



Message From The East



I would like to recount a story told to me by Most Worshipful Brother Ronald L. Winnett, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, late last summer. I believe it is a lesson for us all.

A man was traveling down an unfamiliar road in an unfamiliar part of the state when his car's check engine light flashed on. As he pulled over to the shoulder, the car died. The man looked up and down the road, and saw only one house. He made his way to the house, and walked up to the door. Knocking, he didn't expect an answer since there appeared to be no one home. Slowly the door opened and an elderly, white-haired man said, "Can I help you?" The man explained that his car had died near his house, and that he would be very grateful for whatever help the elderly gentleman could offer. The elderly man eyed the lapel pin the man was wearing on his suit coat. It was a square and compasses. "I'll see what I can do," he said.

They walked to the car and popped the hood. The elderly man jiggled a few wires, and checked some fluid levels, but everything seemed OK. "I guess we should call the garage in town and have them come get your car. I've worked on a few cars in my day, but I don't know what's wrong with your car." They went back to the house and the call was made. Within an hour a tow truck showed up. The mechanic, like the elderly man, checked under the hood, but was able to determine the problem. "I won't be able to get the car fixed until the morning," the mechanic said. "I need a part that I don't have in stock." "That's fine," said the elderly man. "Call me as soon as the car is fixed. This gentleman can stay at my place tonight."

The two men spent a pleasant enough evening together. After a simple but filling dinner and a couple of hours of small talk and watching television, the elderly

man led his guest to the spare bedroom and bid him a good night. The next morning, the mechanic called to say the car was ready. The man and his host drove into town in the elderly man's truck. As they were saying goodbye, the man tried to give the elderly man some cash for his troubles and hospitality. "No thank you, Brother," the elderly man said. "I won't accept anything. It was no trouble." The man was caught off guard because his host had never told him that he was also a Mason. The man thought for a moment and said, "Did you help me because I'm a Mason?" The elderly man, without a moment's hesitation, replied, "No. I helped you because I am a Mason."

That story should be a lesson for our times. Many areas of the country are still recovering from the storms of late summer. Our economy is in crisis. Fuel and food prices are soaring. There are many people in our community who are in dire need of assistance. Let every one of us make a concerted effort to help those in need. If you have a few hours to volunteer at a food bank or soup kitchen, do so. If you have a few extra dollars to donate to Harvest for Hunger, or the Hunger Food Network, or the Red Cross, do so. And if you're unsure how you can best help those in need, call me and I'll direct you to a list of volunteer and donation opportunities. Your help is needed now more than ever. We help because **WE ARE MASONS.**

Fraternally,
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Worshipful Master

**Annual Meeting
and
Election of Officers
November 6, 2008**

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56th Annual Charter Night

On April 23, 1952, The Grand Lodge of Ohio issued a dispensation to form a new lodge. 230 Masons had signed the petition and University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM came into existence. On November 13, 2008, we will gather to commemorate the occasion and honor those original brethren.

Our Lodge will present 25, 40, 50 and 60 year service awards to those brethren who have reached these impressive milestones. A memorial service will be held for our departed brethren and we will recognize our newly raised members and our valued blood bank donors.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Wor. Bro. John King a Past Master from Triandria Lodge #780 of Rock Creek, Ohio, who will take the role of Abraham Lincoln and share some events of his life from childhood in Kentucky and Indiana through adulthood in Illinois describing his time as storekeeper, lawyer, political candidate, president, and Civil War Commander-in-Chief. His talk will be followed by a question and answer period.

Charter Night is open to Master Masons only. A prime rib dinner will precede the event. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available from our officers. Please mark the date on your calendars for this solemn and interesting event.

**Installation of Officers
December 4, 2008**

Chuck E. Cheese Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant in the Golden Gate Shopping Center. Everyone always has a lot of fun participating with their children and grandchildren with the tokens, games, and prizes that are part of the evening's festivities. Children and grandchildren of Masonic members as well as prospective members and families are welcome.

Dinner will be served between 6:00 and 7:30 PM and will include pizza, salad bar, and dessert. The cost of this wonderful evening will be \$5.00 per person. Children under 5 years old will be free. Watch your email in November for a flyer with a reservation form attached. We hope to see you there!

Barry Pollack

Hiram Hears...

BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN became a father for the second time when his wife, Beth, delivered a bouncing baby boy named Max Ryan. Boasting grandparents are WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy... Keevin and daughter Ashley, a sophomore at BGSU majoring in musical theatre and a former Singing Angel, both appeared in "Urinetown" at CVLT. Just after the show opened, Keevin was in a bicycle accident, so he wore his arm in a sling, keeping in the spirit that the show must go on...Congratulations to BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY on becoming secretary of The Cleveland Music School Settlement...BRO. MARVIN GOLDEN, a Charter Member of the Lodge, suffered a stroke several months ago. He is doing well and recovering at home...BRO. NORMAN ENGEL spent a few days in the hospital and is recovering at the Montefiore Home...WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV had surgery to repair a damaged knee in early June and is recovering nicely...Cookie Zide, wife of BRO. BEN ZIDE had surgery in June and is reported to have recovered...BRO. STAN NEUGER had surgery over the summer...Marilyn Applebaum, wife of BRO. LOUIS APPLEBAUM broke her hip...BRO. MATT HARRIS reported that his sister and niece had surgeries on nearly the same day. They are, respectively, the daughter and granddaughter of RT. WOR. BRO. HUGH HARRIS and Christine and the daughter-in-law and granddaughter of RT. WOR. BRO. BOB CERNY and Nancy...Amelie Buchler, widow of the late BRO. LEONARD BUCHLER, broke her hip and is recovering at the Montefiore Home...Kathlyn Levine, wife of BRO. LES LEVINE, fell off a ladder and suffered minor injuries. While recovering, she fell and broke her hip...Florence Zeid, wife of BRO. HARRY ZEID, was in the hospital with heart trouble and is reported to be doing fine...Hiram sends best wishes for good health to Lenore Moss, wife of WOR. BRO. ARTHUR MOSS, and all those traveling the road to recovery...BRO. BENJAMIN KRANZ, a 65 year Mason and a Charter Member of University Heights Lodge, passed away in early September...Former member, BRO. LES BADLER died in Florida where he has lived in recent years...BRO. SIDNEY GENDEL passed away at the end of July...Hiram can only tell what he hears and wants to hear it all...Anyone with news for Hiram can mail it to the lodge, or email it to hiram@uhlodge.org, or tell him in person when you see him.

**Charter Night
November 13, 2008**

**Chuck "E" Cheese
December 10, 2008**

**Food + Games + Kids =
Great Fun**

Improving Our "Mailing" Program

Two years ago, we began a program to improve communication with our members, a program of emailing information to our brethren. Emails sent out contain links to flyers on our website www.uhlodge.org which has been maintained by Bro. David Snethkamp. This program has been very well received and over 200 of our members have shared their email addresses with us. This has resulted in thousands of dollars saved in printing and mailing expenses.

At the suggestion of our members, we will be adding two opt-in opportunities for those of you who receive emails. First, we are expanding our database to allow emails to be sent to multiple email addresses. This will allow you to receive emails at work and home. In addition, if you choose, we can send an email to your wife as well.

Second, for those of you that request it, we will eliminate the monthly postal mail you receive and send an additional email with links to the flyers. This will benefit the lodge by saving the additional printing and postage costs. If you do not have email, or wish to continue receiving your monthly flyers, don't worry, we are still going to send them. You must specifically request these changes.

In order to receive these benefits, you must "opt-in" or specifically request to be part of these programs. Nothing will be done without your permission. To opt-in to these programs, please go to the website and update your roster information indicating your choices on our website at www.uhlodge.org.

The reaction to our "Mailing" has been overwhelmingly positive. Those who responded told us they like the convenience of the email and the timeliness of the messages. Do we have your email address? If not, please share it with us. Finally, please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions or problems at alana@webndata.com.

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Our Year in Pictures

