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MASTER'S MESSAGE



#388 this year.

My Brethren, I hope this edition of our Bulletin finds you happy and healthy in 2022. It is hard to believe that my Masonic journey, which started in early 2016, has led me to the East. These last six years have flown by. I thank you again for seeing me fit to lead Forest City Lodge

Brother Timothy Wheeland all did a wonderful job. It was fantastic to have Forest City Lodge back in the 22nd District and Ohio Masonic spotlight for an evening.

In more somber news, the Global Pandemic we have all been dealing with since early 2020 has changed yet again with new variants and new challenges. One of my main goals this year is to avoid, if possible, the need to go back to virtual meetings as our only means of conducting business. In the spirit of that goal, I have made a few difficult decisions. First, all early bird meals that would have been served at the Lodge will be cancelled until further notice. I am still weighing the options for our Valentine's Day event and will have an update before the end of January. I am also strongly encouraging social distancing and masking while in the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple. Please understand that these are not mandates, but rather suggestions. I feel these are necessary for the safety of our members.

It is my hope that 2022 will be a safe, fulfilling, and prosperous year for our Lodge. We have a strong pipeline of potential new candidates, an extremely competent, experienced, and reliable group of officers, and a handful of wonderful events to look forward to. Please see the Trestleboard for more information on our upcoming events.

Thank you again, Brethren.

Fraternal Regards,
Worshipful Master
Ryan E. Stuver

Amid all the things happening in the world at large, Forest City Lodge was able to return to its tradition and host the 48th Annual Brotherhood Night on December 15th. We were lucky enough to host nearly 80 guests for dinner and welcomed 15 more into the Lodge Room for our program. Right Worshipful Brother William Carter was also kind enough to host a Zoom broadcast of the event which was viewed by dozens of other guests. Overall, it was a wildly successful night for our Lodge. We were able to disperse \$6,500 to worthy charities in the Greater Cleveland area, an additional \$500 to the Grand Lodge Charities, and \$893 to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to be used for relief and support for those affected by the December tornado outbreak.

In addition to charity, we were lucky enough to hear from many talented speakers who gave their own unique takes on Brotherhood. Reverend Marvin McMickle, Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg, Right Worshipful Brother Timothy Ward, Most Worshipful Brother Richard Dickerscheid, and Most Worshipful

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We are thankful for the kind words that the Grand Lodge F&AM of Ohio had about our annual Brotherhood Night last week. Please visit our website by following the link below to view pictures from the evening. <https://forestcitylodge.com/image-gallery>



DID YOU KNOW...That Forest City Lodge has recently updated its website? Please head over to <https://forestcitylodge.com> to see the new layout and updates. All the history from the old site has been preserved, with some added new features as well. Check out the “Image Gallery” link on the top tool bar to view photos of past gatherings such as last month’s Brotherhood Night. A special thank you to Worshipful Alan Rothman for curating the past version of the website for some many years.

While you are online, head over to our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lodge388>, and “Like” it so you can keep abreast to all of the upcoming events and news about the lodge. The Facebook page also posts links to the website such as directing members to the “Events Page” to RSVP for upcoming FCL #388 events.

Jim Paluf
 Senior Steward
 Social Media Committee Chair



Brethren – please check out our website at <https://forestcitylodge.com/home> for further information and updates about future lodge events – things do change over time...

Please join us at some of our upcoming events:

Wednesday, January 19 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Birthday Night (Dec/Jan/Feb)</u> Opening – 7:30 pm	Wednesday, March 16 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Birthday Night (Mar/Apr/May)</u> Stated Meeting Opening – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, February 2 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Stated Meeting</u> Opening – 7:30 pm			
		<u>Valentine's Day Entertainment</u> Featuring Paul Christensen, a saxophonist who toured with the Michael Stanley Band for 20+ years! Opening – 7:35 pm	Wednesday, April 6 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Inspection – FC Degree</u> Early Bird Dinner (\$12)– 6:30 pm Opening – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, February 16 Stated Meeting (Open) (RSVP Required)	-		Saturday, May 7 Special Event (RSVP Required)	-	<u>Master & Wardens Dinner/Dance</u> <i>Details Soon to Follow!</i>
Wednesday, March 2 Stated Meeting (Tyled)	-	<u>Stated Meeting</u> Opening – 7:30 pm	Wednesday, May 18 Stated Meeting (Open) (RSVP Required)	-	<u>Awards Night</u> Opening – 7:30pm

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.

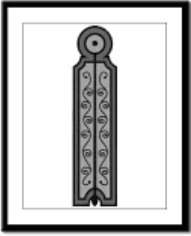
BRETHREN IN THE NEWS



Last fall, the Cleveland Jewish News posted an interview with Cleveland attorney Harvey Snider. Brother Snider is a 60-year member of Forest City Lodge. Under the heading *Silver Lining: Harvey Snider*, the article centers on Brother Snider's personal and professional involvement with the Board of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS). The article commences thusly, "As a longtime practicing lawyer, Harvey Snider has always had a lot on his plate. Before retirement, the Beachwood resident consulted on several community boards – all that have culminated into his current primary endeavor: serving on the board of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, an organization that is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of public mental health and addiction treatment and recovery services delivered to the residents of Cuyahoga County ..." If you wish to read the article in its entirety, access this link, https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/features/silver_linings/silver-linings-harvey-snider/article_d74242f0-2536-11ec-9e6d-4bf4f283b3a5.html or simply Google Harvey Snider Cleveland Jewish News.

W.B. Burt Siebert

WORKING TOOLS: Charity and the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge



Last month, Forest City Lodge hosted the 48th annual Brotherhood Night. With the current Grand Master, three Past Grand Masters, and a “bunch” of Grand Lodge and District leadership in attendance, our Lodge Room was overflowing with dignitaries, special guests, family and friends. And while there was appropriate fanfare focused on charity that evening, it important to remember that many good deeds go unnoticed throughout the year without pomp and circumstance.

In my basement is a 100+ year-old slate pool table that used to belong to the Masonic Lodge in Greenville, PA. Over the years, the use of the pool tables at the Lodge waned and they sold them. My grandfather purchased one and it now sits in my basement. When I was a young boy, I used to sit and listen to my grandfather, his brothers and friends while they played pool. I was watching the pool balls and listening to their stories.

One of my favorite stories was one of Masonic significance. A brother Mason approached my grandfather in downtown Greenville and asked him for \$20. No explanation needed other than a confirmation that there was a brother in need. In those days, it was still common to go to the office of the local utility company to pay your bill, using cash. The unnamed brother went to the office of the gas company to see what could be done, as he had lost his job and didn’t have the cash to pay his bill. He was informed that it was taken care of – and no further information was available.

Here we see the **twenty-four inch gauge** and the **trowel** in action. One lesson tells us that “If we do not take the **Twenty Four Inch Gauge** into the world outside the Lodge, and by its division, number our hours for the working of a constructive purpose, we miss the practical application of Masonic Labor and **Masonic Charity**.”

And, ... “Concerning the values of Faith, Hope and Charity; our Craft says that **the greatest of these is Charity** - That each of us must stand ready at any and all times to extend a helping hand in relief to an unfortunate Brother or his dependents.”

Let us remember to allocate a portion of the division of our time and resources for charitable purposes!

Ron Stuver, Junior Warden



Forest City Lodge No. 388 F&AM Brotherhood Fund

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The Level guides his daily act
And makes good fellowship a fact.
If we employ these tools each day
A beautiful Temple will be our pay.

— SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT —

M.W.B. Bradford Allen Goebel passed away recently and is a 47 year Mason. He was born on February 10, 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the oldest child of Arlene and Robert E. Goebel. Brad was raised in Euclid, Ohio where he attended Euclid Public Schools, graduating from Euclid Senior High School in June, 1970. He continued his education at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1974. While at Ohio Northern, Brad was a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and President of the Inter-fraternity Council.



In November 1974, Brad married Kathleen Renee Alexander of Piqua, Ohio. The Goebel's have two sons, Michael (1980) and David (1983). The Goebel's lived in Willoughby, Ohio where Kathy was an Elementary School Teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake Public School District. Also In 1974, Brad joined East Shore Masonic Lodge #709 in Cleveland, Ohio. He served as Worshipful Master in 1981-82 and later as Treasurer for many years. Because of a series of Lodge mergers, Brad is now a member of Lyndhurst Lodge # 508 and is an Honorary Member of Forest City Lodge #388 F.&A.M. as well as several others.

Brad served the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the 22nd District as a District Education Officer from 1987-1991 and as a District Deputy Grand Master from 1992-1994. Brad was Secretary/Treasurer of the 22nd District Past District Deputy Grand Masters Association for many years before being elected and serving as its president in 2003. On October 16, 2010, he was installed as Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio at the 201st annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio held in Dayton, Ohio.

A sympathy card was sent to M.W.B. Brad Goebel's wife Kathy and their two sons and a \$35.00 donation was made to the Brotherhood Fund in his memory.

There is an extended masonic biography available on the Grand Lodge of Ohio website << <https://www.freemason.com/pgm/2010-bradford-allen-goebel/>>>

Carol Ellen Maiher, 74, mother of DEO, W.B. Jason Maiher, passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Carol was an avid reader, and enjoyed spending time with her grandkids. Survivors include her 3 sons, Lawrence, W.B. Jason, and Michael (Many); 7 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence in 2019. A \$35.00 donation was made to the Brotherhood Fund in her memory and a Sympathy Card was sent to the family from the Officers and Brethren of Forest City Lodge.

Herman Freeman, dearly beloved husband of Lynn (nee Gerowitz) and brother of Marilyn Siegel (wife of W.B. Barry Siegel) passed away after a lengthy illness, on Dec. 12, 2021. Graveside services were held Dec. 14th at Bet Olam Cemetery. A \$35.00 donation was made to the Animal Protective League in Herman's memory. A card of condolence was sent to Marilyn Siegel.

Shandi Rothman, wife of Bro. Michael Rothman and Daughter-in-Law of W.B. Alan Rothman, recently recovered from a brief outpatient surgical procedure that was performed prior to Thanksgiving. A Lodge Get Well card was sent from the Officers and Brethren of Forest City Lodge.

Jackie Wiesenthal, wife of Bro. Ron Wiesenthal, had surgery in November. A Get Well Planter as well as a Lodge Get Well card was sent from the Officers and Brethren of our Lodge.

Bro. Peter Molay, age 77 and a 30 year Master Mason, passed away on January 7, 2022. Beloved husband of Fran Molay (nee Marks); devoted father of Philip (Heather) Molay and Lyndsey Molay and Brother-in-law of W.B. Stuart (Karen) Marks. A Masonic Service was held prior to the funeral services at BERKOWITZ-KUMIN-BOOKATZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL, on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Burial took place at Mt Olive Cemetery (Forest City Hebrew section). A \$35.00 donation was made to the American Diabetes Association in his memory and a Sympathy Card was sent to the family from the Officers and Brethren of Forest City Lodge.

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Sandra J. Zuckerman (nee Mazur), dearly beloved wife of 63 years to Brother Gene Zuckerman. Devoted mother of Fern (Rich) Sinclair and Lisa (Marc) Terman and grandmother. Sandra enjoyed playing mahjong with her friends and mentoring elementary children and teaching them to read. She loved to entertain and was an incredible cook and baker. She was an avid Cleveland Indians fan, but mostly was known as a constant fixture at all sporting events that her grandchildren participated in.

Services were held on Jan. 18 at Berkowitz-Kumin-Bookatz Memorial Chapel.

A Sympathy card was sent to Bro Gene and a donation of \$35.00 was made to the Hospice of the Western Reserve per the family's request.

Congratulation to Brother Dr. Malcom Brahms from the Officers and Brethren of Forest City Lodge #388 F.&A.M., who celebrated his 102nd birthday on Dec.1, 2021 at morning minyan at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike. He also reached a milestone by celebrating his 75th Anniversary as a Master Mason on January 13, 2022.

Brother Dr. Brahms' skill led him to joining Dr. Alvin Tramer's orthopedic practice, starting Brahms, Cohn & Leb Orthopaedics more than 50 years ago. He is also a founding member of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society that recently celebrated its 50-year anniversary. Part of Brother

Dr. Brahms illustrious career was spent as the Cleveland Browns orthopedic surgeon for 15 years (1965-1980.) Despite his age, Brother Dr. Brahms tries to live as independently as he can, like the inner 60-year-old he believes himself to be. He "retired" in 2000, but ended up resuming work for a U.S. government medical department until he was 92. He spends his days trying to stay as up-to-date as possible on current events.

(Excerpts from Cleveland Jewish News 2019 article by McKenna Corson) https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/news/local_news/browns-former-orthopedic-surgeon-going-strong-at-100/article_ed0e36b4-16c1-11ea-8228-6b18a4cb8d9b.html)

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S QUILL



Brethren,

Here we are! We are moving into the new Masonic year. It is certainly an exciting time for Forest City Lodge 388 and for Freemasonry in the 22nd Masonic District. Our new officer lineup is impeccable, and we are the envy of many other lodges throughout the district. Our Brotherhood Night was very well attended, in person as well as remotely, and we gave over \$6,000 to various charities throughout Northeast Ohio.

On a less celebratory note, we still have 30 members who have not paid their dues for 2022. These members are in arrears and on their way to indefinite suspension.

I now have an assistant secretary who is very capable, willing to learn, and to take over when I retire sometime in the next two years. I am still involved in the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple board and serving on its executive board as the Temple Secretary. The Board is committed to fulfilling the promise of installing an elevator. It feels that this is important and will aid the brethren in their ability to visit the lodge and enjoy fellowship throughout the building. Please, stay tuned to see all the exciting changes that are going to take place at the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple.

Wishing you a well and happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Alan H Rothman, Secretary



Native American Freemasonry: Associationalism and Performance in America by Joy Porter (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2011)

The guns had fallen silent. Robert E. Lee had accepted the inevitability of the moment and surrendered the remnants of his Army of Northern Virginia. General Grant, eager to stop the carnage, granted the vanquished Confederate Army generous surrender terms. Witnessing the moment was General Ely Parker.

Parker, a member of the Seneca Tribe, helped draft the surrender documents, which are in his handwriting. At the time of surrender, Parker recalled that General Lee “stared at me for a moment, extended his hand and said, “I am glad to see one real American here. I shook his hand and said, we are all Americans.” Parker was a U.S. Army general officer, engineer, tribal diplomat, and Freemason. He joined Batavia Lodge No. 88 in 1847. He was a member of various lodges in New York and in Illinois. He was also a member of the York Rite (Chapter, Council, Commandery) in New York as well as in Illinois.

Some of us had hoped that Joy Porter’s *Native American Freemasonry: Associationalism and Performance in America* would shed more light into Freemasonry among Native Americans. However, this book is a bit of a disappointment. The tome, as the author honestly explained, “is about Masons who happened to be Native Americans and not a book about Native American Freemasonry as a discrete practice, since there is no such thing.” In other words, Porter focuses far more on the evolution of American Freemasonry over the past three centuries, with brief sections about Native American Masons.

That criticism aside, there are elements to celebrate about this book. Perhaps the most engaging contribution of this study is its analysis of how the performance element of Freemasonry’s rituals resonated with Native American spiritual traditions and kinship relations. The author makes a solid case that performance within Freemasonry “served as something of a sanctuary for some Indian spiritual ideas.” In short, many Native Americans who became Freemasons were able to achieve a greater sense of agency in their increasingly difficult world. Porter also deftly suggested that Masonic leaders wanted Native American participation. This may seem counterintuitive when we think of Native Americans forced from their lands and interred on reservations. However, the author makes the rather persuasive point that Freemasons were able to use Native American members to strengthen “Masonic claims to having access to arcane and essential truths.”

Unfortunately, as Porter herself admits, the number of Native Americans who became Freemasons was relatively small. And, often, these men were well-known Native American leaders such as Ely Parker. This makes it hard to find her argument about the reach of Freemasonry in the American Indian community compelling. Overall, Porter’s book would be a better read had she focused more tightly on Native American participation in the fraternity.

This book showed that Freemasonry offers a forceful set of ideas and principles that found a home among some Native Americans. If Freemasonry wishes to grow and thrive, Freemasons must understand that their fraternity has a robust cross-cultural appeal and that Freemasons come in all shapes and colors.



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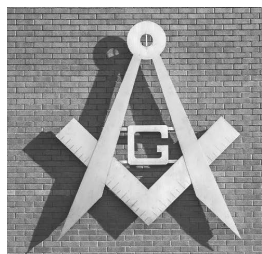
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