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Lyndhurst, Ohio

FROM THE MASTER



Hello again my brethren.

Wow, that was quite impressive; we filled the house and I thank all of you for coming. In case you were unaware, over one hundred sixty (160) people attended our Annual Installation of Officers.

As a matter of fact, we had to ‘drum up’ extra chairs just to

handle the overflow. You have made me proud, and your support is appreciated from the bottom of my heart. You have encouraged me to work even harder for our Lodge. I do hope that everyone enjoyed our Officers’ Reception brunch and our Brotherhood Night. It was wonderful to see so many of our brethren, their ladies, and other guests socializing with one another.

By this time I am certain that all of you are aware of the busy year that has been planned. It is just a question as to what you intend to do about it. Will you be a **part of the action**, or just a couch potato? Whether you’re a worker in lodge or just a spectator, your life will be far more fulfilling than simply staying at home; staring at the ‘boob’ tube; and never allowing the seat of your trousers to see the light of day. It’s time to make a commitment. It’s time to brush off your jacket and dress shoes; put on that sharp necktie that you’ve been wanting to show off; and say, “Honey, let’s get out of the house and go to the lodge events for the fun of it. We deserve it”.

Yes, there will be a lot of early bird dinners for the men, and full dinners with and without the ladies. Every meeting will be a little different **and** interesting. Our new Lodge LEO has planned a spectacular program of ‘lodge education’. Some exciting guest speakers are scheduled to help you learn something new. You might even be persuaded to go home and start a new hobby (*that's a clue for all of you Colombos out there*).

For those of you like to save money (and who does not?), Fellowship Dinner books are now on sale from any of our officers. For the men, a book of seven (7) tickets is only \$40.00 - a savings of \$23.00 from the cost of single tickets. For the ladies, a book of four (4) tickets is only \$24.00 - a savings of \$12.00. Those who attend our full dinners know very well that the same dinner we offer in lodge would cost a minimum of \$16.00 in a restaurant, *in addition to the cost of a beverage, dessert, and a tip*.

I want to take this time to **Thank** all of the Officers and Past Masters of our lodge for their support, and for their enthusiasm to work so diligently on behalf of our lodge and each of our brethren. The success of our events and the quality of our ritual work is a true reflection of their endeavors.

If not for you, my brethren, our lodge would not be moving in a forward direction. I, by myself, am nothing, but it is you who make me a someone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My lovely Karen and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Meet Our Newest Brother

Past Masters Night “2006” was the occasion for the raising of Bro. Bradford A. Kaufman. Not long afterwards, with the assistance of W.B. Burt Siebert, Bro. Kaufman successfully passed the M.M. examination.

Our new Brother resides in Solon, Ohio. He is a native Clevelander. His undergraduate work was done at Cleveland State and Youngstown State Universities. He obtained his MBA from Cleveland State.

Bro. Brad is employed by NASA-Cleveland, and is in radio frequency spectrum management. He enjoys woodworking.

Since being raised, Bro. Brad is a regular at our meetings, and is gradually “learning the ropes”. Bro. Brad Kaufman – Welcome to Forest City Lodge #388.

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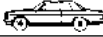
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To All My Brothers In Forest City Lodge

Let me start by saying how grateful I am for being accepted to Masonry in a very prestigious lodge such as Forest City Lodge. Thank you very much for the warm welcome I received during the time period in which the three (3) degrees of Freemasonry were conferred on me. All of you have made it memorable and unforgettable. My memories of this lodge will remain in my heart until time is no more.

Before joining Masonry, it was my intention to become active, be of service, and to progress to every degree that this ancient fraternity has to offer. It is my intention to have that character worthy of being called a Master Mason; and the intention will always be part of my being whatever My Great Creator allows me to be.

It is with a heavy heart that I leave this lodge, and all of you - my brothers, for a career in Nestle USA. I am very sorry for leaving so soon without informing you all that I now reside in Crofton, MD. Moreover, I apologize and ask for understanding and brotherly love for not attending any meetings after being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. For future meetings I know that I cannot be physically present every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, but in my heart and spirit, I will always be there to be of service. If allowed by this great lodge, I will retain my membership with Forest City Lodge.

Fraternally, **Mansueto B. Quijote II**
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OUR TEMPLE

My Brethren: it only seems right that in one's exploration of the history of Freemasonry, one should start at the very beginning. In our profession, however, that once though simple inquiry has in reality a complex and convoluted answer. Although some historians and other philosophies of history contend Masonry began as far back as in prehistoric times, recorded or documented history began around the time of the building of the first temple; and as such it is now almost universally accepted by the great mass of the Masonic fraternity that Masonry began with the building of the Temple.

As received by the body of the Craft it goes as follows:

When Solomon was about to commence the building of his Temple, and his knowing that his people were not experienced architects, called upon his friend Hiram the monarch of the neighboring Kingdom of Tyre, for assistance. Hiram, in complying with his request, sent many workmen, both Masons and carpenters to Jerusalem. Their leader was a noted artist who was called, as a mark of esteem, Hiram Abif or Hiram, the father.

As legend and accounts slightly vary, King Solomon then proceeded to organize the workman, by skill level, into classifications. He presided as Grand Master at Jerusalem, King Hiram acted in the same type of position in Tyre, and Hiram Abif was in general charge as Master of the work. A slight variation shows Hiram Abif as Deputy Grand Master in Solomon's absence and to that of Senior Grand Warden when the King was present. Historically, the number of workmen necessary to build the Temple varies greatly. One learned scholar set the number of Master Masons at 3600, all of whom conducted their work according to King Solomon's directions; eighty thousand hewers of stones in the mountains were said to be Fellowcraft, and seventy thousand laborers who were not Masons, and thirty thousand laborers or entered apprentices. The more generally accepted numbers come to us from the Revival period of 1717 which states that there were 153,300 workmen employed in the building of the Temple. Three thousand three hundred were overseers; who at the completion of the Temple were advanced to the rank of Master Masons. The remaining workmen were divided 80,000 Fellowcrafts and 70,000 Entered Apprentices. At the building of the Temple only three Master Masons existed who were in possession of the secrets of the third degree; Solomon, King of Israel, Hiram, King of Tyre and Hiram Abif, the Master of Workman.

Most interestingly the claim that Freemasonry took its origins at the building of the Temple is without any historical authority. It as easily could have come from either Nimrod who was Grand Master during the building of the Tower of Babel, or Egypt under the great geometrician, Euclid. Nonetheless, the Temple of Solomon was exclusively selected by Freemasons as the cradle of our Order. As a symbol, it remains both important and interesting.

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., January 17, 2007 Stated Meeting
6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
7:30 p.m. Meeting
8:00 p.m. Lodge Education Program

Wed., January 31, 2007 Special Meeting
Veteran's and Awards Night
Ladies of Veterans Night
Entertainment by Don Disantis
6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

Wed., February 7, 2007 Stated Meeting
6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
7:30 p.m. Meeting

Sat., February 10, 2007 Murder Mystery Night
(Be a part of the mystery!)
7:00 p.m. **Social Hour with Cheese**
7:30 p.m. Dinner

Wed., February 21, 2007 Stated Meeting
Valentines Night
6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
7:30 p.m. Meeting
8:00 p.m. Degree Work

Observations of Our Senior Deacon

I should like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as Senior Deacon. As I travel along the Masonic highway, I am struck by the Fellowship and Love shown everywhere I go. Whether it be on visitations to lodges in our jurisdiction, or as I found it on our recent visit to Mosaic Lodge in Canada.

Our Canadian brothers were warm and caring to our needs, and did their best to see that we had a *more than* pleasant experience. I observed the uniqueness of their ritual work, and although it was quite different, it was nonetheless the same because in its presentation I could feel the spirit of Brotherhood that is the common thread of Masonry. I look forward to this year with a feeling of humility, and I shall always endeavor to be up to the standards laid by those who were here before us.

Fraternally,
Al Hammes,
Senior Deacon

From the West

My thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve Forest City Lodge #388 as its Senior Warden for 2006-2007, and also as its Webmaster. I shall strive to open new doors not only for our lodge, but for our entire fraternity as well.

This year I have re-dedicated myself to travel throughout the district to attend installations and inspections of sister lodges. In my travels it has become apparent just how widely respected and well attended are our events. F.C.L. #388, your lodge, is certainly known as a lodge of quality and perfection.

Already in this new lodge year we have enjoyed two (2) events which drew very large crowds. Our Installation of Officers and our Brotherhood Night both drew rave notices from those in attendance. The vibrancy of our lodge is also reflected in the fact that so early in the year, we have already initiated three (3) candidates in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Getting off to a running start certainly bodes well for Forest City Lodge. As we build on the future of our lodge, we cannot ignore the past. No structure can exist on new additions alone for support. As an officer of Forest City Lodge, I am reminded and humbled by my predecessors who made it possible for us to continue in our work. Those visionaries provided us with a strong foundation on which we were able to build our moral and social edifice.

I hope someday to be listed among the visionaries that propelled us to our present conviction. One of the goals of our Wor. Master Mark Nathanson, for his year, is to win the Grand Master's Award. I couldn't agree with him more as to this goal. It is time to place Forest City Lodge out in the forefront for all the world to see.

I shall continue to send out my visitation schedules via email to anyone who wishes to attend an event but is unable to drive, or who wants the fellowship and brotherly love of traveling together. IF you are not yet receiving these visitation schedules, please sign up for our Forest City Updates program by emailing me, the Webmaster at: Webmaster@forestcity388.com, and write 'subscribe' in the subject header.

Alan Rothman,
Senior Warden and Webmaster

From the South

Dear Brethren,

I am humbled by your confidence and trust in electing me to serve as Junior Warden for the new lodge year. For me it is an honor and a pleasure to serve, and now my being one of three pillars of our lodge signifies for me – greater responsibility and hard work ahead.

As most of you are aware by now, I was raised a Master Mason in France. There it is the responsibility of the Junior Warden to teach and direct the Entered Apprentices into their new Masonic journey. There are many symbols which relate to this first degree of Free Masonry, but one of the most important, in my opinion, and one that is most applicable to our regular life as Masons is the Mosaic pavement which symbolically forms the ground floor of every lodge.

The symbolism of Mosaic pavement is the uniting of body and spirit in every man. It has been established that by

viewing the Mosaic pavement, the profane will opt for the proper life, and choose light over darkness – good over evil. In Masonry we are taught to always search for the best in men, and to practice tolerance, humanity, humility, charity, and temperance. These virtues allow us to stay 'on the Square', and neither inclining to the right or the left, to 'stay the right course'.

Symbolism and ritual have always been very important to me, and have driven my conduct and attitude in life. I invite all brethren, especially those who may be either shy or fearful, or who are newly initiated in Masonry to come to lodge; to discuss and converse with our brethren and especially with our new Lodge Education Officer and myself. You will find in the ritual work a lot of pleasure along with lessons necessary to be or become a good man and a good mason. My number is in our bulletin, and I will be at your disposal to assist you and to make your first steps less difficult.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday season. May G-d be with you.

Fraternally,
Franck T. Kakou,
Junior Warden

2006-2007 — Off and Running

If the 1st three weeks of W.B. Mark Nathanson's administration is any indication, we are going to have one heck-of-a-year.

It all began with the Installation of Officers on Wednesday, November 15th. A full house was on hand to enjoy Chef Kathy White's superlative cooking. Next came the actual installation which went off without a hitch. Following the meeting the members and guests were treated to lavish desserts in the social hall.

Next came the Officers' Reception on Sunday morning, December 3rd, at the new Café 56. Approximately 110 brethren, their wives, and guests were treated to a fabulous breakfast, and everyone had an opportunity to meet and congratulate the new officers. The icing on the cake occurred on Wednesday, December 6th, as Forest City Lodge #388 observed their 34th Annual Brotherhood Night – Night with the Clergy – Candle Lighting Ceremony. A capacity crowd was on hand, including the Grand Master Michael A. Himes, many Grand Lodge officers, and active servicemen from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps., and Coast Guard. The featured speakers were Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg of Temple Israel Ner Tamid, Rev. Marvin McMickle of Antioch Baptist Church, the Grand Chaplain of Masons of Ohio, and Most Wor. Michael Himes, the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. At the conclusion of the event, almost \$3,000.00 in weekly donations by our brethren was donated to six charities who work tirelessly to assist the poor and needy. Hats off to David and Wor. Bro. Jay Kaufman for coordinating everything. Wor. Master Nathanson, you've had a climactic beginning to your year. What else is awaiting the brethren?



Sunshine Committee Report

Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Jack Bayer – brother to Bro. Ronald Bayer and our late Bro. Julius ‘Jules’ Bayer.

Bro. Sam Robert Eckelson.

Bro. Albert L. Peiper

Bro. Herman Rosen.

Bro. Malcolm R. Grodin.

Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Beatrice Weinberg – mother of Joyce (Bro. Howard) Bloom and sister of Bro. Bert Baum.

Elsie Press – mother of Evalynne (Bro. Ted) Laidman.

Howard B. Maniker – father of Susan (Bro. William Shawn) Sanders.

Bro. Dave Bloom – brother of our late Brothers Myer and Harry Bloom, and uncle of Brothers Howard and Robert Bloom.

Harry Newman – brother of Tudy (Bro. Jack) Stewart.

Tillie Gutterman – great aunt of Bro. Alan Rothman; wife of the late Bro. Louis Gutterman; sister-in-law of our late Bro. Al Salzman.

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

Adrienne Hausman – daughter of Rt. Wor. & Illus. Bro. Morton and Donna Negin, is recovering from surgery.

Wor. Bro. Frank Candela – recovering at home from a fractured ankle.

Bro. Dennis Rohal – at home recuperating from a double hernia.

Bro. Gary and Sherry Lidawer – Gary is back at Lodge following spinal surgery; Sherry had ankle surgery.

Karen (Wor. Bro. Stuart) Marks – was seen at Lodge recently after her 2nd knee replacement – she’s a fighter.

Bro. Howard Marx – in hospital for heart by-pass and a heart valve.

Steve Salamon – son of Bro. Andy and Sandra, had arterial stint surgery.

***Brethren:** A card or phone call is always welcomed by someone who is ill at home, in a nursing facility, or in the hospital. It will certainly provide a Bright Spark of Appreciation and Hope.*

Congratulations to:

Shirley (our late Bro. Harold) Sapphire – on her grandson, Douglas Sapphire, passing the Ohio Bar exam. He is practicing law in Dayton, Ohio.

Wor. Bro. Mark and Rochelle Nyer – on the birth of grandson, Raphael Mendlowitz. Parents are Deena and Dr. Leon Mendlowitz. Great-grandfathers are Bro. Mike Rubin and our late Bro. Bernard Nyer.

Bro. Jerry and Linda Savransky – on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson, Kevin Michael Feinberg, in Columbus, Ohio.

Contributions received for the Sunshine Fund:

Dorothy Stoller – in memory of her late husband, Bro. Morris Stoller.

Shirley Dembe – best wishes to Bro. Harold Danto.

Contributions received for the Brotherhood Fund:

Wor. Bro. Jay Kaufman; Bro. David Kaufman; Bro. I. Ron Moskowitz; Bro. Tex N. Collaros; Wor. Bro. Ronald Wolfe

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Co-Chairman Bro. Howard (Shirley) Marx – see Officers 2006-2007

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**In Honor of Gerald Rudolph Ford,
The 38th President of the United States,
Born 1913 - Called Home by the Grand
Architect December 2006.**

**GERALD RUDOLPH FORD (1913 - 2006)
Thirty-eighth President (1974 - 1977)**

MASONIC RECORD

Initiated: September 30, 1949, Malta Lodge No. 465, Grand Rapids, Michigan, along with his half-brothers Thomas Gardner Ford (1918-1995), Richard Addison Ford (1924-) and James Francis Ford (1927-). The Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees were Conferred by Columbia Lodge No. 3, Washington, D.C., on April 20 and May 18, 1951, as a courtesy to Malta Lodge. Brother Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar (Representative) for his Class. Brother and President Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held at Orlando, Florida, April 6-9, 1975; Brother Ford held this post until January 1977, at which time he became a Past Honorary Grand Master, receiving his Collar and Jewel on October 24, 1978 in Topeka, Kansas, from the Hon. Thomas C. Raum, Jr., Grand Master, Order of DeMolay.

Those Woldering Kids Have Grown Up

How many of you recall when Jackie and Mary Woldering used to bring their young children to lodge family events? Do you remember the evening when daughter, Ruth, and another young lady entertained us with their musical prowess?

Well, time has flitted by, and the children, Ruth and Thom Woldering, are both young adults who are serving their country well, and are helping to protect the security of all of us.

Ruth, a 2002 Euclid High School graduate, became the first Euclid student to make the jump from Naval Junior ROTC to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. In June of this year, Ruth graduated from the Academy and earned the rank of ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Upon graduation from Euclid High School, Ruth earned a full scholarship to the Naval Academy, but almost did not attend. "I was planning to serve my country. It's a good life in this country, and I didn't want to take it for granted. I wanted to keep the freedoms going for the next generation. "But when 9/11 happened, I thought, 'Forget the Naval Academy stuff'. I want to enlist now".

Her teachers talked her out of it, convincing her that she would be more useful as a leader. So in July 2002, she headed for Annapolis for the start of "Plebe Summer", and the rest is now history. In August, Ensign Ruth Woldering left for her 1st assignment in Sasebo, Japan, aboard the USS Juneau. After additional training in San Diego, Ruth will become the ship's anti-terrorism officer.

Not to be outdone by his older sister, Thom Woldering was also in Naval Junior ROTC at Euclid High School. During his senior year there, he was the commanding officer. Like his sister, Thom wanted to attend the Naval Academy but his eyesight hindered him. He accepted a scholarship to Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI), one of the 2nd tier of military schools. He is studying engineering, hoping to work on nuclear reactors on aircraft carriers. This past August, Thom headed for San Diego for summer training in surface nuclear aboard the USS Ronald Reagan.

If both Jackie and Mary Woldering now walk a little taller and straighter with an extra 'spring' in their step, they well deserve it. "And now you know the rest of the story".

Major portions of this article were extracted from the July 27, 2006 article written by Staff Writer Susan Ketchum of The Sun Journal.

Plaudits For One Of Our Own

The following comments were received from W.B. Chester F. Willey, a plural member of Forest City Lodge #388; the Music Director of the Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland; and the newly installed President of the Western Reserve Chapter of the Philalethes Society, the premier worldwide Masonic Research body.

As a plural member, though not an officer, of Forest City Lodge, I feel obligated to let my brethren know of the marvelous work being done by the new Junior Warden Franck Kakou, not only in his own Lodge, but throughout the District.

As the above introduction states, I was recently installed as President of the Western Reserve Chapter of the Philalethes Society. At that meeting, at the request of immediate Past President, RWB John Whitehouse, Bro. Franck Kakou did a comparison/contrast of French-style Freemasonry vs. American Freemasonry. His presentation was most interesting and enlightening to all in attendance.

As a matter of fact, I personally requested that he polish up his talk with an eye towards publishing it in the Society magazine which as an international circulation. The well-organized and well-thought-through presentation brought credit both to Bro. Kakou personally, as well as to his Lodge, Forest City #388. I could not let such an outstanding effort go without recognition.

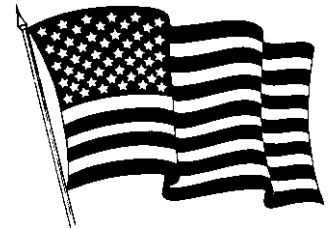
As an aside, I also want to make mention of the Forest City Lodge brethren who attended our meeting to give support to Bro. Kakou. Their physical presence spoke loudly and clearly – and spoke well – of the ideals of Brotherhood which Forest city Lodge #388 continually exemplifies. Other Lodges would do well to emulate the above example.

Additional credit is due Bro. Franck Kakou for his portrayal of the Bishop in the 31st Degree at our recent Scottish Rite Fall Reunion. He has filled this role for several years now. He truly spreads Masonic Light through many avenues of the 22nd District, and ably represents Forest City Lodge wherever he goes.

Bro. Franck Kakou – keep up the good work.

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