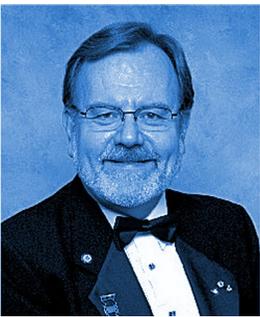




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Message From The East



I am both gratified and amazed that I have already journeyed through over half of my year as Master. This year has been very busy with degree work and an exciting variety of social events.

The Dinner Dance was an outstanding success. Not only did we have over two hundred twenty brethren and their ladies, we exceeded our high expectations of the fabulous food and fun entertainment everyone enjoyed.

The Memorial Day Parade was well attended. The picnic after the parade at the home of Wor. Bro. Alan Wittenberg was a great meal and a lot of fun. There were over one hundred brethren, their ladies and a few guests in attendance. This has become an annual event, so do not miss next year's parade and picnic.

Mason of the Year Night was also well attended and most enjoyable. There were over a hundred brethren and their ladies, who helped surprise our guest of honor, Bro. Bill Jacobus. This was a culmination of many years of service to the lodge in many capacities and a well-deserved honor. I am pleased that Bro. Jacobus and his family appreciated the recognition of his efforts in this way.

Our annual summer picnic will be held at Pioneer Water and Dry Fun Park on July 10, 2005, as we go to press. This "old fashioned picnic," with access to all of the water slides and games in the park, is a wonderful way to share fellowship with your brethren and families. Great food, games and prizes will make this a memorable and fun day for everyone.

Later this summer, we will have a reunion at Thistledown Park. Our "Brunch at Thistledown" will be a fun event with food and excitement. This will be the last major social event of the year so I urge you not to

miss it. Please join me in giving special thanks to my Social Chairman, Wor. Bro. Jeff Kaplan, who has been working very hard on all of my social events. He has kept us on time and on budget.

Mostly, I want to thank all of the brethren of the Lodge for helping to make this year a lot of fun. You should also thank each of the line officers for making everything run smoothly, as we are only as good as the strength of our team. It is my hope that all of you are enjoying things as much as I am. Thanks to all and have a great summer.

Fraternally yours,
Duane A. Dukes
Worshipful Master

**Brunch at Thistledown
August 28, 2005**

Picnic at Pioneer

A long-standing tradition of summer fellowship will continue on Sunday, July 10, 2005, when our Lodge hosts its annual picnic at popular Pioneer Waterland Park. The park offers outstanding family fun in a beautiful setting.

The park opens at 11:00 AM. The Lodge will be serving a picnic-style lunch from 12:30-2:00 PM in our Pavilion. Games, bingo, rides, pool, and water slides will be available all day.

Ticket prices are \$12.00 per person, except for children under 40" tall, which are \$5.00. Park personnel will measure the children's height to ascertain that the appropriate ticket has been purchased. Wet or dry, Pioneer is fun!

Don Levenson

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Bro. Bill Jacobus – Mason of the Year

On May 19, 2005, University Heights Lodge conferred its annual Mason of the Year Award. Wor. Bro. Duane Dukes opened the night of celebration and then introduced the Chairman of our Charity Committee, Wor. Bro. Henry Mankowski, who recognized those organizations selected to receive donations this year.

The Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Silbert Mason of the Year Award, named in memory of the founder of our Lodge, is given to a brother who exemplifies a love of Masonry and has endeavored to improve the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Dennis Linden, chairman of the evening, gave a history of the Mason of the Year Award, and called the roll of the past recipients to assemble.

Bro. William Jacobus was then named as this year's Mason of the Year Award recipient. Bro. Jacobus is a regular member of our Fellowcraft Team and frequently delivers the Entered Apprentice Charge to newly initiated brethren.

Bro. Jacobus was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in April 1974. Over many years, Bro. Jacobus has been a member of the Fellowcraft Team and Stewards Committee. He also served on the Membership Committee and coached the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Born in December 1946 in Cleveland, Bro. Jacobus went to school in Cleveland Heights and Beachwood before his parents moved to California where he graduated from high school. He attended The Ohio State University where he met his wife, Carol. They have been together for almost 35 years.

Bro. Jacobus has spent most of his working career at The Blonder Company. He and Carol have three children - Jeremy, Hillary and Julie, and three grandchildren Ayden, Jessica and Nathan. Julie is a student at California State University at Long Beach.

The evening was well attended by the brethren, their ladies and guests. We were entertained by the Workman's Circle Klezmer Orchestra, who performed a delightful set of familiar songs and were then treated to a delightful dessert reception from Bradley's to top off a wonderfully festive evening.

Chuck Reiner

**Lodge Re-Opens
September 1, 2005
Enjoy a Hot Dog Dinner
with your Brethren**

Summer Reunion

All brethren and their ladies are cordially invited to enjoy all of the fun and excitement of Thistledown at the Lodge's "Annual Summer Reunion" on Sunday, August 28th. A full buffet will be served from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM consisting of hot & cold stations, carving stations, pasta stations, a dessert bar, and refreshments. The cost of the event is \$35 per couple, which also includes admission, parking, and a program. Reservations are a must and should be sent to Bro. Adam Rutkowski no later than August 15th. We encourage everyone to attend what should be a heck of a good time!

Brad Zucker

Blood Drive a Moderate Success

Our 2005 blood drive has a mark of distinction - two donors made the "double red" honor roll. In this process, the plasma and platelets are returned after removing the vital red cells. Never before has our drive had even one "double red" donor. Tom Honsa, our Red Cross liaison, was really excited by this.

Our special thanks go to these two selfless individuals as well as to all the "normal" donors. Our drive was fairly successful with thirty pints collected. Over the past three years, however, donations have dropped by about 10% / yr. It is encouraging to note, however, that most of the 2005 donors were Lodge members. Brethren, please plan your blood donation schedule to be present at next years Blood Drive.

My personal thanks to all of those who helped with set-up, served refreshments and assisted the Red Cross Volunteers.

Marty Mittleman

Memorial Day Picnic

After having fun in the sun marching in the University Heights Memorial Day Parade, over 100 brethren, their ladies and families went to Wor.Bro. Alan Wittenberg's home for an afternoon picnic. Lady of the house extraordinaire, Margo Wittenberg, made several delicious side dishes to go along with the great culinary picnic cuisine of hotdogs, hamburgers, and BBQ ribs cooked up by master chefs, Wor. Bros. Joel Newman and Alan Wittenberg. Thanks to the Wittenbergs for their great hospitality and to all those who helped make the 2005 Memorial Day parade and picnic such a wonderful success.

Robert Schweid

Past Masters Night

The lodge was honored to have not one, but two candidates for Past Masters Night, held June 16, 2005. The candidates were Bros. David and Joshua Arons, who were each raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and are the sons of Wor.Bro. Alan Arons.

The evening began 4:00 p.m. by the conferring of the first section of the degree to Bro. David Arons, then to Bro. Joshua Arons. According to a time-honored tradition at University Heights Lodge, the Past Masters conferred the second section of the degree to Bro. Joshua Arons then, after dinner, to Bro. David Arons. In both instances, the Past Masters demonstrated their ability to perform the work in their own inimitable fashion.

Dinner was delicious and consisted of prime rib or salmon, plus all the fixings that our members have come to expect at events such as this and so much enjoy.

Brothers Joshua and David Arons were delighted by their father's explanation of their family's history in Masonry and in University Heights Lodge. Wor.Bro. Alan Arons capped the evening by presenting gifts from himself and the candidates' grandfather, consisting of artifacts from the early history of our lodge.

All the brethren agreed they had witnessed an entertaining and interesting presentation. For the Arons family, it was an event they will never forget.

Warren Perl

Paintball Outing a Colorful Event

On May 21, eighteen brethren and guests went into the woods, armed only with their wits and trusty projectile weapons. The group divided into two teams, and were provided with paintball "rifles", plenty of yellow paintballs and head and face gear to protect against the occasional shot that actually makes contact.

The game is a cross between Capture the Flag and Dodge Ball. Opposing teams work their way through a dense forest to retrieve the opponent's flag. Whether jumping through the underbrush, making a direct assault across an open field, or tiptoeing around a picturesque lake, there was a little bit of something for everyone. After completing 6 games, each team had three victories.

The first ever Paintball Outing was a success by any means, and everyone involved had a great time. No one was left unsatisfied by the paintball carnage, and eagerly anticipates the next time our Lodge can again assemble a crew for the purpose of a paintball battle. Thank you to everyone who participated. You all made this a great program!

Matthew Newberry

Hiram Hears

BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara enjoyed a wonderful cruise to the western Caribbean in March. In April, they traveled to Las Vegas and Phoenix for their grandson's graduation and granddaughter's 20th birthday...Lee Wittenberg, son of WOR.BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo, has taken a position in Boston. Lee is the grandson of BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG...WOR.BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 12th BRO. EDMUND WEISLER and Helen celebrated the Bat Mitzvahs of their twin granddaughters, Dana and Allison Silverman. Afterwards they flew off to a vacation in Mexico to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary...BRO. BARRY LEAVITT reports that he and Cynthia are traveling through Alaska this summer in their motor home, "Homer".....WOR.BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla, celebrated their daughter Jamie's graduation from Cornell University. Also making the trip were, BRO. MATT NEWBERRY, and beaming grandparents, WOR.BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda....Robyn Linden, daughter of WOR.BRO. DENNY LINDEN and Karen, and granddaughter of BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe, was a featured speaker at the Solon High School Commencement BRO. STEPHEN BLOOM and Sheryl proudly report that their daughter, Tracy, and her husband, William, graduated from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in May. They will be starting their residencies at Akron Summa Health Systems and Akron Children's Hospital, respectively...BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY and Alyce celebrated the high school commencement of their grandson, Jeff Stein, in Florida. Jeff, the son of Sharon and Richard Stein, will attend Central Florida University in the fall...WOR. BRO. JEFFREY KAPLAN and Meryl Levin tied the knot in Colonial Williamsburg in June...BRO. HAROLD RESNIK and Evelyn celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary...Congratulations to ILL.& RT.WOR.BRO. RUSSELL VANSCYOC on 25 years of successful retirement from the Cleveland Fire Department...Brian Schultz, son of WOR.BRO. JEFFREY SCHULTZ, was granted a PhD in Education this spring...Cynthia Leavitt, wife of BRO. BARRY LEAVITT, broke her arm but is recovering comfortably. Hiram suspects she was trying to find an excuse not to drive Homer for a while...WOR.BRO. HENRY MANKOWSKI had a successful arterial ablation and was hospitalized briefly...Julie Jacobus, the younger daughter of BRO. WILLIAM JACOBUS and Carol, injured her back at college. She seemed to have recovered in time to surprise her father at the Mason of the Year celebration...Lenore Moss, Wife of WOR.BRO. ART MOSS, had surgery and is recovering

at home...BRO. MATT HARRIS, son of RT.WOR.BRO. HUGH HARRIS and Christine, had a one night stand in Hillcrest Hospital...RT.WOR.BRO. HARRIS' father, Alan, came through a bypass operation with flying colors...BRO. HERB MICHALS fell at work and missed a couple of nights at the projector...Jill Strauss, wife of ILL.& RT.WOR.BRO. EDWIN A STRAUSS, JR. and mother of BRO. DANIEL STRAUSS and BRO. ERIC STRAUSS, has recovered after a short illness...BRO. ROBERT SCHWEID spent some time in the cardiac care unit...Eileen, wife of BRO. MARTY MITTLEMAN, had orthopedic surgery on her wrist...BRO. TED SHOEMACK has been ill...BRO. MILTON BERNS broke his arm during a fall and is recovering at Montefiore. BRO. BERNS welcomes any and all visitors in his unique style...WOR.BRO. STANLEY RUBINSTEIN fell ill in Florida but recovered in time to head north for Past Masters' Night...BRO. AARON BERKEY passed away...BRO. BERNARD KURLANDER, passed away in April...WOR.BRO. JAY RAVITZ lost his mother, Mollie Ravitz Hill.....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 at hiram@uhlodge.org

HIRAM

Meet Your Junior Deacon

University Heights Lodge No.738, F&AM welcomes our new Junior Deacon, Rt.Wor.Bro. Hugh Harris. Rt.Wor.Bro. Harris was raised in Charles P. Covenant Lodge, No. 638, where he served as Master in 1989. He became a plural member of our Lodge in 2003. He served the Grand Lodge as a District Education Officer in 1991 and 1992 and as a District Deputy Grand Master in 1994 and served through 1996. He is also active in the Scottish Right Valley of Cleveland serving as Master of Ceremonies in the Elidah Lodge of Perfection

Rt.Wor.Bro. Harris retired from teaching, after 35 years of service, as head of the math department at Orange High School where he also coached football, track and summer baseball. His wife, Christine is also retired from teaching and high school administration. Their daughter, Alexia is married to the Bob Jr., son of Rt.Wor.Bro. Robert Cerny and Nancy and recently presented them with a granddaughter. Their son, Matthew, is a student at the University of Toledo and a member of our Lodge.

We look forward to his leadership and continuing involvement with Masonry.

Louis Ross