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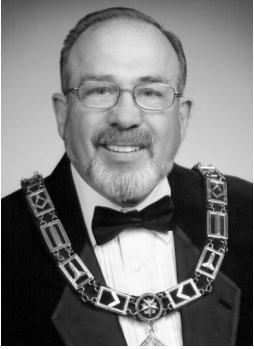
LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

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FROM THE MASTER



Thanks to all of you, Forest City Lodge #388 is alive and well. Many of our brethren have re-discovered lodge, and we've enjoyed record attendance at all of our events. For those of you still needing an extra push, check the Trestleboard. Look for our 'early bird' dinners. They're only \$4.00 per Mason, and they include dinner, beverage, and dessert.

Along with this 'bargain', you get the camaraderie of being with your brethren, renewing old friendships, and perhaps a couple of laughs to 'cap off the evening'.

For those who cannot attend meetings or events because of health problems, we miss you and sincerely hope that full recovery is on the horizon for each of you. If you need assistance in order to come to lodge, PLEASE call me or one of our other officers. We'll do our very best to accommodate you.

As you all know only too well, lodge is not just social activities. We must still do our ritual work, and we must do it well. We've been blessed this year with many petitions from 'would-be' Masons. This abundance allows us to get in plenty of rehearsal along with 'for real' degree work. Workers for our Fellowcraft Team are always **welcome, welcome, welcome.**

All lodges in our district are currently having their respective inspections. Many of us visit these other lodges for: new ideas, degree work suggestions, different perspectives, and/or simply to meet and make new friends and brothers within our Great Fraternity. If you would like to join with us in these visitations, please call or email me (see list of officers for numbers and addresses).

On the horizon are more social events for you and your lady. Valentine's Night will have a touch of romance for those who remember lovers lane. *That's a clue for all of you Columbos out there.* We'll have dinner by candlelight, romantic music, and some special effects. *Please join us.*

In April we will enjoy an evening of magic. Come along with your 'best gal' and be stupefied by a 'master of magic'. Details for both these events appear in the Trestleboard.

The 'frosting on the cake' will be our Annual Master & Wardens' Dinner Dance at beautiful Landerhaven. Wor. Bro. Julian Cohen and his great committee of four (4) have been preparing since last year to make this night a 'must' for all our brethren, their ladies, and friends. Full details appear in the enclosed flyer. As an added incentive, there will be an early reservation discount which is explained in the flyer.

Remember the Forest City Lodge pledge, which is: "if you did not have a great time, it is because you did not attend the event". My thanks, as always, to all those brethren who work tirelessly before and behind the scenes to make our lodge run. You are the 'oil for our engines, and the grease for our gears'. Anyone interested in serving on a committee, call me or one of our officers.

On behalf of Karen and myself, we wish all of you good health and happiness as we build that bridge for a better tomorrow.

Fraternally grateful,
Mark H. Nathanson,
Worshipful Master

The Fabulous Foursome

Many of you have seen the movie, "The Magnificent Seven". Well, in Forest City Lodge we have our own "Fabulous Foursome". They consist of Wor. Bros. Julian Cohen, Mark Nyer, Stuart Marks, and Bro. Marvin Danziger.

These four stalwarts have been planning for this year's Master & Wardens Dinner Dance since last year. They've gotten all of the i's dotted, and all of the t's crossed.

They've selected a wonderful location, a superb menu selection – preceded by delectable hors d'oeuvres, 5-star entertainment, and some surprise extras to which we are not privy at this time.

Take the enclosed flyer – NOW, and send in your reservation(s). Whether it's just you and your lady, or you and either three or four other couples who wish to make up your own table, do it **early.** Look for the early reservation discount in the flyer.

IF it has been a while since you last attended a Master & Wardens Dinner Dance, this is the year to get back in **the 'swing'.**

Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Charles M. Levenson
Bro. Robert Pinkis
Bro. Bertram E. Simms
Bro. Jerome S. Stone
Bro. Leo Turkell
Bro. Simon Zalben

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Ileen L. (nee Lowe) Miller – wife of Bro. Ralph.
Sue Sicherman – aunt of Wor. Bro. Mitchell Freiberg.
Anna Tallos – mother of Terry (Bro. Larry) Schwartz.

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

Cards and/or phone calls would be appreciated. They provide a Bright Spark of Appreciation and Hope

Bro. Howard Marx – at home following intense heart surgery.
Bro. Daniel Miller – in Mission Viejo, CA – at home following a serious automobile accident.
Bro. Bernard Shepard – at home following surgery.
Wor. Bro. Burt Task – in Hillcrest Hospital.
Bro. Barry Wessler – recuperating at home.

Congratulations to:

Bro. Scott and Jacque Jacobs – on the birth of son, Brandon Joshua Jacobs, on 1-22-07. Brandon resides in Torrance, CA, and came in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. The ecstatic Grandparents are Wor. Bro. Ron and Ann Jacobs.

Wor. Bro. Mitchell L. and Marcia Alperin – on the birth of grandson, Dylan Robert Stolyar. Dylan checked in at 6 lbs. 13 oz., and 19 in. in height. He resides in Las Vegas, NV. Watching from above with adoration are his late, great grandparents, Bro. Dr. Norman and Ruth Alperin.

Wor. Bro. Sheldon Berkman – Past Master of Golden Square Lodge (now Forest City Lodge) – on being installed Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge in Florida.

Bro. Sheldon and Beverly Goldstein – on the marriage of grandson, Matt Winegrad to Michelle Friedman.

Contributions received for the Sunshine Fund:

Helen Gateman – to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the passing of her dear, late husband, and our Past Master, Wor. Bro. Emanuel ‘Manny’ Gateman.

Contributions received for the Endowment Fund:

Shirley Dembe – in honor of Wor. Bro. Sheldon Berkman being installed Master of Liberty Lodge in Florida.

PLEASE: contact any of the Sunshine Fund Committee listed below for births, deaths, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, illness, and any other important event.

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Bro. Larry (Marcia) Simon – (216) 382-6924

Another Plus For The Rickmans

Many of you may recall that in one of the 2006 bulletins, we wrote about Gregg Rickman, son of Charlotte and Bro. Richard. He had been appointed by President George W. Bush to head an agency concerning anti-semitism and other discrimination.

Bro. Richard now informs us that his son has recently written his 2nd book about the Holocaust. It is titled, “Conquest and Redemption – A History of Jewish Assets from the Holocaust”. The book is available, by order, at Borders’s Book Stores.

Bro. Richard and Charlotte, you have good reason to be proud.

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Recent News from Out-of-Town Brethren

Helen Gateman, widow of Wor. Bro. Emanuel Gateman, after many years in Plantation, FL has moved to Boca Raton, FL to be nearer to her son, Bro. Alvin Gateman. To watch Helen flit around - knitting and crocheting for friends and family members - belies her young age which starts with a 9.

Bro. Edwin & Phyllis Green reside in Sarasota, FL. Ed called recently to say that he and Phyllis were doing well despite some health problems which with the help of G-d, she will overcome. He mentioned that he enjoys getting our bulletins in a timely manner.

Wor. Bro. Gerald and Carol Marks recently left Boca Raton, FL and now live in: The Villages, FL. For those of you who would like to speak with him, his cell phone number is (561) 350-5458. By Gerry's own admission, he hates 'snail mail' (letters), but he welcomes email at: jmarks@gate.net.

Wor. Bro. Gerry also complimented our bulletin, both the content and the regularity. He asks to be remembered to all the brethren.

Bro. Daniel Miller, as reported in the Sunshine Fund report, lives in Mission, Viejo, CA. He was in a very life threatening automobile accident, and needs all of our prayers and best wishes. If any of our brethren, in the area, can contact him, his telephone number is (909) 393-9657. His cell number is (909) 993-3857.

Wor. Bro. Sheldon Berkman, though a permanent resident of Florida, is still going strong as an active Mason. Bro. Sheldon was recently installed as Master of Liberty Lodge in Florida. We suggest that our brethren in the area contact Bro. Sheldon (800) 462-6336.

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From the West

As a child growing up, I remember that oftentimes ‘kids’ on our street would build “soapbox derby” cars. Our particular street had only a small hill as a part of it. Initially it was very difficult to get that car moving, but gradually it ‘picked up steam’ and kept on going – faster and faster.

How similar to that soapbox car is Forest City Lodge this year. Immediately after our Annual Election of Officers last November, the pace of activities became swifter with each passing day. There was Installation Night, Brotherhood Night, the Officers’ Reception, a holiday party with ‘brisket and latkes’, Lodge Education Night with Mitch Alperin, P.M., Veterans & Awards Night, and a Murder Mystery Night. **AND** that’s just in the 1st three (3) months of this Lodge year.

As I plan for my year (with the blessings of my brethren), there are many more new and exciting events in the offing. The calendar of events for 2007-2008 is almost completed, and my hope is that many more of you will join in on our various celebrations. Of special interest to ‘students’ of Masonic education and history will be our plans to *capitalize* on the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

PLEASE look for clues about next year’s agenda on our website. You ‘would be’ detectives can try to be the 1st to discover our planned events for next year. For example, if you count back 49 words from *here*, you will see (2) events listed as hidden messages in the text of this article. If you think you have an idea about this strange little teaser, please email your guess to me at webmaster@forestcity388.com.

As I travel throughout our district, I am pleased to say that I am from Forest City Lodge. We **are** and will continue **to be** “*the one to watch and the one to be*”. I wish to thank everyone for their assistance in making this fact possible.

This year’s inspection season is in full swing. If you would like to be a part of our ‘traveling team’, please email the webmaster, and put the word “travel” in the subject header. You will then get email notifications concerning upcoming inspections, all of which I plan to attend.

As always, thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me as Senior Warden.

Alan Rothman,
S.W. and Webmaster



*Spring is around
the corner!!*

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**.

Wed., February 21, 2007 Stated Meeting
Valentines Night – bring your sweetheart for a touch of romance

6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

\$9.00 per person - or ticket in Fellowship Book

7:30 p.m. Meeting

8:00 p.m. Program

Wed., March 7, 2007 Stated Meeting

5:30 p.m. Special Meeting

M.M. Degree - 1st half

6:30 p.m. Masons Only **Early Bird Dinner**

\$4.00 special

7:30 p.m. Meeting and 2nd half of M.M. Degree

NOTE: workers for Fellowcraft Team are needed

Wed., March 21, 2007 Stated Meeting

5:30 p.m. Special Meeting

M.M. Degree - 1st half

6:30 p.m. Masons Only **Early Bird Dinner**

\$4.00 special

7:30 p.m. Meeting and 2nd half of M.M. Degree

NOTE: workers for Fellowcraft Team are needed

Wed., April 4, 2007 **Lodge is Dark**

HOLY WEEK

Wed., April 18, 2007 Stated Meeting

Magic Night – open to ladies and non-members

6:00 p.m. Open Lodge

6:30 p.m. Dinner

\$9.00 per person - or ticket in Fellowship Book

7:30 p.m. Meeting

7:35 p.m. Program

Magical Experience for all

Sat., April 21, 2007 **Master & Wardens Dinner Dance**

SEE FLYER

Wed., May 2, 2007 Stated Meeting

Annual Inspection – E.A. Degree – for Masons ONLY!

6:00 p.m. Dinner

\$9.00 per person - or ticket in Fellowship Book

7:30 p.m. Meeting

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Hail Our Veteran Members

In this age of constant change, the trend is for people to join social, benevolent, and/or religious organizations for a few years, and then drop out and move on to new interests and/or affiliations.

How refreshing it is then that Forest City Lodge can boast the many, many members who retain their membership year after year. What makes it all the more remarkable is that the vast majority of our brethren rarely come to lodge. The reasons vary: many live out-of-town; many are older and do not get out much; and many just have other interests that keep them busy on lodge nights.

The thread that binds us together, though, is our Masonic brotherhood. So many brethren have said to me; 'I am so very proud to be a Mason, but I just don't go to lodge'. While these members do not support us 'in the flesh', they are invaluable to Forest City Lodge with their moral and financial support throughout the years.

On Wednesday, January 31, 2007, the following brethren were remembered for their faithful years of membership in our fraternity. A goodly number were on hand to receive their Veterans pins, and those not in attendance received theirs either by mail or by personal visitations by some of our members.

25-year members

Thomas M. Begam — Barry D. Hersch — Michael A. Kumin — Zalmen Rzepka

40-year members

Theodore Berman — Marvin Blankfeld — Arnold Blostein — Phillip Dratler — Albert Fishman — Gerald Gould — Harold Gregg — Randolph Gregg — Alan Hartman — Sheldon Kest — John Klein — David Roseman — Carl Roth — David Rothenberg — Rudolph Schor — Gerald Strom — Burton Task — Bert Weil

50-year pins

Alan Apisdorf — Jack A. Berlin — Marvin J. Feldman — Melvin Fishman — Bertram S. Koslen — Norman L. Landau — Lawrence H. Rubin — Sol Sherwin — Kenard G. Strauss — Alvin D. Symms — Marvin S. Teplitz — Leo Turkell — Sanford Ziff

60-year pins

Saul P. Baker — Malcolm A. Brahms — Sol J. Coen — Ernest L. Fagin — Donald J. Goodman — Alan J. Klein — Albert Maeroff — Paul J. Milner — Joseph Pearl — Allen H. Robbins — William F. Rosenblatt

65-year pins

Sanford Glanz — Roland M. Kraus

Forest City Lodge owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to all of these loyal and faithful brothers. May the Great Architect of the Universe grant these brethren good health and length of years.

Editor

Walk the Walk

Our Past Master Mitchell L. Alperin oftentimes says to our brethren, "if you're going to talk the talk, then you've got to walk the walk". English translation: talk is cheap, action is what counts.

Two of our brethren truly 'walk the walk', namely brothers Joseph Diamond and Sanford Ziff. While neither has ever shown an interest in becoming a lodge officer or of being in the spotlight, they both are wonderful examples of Masonic values.

Bro. Joe has been a member of Forest City Lodge for 44 years, and Bro. Sanford recently received his 50-year pin. Both have worked diligently for our lodge almost immediately following their 'raising'. Both worked on the Fellowcraft Team until their legs gave way to the wear and tear of the years. At almost every lodge dinner, Bro. Sanford can be found seated in the doorway to the social hall – welcoming members and guest alike, collecting tickets and/or money for the dinners. Bro. Joe has been a stalwart on the Stewards' Committee for almost all of his Masonic career – making coffee, serving dinners, and helping to clean-up at the end of an evening's 'doings'.

Masonry is not just coming to lodge. A belief in G-d is a basic tenet of our profession. Bro. Sanford and lovely wife, Sally, are active members of Temple Israel Ner Tamid, and can usually be found at their Sabbath services every Friday evening. Bro. Joe is a veteran member of Warrensville Center Synagogue. Unless out-of-town visiting his children in New York or Chicago, Bro. Joe attends synagogue **every** day of the week.

Masonry is also service to one's fellow man - Mason and non-Mason alike. Both Bro. Sanford (with Sally) and Joe are devoted volunteers in either nursing homes and/or hospitals. They were both pictured and written about in the January 19, 2007 edition of the Cleveland Jewish News, under the article caption: Volunteering: Zero pay, but priceless dividends".

Both of these brother Masons truly exemplify Masonry in the finest tradition. Neither finds it necessary to 'talk the talk', but both **definitely** 'walk the walk'. A tip of the Master's tile to Brothers Joseph Diamond and Sanford



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

one-fourth of a millennium

Our own Past Master Mitchell L. Alperin, during his year (2000) as Worshipful Master of our lodge, oftentimes spoke of taking Forest City Lodge into the next millennium. Mitchell is also a patron of classical music, and during his year and several succeeding seasons, he arranged for a Forest City Lodge “Night with the Cleveland Orchestra”.

How coincidental is it, that this year the world is celebrating the 250th anniversary (one-fourth of a millennium) of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of the greatest, if not the greatest, classical music composer that the world has ever known.

Unknown to most of us, however, is that Mozart was a member of the Craft, a Freemason. Even before becoming a Mason, he composed in 1772, his 1st Masonic work, “Ode to a solemn Saint Johns lodge”. The following year he composed a 2nd masonry-related work, “Thamos, King of Egypt”.

Not too much else is known about Mozart and Masonry. What we do know was gleaned from the ‘lodge minutes’ of several lodges in Austria. He was initiated an Apprentice on December 14, 1784 in a Viennese Lodge, “Zur Wohltätigkeit”. Several weeks later, on January 7, 1785, the “Ceremony of Passing” occurred in another lodge, “Zur wahren Eintracht”.

Somewhere between the above two dates and April 22, 1786, Mozart must have been Raised to Master Mason, because he was present as such during the initiating of his father, Leopold, in the lodge, “Zur Neugerkrönte Hoffnung”. What a brilliant and masterful craftsman was our late Bro. Mozart.

Our information about Mozart and Masonry comes from writings of Ard Renaud, a member of “Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart” Lodge #237 in Hilversum, The Netherlands. To learn more of Mozart, and to listen to some of his magnificent music, go online to search, then type in: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Freemasonry.

To Aspiring Lodge Officers:

Beware the “itis” affliction

All of us are familiar with diseases such as bronchitis, arthritis, laryngitis, and others. These are often found among either children, adults, or senior citizens. Usually a trip to the drug store, or in severe cases a visit to the doctor relieves the discomfort.

In Masonry, there is an “itis” which is often very hurtful to young aspiring lodge officers, but which afflicts Past Masters **ONLY**. It is known as “inmyearitis”, and it usually starts to fester after a Past Master is out-of-office for at least 2-3 years. With each passing year, the disease grows in intensity.

It most often breaks out at Past Masters’ meetings when line officers are called to task for missing (or being late to) a meeting, or for errors in ritualistic work, or for their

quality (or lack thereof) of floorwork, or for a myriad of other tasks which officers are supposed to learn as they proceed ‘thru the chairs’. One Past Master will remark, “in my year” we did such and such. Another will chime in, “in my year” things were done just so. This goes on and on.

The problem with “inmyearitis” is that it affects the memories of Past Masters. They forget that they made many of the same mistakes in ‘opening lodge’, or ‘conferring a degree’, and giving a ‘lecture or charge’, that the new, young officers are now doing. What makes it worse, though, is that with each passing year, ‘inmyearitis’ causes the mistakes of the past to become smaller and smaller until the Past Master truly believes that everything in his year was **perfect and above reproach. NOT SO!!**

Officers, TAKE NOTE: study, watch, listen. To make a mistake is normal and human. To try, however, to fake your way through the required work is a ‘no-no’. Most of your brethren can discern when an officer knows the work but makes an error. They also know when someone is ill-prepared because the proof ‘is in the pudding’. Someday, with the help of the Great Architect, you will become Past Masters. Try to avoid “inmyearitis”.

Ronald Wolfe,
P.M. (1966 & 1998)

Our Brother Serves Up Soul Food

If that old saying that, “laughter is good for the soul”, has any merit, then a great many people owe their healthy souls to our own Bro. Dave Rothenberg. For more than twenty-five years, Bro. Dave has been doing ‘stand-up’ comedy in the mode of the late Myron Cohen. As a matter of fact, he is usually introduced as the “poor man’s Myron Cohen”.

Bro. Dave regularly attends lodge meetings, and when our events are open to non-Masons, his lovely wife, Natalie, is always on hand. The ‘young-at-heart’ couple are blessed with two sons and five grandchildren.

During World War II, Bro. Dave volunteered into the Merchant Marine Service and served for five years, sailing in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He began his service as a member of the engine room crew. He advanced from apprentice to Lt., junior grade Engineer. Following the Japanese surrender, Bro. Dave’s ship was in the first convoy to sail into Tokyo Bay.

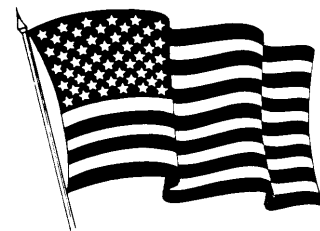
After the war, Bro. Dave became an electrician and worked ‘in the trade’ for 38-years. Along with many of his local #38 brothers, he petitioned and was raised in Forest City Lodge and has remained a faithful Masonic brother for 39-years.

Both prior to, and since his retirement from the ‘trade’, Bro. Dave has been bringing laughter to thousands of people with this own brand of ‘stand-up’ comedy. He has performed for many organizations (including Forest City Lodge) around Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, as well as several elder-hostels around the country.

Bro. Dave and his wife are wonderful proponents of the theory **that age is just a number**. Bro. Dave Rothenberg - keep ‘em laughing.

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From Ron Jacobs, Past Master

I think that at some time, each of us should take a step back and reflect upon these

Words of Wisdom:

1. No one can ruin your day without YOUR permission.
2. Whatever you are willing to put up with, is exactly what you will get.
3. Success stops when you do.
4. When your ship comes in, make sure you're willing to unload it.
5. You will never "have it all together".
6. Life is a journey...not a destination. Enjoy the trip.
7. The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.
8. Ultimately, 'takers' lose and 'givers' win.
9. Life's precious moments have no value unless they are shared.
10. Look for opportunities...not guarantees.
11. Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
12. G-d can mend all broken hearts. You just have to give Him all the pieces.
13. A person who asks a question might be a fool for a few minutes, but a person who doesn't ask, is a fool forever.
14. A best friend is like a four-leaf clover...hard to find, and lucky to have.
15. A friend is someone who reaches for your hand, but touches your heart.
16. A coincidence is when G-d performs a miracle, and elects to remain anonymous.
17. Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.



ANNOUNCING



The 2007 Edition of the

FOREST CITY LODGE

Master & Wardens' Dinner Dance

Executive Caterers of Landerhaven

Saturday, April 21, 2007

6:30 P.M. - Hors d'oeuvres & Social Hour

7:30 p.m. - Dinner is Served

(Black Tie Optional)

Musical Entertainment

by



Nitebridge
(rated*****)



Reservations and checks received on or before March 21, 2007

\$30.00 per person Forest City Lodge member and spouse/guest

\$35.00 per person non-members

Reserve after March 21, 2007

\$40.00 per person Forest City Lodge member and spouse/guest

\$45.00 per person non-members

CHECKS MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATION



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Phone: _____

I wish to be seated with: _____

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Beef Tenderloin _____ or Potato Crusted Halibut _____

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