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Message From The East



What is a compass? Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines a compass as: "1: boundary, circumference, or circumscribed space. 2: a device for determining direction. 3: an instrument to describe circles.

To Masons, the compasses are one element of the great lights of Masonry. Together with the Holy Bible and Square, they constitute the furniture of the lodge.

We are taught in the Entered Apprentice Degree that the Compasses are dedicated to the Craft. There are three places in the degree work that refer to the use of the compasses. All three places teach us to keep our desires and passions within the boundary of the circle that is made with the compasses.

How should we apply the use of the compasses to our daily life? One way is to be moderate in what we partake, such as food and drink. Remembering that there is more pleasure in the quality than in the quantity of what we partake.

In reading about the compasses, I learned that the Bible and our ancient brethren used the singular spelling of compass. Many Masons use the plural spelling to distinguish it from the mariner's compass. In our jurisdiction we are taught to use the plural spelling.

The compasses is only one of the many tools of architecture that we use to explain that Masonry is a way of life that everyone should conform to. We can then make this world a better place to live.

Masonic symbols and education are thought-provoking and insightful. Our Lodge Education Officer, Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry, presents topics of interest like this and others at each meeting. I encourage you to join in the fellowship at our meetings on the 1st and 3d Thursday of each month.

Fraternally,
Leonard (Len) Holmes
Worshipful Master

63rd Annual Charter Night

On October 18, 1952, a charter was issued that allowed University Heights Lodge to become the 738th Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. 230 Masons signed the petition for dispensation enabling the lodge to begin working in April of that year before being chartered.

On November 12th we gathered to commemorate the occasion to honor those original founding brethren. This annual lodge birthday party, which was open to members and their Masonic guests, was preceded by a dinner that featured healthy servings of good food and fellowship.

After lodge was opened at 7:30pm, chairman Wor. Bro. Adam Rutkowski ran the festivities. The keynote speaker was our very own Bro. James Flaiz, Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney. His interesting talk gave us keen insights into the criminal justice system.

Masonic service awards of 25, 35, 40, 50 and 60-year were presented during the meeting. The evening's events also included our traditional memorial service for our departed brethren, and recognition of our newly raised members and blood bank donors. A dessert reception followed in the banquet hall.

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Dinner Dance – “Little Italy” Style

The Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance, our premier social event of the year, was held at Nido Italia Ristorante on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The pleasant weather was perfect for the enclosed outdoor patio fellowship hour that featured delicious hors d’oeuvres and beverages, and a stroll after dinner in “Little Italy”, one of Cleveland’s finest historic districts.

The sumptuous dinner of beef tenderloin, shrimp scampi, and penne Marinara served family style was enjoyed by all. The music of “Frank, Dean, and Then Some ...” added to the cultural atmosphere and made for great dancing.

Food and Fun at Annual Clambake

Our seventh annual clambake was held on Sunday, September 27th at the Al Koran Shrine in Broadview Heights. The brethren and their ladies enjoyed an outstanding feast that included a large succulent lobster or delicious grilled steak, chicken, corn and a dozen clams. A wide assortment of mouth-watering desserts topped off the meal. This mid-afternoon delight was a great opportunity to enjoy friends both old and new in a relaxed casual atmosphere.

Boys Night Out

An annual rite of autumn for the brethren of University Heights Lodge is a private night at the Schvitz. This unique Cleveland institution is a guaranteed good time. After relaxing over beverages, a nosh, and some steam, the brethren dined together. Steaks and garlic were at a premium, as was the fellowship in this ultimate male bonding experience. After dinner, many enjoyed another helping of steam, a nap, or both. There is perhaps no better way to unwind and have fun on a Wednesday night. Watch your mail for our next semi-annual Schvitz night this coming March.

64th
Annual Installation
of Officers
December 10, 2015

Chuck E. Cheese Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant in the Golden Gate Shopping Center. Dinner will be served between 6:00 and 7:30 PM and will include pizza, salad bar, and dessert.

Everyone always has a lot of fun participating with their children and grandchildren winning tokens, playing games, and choosing prizes that are part of the evening's festivities. Children and grandchildren of lodge members, as well as prospective members and families, are welcome.

The cost of this wonderful evening is \$5.00 per person, while there is no charge for children under 5 years of age. Be sure to make your reservations and hope to see you there!

January Table Lodge

One of the oldest traditions in freemasonry is Table Lodge, which originated in France and England nearly 300 years ago. University Heights Lodge will convene its Annual Table Lodge on January 28, 2016. Lodge will open in the Entered Apprentice degree at 5:15 PM, followed by dinner in the banquet hall at 6:30 PM. The Table Lodge ritual will begin at about 7:30 PM.

According to Masonic tradition, the dining tables will be arranged in the form of a horseshoe. The ceremony around the tables includes the friendship and warm feelings generated during the seven traditional toasts and will continue throughout an evening that promises to be delightful and educational. The event is open to members and Masonic guests. Dinner tickets are available from the officers or by mailing your reservation form and check. Watch your mail for the flyer.



**Wine and
Chocolate
Party
February 13, 2016**

The Secretary's Corner

In August, all brethren received their annual 2015-2016 dues notice. According to the Grand Lodge of Ohio code, dues must be paid at or before the Annual Meeting, which this year was November 5th.

According to the code, a member who has not paid his dues shall be "not in good standing" until his dues are paid. Though not in good standing, a brother can still attend lodge until December 31st. Should a brother not pay his dues before the last day of the year, he is to be 'indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues'. Since membership in all other Masonic bodies (York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc.) is dependent on your Blue Lodge membership, you jeopardize your membership in other groups if your dues are not paid. Thank you to the vast majority of the brethren who have already paid their dues.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so right away. Please call me at 216-509-8181 or email me at Aarne.lillo@yahoo.com if you have any questions or need assistance.

Aarne Lillo, PM
Secretary

Ohio Lodge of Research

The Ohio Lodge of Research is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for its members to research the symbolism, structure, history, and other aspects of Freemasonry.

Membership is open to Master Masons who belong to a lodge in the Grand Lodge of Ohio jurisdiction or to other lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. There are three types of membership, active, associate and subscribing. Lodges and Masonic Libraries may apply for a subscribing membership. Master Masons may apply for associate membership. Active members are those who have been elected to that status for exhibiting specimens of their Masonic research

Wor. Bro. Alan L. Wittenberg is an active member of the Ohio Lodge of Research. Please ask him if you have any questions about this worthwhile organization.

Hiram Hears

WOR. BRO. JAY RAVITZ and Marcia, who make their home in Phoenix, AZ, became grandparents last March with the birth of Makenzie Claire Ravitz-Malavasic to their daughter Kelly and husband, Brandon. Smiling great-grandparents are WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita. Mazel Tov!... BRO. MARK BAILIN and Michelle squeezed a honeymoon into their busy schedules, traveling to Venice, Italy and on a Princess Lines cruise in late May...BRO. DANIEL ALLIANCE, son of BRO. MARK ALLIANCE and Barb, married Jamie Fox at Tanglewood in late June. Attendees included the groom's brother, BRO. BRAD ALLIANCE...BRO. DAVID ARONS married Emily Nathan at the former estate of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) on Labor Day. Proud parents of the groom are WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia and proud brother is BRO. JOSHUA ARONS...BRO. MATTHEW LILLO and Abi celebrated the birth of their son Collin Gregory in July. Beaming grandparents are WOR. BRO. AARNE LILLO and Jean...WOR. BRO. MATT NEWBERRY and Diana welcomed their second daughter into the world near the end of August...on the same day as the birthday of happy grandfather WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY... Milestone anniversary wishes to WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo on their 50th, and WOR. BRO. JEFFREY KAPLAN and Meryl on their 10th in June ... to BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara on their 25th in July ... and to BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR and Mona on their 60th in October ... BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill were beaming over son Tyler, who became a Bat Mitzvah in May. Sharing the joy was proud grandfather BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY, and uncles and aunts BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon, and BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy... Mazel tov to all!...Bonnie Kay, wife of WOR.BRO. ABRAHAM KAY, has not been well. Best Hiram wishes for a speedy return to good health ...

BRO. SANDFORD WALLENSTEIN passed away in mid-May. A Masonic funeral was held in his memory...A memorial service was held in St. Joseph, Michigan for Larry Janke (father of Diana Janke Newberry and father-in-law of WOR. BRO. MATTHEW NEWBERRY), who was killed in an

accident in mid-June near his home in St. Joseph, Michigan...Susan Nash (BRO. JEFFREY NASH) lost her father-in-law, Philip Moskowitz... BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ passed away in mid-June. A Masonic funeral was held. BRO. SHULTZ, father of Marcia Arons and Rhonda Shultz, was the father-in-law of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS; grandfather of Laura (BRO. JIM FLAIZ), Stephanie (BRO. BRAD BERGER), BRO. JOSHUA ARONS and BRO. DAVID ARONS... Esther Saginor, mother of BRO. DAVID SAGINOR (Ilene) passed away in June ... Barbara Rosenblum, life companion of BRO. LARRY COHEN, passed away in mid-July in Illinois...Our senior Past Master, WOR.BRO. ALAN SILVER and his wife, Rhoda, succumbed to a long series of illnesses in the second half of July, leaving behind his daughters Gail and Carla (WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY), grandchildren including WOR. BRO. MATTHEW NEWBERRY (Diana) and great-granddaughters... Paula Polakof (BRO. STEVEN POLAKOF) lost her father, Howard Schaffer, in August...Arlene Friedman, sister of WOR.BRO. DANIEL J. FRIEDMAN (Susan) and daughter of the late BRO. BERNARD FRIEDMAN (Tyler Emeritus) and Celia, passed away in Michigan... Joani Huber (BRO. JOE HUBER) lost her mother, Anne Schneider, in mid-August one month before her 95th birthday... Charter Member BRO. I. JOSEPH BERGER passed away in early September... near that same time RT.WOR.BRO. RICHARD FROMSON (Faith), father of BRO. STUART FROMSON (Mary) and brother of BRO. HOWARD FROMSON (Erika), passed away...as did Estelle Silverberg, mother of Marcia Moss (BRO. LOUIS MOSS)...BRO. KURT LEYSER, father of BRO. LARRY LEYSER (Patricia) and grandfather of BRO. AARON LEYSER and BRO. MARK LEYSER (Jillian), lost his battle with several illnesses in mid-September. Kurt was the brother of BRO. WALTER LEYSER (Lea) and the uncle of BRO. RICHARD LEYSER (Gloria), BRO. RONALD LEYSER (Emmy), and Rhonda Wolfson (BRO. ROGER WOLFSON). A Masonic funeral was held... 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.