



Message From The East



I come before you once again as Master of our Lodge. In the fifteen years since I served our lodge as Master, Masonry has changed. Drastically. The good men that grace our fraternity have many more responsibilities in their personal lives than ever before. We can no longer

expect our brethren to eat and sleep Masonry as we did twenty-five or more years ago. There are fewer brethren waiting in line to become officers. It is our responsibility to look deep inside ourselves and remember what we wanted to accomplish as a Mason. I implore each and every one of us to think about our fraternity and decide why you became a Mason. Do not forget it is our responsibility to make this fraternity great and University Heights Lodge the finest among the best. Please think about this and help in any way you can.

With that said, I would like to touch on our upcoming year and the social program. I am planning. On Thursday, December 13th, we had a great time at our annual Holiday Children's Party at Chuck E. Cheese in Mayfield Heights. Next up is Friday, February 15, 2013, when we will celebrate Valentines Day at Embassy Suites. Our annual dinner dance will be held on May 4, 2013 at Landerhaven. Our summer picnic will be in July at the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo. Please follow your emails, our website, and regular mail for details

Fraternally,
Howard Lev, PM
Worshipful Master

Are Your Dues Paid?

Table Lodge in January

On January 17, 2013, University Heights Lodge will convene a Lodge of Table Instruction. After a one-year recess, we will once again gather to confer an Entered Apprentice Degree, enjoy a sumptuous dinner and celebrate the Table Lodge ritual. The Lodge will open at 5:00 PM for the degree. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed immediately by the Table Lodge.

This event is open to all brethren and is an enjoyable voyage back to the origins of freemasonry. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from the line officers. Reservations can be made with Bro. Joseph Huber by January 12th. An event flyer is in the mail or you can visit www.uhlodge.org for a reservation form.

This is an excellent opportunity for our brethren to showcase University Heights Lodge No. 738 to our Masonic brethren. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

Upcoming Events

**1/17/13 Table Lodge:
Entered Apprentice Degree and Dinner**

2/7/13 Stated Meeting

2/15/13 Valentines Day Dance

2/21/13 Stated Meeting

3/27/13 Schvitz Night

**4/24/13 Inspection:
Fellowcraft Degree and Dinner**

**Rays from
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Retiring Master’s Message

As I come to the close of my year as Worshipful Master of University Heights Lodge, I’m reminded of the lesson we learn that relates to the hour glass. “...behold how swiftly the sands run and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close”. Thus my year has passed. It seems that I was only installed yesterday but I’m already at the end of a Masonic year.

My tenure has never been about the destination but instead being focused on the journey it took to get there. During my year as Worshipful Master I have traveled throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and met many Masons who had a profound effect on my life. I’m a better man for the journey.

I thank the brethren of University Heights Lodge for their support and I especially want to thank our Past Masters for their guidance and good counsel. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to my Line of Officers who have been diligent and dedicated. During the year we conferred a total 20 Masonic degrees, 6 of which were candidates raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

We have also been fortunate to be recognized and awarded the 2012 Grand Master’s Award. During this Masonic year, only 4 Lodges out of 32 in the 22nd District received this award, and only 5% of all the Ohio lodges achieved this distinguished level. The Grand Master’s Award is a testimonial to the hard work put in by the officers and brethren of University Heights Lodge and demonstrates our collective commitment to the fraternity, to the community, and the achievement of excellence in our labors.

I would like to remind the brethren of a simple but highly meaningful set of principles taught to us as Master Masons in that we should always meet on the level and act by the plumb. We should actively seek out each other and treat each other with respect and dignity so that we may truly live the fundamental tenants of our fraternity, which are brotherly love, relief, and truth. Thank you for your continuing support and allowing me the privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master over this past Masonic year.

I wish Worshipful Brother Howard Lev and his officers a most successful year and I take this opportunity to pledge to them my support. My Brethren may the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons and may brotherly love truly prevail in everything that we do.

Fraternally,
Aarne Lillo, PM
Past Master

**Schvitz Night
March 27, 2013**

Pay It Forward



The Pay It Forward program sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Ohio allows a person to donate up to \$150 towards the initiation fee of a specifically named individual to be used at any Ohio Lodge or to donate up to \$150 to a specific lodge,

which can use it for any future petitioner.

For example, the program will allow a Mason to donate towards the future initiation fee of his nephew, who would be able to petition any Ohio lodge with the amount his uncle's donation going towards the initiation fee, or a Mason may donate to benefit a specific lodge, which will choose which future petitioner should benefit from the gift.

The Process is simple. An individual donates up to \$150 through a local lodge and completes the Pay it

Forward form available from the Lodge Secretary, specifying either a specific future petitioner or a specific lodge. The lodge immediately forwards the donation and form to the Grand Secretary who will issue to the donor a Pay It Forward certificate in the name of the specified future petitioner or a certificate to the specified lodge for the unnamed future petitioner. Upon notification of the death of the donor or at any other time at the request of the donor, the Grand Secretary will send a letter and a copy of the certificate to the individual named on the certificate, notifying him of the wishes of the donor.

"The Pay It Forward program simply formalizes a very old custom," explained Grand Master Easterling. "My father paid for my initiation fee when I joined National Lodge, and towards the end of his life, he gave me an hundred dollar bill to keep for my brother. I carried that bill in my wallet until he expressed an interest to join. I am very excited that this program has been created, allowing more individuals to benefit"

If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact RWB Henry Mankowski, our Lodge Secretary.



On Being Raised

A few weeks ago, Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry asked me to put together a few words describing my thoughts and reaction to being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The first part of the degree, when the obligation was taken, reminded me of both the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. But, the obligation was certainly more substantial and in some ways more meaningful to me personally. In particular, the portion of the obligation where I promised to aid and assist worthy Master Masons, their widows and children, made me think of my grandmother. Her second husband, William Wallace hailing from Bethesda, Maryland, was a Mason who passed away about three years ago. While, of course, I would always help out grandma regardless of whether her husband was a Mason, it comforts me to know that other Masons would come to her aid through this obligation that we now share. It also reminded me of Bro. Wallace who was really a grandfather to me and my family. Although I am just starting my journey in Freemasonry, I can easily recognize that Bro. Wallace represented and embodied the Masonic ideals to the highest extent. His example is one that I will seek to emulate.

Bill Shaklee

Save The Date
May 4th, 2013
Master and Wardens Dinner Dance
at
The Executive Club

Valentine's Dance Returns

After a hiatus of several years, our Valentine's Day celebration will return in February. The brethren and their ladies are being invited to come to the Embassy Suites Hotel on Friday, February 15, 2013, for an evening of fellowship, dining and dancing. The celebration will include a buffet style dinner featuring London Broil and Seared Salmon with all the usual trimmings. Disc Jockey "Jammin' Joel" will provide musical entertainment all evening long. Fellowship will begin at 7:00 PM followed by dinner starting at 7:30 PM. Reservations can be made with Wor. Bro. Len Holmes and must be in his hands by Thursday, February 7th.

Watch your mail or visit our website, www.uhlodge.org, for a reservation form. The officers look forward to seeing the brethren and their ladies on February 15th!

Hiram Hears

WOR. BRO. MATTHEW NEWBERRY and Diana are expecting in late February. Eager grandparents are WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla while the beaming great-grandparents are WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda...WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo spent a week in Hawaii with their family over the summer...BRO. SHELDON ZELDES and Barbara are looking forward a trip to Israel in December to attend the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, David, who resides in San Antonio, Texas...Hiram salutes BRO. JEFFREY NASH and Susan on having an Israel Bonds dinner named in their honor for service to their congregation, WOR. BRO. KENNETH VINOCUR on being recognized for his twenty years of service to his congregation blowing the shofar and BRO. JIM FLAIZ on being elected Prosecutor in Geauga County... Anniversary congratulations to BRO. PETER RZEPKA and Alike on #59, to BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR and Mona on #57, to BRO. SAUL EISEN and Hermine on #51, and to BRO. MARK LEYSER and Jill on their fifth ... Mazel tov to BRO. MICHAEL ZAWATSKY and Jodi on their daughter Sami becoming a Bat Mitzvah ... also to Shannon Stovsky (BRO. MARK STOVSKY) and Marjorie Neuger (late BRO. SANFORD NEUGER) who each became a Bat MitzvahMargo Wittenberg, wife of WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG, had cataracts removed from both eyes in September and October and has fully recovered...BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ had another tour through the Hillcrest Hospital Emergency Department...WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER has been in and out of the hospital since a mid-October bout with pneumonia. He was recently moved to Menorah Park to continue his recovery...BRO. LES LEVINE suffered an accident and is healing...BRO. MELVYN DIAMOND (Helene) passed away after a severe illness. His brother is BRO. ALAN DIAMOND (Laurie) ... Marjorie Neuger lost her sister, Helen Croce ... Jon Klein, son of BRO. MILTON KLEIN, passed away in October...WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY lost his aunt Catherine Fuller after a long illness. She was the great aunt of WOR. BRO. MATTHEW NEWBERRY... Ron Roseman, father of BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN, BRO. BRIAN ROSEMAN and Shaina Mancini (wife of BRO. JIM MANCINI) passed away in mid-December ... Roslyn Wyler, sister of BRO. DON PLASCO (Shelly) passed away in late October 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.

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