



Message From The East



Spring is in the air and the snow is melting away. Finally! Things are warming up in University Heights Lodge as well, as we enter our busy Spring season.

It has been an interesting past few months for me. Some of you know, I had been unemployed since this past summer. While it was a stressful time for me, I was able to throw that energy into the final preparations for my year as Master, as well as being able to devote more attention to the lodge after Installation. This has benefitted me, as it has given me a constructive outlet for the nervous energy generated by the job search.

I am happy to relate that I recently started a new job in my field. It is nice to be back in the working world again. I want to thank all the brethren that offered me kind words and support during the past few months. Of course, my duties to the lodge remain a high priority, and I am devoting my efforts to making sure the lodge has a great year.

I have also been busy with outside Masonic interests. I helped present the 10th degree for the Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland, which was coordinated by our Senior Warden, Bro. Arne Lillo, and was a very enjoyable experience. The group I worked with put on an excellent rendering for the occasion.

I recently attended the inspection of Golden Gate Lodge, which was executed very well by their officers. It is always interesting to see how other lodges do their work. I encourage you, my brethren, to travel to other lodges and attend their meetings. As there is a friendly competition going on this year in the 22nd Masonic District, your attendance at other lodge inspections will help University Heights Lodge achieve a greater reward.

Our busy Spring includes bringing many new members into our lodge. We are fortunate to have a corps of new brothers who are very willing to help us in the coaching and degree work that is to come. It is wonderful and heartening to see brothers helping out like this, ready to assist in the ritual work of the lodge. These brothers are great examples of what it is to be a Mason. I hope their enthusiasm for the cause is contagious!

I look forward to the next few months, as a very enjoyable and busy time. We will bring new members into our fold, along with the spread of Spring events that we all have come to enjoy. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming months!

Fraternally,
Matthew E. Newberry
Worshipful Master

Dinner Dance At The Marriott East

Our premier social event of the year is set for Saturday, May 7, 2011. The Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will be held at the Marriott East Hotel, conveniently located at I-271 and Harvard Road. This is the first time we are at this beautiful setting for this gala affair.

Fellowship will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium with hors d'oeuvres and your choice of beverages. The dinner menu will feature a choice of a Filet of Beef, Hazelnut Encrusted Grouper or Roulade of Chicken Breast. The meal will conclude with a fabulous dessert table.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Tony Quarles and the Discovery Band," a 5-piece band known for playing a wide variety of music. Brethren and their ladies will be able to enjoy the sounds of the music and have a relaxing and fun time of friendship. The cost for the entire affair is only \$90 a couple, a real value for this exciting event. Dinner and table reservations are a must. Contact Bro. Joseph Huber at (440) 546-1317 to make your reservations.

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**Spring 2011 Class Named For Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro.
Russell H. Van Scyoc, Jr.**



The Presiding Officers of the Valley of Cleveland, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, have named the Class for the 2011 Spring Reunion for Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Russell H. Van Scyoc, Jr. Bro. Van Scyoc, a retired Captain for the Cleveland Division of Fire,

has been a member of the Valley since 1984 and has served as Hospitalier since 1994. In addition to being a Past Master of University Heights Lodge, he is a Past Master of Ellsworth Lodge #505 (now merged with Parkside Lodge #736), and served the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd District from 1990 – 1992. He is also a member of Covenant-Thatcher Chapter #222, Lakewood Council #125 (P.I.M.), Holy Grail Commandery #70, and St. Benedict Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine (Past P.S.).

Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Van Scyoc and his lady Delores have four grown sons, and reside in the City of Cleveland. They are members of the Christ United Methodist Church, where Russ has served as Chairman of the Administrative Board. When you see Russ, please congratulate him for receiving this honor.

The Spring Reunion will be a one-day event, scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011. The ritual activities begin promptly at 8:30 AM and is expected to be complete by 5:00 PM. For more information or to become a member please contact Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Edwin A. Strauss Jr., Rt. Wor. Bro. Hugh Harris, or Bro. Aarne Lillo.

**Master and Wardens Dinner Dance
at The Marriott East
(Located at Richmond and Harvard)
May 7th, 2011**

**Entertainment by:
Tony Quarrels and
the Discovery Band**

**Contact Bro. Joe Huber
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Typewritten Ritual at University Heights Lodge

We have seen Masonic degrees presented and are aware that certain words can be pronounced more than one way. Moreover, by participating in several Master Mason degrees, I have experienced various ritual interpretations. Degree clarification came on January 20, 2011, when University Heights Lodge hosted the Grand Lodge Typewritten Ritual Review.

Several members of University Heights Lodge, plus many brethren from other lodges in the 22nd Masonic District listened to Rt. Wor. Bro. Mitchell L. Alperin, Rt. Wor. Bro. David R. Hildebrandt, and Wor. Bro. Robert D. Stands, as they read from one the two copies of the ritual code that is fully typewritten. Wor. Bro. Stands is a District Education Officer for the 22nd District. Rt. Wor. Bros. Alperin and Hildebrandt are both Deputy District Grand Masters of the 22nd District.

By explaining the code, Grand Lodge tries to achieve consistency among the lodges. What is said and done during degree work should be the same from one lodge to another within Ohio. This beneficial evening gave those in attendance a chance to learn and realize the importance of knowing how Grand Lodge wants the code interpreted.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has only two copies of the typewritten ritual. Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin had to guard the copy with his life. Besides having a combination lock, the briefcase that the code travels in is fireproof. It should have a GPS built in for additional security. Next year, it may.

Future reviews will not happen until next year. Those Brethren who wish to learn more about the ritual should attend, especially if all three degrees are fully reviewed.

Mark Bailin

Mason of the Year Night is Approaching

University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM, will announce its Mason of the Year on May 26, 2011. The announcement will be made during our annual Friendship Night that is open to all Masons, their ladies, and non-Masonic guests. Past recipients of this prestigious award will also be recognized.

An important part of the celebration will be the distribution of the lodge's annual donations to several worthy and important local charitable organizations. Entertainment and a delicious dessert reception will follow the presentations. All are encouraged to set this evening aside to greet our guests and congratulate our honorees.

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce a potential candidate to freemasonry.

Child Identification Event

February 19th was an atypical winter day in Cleveland. The air was cold, of course. The snow, while still deep, was starting to show its darker side. The sun, in a rare appearance, warmed the pavement ever so slightly. And, at the Lyndhurst Masonic Center, several young children became a little safer.

With the support of New York Life and under the direction of Wor. Bro. Michael Leichner, University Heights Lodge sponsored an event that gave families a chance to have a fresh set of their children's fingerprints made and added to a single page report with personal information. Also in attendance at the event were representatives from Hillcrest Hospital, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, along with the Lyndhurst Police and Fire Departments. Each table offered information aimed at making the families lives easier and safer. Banko the Clown from the Al Koran Shrine made an appearance and delighted all in attendance with special balloon sculptures and several noisy streamers flying across the room.

Juice and cookies were available to all who attended, including the members of our lodge who helped set up the event.

Grand Master Visits University Heights Lodge

Most Worshipful Brother Bradford A. Goebel, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, took time out of his busy schedule to visit University Heights Lodge last February. Wor. Bro. Henry G. Mankowski, currently serving the Grand Lodge as a District Education Officer, chaired the evening that honored our Grand Master. He was joined by his lovely wife, Kathy, and the Junior Grand Deacon, Rt. Wor. Bro. Eric Schau; the Grand Chaplain, Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Behner; and the Grand Tyler, Rt. Wor. Bro Robert Hager.

The evening began with entertainment by the Cleveland All City Show Choir. This talented group is comprised of students from various middle schools and high schools in Cleveland who have an interest in the performing arts. Most Worshipful Brother Goebel spoke of his theme this year, "Freemasonry: Faith, Family, Brotherhood and Charity", and how it applies to our lives outside of lodge. Per a previous vote by our brethren, Most Worshipful Brother Goebel was then made an honorary member of University Heights Lodge.

The evening concluded with an "Appetite" dessert reception in our banquet hall. Most Worshipful Brother Goebel continues to be a frequent visitor and we all look forward to his presence in the future.

Hiram Hears

BRO. HARRY ZEID has been busy as usual. Although reported to be ill in September, he led the younger set in an exercise class at Wiggins Place in December...BRO. DANIEL STRAUSS, son of RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. EDWIN A STRAUSS, JR. and Jill, tied the knot on 10/10/10. He and his bride Stacey make their home in Venice, CA...Hiram received greetings from BRO. CHADI BOUSERHALL, who recently moved to Canton where he is setting up a new practice. He said he misses the brothers at lodge, especially BRO. MARK ALLIANCE and WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN....RT.WOR. & ILL BRO. RUSSELL H. VAN SCYOC, JR. and Delores celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss, as did BRO. BOB GOLDSTEIN and Rita...BRO.BRO. GARY KATZ and Sue celebrated their 37th anniversary... Also celebrating anniversaries were WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita (66), WOR. BRO. DAVE GREENBERG and Cynthia (56), and WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty (64)...Mazel Tov to BRO. PAUL PRIESAND and Sharon on son Eddie's October marriage to Kristen Kaake...and on the engagement of daughter Nancy to Harris Slone. October wedding bells will ring...Mazel Tov as well to BRO. DAVID SAGINOR and Ilene on son Ryan's marriage to Dena Kleinman...and to Esther Saginor, David's mom, who celebrated birthday #100 with a big tribute at Temple Tifereth Israel, where she was an educator...BRO. DAVID ARONS and BRO. JOSH ARONS were in town for a family Bat Mitzvah in January. They report all is well in the Windy City...BRO. STEPHEN QUINN and Stephanie introduced daughter Lillian Grace ("Lilly") to the world in early February...BRO. SAMUEL FRIEDLANDER and Lisa had a baby girl (Kaylee Haya) in early February. Hiram heard Lisa is doing well and son Joshua has adjusted well to being a big brother...Katie Stovsky, daughter of BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, graduates from Miami University (Ohio) in April and will enter law school in the fall. Proud grandfather BRO. BOB STOVSKY will return from Florida just in time for the graduation...BRO. MARK STOVSKY, was named one of the area's best doctors in Cleveland Magazine for his practice in Urology at University Hospitals ...BRO. ROBERT DIFILIPPO was featured by the Plain Dealer due to his database expertise... BRO. IRA SCHOBEL, one of our Charter Members, has moved into Menorah Park...Rita Marcus, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS was ill in the fall and recovered at Menorah Park...Mona Senkfor, wife of our Associate Tyler, BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR, has been ill and is recovering at home...Barbara Alliance, wife of BRO. MARK ALLIANCE, had successful gall bladder

surgery... WOR.BRO. ALAN ARONS spent a couple of nights at Hillcrest Hospital last fall...BRO. KEN VINOCUR was also in the hospital for a short stay...BRO. GERALD KOZACK spent a couple of days in the hospital getting himself checked out. Hiram was relieved to see him back in lodge in January...Rhoda Silver, wife of WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER, underwent a series of tests at Hillcrest in December...WOR. BRO. SILVER had knee surgery on April 8th. He will miss inspection but expects to dance at the Dinner Dance...Elise Newman (late WOR. BRO. JOSEPH NEWMAN) has not been well but is on the road to recovery with the help of son WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN...Betty and WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV, parents of WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV (Barbara) and grandparents of BRO. MATTHEW LEV, are back in circulation after suffering from respiratory ailments... WOR. BRO. ALEX also had surgery and recovered at the new Ahuja Medical Center. Hiram hears he loved it there...WOR. BRO. HENRY MANKOWSKI missed the Typewritten Ritual with an ailment, but fortunately bounced right back and has been busy in his travels as a District Education Officer of the 22nd District...Alla Sapozhnik, wife of BRO. MIKHAIL SAPOZHNIK, spent some time in the hospital in late January...Florence Zeid, wife of BRO. HARRY ZEID, is in the hospital...RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. RUSSELL VAN SCYOC reports that MOST WOR. BRO. CHARLES WARD has been under the weather in Florida...Hiram is pleased to report that RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. BOB HIBJAN is in good spirits and has been back on the Inspection circuit in the 22nd District...BRO. GARRY SCHWARTZ passed away in Florida... Sylvia Brooks, widow of our late WOR. BRO. ROBERT BROOKS, passed away in late October...BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR (Mona) lost two sisters one who lived in Denver, CO, and the other, Ethel Zucker of Cleveland...BRO. HENRY BILLYS, nearly 101 years young, passed away just before the first of the year. A Masonic service was held with several of our brethren in attendance...A Masonic service was also held for BRO. DAVID POLLOCK who passed away in early March. A Mason of the Year, he was the father of BRO. BARRY POLLOCK (Sally) and grandfather of BRO. JASON SMITH...BRO. LES SNIDER (Sharon) lost his father, Mike...BRO. DAVID DWORKEN passed away on March 16th in Boynton Beach, FL...Condolences to Sandra Amber on the April loss of husband BRO. GERALD (Jerry) AMBER... 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.