

FOREST CITY

LODGE NO. 388 F. & A. M.

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Lyndhurst, Ohio

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brethren,

As I write these lines, I am enjoying a 50 degree March day in Cleveland. After the dark and cold days of winter, today people are out and about, walking with their families in my neighborhood. It is always a pleasure to get these sneak previews of spring, feel the warmth of

the sun on your skin, and hear the joy of children long stuck inside the house running and playing.

Though the sunlight has only just arrived, the Brethren of Forest City Lodge #388 have been hard at work bringing light in Lodge. Following a new lodge education program put forth by Forest City Past Master Franck T. Kakou, currently District Education Officer for the 22 Masonic District, we have had several wonderful lodge education programs followed by lively discussions. Our presenters have included RWB Mitch Alperin, WB Barry Siegel EGS, and guest speaker WB Leo Roth Klein.

For many years, several friends and I have celebrated what we labelled Hawaiian shirt Wednesdays. All year long, a Hawaiian shirt has been our middle of the week attire. Mindful that Forest City Lodge meets on Wednesdays, many brethren started to believe that Hawaiians shirts were the only piece of clothing I wore. Last year, in a not so subtle gesture, WB Tim Cline held our first, and hopefully now annual, Hawaiian Shirt night. This year I continued the tradition. The turnout and participation exceeded

all expectations. Thanks to all of you for making this event an Entered Apprentice degree for the history books.

Most recently, we had a truly wonderful Valentine's Day Dinner. My wife Kandice worked a minor miracle and transformed our cafeteria into a romantic candlelit dinner. The acoustic duo, Second Avenue, provided wonderful ambiance, and the members and their significant others enjoyed music, friends, and food until well into the evening.

The Lodge is planning many exciting events over the next few months. On Friday April 3, Forest City is proud to host a fundraising dinner for RWB William M. Carter III. RWB Carter is planning his year as Grand Master of Ohio Masons. Our annual inspection, in the Master Mason degree, is on April 15, 2020. Our Fellowcraft team is hard at work preparing. As always, the team is seeking volunteers to participate in this enjoyable and important duty. Please contact our JW Ryan Stuver for more information.

Our Spring Reception, the Master and Wardens' Dinner Dance, is slated for May 9 at Landerhaven. It promises to be a spectacular evening of dinner, dancing, and fantastic music. You will hear more details about food and entertainment in the next bulletin.

Finally, be sure to make your reservations right away so you will not miss any of our spectacular events this year. As always, we hope that you can join us soon and often at Forest City Lodge #388.

Fraternally,
Bill Zeligson Worshipful Master

FROM THE SECRETARIES QUILL

“Share the Glory”

In March of 2003, our lodge created a website. This website has allowed me the opportunity to be the first point of contact for many new and potential Brothers. I cannot begin to tell you what a pleasure it is to have this distinct honor. Many of our Lodge members are now part of the “Me Too Club”. What is the “Me Too Club,” you ask? The Club is composed of Masons that granted me the satisfaction of becoming the first line signer on their petitions.

Prior to submitting their petitions, many of these individuals had a profound impact on my life. I ask myself, are these potential candidates going to change the world through their Masonic endeavors? Did I help them to accomplish this? Are they going to be “book members” or the types that truly get it and live Masonic lives? Are they going to receive, sometime in the future, the “purple of the fraternity”? Will they lead or follow? Who among them will receive a “year service award” for years far beyond our current life expectancy?

Why am I explaining this to you now? Two nights ago, I met a polite young man desirous of obtaining the rights and benefits of our Worshipful Lodge. I paused to ponder how his life could change by becoming a Mason. What kind of Mason will he be? I cannot believe that I had played a part in this process. Feelings of joy and fulfillment overwhelmed my heart. As I am writing these lines, I do not know whether the Lodge will unanimously elect this man. Thus the story continues. Although the forward is already in the books, the first chapter is about to be drafted. How the story will continue and how will it end, is anyone’s guess. However, if my Masonic endeavors were to cease suddenly, I would feel complete. I have tried to leave the world a better place. Freemasonry has given me another avenue to accomplish this goal.

There is no better position in the Lodge than that of Secretary. You get to see people full circle. From that instance when young Entered Apprentices stand in the northeast corner of the Lodge, to the moment when the Great Architect of the Universe calls the Brother from labor to refreshment and, hopefully, to preside with Him forever.

Alan H. Rothman, P.M. Secretary

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bro. Joel Blankfeld, son of W.B. Marvin Blankfeld (deceased) and brother of Bro. Harvey Blankfeld, underwent a kidney transplant at University Hospital in February after being on a wait list for three years. W.B. Burt Siebert visited with him and reported he is in fine spirits and doing well. The Lodge sent him a planter from Lyndhurst Florist.

Maralee Koval, wife of Tyler, Bro. Bruce Koval, is recuperating at home for the next several weeks after recent surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. The Lodge sent a get-well card and planter from Lyndhurst Florist.

Amy Franks, wife of Senior Warden, Bro. Shawn Franks, is doing well and recuperating at home after a recent medical procedure. The Lodge sent a get-well card and planter from Lyndhurst Florist.

Karen Marks, wife of W.B. Stuart Marks, experienced several health issues over the past few months and is resting at home. The Lodge sent a get-well card and planter from Lyndhurst Florist.

Bro. Kris Khoenle underwent surgery recently. Kris is not a member of FCL, he is a Mason out of the Lyndhurst Masonic Center. He and his wife Lisa do much for FCL. For the past few years, they prepared the meals for Lodge events at a discounted price and do all grocery shopping at cost. In the past, they have donated their services and/or groceries to support our efforts in raising funds for the Special Olympics during Sports Night. FCL sent a get-well card.

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FREEMASONRY – TO READ OR NOT TO READ

Freemasonry: where to start?

Every Freemason has witnessed the scene. A man enters the Lodge room as a stranger and leaves as a Brother. The newly initiated Freemason is eager to learn about the Craft. He wants to know where to start, what to read. Listening to WB Leo Roth Klein's excellent, albeit much too brief, presentation on the basic outline of Masonic history brought the question to mind, where should a new Freemason start his Masonic education. To quote Lewis Carroll, of Alice in Wonderland fame, "begin at the beginning." Anything else will send willing newcomers through a circuitous route that generates more darkness than light.

There are some solid introductions to Freemasonry. They vary in quality, style, and purpose. However, they mostly get the facts right and, more importantly focus on the narrative and not the historiographical controversies. It is in the basic narrative and not in the internecine debates where the new Freemason ought to begin. I should hasten to add that I do not consider S. Brent Morris' *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry* and Christopher Hodapp's *Freemasons for Dummies* as intro-ductions to Freemasonry. They are well-written reference sources useful to track down basic information. Besides, I can think of plenty of good Masonic titles without the words "idiots" and "dummies" in the title.

If confronted with the task to guide a new English-speaking Freemason through the morass of Masonic literature this is where I would begin:

Kinney, Jay. *The Masonic Myth: Unlocking the Truth About the Symbols, the Secret Rites, and the History of Freemasonry* (Harper One, 2009)

- Ridley, Jasper. *The Freemasons: A History of the World's Most Powerful Secret Society* (Arcade Publishing, 2011)
- Harrison, David. *The Genesis of Freemasonry* (Lewis Masonic, 2009)
- Jacob, Margaret. *The Origins of Freemasonry* ((Pennsylvania, 2006)
- Kulhke, Olaf. *The Geographies of Freemasonry: Ritual, Lodge and City in Spatial Context* (**selected chapters only**)
- Moore, William. *Masonic Temples: Freemasonry, Ritual Architecture, and Masculine Archetypes* (University of Tennessee Press, 2006) (**selected chapters if the Brother is not a Master Mason**)
- Tabbert, Mark, A. *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities* (NYU Press, 2006) (well-illustrated coffee table book)

Why I humbly recommend these titles and what makes them a good starting point on any Masonic journey, will be the subject of a future column.

Fraternally yours,
José Diaz, PM – Bulletin Editor

SURVIVORS LIST

Recently, we updated our mailing list to include spouses of our departed brethren. We identified those brethren who took an active part in Forest City Lodge, attended a Lodge functions such as Sports Night, Memorial Night, Brotherhood Night, Steak Roast or just dinner with the Ladies.

We want to identify and include spouses who would like to continue enjoying those functions in future events. Our recent mailing for the "Valentine Party" was our first attempt at including these Ladies. Unfortunately, the response was lacking. We think that perhaps the lodge could consider providing transportation. Many of these Ladies do not drive or avoid night driving.

Future events will include phone numbers of the Sunshine Committee as well as transportation arrangements, if needed. Please watch for future Lodge Bulletins for information about upcoming events. We hope you will take part.

Burt Siebert P.M.
216-371-4178 or 216-704-4408 (cell)



*Brethren – please check out our website at www.forestcity388.com
for further information and updates about future lodge events – things do change over time...*

Please join us at some of our upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 4 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Chili Cookoff</u> Cookoff - 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm	Wednesday, May 6 Stated Meeting (Open)	-	<u>Award Nights</u> Special Meeting Dinner (\$12) – 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 18 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	Stated Meeting Early Bird Dinner (\$6) – 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm	Saturday, May 9 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Master & Warden's Dinner Dance</u> At Landerhaven details to follow
Wednesday, April 1 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Birthday Night (Mar/Apr/May)</u> Stated Meeting Early Bird Dinner (\$6) – 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm	Wednesday, May 20 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	Stated Meeting Dinner (\$6) – 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm
Friday, April 3 Special Meeting (Open)	-	<u>Fundraising Appreciation Dinner for RWB William M. Carter, III</u> Dinner (\$12) – 6:30 pm	Wednesday, June 3 Stated Meeting (Open)	-	<u>Birthday Night (Jun/Jul/Aug)</u> Stated Meeting Early Bird Dinner (\$6) – 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 15 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Annual Inspection (MM)</u> Stated Meeting First Section – 5:30 pm Dinner (\$12) – 6:30 pm Second Section – 7:30 pm	Wednesday, June 17 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>41st Annual Table Lodge</u> Opening – 5:30 pm Dinner (\$12) – 6:30 pm

As the Gourmet Lodge of the 22nd District,
Forest City Lodge will continue to accommodate its brethren and their guests
while we also strive to limit unnecessary food wastage.
We therefore ask that you RSVP for dinner no later than 5:00 pm the Sunday before the event.
Without an RSVP, we cannot guarantee adequate servings for all who attend.
To RSVP visit Forest City's webpage at <http://forestcity388.com/ReservationPage.html>,
contact our Lodge's Secretary Alan Rothman (webmaster@forestcity388.com) or
Worshipful Brother William J. Zeligson (bill@zeligson.com)



2020 Master and Wardens Dinner Dance

Please join us to celebrate a Forest City tradition

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Executive Caterers at Landerhaven

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Cocktail Hour: 6:30 P.M.

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Dinner : 7:30 P.M.

Cost: \$40.00 per guest or \$70.00 per couple

Send checks and the reservation coupon to: Shawn Franks

15408 Woodbrook Avenue • Maple Heights, OH 44137 • (216) 509-9526

Deadline for Reservations: May 1, 2020

Master and Wardens Dinner Dance Reservation

Name:

Name:

Entrée (select one):

Entrée (select one)

Beef

Fish

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Make checks payable to: Forest City Lodge #388

Please note if there is a need for a vegetarian or kosher meal, or if there are any other dietary needs



Join us for an evening of Fellowship:

(Ladies, family, and guests are welcome)

Fundraising Appreciation Dinner – Grand Lodge 2025
In Honor of RWB William M. Carter, III – Grand Marshal

Friday April 3, 2020

6:30PM to 9:00PM

Lyndhurst Masonic Center

5516 Mayfield Road

Cleveland, OH 44124

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**Choice of: Chicken Parmesan, Salmon or Vegan Eggplant Parmesan
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Dessert: Trifle

Beverages: Soft Drinks, Coffee, Water

**Dietary restrictions will be accommodated on request*

Event Schedule

Welcome Reception and Entertainment by J.R. Grieco

50/50 Raffle

Guest Speakers

MWB Tom Galyen

MWB Rick Schau

RWB William M. Carter, III



Tickets are \$30/person, dress is Jacket and Tie

Reservations by March 29 to this link: <https://forms.gle/n9XATXKioH6bvshA8>

Pay at the door Cash or Check to “FCL#388”

Proceeds will benefit the Grand Lodge 2025 Communication Fund

Contact WB Timothy S. Cline (740-507-2524 or fcl388rsvp@gmail.com) with questions





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