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## Message From The East



I would like to thank the Brethren of University Heights Lodge for bestowing upon me the privilege and honor of serving as Master.

I would like to thank my wife, Ann Levin, for all of her love, support and understanding. I would also like to thank my children, Laura and Michael,

who have taught me more and have enriched my life beyond anything I could have imagined.

At the time of my appointment to the line by Wor. Bro. Marc Reiff, I was blissfully oblivious to the nature and complexity of the responsibilities that I would be assuming in the steady progression to where I am today. I would like to thank all those who have stood here before me – the Past Masters of University Heights Lodge - for all their guidance, counsel and encouragement shared with me to date; and I look forward to their continued wisdom and assistance throughout the upcoming year.

I am fortunate to have the support of a strong officer corps: Senior Warden, Bro. Duane Dukes, Junior Warden, Bro. Steven Friedman, Senior Deacon, Bro. Adam Rutkowski; and I am thrilled that our newest officer in the Junior Deacon's chair is Ill. & R.W.B. Russell Van Scyoc, who brings with him a wealth of Masonic experience to the officer line. Together, we will strive to continue the legacy of ritual perfection for which University Heights Lodge is known.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution the wives of these fine officers have made to the success of our Lodge, and would like to extend to Nancy Dukes, Heidi Friedman, Rhonda Rutkowski, Delores Van Scyoc my thanks for their continuing support.

This year, our Grand Master's Award Program is comprised of seven goals, among them Family Activities, Charitable Giving and Community Participation. The Grand Master would like the Lodges to hold events involving wives and family members, stating, "Social events are important to the continuation of the Lodge's life." Masons should not shirk the responsibility of helping those less fortunate. When we can, we should not only help our needy or ailing Brothers, but also their families. The Grand Master is also asking for each Lodge to have their members become active in community projects so that there is a better understanding of Masons and that we need to demonstrate that we care and are part of our communities. I will make every effort, in keeping with our traditions, to meet the requirements of the Grand Master's Program so that University Heights Lodge will receive the Grand Master's award. Details will be available in the Rays and on our Award winning web site – [www.uhlodge.org](http://www.uhlodge.org).

We are planning an exciting social program this year. Among the events we will be having is a Chinese New Year's Celebration at the Szechwan House restaurant in February, our annual Dinner Dance to be held at the elegant Inter-Continental Hotel in April, as well as a Clam Bake next fall at Blazin' Bill's. These promise to be wonderful opportunities to see old friends, make new ones and have fun. I hope to see everyone at these events.

I again want to thank the Brethren of University Heights Lodge for their confidence in choosing me as your Worshipful Master, and I pledge that I will make every effort to lead our Lodge according to the Masonic principles we all hold so dear - those of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Fraternally yours,  
Henry G. Mankowski  
Worshipful Master

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## **Retiring Master's Message**

What a bittersweet night December 4th was for me. The Lodge welcomed Wor. Bro. Henry Mankowski to the East, and I made my thank yous and bid farewell to that office. I will miss sitting in the East, looking out into the Lodge and seeing so many warm and friendly faces. I wish Henry and the officers much success in the coming year, and again thank all those who contributed to making my year so memorable for Meryl and me.

My final "words of wisdom" are relative to gaining a better appreciation of Masonry, and a better understanding of our venerable institution. Masonry is a way of life; it is not a social club. There are three things that I would recommend to all members of our Fraternity who have a desire to improve themselves in Masonry.

The first is to read as much as possible about the history of Freemasonry. There are thousands of books and documents available – many factual and written by Masons, others speculative and written by authors who are looking from the outside in. Whether you pick up Mackey's *History of Freemasonry* or *Jurisprudence of Freemasonry*, Ridley's *The Freemasons*, Waite's *A New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, Robinson's *Born in Blood*, Blackmer's *The Lodge and the Craft* or any of the thousands of titles available, books allow you to look back to our roots, understand where we came from and develop an appreciation for where we may be going.

The second is to study the Ohio Masonic Code. The Code is the foundation upon which our Fraternity is built in Ohio, and provides commonality among the 500+ Lodges in our state. An understanding of the Code will give you a better appreciation of how our Fraternity is governed, and what our Fraternity expects from us as good men and good Masons. Series IV and Series V are two training programs available from Grand Lodge that can help you develop an understanding of the Code.

The third is to travel to other Lodges. Whether you stay within our own Jurisdiction or make visits to Lodges in other states, there is nothing more gratifying than to be warmly greeted by the brethren of another Lodge. This will certainly drive home the sense of family that membership in our Fraternity provides. It's also very interesting and sometimes entertaining to observe how other Lodges do things in such a different fashion while arriving at the same result. And finally traveling to other Lodges affords the opportunity to discuss the lessons of Freemasonry with a wide and diverse group of men.

I wish you all the very best.

Fraternaly yours,  
Jeffrey A. Kaplan  
Past Master

## Meet your Junior Deacon



University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM, is pleased to announce the election of Right Worshipful & Illustrious Bro. Russell Van Scyoc as our new Junior Deacon. Bro. Van Scyoc has a long and distinguished history in Freemasonry, spanning 52 years. He was raised in Ellsworth Lodge in May, 1952

and worked his way through the line twice becoming Worshipful Master. Bro. Van Scyoc served as a District Deputy in the Ohio Grand Lodge from 1990 through 1992. In 1997 his Masonic work was recognized by receiving the coveted Thirty-Third Degree from the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Bro. Van Scyoc's interests also include extensive work in both the Scottish Rite and York Rite branches of Freemasonry. Recently, Bro. Van Scyoc was drawn to apply for plural membership in University Heights Lodge because of the high opinion he held of our lodge, characterizing our work as "the epitome of Freemasonry". When asked to fill the Junior Deacon vacancy, Bro. Van Scyoc graciously accepted.

On the personal side, Bro. Van Scyoc has been married to his wife, Delores for 53 years. They have four sons. His third son, David, was recently raised in our lodge, carrying on the family tradition. Bro. Van Scyoc served in the military in the airborne division after World War II in occupied Japan. He had a long and distinguished career in the Cleveland Fire Department, attaining the rank of Captain before he retired.

All brethren of our lodge are honored to have the Junior Deacon position held in such capable and experienced hands.

WARREN PERL

## Hiram's Taxi Service

Hiram is looking to start a service to help any Brother who needs a ride to get to their doctor's appointment or to a Lodge meeting. He's also looking for drivers who are available to occasionally help out a Brother needing a ride. With the worst part of winter still ahead of us, it would be a nice gesture to be able to help a Brother in such a small way.

Please call Hiram's dispatcher, Henry Mankowski at (216) 765-0556, if you need a ride or can offer to drive.

## Mitzvah Committee Exists for Service

One of the best kept secrets of University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM is its Mitzvah Committee. Led by Chairman, Bro. George Cohen, several of our members are quietly providing "good deeds" in our community. An important tenet of the committee is to provide service without expecting reward.

This committee of caring individuals provides needed assistance to worthwhile activities and organizations while promoting the principles of Freemasonry. For example, this past Thanksgiving morning, Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry and Bro. Ben Zide helped with the preparation of several hundred meals in the kitchen at Menorah Park. The staff there welcomes and looks forward to the help. It allows them to give several of their workers an extra day off to be with their families.

Presently, the committee has approximately 10 regular members. They will assemble again on Christmas morning, again in the kitchen at Menorah Park. For insurance reasons, Menorah Park has asked that only those over 18 volunteer for this work.

The group is open to anyone who cares to volunteer his or her time in any manner. Spouses, significant others, and adult children are welcomed. Anyone with a suggestion for a Mitzvah, please get in touch with Bro. Cohen (216) 371-7624.

DON LEVENSON

## Chuck E. Cheese Attends Party

As has become our custom, the annual children's holiday party on December 10th at Chuck E. Cheese's was a smash hit. Over 140 of our brethren, their ladies, children, and grandchildren all had a wonderful time. The food was plentiful and the line at the salad bar was longer than the one for the pizza. The games were non-stop, with the sounds of bells, whistles, and laughter filling the air. It was amazing to see the smiles as we cashed in our prize tickets.

A highlight of the evening was when Chuck E. Cheese himself arrived to entertain young and old alike. Congratulations to the Entertainment Committee for starting our social year off with a bang.

MARC WITTENBERG

**Come to  
Table Lodge  
January 29, 2004**



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## **Installation**

Our Installation of Officers was held on December 4, 2003. It was a truly enchanting evening as Wor. Bro. Henry G. Mankowski was installed as our 52<sup>nd</sup> Worshipful Master. The Installing Officers for the evening were Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard A. Fromson as Installing Officer, Wor. Bro. Howard Lev as Installing Marshall, Wor. Bro. Joel I Newman as Installing Chaplain and Wor. Bro. Alan B. Arons as Installing Secretary.

Just prior to the installation ceremony, Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay presented twenty-one of our Past Masters and four plural members who are Past Masters of other lodges to those assembled. Among the other guests in attendance was Rt. Wor. Bro. Brad Goebel, who was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio this fall.

Following the Installation, the happy crowd was treated to a luscious dessert reception in the banquet hall. It was a memorable and enjoyable evening for all - especially Wor. Bro. Mankowski, his wife, Ann Levin, and their son Michael.

## **Table Lodge**

Our Annual Table Lodge will convene on January 29, 2004. Bro. Marvin McMickle, Pastor of The Antioch Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker at dinner. Bro. McMickle has always given us an entertaining and thought-provoking presentation. The evening will begin at 5:30 PM with the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree upon Joshua Arons, son of Wor. Bro. Alan B. Arons. Following the ritual work, the Lodge will adjourn to the banquet hall for what is expected to be an outstanding meal. The traditional table lodge ceremonies will surround the dinner meal. Dinner tickets are available from any of the Officers or by mail from our Junior Deacon, Rt. Wor. Bro. Russ Van Scyoc. Make plans to attend what promises to be a most informative and illuminating evening.

## **Hiram Hears**

New to Sarasota, Florida are BRO. MARTIN PALEY and Margery, who also celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary..... BRO. MEL LAZERICK celebrated his 85th birthday and his 60th wedding anniversary with Ann.....WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN and Jeri Chaikin were beaming over their daughter, Leah Newman, on her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Also sharing the joy were grandmothers Elise Newman and Penny Chaikin, and cousins BRO. JERRY STERN and Ann....WOR. BRO. BOB FRIED and Laurie became

second-time grandparents when daughter Barrie gave birth to a baby girl; proud great-grandparents are WOR. BRO. JEROME ACK and Adele..... Congratulations to Brian Zeid and his new wife Kim. Brian is the son of BRO. GARY ZEID and Kathy, grandson of BRO. HARRY ZEID and Florence and the nephew of BRO. LARRY SOLOMON and Jodi Lyn...WOR. BRO. CHESTER WILEY became a grandfather...Stephanie Littauer, daughter of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia graduated from The Ohio State University in Fashion Merchandising. Stephanie is the granddaughter of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and Pauline...Hola' to Jamie Newberry, daughter of WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla, who studied in Spain fall semester. Jamie's Spanish may come in handy while visiting grandparents WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda, who are wintering in Boca Raton...Alexis Stovsky, daughter of BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill, niece of BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon, BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, granddaughter of BRO. BOB STOVSKY and Alyce, was consecrated...Gerrie Abrahams, wife of BRO. BERNIE ABRAHAMS, who was nominated for a humanitarian award at the Cleveland Clinic, suffered a heart attack and a stroke and is working hard to get better....BRO. HARVEY CHODOCK's wife Carol had surgery....WOR. BRO. BOB FRIED's wife Laurie had surgery....Also having surgery were BRO. AL WAPNICK, BRO. BOB STOTTER, and BRO. RANDY EAGLES....BRO. LES LEVINE had a brief hospital stay...BRO. DAVE RESNIK has been ill...WOR. BRO. JERRY ACK has been ill...Sylvia Levin of Delray Beach, FL, mother of Ann Levin and mother-in-law of WOR. BRO. HENRY MANKOWSKI, is in the hospital with pneumonia.....Eileen Jacobs, wife of BRO. BOB JACOBS, lost her mother, Geraldine Dworkin, who was the widow of late WOR. BRO. ED DWORKIN....BRO. PHILIP LAWRENCE passed away.... Hiram can only tell what he hears... You can give your message to our Associate Tyler Bro. Harvey Golden or email your news to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org). You can also visit Hiram at our website at [www.uhlodge.org](http://www.uhlodge.org).

HIRAM

**Celebrate the  
Chinese Year of the Monkey  
February 7, 2004**

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