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MASTER'S MESSAGE



As the classic song goes, "The days grow short when you reach September..."

We are now entering the last days of summer, 2012, and I hope that your summer was as enjoyable as mine, albeit very hot and too dry for the most

part. Just don't complain when January and February roll around.

By this time, you should have received an invitation to a "retirement party" for Ill. and Right Worshipful Brother Morton S. Negin. Mort has faithfully served Forest City Lodge, and Freemasonry, as a member for over sixty years and as our Secretary for the past twenty-six years. Please join with your brethren, ladies and friends to thank Mort for his devotion to our Fraternity on September 30, 2012 at Landerhaven. Further details appear elsewhere in this Bulletin.

I must mention that our Associate Secretary, W.B. Alan H. Rothman, has been at Mort's side for the last few years, offering assistance to Mort and learning the intricacies of the position and dealing with the idiosyncrasies of the Grand Lodge computer record-keeping system.

During the summer, I had the opportunity to participate at Collinwood Lodge with the sitting Masters of other lodges in the 22nd District to raise a young man to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It is my understanding that nearly every lodge was represented at this event and it may become a regular part of the lodges' summer program. Keep your eyes and ears open.

According to my calculations, there are six meetings remaining during my term as your Worshipful Master. It is my expectation that three of those meetings will be devoted to degree work. And, please do not forget that Wednesday, October 3, 2012 is our annual Past Masters' Night, and we will again call upon our "backbone" to confer the Master Mason degree in their own inimitable manner. There will be a dinner beforehand.

And, of course, please make plans to attend our meetings. Forest City Lodge is your Lodge and your participation is what makes us strong. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally and sincerely,

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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, September 5, 2012

Dinner with the Ladies 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting and
Memorial Night Program..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting - possible degree work..... 7:30 p.m.
August-September Birthdays

Sunday, September 30, 2012 4:30 p.m.
Morton S. Negin's Appreciation Dinner
Executive Caterers at Landerhaven

Wednesday, October 3, 2012.....Past Masters' Night
Open Special Meeting – First Section 5:15 p.m.
Dinner (Master Masons Only)..... 6:30 p.m.
Resume Labor –Second Section..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting with possible degree work 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Annual Meeting - Elections
Early Bird Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting –Election of Officers 7:30 p.m.
October-November Birthdays

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

145th Annual Installation of Officers

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Brotherhood Night/A Night with the Clergy

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Brisket-and-Latke Party..... 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 28, 2012

**Special visit to Anshe Chesed/Fairmount Temple for
Shabbat Service in observance of the Feast of St. John
the Evangelist (one of our two 'Holy Saints John')**

IMPORTANT: For further information regarding times, dinner process, or other details, please contact the Worshipful Master or consult the Forest City Lodge website: www.forestcity388.com. More up-to-date information will be on the website.

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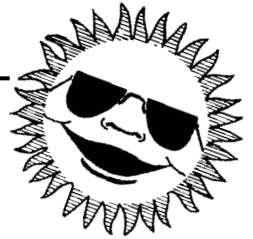
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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT



Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above

- Brother Saul P. Baker – Raised in 1947
- Brother Morris Blatt – Raised in 1971

Deceased relations of our Brethren and their family

- Eve Berk, sister of Jean Danziger (wife of Brother Marvin) passed away in Rochester, N.Y.
- Lanny Michael Solomon, brother of Brother Gary Solomon passed away in Kansas City, KA

Hospitalized or recuperating either at Home or in a Nursing Facility

- W.B. Paul Shellhammer is at home and recuperating while nursing a fractured vertebrae suffered from a fall off a ladder.
- Donna Negin, wife of R.W.&Ill. Bro. Mort Negin is at home limping around with a broken foot and a “big” cast.
- Brother Louis Snow is presently at Euclid General Hospital, recuperating from surgery.
- Fran Molay, wife of Brother Peter, suffered a heart attack; but she is now at home and recovering very well.
- Floyd (Dick) Foyer is now residing in Menorah Park in room #108 of the Heights Section.
- Brother Joseph Feigeles is rehabbing from back surgery in Montefiore.
- Alva Feldman, wife of Brother Marvin Feldman, is in Hillcrest Hospital. Alva had a heart attack and was found to have an artery 99% blocked. They were able to insert a stent and Alva will be coming home soon.

Congratulations

- Brother Andy Recker and wife Galina announce the birth of their son Aaron.
- Brother Howard and Wife Elinor Bernstein are celebrating their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary by participating in a European River Cruise.

Contributions

- Received a very nice contribution from Sandy Salamon in honor of Brother Andy Salamon.
- A very nice contribution was received from W.B. Burt and wife Harriet Siebert in honor of Judy Zeligson’s milestone birthday.
- A Sunshine Fund contribution was received from Brother Dan Lash and wife Rosie in honor of Brother Morris Blatt.
- A Sunshine Fund Contribution was received from Brother Neil and wife Dolores Cantor.



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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

As summer has drawn to a close, it is time to resume our work in the quarries. The upcoming Masonic year will be exciting and monumental as an honorary member of our Lodge is likely to become the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. And, on a more personal note, I will be attempting to fill the shoes of R.W.B. Morton S. Negin III. 33rd as Secretary for the remainder of the present term of office.

My dear Brethren, the position of Secretary can be difficult and time consuming, particularly for a newbie like myself. To assist me, please remember that if you move or have a change of email address it is imperative to let your Lodge Secretary know ASAP.

It is my sincere desire to protect the assets and integrity of the Lodge, and to always look out for best possible solutions. Toward this end, I must make decisions that keep in mind the long term ramifications for our Lodge and the Fraternity, while staying within the confines of the Code of The Grand Lodge of Ohio.

As society continues to change, so must we if we want to remain a vibrant part of our culture. Therefore, please consider providing your Lodge with your email address so that we can correspond with you electronically. At a recent Secretaries' meeting, it was discovered that many Lodges are sending their bulletins and dues notices via electronic media. This small change will have a dramatic environmental and financial impact. We already have an email update program in place, where 108 Brothers receive news of funerals, upcoming meetings, and last minute changes. Please let me assure you that your email address is held in the strictest confidence and NOT shared with anyone. Brethren, our Lodge is behind the times in this regard, so I urge you to consider making email and the use of our website a part of your Masonic edifices.

I have provided a link to our website to facilitate this procedure and to update your other personal information as well. The link is <http://www.forestcity388.com/MembersOnly.html>. This Members Only page will provide the Lodge

members with direct access to the Lodge Webmaster and Secretary, and should enable to us to provide exceptional communication. There is no need to write down this link since a small "Members Only" button has been placed on our website's homepage, directly below the navigation buttons. This is the only place on the website where this button exists, so you will have to hunt for it.

I hope that you share with me the love that I have for this great Fraternity, and our Lodge in particular. Please remember that "The Future Of Freemasonry Is Up To You".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Alan H. Rothman P.M.
Webmaster and Associate Secretary

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Brethren,

Since the passing of WB Ron Wolfe, I have taken it upon myself to contact both *Entertainment* and *Our Town and All Around Town* to make certain that Forest City Lodge will continue to sell these discount coupon books. Therefore, these books should be in my possession by September. The costs still remain the same: \$30 for the Entertainment Book and \$28 for the Our Town Book. If you had plans on buying either, please buy from the Lodge, as this is strictly a fundraiser for the Lodge.

Once the books become available, I will have them available at our Lodge meetings. Or you can make other arrangements by calling me either at home at 216-932-4094 or at my office at 216-662-5555.

Fraternaly,
Barry Siegel, PM

FROM THE WEST

Greetings, Brethren—July 27th, 2012, was the official Opening Day of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London—and that afternoon was a very interesting one for me, and for Freemasonry.

The night before the Opening Ceremonies, a friend of mine—Jayne H.—had told me that her sometime boyfriend, Ed, had been badly injured—nearly killed, in fact—in an industrial accident that morning, and was in the ICU at Metro Hospital. Jayne doesn't drive, so I gave her my phone number and said "Call me—whatever you need, you got." As my late wife Marsha used to say, "It's no big deal—it's just what you do." The next day, she called me from Metro Hospital because she needed a ride home. And, since I meant what I said, I was in my car and on the way.

When I got in my car, of course the car radio was tuned to WCLV 104.9 FM, the classical music station in Cleveland. They were doing a live broadcast of the opening ceremonies from London, which included a concert in Prince Albert Hall. They performed the Beethoven 9th Symphony—the 'Ode to Joy'.

No human being with a detectable pulse could fail to be moved by that music - every time I hear it, it still drags me up out of whatever doldrums I'm in and makes everything seem Right again.

After it ended, there was an interview with two American synchronized swimmers who use part of the 'Ninth' as accompaniment for their freestyle routine. When asked why they chose that music, one of them replied (to paraphrase), "We put it at the end of our routine because we are tired, our muscles are on fire, we hurt, and that music always uplifts us, sustains us, gives us that extra burst of energy to get through, and to do our best."

Music does that to us, and for us.

So, when I picked up Jayne at the hospital, and she was trying to thank me for doing just what I should do anyway, I said, "No—thank YOU. Because you called when you did, I got to hear this wonderful piece, because your call pulled me up out of whatever else I was doing, and gave me that gift."

The other gift was the performers in that broadcast. The conductor was Daniel Barenboim, who was in Prince Albert Hall that day with a group called the West-Eastern Philharmonic. The commentator explained that this was a group of

Israeli and Palestinian musicians whom Barenboim himself had assembled, put them all together on the same stage, and said, "Let's make some music"—and boy-oh-boy, they did.

When RWB James F. Easterling, Jr. (who is an Honorary Member of our Lodge), rolled out his anticipated program for the coming Masonic year, he announced that his slogan will be "Together, We Can." Well, that day, a group of Israelis and Palestinians in London DID. And, if Daniel Barenboim can bridge a gap like that, and bring people together in that fashion—

WHY CAN'T WE?

One of the things which RWB Easterling emphasized in his program was participation in community activities. Get out in the street, as Masons, to show people in the community that we are still alive, that we are still active, and that we are still doing Good Things.

One such example was when several of our Brethren of Forest City Lodge attended the West Denison baseball league game (and accompanying hurricane...but that's another story). We've written checks to that group for as long as our beloved WB Claude Pittman has been asking for them, but how many of us have actually attended one of their games? You don't have to go to the Special Olympics in Columbus to see what good we can do—West Denison is right here in town.

Finally, later that evening, I was thrilled to see a TV commercial in which a young lady was competing as a diver. She had been diagnosed with scoliosis as a child, and she said, "If it weren't for Shriner's Hospitals, I wouldn't be up here today."

As MWB Thomas Galyen said in 1997, "Tell the Masonic Story". We have some things to think about, and some work to do, my Brethren, in the coming year, and the coming years, not merely to TELL the Masonic Story, but to LIVE the Masonic story—at home, at work, at Lodge, and out in public, so that future generations will learn our greatest Masonic Secret: Love.

Fraternally,
Chester F. Willey, Senior Warden

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