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Message From The East



I hope you had a relaxing summer. During those two months, when we did not meet on the level, but the Lodge hosted two terrific social events. The first, our Summer Family Fun Picnic at Pioneer Waterpark, was very well attended and was great fun for kids and adults alike. The second, our Luau at the Coast Guard Officers Club, transported us to the Hawaiian Isles

where we enjoyed island music, terrific food and beverages, flower leis and tropical surroundings. Both events received rave reviews from all who had the good fortune to attend.

The overwhelming success of the summer events, as well as Mardi Gras and the Dinner Dance, was the result of a lot of hard work and effort by many Brethren and their ladies. As I worked with my Social Committee to schedule events that would attract our members and their families, I wanted to involve as many people as possible in the planning and execution of the events. From my own personal experience and the feedback I received from the Brethren and ladies who helped with the events, I can tell you we had as much fun preparing for the event as the fun we had at the event itself! I want to express my deepest gratitude to the different committees and volunteers who worked so hard to make sure a great time was had by all.

I also want to encourage you and your family to answer the call when future opportunities to volunteer arise. Our Lodge, like Freemasonry, depends upon the involvement of its membership. This year we have demonstrated that your involvement can make a good event even better. Let's build upon that lesson and pitch in when your Lodge needs your help.

On another front, the Lyndhurst Temple Association is reviewing plans to install an elevator that would provide access to the lower (banquet hall) and main

lobby levels. Proposed plans allow for access to the elevator from outside the building near the side entrance. Wor. Bro. Harry Marcus is our representative on this project and promises to keep us informed of any new developments.

We're still looking for Brethren who would like to participate in the degree work. There are opportunities for both speaking and non-speaking parts. If you are interested, please let me or any of the officers know. If you are willing and able, we've got a role for you! See you at Lodge!

Fraternally yours,
Jeffrey A. Kaplan
Worshipful Master

Lodge Hawaiian Style

Decorations, leis, and tasty Mai Tais refreshments transformed the Officers Club into a Hawaiian paradise for our annual oasis, otherwise known as the Summer Reunion. The Brethren and their ladies were treated to Hawaiian style food and hors d'oeuvres, while DJ Scott Haumesser enticed us with romantic melodies that added to the delightful tropical setting.

Some of the outrageous Hawaiian shirts provided additional color to the brightly decorated room. The festive event provided a fitting end to the summer season and signaled a return to the workings of the Lodge. Congratulations and thanks to Wor. Bro. Jeff Kaplan and the members of the Decorations Committee on this very successful and most enjoyable event. Aloha!

**Annual Meeting
And
Election of Officers
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Charter Night

On October 30th, University Heights Lodge will mark the 51st Anniversary of the granting of our Charter. On October 18, 1952, the 230 members who formed the nucleus of the lodge realized their dream when the lodge received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The significance of the event seems to have more meaning with each passing year.

Charter Night is an annual celebration of fellowship, symbolized by the past, the present, and the future. On the evening's agenda is a moving memorial service for our departed brethren, conducted from the altar in the center of the lodge. Members who have been Masons for 25, 40, and 50 years will be recognized with pins to commemorate the occasion. Blood donors will be thanked for their selfless donations

The featured speaker for the evening will be David Abbott, Executive Director of the Gund Foundation. Our Senior Warden, Henry Mankowski, is chairman of the evening.

The evening begins promptly at 7:30 and is open anyone wishing to attend, including spouses and non-Masonic friends. The evening will conclude with a beautiful dessert reception in the banquet hall. For further information, contact Bro. Mankowski at (216) 765-0556.

Bernie Abrahams

Western Reserve Masonic Community

The Ohio Masonic Home, has been serving the needs of older Masons, their wives and widows, and others affiliated with the fraternity for over 100 years. The Western Reserve Masonic Community, located in Medina, became the newest member of The Ohio Masonic Home family in March 2002.

The homes (many with basements) and apartments in this pet friendly community come with complete services that include social programs, utilities, maintenance, a flexible dining program, and housekeeping services.

Located just minutes from downtown Medina, near the I-71 interchange with State Route 18, the Western Reserve Masonic Community is close to major shopping malls, medical facilities, and cultural programs. With an on-site bank, beauty/barber shop, snack shop, library, and chapel, Western Reserve Masonic Community provides convenience at its best.

Residency is open to adults age 55 and older, but many of the events are open to the public. To learn more or to schedule a personal visit, please call Beth Wilkison, Marketing Director, at (330) 721-3000.

Highlights Of Our Year



Lodge Football Party

November 3, 2003 will mark the date of the first Lodge Football Party, which will be held at the Coast Guard Club. Starting with pre-game at 8:00 p.m., refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be available all night while we watch New England and Denver battle it out on the club's large screen TV.

The cost is just \$5.00 for a night of food, fun, football and fraternity. This event is open to all brethren and potential new masons. Take this opportunity to meet your brethren, and make new friends. Watch your mail for more details or call Wor. Bro. Alan Arons (216) 381-4363.

Hiram Hears

Congratulations to RT. WOR. BRO. EDWIN A. STRAUSS JR. who was recently elected to receive his 33d degree. The honor will be conferred next September in Milwaukee ... BRO. HARRY ZEID and Florence celebrated at the wedding of their grandson ... BRO. ARIC KINAST, will be married in October ... WOR. BRO. JEFFREY SHULTZ and Jane celebrated the wedding of daughter Amy over Labor Day weekend. Among the celebrants was grandmother, Lenore Schultz.... The brethren join in welcoming our Secretary, WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN, his wife, Jeri Chaikin and their daughter Leah back to the east side of town. Leah will become a Bat Mitzvah in October ... BRO. MAURICE LEISER and his wife Meg celebrated their daughter Teresa's Bat Mitzvah, which also featured the beautiful melodic chanting of BRO. ISSAC GOODFRIEND, who made an all-too-infrequent trip to Cleveland to give a talk at B'nai Jeshurun that evening... BRO. NORMAN ENGEL and his lovely wife, Estelle, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary ... WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV and Barbara, celebrated at the wedding of their daughter Elissa to Joey Stine. Among the guests were the proud grandparents, WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty, and a beaming brother, BRO. MATTHEW LEV ... Laura Littauer, daughter of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia became engaged to Jim Flaiz. Laura is the granddaughter of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and Pauline... Jodi Spiegel, daughter of WOR. BRO. HARVEY KUMIN and Nancy, gave birth to a baby girl, Shari Hope Spiegel, on June 26th ... Ted Chodock, son of BRO. HARVEY CHODOCK and Carolyn, married Tamayo Oku in Boston, Massachusetts on August 10th ... BRO. ANDREW ALTMAN and his wife, Amy Lipson, celebrated the birth of their son and first child, Isaac Ezra Altman ... BRO. LARRY ADELMAN and Joanne became seven-time

grandparents on June 2nd with the birth of Caden Joshua Vincent, born to Staci and Leland Vincent, their daughter and son-in-law ... Rhonda Wolfson, wife of BRO. ROGER WOLFSON, is the national life membership chairman of ORT ... BRO. BART WOLSTEIN was honored by Cleveland State University as one of five graduates to win the distinguished alumni award ... BRO. MARK STOVSKY, son of BRO. BOB STOVSKY and Alyce, was named Chief of Urology at UHHS Richmond Heights Hospital ... BRO. STEVE WASSERMAN and his wife Joni are beaming over daughter Dana, who was named to the Dean's List at Miami University, and son Matthew, who received similar honors at Chicago-Kent Law School ... BRO. HARVEY MITCHELL had surgery ... BRO. MIKHAL SAPOZHNIK was in the hospital ... BRO. MAURICE LEISER was in the hospital but is now back in the swing of things ... BRO. HARRY ZEID was hospitalized following an allergic reaction... BRO. MICHAEL RUBIN had surgery ... BRO. BERNARD FRIEDMAN, Tyler Emeritus, was hospitalized ... Susan Friedman, wife of WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN, had surgery WOR. BRO. JEROME ACK, Secretary Emeritus, was in the hospital ... Harriet Wittenberg, wife of BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG, and mother of WOR. BROS. STUART and ALAN WITTENBERG, has been ill ... BRO. DAVID MICHEL broke his hip while waterskiing Carolyn Chodock, wife of BRO. HARVEY CHODOCK, had knee surgery ... Betty Lev, wife of WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and mother of WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV, had cataract surgery ... BRO. ALAN WOPNICK had hernia surgery ... Flora Lewis, wife of BRO. IRV LEWIS had surgery ... BRO. PHILLIP PURER passed away in California on March 3rd ... BRO. TED REIFF, father of WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF, father-in-law of BRO. ART GREENBERG and grandfather of BRO. STEVE GREENBERG passed away ... BRO. LARRY COHEN lost his mother ... BRO. DAVID & BRO. HAROLD RESNIK mourned the death of their brother Joseph ... The grandfather of Alyssa Strauss, wife of BRO. ERIC STRAUSS, and daughter-in-law of RWB EDWIN A. STRAUSS, JR. and Jill, passed away Hiram can only tell what he hears... Anyone with news for Hiram can send it to the lodge or call one of the editors of the Rays... You can also email your news to hiram@uhlodge.org

Schvitz Night
October 15, 2003