



Vol. 60, No. 2

Spring 2010

### ***Message From The East***



Shortly after I joined our lodge, I received an invitation from Roger and Carla Newberry to their daughter's bat mitzvah. We had met through lodge and have since developed a lasting friendship. I have never forgotten this kind gesture of being included on their guest list. In the years

since, I have had many such warm encounters. Freemasonry, we are taught in the Entered Apprentice degree, unites "those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." And it unites their families.

This was on my mind when I called the home of a Master from another lodge. I chatted with his wife, and she commented that "the only place you see old married men is in lodge or in church". These social groups have a positive influence on us, "less divorce and longer life," she remarked.

Now, I don't think that being active in Masonry guarantees longevity or a more stable family life, but I do think that the more we are connected with others, and the more we expand our social contacts, the less isolated we feel. Lodge gives us an excellent social outlet, but only if we use it.

I am always encouraging our younger members, especially those with children, to better get to know our members, to attend our social functions, and to work at building lasting friendships. The friendships that we make in Lodge transcend time and place, and provide comfort and consolation throughout our lives.

As we look forward to the dinner dance, Memorial Day parade and picnic, our summer get-together at Pioneer Water Park, and our Fall clam bake, I hope that

each of you will make room at your table for a new member and his family. And I hope that when you leave each gathering, you will have expanded your own friendship circle and guest list.

Fraternally,  
Keevin J. Berman, PM  
Worshipful Master

### ***Dinner Dance Returns to Landerhaven***

Our 58th Annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will return to Landerhaven on Saturday, May 8, 2010. It is our lodge's premier social event of the year and this year will be no exception.

The gala event will begin with the Fellowship hour at 6:30 PM with a choice of delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Dinner will follow at 7:30 PM with a menu of sliced beef tenderloin, halibut in lemon dill or chicken in a fruit glaze chutney. Concluding the meal will be the fabulous dessert table for which Executive Caterers is known.

"Replay", a 5-piece band that plays a wide variety of music will provide accompaniment during dinner and afterwards for dancing until late into the evening. The cost is only \$90 a couple, a real value for this exciting event. Dinner and table reservations are a must. Contact Bro Bruce DeBerry at (216) 381-8486 to make your reservations.

**Give Blood at the  
University Heights Lodge  
Blood Drive  
May 11, 2010**

**Rays from  
University Heights Lodge**



Published quarterly in the interest of  
University Heights Lodge  
No. 738 F. and A. M.  
5516 Mayfield Rd  
Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124.  
Telephone: (440) 442-9714

**Rays Staff**

Robert Stovsky, Editor Emeritus  
Bernard Abrahams      Marc F. Reiff, PM  
Howard Chapman      Charles Reiner  
James Hoffert      Louis Ross  
Donald Levenson      Eric Skoke  
David Michel      Lawrence Solomon  
Martin Mittleman      Robert Schweid  
Gary Perl      Alan L. Wittenberg, PM  
Warren Perl      Marc Wittenberg  
Barry Pollock      Bradley Zucker

**Editorial Advisory Board**

Alan B. Arons, PM      Roger C. Newberry, PM  
Dennis A. Linden, PM      Joel I. Newman, PM

**Officers**

Keevin J. Berman, PM, Worshipful Master  
943 Stuart Dr. (44121)      (216) 291-0869  
Matthew Newberry, Senior Warden  
7347 Cromwell Dr. (44139)      (440) 382-4148  
Aarne Lillo, Junior Warden  
2817 George Ave. (44134)      (440) 888-1923  
Dennis A. Linden, PM, Treasurer  
Joel I. Newman, PM, Secretary  
18606 Parkland Dr. (44122)      (216) 991-7606  
3645 Warrensville Ctr. Rd (44122)      (216) 621-1541  
Henry A. Mankowski, PM, Assoc. Secretary  
Abraham Kay, PM, Chaplain  
Bruce DeBerry, Senior Deacon  
Roni Taxer, Junior Deacon  
Mark Alliance, Senior Steward  
Barry Koblentz, Marshal  
Harvey Golden, Tyler  
Maurice Senkfor, Assoc. Tyler  
Robert Stovsky, Tyler Emeritus  
Duane A. Dukes, PM, Lodge Education Officer  
Jeffrey E. Schultz, PM, Historian

**Trustees**

Adam Rutkowski, PM.....2010  
Jeffrey A. Kaplan, PM .....2011  
Hugh A. Harris, PDDGM .....2012

**A FAMILY TRADITION**

As with many other lodges, University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM is steeped in family traditions. Several of the gifts we present to newly raised Master Mason are from family memorial funds. These funds are endowed by the Silver, Schultz, Strauss and Wittenberg families to honor earlier generations who helped build our lodge. These presentations should give the candidate an appreciation of how strong family ties have helped our lodge grow. They also help the candidate to appreciate the history of the lodge and how important families are to how we evolved and function.

Reflecting this tradition, Bro. Mark Bailin was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 25, 2010. Mark’s father, Bro. Charles Bailin, assisted in the raising and brought the bible on which Bro. Mark’s grandfather, Bro. Morris Bailin was obligated in 1952.

Two of his uncles, Bro. Marvin Saduger of California, and Bro. Meyer Bailin of Cleveland were also members of the fraternity. This is another instance where family ties and family tradition help University Heights Lodge become stronger.

Wor. Bro. Alan Wittenberg

**MEET YOUR SENIOR STEWARD**

I would like to introduce Bro. Mark Alliance as our newly appointed Senior Steward. Mark comes from a Masonic family that includes two Past Masters. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 7, 2009.



Bro. Alliance grew up in Cleveland Heights and, after graduating from Heights High in 1973, went on to attend Cleveland State University where he played varsity baseball.

Bro. Alliance has been married to Barbara for 32 years as and has two sons, Bradley and Bro. Daniel who was initiated an Entered Apprentice in our Lodge on January 21, 2010.

Professionally, Bro. Alliance has been in the banking business for over 30 years and is currently with First Federal of Lakewood. He enjoys growing the bank’s position within the community.

For relaxation, Bro. Mark enjoys the game of golf and as most other sports. He also enjoys playing the guitar. Congratulations Bro. Alliance. I am sure your Masonic career has a bright future.

Jim Hoffert

### **Fellow Craft Convocation**

Worshipful Master Keevin Berman's "Year of the Fellow Craft" started off with an interesting and educational look at an ancient equivalent of our second degree. On January 28, 2010, following a hearty meal, the brethren were treated to a reenactment of a French Operative Mason's passing to the rank of "Companion".

As Lodge Education Officer Wor.Bro. Duane Dukes explained, this sixteenth century French ceremony would have been years in the making for the candidate. The man at the center of the spectacle would have been training for the majority of his working life under another skilled mason while constructing cathedrals. The passage to the second degree of operative masonry signified that the candidate was now a member of the craft. Construction of a cathedral was no ordinary building project; its construction lasted more than 60 years and that is why it was so important to pass this knowledge between generations.

It was a busy evening in particular for Bro. Edward Hayman, who had only moments before been passed to the Fellow Craft Degree in University Heights Lodge. The newest "Companion," Bro. Hayman, emerged from the "preparation room" in a robe and mask. He was conducted around the make-shift lodge room and participated in a degree that shared many characteristics of the modern degrees of Speculative Masonry. In this system of degrees, however, the second degree was the highest honor and that remained so until more modern masons added the third degree late in the seventeenth century.

At the end of the evening, those in attendance agreed that it was an interesting look at Masonic history. The ritual reenactment provided insight as to where some of our elements in the ritual come from and gave a fresh look at a degree that, in modern Speculative Masonry, is often overlooked and perhaps underappreciated.

Stephen Quinn

**March with the Lodge  
at the  
University Heights  
Memorial Day  
Parade and Picnic  
May 31, 2010**

**District Education Night  
May 6, 2010**

### **Meet Your District Deputy Grand Master**

Throughout 2010, Right Worshipful Brother Mitchell L. Alperin will be a frequent guest at University Heights Lodge. On some of these occasions Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin will be fulfilling his responsibilities as a District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic district. Brethren of University Heights Lodge, please extend a hearty welcome to Rt. Wor. Bro Alperin.

Wor. Bros. Alan Arons and Keevin Berman have known Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin since all three were classmates in elementary school. Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin graduated from Heights High School. His years on the track team at Heights are still evident today as he continues to run regularly. At Purdue University, Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin received a Bachelor of Science Degree, which was followed by a Juris Doctor Degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Business law and litigation are his focus. His Pepper Pike office attests to his strong attachment to Masonry; adorned with books, plaques, recognitions and other Masonic items.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin is married to his childhood sweetheart, Marcia, who is a guidance counselor in the Beachwood School system. They have three daughters. One married daughter lives in Las Vegas while another is in Chicago. His granddaughter may not be able to become a Mason but his three grandsons are bound to join our wonderful fraternity. His third daughter attends Cornell University.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin is a member of Forest City Lodge, as was his father, grandfather, and great uncle. Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin was raised a Master Mason in 1990. In 2000, while he served as Master, Forest City Lodge won Inspection, Visitation and Attendance awards. They were also awarded the Grand Master's Award that year, captioned: "A Pathway to the New Millennium." Rt. Wor Bro. Alperin is also a 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite a member of Shrine. For several years he has served as Judge Advocate for Region 5 which encompasses our District.

When time permits, Rt. Wor. Bro. Alperin can be found on the tennis court, sometimes tiring out a University Heights Lodge brother or two.

Mark Bailin

### **Hiram Hears...**

WOR. BRO. JEFF KAPLAN and Meryl had a great trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos in December. WOR. BRO. KAPLAN continues to serve as International Secretary Masonic Motorcycle Club International and was re-elected president of Chapter 1 of that organization...WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG and Margo spent their usual time on Sanibel Island in December. Their son, Lee, visited with them part of the time. Wor. Bro. Wittenberg found out he had passed the podiatry boards for Nevada...BRO. MARTY MITTLEMAN and Ileen celebrated the graduations of grandchildren Joshua Schaffer (University of Akron) and Jordan Ehrlich (University of South Dakota) from Bonita Springs, Florida...BRO. SHELDON ZELDES and Barbara traveled from Boynton Beach, Florida, to San Antonio, Texas for their grandson's Bar Mitzvah...BRO. MICHAEL STOVSKY and Jill are beaming over daughter Alexa, who became a Bat Mitzvah in January. Mazel tov to the whole family, including proud grandfather BRO. BOB STOVSKY, and uncles and aunts BRO. RICH STOVSKY and Betsy, and BRO. MARK STOVSKY and Shannon .... BRO. GARY ZEID and Kathy have a new grandson, making BRO. HARRY ZEID and Florence great-grandparents for the ninth time. Mazel tov again!...Ruthe Linden, wife of our late BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and mother of WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN, suffered a stroke in December. She is thankfully doing well and is now recuperating at home...WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER has recovered from a bout with pneumonia while in Florida...BRO. GARY SCHWARTZ is suffering from a brain tumor...BRO. BOB SCHWEID has been ill...ILL. & RT. WOR. BRO. BOB HIBJAN is recovering from heart surgery at home...Cecilia Friedman, mother of WOR. BRO. DAN FRIEDMAN and wife of our late BRO. BERNARD FRIEDMAN spent some time at Hillcrest Hospital...BRO. GEORGE COHEN passed away in early January...BRO. ISSAC GOODFRIEND and BRO. WILLIAM SHULMAN, two of our few remaining Charter Members passed away. Bro. Shulman, who was 97 years old, was the father of BRO. IRWIN SHULMAN (Lorna)... Eugene Kodish, father of BRO. FRANKLIN KODISH (Audrey), passed away in Akron last November ... Estelle "Cookie" Zide, wife of BRO. BEN ZIDE, passed away in early March...BRO. JOSHUA ARONS and BRO. DAVID ARONS lost their maternal grandmother, Marian Peskin, in Chicago... 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](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org), or tell him in person when you see him.

### **BOOK REPORT**

101 Things You Didn't Know About The Freemasons

By Barb King and John K Young, Ph.D.

ISBN: 10.1.59869.319.0

ISBN: 13.978.1.59869.319.5

Published by F+W Publications (Copyright 2007)

This is a ½ size book of 240 pages. It is divided into five parts: "Who are the Freemasons?" "Members Only or How to become a Freemason;" "Freemasonry Friends, Foes and the Founding Fathers;" "Demystifying Freemasonry" and "It's a Conspiracy! (or is it?)."

The first part reviews the sources of the degrees, legends, manuscripts and virtues of our Fraternity as well as the difference between Operative and Speculative Masonry. The second part explains what qualifies a person to become a Mason, the degrees, obligations and, for the most part, the workings of a Lodge. This section also presents a brief history of some affiliated bodies such as the Royal Arch and York Right.

The third part speaks of the Founding Fathers, Masons in history, modern Masonry and Freemasonry in Nazi Germany. The fourth part describes some of our phraseology, the handshakes, passwords and tools of the ritual. Also in part four are discussions of Freemasonry and the Ku Klux Klan, Albert Pike, Lucifer, and the Hoax of Leo Taxil. In the Fifth part, such topics as Jack the Ripper, the Illuminati, Mozart and Prince Hall are reviewed. Free Masons in Literature, the Cinema and on Television are also addressed.

I found this book gave answers to a lot of questions in small, brief and concise language. The book is written in short paragraphs and easily understood language. If you want to know more about topics such as The Boston Tea Party or the Legacy of Freemasonry, I strongly recommend this book to you. It is an easy read and not boring. The book will also keep you abreast of Freemasonry in today's society, and where the authors believe it is headed.

Wor. Bro. Alan Wittenberg

**Inspection  
in the Fellowcraft Degree  
April 15, 2010  
Dinner at 6:15 P.M.  
Lodge opens 7:15 P.M.**