



Message From The East



I hope you had a relaxing summer and were able to spend time with those near and dear to you.

During our two month break when we did not meet on the level, I admit I missed seeing many of you at meetings. That made it that much more special to get

together for our annual summer picnic and fall reunion.

The Cleveland Zoo is always a great place to visit. Seeing the animals through the eyes of our children and grandchildren is an extra special treat. If you didn't attend this fun event, I encourage you to mark your calendar for next July.

As one season gave way to another, we welcomed autumn in fine style with a clam bake that featured lobster, steak, corn on the cob, potatoes, and a delicious assortment of pies for those who still had room to eat. Special thanks to Wor. Bros. Henry Mankowski, Roger Newberry, Joel Newman, and Jeff Schultz for tending to every detail.

The success of all of our events and meetings is the result of the efforts by many brethren and their ladies. Participation is fun and contagious. I ask that each of you think of one thing you like – party planning, coaching, degree work, visitations, a speaking part, writing for the Rays – and do it. University Heights Lodge is truly a case that you will only get out what you put in. And the bonus is the great friends you make in the process. Meet me on the level!

Fraternally,
Howard Lev, PM
Worshipful Master

61st Annual Charter Night

University Heights Lodge officially came into existence on April 23, 1952, when the Grand Lodge of Ohio issued a dispensation for a new lodge. 230 Masons signed the petition and we are delighted to celebrate that event each year.

On November 14, 2013, Master Masons will gather to commemorate the occasion to honor those original brethren. This auspicious occasion will begin with a dinner featuring a prime rib or salmon entrée that will be served at 6:30 pm. Following dinner, a lodge of Master Masons will open at 7:30 pm.

During the meeting, our lodge will present service awards to 25-, 35-, 40-, 50-, and 60-year members. We will recognize and welcome our newly raised brethren and blood bank donors. A memorial service to honor the memory of our departed brethren will also be held.

Our featured speaker and guest is Wor. Bro. Chad Simpson, Director of Program Development for the Grand Lodge of Ohio, who promises an interesting presentation. The evening will culminate with dessert and fellowship in the banquet hall.

Please make your reservations for you and your Master Mason guests with Bro. Joe Huber or any of the line officers. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

**November 7
Annual Meeting
Election of Officers**

**If you haven't paid your dues,
this would be a good time.**

**Rays from
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Happy as Clams

This year's fall reunion was held on September 15th at the Al Koran Shrine in Broadview Heights. The brethren and their ladies in attendance for this annual gathering enjoyed an outstanding clambake.

Besides the clams, we dined on tasty lobster and delicious grilled steak, along with sides such as chicken, coleslaw, sweet potatoes and a wide assortment of mouth-watering pies for dessert.

Before and during dinner, we were treated to a variety of wine and spirits, thanks to the fine selections made by Wor. Bros. Henry Mankowski, Roger Newberry, Joel Newman and Jeffrey Schultz.

After the summer break, this pleasant Sunday event was the perfect way to enjoy the change of seasons and reunite with friends.

**Schvitz Night
October 23, 2013**

**Steam the Night Away with
your Brethren**

Chuck E. Cheese Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 12th beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant in the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Mayfield Heights.

An annual favorite, everyone always has lots of fun with their children and grandchildren playing games and winning tokens, capped off by spending them on the many prizes available.

And of course eating large quantities of pizza, salad, and ice cream!

Children and grandchildren attending with a member of University Heights lodge, as well as prospective members and families, are welcome.

Dinner will be served between 6:00 and 7:30 pm. The cost of this wonderful evening is \$6.00 per person. Children under 5 years old are free. Watch your email in November for a flyer with a reservation form attached. See you there!

Such a Deal!

Looking for a bargain? Enjoy fine dining at discount prices?

University Heights Lodge is pleased to offer the OUR TOWN & ALL-AROUND dining book to members and friends. All proceeds will be donated to area charities to be announced at our Annual Mason of the Year program this May.

This can't miss book has approximately 156 dine-in, mid-day, and casual dining offerings. Also offered are discounts at the Westside Market, movie theatres, golf courses, dry cleaners and more.

Books can be purchased by sending a check for \$28.00 each to Alan Wittenberg at 17929 Euclid Ave. and may be picked up at lodge meetings. If you want to receive yours by mail, please add an extra \$2.50 per book to cover the cost of postage.

The book pays for itself in 1-2 uses. Please help the lodge in our fundraising efforts, while you help yourself to some fun.

Alan Wittenberg, PM

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, October 23
Schvitz Night
5:00 to 9:00 PM**

**November 7
Annual Meeting
Election of Officers**

**November 14
Special Meeting
Charter Night
Dinner at 6:30**

**December 5
Installation of Officers**

**December 12
Children's Holiday Party
Chuck E. Cheese**

The Baltimore Convention of 1843

In 1840, the Grand Lodge of Alabama requested all of the Grand Lodges in the nation with which they were in fraternal intercourse, to send a delegate to meet in a general convention "for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout all the lodges of the United States, and to make other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft."

The delegates to "Baltimore Convention of 1843", agreed upon a "mode of work" to recommend to the various Grand Lodges, that Masonic ritual might become uniform throughout the nation.

The catechism form of lectures came to this country with Freemasonry and a ritual, with every word prescribed, had not evolved. Starting with the Baltimore Convention, the system was revised and later "improved" with the esoteric parts of the "work" by illustrations of symbols and emblems, depicted on "floor clothes" or "carpets" - even today we retain a reference to "The Master's Carpet".

In the first quarter of the nineteenth century the establishment of lodges rapidly followed the westward march of the pioneers. Many prominent, substantial and influential men became Masons. But the second quarter saw the fraternity almost wiped out of existence. The excitement created by the disappearance of William Morgan, of Batavia, New York, in September, 1826, ripened into a nationwide and extraordinarily bitter anti-Masonic movement, a crusade which became relentless persecution of the fraternity.

Now on the defensive, the fraternity was obliged to carefully guard against cowans and eavesdroppers. Evidence of membership of a would-be visitor was critically tested. Examining committees proceeded on the theory that the presumption of regularity was against the would-be visitor.

Under such conditions the lack of uniformity of masonic work among the several Grand Lodges, or even among lodges in the same jurisdiction, was a formidable obstacle to fraternal intercourse.

The results of the Baltimore Convention of 1843 are the degrees and lectures in use today. Throughout the United States, they are all essentially the same which makes traveling between lodges in any jurisdiction possible.

Roger C. Newberry, PM
Lodge Education Officer

Hiram Hears

WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN and his wife, Susan, celebrated the high school graduation of their daughter Jillian on May 18, 2013, in Estero, Florida. Mom and Dad are very proud of Jillian's accomplishments. They also celebrated 23 happy years of marriage on June 24, 2013 and send their warm wishes to all ...BRO. DANIEL STRAUSS, son of RT. WOR. & ILL. BRO. EDWIN A STRAUSS, JR., and Jill, was named general manager of digital at The Hollywood Reporter. In his new role, Dan will be responsible for The Hollywood Reporter's rapidly expanding slate of digital initiatives and new digital products.... Nominated by the Menorah Park Foundation, Bro. Edwin Singer was selected by the Cleveland Chapter of Fundraising Professionals as the 2012 Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer of the Year ... Joan Wittenberg (late WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG) is chairperson of the Women's Division of the State of Israel Bonds ... BRO. RON GROSS and Shelley are beaming over their 17-year old son Sam, who won a gold medal at the 19th Annual Maccabiah Games for wrestling, held in Israel in July. Earlier in 2013, Sam finished third in the state wrestling tournament. Now a Beachwood High School senior, Sam was the 2012 Ohio High School Athletic Association Division III champion at 113 lbs. and was selected the 2013 Sid Luckman Outstanding Jewish High School Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum....Also visiting Israel were BRO. PETER RZEPKA and Aliki, who were honored at the dedication of the Bar-Ilan University's Rzepka Twelve Tribes Plaza – an outdoor shaded resting spot on the Ramat Gan campus. The trip and festivities were part of Peter's 85th birthday celebration ...Candles were also on the cake for BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN, WOR. BRO. DAVE GREENBERG, BRO. HARRY ZEID, BRO. IRV LEWIS, WOR. BRO. ART MOSS, BRO. STAN NEUGER, WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG, BRO. DICK BURK, WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER, WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY, and BRO. BEN ZIDE ... Summer anniversaries were celebrated by WOR. BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara (23), BRO. IRV LEWIS and Flora (54), and WOR. BRO. DENNY LINDEN and Karen (34) ...BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon saw daughter Jennifer become a Bat Mitzvah on August 24th. Proud grandfather BRO. ROBERT STOVSKY with Jennifer's aunts and uncles BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, and BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill joined in the fun ...BRO. DAVE RESNIK and Carol enjoyed a July visit by granddaughter Stacey Scarnato, her husband Michal, and great grandson Dylan ...WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty have two

new great grandsons. That means that WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV and Barbara are new grandparents! ... Also becoming grandparents for the second time are BRO. STEVE WASSERMAN and Joni ...

Get well wishes to Pat Burk (BRO. DICK BURK), who spent time in the hospital ... a special Hiram hello to WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita, WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda and to Carol Resnik ... Lillian Blecher, sister of WOR. BRO. ART MOSS, aunt of BRO. LOUIS MOSS (Marcia), and great aunt of BRO. JEFF MOSS passed away June 10th in Delray Beach, FL....Sylvia Levin, mother of Ann Levin and mother-in-law of RT.WOR. BRO. HENRY MANKOWSKI, passed away in June. Her funeral was held near her family's home in Philadelphia...Barbara Golden, wife of BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN, lost her mother, Florence Hollender one month shy of her 100th birthday...Sylvia Resnick, sister-in-law of BRO. HAROLD RESNICK and BRO. DAVID RESNICK (Carol), passed away in late June...Gerrie Abrahams, wife of BRO. BERNIE ABRAHAMS, lost her sister, Edna Marx, in July...In September, WOR. BRO. ADAM RUTKOWSKI (Rhonda) lost his step-mother...and WOR. BRO. JAY RAVITZ and Marcia's brother-in-law, Kenneth Green passed away ... 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.

Ohio Lodge of Research

The Ohio Lodge of Research is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for its members to research the symbolism, structure, history, and other various aspects of Freemasonry.

Membership is open to Master Masons who belong to lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ohio or to lodges under Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. There are three types of membership, active, associate and subscribing. Lodges and Masonic Libraries may apply for a subscribing membership. Master Masons may apply for associate membership.

Active members are those who have been elected to that status for exhibiting specimens of their Masonic research. Wor. Bro. Alan L. Wittenberg is an active member of the Ohio Lodge of Research. If you have any questions about this worthwhile organization, do not hesitate to talk to him.