



### Message From The East



How rapidly do the sands of time flow, and how quickly does the year pass. Fall is already upon us, and we are reminded of the many wonderful events that took place so far this year. Beginning with our Installation Reception, up to the recent Fall Reunion and Clam Bake, and with our very busy Lodge

schedule in between, it has been a fast paced and exciting year.

None of these events could have happened – the parties, the dinners, and the meetings – without the help of the many volunteers (and their ladies). I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard and supported our many endeavors for the past nine months. You have all been outstanding: My Line Officers, Past Masters, the Fellow Craft Team, coaches, stewards and everyone who has contributed their time to ensure these events were successful. You can all be proud to be a part of a very active and successful lodge.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother Edwin A. Strauss, Jr. on his being Coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd degree in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His many years of devotion and hard work for the fraternity were honored with the conferring of this degree. It will be our pleasure to honor him with a Reception to be held on November 13, 2004, at Landerhaven. More information on this event was recently mailed to you.

I would also like to extend congratulations to our newest Master Masons, Bro. Matthew Newberry and Bro. David Paley. Bro. Newberry, son of Wor.Bro. Roger Newberry and grandson of Wor.Bro. Alan Silver, was raised to the sublime degree on June 16. Bro. Paley was raised on September 30, before his proud father,

Bro. Marty Paley. These were stirring and heartfelt moments, and underscore the strong family ties that exist in our Lodge.

We were fortunate this year that the Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held in downtown Cleveland at the Renaissance Hotel on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. This was an opportunity for the Brethren to observe how the Grand Lodge conducts its business - from the impressive opening ceremonies, to the installation of the new Grand Master, to the sometimes heated discussions regarding proposed legislation. It has been seven years since the last Communication was held in Cleveland, and it appears that it will be another seven years before it returns. Any Brother may attend; all that is required is a current dues card and a white apron.

We've been busy with so many new candidates that we had to call a number of Special Meetings in order to keep up with the degree work. Soon, the members of the Fellow Craft team will be called upon to assist with helping these candidates receive their degrees. If you would like to take part in our degree work with a speaking or non-speaking part, please contact Bro. Duane Dukes.

Again, I would like to extend my appreciation to so many who have done so much for University Heights Lodge. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,  
Henry G. Mankowski  
Worshipful Master

**Annual Meeting  
and  
Election of Officers  
November 4, 2004**

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## **Rays From University Heights Lodge**



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## **Election and Installation "04"**

It's not the presidential election! We don't have the advertising, nor the media blitz! There are no debates! However, the election for the officers of University Heights Lodge for the coming year is just as important to our members. We should all be pleased that another smooth transition in leadership is occurring. Exercise your Masonic duty and vote on November 4, 2004.

University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM, will celebrate its 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Installation of Officers on December 2, 2004. After a brief slated meeting, the installation will proceed in an open lodge. Those Brethren deemed worthy, and having been elected or appointed, will be installed as Officers of our Lodge during this exciting evening of Masonic ceremony. Brethren and their Masonic guests as well as friends and family members will thoroughly enjoy this special evening of tradition. A dessert reception will follow the installation. No tickets are necessary.

Barry Pollock

## **Bro. Harold Linden Honored**

An added feature of our Annual Mason of the Year Night held May 20, 2004, saw Bro. Harold Linden receive a most special award. Surrounded by his wife, Ruthe, their son and daughter in-law, Wor.Bro. Dennis Linden and Karen, and his brother, Bro. Irving Linden, a most-surprised Bro. Linden received a special service award presented by Most Worshipful Brother Steven J. Krekus, Grand Master of Masons of Ohio and Worshipful Master Henry Mankowski.

The beautifully designed award proclaims: "The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio Presents to Harold S. Linden in recognition of his faithful service to Freemasonry for 53 years of tireless dedication, unswerving loyalty and selfless commitment as an officer of University Heights Lodge No. 738, F. & A. M. With grateful appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Steven J. Krekus, G.M."

Bro. Linden, our current treasurer, is also Treasurer Emeritus, and has served our Lodge continuously as an officer since its founding. A Fifty-Year Mason, Bro. Linden is a Charter Member and was a member of the original organizing committee of our Lodge.

Congratulations to Bro. Linden on this most deserved honor, and special thanks to him for his outstanding service and many contributions, helping to make University Heights Lodge the finest among the best.

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## **A Blazin' ( Bills) Fall Reunion**

Saturday, Oct 2, 2004, 90-plus of our brethren and their "other halves" had a most enjoyable evening of good food, good drink, friendship and square dancing at our Fall Reunion held at Blazin' Bill's in Troy Township. Light appetizers were followed by a sumptuous feast featuring barbequed ribs and chicken, corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes and endless dozens of steamed clams. After dinner, it was just as much fun watching the square dancers as trying to be one. Many thanks to Wor. Bro. Howard Lev, Bro. Barry Koblentz and their committee for planning a most successful affair. Thanks are also due to the staff at Blazin' Bill's, who opened their facility especially for this event. Their main restaurant building has not yet reopened after last spring's fire. Our next Entertainment Committee will have a considerable job to continue this year's success rate.

Charles Reiner

## **Do Unto Others**

The Lodge currently needs several brethren to volunteer their assistance on committees and on the Fellow Craft Team. Both speaking and non-speaking ritual parts are available. Opportunities are available for everyone.

Other Brethren have been there to initiate candidates and plan events. Now, it is your turn to step up and help shape the next generation of the lodge. Meet with your brethren and enjoy their company. Excessive time is not required, just a desire to do unto others as others have done for you. Contact Bro. Duane Dukes at (216) 831-9481 for more information.

**Holiday Party  
at  
Chuck E. Cheese  
December 8, 2004  
Bring the Kids  
for a Fun Evening**

## **III. Bro. Edwin A. Strauss, Jr., 33°**

Tuesday, September 21, 2004, was an outstanding day in the Masonic career of Right Worshipful & Illustrious Brother Edwin A. Strauss, Jr. On that day, he was given the singular honor of becoming a 33rd Degree Mason in the Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The coronation ceremonies were a part of the Northern Jurisdiction's Annual Supreme Council Deliberation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was part of a class of 132 brethren from the 15 states that make up the Northern Jurisdiction who were coroneted at this grand affair.

Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Strauss's formal Scottish Rite title is now "Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree." This is appended to his Ohio Grand Lodge title of "Right Worshipful Brother" which honors his service as a District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic District. This is the first time a Brother raised a Master Mason in University Heights Lodge has been honored with this distinguished title.

The festivities began with a reception for the nominees on Sunday evening. All of the Scottish Rite officers were present, including representatives of the Southern Jurisdiction and ambassadors from numerous international Scottish Rite jurisdictions. As many of the current 33rd Degree Masons who could travel to Milwaukee were present. On Monday, the Northern Jurisdiction held its annual meeting, followed by a banquet for the attendees and nominees. Tuesday began with a series of workshops for the Active Members (the representatives of the Jurisdiction to the Valleys).

At midday Tuesday, the class assembled for a formal class picture and the traditional presentation of the 33rd degree rings that all Illustrious Brethren wear all of the time. These rings remain the property of the Scottish Rite. A member who removes this ring, other than for the purpose of instruction, is to return the ring to the Northern Jurisdiction.

After sitting for the photograph, the nominees formed a processional and entered the Milwaukee Theatre to the applause of the assembled Brethren, Officers and guests. There, the 33rd Degree was conferred and the Supreme Council Deliberations were concluded. That evening, a formal state banquet was held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, where the nominees to be coroneted in 2005 were announced. An hour or so after the banquet concluded, those brethren were contacted by telephone and informed of their nomination.

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Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Strauss traveled to Milwaukee with his wife, Jill. They joined the rest of the representatives from the Valley of Cleveland, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, a block away from the Hilton and the Theatre. While the Brethren were occupied at the Deliberations, their spouses were treated to the sites and sounds of Milwaukee. It is also reported that the rooms of the newly coroneted brethren were specially decorated when they returned from Tuesday's ceremonies.

Shortly after his return to Cleveland, Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Strauss was feted at a reception hosted by the Valley of Cleveland. Our officers and many other brethren were in attendance at the Masonic Auditorium on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Wor. Bro. Henry Mankowski had the honor of introducing our newly coroneted brother to the assembly.

The celebrations will continue at a reception on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The brethren of University Heights Lodge, their spouses and invited guests will gather at Landerhaven for hors d'oeuvres and desserts and a special program honoring Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. Strauss. While there is no charge for this event, advance reservations are required. Please contact Wor. Bro. Alex Lev if you plan to attend.

### **Hiram Hears**

Brian Stovsky, son of BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Bethaynu in August. Among the celebrants were his proud grandparents, BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY and Alyce, and uncles and aunts BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon, and BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill... Hiram also hears that Brian was recently awarded the Daniel Higley Straffon award from the Cleveland Skating Club... BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY has been elected to serve Congregation Bethaynu as its Treasurer... BRO. MARK STOVSKY has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons... Danielle Stein, daughter of BRO. EARL STEIN and Nanci was awarded a Masters of Education from Harvard University in June. Danielle lives and works in Boston, MA... Her brother, Jared, is succeeding as an actor in New York City... WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia celebrated the wedding of Marcia's daughter, Laura, to Jim Flaiz. ... Matt Harris, son of RT. WOR. BRO. HUGH HARRIS and Chris, and Benjamin Kay, son of WOR. BRO. ABRAHAM KAY and Bonnie, were awarded Scottish Rite Scholarships to assist in their college studies... Ben was also named a National Merit

Scholar at Beachwood High School... BRO. BARRY RIGGS and Sandy report they survived the hurricanes in Florida with minimal damages... BRO. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI had surgery ... BRO. MILTON BERNIS is home after a stay at Montefiore... BRO. ALVIN LEWIS has been ill, as has BRO. SANDFORD NEUGER... BRO. DANIEL MARCUS is recovering at home... Mona, wife of BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR, is up and around again after a knee replacement... WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER had an outpatient procedure that was successful... Delores, wife of RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL VAN SCYOC, is resting at home after knee surgery in September... BRO. LEONARD BUCHLER was hospitalized briefly... BRO. EMORY KRITZLER is recovering from surgery... BRO. DAVID POLLOCK suffered injuries in a fall... BRO. KENNETH RUBENSTEIN had surgery... Millie, wife of BRO. WILLIAM KRAUS, is recovering from surgery... BRO. NABIL KHOURY lost his mother... WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS lost his brother-in-law... BRO. CHARLES REINER lost his brother, Armand ... Sandy Riggs, wife of BRO. BARRY RIGGS, is grieving at the passing of her mother... BRO. FILMORE FELDMAN, a Charter Member of our Lodge, passed away ... RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. RICHARD INGHAM, a member of Acacia Lodge and a frequent visitor to our Lodge, passed away at home ... BRO. JEROME DACHMAN passed away in California ... Hiram extends his sincere sympathies to each of these brethren and their families ... 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](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org)

### **Charter Night**

On Thursday, November 18, 2004, University Heights Lodge will celebrate its 52nd Charter Night. Our honored speaker that evening will be the Rt. Wor. & Ill. Bro. John A. Youngblood, former Executive Secretary of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM in the banquet hall, with Lodge opening in the Master Mason Degree at 7:30 PM. We will be honoring our 25, 40, 50, and 60-year members as well as the blood bank donors. As is our custom, there will be memorial service in recognition of our departed brethren.

Dinner tickets are available from the Officers at \$7.00 each.

**Don Levenson**

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## **Picnic Returns to Pioneer Waterland**

On Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, about 100 of our brethren and their families assembled at Pioneer Waterland & Dry Fun Amusement Park. We were lucky to enjoy one of the most beautiful days of the summer on which to hold our annual picnic. The crowd enjoyed the lakes, water rides and slides; along with batting cages, miniature golf and an assortment of other fun activities.

Of course, what picnic would not be complete without a terrific meal cooked over the grill by Wor. Bros. Joel Newman, Henry Mankowski and Roger Newberry. The selection of cool beverages tasted great in the 82-degree sun. Every family brought a salad or dessert to share and there were few leftovers to take home.

Then there was the pie-eating contest that was a lot of fun to watch but must have caused more than a few stomachaches! Congratulations to Adam Perl, son of Bro. Gary Perl, who proved that a US Marine knows how to eat fast. Everyone was attentive as Wor. Bro. Howard Lev called the names of the door prize winners. Children of all ages had a fabulous time.

Everyone appreciated the work and planning of the Entertainment Committee. If you were unable to attend, do not be upset. The Entertainment Committee is already making plans to return to the park next summer.

David Michel

## **The MSA and Masonic Education**

The Masonic Service Association or MSA came into existence at the end of World War 1 when it was recognized that there were cases where a national organization, working on behalf of all Freemasons, could serve a useful purpose. It happened in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1918 and initially, the primary function of the MSA was to support our military personnel. From that modest beginning, the long road to where MSA is today was undertaken.

Today the MSA has four basic functions:

- (1) Education/Publications
- (2) VA Hospital Visitation
- (3) Disaster Relief
- (4) Public/Media Relations

Let's begin with Masonic Education. Paul Revere was a member of the Lodge of Saint Andrew in Boston. We all know that his famous ride — warning of the coming of the British troops was a journey that led, ultimately, to the creation of the United States.

Paul Revere was also involved in another “ride”. This time he led Freemasons into journey on Masonic

Education. Paul Revere was the subject of the first Short Talk Bulletin published in January 1923. This journey has resulted in the publication of almost 1,000 Short Talks covering every aspect of Masonic interest that MSA can think of. When reading through the Short Talks one finds a wealth of Masonic knowledge. In many lodges, Short Talks are the tool for disseminating Masonic Education.

There is no aspect of Freemasonry more important or significant than Masonic Education. The understanding of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth is a result of the ritual, which is our first introduction into the fraternity and Masonic “Light”. Masonic Education is what makes a man a Mason for if he does not understand the words and implications of his obligations, he cannot possibly live by them. When we learn what our fraternity is truly all about; when we realize the significance and the impact Freemasons have had in this nation we can thank Masonic Education.

We know that Freemasons were involved in the movement toward Public Education. In many cases, there were schools on the first floor and lodges on the second floor. This is an example of the kind of contribution that has been made by our fraternity.

It is a major responsibility of the Masonic Service Association to provide material and publications that enhance our understanding and knowledge of our fraternity. To put it poetically: *The Masonic Service Association is the loom weaving the tapestry of Masonic knowledge*

Alan L. Wittenberg, P.M.  
Lodge Education Officer

### **Trestle Board**

**November 4 – Annual Meeting  
and Election of Officers**

**November 13 – Reception for  
Edwin A. Strauss, Jr., 33°**

**November 18 – Charter Night**

**December 2 – Installation of Officers  
and Dessert Reception**

**December 8 – Holiday Party at  
Chuck E. Cheese**

# Highlights of Our Year

