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### **Message From The East**



Once again I have an opportunity to come into your homes and have a short time to tell you what has been happening in our lodge. That only applies to those of you that have been on vacation or for some other reason have not been with us for awhile.

The smile that I continue to wear is because we have had a great year, and the activities we have had just make that smile much more pleasant.

Fortunately, the lodge has been able to confer a degree at every meeting since the second meeting in December. Ritualistically speaking, we have been busy. It is a great feeling to be able to meet and greet new brethren and to be part of the team that has the honor and privilege of conferring the degrees. Brethren who are new to the fraternity, to have a part in helping, start out to perhaps by writing an article for the "Rays", or be a part of the encouraging team that is so important to our successful endeavors as freemasons.

For me, personally, it has been a rewarding experience to serve you as your Worshipful Master. You may suspect that I'm not always aware that one of my brothers is ill and might welcome a telephone call or a card from me. So should you ever be in this situation, my telephone number is (216) 671-7201. Please call me and let me know that you would like to hear from me.

Socially, we have enjoyed a brunch at the Wyndham hotel and a matinee performance of "Annie" at the Palace. What a super outing that was. The children really out numbered the adults, as it should be, and what a time we all had.

Our Dinner Dance at Landerhaven was truly a great event as well. The food, atmosphere, and the band all made the event top notch. A great big thank you to our social chairmen, Wor. Bro. David Greenberg and Wor. Bro. Alan Arons for the work they did on both of these events.

Congratulations to our Mason of the Year, Bro. Herb Michals. His devotion to the fraternity made him a great person for this year's honor. We all wish him and his wife Joan the best in the future.

A copy of the last edition of the "Rays" found its way Florida, and as a result of that, Delores and I received a wedding anniversary congratulation from Janet and Vernon Musser. Truly a most wonderful surprise.

This is enough for now. Call me if you want or need a telephone call. May God continue to bless us all, and God Bless America.

Fraternally yours,  
Russell H. Van Scyoc  
Worshipful Master



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**HERB MICHALS IS MASON OF THE YEAR**



The members of University Heights Lodge No. 738, F. & A.M., through program chairman Wor. Bro. Dennis Linden, presented Bro. Herbert Michals with the 2006 “Joseph H. Silbert Mason of the Year Award”. This award is presented to a non-officer member of the lodge who

exemplifies a love of Masonry and a dedicated participation in the activities of our lodge.

Such efforts have always been displayed by Bro. Michals since he joined the lodge in 1996. As a member of the Fellow Craft Team his efforts were untiring. His smile and personality have added much to the friendly atmosphere that exists in University Heights Lodge.

During the celebration program, Wor. Bro. Duane Dukes, Chairman of the lodge Charity Committee, announced our support for the community service of many Cleveland area charitable organizations, including:

- The Anti-Defamation League, which works to stop unjust discrimination against all citizens.
- The Bellflower Center, which attempts to break the cycle of child abuse.
- The Gathering Place, which provides support for families of cancer patients
- Harvest for Hunger providing food for the needy
- The Hattie Larlham Foundation, which provides assistance to children and adults who have mental and developmental disabilities
- The Hebrew Shelter Home, which provides temporary boarding and kosher food to Jewish individuals and families
- Jewish Big Brothers and Sisters, which provides mentoring programs to Jewish children
- The Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions
- Menorah Park, which enriches the lives of the senior citizens who live at the center
- Montefiore Home, which provides health-care needs for the Jewish community of Greater Cleveland
- Visiting Nurses Association, which provides compassionate and comfort-oriented care for the dying and emotional support for their family.

Adding to the evening’s festivities was an excellent performance by the Solon High School Jazz Band and a dessert reception that followed the award presentation.

HUGH HARRIS

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### ***Our Picnic Returns to Pioneer Waterland***

Once again, it is time to remind you of our annual family picnic. This year's event will be on Sunday, July 9th 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, 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 reserved 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.

Reserve your tickets by sending the reservation form to Bro. David Snethkamp today. We are requesting the help of any brethren and their ladies who are willing to volunteer. Call Wor. Bro. Alan Arons, if you wish to participate.

MARC WITTENBERG

### ***Dinner Dance Returns to Landerhaven***

Our 54th Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance returned to Landerhaven on Saturday, May 6, 2006. It is our lodge's premier social event of the year and this year was no exception.

The gala event began with the Fellowship hour at 6:30 PM with a choice of delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Dinner was served at 7:30 PM and the menu featured a choice of New York strip steak or baked salmon. Concluding the meal was the fabulous dessert table for which Executive Caterers is well known.

"Tony Quarles and The Discovery Band", a 10-piece orchestra played a wide variety of music and provided accompaniment during dinner and afterwards for dancing until late into the evening.

Many thanks to Bro. Bruce DeBerry for his help and support in taking reservations and assigning tables. Thanks as well to the Entertainment Committee, chaired by Wor. Bro. Alan Arons and Wor. Bro. David Greenberg, for attending to all the details that made this a wonderful evening.

### ***Second Paintball Outing a Colorful Event***

On June 10th, several of our brethren and a few guests returned to the Pinnacle Woods Paintball venue and went into the woods armed only with their wits and trusty projectile weapons. The group was divided into two teams and were provided with paintball "rifles," plenty of green paintballs as well as face and chin guards to protect against the occasional shot that actually made contact.

The game is a cross between Capture the Flag and Dodge Ball. Opposing teams maneuver through a variety of outdoor playing fields 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.

Our second 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

### ***Got Time?***

Our Lodge is built on the efforts of our members. Starting with the 253 brethren who formed this Lodge, there has been a continuous stream of men who have stepped up and offered a hand when the need arose. There is no compensation except the feeling that comes from knowing you have made it possible for the Lodge to continue.

Have you done your share? If not, there is plenty of opportunity for everyone to contribute in a way they feel comfortable and we need your help today. Volunteers do such things as help at meetings, work on the Rays, visit our sick brethren, and other tasks that must be done. When you were raised, it was your Brethren, who made it happen.

Contact Wor. Bro. Russ Van Scyoc at (216) 671-7201 and let him know you got time.

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## **Meet Your Junior Steward**



The Lodge is pleased to announce the appointment of Bro. David Snethkamp as our new Junior Steward. Bro. Snethkamp was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 31, 2005, passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on May 5, 2005, and raised as a Master Mason on September 15, 2005. While only recently a member of our lodge, Bro. Snethkamp's ties to freemasonry run deep. Bro. Snethkamp's wife, Karen, is the daughter of Bro. Edward Cerny and niece of Rt. Wor. Bro. Bob Cerny. She is also a longstanding member of Eastern Star. It was no surprise, then, when Wor. Bro. Russell Van Scyoc, PDDGM, asked him to serve as Junior Steward, Bro. Snethkamp readily accepted.

On the personal side, Bro. Snethkamp has been married to Karen for 13 years. He has been the Director of Operations for Solar Test Labs, a commercial construction inspection company, for 17 years. Interestingly, in such capacity, Bro. Snethkamp has inspected the construction of some notable Cleveland landmarks, such as Gund Arena, Cleveland Browns Stadium, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Bro. Snethkamp is an avid scuba diver, involved in cave diving and instructor training. In addition to scuba diving, Bro. Snethkamp has interests in range shooting and martial arts.

All brethren of our lodge should be grateful and honored to have such a distinguished and adventuresome person serving as Junior Steward.

## **WARREN PERL**

### **Annie**

On Sunday, February 19, 2006, over 60 of our brethren, their wives children and grandchildren braved the crisp, clear cold weather to enjoy a delicious brunch at the Wyndham Hotel and to see a production of "Annie" at the Palace Theater in Playhouse Square. The production was great. The cast who performed equaled those who played on Broadway. Everyone left the theater with a smile on their face. This brother hopes more will join us in future affairs, and get to enjoy the fun and good fellowship.

## **CHUCK REINER**

## **Hiram Hears**

BRO. BARRY KOBLENTZ and Judy got an early holiday present when their daughter, Michelle Frabotta, and husband Steve, announced they are expecting...BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN and Beth became parents in March with the birth of Sydney Rebecca ...WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy are the beaming grandparents ...From the mid-Atlantic seaboard, Hiram hears that WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo will become grandparents thanks to daughter, Jackie. That means that BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG will become a great-grandfather and WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG and Joan will become a great-uncle and great-aunt, respectively...RT. WOR. BRO. RICHARD FROMSON and Faith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in late December...BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and Polly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their extended family in February. Among the attendees were WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marsha and BRO. JAMES FLAIZ and Laura...BRO. FLAIZ was recently appointed to fill the last two years of a village council term in South Russell, Ohio...BRO. MEL JACOBS has been elected President of Beachwood's City Council...WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY was reappointed to the Solon Planning Commission for a second six-year term...BRO. MARK STOVSKY was elected president Ohio Urological Society...Dana Leichner, daughter of WOR. BRO. MICHAEL LEICHNER and Heidi, granddaughter of BRO. MILTON NADLER and niece of BRO. LARRIE NADLER and Amy, is engaged to Jason Green of Dayton. A June, 2007 wedding is planned...A hearty Mazel Tov to the whole Leichner/Nadler clan...WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN and Susan are becoming permanent snowbirds, having relocated to Fort Myers, Florida...WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN and Karen celebrated the graduation of their daughter, Amy from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, and their niece Alyson Shepard from high school in Los Angeles, CA. Proud grandparents are BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe ... Jared Stein, son of BRO. EARL STEIN and Nanci is the Musical Director for the National Tour of "RENT," which traveled around the country during the first half of 2006 including a February stop in Cleveland...Ten-year old Faith Reiff, granddaughter of WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF, has been selected as the new model for the pictures that are inserted into a brand



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of picture frames for world-wide distribution...Katy Stovsky, daughter of BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, was elected to be captain of the swim team at Hathaway Brown School... BRO. MEL EPSTEIN and Sandy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last October... Shannon Corrigan, grand-daughter of BRO. LEONARD SHAPIRO, has been named to the Dean's list at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business...BRO. STEPHEN BLOOM and Sharyl became grandparents on April 16th when their daughter, Alison Rossen gave birth to Joshua Howard...WOR.BRO. STANLEY RUBINSTEIN was given a surprise party on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Hiram wishes him a Mazel Tov and was so happy to see him at Past Masters Night ...BRO. MATTHEW LEV became a father in April with the birth of his daughter, Kaitlyn Lynn. Proud grandparents are WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV and Barbara and the luminous great-grandparents are WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty...BRO. ELVIN SCHULTZ celebrated his 85th birthday in style at a Lodge meeting in May. His son-in-law and grandson, WOR.BRO. ALAN ARONS and BRO. DAVID ARONS presented him with a cake that all in attendance enjoyed after the meeting...BRO. HARVEY CHODOCK and Carolyn will be celebrating 40 years of wedded bliss in July. BRO. CHODOCK will celebrate his 70th birthday in early September...WOR. BRO. JAY RAVITZ and Marsha became proud grandparents of a baby girl thanks to their daughter, Kelly. Also beaming are great-grandparents are WOR. BRO HARRY MARCUS and Rita... BRO. LARRY ROMAN had knee replacement surgery...BRO. ROMAN also reported that his daughter, Jennifer, has gotten him involved in delivering dinners to shut-ins and working in the kitchens as a community outreach during these stressful times...Judy Berman, wife of WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and mother of BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN, underwent a minor surgical procedure in December...Rita Marcus, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and mother-in-law of WOR. BRO. JAY RAVITZ, fell at home and broke her wrist...WOR.BRO. STANLEY RUBINSTEIN spent a few days in the hospital in Florida and reports that he has fully recovered... BRO. LEONARD SHAPIRO underwent successful hip replacement surgery in February. He reports that he may get the other one done soon...BRO. IRV LINDEN became a resident at Menorah Park where he is feeling better .... WOR. BRO.

DAVID GREENBERG underwent surgery for a detached retina...BRO. HERBERT MICHALS has been ill for several months and is in the Cleveland Clinic. He was released to go home to his new residence at Acacia on the Green, only to be readmitted to South Pointe Hospital with pneumonia...Carol Resnik, wife of BRO. DAVID RESNIK underwent cataract surgery in late April...Lenore Schultz, mother of WOR. BRO. JEFFERY SCHULTZ and widow of our late WOR. BRO. ALBERT SCHULTZ, broke her hip and is rehabilitating at Menorah Park...She had meals every day with Rhoda Silver, wife of WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER, while she was there recuperating from a fractured a vertebra...BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG had a pacemaker installed in late May and reports he is doing well ...Carole Cerny, wife of BRO. ED CERNY, broke her leg...Joni Wasserman, wife of BRO. STEVE WASSERMAN, has been ill but is thankfully on the road to recovery...BRO. GEORGE COHEN and Sandy are mourning the loss of their son, Andrew, in late December...Mardelle Young, mother of BRO. DARRELL YOUNG and BRO. STEVEN YOUNG and sister-in-law of BRO. KENNETH YOUNG, passed away in mid-January...A Masonic service was held for BRO. JULIUS DAVIS when he passed away in late January. He was the brother of BRO. CARL DAVIS...Marshall Ack, son of WOR. BRO. JERRY ACK, brother of Laurie Fried and brother-in-law of WOR. BRO. ROBERT FRIED, passed away in Oklahoma...WOR. BRO. FROYAM WEINBERGER, succumbed to a long illness. He was the husband of Helene and the father of BRO. BARRETT WEINBERGER...BRO. HOWARD WHALLEY lost his sister, Sharon Dellman...BRO. LLOYD HOLLANDER, a Charter Member of our Lodge, passed away... Dorothy Arons, widow of our late BRO. DAVID R. ARONS, mother of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS, and grandmother of BRO. JOSHUA ARONS and BRO. DAVID ARONS, passed away in April...Carol Jacobus, wife of BRO. WILLIAM JACOBUS lost her mother...Philip Epstein, son of Adele Ack, stepson of WOR. BRO. JEROME ACK, brother of Laurie Fried and brother-in-law of WOR. BRO. ROBERT FRIED, died unexpectedly...BRO. IRVING ORKIN AND BRO. MILTON BERNS, Charter Members of our lodge, passed away in mid-May and early-June, respectively...Howard Peskin, grandfather of BRO. JOSHUA ARONS and BRO. DAVID ARONS, passed away in May in Chicago...BRO. RAYMOND

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KRAUS lost his wife, Sharon, who was the mother of BRO. WILLIAM KRAUS...Sophie Billys, wife of BRO. HENRY BILLYS, passed away .... Penny Chaikin, wife of our late BRO. CHICK CHAIKIN, mother of Jeri Chaikin and mother-in-law of WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN, passed away in June...Hiram can only tell what he hears...Anyone with news for Hiram can mail it to the lodge, or email it to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org)

HIRAM

### **Past Masters Night**

Our candidate for Past Masters Night, held June 15th, was Brother Jared Zak, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The evening began at 5:30 when the officers conferred the first section of the degree. A delicious dinner followed, featuring shrimp cocktails, roast prime rib of beef or salmon was served in the banquet hall.

After dinner, according to the time honored tradition at University Heights Lodge, the Past Masters conferred the second section on Brother Zak and delivered the lecture, demonstrating their ability to recall the ritual and showing the brethren how the Master Mason decree should be performed. All the brethren agreed they had witnessed an entertaining presentation.

Bro. Zak is the grandson of Bro. Martin Paley and the nephew of Bro. David Paley, both of whom were in attendance and assisted in the raising. For Brother Zak, it is an evening he will never forget.

WARREN PERL

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at  
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### **TRUE MASONRY**

by Tim Bryce, PM

I recently had an opportunity to attend a Masonic Lodge in Ohio where I observed a Fellow Craft degree. As a Florida Mason I took note of the differences in floor work, ritual, lecture and charge. What is more important was how I was warmly received as a visitor and made to feel at home in their Lodge. This got me thinking about how we practice Freemasonry around the world.

If you were to ask any Mason what Freemasonry means to him on a personal level, you will probably hear things like Brotherhood, friendship or camaraderie. I doubt you would hear about the pomp and ceremony of our degrees or the laws, rules, and regulations under which each jurisdiction operates.

It is the former that draws men to Masonry and not the latter. We join in the hopes of discovering a new society where there is some uniform integrity and Brotherhood on a global basis. It is this belief in the universality of Freemasonry that gives it credibility.

The ideologue of True Masonry is to meet upon the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square; it is a spirit, a way by which we elect to govern our lives and deport ourselves in society. Let us not forget we were first made Masons in our hearts. We were then taught lessons as frequently inculcated in our Masonic lectures and charges which we were exhorted to adhere to. True Masonry is denoted by our basic tenets of friendship, morality, and Brotherly love. It is not concerned with the administration or politics of running a Lodge.

True Masonry represents the original spirit by which this great fraternity was devised; it is characterized by such things as equality, fairness, respect for the rights of the individual, and building for a better tomorrow. It is a way of life. It is this lifestyle which forged nations, introduced public education, and thwarted famine, disease and disaster time and again.

Freemasonry is a noble institution and should be practiced on a universal basis. This is where our strength should lie. But it cannot afford to stagnate and become complacent. It needs to constantly evolve, improve, and seek perfection. Only in this way can we secure it as a viable institution for future generations, and affect the same type of sweeping changes and improvements as enacted by our forefathers.

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