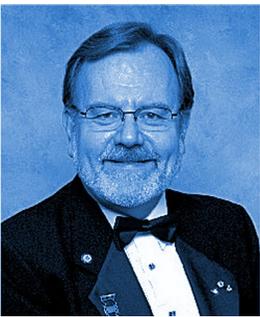




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### **Message From The East**



Modern speculative masonry remains committed to the teaching techniques of ancient operative masonry. In short, we teach and learn in the oral tradition. The ideas and concepts of masonry must be passed on by an exhausting, elaborate and detailed direct communication from one generation to the next. We can see this process in action throughout our contacts with each other in the lodge, but most especially in the ritual of degree work, the coaching and examination process, and in the ritual that opens and closes each lodge meeting.

The ancient techniques that were so important in successfully building the great architecture of the ages were never published. Historians, anthropologists and archaeologists today attempt to determine how the incredible edifices of the past 3000 years from Egypt to Europe could have been constructed. But we know how it was done.

They were constructed through the diligent hard work of common laborers and apprentices, the skill of the Fellow Craft, and the knowledge of the Master Masons. The knowledge of building required an understanding of geometry and physics and was the key to building. This knowledge was complex, difficult to understand, and was kept secret. The secrets were well-kept for good reasons. The Master Mason was a skilled professional whose job depended both upon the success of his product and his control over the process that produced it. We kept our knowledge secret by vowing never to write it down and never to reveal it.

The arduous process of building character is analogous to the arduous process of building a magnificent edifice. Something that is often overlooked in our understanding of this is the fact that both the

objective knowledge or skill to build the building and the ability to transmit that information to the craft is essential to the success of the building. In both operative and speculative Masonry, it is not enough to possess the secret of a Master Mason; the mason must possess both the secret and the ability to transmit it to the next generation.

We teach by allegory. This is a fascinating process that imparts specific details integral to the building process, but it in its rich and vivid imagery it also leaves room for each individual to create his own interpretation.

As Masons, we teach both through the allegories that are a part of our ritual and as role models through our own work in the lodge. The process requires that the teacher learn even as he is teaching. The lessons that are taught in masonry address the character of the individual, his relationship to others, and his responsibilities in society. This was impressed upon me as I moved through the degrees and my appreciation of it has grown through the years. We all share in a wondrous process and responsibility that comes alive every time we open and close lodge, with every degree we confer, with every coaching session, and with every candidate examination.

Some of you may have noticed my watching the proceedings from the sidelines especially during Past Masters Night and the Mason of the Year program. I am deeply impressed and quietly proud to watch it all unfold around me. It is masonry at its best and I am proud to be a part of it.

Fraternally yours,  
Duane A. Dukes  
Worshipful Master

**Join Us at the  
Annual Meeting  
November 3, 2005**

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## **Brunch at Thistledown**

The Entertainment Committee that planned the Reunion event found something a little different for us to do. The brethren and their spouses were invited to partake of a Sunday brunch at Thistledown Race Track on August 28th. The affair was attended by about 30 members and their spouses or significant others and was really sumptuous.

The Lodge had a private room high in the grandstand. The attendees could view the whole track from the windows. TV monitors were all around the room as well. The quality of the food was at least equal to many of the venues we have visited for recent events. Service was good and handled by one server and one bus person who worked very hard to satisfy our every desire for coffee, tea, iced tea, water and sodas. There seemed always to be a place to put our newly filled plates on returning from another trip to the buffet. Everyone went home with filled tummies and smiling faces after enjoying interactions with all who attended this fall season kick-off affair.

Chuck Reiner

**Schvitz Night  
October 19, 2005**

### **Picture Perfect Picnic**

A new tradition is under formation as we held our Family Picnic on perhaps the most beautiful day of the summer. This is the third year in a row that the affair at Pioneer Waterland and Dry Fun Park has benefited from ample sunshine and warm breezes. The brethren and their families gathered on July 10, 2005, for a full day of family fun and frolic. Everyone had a chance to enjoy the water rides and slides along with miniature golf, batting and golf cages and other amusements.

The main course for lunch was prepared by our gods of the grill: Wor. Bro. Joel Newman and Wor. Bro. Henry Mankowski, who were ably assisted by Bro. Matt Newberry. Many of the attendees brought their favorite desserts to share and there was a wide assortment of delectable sweets to top off the picnic.

The Entertainment Committee deserves accolades for planning a perfect event on a perfect afternoon. They must have awfully powerful connections!

Bernie Abrahams

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## **Celebrate the Lodge Foundations**

Our Lodge will observe the 53rd anniversary of the granting of its Charter on November 17, 2005. This event will be open to our spouses and non-Masonic guests. This is an opportunity for the brethren to introduce a friend to some of the festivities offered in University Heights Lodge.

A Lodge of Master Masons will be opened at 7:30 to dispose of our business. Guests will be admitted at about 7:45. The public ceremonies will include the conferral of 25, 40, 50, and 70-year pins and honoring our blood bank donors for the past year. We will also hold a memorial service in recognition of our recently departed brethren and Past Masters.

The highlight of the evening will be a presentation by our guest speaker, Ill. Bro. Gregory A. White, the U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Ill. Bro. White is a 33rd Degree Mason who promises to bring a unique perspective to his talk. Following the ceremonies, all are invited to partake of an elaborate dessert reception in the banquet hall. It should be an informative and entertaining evening.

Eric Skoke

**Come to  
Chuck E. Cheese  
December 7, 2005**

## **Hiram Hears**

Laura Ann Elson, daughter of BRO. JERRY ELSON is engaged to Steven Marc Amber, son of BRO. JERRY AMBER and Sandra. An April, 2006 wedding is planned...Mary Chaitoff, wife of BRO. HAROLD CHAITOFF, became a Bat Mitzvah over the summer...WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV and Barb celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in August...Rhonda Wolfson, wife of BRO. ROGER WOLFSON, attended the Annual Meeting of Women's American ORT in August. The organization is celebrating 125 years of service to humanity in 2005...BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY and Alyce celebrated their 50th Anniversary in the company of their children and grandchildren. A feature of the celebration was a surprise dinner at Beechmont Country Club, sponsored by BROS. RICHARD, MARK and MICHAEL

STOVSKY and their sister, Sharon Stein...Cheryl Jacobs, daughter of BRO. MELVIN JACOBS and Stephanie, is engaged to Brett Cohen...WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER celebrated his 80th birthday with his family in Cincinnati...BRO. DAVID MICHEL and Lisa are beaming over their daughter Randi becoming a Bat Mitzvah in August...BRO. HAROLD RESNIK broke his foot in June and is recovering successfully...Lea Leyser, wife of BRO. WALTER LEYSER, mother of BRO. RONALD LEYSER and BRO. RICHARD LEYSER, mother-in-law of BRO. ROGER WOLFSON, and grandmother of BRO. SCOTT WOLFSON, is at home recovering from two recent surgeries...Lenore Moss, wife of WOR. BRO. A. ARTHUR MOSS, underwent successful surgery in August...WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN is peddling the road to recovery after breaking his elbow in a fall from his bicycle...Florence Zeid, wife of BRO. HARRY ZEID, suffered a stroke...Mary Chaitoff, wife of BRO. HAROLD CHAITOFF, was ill...BRO. LARRY LEYSER, son of BRO. KURT LEYSER and Jean, was injured in a fall from a ladder and is climbing his way to recovery...BRO. BERNARD FRIEDMAN, Tyler Emeritus, husband to Celia and father of WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN, passed away...BRO. ALVIN ROTH succumbed to a long series of illnesses...BRO. BERT RAND, brother in law of Carol Eagles and uncle of BRO. RANDY EAGLES, passed away in Florida...Dr. Robert Leavitt, father of Bobbi Schweid wife of BRO. ROBERT SCHWEID and grandfather of BRO. JONATHON SCHWEID, passed away...Hilda Bancheck, sister of BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and BRO. IRVING LINDEN, and aunt of WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN, passed away in August...Alma Zimmerman, widow of the late BRO. JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN, mother of Joan Wittenberg wife of WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG and Sandy Zucker wife of BRO. BURT ZUCKER, and grandmother of BROS. MARC and DANIEL WITTENBERG and BRO. DANNY SPITZ, succumbed to cancer after a wonderful, 92-year life...BRO. ALAN WAPNICK lost his father, Irving Wapnick...Hiram can only tell what he hears....Anyone with news for Hiram can send it to the lodge, inform any Rays editor or reporter, or email at [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org)

HIRAM

**Enjoy your Brethren  
Come to Lodge**

