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Message From The East



A highlight of each Masonic year is the lodge's Annual Inspection. This year we will be inspected on April 25th in the Fellow Craft degree by Rt. Wor. Bro. David R. Hildebrant, District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District. Besides observing and

reporting on the proceedings of the evening, he will also report on our compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, including the work of the secretary and treasurer. It is always most interesting and a night when we typically shine. A special feature is that ours will be the final inspection by Rt. Wor. Bro. Hildebrant, as he completes his three-year career as a District Deputy. It has been a real honor for him to represent the Grand Lodge of Ohio and for him to have served University Heights Lodge for two years. I would like to take this time to personally congratulate him for his fine work as a District Deputy, and to thank him for being a good friend of mine and of our lodge.

Hosting a District Deputy's final inspection is a special honor for our lodge. I ask all members who are Fellow Crafts or Master Masons to attend this special event. In doing so, you will also support the Line Officers who will present the degree and lecture. Please invite Fellow Crafts and Master Masons from around the district and let University Heights Lodge show why we pride ourselves in being the finest among the best. Please plan on attending and make your dinner reservation right away. As Master, I would like to see as many our members present as possible.

I also look forward to seeing you and your lady at our upcoming Master and Wardens Dinner Dance, to be held May 4th at Landerhaven. I promise you this will be a top-notch affair and fun for everyone. I want to personally thank Bro. Brad Berger for selecting the band and

suggesting musical selections for the evening. The Dinner Dance is our premier social event of the year. The food and fellowship will be outstanding.

All Master Masons are invited to come and watch or participate in a special event to be held Saturday, May 11th. University Heights Lodge has been given the honor to present the second section of the Master Mason degree for the Grand Master's One Day Class. If you have never visited the Masonic Auditorium, this is a great opportunity to see this historic structure and to support University Heights Lodge.

Looking ahead on our social calendar, I am excited that our annual picnic will be held at the Cleveland Zoo on July 14th. This catered event is a great time for our members and their families. Our autumn social event will be planned and presented by our Entertainment Committee and their ladies. Details to follow!

Fraternally,
Howard Lev, PM
Worshipful Master

Dinner Dance Returns to Landerhaven

Our premier social event of the year is set for Saturday, May 4, 2013. The Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will be held at the Executive Club at Landerhaven, a favorite venue for our members.

Fellowship will begin at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and your choice of beverages. The dinner menu will feature a choice of a Beef Tenderloin, Grilled Salmon or a Vegetable Plate. The meal will conclude with everyone's favorite, the dessert table.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by "Tony Quarles and the Discovery Band," a band known best for their "rock the house" performances and a favorite of our brethren. The cost for the entire affair is only \$45 per person, 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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Grand Master's One Day Class Approaches

Our Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling, Jr. has elected to sponsor a one-day degree event again this year. This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the Cleveland Masonic Auditorium at 3615 Euclid Avenue. This is an opportunity for men who cannot devote the time required to go through the first three degrees of Freemasonry in the traditional manner to be raised as Master Masons in one day.

The candidates and their mentors will gather at 8:30 in the morning and, after a quick cup of coffee and a snack, will witness the first degree in one of the meeting rooms at the auditorium. After a short, mid-morning break, the second degree will be exemplified. Lunch, prepared by Stancatto's Restaurant, will be offered after this ceremony. After lunch and a short meeting of the class, the third Masonic degree will be presented followed by the fourth degree of the Lodge of Perfection. Work should be concluded by about 3:30.

The third degree presentation will feature the talents of the Fellow Craft team from University Heights Lodge who will take each of the marching and speaking parts in the second section of the degree. The fourth degree features our own Wor. Bro. Aarne Lillo and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hugh A. Harris who are officers in the Elidah Lodge of Perfection. Each of the candidates in attendance will become a Master Mason and members of the Scottish Rite.

Any Mason in good standing is welcome to join the class and the candidates on this busy but exciting day. Why not come down and enjoy all or part of the festivities? Free parking will be available in the office building lot across East 36th Street from the Auditorium. Lunch reservations are necessary at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket. Candidate petitions for the degrees must be sent to the Grand Lodge by April 1st. University Heights Lodge will have as many as eight candidates going through the degrees that day.

Valentine's Party

The cold and snow was the farthest thing from everyone's thoughts as our Valentines Party at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Beachwood. The air was filled with love as our brethren and their ladies met in the hotel Atrium on February 15th to enjoy an evening of genial comradery. Laughter could be heard throughout the hall. After dinner, there was a variety of music suited all dancing tastes and each of our ladies took home a rose in honor of the day.

Marc Reiff

The Rays – Join Us

A great tradition of University Heights Lodge is the Rays, which is now in its 63rd year. We are proud to have received awards from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, but more, we are proud that The Rays is where the brethren and their ladies turn to read about lodge happenings and to stay connected. You can be part of the team. Rumor has it that some staff members have met Hiram.

Whether it is writing an article, snapping photos, managing assignments, or using your computer skills to layout an edition, we need your help. Writing an article can be as simple as jotting down your thoughts after attending a special meeting or social event.

Please email Hiram at hiram@uhlodge.org to let him know you are interested. Ladies are also welcome to join the staff. Please ask any of the staff members questions. Our names are listed on page two.

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award-winning website?
www.uhlodge.org**

Mason of the Year

Our 29th annual Mason of the Year and Friendship Night will be held on May 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the lodge room. This event is free and open to the public. People of all ages are welcome.

Besides the business of the evening that includes a report by our Charity Committee, and naming the 2013 Mason of the Year, singer Kathy Wolf Sebo will entertain with a variety of Broadway show tunes and other favorites that are sure to delight.

Following the program, we will enjoy fellowship and a dessert reception featuring ice cream, fresh fruit, and cookies.

A favorite tradition of University Heights Lodge is surprising the Mason of the Year award recipient on the floor of the lodge that night. Twenty-eight years running, the drama builds as each past recipient's name is read. Those present step forward to assemble as a group. The program chairman, Wor. Bro. Dennis A. Linden, will then walk around the room and reveal the surprise. He will then escort the recipient and his family to the east to chronicle his secular and Masonic life, and to present the award along with Worshipful Master, Howard Lev.

Named to honor the memory of our lodge founder, Ill. & Rt, Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Silbert, only non-officer members are eligible to receive this special award.

Mark your calendar and bring a friend, relative, or both to this fun and entertaining event. No reservations are needed.

Why Should You Come Back?

This article is focused on our brothers who do not attend lodge. I am not looking for responses. I only want each of the brethren to think about our Lodge and what could be done to enhance your Masonic experience.

Do you not come to Lodge meetings? Why? Is it that they don't have anything to offer, other than taking up a couple of hours time? Or that you have fallen out of the habit...or never got into one? Is it difficult for you to get to the Lyndhurst Temple? If you have sponsored a candidate recently, have you made it a point to be sure he is invited to meetings? What about our social events?

Throughout Masonry, there are nearly as many reasons the brethren don't come to meetings as there are meetings to which one can go. I suspect that most of the reasons can be collected into just a few categories. One category would certainly be that the brethren have never developed the habit of going. With all the things available to us in the world today, this does not surprise me a bit. It is very easy to be distracted by lots of opportunities in the evening, from sports to movies and television shows to live theater. And, the Lodge is always there. You can go some other Thursday. How about next week?

Another category would be: not knowing what to expect when you get there. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, it is perfectly natural to be concerned that you would not know anyone there and that the rituals of the Lodge would be strange or unnatural. Let me assure you that you will find someone at the meeting who you know. And there is always someone there who can help you remember the ceremonies and protocols.

A third category is probably something along the line of: "I'm not really interested in the meetings." That is OK. Freemasonry, as one motto says, makes good men better. Even if you don't come to the meetings, just being a Mason means there is something you share with all of your brethren, whether we see you every other week or once in a while at a social event.

Brethren, I, for one, like going to our meetings. For me, it is good to see the brethren who do come. I find the ritual of our degrees entertaining and meaningful. Many of the programs I see in the meetings are interesting – even if I don't have a clue what to expect. And, a piece of pastry or a bagel before I go home is always a good thing. Why not make it a point to put our meetings in your calendar, or your smart phone? Remember, our regular stated (business) meetings are on the first and third Thursdays of every month between September and June. We would love to see you there!

Roger Newberry, P.M.
Lodge Education Officer

Hiram Hears

Melanie Elizabeth Newberry was born in mid-February to Diana and WOR. BRO. MATTHEW NEWBERRY. She is the first grandchild of WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla and the first great grandchild for WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda...The president of the French Republic named BRO. MAURICE FERREN a Knight of the Legion of Honor for his meritorious service in World War II. The medal was presented by the French Honorary Counsel at a ceremony at Park Synagogue on March 2nd...WOR. BRO. A. ARTHUR MOSS became a great grandfather with the birth of Brayden Noah Toth to granddaughter Julie and her husband, Joe in Mooresville, North Carolina...WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF became a grandpa – again – with the birth of McKenna Bailey Reiff to his daughter in Las Vegas...BRO. BERNARD AGIN and Sandy are beaming over the birth of granddaughter Candice Ash...our District Deputy, RT. WOR. BRO. DAVID HILDEBRANT became a grandfather again in December...BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR celebrated his 91st birthday in February...He is leading the way for WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV who turned 90 shortly afterwards ... Congratulations to BRO. MAURY FERREN, BRO. HARRY ZEID, and Elise Newman (late WOR. BRO. JOSEPH NEWMAN) for their recent recognition in a local newspaper on being a 90-something exercise regular...Happy anniversary wishes to BRO. DAVID RESNIK and Carol, and WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita on #68 ... WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty (66)...and WOR. BRO. DAVID GREENBERG and Cynthia (58)...A special Hiram salute to Joan Wittenberg (late WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG) on being named chair of the women's division of the local Israel Bonds office. Joan is the mother of BRO. MARC WITTENBERG (Lori) and BRO. DANIEL WITTENBERG (Tracey), and sister in-law of WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo.

Sylvia Levin, mother of Ann Levin and mother-in-law of RT. WOR. BRO. HENRY MANKOWSKI is at Menorah Park...BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara are frequent visitors at Menorah Park where Barb's mother resides ... Rhoda and WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda have recently moved there as well It is a great comfort that program administrator BRO. RICHARD SCHWALBERG and Rabbi BRO. EPHRAIM KARP are always on the scene ... BRO. ROBERT SCHWEID has spent some time in the hospital...Bonnie Kay, wife of WOR. BRO. ABRAHAM KAY, has been ill for much of the winter...

Robert Nelson, father of Barb Alliance (BRO. MARK ALLIANCE) passed away in early January... BRO. CARL DAVIS passed away. Masonic Services were heldPat Leyser (BRO. LARRY LEYSER) lost her mother... 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.

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, April 10
Schvitz Night
5:00 to 9:00 PM**

**April 25
Inspection (Fellow Craft Degree)
Dinner at 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, May 4
Dinner Dance at Landerhaven
Fellowship at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30**

**Saturday, May 11
Grand Master's One-Day Class
Masonic Auditorium**

**May 16
Blood Bank (2:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
Mason of the Year (7:30 PM)**

**Monday, May 27
University Heights
Memorial Day Parade (11:00 AM)
Picnic at Euclid Creek Reservation
(Upper Highland Pavilion)**

**June 20
Past Masters Night
(Master Mason Degree)
Dinner at 6:30 PM**