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Message From The East



It is with great respect and gratitude that I greet you from the East as the 55th Worshipful Master of University Heights Lodge. After six long years I finally made it, and the task is as enormous as I thought it would be.

But before I go any further, I must thank all the brethren who have elected me to this office and to the previously elected offices. I also must thank the Past Masters and the Line Officers for all of their help and support both in the past and in the future. Without this support, I know none of this would have been possible. Furthermore, I would like to thank Wor.Bro. Alan Wittenberg for getting me started with Masonry, and Wor.Bro. Keevin Berman for appointing me to the line in 2000.

Naturally, I would be remiss if I did not thank my family for their support over the past six years. A special thank you to my wife, Rhonda, for her love and understanding (and for being my personal secretary), and to my children, Alex and Jessica, for their support in my Masonic career.

This lodge has taught me the true meaning of fraternity. This is borne out of the tremendous support and good counsel of all my brethren. To all of you, thank you. With your help, I look forward to a great year in terms of ritual and social functions.

Our social functions began with our annual holiday party at Chuck E. Cheese that was pleasing to all, young and old alike. In January, we will have Table Lodge with Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Robert Hibjan as our evenings speaker. In February, we will have a Valentine's dance. On May 5th, our premier event, the Master and Warden's

Dinner Dance, will be held at Landerhaven. These are but a few of the events planned. Stay tuned for more.

I look forward to seeing you at the events and of course at lodge. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. May God bless us all.

Fraternally yours,
Adam Rutkowski
Worshipful Master

Valentine's Day Dance

University Heights Lodge 738 F&AM is having a dance to celebrate Valentine's Day. All brethren and their ladies are invited to attend. This year's event will feature music from each of the generations our members represent. Whether your favorite dance is the Jitterbug, Cha-Cha, Twist, Disco or others, it will be featured in a separate dance set provided by Rock-On DJ Service. Prizes will be awarded for the best dancers on the floor.

The gala will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Beachwood on Saturday February 10, 2007. Fellowship will begin at 7:00 PM; followed by a buffet dinner 7:30 PM. The price of the evening is \$62.50 per couple. Watch your mail and e-mail for a flyer mid-January. Join us and remember the "good old days".

ERIC SKOKE

**Schvitz Night
March 14, 2007**

See more of your brethren

**Rays from
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Retiring Master's Message

The inevitable has happened. Of course we all knew that it would eventually, and it has now come to be a reality. Delores has often remarked, "What are you going to do when the phone stops ringing?" I am enjoying this peaceful time of quiet, and being able to look back and reflect on the accomplishments of the Lodge and the corps of officers with whom I was privileged to serve.

A huge thank you to the brethren who were instrumental in making this past year one that will remain in my thoughts forever. It has truly been a great learning experience. Unique in that I was determined to enjoy the year, do the very best that was possible, continue to smile and laugh, and attempt to include everyone in the excitement that I was experiencing. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We are all aware that I have served in this station a couple of times before this. But in all my wildest dreams never did I feel that I would ever have the opportunity to serve our lodge, University Heights # 738, as the Worshipful Master. It happened, and what a year we experienced with degree work, social activities, and all those other events that are not found in other lodges in our district. Or for that matter in Ohio. My brothers, you are fortunate and blessed to be a part of this fraternity as members of University Heights Lodge.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our lodge as your Worshipful Master. I hope and pray that our experience together was as enjoyable for you as it was for me. At the onset last year, I said that I planned on having a good time. In my heart I feel that we did have a great time. God bless you all. Shalom.

Fraternally yours,
Russell H. Van Scyoc, PDDGM
Past Master

**Special Meetings will now be held
on the Second Thursday
of the month**

**Check your Trestle Board for
meeting details**

Table Lodge Comes In January

One of the oldest traditions in Freemasonry is the Table Lodge or Lodge of Instruction. It is based on traditions originated in France and England over 200 years ago. At University Heights Lodge, a lodge of Entered Apprentices will convene at 5:15 p.m. on January 18, 2007, followed by dinner in the banquet hall at 6:30 p.m.

According to Masonic tradition, the dining tables will be arranged in the form of a horseshoe. The ceremony around the dinner includes the friendship and a warm feeling generated during the seven traditional toasts and continues throughout the evening. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Rt. Wor. And Ill. Bro. Robert Hibjan, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District, who has promised a talk of interest to all.

It promises to be a delightful and educational evening of brotherhood. The evening is open to all members and Masonic guests of any degree. Dinner tickets are available from the officers at a cost of \$8.00. Reservations must be received by Bro. David Snethkamp before January 13, 2007.

WARREN PERL

**Lost your flyer for an
upcoming event?**

**Missing the latest
Trestle Board?**

**Visit our website at
www.uhlodge.org
and get another**

Annual Charter Night Celebration

Fifty-four years ago, 230 forward-thinking Masons felt the need for a new Masonic Lodge in the eastern suburbs. They signed a petition for dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Ohio and soon, University Heights Lodge was created. Its first corps of officers was installed on November 11, 1952.

Each year our lodge celebrates this event with a very impressive evening to honor our Charter Members. This year, Charter Night was observed on Nov. 16th. Twenty-five, forty-, fifty-, and sixty-year pins were awarded to deserving members. We also recognized those members who gave blood during the year. A memorial service was held to remember our departed brethren and Past Masters.

Judy Dunn, a docent from the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, discussed the museum's purpose and presented highlights of the permanent collection. The event was open to members, their ladies, and non-Masonic guests.

The evening concluded with a sumptuous dessert reception in the banquet hall. It was a special evening of fellowship and remembrance.

BERNIE ABRAHAMS

Our "New" Website

Our lodge website has a new look. Thanks to the efforts of Bro. David Snethkamp, www.uhlodge.org has been completely redesigned to provide current information and flyers for the brethren to view and print as necessary. In addition, the site now has links to other Masonic sites and pictures of recent lodge events. Check it out.

The redesign is part of the current Lodge effort to use the internet more to communicate with the brethren. We have already begun sending e-mails to our brethren once each month, announcing upcoming events and providing links to flyers on the website. If you have not been receiving e-mails, please go to the Roster Update form on the site and fill in the information. Be sure to visit the site soon. www.uhlodge.org

Chuck E. Cheese Delights Us Again

Our annual Children's Holiday party was a great success once again as about 145 of our brethren and their families assembled at Chuck E. Cheese in Mayfield Heights on December 13th. Kids of all ages enjoyed the many types of pizza, overflowing salad bar and many flavors of ice cream.

With all the game tokens everyone wanted, kids (of all ages!) had a great time on the rides, the climbing structure and playing the wide array of games. Skee-Ball was particularly popular as in years past, with a constant crowd huddled around the bank of lanes. Lights were flashing and tickets piled up on the floor.

Many new faces were seen as our newer members brought their children for the first time and many of our older members brought their new grandchildren.

Many thanks to the organizers as well as attendees for making the Holiday Party a night to remember!



**Got Issues?
Need a Ride?**

**Call RWB Russ
Van Scyoc
(216) 671-7201**

Hiram Hears

BRO. ALAN WINE and Karen celebrated the marriage of their son Sandy to Amy Stein in early November. The couple reside in Philadelphia...WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September. Among the celebrants were family members WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla, BRO. MATTHEW NEWBERRY, Jamie Newberry and Gayle Silver, along with nearly 100 friends and several of our brethren...When Hiram reported that WOR. BRO. MICHAEL LEICHNER and Heidi would be celebrating their daughter's wedding, he was correct. However he reported the wrong daughter. It is Dana who is being married, not Jackie. Sorry!...Now to get it right...BRO. STEVE WASSERMAN and Joni are beaming over their son Matt's engagement to Lori Lofman. The pair originally

met as young teenagers on a trip to Israel and reunited in Chicago where they each reside...Chicago is also home to BRO. LOUIS (Buddy) SULZER and Linda's son Scott, and Stephanie Goldman, who are engaged to be married this April...Jennifer Stovsky, daughter of BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon and granddaughter of BRO. BOB STOVSKY, was confirmed at Temple Bethaynu in early December... Jennifer is the niece of BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill, and BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy.... WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita are tending to the needs of their son, Stuart, at their home in University Heights. Several brethren from our Lodge traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for Bro. Stuart's raising...Larry Lev, brother of WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV and son of WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV, underwent hip surgery in Florida... BRO. STEVE BLOOM lost his uncle, Bro. David Bloom, who was a member of Forest City Lodge...BRO. IRV LINDEN, brother of BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and uncle of WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN, passed away just before Thanksgiving....With condolences to Eleanor, BRO. HARRY SCHWARTZ also passed away at that time...BRO. SANFORD FRIEDMAN passed away near the end of November.....

Hiram can only report what he hears...If you have news that would be of interest to your brethren, send an email to hiram@uhlodge.org, or call BRO. HARRY ZEID, Sunshine Committee Chairman, at (216) 464-0567, or send him an email at floandharry@aol.com.

HIRAM



**Dance the Night Away
at our
Valentine's Day
Dance**

**Saturday, February 10, 2007
Embassy Suites Hotel**

**Jitterbug ?
Cha-Cha ?
Twist ?
Disco?**



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