

# FOREST CITY



LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

May-June 2008

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

## FROM THE MASTER



Greetings From The East!

Our Masonic year is rapidly approaching the halfway mark, and our summer recess will soon be upon us. By this time, you've heard much about the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Hopefully you have had the pleasure to partake in some of the events associated with this milestone.

On Wednesday, March 19th, we held Lodge as though it was March 19, 1808. What a sight it was to see all of our officers attired in early 19th century costume, and performing ritual from 1808. Immediately following the meeting, we were entertained by a fife and drum corps complete with music and costume of the period. Putting this affair together was a monumental undertaking, and involved countless hours of research. About 100 brethren were on hand to witness this event, and I believe that all came away with a deeper appreciation of our ritual and the manifold comforts we enjoy in 2008 which were not even dreamed of a way back in 1808.

If you missed this event or the many others commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, you still have time to engage in the numerous ones remaining. On Friday, June 20th, we will board a bus at 6:00 A.M., and drive down to Columbus, Ohio, to march in a parade and re-enact the cornerstone laying of the State Capitol. Imagine more than 5,000 Masons from across our great state marching down High Street, all wearing their Masonic aprons. Following the ceremonies, a free picnic will be held for all participants. See the Trestleboard for full details. This is a family friendly event, and all are welcome to attend.

One week later we will again travel to Columbus to participate in the Special Olympics. Please be sure to read my article about the Olympics adjacent to this article. Again, I strongly urge you and your families to attend. Last year Freemasonry contributed \$200,000.00 to the Special Olympics, and this year we hope to do even better. The future of our beloved Fraternity lies in proving to others that we are not just a bunch of old men sitting in lodge rooms and reading minutes. We need to prove to the world that it is our intent to improve the world – one person at a time – starting with ourselves. The light of

FreeMasonry has been passed down to us, and it is our solemn duty to pass that light down to future generations.

To view any events that you may have missed, log on to our website, and click on Recent Events page. Click on the links to Picasa, and all of the photos shown there are for your complete viewing, printing, and sharing pleasure.

Speaking about pleasure, my first 152 days serving as Worshipful Master have been a complete and wonderful experience. I urge each one of you to consider becoming involved enough to share in the feelings of joy and fulfillment that serving others provides.

**Alan H. Rothman,**

Worshipful Master and Webmaster

*May brotherly love prevail, and may every moral and social virtual cement and strengthen us. Amen.*

### **“Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye” Announcing “Special Olympics – 2008”**

Last year, during my term as Senior Warden of Forest City Lodge, I wrote an article for this bulletin about my attendance at the 2007 – Special Olympics – in Columbus, Ohio. I stated how the event had impacted my life, and how the many disabled participants in the Olympics had been an inspiration to all in attendance.

This year, as your Worshipful Master, I will be leading a contingent of our members to the 2008 – Special Olympics, again in Columbus, Ohio. In conjunction with Collinwood Lodge, we have leased a bus (capacity of 50) to transport us to Columbus, to the event; and A BIG PLUS, to additional outstanding activities.

This event is open to Masons and non-Masons alike. For only \$75.00, we receive our bus transportation to Columbus and to the Special Olympics; we enjoy a one-night stay at the Holiday Inn - Worthington, Ohio; we tour the Masonic Museum; and following the tour, we will hold a special combined E.A. Degree in the oldest lodge in continuous operation west of the Appalachian Mountains. For those non-Masons among us, special activities will take place while the Masons are in lodge.

Ohio Freemasonry has given a big assist to the Special Olympics. Let your heart and not your purse strings inspire you to join this memorable journey on Friday, June 27, 2008.

For reservations or other information, please contact either Wor. Bro. Jack Metcalf at (440) 729-0557 or Wor. Bro. Jerome Kustin at (216) 292-4943.

*Fraternally, Alan Rothman – Worshipful Master*

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## Reflections on 200 Years of Masonry in Ohio

As the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio unfolds, we celebrate two centuries of Masonry in this, our great state. Although our ability to recreate a meeting from that era may be limited slightly by the modern conveniences of a lodge building, nevertheless we can enjoy a candlelit dinner and meeting, and sport the clothing of days past to bring our minds to a simulation of that time.

We can imagine the ways our ancestors would have arrived on horseback to a far distant lodge in Chillicothe, Ohio, on a cold night in 1808, and shared a similar fellowship to that which we enjoy today. Think of what those brave Masons had to endure just to get to their lodge, 200 years ago, while you sit in your warm home on a Wednesday meeting night trying to decide whether or not to hop into the car and drive over to nearby Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Masonic fellowship is just as precious today as it was then, but you don't have to feed, water, and saddle your horse; ride many miles on its back – in the cold; bring in wood to stoke the fire when you arrive at lodge; conduct a meeting by candle and lantern light; and then ride your horse back home again in the dark and foreboding night. You simply get dressed; go to your car; turn the key; and drive to lodge to share in the warmth of your fellow lodge brothers in a comfortable lodge hall.

On many of our meeting nights, for a small price, you will receive a warm home-cooked meal prior to the meeting, and prior to leaving for home you are given hot coffee and dessert. Our brethren in 1808 would arrive home to put the horse in the barn well after midnight, while we can generally be home and in bed by 10:00 P.M. Even those of us who stay to clean up and put away the tables and chairs are generally at home no later than 11:00 P.M., ready to 'hit the sack'.

Ohio Masons of two centuries ago made it possible for you to have the lodge you now enjoy. Please honor their sacrifices and hardships by becoming an active member today!

**Jackie F. Woldering** – Senior Deacon

### Dumbest Kid???

*(A bit of humor submitted by Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr.)*

A young boy enters a barber shop, and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber then proceeds to put a dollar bill in one hand, and two quarters in the other. He calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?". After the boy takes the two quarters and leaves, the barber says, "What did I tell you? That kid never learns".

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked the cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

Some dumb kid — huh?

## 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., Apr. 16, 2008.... Stated Meeting and Pre-Inspection

6:00 p.m. ... ALL Officers must be present for Pre-Inspection

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

7:30 p.m. .... Open Lodge + Birthday Night + Program

**Rusty Nail Degree – Special L.E.O. Program**

**Sat., May 3, 2008.. Annual Master & Wardens Dinner Dance**

*See flyer elsewhere in this bulletin for full details.*

Wed., May 7, 2008 ..... Stated Meeting and Sports Night  
(casual attire)

***A True Family Affair – for Adults and Children***

6:30 p.m. .... Stated Meeting

7:30 p.m. .... Open Lodge

7:45 p.m. .... Sports Night Guest Speaker, Len Barker

On May 15, 1981, Len Barker **hurled a perfect game**  
for the Cleveland Indians

Wed., May 21, 2008 ..... Stated Meeting

**Annual Lodge Inspection – Master Mason Degree**

5:15 p.m. .... Open Lodge: 1st Section of Degree;  
Masonic Introductions

6:30 p.m. .... Dinner, featuring Prime Rib or Salmon

7:30 p.m. .... 2nd Section of Degree and Birthday Night

Wed., June 4, 2008 ..... Stated Meeting

7:30 p.m. .... Open Lodge

Wed., June 18, 2008 .... Stated Meeting and **Table Lodge**

5:00 p.m. .... Masonic introductions and E.A. Degree

6:30 p.m. ... Dinner at **\$9.00** per mason and Birthday Night

Special Guest Speaker will be Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay.

His subject: The Meaning and Symbolism behind the  
Entered Apprentice Degree.

Fri., June 20, 2008.... Bus Trip to Columbus, Ohio for the  
Cornerstone Laying, and for the  
Parade at the Ohio State Capitol.

6:00 a.m. .... Bus departs for Columbus, Ohio

Cost is **\$30.00**, and is sponsored by the  
Cuyahoga County Blue Lodge Association

Fri., June 27, 2008..... Trip to Columbus,  
Ohio for the Special Olympics

*For full details, refer to article in this bulletin*

Wed., July 16, 2008..... Annual Memorial Golf Outing

*See flyer elsewhere in this bulletin for full details*

## Sunshine Committee Report

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### Members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above:

Bro. Frank Sherman – raised in 1981

### Deceased Relations of our Brethren and/or their families:

Elaine Frankel Resnick - mother of Bro. Jon Resnick.

Birdie Hirsch - widow of Bro. William Hirsch, and sister of our late brothers William and Morry Belman.

Bro. Harold S. Linden - a member of University Heights Lodge, but back in 1949-1950, he served as Secretary of Forest City Lodge.

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

Gertrude (our late Bro. Irwin) Levit - has been moved to Florida, near to one of her sons.

Bro. Richard Sanders - recuperating at home. His leukemia is in remission.

Bro. David Teitelbaum - at home following surgery.

Wor. Bro. Frank Candela - is in New York where his daughter can look out for him, while wife, Ruth Candela, is in Montefiore Home following ankle surgery.

Ann (Wor. Bro. Ron) Jacobs - recuperating at home after major surgery.

Wor. Bro. Alan Klein - in California in an Alzheimer's Medical facility.

Gloria (Wor. Bro. Frank) Orlove - expected home soon after a stay in Harborside Healthcare Center.

Bro. David Kaplan - is in Montefiore Home, and will appreciate any cards or phone calls.

Lois (Wor. Bro. Allan) Levin - is home after being hospitalized for the implant of a pace-maker.

Bro. Philip Wexberg - is presently residing in Montefiore Home.

Bro. Fred Podor - suffered a broken shoulder in Florida.

Bro. Allen Hammes, our Junior Warden - had a knee replacement at University Hospitals of Cleveland.

### Congratulations to:

Bro. Morry and Hilda Blatt – on “WOW” 65th wedding anniversary. A family brunch was held at Executive Caterers, and a cruise through the Panama Canal is being planned.

Bro. Sanford and Sally Ziff – on their “Super” 60th wedding anniversary.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Morton and Donna Negin - on their “Super” 60th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Mel and Joyce Bernzweig - on the birth of great grandson, Remy Michael Kiner, to Melissa and Jeremy Kiner.

Wor. Bro. Jerome and Gayle Kustin - on the birth of granddaughter Leili Anne Tonisson to Melissa and Dave Tonisson. Leili arrived on March 15, 2008, “the Ides of March”, and she weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz.

Bro. Simon ‘Sy’ Apple – on the momentous occasion of his 100th birthday. Bro. Sy is the 2nd oldest member of Forest City Lodge in terms of Masonic service. To congratulate him, please call Sy at: (310) 859-9036.

Bro. David Michelson – on his promotion to President and C.E.O. of the National Insurance Co.

Melissa, Abby, and Toby Lausin – granddaughters of Wor. Bro. Ronald and Shirley Wolfe. Melissa was recently accepted by George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., for her medical internship. Abby recently directed and choreographed the J.C.C. production of 42nd Street at Fairmount Temple. Toby, who graduates from Brush High School this spring, will enter George Washington University in the fall of 2008.

### Contributions received for the Forest City Lodge Sunshine Fund:

From Bro. Dan and Rose Lash - In Memory of Bro. Jack Wynbrandt.

From Wor. Bro. Burt and Harriet Siebert - In Memory of Bro. Jack Wynbrandt, and In Memory of Sally Gillett.

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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.

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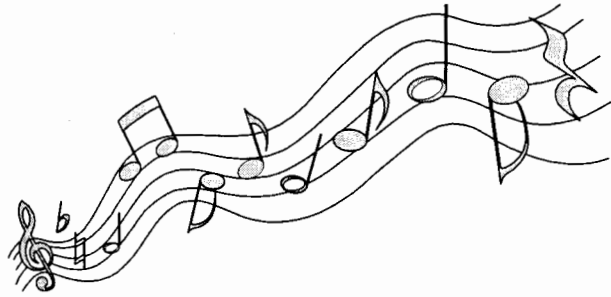
### IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE

*Your Sunshine Fund Committee is only as good as the information YOU forward to it. Our goal is to remember our brethren and their families whether in times of great joy, or G-d forbid, in times of family tragedy. Without your help, someone may be forgotten. ALL IT TAKES IS A PHONE CALL.*

**Forest City Lodge Sunshine Committee** - see tear sheet in last bulletin for complete list of Sunshine Committee members.

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# Forest City Lodge

No. 388 F. & M.

## Master & Warden's Dinner Dance

Will be held Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

Black-Tie Optional

The cost is \$45.00 per person (member), \$55.00 per person (non-member)

Invited at member prices: Mosaic Lodge A.F.&A.M., No. 559, G.R.C.

As well as all our brethren members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall

Grand Lodge of Ohio

Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. (Maximum guests – 150)

### WHERE:

The Cleveland Racquet Club  
29825 Chagrin Boulevard  
Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124

### DINNER:

Hors D'oeuvres  
6:30 P.M.

### DINNER:

7:30 P.M.

Choice of: Roasted Vegetable Tart  
Filet of Beef Mignon  
Macadamia Salmon

### ENTERTAINMENT:

**Band: REPLAY**

(Seven Member Group)

and

**Inlet Dance Theatre**

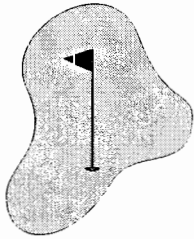
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Performance)

For Reservations Mail Checks to: Mitchell L. Alperin, 3690 Orange Place,  
Suite 575, Beachwood, OH 44122; 216-464-7105.

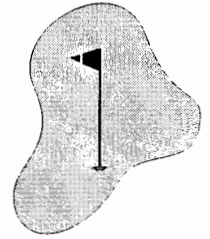
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# CALLING ALL GOLFERS!!

(Sponsors, Marshals, Registrars, Hackers, Whackers, and Kibitzers)



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF:  
**FOREST CITY LODGE No. 388 F. & M.**



*It's That Time of Year Again*

## THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

**Wednesday, July 16, 2008 – once again at:**

St. Denis Golf Course & Party Center, 10660 Chardon Road - Chardon, Ohio

Spring, yes spring, is on its way – time to think GOLF!!!!  
Enjoy a great day of golf; fabulous food for lunch AND dinner; and valuable prizes for all attendees – golfers and non-golfers alike

Early reservations are a MUST as we anticipate a sellout (a sign-up coupon is printed below)

**REMEMBER: not only is this one of THE summer Lodge social events, it is also a Major Charitable Fund-Raising Event for our Lodge**

**Personal & Fraternal Regards**

**Alan Rothman, Worshipful Master**

**Co-Chairmen: Barry Wessler, Richard, Landis, & Burton J. Task**

**WHAT: 18 Holes of Golf w/cart • Skills Contests • Lunch • Steak Dinner)  
Door Prizes Galore**

**PRIZES: (For Hole-In-One) 1 Car • 1 Trip & 1 Set of Golf Clubs  
Plus other Prizes for Closest to the Pin, Etc.**

**REGISTRATION: Starts at 9:30 A.M. • LUNCH: 10:45 A.M. SHARP!!**

**Shotgun Start: 11:45 A.M.**

**FEE: Lunch, Golf, Cart, Dinner & Prizes = \$120.00 per person  
Lunch, Dinner & Prizes ONLY = \$65.00 per person**

Please Check Appropriate Box:

Twosome Sign-up

Foursome Sign-up

Single - Match Me Up

Dinner Choice:  Steak  Fish

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
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Burton J. Task, P.M., 23632-J Mercantile Road, Beachwood, OH 44122

## Why Do I Attend Lodge?

Hello, my Brethren! We have all arrived at a most exciting time in each of our Masonic careers. The 200th anniversary of our great Fraternity in Ohio.

Accordingly, this seems to be the perfect time for each of us to ask ourselves, "Why attend lodge?"

As your lodge education officer, I remind you all why I, and each and every one of you became Masons. We all dedicated ourselves to becoming better men. As masonry strives to make good men better, each of us embarked upon our own personal journey to build our moral and spiritual edifice. We are reminded that in ancient times as youths, the entered apprentice began to learn his work and trade by quiet conduct and taking instructions from elder brethren. As an adult, the fellowcraft practiced his trade with much physical labor and devotion to his craft. And in age, as Master Masons through their experience, younger brethren were taught the craft.

Is it not the same for us? As speculative masons we build our spiritual temple by erecting one stone at a time. As entered apprentices we learn from our more experienced brethren, and as fellowcraft we work hard and toil to learn, but yet lack the wisdom and experience which one only gains through time as a Master Mason.

The other evening in lodge, two (2) of our brethren were examined in their proficiency in the Master Mason degree. Each was coached by the more experienced Master Mason. As I listened to our new brethren struggle to repeat our ancient words I thought; Why do we make our brethren stand in the center of our lodge room, just West of the altar and repeat ancient, outdated and at times confusing words? The answer is because that brother has chosen to dedicate his life to improve himself. Only by hard work and dedication can their spiritual temple be built, one block at a time. As they struggle to speak the word or perform the rite, they must by thought gain a better understanding, and in their toil their journey begins as the first building block of their spiritual temple is laid in the Northeast Corner of their safe repository of each of their faithful breast.

As they spoke, I looked around the room and saw many of my brethren "mouthing" the words and was pleased to see other temples were continuing to be built, strong and proud.

As so, as a fraternity, we meet in lodge to practice that which we each have taken an oath to perform; that being to improve in Masonry.

So I leave you with this reminder; that each and every day as you rise and first look into the mirror, ask yourself two questions: 1) Who is looking back? and, 2) What can I

as a mason do today to add yet another building block to my spiritual temple?

Respectfully and Fraternaly,  
**Mitchell L. Alperin**  
Lodge Education Officer

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## From the West

Fantastic news for Northern Ohio Freemasonry. As of March 4, 2008, our Grand Master Ronald L. Winnett has approved the issuance of a dispensation to officially launch a new lodge in Lorain, Ohio. It will be known as Blue Steel Lodge, U.D. (under dispensation).

Effective immediately, the Lodge can begin to meet, record minutes of its meetings, and in every way, begin to function as a lodge of Master Masons.

Blue Steel Lodge will be a daytime lodge, and will hold its meetings at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The Lodge will meet at the Black River Temple, 3695 Pearl Avenue, in Lorain, OH 44055.

Wor. Bro. Stanley Lewandowski extends an invitation to all Master Masons to visit this new lodge and enjoy the lessons of Freemasonry. It is the sincere hope of Blue Steel Lodge that a daytime lodge will enable many Masons, who might not be able to attend evening meetings at their own lodges for whatever reason, to be able to attend.

It should be a priority for every member of our Fraternity to strive to support and promote this exciting endeavor. Rarely is there the formation of a NEW Lodge, and we can all be an active part in the success of Blue Steel Lodge. Best wishes to Blue Steel Lodge, its officers and members.

**Franck Kakou** – Senior Warden

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## Operative Masonry *All about monuments – Part II*

The English word "monument" stems from the Latin word "monere", which means "to remind". Monuments are not bought for what they are, but for what they represent. No one really desires a monument. Our real desire is for that individual which the monument memorializes. Since we can no longer share the physical individual the next best thing is a fitting monument which, to their satisfaction, helps to keep alive the memory of a loved one. A monument is erected because someone lived, and it reflects long years of warmth and affection. It is a symbol of devotion, a tangible expression of the noblest of human emotions – love.

*To be continued.*

## REMEMBERING DAVID I. KAPLAN

David I. Kaplan served our lodge faithfully as our Lodge Education Officer from 1982 - 2004. During his years of service he was a prolific writer and profound thinker. He was well known throughout the state as a dedicated and kind Mason. He was a man of few words; but when he spoke, people listened. He was known to spend hours in thought and preparation for each short presentation he wrote.

I am pleased to announce to all that his writings, through the generosity of his beloved wife Millie, have been given to our lodge and preserved so that future Masonic generations may enjoy and learn from his teachings. Worshipful Bro. Barry Siegel, Associate Lodge Education Officer and I have compiled and preserved Dave's writings in a notebook which will be available for all to view at lodge meetings. Please avail yourself of this privilege. One of Dave's favorite writings was "That Man", which he wrote and first presented to our lodge in January 1997.

It went like this:

### THAT MAN

So you have met a man who thinks that the world needs improvement

He's sharp, alert and wants to make a contribution to betterment.

Mention: fraternal organization and he looks bewildered;

Mention: George Washington, Master of his lodge at Valley Forge, and his eyes glow:

Mention: Paul Revere and he says, "Really!"

Mention: 16 generals in the American Revolution were masons, he says "Oh-My!"

Mention: \$1.4 million daily to charity, 7 days a week, one-half going to non-masons, he says "I am impressed"

Mention: the fellowship among masons, he says "I like that!"

Mention: we are family oriented, he says "Betty would like that!"

Take the Grand Lodge flyer out of your back pocket and present it.

Want a helping hand? Call (216) 464-1053. I've got the fire! I want to put it in other hearts!

Remember! So as voting is the precious lifeline of country and freemasonry – so are new candidates the lifeblood of your lodge! HELP US!

*David Kaplan, LEO*

Respectfully and Fraternaly,  
**Mitchell L. Alperin**  
Lodge Education Officer 2008

## Howdy Podner?

### Check Your Gunbelt At The Door!

The words in the above title might have been taken from a 3rd rate western movie. To put these words in perspective with today, and especially in the context of a Masonic Lodge, we might change them as follows, "**Greetings my brother, please be certain to turn off your cell phone**".

It is not uncommon for someone's cell phone to ring in the middle of a meeting. Generally the brother with the phone disposes of the call quickly, and the matter is dropped. Supposing, however, that the phone begins to ring during the conferring of a degree, or during a candidate's examination when that individual is trying so hard to relay what he has learned to the brethren seated about him.

The bottom line is that in today's world, most of us have cell phones. In most cases, the ringer can be turned off, and the phone can be made to vibrate for an incoming call. If a brother is expecting an important or even a vital phone call, try to leave the phone with the Tyler. Explain the importance of being notified, should a call come in, so that the Tyler can bring you out of lodge to receive the call. By so doing the rights of everyone can be accommodated.

This matter was brought to our attention by a relatively new member, Bro. Jon K. Resnick. Our thanks to Bro. Resnick for speaking out and being an active voice in Forest City Lodge. We also offer our sincere condolences to Bro. Resnick on the recent demise of his mother.

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