

FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

November - December 2011

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

MASTER-ELECT'S MESSAGE



Several years ago, I agreed to return to the officer corps as Senior Deacon in order to afford the newer officers the opportunity to grow as they progressed through the stations and to learn the great history and traditions of Forest City Lodge. For a number of "long-time" brethren, this was the Lodge of our fathers, uncles and brothers, and we want to preserve that which they had built for us.

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find the text of a classic poem by Will Allen Dromgoole entitled "The Bridge Builder". I came across it many years ago while in college, and I came to rediscover it when I had the privilege of serving as a District Deputy Grand Master, and used it as a teaching method for why our Fraternity exists. We all must work to build those bridges, to keep this Fraternity, and especially our Lodge, strong and meaningful. This is my goal for the coming year and I hope that you will help me to, figuratively, build bridges for the future.

Installation of your officers will be held in a tyled Lodge on Wednesday evening, November 16, 2011 and will be followed almost immediately on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 by our 39th Annual Brotherhood Night-Night with the Clergy and Candle Lighting Ceremony. The evening is an "open" event, and is, perhaps, the highlight of our Masonic year. Among our distinguished guests will be Most Worshipful Brother Kevin B. Todd, our newly-elected Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David L. Collins, Grand Chaplain, Sister Ruthmary Powers of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Rabbi Rosette Barron Haim and Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo, both of The Temple-Tifereth Israel. Both evenings will feature dinners and further information appears elsewhere.

On Sunday, December 11, 2011, there will be an Officers Reception and Brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village. Again, you are referred to further information in this bulletin.

It is my hope and wish that you will join with me and your officers throughout the coming year to participate in our meetings, our work, and our social events. I plan to make the coming year productive, as well as enjoyable.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Harvey S. Morrison, P.D.D.G.M.
Worshipful Master-Elect

39th ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD NIGHT – NIGHT WITH THE CLERGY

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Open Lodge – 5:30 P.M.

Dinner with the Ladies – 6:15 P.M.

Program – 7:30 P.M.

Dinner Tickets: \$10.00

See Officers for Tickets

Kevin B. Todd Installed Grand Master of Ohio

Kevin B. Todd was installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio on Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 AM. This 203rd annual installation of the Grand Lodge officers also included the installation of James F. Easterling as Deputy Grand Master Norman J. Mick as Senior Grand Warden, Steven E. Cokenougher as Junior Grand Warden, Ronald L. Connelly as Grand Treasurer, C. Michael Watson as Grand Secretary, David L. Collins as Grand Chaplain, Robert C. Rill as Grand Orator, Douglas N. Kaylor as Grand Marshall, Eric R. Schau as Senior Grand Deacon, Michael T. Puskarich as Junior Grand Deacon, and Calvin E. Giusto as Grand Tyler.

A FINAL ARTICLE FROM THE RETIRING WORSHIPFUL MASTER



In this, my last article as Master of Forest City Lodge, I want to say thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. To those who participated and made this a memorable and exciting year, to those who pitched in and went the extra mile, to those who helped the Brethren and their families, guests and loved ones to have a truly great experience, I say, "Well Done! Bravo!" It is you who have shown the true spirit of Masonry when you live the words spoken at the end of every Installation, "I therefore trust that you will have but one aim - to please each other, and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness."

This has been a year of growth, of exploration, of communication, of surprises, of delight, of harmony, and a small bit of controversy, but it was certainly not boring. Installation was a spectacularly well-attended event with RWB William Grater as Installing Officer. Brotherhood Night, conducted by WB Jay Kaufman and Bro. David Kaufman, showed Forest City's benevolence at its finest, and Inspection showcased our Officer Corps. New Years Eve was a remarkable evening, arranged by Neil and Dee Cantor, all set to the music of the Cleveland Pops at Severance Hall. Jill Noble granted us light by sharing her world, Manny Sperling did his magic, and Brother Scott Morrison showed us how to be better photographers. Over a hundred guests enjoyed the music of NiteBridge at our Master and Wardens' Dinner Dance at Landerhaven, chaired by WB Jerry Kustin. Food brought us together at Early Bird dinners with invitations by Birthday Chairman Bro. Pete Molay, and at formal dinners, as we attempted to open as many events as possible to those who support us in our Masonic duties outside Lodge.

Our Awards Night was a nice celebration of veteran Masons chaired by Brother Daniel Cohen. We initiated a candidate at Table Lodge in June with toasts, songs, and a unique spirit of fellowship, as guided by WB Julian D. Cohen. We shared the solemnity of Memorial Night, and the mirth of Past Masters' Night. There were candidates initiated, passed and raised, all to the music of WB Paul Shellhammer in the organ loft. Our Traveling Team took home a Gold Level attendance award, and Forest City won the Grand Master's Award at Grand Lodge in October this year. Our now Past Grand Master, MWB Bradford A. Goebel, his Grand Chaplain, RWB Robert A. Behner, his Grand Tyler, RWB Robert C. Hager, our Senior Grand Deacon, RWB Eric R. Schau, our District Deputy Grand Master, RWB Stephen M. Behm, our District Education Officer, WB Henry G. Mankowski plus a number of Past District Deputies, Past Grand Masters and other

distinguished visitors assisted us at so many of our events this year.

Of course, none of this could have been possible without the help of many dedicated individuals. WB Mark Nathanson aided with each function, taking care of the details small and large, and acting as a fine mentor. WB Burt Task assisted at the Early Bird dinners, as well as several of the formal dinners. Burt shopped, cooked, served and did whatever else it took to get food on the table for our hungry members and guests. My buddy, Brother Sam Kool, helped with cooking and serving whenever asked, along with Bros. Hugh Sullivan, Adam Pattison, Bill Hoon and Jay Weiss. WB Alan Rothman, his wife Bev and their family lent a hand with meals, and were responsible for bringing us a great Steak Roast this August. Bros. Sanford Ziff, Michael Schwartz, Joe Diamond and Jim Millier were making change while Brother Howard B. Marx was spreading sunshine. Our Ambassador Group, headed by Brothers Chris Stafford and Scott Muharsky moved all of the tables and chairs and cleaned up after every affair. These young brothers, almost all raised within the last few years, were and will continue to be vital to the continuing success of our Lodge.

Kudos go out to RWB Mitchell Alperin and WB Barry Siegel for Lodge Education, to my chaplains WB Ronald W. Wolfe and WB Ron Jacobs, to our ever-faithful Secretary RWB Morton S. Negin, his Assistant Secretary WB Alan Rothman, to our Treasurer WB Jerry Kustin, to our Tyler Brother Michael Rothman and Asst. Tyler Bro. Richard Weiss. Special thanks to WB Chester Willey, WB Zalmen Rzepka, WB Don Samuels and our Fellowcraft Team. Praise is due to Brother Melvyn Molecke and WB Stuart Marks for imprinted gifts, to Bros. Lenny Clark and Todd Brown for help in Lodge Education, to WB Burt C. Siebert for his Bible and MM lectures, and to WB Ron Wolfe and Bro Alex Meske for editing our Forest City Bulletin.

In closing, I want to again say thank you for allowing me to serve you and Forest City Lodge as Worshipful Master during this past Masonic year; it has been a pleasure and I look forward to taking a spot at the end of our Past Masters line. I also wish to thank my biggest and best supporter, my spouse Mary. Without her, I would be without motivation. She has been at my side during each moment, even assisting with cooking and serving during closed events. During this year we both learned how to be better people to each other and to those around us, which is, I believe, what Masonry is all about. My best wishes to Master-elect RWB Harvey S. Morrison and our newly elected Officers; may they all have a successful Masonic year and may God bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally,
Jackie Woldering, Worshipful Master

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*NOTE: We are required by our By-Laws to open a Stated Meeting on the **first and third Wednesday** of each month, excluding July and August. Variations from this schedule, to the extent possible, will be indicated in **bold** type.*

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 Stated Meeting
144th ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
Open Lodge 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Meeting in Tyled Lodge 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 Stated Meeting
**39th ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD NIGHT,
EVENING WITH THE CLERGY AND
CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**
Open Lodge 5:30 p.m.
Dinner (Open to Members, Ladies and Guests)..... 6:15 p.m.
Program..... 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2011
OFFICERS' RECEPTION AND BRUNCH
Hilton Garden Inn – Mayfield Village 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21, 2011 Stated Meeting
Possible Degree Work–TBA 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 2011 New Year's Eve
Severance Hall – Cleveland Pops

Wednesday, January 4, 2012
Possible Degree Work–TBA 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 Stated Meeting
Possible Degree Work–TBA 7:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT: For further information regarding times, **dinner prices**, or other details, please contact (1) Wor. Master Morrison or to (2) the Forest City Lodge Website @ www.forestcity388.com

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BROTHERHOOD NIGHT – Wednesday, December 7, 2011

In 1972, our late Worshipful Brother Bert M. Tobin began the Forest City Lodge tradition of a Night with the Clergy. Over the years, this also came to include Brotherhood Night and Candle Lighting Ceremony.

On Wednesday, December 7, 2011, Forest City Lodge will continue this tradition by holding our 39th Annual Brotherhood Night-Night with the Clergy and Candle Lighting Ceremony. Among our distinguished guests will be Most Worshipful Brother Kevin B. Todd, our newly-elected Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David

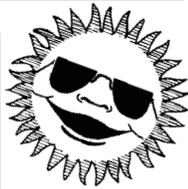
L. Collins, Grand Chaplain, Sister Ruthmary Powers of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Rabbi Rosette Barron Haim and Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo, both of the Temple-Tifereth Israel.

The evening's program is open to members, ladies and guests. There will be a dinner before the program but reservations are required. Tickets are available from the officers. For further information, please feel welcome to contact the Worshipful Master at 216-291-2614.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Brother Carl Roth – *Raised 1967*
Brother Arthur Taylor – *Raised 1950*



Deceased Relations of our Brethren and their family

Brother Terry Marks (wife Sue), who lives in Baltimore, MD, lost his brother-in-law. His name was Jeffrey Simon. Jeff lived in Ashville, NC.

Forest City Lodge No. 388 extends its condolences to R. W. Bro. Steven E. Cokenough and his family on the passing of his wife, Judy.

Hospitalized or Recuperating either at Home or in a Nursing Facility

Illus. Brother Mort Negin, Lodge Secretary, was hospitalized for a short time but has since returned home (and to Lodge).

Patsy Morrison, wife of R.W.B. Harvey, is now at home and recuperating very well after her recent surgery.

Congratulations

A hearty congratulations to Brother Larry Simon on his return home after spending almost a year in hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

Brother Alan and Karen Berger announce the birth of a granddaughter, Lila Cassidy French, born on June 28, 2011.

Contributions

A contribution to the Sunshine Fund, in memory of Wor. Bro. Robert Sugarman, was received from the Sugarman family.

A contribution to the Sunshine Fund was received from Brother Neil and Dolores Cantor.

Please: Contact your Sunshine Committee with ANY news – good or bad – so that your committee may respond appropriately.

ATTENTION ALL BRETHREN, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Each and every one of us does, to some degree, rely upon the Lodge Sunshine Committee for information and thoughtfulness in times of need and/or celebration. The actions of your committee are ongoing, with all of us taking an active part in these activities, when so notified. We would like to ensure that this will continue.

Over the past years the Sunshine Fund has been depleted due to the activities of your Committee and the lowered investment income. With this thought in mind, the Committee requests that each of us look into our hearts and see if we are able to send a contribution for the Lodge Sunshine Fund.

If you wish to memorialize a loved one, or a celebration with a gift to the Sunshine Fund, we would be very appreciative. And your contribution will be noted in the Lodge Bulletin.

Checks should be mailed to the attention of either our Treasurer (Jerry Kustin) or Sunshine Committee Chairman (Howard Marx) at:

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Thank you for your assistance.
Howard Marx, Sunshine Committee Chairman.

144th ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Dinner [Masons Only] – 6:30 P.M.
Tyled Lodge – 7:30 P.M.

Dinner Tickets: \$10.00
See Officers for Tickets

OFFICERS' RECEPTION AND BRUNCH

Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.

HILTON GARDEN INN
700 Beta Drive
Mayfield Village, OH

Tickets: \$15.00
See Officers for Tickets

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

A Poem by Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim, near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way;
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head:
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,
“There followeth after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.”

TREASURER

It is a privilege to once again serve the Lodge as Treasurer for the ensuing year. My duties include receiving monies from the Secretary, depositing them, and paying them out with guidance from the budget committee and approval of the Worshipful Master and the Lodge. I must submit an annual return to the IRS, as well as Grand Lodge. One of my other duties, in coordination with the Secretary, is to send out dues statements and issue dues cards.

Unfortunately, we have not received dues remittance from many of our members. We rely on our dues income in part to run the varied charities and programs of the lodge. We are required by Grand Lodge to finish this process very soon. If there is a financial problem, we must be notified or you must pay your dues as soon as possible in order to continue your membership.

Jerome S. Kustin, Treasurer

SECRETARY

This is the 29th year that I have been elected as Secretary of our Lodge. I am very grateful to the Brethren for having honored me for such a long period. I will continue to try to please you in the coming year. Thank you for your confidence in me.

Thank you,
Morton S. Negin, Secretary

SENIOR DEACON-ELECT

Once again the elections of officers at Forest City Lodge have come and gone. I am honored to have been able to serve this lodge over that past several years and I am looking forward to serving this lodge for many more.

It is important to note that for an officer to best serve the Lodge and his Brethren, he must first know what the Lodge wants and what direction the Lodge would like to go. Your feedback will greatly affect the course this Lodge takes in the future.

My role as an officer is not to do what I think that Lodge would like, but to do the things you would like. What would help you get interested in Lodge?

Shorter meetings? More engaging Lodge Education? Better Dinners? Cage Match?

Now is a great time to attend Lodge. Our officers are young, energetic and talented. However outstanding these young men are, the Lodge can not be carried on their shoulders alone. You can help by participating.

I, like most of you, want what's best for the Lodge. I want to see more members and their families attend our meetings and our activities. I want to see this Lodge grow and revel in the tenets that make us Masons. And, most importantly, I want to see you all have fun and enjoy each other's company.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please write or email me.

Chris Stafford, Senior Deacon-Elect

JUNIOR DEACON-ELECT

Dear Brethren,

I appreciate all that you have done for me and the faith that has been put in me as I move forward in the officer line at Forest City Lodge. I promise to be fair and just in my duties.

Today, I am a leader of men and women within my companies, and my experiences within this fraternity have dramatically improved my leadership skills and instilled a high level of self-awareness. I look forward to someday taking the same to the East.

Those who know me know that I will never let something pass if I feel it to be something that I should comment on. I will be outspoken for what is right. Although we are all Brothers, we have all made better friends with some than others. Those friendships will not come into play when disputes arise but, rather, only what is fair for all.

Thank you all. I look forward to our coming years together.

Scott Muharsky, Junior Deacon-Elect

FROM THE EDITOR

As our Lodge prepares for its new year under "new management", so does the bulletin begin under "new management". After years of excellent work and service, WB Ron Wolfe has passed along most of the responsibilities of editorship to Alex Meske, otherwise known as "me".

And as your new editor, I would like to thank Ron Wolfe for his years of excellent work on this bulletin, his advice and assistance in preparing me for this role, and his willingness to trust me with these new responsibilities. And, as he will be continuing to work on some areas of the bulletin, I would like to thank him for his continued service, as well as his assistance with the many questions I will undoubtedly have in the future.

I look forward to serving as editor of this bulletin and the opportunity to learn about and from this position. Thank you again for the opportunity to take on this challenge, I am glad to be stepping into this new role for the Lodge.

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WEST WIND - NOVEMBER 2011

Greetings, Brethren - please accept my sincere and humble thanks for the confidence that you have placed in me by electing me as your Senior Warden for the coming term. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of that office in the manner in which our great Lodge deserves.

One of the things that I most enjoy about our 'gentle Craft' is the opportunity for learning and growth that it provides. I have said before that the content of our three Masonic lectures constitutes a curriculum for at least an Associates' Degree in Liberal Arts at most accredited universities. Two of the most valuable learning tools I have discovered are both FREE on-line newsletters, one titled 'Three, Five, Seven' (or simply, 'T.F.S.'), and the other, 'Mehr Licht (More Light)'. Both were begun by RWB Ed Halpaus, Past Grand Lodge Education Officer of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, one of our most distinguished contemporary Masonic scholars. The editorship of 'T.F.S.' was recently taken over by RWB Stan Shapiro, Minnesota's current Grand Lodge Education Officer.

As stated, both of these are free, and can be received by e-mail once you are registered as a subscriber. Only minimal information is required for registration, and that info is not shared with ANYONE else. They contain informative and highly thoughtful articles, both from contemporary Masons and scholars of the past, as well as a Monday Forum which discusses one question per week in a 'chat-room'-type format, of relevance to Freemasonry. I have received these newsletters for several years now, and highly recommend them to all Brethren. To subscribe, contact:

T. F. S. shapiro.stanley@gmail.com
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Fraternally, Chester F. Willey, Senior Warden-Elect

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Our Lodge recently upgraded its slide projector to a new video projector. This advance in technology gives us an opportunity to create better, more informative, and more entertaining presentations. One such presentation Bro. Christopher Stafford would like to begin is entitled "Getting to Know You."

Many of our Lodge brethren have been absent for a while. Some are unable to join us due to medical reasons. Some are too busy in their necessary vocations. Some have moved. And some just choose not to attend. If you are counted among our absent brothers, we would like to hear from you.

Regardless of your reasons for not coming to Lodge, you and your families are still very important to us. "Getting to Know You" is an effort to reconnect with you and give you an opportunity to participate in Lodge, even when you cannot attend. You can reconnect with old Lodge buddies and introduce yourself to new members. So let us get to know you.

To help us in "Getting to Know You", please send us the following information:

- When you were Raised.
- What offices (if any) you held.
- Occupation.
- Family updates.
- Pictures – old and new.
- A story about your time with Forest City Lodge and its members.

Send your "Getting to Know You" pictures and updates to:
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Or email them to Bro. Christopher Stafford at:
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We look forward to "Getting to Know You" all over again.