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NORTH STAR LODGE No. 638 F. & A.M. Meetings

Stated 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.

Specials as called by W.M.

Refreshments before Lodge at 6:15

FROM the EAST

Hello Brethren,

I hope everyone had a great Summer and I am looking forward to being back. A reminder that our first meeting in September will be on the 14th. We have grand lodge coming up at the end of October and hopefully some degree work between now and the end of the Masonic year. I have some more minor plans in the works for this back half of my year and I will detail them soon at our next meeting.

Warm regards

W.M. Eric Owens

A few years ago, WB Charles Kluckhohn gave a paper to WB Ed Brenneis, Editor of the NSLight, and earlier this year I found this paper. Being of a historical nature, I thought it would be good reading for the membership and is now printed as written about 70 years ago.

About the time of the Civil War a man by the name of Wm. Sixt, who operated a saloon and butcher shop on 5 ½ acres across the street was getting requests for lodging and boarding horses from the farmers bringing their produce etc. to market in Cleveland. While this may seem an odd stopping place may I remind you that there was no high bridge across Rocky River at that time and as a result most farmers bringing in heavy loads would bring an extra team to pull the load up the hill and not wanting to bother with the extra horses all the way to town would leave them at the saloon shed until they returned. This gave rise to the demand for a larger tavern and combined hotel which two were synonymous in those days. Thus the idea for this building was born. Mr. Sixt then procured 45 acres of land on this side of Lorain road which was then a planked highway and Toll Road and proceeded with his plans. As near as can be ascertained this building was completed about 1866 or 91 years ago (**136 today**). Searching around for a name some customer said that it be named after the then great general Sherman which sounded like a good idea so the name Sherman House came about. The original building is pretty much as it is today. Its foundation is of local stone and the brick was obtained from a nearby brick yard. There was however an addition which was attached to the rear of the building that was used as a kitchen and quarters for the hired help. This addition was not built at the same time but moved in from another location intact and added to it. This house or addition is still standing, and as a matter of fact is my present home right down West Park Rd. It has been remodeled several times, once when my father obtained it, again while we were living there and twice since I have owned it.

The construction of the building might surprise some of the builders of today. As I understand it, the custom was to go to a local saw-mill for lumber and it would be cut from logs on hand or from logs supplied by

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