



**Message From The East**



Arising from obscure origins sometime in the late 16th to early 17th century, Freemasonry now exists all over the world. With a global membership of around six million, and just under two million in the United States alone, members include outstanding men from all walks of life, such as presidents, politicians, athletes,

musicians, industrialists, military leaders, and astronauts.

*What's in it for me?* There are many reasons why men join the Fraternity. It may be a longstanding family tradition, or that he knows a Mason, or learned about Freemasonry through various media, or inquired after seeing the Square and Compasses on a public display, or that he encountered a Mason during the normal course of his business or philanthropic endeavors. But the real reason a man joins the Fraternity is kept within confines of his own heart and conscience.

*What's in it for me?* Often, when a brother is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he might misinterpret this event to be the end of his journey. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Being raised is only the start of his journey towards enlightenment. It is a journey none of us is likely to fully realize within our lifetime. It has been said, and is fundamentally true, that a man gets out of the fraternity what he is willing to put into it. If a Mason isolates himself, does not support his lodge or attend meetings; does not participate in lodge social events, or make an effort to network with his brethren, he is missing a big part of the message.

*What's in it for me?* Within the fraternity we do not stand alone but are united by a common bond of brotherly love, relief and truth. These fundamental tenants of our profession guide our daily actions and philosophy of life. Moral virtues are important to Freemasonry. Many of our older members are good role

models by example in the community. Just spending time with such good men will make you want to become one.

*What's in it for me?* I encourage every Mason to get involved and enjoy the company of his brethren. To learn why we, and some very famous men, have come to see the fraternity in a different light. I urge you not to remain a Mason in name alone. By becoming active in the Masonic community, you will discover that it is only together that we can become enlightened, and discover the real strength, secrets, and virtues that have helped to maintain Masonry throughout the ages.

The fundamental question then is not really "*what's in it for me,*" but in reality is "*what's in it for us.*" We are united with a common bond of friendship. We gain knowledge by involvement. We gain satisfaction and gratification by helping each other. We gain wisdom and compassion by being there for a brother in need. We value our fraternal family as we value our own families.

*"What's in it for us?"* You came to Masonry for a very personal reason. But it is only through your brothers, your fraternity, and your virtuous action in the community, that you will find the wisdom that each and every Mason is seeking.

Fraternally,  
Aarne Lillo  
Worshipful Master

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***Retiring Master's Message***

My brethren, it has been a privilege to serve as  
Worshipful Master of University Heights Lodge this past  
year. I am happy to say that, while not always easy, this  
was a successful and fun year for both me and the lodge.  
Being in this position gave me insight into many aspects  
of leadership that I had not yet experienced, and has  
made me a better (and more patient) man than I was  
before I was elected. However, my duties are not done  
just yet. I look forward to continuing to serve our lodge  
as a Trustee and Past Master.

I would like to extend a few thank-yous. First, I  
would like to thank the officers, Past Masters and  
brethren of the lodge for giving me all of the support I  
needed to make this a successful year. I especially want  
like to thank Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Russell H. Van Scyoc,  
my Masonic father, for bringing me into the line in the  
first place; Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry, my actual father,  
for providing all the reminders and advice when my  
grandfather, Wor. Bro. Alan Silver, was indisposed this  
past spring and summer. I am very happy that he is well  
on the road to recovery and has been able to come back  
to lodge. Even when he was under the weather, I think  
he did a great job.

Of course, I wouldn't have been able to complete this  
year without the help and support of my wife, Diana. As  
if the work of leading the lodge wasn't enough, Diana  
and I were married in August. We managed to balance  
my lodge responsibilities with the wedding and, I am  
happy to say that not only did they not interfere with  
each other, but both the wedding and my Masonic year  
went very well!

Again, thank you all! See you in lodge!

Fraternally,  
Matthew E. Newberry, PM  
Past Master

**Schvitz Night**  
**March 21, 2012**  
**Steam the Night Away with your  
Brethren**

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### ***Rusty Nail is a Special Degree***

The officers of University Heights Lodge will conduct a very special event on Thursday, January 26, 2012. That evening, they invite all Master Masons, especially those who haven't been to lodge in a while, to join them in a fun and educational exercise.

The *Order of the Rusty Nail* is a special program, held in a tyled lodge, to refresh the memories of brethren who are not regular attendees at meetings. During the *Order of the Rusty Nail*, the passwords and signs of the first three Masonic Degrees are reviewed. It touches on lodge customs and reviews the mysteries and legends of Freemasonry, as taught in the ritual. The *Order of the Rusty Nail* is intended to bring brethren back to lodge and put them at ease with what may be forgotten ritual.

If you think you fit this description, why not pencil-in lodge for Thursday, January 26th? If you know a brother who has not been to lodge in a while, invite him to come with you. Lodge opens at 7:30 with a dinner preceding. Dinner reservations are required.

### ***District Deputy Grand Master Installed***

The evening of October 27, 2011, was auspicious for our lodge. For the third time in our 60 year history, one of our members was installed as a District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of the 22nd Masonic District.

Wor. Bro. Matthew E. Newberry began the evening by welcoming an overflow audience of members, guests and honored Masonic brethren. He thanked everyone for attending this important event. Several of the current Grand Lodge officers in attendance were presented by the Senior Deacon, Bro. Roni Taxer. He also introduced current 22nd District DDGM's, Rt. Wor. Bros. Mitchell L. Alperin and David R. Hildebrandt, who is assigned to University Heights Lodge for the new Masonic year. Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Edwin A. Strauss, Jr. then presented the past masters of University Heights Lodge.

As chairman of the evening, Rt. Wor. Bro. Strauss then introduced the installation team of Rt. Wor. Bro. Eric Schau, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; Rt. Wor. Bro. Steven Behn, PDDGM; Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Russell H. Van Scyoc, Jr., PDDGM, and Wor. Bro. Joel I. Newman. The team proceeded with their task of installing Wor. Bro. Henry G. Mankowski as a District Deputy Grand Master of the 22nd Masonic District. The newly installed Rt. Wor. Mankowski then addressed the assembled members and guests. He told the story of his Masonic journey, from joining University Heights Lodge (after much urging from his wife Ann and lodge member friends), to his experiences as a lodge officer, and his pleasure of serving as a 22<sup>nd</sup> District Education Officer for the past two years.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Schau followed by extending congratulations on behalf of the Grand Lodge officers, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hildebrandt introduced the Grand Master's theme for the coming Masonic year. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hildebrandt returned the gavel to Wor. Bro. Newberry, who invited everyone to partake of the delicious dessert reception, organized by Wor. Bro. Jeffrey A. Kaplan, which followed.

One of the Grand Lodge officers commented that he was impressed by the number of past masters who are active in our lodge, and by the number of our members who took the time to attend this meeting on very short notice.

Jerrold Kozack

### ***59th Annual Charter Night***

Charter Night for University Heights Lodge is more than just recognizing years of service to the fraternity and our anniversary. It was also the start of our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Honorable guests included Most Wor. Bro. Kevin B. Todd who was recently installed as Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. Also in attendance was Rt. Wor. Bro. David Hildebrandt, District Deputy Grand Master, and Wor. Bro. Chad Simpson who spoke about "History of Freemasonry in Ohio." Bro. Arne Lillo presided over the evening's proceedings.

Following Wor. Bro. Simpson's enlightening presentation, Bro. I. Joseph Berger was acknowledged as one of three remaining charter members of University Heights Lodge. Bro. Lillo then presented 25-year service awards to Wor. Bro. Howard Lev and Bro. Steven Wasserman. A 40-year service award was given to Bro. Donald Levenson. Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro Russell H. Van Scyoc, Jr. was presented with a 60-year service award. Bro. Daniel Alliance was acknowledged for being raised a Master Mason during the Lodge's 59<sup>th</sup> year. The evening moved to the Memorial Ceremony to commemorate our deceased brethren. University Heights Lodge members who departed over the past year were remembered as were each of our deceased past masters.

Bro. Lillo returned the lodge to Wor. Bro. Matthew E. Newberry, who then asked Most Wor. Bro. Todd to close lodge. And thus began University Heights Lodges No. 738 F & A. M's 60<sup>th</sup> year.

Mark Ballin

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### **Hiram Hears**

BRO. HARRY TESSLER celebrated his 90th Birthday on June 30th, and his and Barbara's 41st wedding anniversary on Oct. 31st. The 37-year Florida resident looks forward to receiving and reading the Rays...ILL. & RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL H. VANSCYOC, JR. and Delores celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary... Also celebrating anniversaries were BRO. DAVE RESNIK and Carol (67!), BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR and Mona (56), and BRO. RICHARD BURK and Pat (55)...BRO. FRANKLIN PORATH, is directing the Opera at Rutgers University in New Jersey this fall...Isabel Florence Roseman was born to Beth and BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN on October 23rd. She is the granddaughter of WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy and the niece of BRO. JAMES MANCINI (Shaina) and BRO. BRIAN ROSEMAN...Lexi Stovsky, daughter of BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill and granddaughter of BRO. BOB STOVSKY, was named to the First Squad, All City High School girl's soccer team for her performances at Beachwood High School...WOR. BRO. JEFFREY KAPLAN was elected President of the Friends of the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage and appointed to the Museum's Board of Trustees...BRO. BART BOOKATZ was named ORT Man of the Year, recognizing his 30+ years of volunteer service, that includes two separate terms as chapter president...Volunteers BRO. HOWARD CHAPMAN and Linda co-chaired the Jewish Family Service Association's event for Youth Ability, a program that benefits disabled and at-risk youths by engaging them in volunteer service, vocational activities, and social enrichment...RT.WOR.BRO. HUGH HARRIS is beaming over wife Christine, who was named statewide Volunteer of the Year at the International Master Gardener Conference held in Charleston, W.Va. Their son BRO. MATTHEW HARRIS seconds that emotion. A Master Gardener since 2004, Chris was recognized for her leadership in developing a program that provides training and mentoring to more than 90 community gardens in some of Cuyahoga County's poorest areas...Jaclyn Leichner, daughter of WOR. BRO. MICHAEL LEICHNER and Heidi, granddaughter of BRO. MILT NADLER and niece of BRO. LARRIE NADLER and Amy, married Justin Gafford in July...Chad H. Young, son of BRO. STEVEN YOUNG and Ellen, and niece of BRO. DARRELL YOUNG and Adrian, married Kathryn King of Columbus in July. The couple lives in Seattle...Steve & Ellen also announced the engagement of their daughter, Jaclyn to Alexander Shusterman. An October, 2012 wedding is planned...Wedding bells will also ring next September for candidate Brad Berger and Stephanie Littauer,

daughter of Marcia and WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS, granddaughter of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and sister of Laura (BRO. JAMES FLAIZ)...Tracey and BRO. DANIEL WITTENBERG are proud of son David, who became a Bar Mitzvah in September. Sharing in the joy was grandmother Joan Wittenberg (late WOR.BRO. STUART WITTENBERG) and uncles and aunts BRO. MARC WITTENBERG and Lori and WOR.BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo...WOR. BRO. KEN VINOCUR has been ill but well enough to attend recent lodge meetings...Delores Van Scyoc, wife of ILL. & RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL VAN SCYOC spent a few days in the hospital but is recovering nicely...Carol Resnik (BRO. DAVE RESNIK) fell in September and spent time in Hillcrest Hospital and Montefiore Home...BRO. ERIC SKOKE had open heart surgery in early October and seems to be well on the road to recovery...BRO. DON PLASCO has been ill...BRO. MAURY SENKFOR missed Installation after a brief stay in the hospital...RT. WOR. BRO. HUGH HARRIS, due to be installed as Chaplain, also missed Installation due to an emergency trip to Tennessee where his mother had taken ill...Rhoda Silver, wife of WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER, spent time at Hillcrest Hospital in early December...In August, BRO. HARLAN SHERMAN passed away...BRO. ALAN MEYER lost his battle with Multiple Sclerosis in early October. He was preceded in death by his wife, Laurie, and is survived by two college-aged sons, Daniel and Stephen...Ruthe Linden, widow of BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and mother of WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN (Karen) succumbed to kidney failure on October 1st...Lenore Schultz, widow of late WOR. BRO. ALBERT I. SCHULTZ, mother of WOR. BRO. JEFFREY E. SCHULTZ, and grandmother of Amy (BRO. CHRIS SORANNO) passed away in late October...On November 30th, Lenore Moss, wife of WOR. BRO. ARTHUR MOSS, mother of BRO. LOUIS MOSS (Marcia) and BRO. JERALD MOSS (Julie), and grandmother of their son, candidate Jeffrey Moss, passed away...BRO. KENNETH YOUNG, uncle of BRO. STEVEN YOUNG and BRO. DARRELL YOUNG, passed away on October 18th...BRO. SANFORD "CORKY" KURLAND (Gloria) died after a long series of illnesses...BRO. LARRY SOLOMON (JodiLyn) lost his father, Jerry...Rita Schobel, wife of Charter Member BRO. IRA SCHOBEL passed away in November...Hiram can only tell what he hears and he wants to hear all...Anyone with news for Hiram can mail it to the lodge, email it to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org), or tell him in person when you see him.

**Are Your Dues Paid?**

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