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Message From The East



I recently had the opportunity to witness the "birth" of a new masonic lodge in Lorain County. Elyria Lodge #787 held its first organizational meeting and election of officers in early May at the Elyria Masonic Building. It was an impressive evening, and I enjoyed observing the ceremony and process involved in bringing the new lodge to life. I congratulate the officers and brethren of Elyria Lodge, and wish them success. But the point of my message is not to describe how a lodge is created. It is to emphasize the joy associated with traveling to other lodges and masonic events.

As Master Masons with current dues cards and a few chosen words committed to memory, we have the right and ability to visit any masonic lodge in the world where the Grand Lodge of Ohio is recognized as a valid masonic jurisdiction. Certainly, we can visit any masonic lodge in the United States, Canada or Mexico without any difficulty. And more realistically, there are many lodges here in northeast Ohio – our own backyard – where you will be warmly welcomed and made to feel as if you belong should you show up at the door on the night of a meeting. The opportunity to visit other lodges where we meet new friends and are introduced to slightly different ways of doing things is, in my humble opinion, one of the greatest benefits that our fraternity offers us. Just as our lodge tries to make every visiting brother feel at home, it has been my experience over the past twenty-plus years that our sister lodges always extend the same courtesy to me as a visiting brother.

If you've never made the time or taken the opportunity to visit another lodge, I strongly encourage you to do so. Within our own building there are four other lodges that meet on a regular basis. Forest City Lodge meets on the first and third Wednesdays, Lyndhurst Lodge meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays, Euclid Lodge meets on the second and fourth Thursdays, and Heights-Lion Heart Lodge meets on the second and fourth Fridays. And there are over

thirty other lodges in our own 22nd Masonic District that you can visit. I know that you will be warmly welcomed as a brother and member of the fraternity. It's one of the Masonic experiences that you won't soon forget.

Since our lodge is now in recess, I hope that you and your family will take advantage of the social events we have planned for the summer. And mark your calendar – we have a special meeting on August 21 where we will confer the Fellow Craft degree. The meeting starts at 7:30 in the Lodge Hall. Our normal schedule resumes on September 4th. Have a wonderful summer!

Fraternally yours,
Jeffrey A. Kaplan
Worshipful Master

Annual Blood Drive a Success

The recent Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by University Heights Lodge and the other organizations in the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple, was an overwhelming success. Mr. Thomas Honsa, the Red Cross Donor Representative for our event wrote, "Congratulations on saving 111 lives! 37 units of blood were collected. Each unit can be made into three life-saving components. As a result, your blood drive potentially saved 111 lives. Thanks for your commitment to this life-saving mission." The brethren that contributed their blood and their time made this a successful event. We can all be proud of our lodge's commitment to helping the Red Cross meet this very important goal. Thank you.

Marty Mittleman
Blood Drive Chairman

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At
Pioneer Waterland
July 13, 2003**

**Rays From
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Dinner Dance at Landerhaven

The evening of Saturday, May 3rd was marked by our fabulous Master and Wardens Dinner Dance. This gala event, held this year at Landerhaven, was a wonderful affair. The friendly greetings by the brethren and their ladies added much warmth to the evening's events. The beautiful interior of the Landerhaven main lobby provided plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the delicious hors d'oeuvres and fellowship that preceded dinner.

A wonderful meal, expertly presented and served, was made even more enjoyable by the music of "High Society" for the nearly two hundred people in attendance. Concluding the meal was the fabulous special dessert table for which Executive Caterer's is so well known. The musical selections by "High Society" provided listening and dancing pleasure for the balance of the evening. Congratulations are due to the many brethren of our Social Committee for the planning and execution of this fine affair.

BARRY POLLOCK

**Luau Fun at the
Summer Reunion
August 23, 2003**

Summer Picnic at Pioneer Waterland

Once again, it is time to remind you of our annual family picnic. This year's event will be on Sunday, July 13th at Pioneer Waterland & Dry Fun Amusement Park. The water facility includes several water slides of varying heights, paddleboats, a wading pool, and lounge chairs for soaking up the sun. The dry side boasts many activities including video games, miniature golf, go carts, batting cages, and more. The fun starts when the park opens at 11:00 A.M. Our own chefs/brethren will prepare a luncheon to be served from 12:30 – 2:00 in our own pavilion. There will be games and events for all ages during the day, with prizes to be won. All of this and free, close-in parking is yours for only \$12.00 per person for anyone over 40-inches tall. Small children are admitted for \$5.00. This event is open to our members, their spouses, children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents. Reserve your tickets by sending the reservation form to Bro. Brian Krantz today. We are requesting the help of any brethren and their ladies who are willing to volunteer. Call the Social Director, Wor.Bro. Alan Arons, if you wish to participate.

MARC WITTENBERG

2003 Mason of the Year Named

On May 29, 2003, University Heights Lodge conferred its 19th annual Mason of the Year Award. Wor. Bro. Jeffrey Kaplan opened the night of celebration and then introduced the Charity Committee chairman, Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay, who recognized thirteen worthy organizations and presented donations to their representatives.

Wor. Bro. Dennis Linden, chairman of the evening, gave a history of the award, and called the roll of the past recipients to assemble those who were present. Named for the founder of our lodge, the Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Silbert Mason of the Year Award is presented to a brother who exemplifies a love of Masonry and has endeavored to improve the Lodge. This year's recipient, Bro. Norm Engel, was surprised and overwhelmed by the honor. Thrilled to be with him on this memorable evening was his wife, Estelle, their daughter, Robyn, and three of their grandchildren. Wor. Bro. Linden was aided in presenting the award by Wor. Bro. Kaplan and Rt. Wor. Bro. James O. Gillihan, representing the 22nd Masonic District of Ohio.

The evening was well attended by the brethren, their ladies, visiting masons, and guests. All were entertained by the "Harmonica Star Revue", who brought back memories to many of the "Harmonicats."

A gourmet dessert reception was served in the banquet hall to top off a wonderfully festive evening.

BERNIE ABRAHAMS

**Special Meeting in the
Fellow Craft Degree
August 21, 2003**

Summer Reunion Means Summer Fun

Hawaiian shirts and Mai Tais will be the order of the day when we meet at our annual summer reunion, to be held on August 23, 2003 at the Officers Club. This event and location provides the perfect setting for our members and their ladies to meet again after the summer break. Our luau will begin outside (weather cooperating) with appetizers and fellowship, and will continue inside with dinner.

Providing the music will be DJ Scott Haumesser, and the cost for the event is \$62.50 per couple. Please join your brethren for a fun preparation for the upcoming year. Return the reservation form you will receive in the mail to Bro. Adam Rutkowski right away, as reservations are sure to fill up fast. We look forward to seeing you then.

Waving Through the Parade Route

University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM, was again well represented at the annual Memorial Day Parade in the City of University Heights. Over 35 brethren and more than 15 family members marched from the intersection of Taylor and Silsby Roads to the John Carroll University campus on a beautifully warm and sunny day.

The highlight of this year's parade was that our lodge had the honor of carrying a 30 x 50 foot United States Flag along the parade route. Four member-owned four convertibles in this year's parade followed the flag. The Lodge's famed flag pirouette, with Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry on point, was performed this year to the glee and amazement of onlookers, at the intersection of Warrensville Center and Silsby Roads.

Immediately following the parade, the brethren and their families met at the South Euclid home of Wor. Bro. Keevin Berman and his lovely wife Judy, for a delicious barbecue and continuing fellowship. Anyone who went away hungry or thirsty had only themselves to blame. Thanks to Wor. Bro. Berman and Judy for their many efforts that made this event such a success.

The parade, the picnic, and the weather combined to make a memorable Memorial Day event for our brethren.

DON LEVENSON

PAST MASTERS NIGHT

Our candidate for Past Masters Night, held June 19, 2003, was Bro. David Van Scyoc, who exemplified a raising to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Van Scyoc had been a part of the one-day class this spring, but had expressed an interest in experiencing the third degree as a candidate as well. The evening began at 5:30 p.m. when the officers conferred the first section of the degree after which a delicious dinner, featuring roast prime rib of beef or salmon, was served in the dining hall.

After dinner, according to a time-honored tradition at University Heights Lodge, the Past Masters conferred the second section and lecture on Bro. Van Scyoc, demonstrating their ability to recall the ritual and showing the brethren how the Master Mason degree should, in their opinion, be performed. Of particular interest was the work of Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Russell Van Scyoc, a plural member of the lodge and father of the candidate, in the role of King Solomon.

All the brethren agreed they had witnessed an entertaining presentation. For the Van Scyoc family, it was an event that will never be forgotten.

WARREN PERL

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BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR and Mona visited their children and grandchildren in Denver...With the raising of BRO. DAVID ZEID, there are now three generations of the Zeid family in University Heights Lodge...BRO. HAROLD RESNIK and Evelyn visited their son and granddaughter in Indiana...BRO. EDGAR SPIZEL and Sheila, of La Jolla, Ca. and Sun Valley, Idaho are the proud great-grandparents of twin girls...Mazel Tov to BRO. LEONARD SHAPIRO and Reisha on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary...Elissa Lev, daughter of WOR.BRO. HOWARD LEV and Barbara and granddaughter of WOR.BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty, announced her engagement to Joey Stine. A July wedding is plannedBRO. AL POHLEN has retired from Forest City Enterprises...Several brethren have been seen keeping in shape at the JCC...among them are WOR. BRO. MICHAEL LEICHNER, BRO. BERNARD AGIN, BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ, BRO. LEONARD BUCHLER, BRO. MURRAY ARONS, BRO. ROGER WOLFSON, BRO. BERNARD ABRAHAMS AND BRO. BOB STOTTER...The Stovsky family will celebrate a milestone birthday with BRO. BOB STOVSKY at the Atlantis Hotel in the Bahamas...BRO. BERNARD ABRAHAMS and Gerry have been doing hospital volunteer work for many years, he at University Hospitals and she at the Cleveland Clinic...ditto for WOR. BRO. HARVEY KUMIN and BRO. IRV LINDEN...BRO. ALLEN WAPNICK and Phyllis are the proud grandparents of a baby girl...Congratulations also to BRO. ROGER WOLFSON and Rhonda on the marriage of their daughter Kimberly to Joshua Cohen... BRO. MELVIN JACOBS recently retired from his teaching career in the Cleveland Public School system... BRO. SAUL EISEN was honored by Deak Lodge (Knights of Pythias) for his 30 years of service as their Secretary...BRO. BERNARD KURLANDER reports that the announcement of his demise in this column was premature...Hiram offers his sincere apologies...BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe journeyed to Los Angeles for the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Courtney Shepard... WOR.BRO. ABRAHAM KAY and Bonnie celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of their son Sam...Renee Goldstein daughter of Jane and WOR.BRO JEFFREY SCHULTZ graduated from Indiana University...BRO. MATT LEV's wife, Jennifer, was awarded a Master's

degree from Kent State University...BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN, son of WOR.BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy was awarded an MBA from CWRU...BRO. ROSEMAN also announced his engagement to Beth Kemelhar with a May, 2004 nuptial scheduled...BRO. RICHARD SOWA's son, Drew, graduated cum laude from the University of Hartford and will be starting a career in finance in New York City...David Arons, son of WOR.BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia graduated from Beachwood High School as did Julie Jacobus, daughter of BRO. BILL JACOBUS and Carol, ...BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN celebrated with his wife Barbara, the graduation of granddaughter Shira from Firestone High School...Barbara's children Debbie and Rabbi Arthur Lavinsky are moving to Phoenix where he has accepted a rabbinical position with Temple Beth El... BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY, son of BRO. BOB STOVSKY and Alyce was named in the Who's Who in Technology for 2003 in Crains Cleveland Business...Celia Friedman, wife of BRO. BERNARD FRIEDMAN and mother of WOR.BRO. DAN FRIEDMAN was in the hospital and is now recovering...Claire Golden, wife of BRO. MARVIN GOLDEN was ill...Rita Marcus, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and mother-in-law of WOR.BRO. JAY RAVITZ, was ill...Both are recovering nicely...BRO. MICHAEL LIBMAN had surgery...BRO. AL ROTH fell at home and is recovering... WOR. BRO. JEROME ACK spent some time in the hospital... WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG continues to recover from his illness...BRO. MARVIN GUTTERMAN succumbed to a series of illnesses...Margo Wittenberg, wife of WOR.BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG, lost her brother, Stuart Landers...Max Stanley, grandfather of Karen Linden and WOR.BRO. DENNIS LINDEN passed on...Gertrude Pomerantz, mother of BRO. MORTON POMERANTZ and the wife of the late WOR. BRO. MAX POMERANTZ passed away...Yetta Roth, wife of BRO. AL ROTH, passed away after a series of illnesses...BRO. DUANE DUKES is mourning the loss of his step-grandmother...BRO. WILLIAM AURELIUS passed away...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

Hot Dog Dinner
at our next Stated Meeting
September 4, 2003