



### Message From The East



The reading of this article means that I have been elected to serve University Heights Lodge# 738 as its Master for the 2008 – 2009 Masonic year. Only someone who has served in this capacity knows how humble one feels and the pride one takes in having

received this honor. In my case, it is an honor I never expected to have. In fact, after serving as Master of Charles T. Raymer Lodge # 683 in Euclid way back in 1989 – 1990, I never dreamed that I would serve another lodge or any body in any capacity. I remember reflecting on my year and looking forward to returning to the sidelines where I could enjoy the work of the lodge and participate when needed.

That restful time was not to be. In late summer, a call came from Most Wor. Bro. John McKahan, the then Deputy Grand Master, asking me to become a District Education Officer for the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Not expecting this type of call, I stood there with astonishment and fumbled for words that did not come. Finally I blurted out, “Can I ask Christine?” To this, John roared with laughter and exclaimed, “Ok, but I need an answer by 6:30 tonight”. He received his answer because Chris responded as she always does, “go for it”. My time as a district officer was thus launched. This opportunity united me as a DEO with my soon to be dear friend, Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Russell H. Van Scyoc. Our friendship has now entered into another phase, as Russ has become a member of my Sons of the American Revolution Society. Three years passed quickly and I returned to the sidelines for a rest that lasted two years. A call then came from Most Wor. Bro. Thomas Galyen asking me to serve the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy. I responded quickly, “I’d be honored”, to which Tom replied, “don’t you have to ask Christine?” He then

roared with laughter as John had done five years before on the other end of the phone line.

I made many friends throughout my years as a district officer, but none so close as those I made by serving University Heights Lodge for four years. These friendships led to my becoming a plural member. I loved sitting on the sidelines and watching the lodge do its work. While watching Wor. Bro. Duane Dukes’ installation, Christine noticed that not all of the officer stations were filled and asked why I wasn’t helping my friend when he didn’t have a full line of officers. Out came her words, “you’re retired. Why don’t you help?” So here I am four years later, humbled by the opportunity to serve once more as a Master. I can only promise to do the best job possible, and to try to produce a year that every member will enjoy. However, no lodge or lodge year can be successful without the participation of its members. We need each brother to come to our meetings and our functions, and to assume responsibilities within the lodge. For the first time in several years we should have a complete line of officers. In order for us to remain strong, we need that line to continue. Please be there to see that this happens. Please join us.

Fraternally,  
Hugh A. Harris, PDDGM  
Worshipful Master

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**Retiring Master's Message**

Once again, I am the outgoing Master. And once again, it is a bittersweet position to be in. I know that the lodge is in good hands with Rt. Wor. Bro. Harris at the helm. And I am sure that I will be active in the lodge's future events and activities. But there will be an emptiness in my daily routine, if only for a little while, as I adjust to once again being just a Past Master. I wish Rt. Wor. Bro. Harris great success in his endeavors as Worshipful Master of University Heights Lodge, and offer any help or assistance that he may need.

I would like to thank my elected and appointed officers for their tremendous efforts during this past year. I would especially like to thank all the past masters for the strength and support they provided during the past year. What an exciting and interesting year we had. In addition to the usual activities of the lodge, there were a number of different events and activities to be involved in. The Master's Project grossed over \$700 for our charitable fund; the very unique Bicentennial Program held in February brought a new understanding and better appreciation of Masonry to those who attended; we certified over 40 people in CPR during our two training sessions in March; and, 15 or so members, spouses and friends participated in our first Mitzvah Day in June. Thank you all for your support and participation in these and our other events and meetings.

A special thanks to my wife Meryl. Without her unwavering support, encouragement and understanding, I never would have been able to complete the journey to the East. Much of the year's success should be credited to my wonderful wife and best friend.

A final comment: during the past year I tried to demonstrate through projects and events that Masonry is more than just a social club. I encourage all the Brethren to become active in the lodge, to become active in Masonic opportunities in our 22nd District, and, as Most Wor. Bro. Charles R. Murphy would say, to REACH for nobler deeds, higher thoughts and greater achievements in your Masonic lives. I wish you all the very best.

Fraternally,  
Jeffrey A. Kaplan  
Past Master

**Schvitz Night  
March 18, 2008  
Steam the night away**

## **Charter Night a Grand Affair**



University Heights Lodge celebrated the anniversary of its founding 56 years ago with our annual Charter Night meeting on November 13, 2008. The purpose of this evening is to honor our founding members and to recognize those Brethren who have reached milestones in their Masonic lives. This year's event was held in a tiled lodge and was preceded by a delicious dinner in the banquet

hall.

In addition to our guests and dignitaries, we were honored to have Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Behner, the District Deputy Grand Master representing The Grand Lodge of Ohio. Our speaker for the evening was Wor. Bro. John King, from Rock Creek, Ohio, who presented a masterful and vivid portrayal of Abraham Lincoln.

After the introduction of our past masters, the Secretary called the roll of the Charter Members. Twenty-five and forty-year members were presented with service pins by the lodge. Fifty and a 60 year member were given pins by the Grand Lodge. We then honored the memory of those recently departed brethren and all past masters who have been called by the Great Architect of the Universe.

The evening concluded with refreshments served in the Friendship Room.

Don Levenson

## **Bro. Robert Stovsky becomes Tyler Emeritus**

Charter Night held additional significance this year as Bro. Robert Stovsky added another jewel to his crown of Masonic service and recognition when he was named our Tyler Emeritus. A 36-year mason, Bro. Stovsky has served the lodge in many capacities, including coach, Dinner Dance chairman, Rays reporter and Editor, Assistant Tyler and Tyler. He was honored as the first recipient of the Joseph H. Silbert Mason of the Year Award and as the Editor Emeritus for the Rays.

Witnessing the event were Bro. Stovsky's sons, Bro. Mark Stovsky, Bro. Michael Stovsky and Bro. Richard Stovsky. Grand Honors were given at the Alter, symbolic of the lodge's appreciation for Bro. Stovsky's many years of service to the lodge. Bro. Stovsky was presented with a certificate and apron proclaiming his new position by Wor. Bro. Dennis Linden with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Jeffrey Kaplan and Rt. Wor. Bro. Robert Behner, our newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master.

David Arons

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## **Annual Table Lodge Approaches**

Table Lodge, which originated in France and England nearly 300 years ago, is one of the oldest traditions in freemasonry. University Heights Lodge will convene our 17th Annual Table Lodge on January 15, 2009. Lodge will open in the Entered Apprentice degree at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner in the banquet hall at 6:30 pm. The Table Lodge ritual will begin at 7:30 pm.

According to masonic tradition, the dining tables will be arranged in the form of a horseshoe. The ceremony around the tables includes the friendship and a warm feeling generated during the seven traditional toasts continues throughout the evening. Our guest speaker will be Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Bradford A. Goebel, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Table Lodge promises to be a delightful and educational evening of fellowship. The event is open to members and masonic guests. Dinner tickets are available from the officers or by sending a reservation form and check to Bro. Matthew Newberry before January 10, 2009. Reservations are required and no tickets will be sold at the door. Forms are available online at our website, [www.uhlodge.org](http://www.uhlodge.org).

**Upcoming Events**

**12/18/08 Master Mason Degree**

**01/01/09 No Meeting**

**01/15/09 Table Lodge:  
Entered Apprentice Degree and Dinner**

**03/05/09 Inspection:  
Entered Apprentice Degree and Dinner**

**In 2009, Special Meetings will be  
scheduled by the Master as needed.**

## Are Your Dues Paid?

### ***Hiram Hears***

BRO. BARRY LEAVITT and wife Cindy Grossman are wintering on the coast of Georgia, where Cindy rides horses every day at a great horse ranch about an hour south of Savannah. They are in their 14th year of living in a motor home, traveling throughout the U.S. & Canada...BRO. LARRY LEYSER and Patricia are travelling to Brazil in December to attend the wedding of an exchange student that stayed with them...BRO. MARWAN EL-ETER will be missing a few lodge meetings as he has accepted a three-year assignment in Qatar...Shaina Roseman, daughter of Judy Berman, step-daughter of WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and sister of BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN, is engaged. Details are forthcoming... Hiram sends happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes to BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY, who now looks forward to spending the winter in Florida. Happy 65<sup>th</sup> birthday to WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG, who celebrated with Margo and their children and grandson in Cabos, Mexico ...Mazel tov to BRO. MARC WITTENBERG and Lori on daughter Brooke's Bat Mitzvah. The proud family includes grandparents BRO. MEL EPSTEIN and Sandy, Joan Wittenberg and of blessed memory, WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG; aunts and uncles BRO. JEFF EPSTEIN and Lori, BRO. DANIEL WITTENBERG and Tracey, WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo, and BRO. BURT ZUCKER and Sandy... encore kudos to BRO. RICHARD SCHWALBERG, administrator for Menorah Park Center for Senior Living, on receiving the 2008 Outstanding Advocacy Award from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Earlier this year, he received the 2008 Association of Jewish Aging Services Humanitarian Award. He earned his latest honor for campus-wide advocacy efforts to remove annual limits on Medicare coverage of physical, speech, and occupational therapies, developing client and family satisfaction surveys, and establishing the Quality of Life Committee... RT. WOR. BRO. ROBERT CERNY had hip replacement surgery and was recovering at Stratford Commons in Glenwillow. Meanwhile, BRO. CERNY's wife, Nancy has also been under the weather...Sylvia Brooks, widow of WOR. BRO. ROBERT BROOKS, has been in the rehabilitation unit at Menorah Park...BRO. MITCH KURSH spent some

time in the same unit...Florence Zeid, wife of BRO. HARRY ZEID, is recovering from an illness at home...Amelie Buchler, widow of BRO. LEONARD BUCHLER, is also recovering at home from a brief hospitalization...BRO. DAVID RESNIK underwent surgery on his leg and it doesn't seem to have slowed him down...BRO. KENNETH RUBENSTEIN suffered a broken foot... Avis Whalley, wife of BRO. HOWARD WHALLEY, passed away... BRO. ISSAC GOODFRIEND lost his wife, Betty... Hiram can only tell what he hears and Hiram wants to hear it all...Anyone with news for Hiram can mail it to the lodge, or email it to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org), or tell him in person when you see him.

Hiram

## Save The Date

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Master and Wardens Dinner Dance at The Shaker Country Club

### ***One Day Class Scheduled for June***

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has authorized another GRAND MASTER'S CLASS, a one-day program, which allows prospective Masons, and current Masons who have not completed their degrees to advance their fraternal experience of Masonry in a single day.

The deadline for a new candidate to submit a petition is February 19, 2009. This will allow time for review by the membership and investigations committees and submission of the petition for approval by the Lodge at two stated meetings. Those brethren who wish to complete their degree work should notify the Secretary by April 16, 2009, which will allow time to prepare the registration form and forward it to the Grand Secretary. Whether the petitioner is a candidate or a brother, attendance at all three Blue Lodge degrees is required to receive credit for any degree. Each candidate must be accompanied by a Master Mason as a mentor. Please plan on attending with your candidate.

Payment for the degrees (EA \$125, FC \$50 and MM \$50) is required to be made with the petition or registration request. Further information is available from Wor. Bro. Joel I. Newman, Secretary or from any officer of the Lodge.

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