



Message From The East



The highlight of our year thus far has been the Reconsecration of our Lodge.

On behalf of the officers and brethren of University Heights Lodge, a heartfelt thank you, to Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Eldon Reynolds, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, and to the other Grand Lodge Officers, for their beautiful and moving Reconsecration Ceremony on May 30, 2002. We are

gratified that so many brethren, family members and guests were able to attend, and sincerely missed each of you who were not present.

As we consider the Reconsecration of our lodge, we look to the Biblical recounting of the Consecration of the Mishkan, or Tabernacle, contained in Chapters four through seven of Numbers.

The portion ends with Moses going into the newly consecrated Tabernacle, where he hears the Voice of God. This represents the ultimate purpose of the Tabernacle or Temple, as the place designated as holy, where man and God may meet.

Nearly two hundred verses are devoted to a listing of the names of the heads of tribes and families, including the gifts that each made to the Tabernacle, and the duties assigned to each family of Levites, who were dedicated to the Temple Service.

At first glance this seems to be an incredible amount of ink, particularly when we see that the gifts made by each family head or prince were identical to the gifts of all of the others.

On closer examination, we realize that the people listed were the "Charter Members" of the Children of Israel. In the same way that we honor our charter members by listing their names on the Charter displayed at every meeting of our lodge, the Bible honors the

Charter Members of Israel, by listing their names in the account of the Consecration of the Tabernacle.

We were proud this past May 2nd, to greet our newest member, Bro. Michael Rubin, by pointing to the name of his grandfather, Bro. Sigmund Corman, on our Charter.

We were even more proud to have six of our Charter Members present for our Reconsecration Ceremony, and to honor our Charter Members as our collective "Masons of the Year".

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Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Eldon Reynolds, at the Reconsecration of our Lodge

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Grand Master's One Day Class Raises 7900 New Master Masons

On April 27, 2002, the Grand Lodge of Ohio marked the first Grand Master's One-Day Class. At ten locations around the state over 7,900 candidates gathered to receive their first three Masonic degrees in one day. The Scottish Rite auditorium in Cleveland played host to 540 candidates.

The day began promptly at 8:00 am when Most Wor. Bro. Thomas Galyen opened a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Candidates began by watching and hearing the "On the Threshold" presentation after which, the first two degrees were conferred. Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay was selected by the area district deputies to present the Entered Apprentice lecture. After lunch, the third degree was conferred. A District Education Officer made a special presentation after each degree was conferred. Participants in this historic event are now considered master masons in good standing.

The One-Day Class was considered a tremendous success by its organizers, participants and newly raised brethren. According to Most Wor. Bro. Reynolds, the challenge that each lodge now faces is to welcome the newly raised Master masons into the Fraternity, and get them involved as active participants in the activities and operations of the lodge. To meet that challenge, University Heights Lodge invited the members who were raised at the One-Day Class and their spouses to a special educational session. This event, which included a light dinner at the Lyndhurst temple, helped introduce the new members to Freemasonry and welcomed them into our lodge and masonic family.

University Heights Lodge welcomes its new members who participated in this historic event - Bro. John Donger, Bro. Barry Koblentz, Bro. Michael Lignos, Bro. Jeffrey Muencz, Bro. Danny Spitz, Bro. Robert Stotter, Bro. Mark Fellenbaum, Bro. Nabil Khoury, Bro. Jonathan Schweid and Bro. Robert Schweid. Please make a point of introducing yourself to these new Master Masons.

Jeff Kaplan, Senior Warden

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at the Lodge Web Site
www.uhlodge.org**

Message from the East (continued)

Our Mason of the Year is traditionally chosen because of his individual dedication and service to the lodge over a number of years. Our charter members, and particularly our Treasurer, Brother Harold Linden, have truly been our "Masons of the Year" for all of the years of our lodge. We can only hope that fifty years from now, our lodge will be able to honor those members present at our Reconsecration in a similar fashion.

Finally, this portion contains the commandment to give the Priestly Blessing. This blessing was originally given only by the Cohens, or Priests, at a service in the Tabernacle, or Temple, but since the destruction of the Temple, the blessing has become a part of the prayer services of many religions.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up His Countenance unto you, and give you peace. Amen.

Fraternally Yours,
Abraham Kay
Worshipful Master

Past Masters Night

Our candidate for our Annual Past Masters Night, held on June 20, 2002, was Brother Gary Perl, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The festivities began at 5:00, when the officers conferred the first section of the degree and was followed by a delicious prime rib dinner in the banquet hall.

Following dinner, and according to the time honored tradition of University Heights Lodge, the Past Masters conferred the second section of the degree. The Past Masters demonstrated their ability to recall the ritual and showed the brethren how the Master Mason degree should be performed. All the brethren in attendance agreed they had witnessed an entertaining presentation.

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Bro. Gary Perl, on an evening he will never forget.

WARREN PERL

**Lodge Opens
Thursday, September 5th**

Memorial Day Parade

A great turnout was seen at this year's University Heights Memorial Day Parade. We have participated for several years in this annual event to commemorate of the founding of our lodge in University Heights. Brethren and their families honored Veterans along the parade route that winds along Silsby Road and Belvoir Boulevard to John Carroll University. Several of our Brethren had seats of honor in convertibles while others marched along proudly, displaying the lodge banner.

After the parade, the participants, along with several other Brethren and their families, enjoyed a picnic lunch at the home of Wor. Bro. Alan Wittenberg. Plentiful hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, snacks and desserts made sure no one went away hungry. We all should plan to participate in next year's parade to help make our lodge more visible in the community while having a great holiday afternoon.

BERNIE ABRAHAM

Rt. Wor. Bro. Ed Strauss becomes Thrice Potent Master



On May 6, 2002, Right Worshipful Brother Edwin A. Strauss, Jr. was elected and installed as the Thrice Potent Master of the Elidah Lodge of Perfection, one of the four coordinate bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland. RWB Strauss will serve in this capacity for a

period of two years.

The event marks the highlight in the long road though the Elidah Lodge of Perfection's line of officers. Serving in each position for two years, RWB Strauss has devoted the past twelve years to the attainment of this noteworthy position.

The brethren of University Heights Lodge take pride in the accomplishments of RWB Strauss and many were on hand to witness the occasion. The appointment of RWB Hugh Harris to the position of Master of Ceremonies came as a pleasant surprise to everyone in attendance. RWB Harris now begins his ascent through the line. Congratulations to RWB Strauss and RWB Harris and their families on their outstanding achievements.

Freemasonry on the Internet

By now, you all should have visited our lodge website located at www.uhlodge.org. In keeping with masonic principles, we have endeavored to provide you and outsiders visiting our website, information about our lodge and the activities in which we engage. Articles of interest are posted and updated on a regular basis.

Our site, however, is only one of many similar sites. Sponsored by grand lodges, appendent bodies, other blue lodges, and many commercial sites, the Internet is full of information about masonry and masonic events. Indeed, many international sites give us a glimpse of how masons in other countries practice the craft.

One such site is located at www.thefreemason.com. This site, originating in Great Britain, describes itself as “The Internet Portal for Freemasonry Worldwide” and offers the visitor an opportunity to learn more about Freemasonry, participate in Forum discussions, or purchase masonic gifts and regalia. There are also 395 links to other sites maintained for furthering our fraternity.

An outstanding place to start your search of Internet masonry is at the site of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland located at www.aasrcleveland.org. This site maintains information and links important to Cleveland masons and provides a starting point to many of the international sites worldwide. As we continue in search of light, the Internet is an excellent way to proceed.

Air Show Flies In - Welcome Aboard

On Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd, the members of our lodge and their ladies will enjoy the Cleveland National Air Show at Burke Lakefront Airport from the private, shaded expanse of our own Flight Line Tent Loge. The tent, open to the runway, includes umbrella tables, chairs, and our own catered picnic buffet. Lunch will consist of a traditional Labor Day fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken breasts with appropriate side dishes, all beverages and condiments.

This Summer Reunion event will begin at 11:00 am, but aficionados of air shows recommend an early arrival to secure a parking space. Those in attendance will be treated to big planes, little planes, old planes, new planes, Spanish planes, Canadian planes, radio-controlled planes, helicopters, miscellaneous military hardware, a jet-powered truck, people falling from the sky, and the Air Force Thunderbirds, all doing their aviation best to entertain. Members may sponsor one qualified guest and his lady, who the member believes is a potential candidate for our lodge. Watch your mail for details.

Book Review

En route to Global Occupation

By: Gary H. Kah

Published by: Huntington House Publishers © 1992

Have you ever heard of the Council on Foreign Relations, Illuminati, Trilateral Commission, Club of Rome, Royal Institute of International Affairs, or the Institute for Pacific Relations? How about the Bjlderbergers, Centre d’Etudes de Politicque Etrangere, or the Institut fur Auswartige Fojitik? And where does the United Nations fit into this list? What do all of these names have in common?

According to the author, all of these groups, including the United Nations are designed to promote and encourage one, worldwide government. The author contends that these groups are supported by powerful families like the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers, the Carnegies, the Fords, the Warburgs, J.P. Morgan, and many others.

The author feels that these people thru their influence and ties with the banks throughout the world are secretly trying to force the world into a global society. One, worldwide government would exist for the profit of these families.

The author further contends that these families are tied together by their membership in “Secret Groups” like the Masons. In his research all of the families mentioned have masonic ties. He calls Freemasonry “The Hidden Catalyst” and says that that these societies are based in the occult and Luciferic in nature.

The author describes the coming world order as a bad thing and not in the interests of the general populace. The authors remedy, however, is tied to religion. The author contends that to help prevent the world-wide crises one must be an “educated Christian” and “Draw near to Christ”.

I found the book *En Route to Global Occupation* by Gary Kah to be interesting in the context that I have been a Mason for over thirty years and had never heard of most of the groups to which we are supposed to be so influential. I, therefore, recommend this book and encourage you to learn about groups like the Council on Foreign Relations, Illuminati, Trilateral Commission.

Alan Wittenberg, PM

**Attend the Annual Lodge
Picnic at Six Flags
July 24th**

Annual Health Fair

On Thursday, May 27, 2002, the Lyndhurst Masonic Temple hosted its annual Health Fair. The event, which was open to the public, featured exhibits and booths from a variety of health care providers throughout the community. Information was available for a wide range of topics, including bone marrow donations, prescription and non-prescription drugs, the Ohio Masonic Home, and other important health related categories.

During the fair, participants could have their hearing screened, have their bone density measured, and have their blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar checked. If any potential problems were identified, participants were instructed to contact their personal physicians or, if needed, were given the names of agencies or health care professionals to contact for follow up.

In the banquet hall, University Heights Lodge and Forest City Lodge sponsored a spaghetti supper for the community. Brethren and family members from both Lodges prepared the food and served it to anyone who wanted a very filling meal of salad, spaghetti and meatballs, rolls and dessert for a very reasonable price. Proceeds from the spaghetti dinner will be donated to the Grand Master's Special Olympics Fund. Thanks to all who made the event a great success.

Jeff Kaplan, Senior Warden



**Charter Members of the Lodge honored as the
"Masons of the Year"
at the Reconsecration of our Lodge
Edwin Singer, Marvin Golden, I. Joseph Berger, Milton
Berns, Harold Linden, and Harry Wittenberg**

Masonic Funerals

It is a sad fact, brethren, that ultimately, the Great Architect of the Universe calls us all. Each religion to which we subscribe has its own rituals that serve to comfort the grieving family and provide proper disposal for the body that housed the spirit of a loved one.

Freemasonry, not a religion, also has a ritual designed to provide closure to the life of the departed brother. Masonic funeral services, described in Chapter 22 of the Ohio Masonic Code, specify that any mason in good standing is entitled to a Masonic funeral service. It is the duty of the Lodge to perform a Masonic funeral service when the brother, his family, or the Lodge requests it and the service shall not be denied because of any illness, or suicide.

Typically, however, Masonic funeral services are only performed at the request of surviving family members. If you desire to have a Masonic funeral service at your death, make your wishes known to your family now. It is the best way to ensure this final measure of our fraternity.

Masonic funeral services are one way we demonstrate the brotherly love we feel for each other. These services are for the living and provide us with the means to demonstrate the regard we hold for our friend who will sit among us no more.

Henry Mankowski, Junior Warden

FAMILY FUN AT SIX FLAGS

Members and their immediate families are invited to attend our Annual Family Fun day and picnic at Six Flags World of Adventures. This 50th Anniversary Celebration takes place on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 from 12 noon until the park closes. A picnic pavilion will be reserved all day for our Lodge. A picnic style dinner featuring hamburgers and chicken will be served from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

The cost for the day is \$20.00 per person (kids two and under no charge). The price includes admission to the park, a parking pass for one car, dinner and unlimited use of most rides. If you are a season pass holder, a dinner ticket is just \$10.00. Please join your brethren for a day of fun, games and all the rides. Return the reservation form you received in the mail to Adam Rutkowski, at the address on the form. Reservations must be received by July 17th so send yours soon. We hope to see all the Brethren and their families for this wonderful day of fun.

Bill Berris

Hiram Hears

Amy Linden, daughter of WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN and Karen , and granddaughter of BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe, graduated from Solon High School and will attend Indiana University in the fall. Also graduating from Solon was Jaclyn Gordon, granddaughter of BRO. NORMAN ENGLE and Estelle, who will be attending the University of Akron this fall. ...Laura Littauer, daughter of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia, and granddaughter of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and Pauline, received her Masters Degree in Speech and Language Pathology in May from Kent State University. Mazel tov to the Arons and Shultz families ... Congratulations to BRO. ROGER WOLFSON and Rhonda on the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn, to Joshua Seth Cohen. Kimberly is also the granddaughter of BRO. WALTER LEYSER and Lea... Mona Senkfor, wife of BRO. MAURY SENKFOR, will be retiring from Temple Emanu El after eighteen years of service. Mazel tov!... Ashley Berman, daughter of WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy, graduated from the Cleveland Hebrew School. Mazel tov to the Berman family... Aly Friedman, granddaughter of BRO. BERNARD WIESENTHAL and Joyce, will attend Ithaca College... Mazel tov to BRO. AL ROTH and Yetta, who celebrated 55 years of wedded bliss.... Lenore Moss, wife of WOR. BRO. ART MOSS, celebrated a milestone birthday... BRO. MYRON PAIGE and Lois celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary... David Arons, son of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia was awarded the outstanding musician award from Lakeland Community College at their recent jazz festival... Ben Kay, son of WOR. BRO. ABRAHAM KAY and Bonnie, become an Eagle Scout... BRO. DON HARRIS has been ill... Rita Marcus, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS spent time in Southpoint Hospital... BRO. BEN ZIDE lost his sister-in-law Annette Wieder... Estelle Engle, Wife of BRO. NORMAN ENGLE had hip replacement surgery... BRO. BOB SCHWEID spent time in the hospital. Faith Abrahams, daughter of BRO. BERNARD ABRAHAMS and Gerrie, spent time in the hospital in Los Angeles... BRO. BOB LAPINE passed away. Bro. Michael Thal lost his mother, Fran Thal... BRO. MARVIN GUTTERMAN lost his daughter... BROS. ALLAN AND JEFFREY GLAZER lost their father, Marvin Glazer... RT. WOR. BRO. BOB CERNY lost his mother-in-law Jean Hall... BRO. SID MARS, a Charter Member, passed away... Please keep Hiram posted on what is happening with you and yours. You can email Hiram from our website at www.uhlodge.org

HIRAM

Blood Bank

Early in our examination as prospective masons, we were all asked the question "Would you, if able, contribute to the University Heights Lodge Blood Bank"? While most of us answered in the affirmative, only a relative few have fulfilled this obligation.

Remember that each unit of blood donated can be broken down into four components. Each component is capable of saving a single life. There is no substitute for blood and all donations go to local hospitals.

All blood donors qualify for a token gift from the lodge of a coupon good for one in-lodge dinner. Additionally, blood donors are recognized during our Charter Night celebration. These tokens cannot compare with the warm feeling of knowing that we have given of ourselves to this noble cause.

Regretfully, we were forced to cancel our Annual Blood Drive this year. Brethren, now more than ever, we need your support of the Blood Bank. Look for one of the many donation locations sponsored by the Red Cross every week and consider giving blood at the next opportunity. When you donate, mention University Heights Lodge as the donating organization to ensure that we receive recognition.

DON LEVINSON

<p style="text-align: center;">Cleveland Air Show September 2nd</p>
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A Golden Dinner Dance

The evening of Saturday, April 27th marked the University Heights Lodge #738 F. & A. M. annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance. The gala event, held this year at the Oakwood Country Club, was a wonderful affair. The beautiful interior of the country club provided plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and fellowship that preceded dinner.

A wonderful meal, expertly presented and served, was made even more enjoyable by the music of "Special Blend". Dessert featured a "Fiftieth Anniversary" cake in the center of each table and a sundae bar set up near the band. The delicious repast enticed everyone toward the dance floor. Pictures of everyone in attendance and gifts for all the ladies made the evening a even more memorable. Congratulations are due to the brethren of our Social Committee for the tremendous amount of work that went into organizing the Dinner Dance celebration of our 50th year.

ALAN MEYER