



Message From The East



Did you know that within our temple there exists a Masonic youth group called DeMolay? Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters are also in our Masonic area. The Rainbow Girls from Painesville serve our dinners. I'd like to highlight these Masonic

youth groups to make you more fully aware, as you likely know young people who would benefit from joining one.

Named for Jacques DeMolay, a 13th century French martyr with unswerving fidelity, The Order of DeMolay was founded in 1919 by Frank S. Land in Kansas City, Missouri. It came to the Cleveland area in 1921. Besides normal business, ritualistic degrees are conferred in a solemn, impressive manner. Filial love, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness and patriotism are stressed. Membership is open to young men between the ages of 12 and 21, who are of good character, and are sponsored by a DeMolay or Master Mason.

The International Order of Job's Daughters bands together girls, ages 10 to 20, for spiritual and moral up-building, to seek knowledge, to teach love of God, love of country, reverence for its flag, love of home and family, and reverence for the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. The order was founded in 1920 by Ethel T. Wead Mick in Omaha, Nebraska, later a resident of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Each member of the Order is a relative of a Master Mason. The ritualistic work, lectures, symbols and songs have an inspiring influence upon all who receive it.

The Order of the Rainbow for Girls is an international fraternal organization composed of girls, ages 11 to 20, sponsored by Eastern Star Chapters and Masonic Lodges.

The Rainbow Ritual teaches the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, the great truths of the Holy Bible, to seek dignity of character, a conception of the higher things of life, effective leadership, church membership, patriotism, cooperation with equals, love of home, and above all, service to humanity. Any girl who is interested in joining Rainbow is welcome.

We need to support these three great youth organizations. I encourage each of us to seriously consider recommending membership to our loved ones.

In conclusion, I want to touch on a sad, but important subject. So far this Masonic year, we have lost eight lodge brothers to the Supreme Architect. Almost all of their families requested that our lodge perform a Masonic service. Most Masons realize that a Master Mason is entitled to a Masonic funeral service. That is not the case for Fellow Crafts or Entered Apprentices. While it is an honor for our lodge to perform the service, it is not automatic. The family of a deceased Master Mason must call the lodge secretary to request a funeral service. It is important that you inform your family of your wishes, and where to locate your apron, which will be placed during the service. Neither a replacement nor substitute for a religious service, a Masonic service is our way of showing respect, one last time, to our departed brother and his family.

Fraternally,
Hugh A. Harris, PDDGM
Worshipful Master

**Annual Meeting
And
Election of Officers
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Family Picnic at the Zoo

Sunday, July 9, 2009, was sunny and bright, a perfect day for 107 our brethren and their families to meet for a wonderful day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. We enjoyed an excellent lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers along with many other treats, all catered by the Zoo. The geese were out and ready for any treats that the visitors could give them. The Dinosaur exhibit captured the fascination of many people and stimulated their imaginations on how life might have been so long ago. An Australian exhibit immersed us all in the lifestyle of a different culture and introduced us to the wildlife that they would see on a daily basis. A great time was had by all with friends, family, and of course, the company of exotic wildlife.

Matt Harris

57th Annual Charter Night

On April 23, 1952, The Grand Lodge of Ohio issued a dispensation for a new lodge. 230 Masons had signed the petition and University Heights Lodge came into existence. On November 12, 2009, we will gather to commemorate the occasion and honor those original brethren.

A lodge of Master Masons will open at 7:30 pm for a special program by the Grand Lodge of Ohio after which guests will be admitted. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Professor John Day of John Carroll University who will address the question "Is There A Place For A Liberal Arts Education In The 21st Century".

Our Lodge will present 25, 35, 40, 50 and 60 year service awards to those brethren who have reached these impressive milestones. This is the first year for the 35 year service award and all brethren with 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 years of service will receive theirs if present. A memorial service will be held for our departed brethren and we will recognize our newly raised members and our valued blood bank donors.

A terrific reception is planned after the ceremonies. Charter Night is an open event for all members and their guests. It is a wonderful occasion to introduce a prospective member to our Lodge.

Chuck E. Cheese
"Where a kid can be a kid"
December 9, 2009

Hiram Hears...

Brian Stovsky, son of BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, was a member of the University School Lacrosse team that won two consecutive Ohio High School championships. Brian, also part of the state champion ice hockey team last winter, who is continuing his academic and athletic careers at Ithaca College, is the nephew of BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY (Jill) and BRO. MARK STOVSKY (Shannon) and the grandson of BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY... BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo visited Baltimore to visit their grandson in late June. During the trip, they celebrated Margo's birthday. Mazel Tov!...Congratulations to BRO. MAURY FERAN and WOR. BRO. KEN VINOCUR on each being named 2009 Park Centerite of the Year for their many years of service to the congregation...BRO. FERAN doesn't seem to let his 93 years slow him down much... Mazel Tov to RT. WOR. BRO. ROGER LYNCH and Margaret, who were married in July...BRO. LEONARD SHAPIRO reports that granddaughter Shannon Corrigan is serving in the Peace Corps after graduating with honors from Georgetown University, and that grandson Daniel Corrigan enlisted in the Marine Corps after his Solon High School commencement...BRO. DANIEL STRAUSS, son of ILL.&RT. WOR. BRO. EDWIN A. STRAUSS, JR. and Jill, is engaged to Stacey Gruhin, daughter of Gloria and Michael Gruhin...BRO. MOE EL-ETER reports that things are going well in Qatar and extends greeting to all the brethren...BRO. HOWARD CHAPMAN and Linda became grandparents for the first time in early September when Joshua Matthew Friedlander was born to daughter Lisa and husband, Dr. Sam Friedlander...BRO. BARRY LEAVITT and Cindy send greetings from Santa Fe where they spent most of the summer. Next they travel to Albuquerque for the Annual Balloon Fiesta...WOR. BRO. ROBERT FRIED reported that he would not be at the clambake due to an extended tour of Africa!...BRO. JEFF NASH and Susan celebrated the marriage of their daughter...BRO. BRAD ZUCKER and Lisa are the proud parents of daughter Morgyn, born June 4th. Beaming grandparents are BRO. BURT ZUCKER and Sandi. Mazel tov to all ... Also to BRO. SANFORD (CORKY) KURLAND and Gloria on their 55th wedding anniversary, to BRO. MICHAEL THAL and Roberta on their 50th, and to BRO. DAVID SAGINOR and Ilene on the engagement of son Ryan, to Dena Kleinman...Hiram was pleased to see RT. WOR. BRO. DICK FROMSON in lodge during a September visit to Cleveland...WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Shaina to Jim Mancinin. Joining the festivities were the bride's brother, BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN, along

with several members of the lodge and their wives...BRO. BARRY KOBLENTZ (Judy) announced in lodge that his son will be married in San Diego in October...BRO. CHESTER WILLEY became a grandfather for the third time thanks to his son Jesse and daughter-in-law, Maggie...RT. WOR. BRO. HUGH HARRIS was elected to the Teachers Hall of Fame at Orange High School...WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER underwent heart surgery at the end of May. His wife, Rhoda had a fall in mid-September. Thankfully, both are working their way back to good health...WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS spent five days in Hillcrest Hospital and is now fully recovered...BRO. JOSHUA ARONS underwent wrist surgery in Chicago...WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita have both been under the weather...WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF reported that his granddaughter, Faith, has resumed her modeling career in Las Vegas after recovering from being mauled by a dog...BRO. IRV LEWIS has been ill as was his wife, Flora...BRO. JIM HOFFERT underwent minor surgery in late June...Ann Levin, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MANKOWSKI, was seen in a cast after breaking her elbow...Leigh Leyser, wife of BRO. WALTER LEYSER and mother of BRO. RONALD and BRO. RICHARD LEYSER spent some time in Hillcrest Hospital this summer... BRO. JOSEPH BERGER has been ill but is reported to be recovering well...WOR. BRO. HARVEY KUMIN had back surgery at University Hospitals and will be in rehabilitation treatment for a while...BRO. MITCH KURSH is in the rehabilitation unit at the Montefiore Home...BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG, a Charter Member and Fellow Craft Team Emeritus, father of WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG, and grandfather of BRO. MARC WITTENBERG and BRO. DANIEL WITTENBERG, succumbed to numerous illnesses in mid-August...BRO. DANIEL LIPMAN, one of the first brothers raised in University Heights Lodge, passed away in Florida...Several of our brethren attended a Masonic Funeral for BRO. BOB STOTTER in early July...BRO. DANIEL MARCUS lost his father, Arthur...BRO. MICHAEL PASTORI lost his father-in-law, Jerry Wasserman...Lois Botwin, sister of Natalie Vinocur (WOR. BRO. KEN VINOCUR), passed away...BRO. MELVIN EPSTEIN (Sandi), father of BRO. JEFF EPSTEIN (Lori) and Lori Wittenberg (BRO. MARC WITTENBERG), passed away...BRO. EARL STEIN lost his mother, Pearl...Helene Zucker, wife of BRO. MALCOLM ZUCKER passed away... Hiram can only tell what he hears, and Hiram wants to hear it all...Anyone with news for Hiram can mail it to the lodge, email it to hiram@uhlodge.org, or tell him in person when you see him.

Fall Reunion at the Al Koran Shrine

This year's fall reunion was held on October 4th at the Al Koran Shrine in Broadview Heights. Those who joined us for this annual gathering enjoyed an outstanding clambake. Besides all the clams you could eat, one could have a large succulent lobster or delicious grilled steak. Of course, there were the usual sides such as chicken, coleslaw, sweet potatoes and a wide assortment of mouth-watering pies for dessert.

There were 92 brethren and ladies present and everyone enjoyed a full afternoon of getting reacquainted and of fellowship. The afternoon was pleasant and well worth the drive. The only lowlight was that while there was a big screen TV showing the Browns game, they lost in overtime. Other than that it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

David Michel

Chuck E. Cheese Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2009, 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

