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Message From The East



Brethren, welcome to Spring (I hope).

As I look back upon the past few months as Worshipful Master, it has truly been a learning experience. I am learning something new everyday, some of which actually is starting to make sense! I have had the best of

instructors – the brethren of our lodge.

Our fraternity and our lodge have come a long way from the heyday years of the 50's and early 60's. Aging as the fraternity is, it becomes harder every year just to maintain the number of members we have. University Heights Lodge has done a good job finding men who want to be Masons and has maintained our total number of members in spite of those who have passed.

Aside from the occasional son of a brother who joins to "keep it in the family", what does our lodge and our fraternity offer a young man of today? This is an important question since many of us cannot answer it. Think for a minute about why you joined, and what you like about the fraternity. Then be sure to tell someone who you feel would be a good addition to our lodge.

We enjoy many fun-filled social, community, and lodge-based events that cover many different interests. So far this year, we have enjoyed our Annual Installation of Officers, volunteering at Menorah Park, a Children's Holiday Party at Chuck E. Cheese, Table Lodge, a Valentine's Dance at Embassy Suites, a "revealing" Night at the Schvitz and our Master and Warden's Dinner dance, recently held at Landerhaven.

I am very proud of the work we displayed during our recent Inspection and especially proud that our lodge was requested to provide the Fellow Craft Team at the recent Grand Master's One Day Class. Wor.Bro. Abraham Kay, Wor.Bro. Chester Willey, Wor.Bro. Howard Lev and Wor.Bro. Roger Newberry also participated at many

positions during the day. Congratulations and thanks to each of you who contributed to that success.

Naturally, I must thank all of the Past Masters, line officers, and brethren at large. It is with your help and effort that we can accomplish so much, which makes this lodge so great in so many ways.

With the coming months, we look forward to the Mason of the Year and Friendship Night, our Annual Blood Drive, the Memorial Day Parade, Paintball, our summer picnic at Pioneer Waterland, and our summer reunion in August.

If you know of someone who is considering joining our lodge, please be sure to invite him to attend one of our social events. All prospective members may attend one event and pay the same price as a member.

I hope to see all of you (and prospective members) at these upcoming events, and of course, at our meetings.

Faternally yours,
Adam Rutkowski
Worshipful Master

UH Lodge Helps in One Day Class

Over 146 men became Masons at the Grand Master's One Day Class on March 31, 2007 during the 22nd Masonic Districts conferral of the three degrees at the Masonic Auditorium. Wor.Bro. Abraham Kay delivered the lecture during the first degree and also was the Chaplain in the third degree. Wor.Bro. Chester Willey was the Senior Deacon during the second degree. But the Lodge's greatest honor came when we were asked to provide the Fellow Craft Team for the third degree.

In the audience, were 5 new members who became Masons that day: William Chapnick, son-in-law of Bro. Mel Jacobs; Craig Cohen, son-in-law of Bro. Les Snider; Asim Khan; Arlen Rollins and Marc Rossen, son-in-law of Bro Stephen Bloom.

Congratulations to all who participated in this event.

Henry Mankowski, P.M.

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Annual Blood Drive: May 22nd

Continuing a long-standing tradition, our lodge is holding its annual blood drive on Tuesday May 22, 2007 from 1 PM to 7 PM at the Lyndhurst Masonic Building. Bro. Marty Mittleman, our blood drive chairman, is hoping for a great turnout. Remember - wives and family members can give too! Donors must be 17 years or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. The Red Cross will serve refreshments and the lodge will provide all the pizza you can eat. Bro. Mittleman needs volunteers to help set up and also with registration and serving pizza. He may be reached at 440-221-6446.

Make a difference. Give the precious gift of life.

Landerhaven hosts the Dinner Dance

Our 55th Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance returned to Landerhaven on Saturday, May 5, 2007. It is our lodge's premier social event of the year and this year was no exception.

The gala event began with the Fellowship hour at 6:30 PM with a choice of delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Dinner was served at 7:30 PM with a menu featuring a choice of sliced beef tenderloin or glazed salmon. Concluding the meal was the fabulous dessert table for which Executive Caterers is well known.

"Tony Quarles and The Discovery Band", a 10-piece orchestra, played a wide variety of music and provided accompaniment during dinner and afterwards for dancing until late into the evening.

Many thanks to Bro. Bruce DeBerry for his help in taking reservations and assigning tables. Thanks as well to Wor. Bro. David Greenberg, for attending to all the details that made this a wonderful evening.

Attention 32nd Degree Masons

The Interstate Scottish Rite 32 Club of Cleveland is seeking new members. Organized as a social and philanthropic club, any 32nd degree mason is eligible to become a member. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Mayfield Heights Community Center at 6306 Marsol Road.

Regular meetings begin at 8:00 P.M with dinner meetings beginning at 7:00 P.M. Most meetings include entertainment, and refreshments are always served. Wives or lady friends are invited to attend all but the Annual Meeting in November. For further information call Bro. David Resnik at (216) 464-7390 or Bro. Elvin Shultz at (216) 292-3743

Elvin Shultz

Meet Your Marshall

Bro. Barry Koblentz has been your Marshall for the last few years, and has been an asset to the lodge and the line. He has eagerly agreed to assume whatever station he was assigned and has been an integral part of the rejuvenation of our Fellowcraft Team.

Bro. Koblentz graduated from Heights High School in 1961; went on to Ohio State and then to Cuyahoga Community College where he received an Associate of Arts Degree. He graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in 1970 and had a year of residency through 1971.

Bro. Koblentz married Judy in 1978. They have two children: Michelle (26) and Scott (23).

It seems that Bro. Koblentz and I are destined to be together forever. We first met when we were five years old and have been friends ever since. We attended Podiatry school together (although I was a year ahead of him - he says that it's because I'm so much older than he is -- two days!!!) we graduated from high school together-- and even had grandchildren together-- about a month apart.

Bro. Koblentz has been a welcome addition to the line of officers. All the brethren, especially the other officers, look forward to having his help and support for many years to come.

Alan Wittenberg, P.M.

Ready to Paintball?

Ready for paint splatters, running through the woods and fields, and for bruised egos? The third outing of our paintball event will be taking place on June 9th, and is guaranteed to be the best time you will ever have pointing a weapon at your brethren! We will meet at the Pinnacle Woods Paintball fields (in Chardon) at 1:30 p.m. for three hours of unabated, paint-infused warfare! This event is open to all members and prospective members, since it is a great opportunity to introduce someone to our lodge.

There are a limited number of player slots, so reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost of playing is \$25 per person, which includes all equipment necessary (gun, goggles/mask, ammo) for the ensuing "carnage". Liquid refreshments will be available during play. Keep your eyes on your electronic or paper mail for more information regarding this fun-filled event. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Matthew Newberry

Meet Your Junior Steward

Freemasonry came naturally to our Junior Steward, Bro. Matthew Newberry. Membership in University Heights Lodge was something he looked forward to from the first time he visited the lodge as a young boy. Bro. Newberry is the fourth generation of his family to be a member of University Heights Lodge. His father, Wor. Bro. Roger Newberry; grandfather, Wor. Bro. Alan Silver; and great grandfather, Bro. Ted Silver; were all raised as Master Masons in our lodge. Wor. Bro. Ezra Silver and Wor. Bro. Stuart Silver of our lodge are also part of Bro. Newberry's family.

Bro. Newberry graduated from Solon High School. While in high school, he participated in the marching band and was featured in several dramatic productions. He was also a Boy Scout and participated in a High Adventure Explorer Post, which focused on outdoor activities such as camping and hiking.

Bro. Newberry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University in upstate New York. While at Alfred, Bro. Newberry was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, serving as his chapter's youth activities director. For the past two years, he has been employed at Ben Venue Laboratories in Bedford as a Process Validation Engineer. He enjoys racing on a sailboat with his father and Wor. Bro. Joel Newman.

Bro. Matthew Newberry was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in June, 2003 while still a student. He was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in August, 2003 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Past Master's Night in June, 2004. He has been active in the lodge since that time as the organizer of our Paintball event for the past three years and as an active member of the Fellow Craft team. Matthew has also successfully coached candidates in the Entered Apprentice degree.

Bro. Newberry is proud to be carrying on his family's traditions as an officer in our lodge.

**Past Masters Night
June 21st**

**See the Master Mason Degree
performed as only our Past
Masters can**

Hiram Hears...

BRO. ERIC STRAUSS & Alyssa welcomed daughter, Sophia, into the world at the end of December. The beaming grandparents are ILL & RT. WOR. BRO. EDWIN A. STRAUSS, JR. and Jill. BRO. DANIEL STRAUSS is now an uncle...On December 27, 2006, BRO. LARRY COHEN became a grandfather when Corey Nathaniel was born to his son and daughter-in-law Michael Cohen and Katey Herman, who reside in Santa Monica, CA...WOR. BRO. HARVEY KUMIN and Nancy became grandparents in November when daughter-in-law Melissa (wife of son Joshua) brought Ryan Scott Kumin into the world. The new family lives in Deerfield, Michigan...BRO. CHRIS SORANNO and Amy welcomed daughter Alexa Rose to the world on Valentine's Day. Beaming grandparents are WOR. BRO. JEFF SCHULTZ and Jane and the proud great-grandmother is Lenore Schultz, widow of WOR. BRO. ALBERT I. SCHULTZ ... wedding bells will soon ring for Jill Dubal and Mark Leyser, son of BRO. LARRY LEYSER and Patricia, and grandson of BRO. KURT LEYSER and Jean ... BRO. BARRY LEAVITT is one of the out-of-town brethren who regularly log on to our website (www.uhlodge.org). He reports that he and Cynthia spent the winter in Arizona...BRO. GARY SCHWARTZ also visited the website and reports that he and Linda became first-time grandparents in December when Jason and Erika Schwartz presented them with a granddaughter. Linda and Gary traveled from Florida to Arizona to visit their newly enlarged family...WOR. BRO. BOB FRIED and Laurie enjoyed a long ocean cruise to Asia and Australia in January...Elise Newman, widow of WOR. BRO. JOSEPH NEWMAN and mother of WOR. BRO. JOEL NEWMAN, celebrated her 85th birthday with many of her friends at her home in Shaker Heights...One of our new members, BRO. WILLIAM GOLDMAN and wife Traci welcomed son Avery Manual into the world in February. Beaming grandparents are BRO. STEPHEN BLOOM and Sharyl...WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends...BRO. SHELDON ZELDES was spotted in Boynton Beach, Florida...RT. WOR. BRO. HUGH HARRIS took a side trip during his recent visit to Florida to drop in on BRO. ROBERT MORAN in Punta Gorda. He reports that Bob is looking relaxed and happy in retirement...WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda report that the health care system in Florida is in good shape. Both spent some time at the Boca West Hospital recently...BRO. MEL JACOBS was under the weather for a bit in late March...WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG underwent surgery on his

shoulder...WOR. BRO. JERRY ACK is now living at the Montefiore Home...RT. WOR. BRO. ROBERT CERNY underwent back surgery at Hillcrest Hospital in January...BRO. GIL ARIEN spent some time recuperating at the Montefiore Home after knee replacement surgery...WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita have been spending much time and energy taking care of their son, Bro. Stuart Marcus, at their home. Several of our brethren traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, a few years ago to help raise Bro. Stuart...BRO. MARVIN GOLDEN has been under the weather... JCC regular BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG had an accidental fall there but is happily on the road to recovery June Galyen, wife of MOST WOR. BRO. TOM GALYEN, broke her leg in a fall on the ice this winter...BRO. SANDY NEUGER spent some time in the hospital in early March...BRO. BEN ZIDE had surgery...BRO. HAROLD CHAITOFF was in the hospital for a spell... WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS spent a night in the hospital. All tests were negative, however, and WOR. BRO. ARONS and Marcia made it to Niagara Falls the next weekend ...BRO. CHARLES REINER spent a couple of nights at Hillcrest Hospital and is well on his way to a complete recovery...Evelyn Resnik, wife of BRO. HAROLD RESNIK, succumbed to lung cancer on January 31. Evelyn was the sister-in-law of BRO. DAVID RESNIK and Carol ...BRO. SHELDON TURBOW passed away in Florida...BRO. RICHARD STEUER passed away in January... June Rothstein, sister-in-law of BRO. DAN ROTHSTEIN and Mary Ann, passed away Hiram was saddened to hear of the passing of Bro Alvin Symms, a member of Forest City Lodge. He was the father of Bro. Jeff Symms, who demitted to a lodge in Las Vegas in September. Several of our brethren were in attendance at Bro. Symms' funeral...Nell Hurr, sister of Polly Shultz, sister -in-law of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and aunt of Marcia Arons, passed away in April in Washington Court House, Ohio... Hiram can only report what he hears...If you have news, send an email to hiram@uhlodge.org, or call BRO. HARRY ZEID, Sunshine Committee Chairman, at (216) 464-0567, or send him an email at floandharry@aol.com.

Pioneer Waterland Picnic

July 8, 2007

Fun, Games, Waterslides, Prizes