



Message From The East



In Masonry we are told that the Master lays out the plans for the lodge's work on the trestle board, but that it is the craftsmen who carry out the work.

My trestle board designated this year as The Year of the Fellow Craft. Our work was carried out by our craftsmen,

and especially by our Education Officer, Wor.Bro. Duane Dukes.

Our year included a new event called The Fellow Craft Convocation. This was an interpretation of an historical event, the conferral of the Fellow Craft Degree by the lodge building the Cathedral at Chartres, France around the year 1258. While Duane and I met frequently to plan the evening, he was the one who researched and wrote the drama. Our programming during the year also explored the seven liberal arts and sciences, which are integral to the Fellow Craft Degree arts education.

Our year long thematic approach was rewarded over the summer when our lodge received the District Award for Outstanding Educational Programming. This would not have occurred without the untiring work of Wor.Bro. Duane Dukes. But we also owe thanks to those who set up for events, helped with desserts, made coffee, passed out hot dogs, and cleaned up. Those efforts are details that we frequently overlook when we quickly view the trestle board, but that are of great importance in making an evening enjoyable.

Soon a new Master will put his own designs on the trestle board. Until then, we still have many things to accomplish for this year, and I hope you will join me in this pursuit.

Fraternally,
Keevin J. Berman, PM
Worshipful Master

58th 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 11, 2010, we will gather to commemorate the occasion and honor those original brethren.

For the first time in several years, this event will be limited to members and their Masonic guests. A dinner featuring a prime rib or salmon entrée will be served at 6:30 pm. Following dinner, a lodge of Master Masons will open at 7:30 pm. During the meeting, our Lodge will present service awards to 25-, 35-, 40- and 50-year members.

After the traditional memorial service for our departed brethren and recognizing our newly raised members and blood bank donors, the lodge will be closed. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Brian Dowd of Powdermet, Inc., who will introduce the brethren to the fascinating and very small world of nanotechnologies. Non-Masonic guests are welcomed to sit in on Mr. Dowd's presentation.

The officers can take reservations for dinner or call Bro. Matt Newberry (440-382-4148). Tickets are \$10.00. A flyer will be posted on the lodge website (www.uhlodge.org) and will be included with the October mailing.

**Annual Meeting
and
Election of Officers
November 4, 2010**

**Rays from
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My Reflections

While watching Bro. Mark Alliance as he had the great honor and privilege of raising his son, Daniel, to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and listening to the charges and descriptions of Masonry, I could not help but reflect on my own personal experience.

It has been over twenty-two years since Wor. Bro. Dennis A. Linden bestowed the same honor and privilege upon my father, Wor. Bro. Stuart R. Wittenberg, and me. Being only twenty-one years old and a new initiate into the Masonic society, I was unable to fully appreciate how unique and special that was.

After my father's passing in 2007, I found it difficult to attend lodge meetings or events. I had never been to any lodge-related event that he wasn't at. The first meeting that I attended without him, I felt strangely out of place. I associated lodge with my father.

Growing up, I remember hearing "Dad will be home late tonight. He has a lodge meeting." I knew that both of my grandfathers and two of my uncles were "in the lodge" with my Dad. The family became even more immersed in Masonry and University Heights Lodge, as my soon to be father in-law, two brothers in-law, my brother, and cousin became brothers in our lodge. Yet still, for me the bond to lodge was my father.

My father had a great love of Masonry, our lodge in particular, and all of his brothers. Serving in the line and as Master allowed him to develop even deeper interpersonal relationships. All of you were a major part of his joy for life.

While listening to my uncle, Wor. Bro. Alan L. Wittenberg, as he spoke to Daniel, it suddenly became clear to me. I had been avoiding the very thing that needs to be embraced: brotherhood and tradition. You are my brothers and lodge is a place of solace. It is my responsibility to continue the legacy that was entrusted to me. To witness another proud and lucky father start his son on the path of light was wonderful. One day I hope that Daniel, too, can reflect upon the evening and realize the significance of that moment with his dad.

Marc Wittenberg

Chuck E. Cheese
"Where a kid can be a kid"
December 8, 2010

Maury Feren - One of a Kind

Up at 6:00 a.m., followed by a workout at 8:00 consisting of Tai Chi and swimming, and then on to the synagogue - this is Bro. Maury Feren's routine six mornings a week. On Saturdays, he does a radio show where he interviews authors of books he has read.

After graduating from Glenville High, Maury began working at the produce market and in 1940, opened his own food business.

When the war started, he joined the U.S. Army, where he served as a combat medic in the European Theater and went on to earn two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

After returning home, Maury reentered the wholesale food business. Specializing in fresh produce, he began the Feren Fruit Basket Co., which became the best place in town to get a fruit basket. About to celebrate his 96th birthday, Maury likes to say he has been retired from the "food business" for twenty-one years.

Maury was married to Bess (of blessed memory) and has two children. He also has four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Mason for over 50 years, Maury has developed long lasting friendships within the lodge and is most appreciative of the dignity and respect he and his wife always received. He has always enjoyed the "wonderful affairs" of the lodge.

Besides being a voracious reader, Maury loves sculpting in alabaster and has donated a number of pieces to community organizations such as the JCC, Montefiore, and Park Synagogue. He loves attending theater, film, and other social events; and has recently concluded writing his second book entitled, "Wheeling and Dealing in my World", which is already in its second printing. You can see Maury discuss it on November 21st at the JCC at an event appropriately enough called "Coffee and Bagels with Maury."

David Michel

Hiram Hears...

BRO. A. ARTHUR MOSS took advantage of the Honor Flight Foundation opportunity to visit the World War II monument in Washington, DC along with his son and other servicemen ...Susan Lockshine, wife of BRO. CHARLES REINER, was part of a B'nai Mitzvah celebration in June at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah...BRO. MARK STOVSKY was quoted in University Hospital's "Legacy" magazine in June...WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty became great grandparents for the second time over the summer. That makes WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV and Barbara a great uncle and aunt again, too...BRO. STEVEN

WASSERMAN and Joni are beaming first-time grandparents over the birth of Madelyn Hannah on August 11th in Chicago...BRO. MATT LILLO was home from New York for a visit in August and brought his wife, Abby, to see friends and family...Happy anniversary wishes to BRO. EDMUND WEISLER and Helen on their 50th, August 7th. A celebration trip to Hilton Head, SC is planned...and to WOR. BRO. ARTHUR MOSS and Lenore on #59...and to BRO. IRVING LEWIS and Flora on #51...and to BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara on #20...Lita Mintz, wife of late WOR.BRO. ALVIN MINTZ, became a great-grandmother again with the birth of Graham Alvin on May 10th...Mazel tov to Mary Chaitoff (late BRO. HAROLD CHAITOFF) on the birth of great-grandson Aiden Levi Salomon, and on the upcoming NY wedding of grandson Brian to Lauren Rosenfeld...Hiram salutes BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY on being named United Way co-chairman...and BRO. MAURY FEREN, who was featured in the Plain Dealer on August 4th for his produce and nutrition expertise...Amelie Buchler (late BRO. LEONARD BUCHLER) moved to Sarasota, FL...BRO. GARY KATZ underwent surgery in late May and recovered in time to be present at Past Masters Night...RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. RUSSELL VAN SCYOC spent a few more days in the hospital with an infection. Hiram is pleased to see he's made an excellent recovery...BRO. CORKY KURLAND was injured in a fall...BRO. LARRY KRAUS spent some time in the hospital...WOR. BRO. DUANE DUKES was seen sporting an excellent shiner after an accident at home...BRO. CHARLES REINER spent some time in the hospital...Lenore Moss (WOR. BRO. ARTHUR MOSS) suffered a heart attack in August...BRO. STANLEY NEUGER lost his wife, Mildred, in mid-June...BRO. MYRON PAIGE (Lois), father of Heidi (BRO. STEVEN FRIEDMAN) passed away in Florida...Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Harriette Friedman, mother of Laura (WOR. BRO. STUART SILVER), who passed away in July...BRO. ROBERT GOLDEN (Arda) passed away August 31st...WOR. BRO. ADAM RUTKOWSKI (Rhonda) lost his mother-in-law...BRO. BURT APPELBAUM lost his mother, who was the wife of late BRO. LOUIS APPELBAUM...Mintzy Agin, mother of BRO. BERNARD AGIN (Sandy), passed away...Celia Friedman, wife of late BRO. BERNARD FRIEDMAN, Tyler Emeritus, and mother of WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN (Susan), passed away September 20th...Hiram can only tell what he hears and 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.

2nd Annual Clambake at the Al Koran Shrine

Building on last year's successful event, the lodge hosted another clambake on September 19th at the Al Koran Shrine in Broadview Heights. Those who joined us for what is becoming an annual gathering enjoyed an outstanding clambake. Besides plentiful steamed clams, one could have a large succulent lobster or delicious grilled steak. Of course, there were the usual sides such as chicken, coleslaw, corn on the cob and sweet potatoes. These were topped off by a wide assortment of mouth-watering pies for dessert.

There were 80 brethren and ladies present and everyone enjoyed an afternoon of getting reacquainted and of fellowship. The only lowlight was that while there was a big screen TV showing the Browns game, they lost their home opener. Other than that it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Chuck E. Cheese Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 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 attending with members of University Heights lodge, 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 \$6.00 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

