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### **Message From The East**



Over the years, I have heard our brethren extol the social attributes of University Heights Lodge. To be sure, we stand with those lodges that have exceptional social calendars full of exciting, well-planned events that bring us together over great food and refreshment.

Nowhere in our rituals, however, do we describe parties or advocate them, take an oath or obligation to maintain or sustain them. Masonry is deeper, richer and more meaningful than that. But the social functions of the lodge are an integral extension of the obligations we have taken and lessons we have learned through the degrees. They are an expression of our fellowship and a reward for our hard work as masons when we go from labor to refreshment, just as they were for our ancient operative brethren.

For me, the most important among the many principals of Masonry is fellowship. It brought me into the lodge and has kept me active. And the more I travel the more I realize just how genuine our brotherly love and friendship really is. There is a rush of excitement as we are putting on our aprons and seeing each other for the first time in a couple of weeks. The genuine warmth and brotherly love of our brethren in other lodges is a wonderful and welcome respite from the work-a-day world. When met at the door of the lodge, greeted warmly with a handshake and a smile each night, the cares of the day are put behind me.

Not long after being raised, I discovered the opportunity to serve the lodge, and to give back something to the running of it. First, I coached at the Entered Apprentice Degree level and sat in as needed as Junior Steward. Then, I was honored (and terrified) to be asked to learn the Master Mason Charge. After I gave it (my performance wasn't that good), and in the spirit of Masonry, one senior member of the lodge put his hand

on my shoulder and said, "Dukes, you were good; you were loud." Finally, I entered into the line as an appointed officer, the Senior Steward. Each task and chair has brought a new, deeper, richer view of the lodge through my expanded responsibilities.

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## **Past Masters Night June 16, 2004**

### **Dinner Dance At Hawthorne Valley Country Club**

Our premier social event of the year is set for Saturday, May 14, 2005. The annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will be held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, located on Aurora Road in Solon (across from Mount Olive Cemetery). The recently renovated clubhouse offers a beautiful setting for this gala affair. The entire club will be available for us to enjoy throughout the evening.

Fellowship will begin at 6:30 PM with hors d'oeuvres and your choice of beverages. The dinner menu will feature a choice of Filet Mignon, Rack of Lamb or Chilean Sea Bass. The meal will conclude with a fabulous dessert table, served on the veranda.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Back Street," a 5-piece band known for playing a wide variety of music. Brethren and their ladies will be able to stroll around Hawthorne's grounds after dinner, enjoying the sounds of the music and have a relaxing and fun time of friendship. The cost for the entire affair is only \$85 a couple, a real value for this exciting event. Dinner and table reservations are a must. Contact Bro. Harold Resnik at (440) 338-8290 to make your reservations.

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## **Rays from University Heights Lodge**



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## **Meet Your Fellow Members**

This is the first of a new series, introduced so that the brethren can get to know one another a little better. For the first article, we feature our long time Tyler and now Tyler Emeritus, Bro. Bernard Friedman.

Bro. Friedman was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during 1913. Bro. Friedman spent much of World War II in the South Pacific, where he was responsible for the care and maintenance of gun sights on both small and large weapons.

At war's end, Bro. Friedman trained to become a watchmaker. He opened his first retail jewelry store in South Euclid in the early 1950's. Soon thereafter, he moved the business to Maple Heights and renamed the shop 'Maple Jewelers.' The shop was moved to its present location in Solon in 1979 and is now observing its 56th year of serving the community. Bro. Friedman retired in 2000, leaving his, Wor.Bro. Daniel Friedman, to carry on the family tradition.

Bro. Friedman and his lovely wife Celia, also have a daughter, Arlene Kalley. On December 5, 2004, Bro. Friedman celebrated his 91st birthday and recently received his 50 year membership pin. Please take an opportunity to call on Bro. Friedman and wish him well.

Chuck Reiner

## **Memorial Day Parade**

Once again, University Heights Lodge will be participating in the City of University Heights Memorial Day Parade. This is always a fun-filled event and the whole family is welcome to participate. As in past years, University Heights Lodge will be honored to carry a large United States flag along the parade route.

Brethren and their families are encouraged to walk with us for the duration of the parade. There may be a few spots in cars available if you don't think your feet are up to it. The more people to help carry the flag, the easier it is on everyone.

The parade starts at 11:00 AM on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th). Marchers are encouraged to meet at 10:00 AM, in the parking lot at the John Carroll campus. A shuttle bus will carry us to our starting point.

As has become our custom, a picnic with all the trimmings will follow the parade. This year, we have been invited back to the home of Wor.Bro. Alan Wittenberg and Margo on Orangewood Drive in Orange Village. Watch your mail for more information. Every year, more brethren and families come out for the parade and picnic. Hope to see you there!

Lawrence Solomon

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### **Message From The East** *(continued)*

I wouldn't trade this progressive experience for anything and highly recommend it to all brethren in the lodge.

There are many opportunities for brethren in the lodge to begin to immerse themselves in Masonry through lodge leadership. All newly raised brethren can begin with appointment to one or more of the standing committees of the lodge. We have several that are appropriate for starting out, and as you learn the workings of the lodge you get to know better some of the incredible men who are the senior brethren of this lodge.

Another great opportunity exists on the Fellow Craft Team, to participate in the Master Mason degree. There are a number of other opportunities for advanced participation for brethren who feel more confident in their abilities, or who feel that they have progressed adequately beyond their first steps into the fraternity.

Finally, of course, brethren who are properly prepared make excellent candidates to enter the line. In doing so, you become closer to the lodge, its operation and the brethren than you could possibly imagine. This is an experience that you will never forget and never regret. To take advantage of these opportunities you simply need to discuss them with any Past Master, any Line Officer or myself. Your interest will be appreciated and seriously considered in terms of both the available opportunities of today and the future needs of the lodge.

I am proud of the Past Masters, the Line Officers, the Fellow Craft Team, and all of those brethren who serve throughout the year on the essential committees of the lodge for their dedication, hard work and integrity. I know from my own experience that in Masonry and in University Heights Lodge, you truly get back much more than you put into it. I highly recommend to all of our brethren the deeper involvement and personal rewards that lodge leadership brings.

Fraternally yours,  
Duane A. Dukes  
Worshipful Master

**University Heights  
Memorial Day  
Parade and Picnic  
May 30, 2005**

### **A Valentine's Affair**

A "hearty" good time was had by the brethren and guests that attended the February 12th Valentine's affair at the T.S. Macklin Event Centre in Solon. There was wonderful music, provided by 'Sounds of Entertainment,' a large dance floor, terrific decorations and a bountiful buffet. We even learned and enjoyed line dancing under the direction of our DJ as the dance floor was teeming with people throughout the night.

The evening started with hors d'oeuvres and an open bar, and ended with a table of assorted candies to satisfy any sweet tooth.

Those who attended will agree that it was a night of camaraderie, entertainment, good food and a great evening out with their brethren. The social committee deserves our "heartfelt" thanks for an outstanding job.

Howard Chapman

### **Paintball !!!**

Our first ever paintball outing will take place on May 21st, starting at 12:30 PM. All brethren, spouses and significant others are invited to what promises to be one of the most exciting events of the year. Brethren are encouraged to bring along a friend who might be interested in joining our lodge.

This outing will be at Pinnacle Woods paintball fields, located at 140241 Old State Road (State Route 608), just east of Chardon. Maps and directions will be available with reservation. Positions for this event are limited, so reserve your spot as soon as possible with Bro. Matthew Newberry. Cost will be \$20 per person, and drinks (non-alcoholic) will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Matthew Newberry

### **We Want Your Blood**

Our Lodge is holding its annual blood drive on May 24, 2005. Bro. Marty Mittleman, our blood drive chair, is hoping we surpass last year's total of 37 pints being contributed. Many of those donations came from the general public which, of course, is welcome to give. So bring your friends, family and neighbors to the Lodge Hall so we can shatter last year's total.

The Red Cross will serve refreshments and each Brother who donates will receive a gift from the Lodge. Bro. Mittleman needs volunteers to help set up and to help with registration. He may be reached at 440-646-0479.

Eric Skoke

## **Hiram Hears**

BRO. HAROLD RESNIK and Evelyn celebrated milestone birthdays at the end of 2004...BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY retired (officially) at the end of the year...BRO. MARSHALL NEWMAN and Rose braved the winter weather in January, to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jordan Krantz... RT.WOR.BRO HUGH HARRIS and Chris and RT.WOR.BRO BOB CERNEY and Nancy became grandparents in mid-March when their children, Alexia and Bob, Jr. gave birth to granddaughter Keira... WOR.BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla celebrated their 25th anniversary...BRO. DAVID RESNIK and Carol celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary as did WOR.BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita... WOR.BRO. DAVID GREENBERG and Cynthia celebrated their 50th anniversary... Robyn Linden, daughter of WOR.BRO. DENNIS LINDEN and Karen, granddaughter of BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe, starred as Dorothy in the Solon High School production of 'The Wizard of Oz' in April... Ashley Berman, daughter of WOR.BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy, sister of BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN was in the Brush High School production of 'The Fantasticks'...Marci Greenberg, daughter of BRO. ART GREENBERG and Debby, sister of BRO. STEVE GREENBERG, and niece of WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF, appeared on Wheel of Fortune in March and was the "Big" Winner of the Day...BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe visited Florida for a couple of weeks. Their vacation was disrupted when BRO. LINDEN was hospitalized with pneumonia. Hiram is glad to report BRO. LINDEN has recovered nicely...BRO. HARRY ZEID has also recovered from a bout of pneumonia...BRO. DAVID POLLOCK underwent surgery and is recovering at home...Cathy Levine, wife of BRO. LES LEVINE, had rotator cuff surgery...RT.WOR.BRO. RICHARD FROMSON was hospitalized for dehydration and has recovered...BRO. IRV LINDEN fell and broke his shoulder but is on the road to recovery... Polly Shultz, wife of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ, had surgery and is recovering nicely...Lea Leyser, wife of BRO. WALTER LEYSER, is also recovering from a recent surgery.... Jodi Zawatsky, wife of BRO. MICHAEL ZAWATSKY, lost her grandmother, Betty Cohen Freedman...Ilene Saginor, wife of BRO. DAVID SAGINOR, lost her mother, Anne Biales....Alan Pearl, father of Sandy Riggs and father-in-law of BRO. BARRY RIGGS, passed away in Florida...Harriette Wittenberg, wife of BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG, mother of WOR.BRO. STUART WITTENBERG and WOR.BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG, and grandmother of BROS. DANIEL and MARC WITTENBERG, passed away...BRO. ERIC

SKOKE lost his father...BRO. SHELDON TURBOW lost his brother...BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR lost his sister...BRO. JAY FEDER passed away in Florida...BRO. LEONARD SCHAEFER passed away...BRO. AARON BERKEY passed away...Hiram can only tell what he hears....Anyone with news for Hiram can send it to the lodge, inform any Rays editor or reporter, or email to him at [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org)

HIRAM

## **Mason of the Year Night May 19, 2005**

### **THE LAMBSKIN APRON**

In Masonic symbolism the Lambskin Apron holds precedence. It is the initial gift of Freemasonry to a candidate, and at the end of life's pilgrimage, it is reverently placed on his mortal remains and buried with his body in the grave.

Above all other symbols, the Lambskin Apron is the distinguishing badge of a Mason. It is celebrated in poetry and prose and has been the subject of much fanciful speculation. Some Masonic writers have contended that initiation is analogous to birth, or our advent from prenatal darkness into the light of human fellowship, moral truth and spiritual faith.

I believe there are three distinct things of which the Lambskin Apron is a badge. Firstly, in its use, it is a badge of service. In his book on "*Symbolical Masonry*," Brother H.L. Haywood has an interesting chapter on "*The Apron wherein the Builder Builds*," and says it "*was so conspicuous a portion of the costume of an operative Mason that it became associated with him in the public mind and thus gradually evolved into his badge*." By it Speculative Freemasonry seeks to distinguish the builder and place upon the brow of labor the laurel wreath of dignity and honor.

Secondly, made of lambskin, it is in its fabric a badge of sacrifice. The lamb in all ages has been not only an emblem of innocence, but also a symbol of sacrifice, and he who wears this Apron with understanding must be prepared for the time when hard things are to be done, when trials are to be endured, and fortitude glorified. Thirdly, in its color, it is a badge of purity. White is the clean color that reflects most light.

Understanding the meanings of this "Badge", we are better able to use it to improve our own lives.

Alan Wittenberg, PM  
Lodge Education Officer