Open Lodge

Sat., May 8, 2010.....Master & Wardens Dinner Dance
See flyer in this Bulletin

Wednesday, May 19, 2010.....Stated Meeting
6:30 pm.....*Early Bird Dinner*
7:30 pm.....Open Lodge
**Birthday Night, followed by a presentation
and dessert, courtesy of Al Sirat Grotto**

Saturday, May 22, 2010Grand Master's Reception

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

Sat., July 24th – Lake County Captains Baseball Game

Golf Outing – TBA

Wed., August 18th – Annual Steak Roast at 5:30 pm at a location TBA. For further info, call W.B. Alan Rothman at 216-410-6919

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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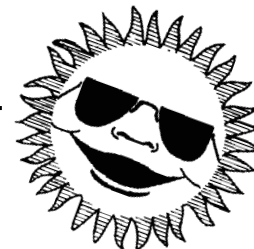
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RULES FOR BEING HUMAN

Author unknown. This was passed along by Charles N. Berry, PDDGM

1. YOU WILL RECEIVE A BODY – you may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period this time around.
2. YOU WILL LEARN LESSONS – you are enrolled in a full-time informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant or stupid.
3. THERE ARE NOT MISTAKES, ONLY LESSONS – growth is a process of trial and error: experimentation. The “failed” experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately “works”.
4. A LESSON IS REPEATED UNTIL LEARNED – a lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
5. LEARNING LESSONS DOES NOT END – there is no part of life that does not contain its lesson. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
6. “THERE” IS NO BETTER THAN “HERE” – when your “there” has become a “here”, you will simply obtain another “there” that will, again, look better than “here”.
7. OTHERS ARE MERELY MIRRORS OF YOU – you cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate in yourself.
8. WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOUR LIFE IS UP TO YOU – you have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
9. YOUR ANSWERS LIE INSIDE YOU – the answers to life’s questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen, and trust.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Fred Gold – *raised in 1997*
Bro. David Kaplan – *raised in 1979*

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Lilyan Mendelson – sister of Bro. Morton (Gale) Tucker,
and Aunt of Bro. Howard (Suzanne) Tucker

Robert Jackson – father of Sr. Deacon Dale; passed away
in California. A memorial service was held on March 6th
in the Church of Aurora

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

Bro. Alan Berger – at home following surgery on his
right shoulder. Phone calls, cards and/or visitations
will be appreciated.

Bro. Philip Moskowitz – more testing continues as he
battles the unknown.

W.B. Ronald Wolfe – recovering from a complete
right shoulder replacement.

Rose (Bro. Dan) Lash – likewise had a complete
shoulder replacement and is recuperating at home.

W.B. Maynard Melamed – in Montefiore following a
stroke.

Millie (W.B. Alex) Rosenberg – now residing at
Judson Park.

Bro. Sanford Ziff – at home suffering from at least
one cracked rib, while wife, Sally, is recovering from
a lung infection contracted while on vacation in
Arizona.

Harriet (Wor. Bro. Burt) Siebert – at home following
spinal surgery.

Wor. Bro. Marvin Blankfield – hospitalized with
kidney and diabetic problems.

Bro. Irving Milner – injured his right shoulder as the
result of a fall.

Congratulations to:

Melissa Lausin, MD – granddaughter of W.B. Ronald
and Shirley Wolfe, presented “The Psychology and
Biology of Love”, at the Psychiatry Grand Rounds on
Thursday, February 18th (W.B. Ron’s birthday), for
the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at
George Washington University Medical Center.

Contributions to the Sunshine Fund:

Natalie (our late W.B. Leroy) Gelfand – In memory of
Dane Pariesi, son-in-law of R.W. & Illus. Bro. Morton
S. and Donna Negin

Bro. Daniel and Rose Lash

W.B. Ronald and Shirley Wolfe

*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.*

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MUSINGS FROM THE WEST

My work in recent months, along with that of my committee, in updating the Lodge directory for 2010 has been an interesting and rewarding experience. I and/or members of the committee have had the opportunity to speak with many brethren, some of whom have not had contact with any other Lodge members in several years, and were eager to catch up on current happenings. We've spoken with brethren in Florida, California, Texas, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, and all over Ohio, and a few scattered among several other states. Almost all have greeted me warmly, as I them, and I have learned quite a bit about their lives. Most are doing well, but as was to be expected, a few are being cared for either by their children, other relatives, or are in some form of assisted living community or extended nursing home care.

Creating the directory is a multifaceted process involving initial research followed by direct contact with each member before the pages are printed and mailed to the membership. The process began with a MORI membership list produced from Grand Lodge on January 3rd, 2010, and obtained by W.B. Alan Rothman. This list gave me an insight to a great many addresses (although many need to be corrected), and also provided a goodly array of telephone numbers. Next, I examined each entry and used more than a half a dozen computer search engines to verify current addresses, phone numbers, zip codes for each of over 470 Forest City Lodge members. With rare exception, I was able to come up with at least one phone number for each brother, some of whom I had to find through reverse searches, and a few through relatives. The next step was the most critical, that of calling each member to confirm our information. It was also the most enjoyable task as attested to by those who made the calls, namely Brothers Bob Dvorin, W.B. Burt Task, Hugh Sullivan, Lenny Clark, Howard Marx, Jay Weiss, and Adam Pattison. In addition, RWB Mort Negin provided additional proofreading. For the very few for whom we could not obtain telephone numbers, the accuracy and thoroughness of the Internet should enable us to bring them 'into the fold'. The final steps will involve putting the information into a printable format; making a proof copy; taking that to the printer who will collate the pages, insert a cardboard backer, shrink wrap; and then place the finished product into an envelope for distribution to all of the membership. A blue directory binder will also be sent to those brethren who never received one when they were initially distributed.

We anticipate the completion of the revised directory by the time of the Master and Wardens' Dinner Dance on May 8th, 2010. Those in attendance will be issued the

new directories, and it is hoped that a good showing at this event will sharply minimize our mailing costs. IF you have not been contacted by me or a member of the committee to verify your listing by the time you receive this Lodge Bulletin, please call me at (216) 289-2682 or my cell phone (216) 789-2483 to confirm your information. My goal for the 2010 directory is to make it the most accurate we have ever published, and to maintain it in that condition during subsequent years. There will also be an electronic copy in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet available to Lodge members only. The electronic copy will be emailed upon request, will be kept current, and will be the only place where you may find the email addresses of other Lodge members.

IMPORTANT: I've been asked to remind everyone that when using email addresses of those you do not know, or who have not given permission, PLEASE *do not forward* jokes, chain email, or spam, and be cautious when replying to the sender of a notice sent to many receivers so as not to hit "reply all" and accidentally send out a private reply to everyone on the large email list. By doing so, you will show respect to other computer users by not clogging their in-boxes with unwanted and time-consuming messages. Email is a unique form of communication because it is easy, cheap, and can reach a large audience in a short amount of time. SO, please use it wisely, and as a way to make new friends instead of cultivating enemies.

When you receive your directory, don't put it away on the shelf for someday. Use it to look up an old friend; write a thank-you note to someone who paid you a kindness; send an email to a brother you haven't seen lately; or pick a name of someone you might like to get to know, and to give him a call. Many of the people I talked to during the directory verification process said they would love to hear from someone nearby who was willing to share a ride to Lodge on an odd Wednesday; chat with a Lodge buddy; or just hear from anyone in the Lodge who had some extra time. The reason I spearheaded the directory project, apart from the fact that it had not been updated in five years, was that it is about the most precious commodity we have in Lodge or anywhere else – **communication**. Communication begins with contact, and the directory gives us several distinct ways to connect with our brethren. SO, PLEASE USE AND ENJOY YOUR NEW DIRECTORY.

Fraternally,
Jackie Woldering
Senior Warden

“17 CENTS A DAY CLUB” – UPDATE

In our last Lodge Bulletin, we announced the formation of a “17 Cents A Day Club” to try to swell the income of the Brotherhood Fund so we might afford food and relief to many more of our needy citizenry. While the response has been slow, some brethren have begun to answer the call.

As of this date, Bro. Dr. Geoffry Engel sent in the equivalent of about twenty (20) months of “17 cents a day savings”; Bro. Irwin J. Weinberg sent in a full year’s savings; ditto Wor. Bro. Burt Task. In addition, one (1) or more months of savings have come in from Bro. Allan Rubinstein and Wor. Bro. Ronald Wolfe.

Seventeen (17) cents a day or five dollars (\$5.00) a month is such a small pittance, but can do so much good. Get on the ‘band wagon’ today and send in your first check for at least \$5.00. Make payable to: Forest City Lodge Brotherhood fund.

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TIDBITS

From Bro. Franck Kakou, P.M. – are you a Master Mason, BUT not a Scottish Rite Mason? There’s an awful lot of Masonic lore you’re missing. If interested in joining or simply getting information, please call me at: (216) 244-7262 or email me at: ew14wine@aol.com

From Bro. Marc L. Stolarsky – the latest edition of “Ohio Sports Fitness” will have my picture on its cover. Please look for it, and perhaps purchase a copy for yourself.

From Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr. – something to think about. “Politicians & Diapers both need to be changed often, and for the same reason”.

From Regina Brett, Plain Dealer columnist – Five (5) Life Lessons to Grow On:

1. You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
2. Cry with someone. It’s more healing than crying alone.
3. It’s OK to get angry with G-D. He can take it.
4. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
5. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

FROM THE SENIOR DEACON, DALE R. JACKSON

As I reported some time ago, I previously served as Junior Deacon in a Lodge in Michigan. After moving to Cleveland, I affiliated with Forest City Lodge and was soon installed as Junior Deacon. My previous experience in Michigan made the adjustment to Ohio traditions much easier.

Now as your Sr. Deacon, there are many challenges to overcome for which I have no previous experience. I actually had second thoughts about accepting the position because my wife required surgery which would incapacitate her for 12-16 weeks. Between my son and me, we kept our household going, and my wife is now back to full strength. The ordeal did keep me from many outside activities – including the Craft.

Now that things are gradually returning to normalcy, I can see where I have lagged behind. Through diligent study and the assistance of some Past Masters and other peers, I hope to close the gap in my ‘job learning’. Such was the case in Michigan where I was blessed with two brothers as mentors. They remained at my side, not only for the basic three Masonic degrees, but for every single degree of the York Rite from Royal Arch to Commandery.

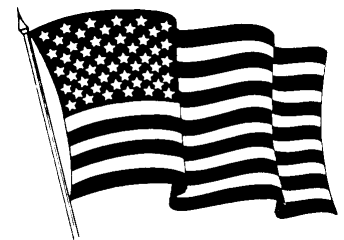
I make mention of my mentors because while new members are told to watch and listen, they are neither skilled or knowledgeable enough to know the nuances and fine points of Freemasonry. It requires mentors and/or veteran brethren to help educate these new brethren who represent the future of Forest City Lodge and our beloved Craft. For this reason I recently petitioned a sister lodge for plural membership, and hope to be accepted in the near future. I hope that by this action I shall learn more about other lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and I may receive further mentoring to enhance my Masonic experience.

Finally, I should like to share with you, my Brethren, one of the most valuable things that has remained with me and will never be forgotten – my true meaning of Brotherhood. This is my memory of the brothers who were my true mentors in Michigan, the identity of one I am now sharing with you.

I was raised in July, 1978, but became deeply involved in 1982. Twice I have served as Wor. Master of Belding/Ionia Lodge #355. Other honors include four times (and counting) as High Priest of Hooker Chapter #73; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Tyre Council #10; three terms as Commander of DeMolay Commandery #5; a member of York Rite Sovereign College; Knight of the York Cross of Honor; and the Masonic High 12 Club. None of the above would have been possible without the full support of my lady, Anneliese. We all need a good wife to support our endeavors. I take Masonry very seriously, and believe that if you sign a petition, you should help your new Brother to as much Light as possible, and you both can grow together in our great Fraternity. R.W. Bro. Harley Ridgeway

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The Sinclairs of Rosslyn

It is impossible to tell the story of Freemasonry without telling the story of Clan Sinclair.

Prince Henry St. Clair offered refuge to the Templars upon his land in Scotland. In 1398, 100 years before Columbus arrived in the New World, Prince Henry sailed to what is known today as Nova Scotia. His arrival was recorded in the tribal history of the Mi'kmaq Indians.

Further evidence of his expedition to the New World is found in Rosslyn Chapel, which in actuality is a Templar shrine. In addition to scenes from both the Old and New Testaments, and along with decorative elements of the Knights Templar, there are found representations of maize and aloe, both of which would have been unknown prior to Henry St. Clair's arrival in the New World.

In 1440, William St. Clair, grandson of Prince Henry, began the construction of Rosslyn Chapel on the floor plan of the Third Temple, built in Jerusalem by Herod, and later destroyed in the 1st century by the Romans. It stood upon the Temple Mount which was later controlled by the Knights Templar. According to 'History of Clan Sinclair', masons working on the project were given "The Mason Word" by William St. Clair in order to preserve the secrets of the Templars that Rosslyn was built to house.

As was suggested earlier, what may or may not have been housed at Rosslyn Chapel is the subject of much speculation. It has been theorized that everything from the Ark of the Covenant, to the Holy Grail, to a Secret Testament of Jesus, to the Genealogy of

the Descendants of Jesus and Mary, are hidden beneath the floor of Rosslyn Chapel. What is certain is that on the lower frame of the window in the southwest corner of Rosslyn Chapel, there is a carving of the Masonic 1st Degree. The image is that of a man kneeling between two pillars; he is blindfolded and has a noose around his neck. His feet are in an unnatural position. In his left hand he holds a Bible. The end of the noose is held by a man who is wearing the mantle of the Knights Templar.

This image serves to raise the question, "Which came first, Freemasonry or the Knights Templar?". In 1738, 300-years following the construction of Rosslyn, Pope Clement XII, who ironically shared his name with Pope Clement V who had condemned the Templars 400-years earlier, condemned Freemasonry on the grounds that it was descended from these very same Templars.

One year previous, in 1737, a prominent Freemason, Andrew Ramsay, who served as the Scottish tutor of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, delivered an address which has come to be known as Ramsay's Oration. He declared that Freemasonry had originated among "Crusader Knights" who had formed themselves into "lodges of St. John". Furthermore, he stated that Scotland had been absolutely instrumental in preserving Freemasonry from the Crusades to the present. Although Ramsay went to great length to avoid using the word "Templar", Pope Clement XII apparently made the connection.

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

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