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Message From The East



I am proud to be the 59th Master of University Heights Lodge. I'm in the unique position of being the fourth generation of my family to be installed as Master, the first Generation "Y" member to be Master of our Lodge, and the youngest in the history of University Heights Lodge. I am proud of my legacy in this

Lodge, and hope to add my own unique stamp during this year.

I have looked forward to this opportunity for almost my entire life, as Freemasonry has been around me for as long as I can remember. I recall vaguely the time that my father, Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry, was Master and thinking how impressive it was that he was in charge of this Lodge. From my first memories of the Summer Picnics and Holiday Parties, I knew Lodge was a fun organization as well as something more deeply important. I have been eager to be more than a participant since I was a child, and I was finally able to petition and gain admission eight years ago.

Freemasonry to most of my generation, however, is something that is wrapped in mystery and confined to a small number of books – several written by Dan Brown. While this has generated more interest and some membership in Freemasonry, the majority of my contemporaries view Masonry as a secret old man's organization. Lodges might welcome younger members, but these prospective brothers feel that they will not have any influence or be able to take an active role in the organization. With me now installed as the Worshipful Master, I think it is obvious that is not the case. I hope my installation as Master (along with other young Masters in this district) can serve as an example that young members are indeed included and are encouraged to take part in the essential business of any Lodge.

To that end, I have made it one of the aims during the upcoming year to increase the appeal of our Lodge to the younger generation. I have brought some programs back that have been successful in the past, such as our Paintball Outing. But I haven't forgotten our past and traditions, and I am planning what I hope will be one of the most memorable Dinner Dances that we have had in some time.

Table Lodge will also be held this year, featuring a keynote speech on the Order of the Eastern Star by Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. John Youngblood. It promises to be an interesting and entertaining night.

We also have a rare opportunity this year to honor our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bradford A. Goebel, who is from our Masonic District (22nd), and is a friend and frequent visitor to University Heights Lodge. We will be hosting a Grand Master's Night on February 10th, where we will present a meaningful and entertaining program in his honor.

Another unique experience this year is being chaired by one of our Past Masters, Wor. Bro. Michael Leichner. During a Saturday program, family members will be educated on safety and children will be fingerprinted, so they can be registered.

It is through these events and others that I am trying to make this year interesting and entertaining for our brethren, their families, and perspective members, both young and old. Of course, if you know of any man who would make a good Mason, be sure to let him know, as well as inform him of the exciting array of programs that are planned for this year.

Thank you to all the brethren, officers, and Past Masters of University Heights Lodge. None of these events could be planned or executed without your help. I look forward to a productive and entertaining year!

Fraternally,
Matthew E. Newberry
Worshipful Master

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Retiring Master's Message

When I first became Master in 2000, I never thought I would be writing a new farewell address in 2010. This past year saw us raise sixteen new members. Not counting the all degree day, we conferred sixteen degrees at lodge meetings. We also had five outside speakers, explored the liberal arts and sciences, and learned about the history of stress in the military at our Veterans Night.

I want to thank my wife, Judy, for always being willing to lend a hand and an ear. A successful Master has a wife that is tolerant, flexible, and charming. I have such a wife in Judy, so I therefore must have been a successful Master.

Wor. Bro. Jeff Kaplan did a great job, not just as social chairman, but getting details for lodge meals and refreshments done so well. Wor. Bro. Duane Dukes helped out with great education programming, as did Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay with amazing degree work. Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Ed Strauss was always there to give good counsel. My officers did a great job of assisting in the work.

Finally, thank you, Bro. Dave Resnik. At every meeting Dave is there early to get the refreshments ready and the tables set. He is the last to leave after cleanup. He is just a wonderful, decent man. If you want to know what Dave looks like, open your dictionary to the word "mench". His picture is there.

I wish the incoming elected and appointed officers a good year.

Fraternally,
Keevin Berman, PM
Past Master

Save The Date
May 7th, 2011
Master and Wardens Dinner Dance
at The Marriott East
(Located at Richmond and Harvard)

Entertainment by:
Tony Quarrels and the Discovery
Band

Grand Master To Visit University Heights

Thursday, February 10, 2011, will be a very special night as the Grand Master of Ohio Masons visits University Heights Lodge. Most Worshipful Brother Bradford A. Goebel, a frequent visitor to our lodge, will again grace us with his presence and share his warmth and insights into Freemasonry. He and his lovely wife, Kathy, will enjoy an evening of entertainment and fellowship, followed by a dessert reception to cap off the evening's festivities.

Most Wor. Bro. Goebel was born in Cleveland and raised in Euclid, Ohio. After high school, he matriculated to Ohio Northern University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has been employed as a design engineer by The Horsburgh and Scott Company in Cleveland since 1977.

Active in the Masonic fraternity for most of his life, Most Wor. Bro. Goebel grew up in the Euclid City Chapter of DeMolay and holds several active and honorary positions in that part of our order. He was raised in East Shore Lodge No. 709 (now part of Lyndhurst Lodge No. 508) as soon as he was of age. He served as Master in 1981-1982 and Treasurer for several years thereafter.

Most Wor. Bro. Goebel joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland in 1979 and served as Commander in Chief of the Lake Erie Consistory in 2000. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree in September, 2002. In June 2007, he was appointed the Deputy's Representative to the Valley of Cleveland and was selected as the honoree for the Scottish Rite Reunion this past October.

He is a member of the Al Koran Shrine; Willoughby Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Heights Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Windemere Council, Royal & Select Masons and Coeur de Lion Commandery; Knights Templar. He was constituted a Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Most Wor. Bro. Goebel served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as a District Education Officer from 1987-1991 and as a District Deputy Grand Master from 1992-1994. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by Most Wor. Bro. Stephen Krekus in 2003 and has made a regular progression through the Grand Lodge line of officers. In October 2010, Most Wor. Bro. Goebel was elected as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio.

Most Wor. Bro. Goebel and Kathy reside in Willoughby. They have two grown sons; Michael, of Erie, Pennsylvania; and David, who currently resides in Orlando, Florida. Kathy is an elementary school teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake School system.

Please join your brethren in welcoming our Grand Master back to University Heights Lodge in February. As this is an open event, it will be an excellent opportunity to share with friends and family another part of the pomp and ceremony that marks Freemasonry as a unique brotherhood. No reservations are required.

58th Annual Charter Night

University Heights Lodge celebrated the anniversary of its founding fifty-eight years ago at our annual Charter Night meeting, held November 11, 2010. 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.

After opening remarks by Wor. Bro. Keevin Berman, the podium was turned over to the program Chairman, Wor. Bro. Matthew Newberry, our then Senior Warden. Our featured speaker, Mr. Brian Doud of Powdermet, Inc., spoke on "An Introduction to the World of Nanotechnologies".

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. Bro. Milton Nadler received his 50 year pin and Bro. Richard Burk his 60 year pin, which are awarded by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Our District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Mitchell Alperin congratulated these long term members.

Lodge members who donated to the Red Cross blood bank were honored. Also, the brethren who were raised or affiliated during the past year were introduced. We then honored the memory of our departed brethren and deceased Past Masters.

The evening concluded with refreshments served in the Friendship Room enjoyed by our brethren and many guests.

Barry Pollock

Schvitz Night
March 23, 2011
Steam the night away

Are Your Dues Paid?

Hiram Hears

Adam Stovsky, son of BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon, nephew of BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill, and BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy; and grandson of BRO. BOB STOVSKY, became a Bar Mitzvah at Park Synagogue November 6th...Rt. Wor. Bro. Nadim Mansour, a frequent visitor to University Heights Lodge, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Israel to serve for 2011...WOR. BRO. ROBERT FRIED and Laurie spent four weeks in Africa at the end of summer...BRO. CHADI BOUSERHAL reports that he and his family have settled into life in Canton, Ohio, and that he and Sandy recently welcomed daughter Kristen into the world...WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty enjoyed Thanksgiving with their son and family in Butler, NJ...RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. RUSSELL H. VAN SCYOC, JR. and Delores celebrated 60 short years of wedded bliss...Keeping pace is BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR and Mona with their 55th anniversary...BRO. BERNIE AGIN and Sandy celebrated the wedding of their son, Jonas, to Carmin Crisci on October 23rd...BRO. ART GREENBERG and Debby proudly announce that daughter Marci is engaged to William Cox. March wedding bells are planned...happy 91st birthday to BRO. CARL DAVIS...mazel tov to BRO. EPHRAIM KARP, Chaplain Rabbi at Menorah Park, on his extraordinary work with resident Susan Marshall in becoming a Bat Mitzvah...WOR. BRO. KEN VINOCUR spent some time in Hillcrest Hospital in October...BRO. HARRY ZEID was ill but recovered and attended Installation...Rita Marcus, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS, was under the weather and recuperated at Menorah Park...Carol Resnik, wife of BRO. DAVE RESNIK, had successful cataract surgery...Sylvia Brooks, wife of our late WOR. BRO. BOB BROOKS and sister-in-law of WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV (Betty), passed away in October...Larry Dolin, husband of Deedra and brother-in-law of WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG (Margo) passed away in late November...BRO. WILLIAM GOLDMAN (Tracy) lost his grandmother in mid-November...Carol Paley, wife of BRO. DAVID PALEY, lost her father, Larry Feuer, just before Thanksgiving...Our Associate Tyler, BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR missed installation to attend his sister's funeral in Denver, Colorado... BRO. BERNIE

AGIN (Sandy) lost his mother, Mintsy Agin...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..

Annual Table Lodge Returns

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 its eighteenth Annual Table Lodge on January 27, 2011. 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 warm feelings generated during the seven traditional toasts that continue throughout the evening. Our guest speaker will be Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. John Youngblood, who will address the topic "The Eastern Star and its relationship to Freemasonry."

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. Ron Taxer before January 22, 2011. Reservations are required. No tickets will be sold at the door. Forms are available online at our website, www.uhlodge.org.

Upcoming Events

1/6/11 Stated Meeting

**1/20/11 Stated Meeting
Typewritten Ritual**

**1/27/11 Table Lodge:
Entered Apprentice Degree and Dinner**

2/3/11 Stated Meeting

2/10/11 Grand Master's Night

2/19/11 Child Safety Day

**4/14/11 Inspection:
Master Mason Degree and Dinner**

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