

# FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

Winter, 2006

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

## MASTER MESSAGE



Dear Brethren:

On behalf of my wife Heidi, our children, and myself, best wishes to each of you and your families for a happy and healthy New Year. May PEACE emerge throughout the world, and may we see an end of violence and hatred for all peoples everywhere.

A busy and enjoyable year has been planned for Forest City Lodge, but its success is dependent upon your participation. By attending as many meetings and social functions as you are able, you derive the maximum benefit from your Lodge **membership**. By popular demand, we have once again scheduled monthly *early bird dinners*. These dinners, under the capable direction of *Chef Burt Task, P.M.*, will be held at 6:15 P.M. before Lodge on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Come and partake of a fabulous meal, and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of your brethren. Make the evening even better by phoning another brother and inviting him to join you for dinner.

On the 3rd Wednesday in February, March and April respectively, we will have our mouth-watering Fellowship Dinners – two with our ladies and/or guests, and one for Masons only. The donation for the dinner is only \$8.00 per person. Reduce this price by purchasing a book of Fellowship Dinner tickets - \$35.00 for brethren and \$20.00 for the ladies.

The 1st dinner will be for Valentine's Night – February 15th. We will be entertained by the SELREC singers featuring Harriet Siebert - wife of W.B. Bert. Dinner #2 will be for our Annual Inspection on March 15th. We will be inspected in the Fellowcraft Degree. The 3rd dinner on April 19th (just in time after the IRS has emptied our wallets) will be the occasion for Veterans pin; remembering the Widows for our late brethren; and Awards to the very worthy. This evening is likewise for our ladies and/or guests. More wonderful events will be announced in our next Bulletin.

Fraternally,  
**Steve Friedman**, Worshipful Master

## From the West

How time goes by when you're enjoying life! It seems like only yesterday that I was appointed Marshal of our lodge. I want to again thank each of you for allowing me to continue to serve you and Forest City Lodge. Once again, I promise to always put the best interest of our lodge – first and foremost in my life.

How good and how pleasant it is for the "Love of Brotherhood" to dwell together in every one of us. You could feel this bond of unity during our Brotherhood Night, our Installation of Officers, and our Officers Reception. **You** are a part of it! Forest City Lodge #388 is alive and well because every link is working together in perfect harmony. **You**, my brothers, are those links. When **you** cannot be present at any of our events, **you** are missed. Remember, every one of **us** is Forest City Lodge. On that note, I hope to see many more of **you** at our wide variety of events throughout the year.

I should also like to wish everyone a very healthy, happy, and safe New Year. It has been thoroughly enjoyable being with all of you and sharing our joyous occasions together. We now have 'early bird' dinners before lodge meetings (see schedule). Please join us for dinner and great fellowship. Tell other brothers who may not have attended in the past, to please join with us. Remember, the more time that we spend together provides that many more opportunities for brotherly love to prevail.

As Senior Warden, I invite all of our members, old and young, to partake in the fellowship and fun planned for this year. As we look forward to the coming years, we can be secure in the knowledge that we have a strong officer corps., with well thought-out and creative programs in mind. Forest City is your lodge! Be a part of it now and in the future ahead. May God Bless All of You.

**Mark Nathanson**,  
Senior Warden

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## 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 1, 2006.....Stated Meeting  
6:15 p.m. ....Early Bird Dinner – only \$3.00  
7:30 p.m. ....Meeting and Fellowcraft Degree

Wed., February 15, 2006.....Stated Meeting  
**VALENTINE'S NIGHT**

Open to Masons, Ladies, and non-Masons

6:30 p.m.....Dinner  
**\$8.00** per person - or - ticket in Fellowship book  
7:30 p.m. ....Brief meeting follow by Entertainment

Wed., March 1, 2006.....Stated Meeting  
6:15 p.m. ....Early Bird Dinner – only \$3.00  
7:30 p.m. ....Meeting and Entered Apprentice Degree

Wed., March 15, 2006.....Stated Meeting  
**ANNUAL INSPECTION – for Masons only!!!**

6:30 p.m.....Dinner  
**\$8.00** per person - or - ticket in Fellowship book  
7:30 p.m. ....Meeting follow by Fellowship Degree

Wed., April 5, 2006.....Stated Meeting  
6:15 p.m. ....Early Bird Dinner – only \$3.00  
7:30 p.m. ....Stated Meeting

Wed., April 19, 2006.....Stated Meeting  
**VETERANS, WIDOWS, & AWARDS NIGHT**

Open to Masons, Ladies, and non-Masons alike

6:30 p.m.....Dinner  
**\$8.00** per person - or - ticket in Fellowship book  
7:30 p.m. ....Brief meeting follow by Program

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### A Book Review for Dummies?

Thank you very much for your vote of confidence in electing me as your Junior Warden for 2005-2006. As I continue my journey to the East, I have engaged in the practice of reading many new books on the *craft*. One recent addition to my Masonic Library is a book written in October, 2005, titled "*Free Masons for Dummies*", written by a Wor. Bro. Christopher Hodapp.

I truly believe that the title to this book should be "*A Comprehensive Guide to Masonry Today*". I realize that the *dummies* books sell, but the title may turn off serious lovers of the art. The book is divided into 19 chapters and covers 355 pages. Here is a listing of the chapter titles.

**Part 1** – Chapter 1: Lodges, Aprons, and Funny Handshakes: Freemasonry 101

Chapter 2: From Quarries to Lodge Rooms: A history of Freemasonry

Chapter 3: The philosophy of Freemasonry

Chapter 4: Politics, Religion, and Freemasons: They don't mix

**Part 2** – Chapter 5: How Freemasons are Organized: Who Does What and Why

Chapters 6 & 7: The Ceremonies and Symbols of Freemasonry

Chapter 8: Myths and Misconceptions about Masons

**Part 3** – Chapter 9: Introducing the Appendant Bodies: Who's Who, and Who isn't

Chapter 10, 11, & 12: The York Rite; The Accepted Scottish Rite; The Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Chapter 13: The Extended Masonic Family

**Part 4** – Chapter 14: So Is It Still Relevant

Chapter 15: Freemasons and The Future

Chapter 16: So You Want to Become a Freemason

**Part 5** – Chapter 17: Ten Groups of Famous Masons

Chapter 18: Ten Amazing Conspiracies, Anti-Masons, and Hoaxes

Chapter 19: Ten Cool Masonic Places

This is one of the best books I have read on the craft. Some books are merely boring depictions of history. By contrast, this book not only provides information but sometimes conveys it in a humorous, entertaining manner. I especially enjoyed Chapters 13, 15, and 19, the latter being a source for planned events in "my year". For a little tease of these events, there are hidden clues on our lodge Website. Why not see if you can discover some of these for yourself and email the Webmaster with your discoveries.

Fraternally,

**Alan H. Rothman**

Jr. Warden and Webmaster  
(www.forestcity388.com)

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### Brotherhood Night – Cincinnati Style

Several years ago, my nephew, W.B. David Fine (son of our late W.B. Lewis Fine), decided that he would like to adapt the very successful Brotherhood Night of Forest City Lodge to his own Cincinnati lodge. From those who attended W.B. David's initial effort, that event was extremely successful and well-accepted.

On November 19, 2005, my wife, Maxine, and I had the pleasure of attending the 3rd Annual Brotherhood Night at the Cincinnati Masonic Center. The 1st Masonic District E. & A.M. of Ohio and the 1st Masonic District of Prince Hall Masons hosted the event.

About 280 Masons and their ladies were in attendance.

The evening began with an excellent meal. Afterwards, M.W.G.M. Joe L. Smith of Prince Hall Masons presented Ill. Bro. Samuel Braydon, Jr. with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The program was held in the Main Cathedral, and was chaired by W.B. David Fine and Wor. & Ill. Bro. Robert Fletcher.

This year's program showed off the hard work and dedication of W.B. Fine and all those brethren who were involved in putting this affair together. Forest City Lodge can be proud that their 33-yr. Masonic highlight is being emulated elsewhere here in Ohio.

**Bro. Paul Fine**

## Sunshine Committee Report

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



Bro. Shiah Goldstein – 46-yr. member - survived by wife, Jewell  
Bro. Werner Henle – 45-yr. member  
Bro. Bernard Hirsch – 41-yr. member - survived by wife, Judyth  
Bro. Lawrence Korach – **60-yr. member** - survived by wife, Helen  
Bro. Ruben Landau – **53-yr. member** - survived by wife, Dorothy  
Bro. Charles Sandman – 38-yr. member



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

Edith “Millie” Spiegel – widow of our late Bro. Frank; beloved mother of Wor. Bro. Ronald (Ann) Jacobs and Marcy (Bro. Barry) Wessler; loving grandmother of Bro. Scott (Jacque) Jacobs.

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

W.B. Mitchell Freiberg - recovering at home from a fall and back pain.

W.B. Al Levin - at home; due for surgery shortly.

Karen (W.B. Stuart) Marks - making a great recovery at home from hip replacement surgery.

Shirley (Bro. Howard) Marx - at home following surgery.

W.B. Frank Orlove - recuperating at Menorah Park: wife, Gloria is recovering at home.

Bro. Bert Weil - at home after an aneurism operation.

Bro. Burton Wolfe - moved back to Cleveland from St. Louis with wife, Renate, and is recuperating in their new

apartment. They are at: 8266 Beaver Ridge Dr. #1713 - N. Royalton, OH 44133 (440) 582-5637.

Bro. Sanford Ziff - recovering at home.

### Congratulations to:

Bro. Edwin and Phyllis Green – 55th wedding anniversary – they reside in Florida – refer to your Lodge directory.

Bro. Howard and Shirley Marx – amazing 60th anniversary. Next stop – 65 years.

Wor. Bro. Ronald and Shirley Wolfe – celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary aboard the Costa Line ‘Majica’ out in the Carribean.

### Contributions to the Sunshine from:

Mosaic Lodge of Toronto, Canada – In Memory of Bro. David Kaplan.

Helen Gateman – to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the passing of Wor. Bro. Emanuel ‘Manny’ Gateman.

Mr. Joseph M. Shafran – In Memory of Bro. David Kaplan.

Bro. Sanford Victor – In Memory of his friend, Herbert “Hobe” Schneider.

**BRETHREN:** A ‘get well’ note or a phone call to a brother or his wife helps brighten the day when someone is ill or injured.

*PLEASE contact a member of the Sunshine Fund with any news of death, illness, weddings, birth, anniversaries, graduations, or other happenings.*

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### Words to Live by – Solemn and Not So Solemn

*aka Words of Wisdom said in jest...*

Happiness is a way of travel, not the destination.

The proper spirit is not to have nothing, but to have a deep appreciation for what you do have.

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.

If you don't have great expectations, you won't have giant disappointments.

Thanks to W.B. Marvin Hersch

### Bro. comedian Red Skelton's tips for a lasting marriage:

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers in California, mine in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere...but she keeps finding her way back.
4. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

Thanks to Bro. Albert Sedory, Jr.

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Many years ago when I was a salesman covering a large territory, I checked into a motel in Ft. Wayne, Indiana only to discover that my billfold was missing. Fortunately I had enough supporting documentation to get temporary help

from a local bank. Upset at my loss, I drove into town and happened to see a Masonic Temple. I parked my car and inquired of an attendant whether any lodges were meeting on that evening. Almost immediately, a gentleman came down the steps, asked me a few pertinent questions, and then escorted me to a dining room where a meal was being served prior to a lodge meeting. I was directed to a chair, introduced to a number of brethren, and given a veritable feast.

Thanks to my being a Mason, my day ended far better than it began. No one wants to find themselves in a tight spot, but it's great to know there are lots and lots of friends and brothers out there – whether we ever need them or not.

**Ronald Wolfe, P.M.**

## Memories

Just as our last Bulletin was being mailed out, and again at the same time that this edition was being put together, we learned of the deaths of long-time members and/or their wives. It got me to thinking and reminiscing – is my age showing?

2006 is the 40th anniversary of my term as Worshipful Master of Forest City Lodge. What fun we had, and how great were our many friendships. Our Lodge had a Friday Night Couples Bowling League which proved to be the backbone of every Lodge function throughout the year. All of our events were ‘sell-outs’, and were low-budget affairs **in the Lodge hall** – ‘Officers Reception’; ‘A Night in Las Vegas’; ‘A Night in Budapest’ with authentic Hungarian food cooked and served from Buckeye Road restaurants; and **away from Lodge** – a Picnic at Wiegand’s Lake; a Night at the Ice Follies; a Night at the Circus; and the Master and Wardens Dinner Dance at the Statler Hotel.

But alas, so many of those who helped make ‘my year’ so great are now gone and relegated to ‘Memories’ status. There were those who preceded me in the line-up: Wor. Bros. Irwin Kramer, E. Leonard Arnoff, Abe Blostein, LeRoy Gelfand, and Lew Solloway. Then there were those who comprised my Officer Corps – Wor. Bros. Irwin Ulevitch, Paul Sherwin, and George Blain.

There was my stewards committee chairman extraordinaire, Aaron ‘Sonny’ Berlin. He was always going the extra mile to make certain the brethren had a great ‘refreshment’ hour. Either it was fresh ‘Bialys’ bagels with cream cheese, or huge tubs of ice cream with all the fixings for sundaes, or the best potato salad and cole slaw from Bosseil’s and more.

There were so many brethren **and wives** who worked diligently to help whether on a committee or not. People like Al Varnick, Iz Greenis, Les Weiner, Leon Miller, Emory Kritzler, Ben ‘Little Brother’ Kaufman, Bob and Doris Laidman, Morry and Selma Belman, Wor. Bro. Manny Gateman, Manny and Dorothy Freund (who produced and directed our Lodge musical, “A Day in the Life of a Master”), Wor. Bro. Henry Littman, Harry and Gert Gendler, Fannie Lowy, Irv Levit, Sam and Sylvia Garr, Norm ‘the Russian’ and Sadie Morrison, Meyer and Ruth Cohen, Joe Gregg (our picnic chairman), Lou and Ruth Jacobson, Dave Wieder (legal work), Sanford Barron and so many more that just don’t come to mind at the moment. And of course there were my parents, Wor. Bro. Sol and Betty Wolfe.

Not to think that everyone has left us. Thanks to the Great Architect, some of my hardest workers are still kicking – some better than others. There’s my entertainment committee with Bill (Ruth) Szabo and Berny (Lois) Shepard as co-chairmen. There were fellow officers and their wives, such as R.W.B. Mort (my Sr. Warden) and Donna Negin and W.B. Frank (our treasurer) and Gloria Orlove. And there were others who always were around and could be counted on – Mel (Goldie) Fishman, Bill (Renee) Belman, Joe

Diamond, Sanford (Sally) Ziff, Rick (Charlotte) Rickman, Sam (my golf outing chairman) (Fran) Eckelson, ‘Bud’ (ticket sales) (Marcia) Kammer, Wor. Bro. Don (my appointment for Marshal) (Jane) Radman, and so many more that simply elude me. It was 40-years ago, but it seems *almost* like yesterday. What a wonderful year it was for me and for my family, and I hope as well for Forest City Lodge. To those living or ‘passed on’ whose names should be included above – I apologize.

**Ronald Wolfe,**  
Worshipful Master, 1965 - 1966

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## Updated Directory

Brethren, by this time, all of you should have received your updated Forest City Lodge Directory. This foreboding task was undertaken and carried to fruition by R.W.B. Morton S. Negin, W.B. Bert C. Seibert, and W.B. Mitchell L. Alperin. When next you see any of these brethren, please thank them for their efforts.

Our Lodge Directory should be more to you than just another notebook filed away on a shelf – drawing dust. Everytime you look through it, you will discover the name of some forgotten friend and brother with whom you might want to get in touch. If you hear of an illness or a tragedy in the life of some brother or his family, the Directory is the easiest source of an address and or phone number.

Many of you don’t get to Lodge anymore, but remembering a brother with a get-well card or a card of sympathy is just as much Freemasonry in action as taking part in a degree ritual.

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## What’s In A Name – A Mason’s Name

Edwin Aldrin – astronaut, General “Hap” Arnold – Commander of the Army Air Force in World War II, William “Count” Basie – orchestra leader & composer, Daniel Carter Beard – founder of the Boy Scouts of America, Christopher “Kit” Carson – frontiersman, explorer, Ty Cobb – Hall-of-Fame baseball player, “Georgia Peach”, Jack Dempsey – former heavyweight champion of the world, Edward VIII – King of England who abdicated his throne rather than give up his “romance” with Wallis Simpson, Gerald Ford – President of the United States following the resignation of Richard Nixon, Clark Gable – actor & star of “Gone With The Wind”, J. Edgar Hoover – Director of the FBI, Rev. Jesse Jackson – internationally recognized ‘civil rights’ proponent, Rudyard Kipling – author, see the movie, “The Man Who Would Be King”, Thurgood Marshall – Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Ben L. Pike – Pike’s Peak is named after him, Will Rogers – actor & humorist, Louis Stokes, U.S. Congressman from greater Cleveland, Dr. Coretta Scott King – founder of Wendy’s, Oscar Wilde – author, Andrew Young – former Mayor of Atlanta, GA

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## ***VALENTINE'S NIGHT***

**Wednesday, February 15, 2006**

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

*Open to Masons, Ladies, and non-Masons*

**\$8.00** per person

*(ticket in Fellowship book)*

Brief meeting follow by Entertainment



## **STATED MEETING - 7:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Early Bird Dinner 6:15 p.m.

*(Only \$3.00)*

Meeting and Entered Apprentice Degree



## **STATED MEETING - 7:30 p.m.**

### **ANNUAL INSPECTION – FOR MASONS ONLY!**

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**\$8.00** per person

*(ticket in Fellowship book)*

Meeting follow by Fellowship Degree



## **STATED MEETING - 7:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Early Bird Dinner 6:15 p.m.

*(Only \$3.00)*



## **STATED MEETING - 7:30 p.m.**

### **VETERANS, WIDOWS, & AWARDS NIGHT**

*Open to Masons, Ladies, and non-Masons*

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**\$8.00** per person

*(ticket in Fellowship book)*

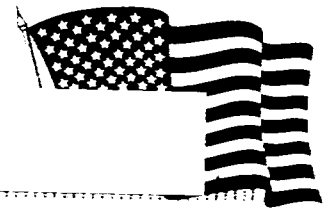
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### **33rd Annual Brotherhood Night – A Night With The Clergy** *a multi-faceted success...*

Once again, Wor. Bro. Jay and Bro. David Kaufman chaired a fabulous event for Forest City Lodge. To say that it was successful is a gross understatement.

- Williamson – Grand Master of Masons of Ohio.
1. A full house of Brethren. Ladies and Guests were treated to a great dinner.
  2. Cantor Gary Gelender of Congregation Shir Shalom presented a nice program of holiday music.
  3. A beautifully delivered Flag Lecture was given by Bro. Andy Salamon.
  4. Timely and meaningful remarks were directed by Rabbi Stephen Weiss of B'nai Jeshurun Congregation; Rev. Steven Rowan of Bethany Baptist Church; Rt. Wor. Bro. Howard E. Lauder milk – Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and Most Wor. Bro. James M.
  5. **THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS** were equally divided to representatives of six “vital” charities, namely: Major Dorothy Lyker aka “Major Mom” of the Salvation Army; Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg of Temple Israel-Ner Tamid; Jim Yasinow of the Cleveland Foodbank; Rev. Rowan of Bethany Baptist Church; Rabbi Weiss of B'nai Jeshurun; and M.W.B. James Williamson for “Grand Lodge Charities Foundation”.
  6. Congratulations to all the brethren and friends who donated so generously to the Forest City Lodge #388 Brotherhood Fund.