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Message From The East



I extend to you, on behalf of your lodge as Worshipful Master, warm fraternal greetings. As the chill of winter slowly gives way to the awakening of spring, you may find a similar transformation within yourself and perhaps a renewed sense of purpose.

For those brethren who have not been with us on Thursday evenings, I encourage you to renew your Masonic ties. For some time now over the past few years, we have been telling you, brethren and friends, about our tremendously enjoyable meetings. Now is the time to join with us and participate. To see the friends you've missed, and to make new ones. You will find the Officers, and those who attend regularly, eager and excited to welcome you back. The atmosphere is warm and relaxed. We invite your participation and ideas. So come enjoy with us on Thursday nights, and allow your voice to be heard!

To those happy faces we greet each week, I would like to say thank you. Your cooperation has helped us to continue and stay on track. Due to the hard work and dedication of the Craft, our ritual work continues to be the best, as is our tradition. We can be very proud.

Our Lodge social program also continues to bring to our members tremendous value and enjoyment for all ages. From the children's holiday party at Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Time Theater and the Chinese New Years Party, to the upcoming Dinner Dance at the Intercontinental Hotel and the Family Picnic at Pioneer Waterland, our members and their families have had, and will continue to have great times together.

You will again have the chance to invite your friends who are not Masons to our annual Mason of the Year Night. A special event that evening will be the presentation of Most Worshipful Brother Stephen J.

Krekus, Grand Master of Masons of Ohio, who will be welcomed as an honorary member of our lodge.

We have many wonderful Masonic, community and social programs yet to come, so please watch your mail and participate with us in the activities and meetings of your lodge.

Fraternally yours,
Henry G. Mankowski
Worshipful Master

Grand Master to Attend Mason of the Year Night

University Heights Lodge #738 F&AM will announce its annual Mason of the Year on May 20, 2004. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The Ill & Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Silbert Mason of the Year award annually honors a member who is not an officer for their ongoing dedication and work on behalf of the lodge.

This meeting is open to all Masons, their ladies, and non-Masonic guests. The Lodge will have the pleasure of welcoming Most Worshipful Master Steven K. Krekus, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. Most Worshipful Brother Krekus will be received as an Honorary Member of University Heights Lodge that evening.

Most Worshipful Brother Krekus will join the Worshipful Master to honor Worshipful Brothers Alan Silver and Jerome Ack, each of whom has been a Mason for 50 years. The Grand Master will present each of these brethren with a pin to mark this special anniversary.

A third important part of the celebration will be the distribution of our annual donations to several worthy charitable organizations. A delicious dessert reception will follow the presentations and all are encouraged to attend and congratulate our honorees.

Eric Skoke

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New Entrance & Elevator Planned

The Board of the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple is planning a major renovation to the side entrance to the temple. Plans are being worked out to add a 20' x 30' ground level entrance lobby. The new entrance will make entering our building safer and smoother. It will also house an elevator to ease movement to the upper lobby and lodge room or to the lower level banquet ball.

A fund raising campaign is underway to help pay for this project. The Board hopes to raise enough from donations to pay for the renovations and establish an Endowment Fund to maintain the building. Anyone wishing to contribute toward this worthwhile goal is asked to contact John Huston at the Lyndhurst Masonic Center or by calling (440) 449-3265.

Chinese New Years Celebration

On Saturday, February 7th, 2004, a large gathering of our Brethren and ladies gathered at the Szechwan House at the Pavilion Mall in Beachwood to celebrate the start of the Year of the Monkey. A sumptuous gourmet Chinese dinner was served family-style with a varied choice of dishes from which to choose.

The menu included appetizers, soups, fried rice lo mein, broccoli, chicken, beef, and shrimp dishes. Some of the larger round tables had "Lazy Susan's" so all food choices were available to everyone at the table to sample and share.

During and after dinner, a gifted young lady provided subtle tones on her harp. To help usher in the Chinese New Year, a Lion Dance was performed as part of the evening's entertainment. As always, food, fun, and fellowship were the best parts of the festive evening.

Don Levenson

InterContinental to Host Dinner Dance

This year our Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the InterContinental Hotel April 24th. As always, this event promises to be the highlight of the year. The festivities begin at 6:30 PM with a fellowship hour featuring delicious hors d'oeuvres. The menu offers a choice of salmon or tenderloin of beef. A fabulous dessert table will cap off the meal.

"The Bottom Line" will provide dancing music for the evening. The cost of the affair is only \$85 per couple and includes valet parking. For more information, call Bro. Robert Stovsky at (216) 382-6225.

Marc Wittenberg

Meet your District Deputy



We are pleased that the Grand Lodge of Ohio has assigned Rt. Wor. Bro. John H. Whitehouse, Jr. to be our District Deputy Grand Master for this year. Rt. Wor. Bro. Whitehouse was born in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1951. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and received an MBA from Cleveland State. He has also been awarded a Ph.D. from Columbia Pacific University. Rt. Wor. Bro. Whitehouse is the founder of Semiotica Corporation, a custom software development company.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Whitehouse was raised in Clifton - Gaston Allen Lodge, No. 664 where he also served as Worshipful Master. He holds a dual membership in Livermore Lodge, No. 168 in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In 2001-02 he served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as a District Education Officer. He was first appointed a District Deputy Grand Master in 2002.

Freemasonry has played a significant role in the family of Rt. Wor. Bro. Whitehouse. His mother was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and his son, John III, is a Past Master Councilor of Lakewood De Molay. His father and several cousins, uncles and grandparents have been active brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. Whitehouse is also involved in both the York and Scottish Rites as well as the Al Koran Shrine.

University Heights Lodge is happy to have Rt. Wor. Bro. Whitehouse as our representative from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. When he visits the Lodge, please join the officers in welcoming him.

Volunteers Needed

Time is fast approaching for our Summertime Family Picnic. This annual event will be held at Pioneer Dry and Water Fun Park on Sunday, July 11th. This year's picnic will include many of the "Euclid Beach" style games and group activities we all grew up with.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the picnic. Committees are being formed to perform tasks such as: setting up the food lines, preparing the meal, baking, games and prizes. Brethren and their ladies are needed to help plan and execute this event. If you and your family plan on attending this year's picnic and would like to participate in the planning and execution of this great event, please contact Wor. Bro. Howard Lev at (216) 371-5353 to sign up.

Directory Update Coming Soon

Did you know that currently, our lodge has:

328 Members

27 Members under 40 years old

5 Members over 90 years old

268 of our Members living in Ohio

Our most senior Member is a 68 year Mason

One of our Members lives in Switzerland

Each Brother should have recently received a letter from the lodge asking that they verify information in our directory. A pre-paid postcard was included with the current data printed on it. If you have not already done so, please review the information on the postcard and make any necessary changes.

Even if the information is correct, please mail the postcard to the lodge. The Roster Committee will be working through the spring to update the membership rolls. They hope to have the roster ready for printing early this summer.

Blood Drive Scheduled

The 2004 Lyndhurst Masonic Temple blood drive has been scheduled for Tuesday May 25th from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. As recent inventories of blood have dwindled, your donation is more important than ever. Help us to surpass our goal of 38 pints. What better gift than the gift of life?

Members of University Heights Lodge who donate blood at any time during the year receive special recognition at our annual Charter Night and a voucher for one of the lodge dinners.

The Blood Bank committee will welcome anyone who can volunteer some time during the drive. To record your blood donation or volunteer, please contact Bro. Marty Mittleman at (440) 646-0479 or by email at imtwirl@sbcglobal.net.

Marty Mittleman

**University Heights
Memorial Day
Parade and Picnic
May 31, 2004**

Book Review - Reflections

Reflections, by James I. Miller, is published by Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Copyright 1999. This book of almost 130 pages deals with Mr. Miller's introduction and journey through Masonry. He begins with his becoming a Mason and how that came about when he was in the military. This is followed by twenty-one separate 'chapters' or sections, describing what various parts of the ritual mean to Bro Miller.

I found his ideas to be interesting, except when he placed too much emphasis on Christian ideology. For the most part, he gave excellent descriptions about "What is a Mason", "The Pillars", "The Trowel", "Mysteries", "Ashlars" and "Geometry".

I most enjoyed his reflections on "What is a Mason" as being a "Man who lives by a set of standards that are impossible to meet, who strives for perfection, and looks for a mystery that has no earthly solution." He states that aside from baseball, no other organization dwells on it's past as much as Masonry. After all of my readings, I must totally concur with him.

The book is in a format that is easily read. I did think that Mr. Miller had some very valid and astute reflections. Since Masonry is very much "in the eye of the beholder" this book will give one a different view than your own and make you think. I recommend this to you for your enjoyment.

Alan L. Wittenberg, PM

HIRAM HEARS

RT. WOR. BRO. RICHARD FROMSON's granddaughter, Casey, visited Cuba for 5 weeks...she is spending this semester in Christ Church, New Zealand...BRO. BOB STOVSKY and Alyce, in the company of BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon and BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill, enjoyed the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter and niece, Elizabeth Rose Stein, in Florida...BRO. LARRY ADELMAN has let Hiram know that he has a new grandson. Hiram apologizes for the late notice...BRO. GARY ZEID and Kathy celebrated the birth of a son (Nicholas Adam) in February. The proud grandparents are BRO. HARRY ZEID and Florence...BRO. ERIC STRAUSS and Alyssa also welcomed their new son, Matthew Jackson. RT. WOR. BRO. EDWIN STRAUSS and Jill are the ecstatic grandparents ...BRO. DAVID RESNIK celebrated his 78th birthday by serving on the

Stewards Committee at our March 4th meeting...WOR.BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita celebrated 59 years of wedded bliss recently...Rhonda Wolfson, wife of BRO. ROGER WOLFSON, will be one of 35 installed to the National Board of the Women's American ORT on May 1st in New York City...Benjamin Kay, son of WOR.BRO. ABRAHAM KAY and Bonnie, has been designated a National Merit Scholarship finalist...Congratulations to BRO. BOB STOTTER on being awarded the Shofar Award for outstanding leadership, presented by the National Committee on Scouting of the Boy Scouts of America...Delores VanScyoc, wife of ILL.&RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL VAN SCYOC, underwent brain surgery in February. Hiram is pleased to report that she has fully recovered...BRO. JEFFERY SYMMS had surgery in Las Vegas and is recovering in comfort...Gerrie Abrahams, wife of BRO. BERNARD ABRAHAMS is reported to be recovering after a series of ailments... BRO. DAVID POLLOCK had shoulder and knee surgery and is back in circulation...BRO. LES LEVINE also had shoulder surgery...Eileen Mittleman, wife of BRO. MARTIN MITTLEMAN was ill...BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR had surgery...both WOR. BRO ALAN SILVER and Rhoda have spent time in the hospital in Florida...BRO. ROBERT GOLDEN has spent time in the hospital and underwent surgery...MOST WOR. BRO. CHARLES WARD had surgery...BRO. AL ROTH is recovering after surgery and all were pleased to see BRO. ROTH at lodge in March...BRO. MARC WITTENBERG had back surgery...Hiram hears that Loretta Burton, mother-in-law of WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV has been ill...Sally Pollock, wife of BRO. BARRY POLLOCK lost her father, Joseph Kreinberg...BRO. ROBERT SCHWEID's mother passed away. She was also the grandmother of BRO. JONATHAN SCHWEID... WOR.BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY noted that his brother-in-law passed away in Georgia...BRO. BERNIE WEISENTHAL passed away after a long illness...BRO. BERNIE AGIN lost his father... Hiram can only tell what he hears...Anyone with news for Hiram can send it to the lodge or call one of the editors of the Rays...You can also email your news to hiram@uhlodge.org