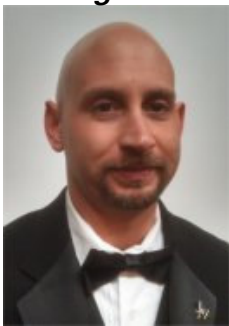


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### **Message From The East**



The tenets of Freemasonry are brotherly love, relief, and truth. Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. Truth can be found at our meetings. Our degree work and symbolism is the foundation of truth. Lodge education programs are held on non

degree nights making our stated meeting more meaningful.

Getting to know your brethren is a great first step to the first tenet. To assist with that we have an exciting social calendar this year. The annual dinner dance will be held on May 3, 2014 at the Mayfield Country Club. If you would like to be on the dinner dance committee to assist with music selection and decorations please contact me. We will be holding a Rusty Nail degree and charity spaghetti dinner on February 6, 2014. This is a great opportunity for people that have not been to lodge in a while get a refresher on how things work. A couple of days later we are having a winter party at Winking Lizard featuring a buffet dinner and a special selection of scotches and bourbons to taste. Installation in the Master Mason degree will be on April 24, 2014.

Relief can be provided through our charitable activities. Every year our charity committee helps distribute funds to various organizations. This year we are extending a special opportunity to earn a vote on how our charitable funds are distributed. By participating in lodge you will earn charity tickets worth \$1 towards a charity. Ticket drop boxes for a variety of charities will be put out later in the year.

For those that would like to keep in touch outside of lodge, I invite you to send me a friend request on

Facebook. I have a wide variety of interests including music, art, shooting sports, and microbreweries. I plan to invite the brethren on Facebook to share some of their interests with me.

I look forward to an exciting year and hope to see as many of you as possible at our meetings and events.

Fraternally,  
Ron Taxer  
Worshipful Master

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

The officers of University Heights Lodge will conduct a very special event on Thursday, February 6, 2014. That evening, all Master Masons, especially those who haven't been to lodge in a while, are invited to join 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 those 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 they may have forgotten.

If you think you fit this description, or are just looking forward to seeing your brethren, why not pencil-in lodge for Thursday, February 6th? 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.

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**Retiring Master's Message**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the line officers and Past Masters for all their support over the past year. Although this was my second tour as Master of University Heights Lodge, there were still many challenges to overcome. We did not have a full compliment of line officers, and yet our Past Masters and Brethren stepped up and helped to fill the void for all of our work. My hat is off to all who pitched in to make the year successful.

Our social events were well attended, from the Children's Party in December to the Dinner Dance and finally, our Clam Bake in September. Thanks to Wor.Bro. David Greenberg for all his help as Social Chairman.

I would be remiss if I did not especially thank my wife, Barbara, for standing behind me through this past year. Brethren, as I step down, again I would like to leave you with this thought. The future of Masonry and especially of University Heights Lodge is in your hands. Please plan on attending meetings. Step up and help out. Volunteer to coach, to participate on the Fellowcraft team, to be a part of our Social Committee, or Mitzvah Committee. Just remember, the more you help the more successful University Heights Lodge will be.

Fraternally,  
Howard Lev, PM  
Past Master

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**Proceeds benefit the  
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Wor. Bro. Alan Wittenberg, JW  
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### **Lodge Education Approach**

The program Wor. Bro. Ron Taxer has laid out for his year is full of twists and turns – several new wrinkles on many of our traditions. From my vantage point, it looks like the year is going to be entertaining and enjoyable. And there are several new reasons for every brother to come to a meeting once in a while.

One of the things Wor. Bro. Taxer has asked me to do this year as his Lodge Education Officer is to spread out the work and let others speak at a meeting on a Masonic topic that interests them. This effort will start off at our first Stated Meeting on January 2nd when Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay will take the microphone to speak on “Jacob’s Ladder and Faith.” I, for one, am interested in what he has to say and learning something new about our great fraternity. Wor. Bro. Alan Arons has also volunteered to present a program, although he has not yet selected a topic.

My brothers, I would be pleased to offer any one of you an opportunity to make a presentation in lodge, as well. Your topic can be anything pertaining to Freemasonry. With our Grand Master’s theme being “A Timeless Treasure,” there may be something in the golden chest that has peaked your interest. Something you could expound upon for five minutes. Something you could share with your brethren.

It doesn’t have to be anything major. Pick one of the many symbols or allegories we use in our ritual. Or explore the location, history or origin of one of the places we talk about in the degrees. Or, perhaps, you have been struck by seeing a Masonic symbol in an unexpected place. Anything is fair game.

The Lodge Education program laid out by the Grand Lodge of Ohio includes numerous “required” programs, most of which are not fully defined. We do not have a list of presentations that must be made this year. Rather, it is up to each Lodge to report back to the Grand Lodge on the ten things we did in the way of education. I think our program will be greatly enhanced by bringing fresh minds and words to the brethren.

If you would like to be a part of our Lodge Education Program, please drop me a line at [roger.newberry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roger.newberry@sbcglobal.net) or call me at (216) 952-5908. Let me know in what you are interested and we will come up with a time when you can present.

Roger C. Newberry, P.M.  
Lodge Education Officer

**January 2, 2014**

**A Special Presentation by  
Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay**

**“Jacob’s Ladder and Faith”**

**Masons Only**

### ***Something new and Different***

The Entertainment Committee and Wor. Bro. Ron Taxer have put together a new and different winter social gathering for our brethren and wives. A party featuring a scotch and bourbon tasting table will be held at the Miles Road Winking Lizard Party Center on February 8, 2014. An expert on whiskeys will be manning a table with several top shelf scotches and bourbons for tasting table between 6:30 and 9:30 PM. Explanations of the sources and pedigrees of the samples will be available as you try them. A full range of beverages will be available all evening at the bar in the party center. Appetizers will be served beginning at 6:30. A buffet dinner, including BBQ ribs, chicken, and various side dishes will be served at 7:30. The cost for the evening will be \$30 per person. A flyer will be posted to our website ([www.uhlodge.org](http://www.uhlodge.org)) in late December and a flyer will be mailed in January. This should be a fun night for everyone.

David Greenberg, PM  
Entertainment Committee Advisor

### ***Children’s Holiday Party a Success – Again***

One of our most popular social event once again lived up to everyone’s expectation. Our brethren, their spouses, children, grandchildren and a couple of great grandchildren assembled at the Chuck E Cheese restaurant in Mayfield Heights. They enjoyed the fresh salad bar, several dozen pizzas with all the popular toppings and an ice cream cup for dessert. And, then it was time for the games! Hundreds of tokens seemed to fly into (and out of) eager hands as everyone had a wonderful time with the video games, skee-ball and a wide variety of skill games that are the highlight of the party. As the clock climbed toward bed time, a full and tired gaggle of children gleefully exchanged the tickets they had won for a wide variety of toys and small games. No one left without a wide smile.

### **Hiram Hears**

BRO. HARVEY SEIGEL and Adrienne were feted at a dessert reception held in their honor in early November at Park Synagogue East for their relentless work for State of Israel Bonds...In a special ceremony, BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ received his 25 year Masonic Service Award at Helen's Place (Stone Gardens). BRO. SHULTZ is a past recipient of the University Heights Lodge Mason of the Year award and is no longer able to travel to Lodge. The award was presented by RWB. HENRY MANKOWSKI...Nathan Henry Jochelson was born to Lisa and David Jochelson on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Nathan is the grandson of BRO. LARRY LEYSER and Patty, the niece of BROs. AARON and MARK LEYSER (Jillian) and the great grandson of BRO. KURT LEYSER. He is also a great nephew and cousin to BROs. WALTER (Leah), RON (Emmy) and RICK (Gloria) LEYSER; BRO. ROGER WOLFSON (Rhonda); BROs. BARRY (Sally) and ADAM POLLACK and BRO. JASON SMITH...WOR.BROHOWARD LEV and Barb are celebrating the birth of their second grandson on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The proud parents are their daughter, Alyssa, and Billy Albro, the proud uncle is BRO. MATT LEV and the beaming great grandparents are WOR.BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty...Happy anniversary wishes to BRO. DAVID RESNIK & Carol (69) ... ILL. & RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL H. VANSCYOC & Delores (63)...BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR & Mona (58) ... BRO. RICHARD BURK & Pat (57) ...Special Hiram happy birthday wishes to WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and a big hello to Rita ... Sunshine state good wishes were sent by WOR. BRO. DAN FRIEDMAN and Susan ...BRO. MIKE DILLS, EA suffered a hemorrhagic stroke while working a regatta near Columbus and is recuperating at Metrohealth Medical Center in Cleveland...Carol Resnick, wife of BRO. DAVID RESNICK, has been ill... Nancy Cerny, wife of RT. WOR. BRO. ROBERT CERNY has been in and out of the hospital over the past several months...RT. WOR. BRO. ROGER LYNCH underwent surgery right after Thanksgiving and seems to be recovering nicely...Melanie Newberry, daughter of WOR. BRO. MATT NEWBERRY and Diana; granddaughter of WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla, managed to pass a stomach virus to her whole family (aunt and uncle included) over Thanksgiving...MOST WOR. BRO. H. RAY EVANS, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1992, passed away in mid-October... BRO. JEROME SPEVAK passed away in early December after a lengthy illness...BRO. MACOLM ZUCKER passed away in October...Flo Zeid, wife of BRO. HARRY ZEID and mother of BRO. GARY ZEID (Kathy), succumbed to a series of maladies in early November...Jean Leyser, wife of BRO. KURT LEYSER passed away in November. Jean was the mother of BRO. LARRY LEYSER (Pat); grandmother of BROs. MARK (Jillian) and AARON

LEYSER; sister-in-law of BRO. WALTER LEYSER (Leah); aunt of BROs RON LEYSER (Emmy), RICK LEYSER (Gloria), ROGER WOLFSON (Rhonda) and BARRY POLLOCK (Sally) and great aunt of BROs ADAM POLLACK and JASON SMITH...Shirley Mintz, widow of our late Charter Member, BRO. MARVIN MINTZ and mother of BRO. ROBERT MINTZ (Diane), passed away in mid November...BRO. TED SHOEMACK passed away in Illinois...Judith Michel, mother of BRO. DAVID MICHEL (Lisa), passed away over the Thanksgiving weekend after a long illness...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](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org), or tell him in person when you see him.

### **Mitzvah Committee Special Event**

As many of you know, the brethren of our Mitzvah Committee and several of their spouses and adult children regularly work in the kitchen at Menorah Park on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day mornings, giving several of the regular staff members a day off. This year, our duties on Christmas Day will take a big leap forward.

Our usual contact person, Bob Agrast, the Director of Nutrition Services, has agreed to let our Committee out of the kitchen to work with the staff at Myers Towers Apartments to prepare and serve the noon meal. We have been asked to provide as many as 15 to 20 individuals who can work between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at various stations.

Any Brother, spouse, child (over 18, please) or significant other who has some time to offer on Christmas Day (December 25th is a Wednesday this year) is more than welcome to participate. The work is never too hard and the more hands we have, the easier and more fun it is for everyone. Please send me a message at [roger.newberry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roger.newberry@sbcglobal.net) or call me at (216) 952-5908 if you can be a part of this effort. The Myers Towers staff will be happy to have you help and the residents will enjoy the break in their routine.

Roger C. Newberry. P.M.  
Mitzvah Committee Chairman

**Mark your Calendars NOW**  
**Masters and Wardens**  
**Dinner Dance**  
**Mayfield Country Club**  
**May 3, 2014**

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