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Message From The East



June is upon us and the summer recess is near. It has been an interesting year with several challenges. As Masons, we persevere. Our Annual Inspection went very well and is something we can all be proud of. I would like to compliment and thank everyone who participated in

that great evening.

Our social events have been enjoyable and are always a great value. Most recently we led the University Heights Memorial Day Parade and then had a picnic following at the Metropark. Thanks to all who participated and attended the picnic despite less than ideal weather.

We now look forward to July 14th, the date of our Summer Picnic at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It is guaranteed to be a day full of animals, food, fellowship, and fun. Please mark your calendars and those of your children and grandchildren.

Brethren, it is now time to look forward and get serious. As we look to the future of our lodge, we need young and new brethren to step up, lend a hand, and get involved. It is truly a case that what you put in is what you will get out. Think about becoming an officer, coaching a candidate, or learning a lecture, charge, or other degree work. The more you put in, the more you will reap the benefits of what Masonry is all about.

I am happy to welcome each new member from the Grand Master's One Day Class. I hope you took back something from your experience to contemplate. Please come to lodge to watch the degrees. You will enjoy meeting others and making new friends. I look forward to greeting you on the level in University Heights Lodge. All new members must come to a meeting to sign the by-laws. It is a special moment you for every member of our lodge.

Come and see a Master Mason Degree on June 20th, which is our annual Past Masters Night. Lodge will open at 5:15 when the Line Officers will present the first section of the degree. Following dinner at 6:30, watch your Past Masters perform the second section in their own inimitable fashion. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
Howard Lev, PM
Worshipful Master

Lodge Opens Late

In recognition of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, Lodge will be dark on the first Thursday in September. Our first meeting in the fall will be on Thursday, September 19, 2013. Lodge will open at 7:30 PM.

Preceding the meeting will be a Hot Dog dinner with all the fixings. No reservation is necessary. Join us at 6:30 and re-connect with your brethren after the summer break.

Upcoming Events

**Sunday, July 14, 2013
Family Picnic at the Zoo
10:00 AM to Closing**

**Sunday, September 15, 2013
Annual Fall Reunion**

**Thursday, September 19, 2013
Opening Night of Lodge
Hot Dog Dinner at 6:30**

**Rays from
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Bro. Don Levenson – 2013 Mason of the Year

University Heights Lodge performed its own double header on Thursday May 16, 2013. Our annual blood bank was followed immediately by our annual Mason of the Year and Friendship Night. The evening started with opening remarks from Wor. Bro. Howard Lev. Bro. Joseph Huber, Bro. Jeffrey Moss and Bro. Scott Philips (who was raised a Master Mason two weeks earlier), presented the colors. Wor. Bro. Aarne Lillo announced our lodge’s annual charitable donations to several worthwhile organizations in the Cleveland area.

The real excitement began when Wor. Bro. Dennis Linden took the microphone. Our entertainment for the evening was Cantor Kathy Sebo of Temple-Tifereth Israel. She was accompanied by Cleveland Institute of Music instructor Dr. Marshall Griffith on the piano. The 50-plus attendees were treated to a wide variety of music including show tunes, hits from the 1950s and 60s, some Hebraic melodies and the kicker: having 3 of our Brethren sing backup on a Motown hit.

Following the roll call of past Mason of the Year recipients, Wor. Bro. Linden enthusiastically announced this year’s recipient: Bro. Don Levenson. It was an incredible surprise to Don who has been a member of our Lodge for 41 years. He marks his tenure by the age of his oldest daughter who was born while he was going through the Masonic Degrees. Wor. Bro. Linden provided a summary of Don’s life plus his Masonic record. A consistent participant on the Fellow Craft team, few raisings have been done with out Bro. Levenson’s help. Bro. Levenson has been part of the Membership Committee; written for The Rays, coached candidates, and worked on the Stewards and Entertainment Committees.

Don is a life long Clevelander having grown up in Cleveland Heights and then attending The Ohio State University. His career has been in banking and brokerage. Outside of Masonry, Don enjoys gardening, and reading non-fiction (including World War I and II histories of which he is extremely knowledgeable). Along with his wife Roberta, Bro. Levenson ushers at Playhouse Square.

In attendance for this memorable evening were his wife Roberta; daughters Sara Kritzer, and Karen Levenson; plus granddaughter Allison Kritzer. This was well-deserved honor to a brother who has quietly given a great deal of his time and energy to make University Heights Lodge one of the best around. Congratulations again, Don.

Mark Bailin

Memorial Day Parade After Action Report

About a dozen of the brethren, together with several wives, friends, children and grandchildren met at the John Carroll University parking lot shuttle pick-up between 10:00 and 11:00 on Memorial Day morning. The temperature was unusually cool for late May and the sky was threatening to rain again after a soggy Sunday night. The shuttle was ready to go as soon as people filled the seats and made several trips to the head of the parade route on Silsby Road.

Everyone assembled at the head of the parade, lodge T-shirts were distributed and the usual fraternization amongst friends and brothers, old and new, commenced right away. Our troop included a classic Corvette, driven by Wor. Bro. Matthew Newberry and carrying Wor. Bro. Howard Lev, and Wor. Bro. David Greenberg's beautiful Mercedes convertible. Everyone seemed to be in fine spirits despite the approaching weather.

The giant United States flag was deployed to the 15 or so hands who volunteered for the task of carrying it. Bro. Joe Huber and Bro. Ron Taxer took charge of the lodge banner just behind the leadoff color guard. I stood at the center of the flag's leading edge, playing helmsman to Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry, who held up the middle of the flag and issued guiding instructions throughout our march back to John Carroll. Several of us would do well to re-familiarize ourselves with what "pirouette" means. Hilarity ensued.

Once our duty to the parade was satisfied, most (if not all) in attendance dismissed to our picnic site at the Upper Highland reserved picnic area of Metropark's

Euclid Creek Reservation. Food was plentiful with numerous delicious side dishes and desserts to supplement the hamburgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken prepared on the charcoal grills. Men were rowdy and the overall spirit of education was preserved as we aspired together towards More Light even when properly at "refreshment."

This was my first experience with my lodge in a less formal capacity, and it was a joyous one. All of that either despite, or perhaps even because of, the culinary efforts of Wor. Bro. Howard Lev, Wor. Bro Joel Newman and Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry. All agreed that the lodge should repeat this event next year – but bring along slightly better weather.

Scott Phillips



Hiram Hears

BRO. JOE HUBER became a life member in the Business Honor Society at Baldwin Wallace University by maintaining a 3.9 GPA while acquiring his MBA...BRO. BRIAN ROSEMAN and Kathleen are new parents of a baby boy. Kvelling grandparents are WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN & Judy. Proud uncles & aunts include BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN & Beth and BRO. JIM MANCINI & Shaina... Mary Chaitoff (late BRO. HAROLD CHAITOFF) is beaming over new great-grandchildren Hunter and Vivienne ...May 4th saw BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ celebrate birthday #92 ... BRO. NORM ENGEL & Estelle will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on June 20th... Celebrating 66 years of wedded bliss on May 22nd was BRO. HARRY ZEID and Flo ...WOR. BRO. LEN HOLMES is a new grandfather...BRO. DAVID ARONS received a Bachelor's in Business Administration degree from Loyola University (Chicago) in May and was named to the Dean's List. The festivities were attended by WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia along with BRO. JOSHUA ARONS with his fiancée, Tracey Harkins...BRO. MATT LILLO was awarded a Masters Degree in English by Fordham University with WOR. BRO. AARNE LILLO & Jeanne in attendance...Leah Newman, daughter of WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN and Jeri, was granted a Masters Degree from Columbia University in May...BRO. LEONARD SHAPIRO and Reisha celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in early May with a family dinner...Mazel tov to Marjorie (late BRO. SANFORD NUEGER) on her granddaughter Julianna becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Springfield, IL ... and to WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty, who saw granddaughter Cassie Buchler marry David Collins in Sarasota, FL on Memorial Day weekend. Proud aunt and uncle are Barb and WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV... BRO. STANLEY NUEGER moved to Wiggins Place ...

Nancy Cerny, wife of RT. WOR. BRO. ROBERT CERNY, is recovering at home...Joan Reiff, wife of WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF, underwent a second surgery to repair her broken ankle...BRO. KURT LEYSER spent some time in Hillcrest Hospital...BRO. MILT NADLER had a surgical procedure in early May and is recovering well ... WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER lives at Menorah Park and looks forward to being at Past Masters Night...

WOR. BRO. JEFFREY KAPLAN lost his sister and traveled to Norfolk, Virginia for the funeral... BRO. BRAD BERGER traveled to Florida to attend the funeral of his grandfather, Sanford Berger... 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.

University Heights Lodge Collects District Awards

On May 30th the 22nd Masonic District held district awards night. Awards given out included those for attending leadership forums, traveling to inspections, best education program, and best inspections. University Heights Lodge was recognized with two awards this year. The first was the leadership award, for having members attend each of the four leadership forums. The leadership forums are educational programs targeted towards the officers of the lodge but open to all members. More information can be found on the district website if anyone is interested in attending.

The second award was for the 3rd best inspection in the district. This award was due to the excellent job of conferring the Fellow Craft degree by several members and officers. Special mention was made of how University Heights Lodge officers change chairs for the ritual, which is not so common throughout the district.

Our traditions and hard work are something to be proud of. If we keep it up, we can earn several more awards next year.

During the evening, it was announced that the requirements for next years traveling award will increase from one visiting member at another lodge's inspection to three members traveling together in an attempt to increase attendance throughout the District. Having witnessed several inspections from LaGrange to Collinwood, I can report these are nearly always pleasant experiences. Next year, why don't you plan to join me?

Ron Taxer

Line Officers Gain Education Awards

On June 6th, our District Education Officer, Wor. Bro. Anthony Constantine, paid a special visit to University Heights Lodge. His purpose was to award recognition from the Grand Lodge of Ohio to those officers and brethren who have completed Masonic education courses. Wor. Bro. Howard Lev, Bro. Ron Taxer, Wor. Bro. Len Holmes and Bro. Joe Huber each completed a series of courses on the Masonic Code and also a special, new, course and exam on the Officer's Manual. They were joined on the floor by Wor. Bro. Arne Lillo who also completed the Officer's Manual Course.

These courses are available online to any member of the Masonic fraternity. The Officer's Manual is also available online for download. A copy of the Code can be requested through our Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry Mankowski. You can visit the Grand Lodge website at www.freemason.com/education-section.

Roger Newberry, P.M. – Lodge Education Officer