



**Message From The East**



Not only has this summer been the hottest on record, but it has also been one of the shortest that I can recall. It only seems like yesterday that we adjourned for the summer, but now it's September and time to resume our labors. In doing so, let us also renew some basic thoughts on why we are Masons and what our responsibilities are to

the community and to each other.

The person wanting to become a Mason must be a man, sound in body and mind, who believes in God, is at least the minimum age required by Masonry, and has a good reputation. Those are the only "formal" requirements. But there are others, not so formal. He should believe in helping others. He should believe there is more to life than pleasure and money. He should be willing to respect the opinions of others. And he should want to grow and develop as a human being.

Remember when you were going through the first three degrees and were taught to keep your brother in your daily prayers to God, to support a falling brother when he is in a time of need, and to go out of your way to assist a worthy brother. I would hope that these are not just merely words, but tenets that constitute a philosophy that guides our journey through life. Let us respect each other, let us rejoice in the fact that we are part of the largest fraternity in the world, and let us take comfort in the fact that wherever we may travel, we always have a brother and friend available to us. Let us always meet upon the level, part upon the square and act by the plumb. Let us live, act and speak in such a way that all may know the high ideals for which we stand.

Fraternally,  
Arne Lillo  
Worshipful Master

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
Valley of Cleveland  
2012 Fall Reunion  
Saturday, November 3, 2012**

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**60th Annual Charter Night Approaches**

On November 8, 2012, University Heights Lodge will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the receipt of our Charter. The Charter was officially issued at the Grand Lodge Communication on October 18, 1952. Two hundred thirty dedicated Masons signed as Charter Members of the 738th lodge in the State of Ohio.

The celebration will begin with a dinner in the Banquet Hall, starting at 6:30 PM. A Lodge of Master Masons will open at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Ill. Bro. Charles L. Davis from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Ill. Bro. Davis is a Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 52. He served as Worthy Patron of the Bethel Chapter No. 58, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Past Excellent High Priest of the Cuyahoga Chapter, Royal Arch Masonry; a Past Illustrious Potentate of El-Hasa Temple #28; a Past Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 7th Masonic district (having served two terms); a Past Grand Lecturer of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio; a Past Deputy of the Desert of the State of Ohio of the AEAONOMS; and an Illustrious 33rd Degree Mason of United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation.

In his civilian life, Bro. Davis was appointed to the Cleveland Police Academy in May 1997. He was a founding member of the Cleveland Police SWAT Unit, serving with that elite group for five years. He then became the Officer in Charge of the Vice and Strike Force Units and head of the Office of Professional Standards. In September 2004, he retired with the rank of sergeant after 30 years of service. He now owns the C&J Auto Wash on Bellaire Avenue in Cleveland.

Ill & Wor. Bro. Davis has been married to Joyce for 44 years. They have a daughter and three sons. In his spiritual life, Bro. Davis serves as a minister at the Euclid Church of Christ in Euclid.

During the Charter Night program, University Heights Lodge will present service awards to 25-, 35- and 40-year members. Our newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master will present service awards to brethren who have been members for 50- and 60-years or more. The evening's events will include our annual memorial service for departed brethren, and recognition of our newly raised members and blood bank donors. After the meeting is adjourned, refreshments will be served in the Friendship Room (first floor).

Brethren wishing to attend the dinner should see one of the line officers to purchase a ticket for \$10.00. Or, watch your mail for a flyer or print it from the lodge's website ([www.uhlodge.org](http://www.uhlodge.org)).

### **Grand Lodge of Ohio goes to Washington D.C.**

On Friday, August 3, 2012, five bus loads of Masons from Ohio along with spouses, significant others, friends, and 18 candidates departed from various locations throughout the State for a week-end in Washington, D.C. Wor. Bro. Aarne Lillo with his wife Jeanne and Junior Steward, Bro. Joe Huber with his wife Joani, attended.

The trip to Washington D.C. was a great opportunity to have a good time with other Masons from around the State and to celebrate George Washington's 280<sup>th</sup> Birthday, while 18 Fellow Crafts from Ohio were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on August 4<sup>th</sup>, the 259<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Washington being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Master Mason



**George Washington National Masonic Memorial**

Degree took place at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, in the Alexandria, Virginia, Lodge Room. George Washington served as Charter Master when the Lodge transferred its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Needless to say, the history and surroundings of the event were very special.

A real "aura" of history was felt everywhere. All of the Candidates were raised by Most Wor. Bro. Kevin B. Todd, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, with the assistance of their sponsors. The Degree was conducted by the Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. This was truly a special day for the Candidates. In remembrance of this day, they received a special certificate and pins



**Alter supporting the famous "George Washington Bible"**

commemorating their being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

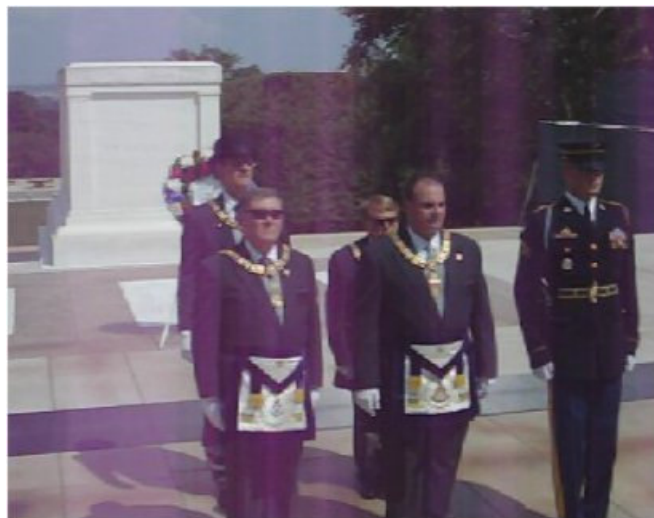
On arriving in Arlington Friday evening, all enjoyed a Pasta Buffet Dinner served at the Comfort Inn. Saturday, after breakfast, the brethren headed to the George Washington Memorial for the degrees while our wives had a leisurely breakfast, arrived a little later and enjoyed a tour of this magnificent facility.

After the Degrees, all partook of a luncheon at the Memorial, and then departed to Arlington National Cemetery. There Most Wor. Bro. Kevin B. Todd, with the Grand Lodge Officers, placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A video of the placement is available on our web-site. This moving ceremony was followed by a bus tour of the National Mall area where we were able to see most of the famous landmarks and the "must-see" memorials and buildings.

Saturday night, we went as a group to the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater, we enjoyed dinner and were able to mingle with the Brethren. Sunday, we attended a service at the National Cathedral, and as at the George Washington Memorial, there was a revered reference to him as a Mason and the Father of Our Country. After lunch, we departed for home.

The trip was well organized, everyone had a good time. We saw the sites, bonded with our Brethren, and everyone said "when I come back, I want to spend more time at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial; there is so much to see."

### **Bro. Joe Huber**



**Most Worshipful Brother Kevin B. Todd, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio after laying a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns**

### **Hiram Hears**

Congratulations to BRO. STEVEN DOMBROWSKI and Mary Alice who became parents of twin daughters, Marilyn and Alison, in early June...Cari (Moss) Blaustein, granddaughter of Wor. BRO. A. ARTHUR MOSS, and niece of BRO. LOUIS MOSS (Marcia) was married on July 8th. BRO. JEFF MOSS was pleased to be one of the groomsmen...BRO. BRAD BERGER married Stephanie Littauer, daughter of Marcia Arons and WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS over the Labor Day weekend. Also in attendance was the beaming grandfather, BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ, brother-in-law, BRO. JIM FLAIZ and sister Laura Flaiz, along with brothers BRO. JOSHUA ARONS and BRO. DAVID ARONS...The Silver/Newberry clans will enjoy a large celebration in October when Jamie, daughter of WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla, sister of WOR. BRO. MATT NEWBERRY (Diana) and granddaughter of WOR. BRO. ALAN G. SILVER and Rhoda, marries Robert Houston (of Las Vegas) at the Bertram Inn in Aurora ...With sadness, gratitude, and admiration, Hiram congratulates BRO. MICHAEL SAPOZHNIK, who accepted the prestigious Orange Kiwanis Club award on behalf of his late wife, Alla Bogomolnaya, a math teacher at Orange High School who succumbed to cancer on May 11th . Never before given posthumously, the award is presented to a teacher who exemplifies commitment to teaching or job responsibility; interaction with teachers, staff, and students; and positive contributions to the school district and community...BRO. MIKE DILLS was named Sailor of the Week by US Sailing in August for his work as the Principal Race Officer for the Tartan Ten class North American Championships...BRO. JOSHUA ARONS is engaged to Tracey Harkins of Chicago. A June, 2013 wedding is planned in the windy city...Mazel tov to BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill on son Matthew becoming a bar mitzvah. Beaming with pride was grandfather BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY and uncle and aunt BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon... Distinguished military service veteran Helene Weinberger (late WOR.BRO. FROYAM WEINBERGER) traveled to Washington, D.C. via the Honor Flight Network. Helene enlisted in the Army in 1944 and later served in Pakistan....Lodge Tyler BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in July.

BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ spent a few days in the hospital and went to Menorah Park for rehabilitation. He is happily back at Wiggins...Flo Zeid, wife of BRO. HARRY ZEID, was in the hospital and Menorah Park with breathing problems...BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY spent some time in the hospital but everything turned out

just fine...Jill Strauss (ILL. & RT. WOR. BRO. EDWIN A. STRAUSS, JR.) had successful shoulder surgery and after rehabilitating at Montefiore is now home... Christine Harris (RT. WOR. BRO. HUGH A. HARRIS) lost her mother in August. Condolences also to grandson BRO. MATT HARRIS and Tracey.... BRO. BEN ZIDE lost his son-in-law, Brent Ravdin, who resided in Florida...Estelle Engel (BRO. NORM ENGEL) lost her brother, Charles Avner... 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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, October 24**  
**Schvitz Night 5:00 to 9:00 PM**

**November 1**  
**Annual Meeting Election of Officers**

**November 8**  
**Charter Night**  
**Dinner at 6: 30 PM**

**December 6**  
**Installation of Officers**

**Thursday, December 13**  
**Holiday Party at Chuck E. Cheese**

### ***The Secretary's Corner***

Brethren: By now, you should have all received your notices to pay your dues. According to Grand Lodge code, your dues are to be paid at or before the Annual Meeting, which this year is November 1, 2012. According to the code, a member who has not paid his dues shall be "Not in Good Standing" until his dues are paid. Though not in good standing, a brother can still attend lodge until December 31st. Should a brother not pay his dues before the last day of the year, he is to be 'indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues'. Since membership in all other Masonic bodies (York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc.) is dependent on your Blue Lodge membership, by not paying your dues, you jeopardize your membership in other groups as well. Don't wait, please pay your dues now.

**Henry G. Mankowski,**  
**Secretary**