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Message From The East



In this issue's Message from the East, I would like to present an essay for your consideration. I came across this while perusing one of the Masonic research forums I subscribe to. It is entitled "**Modern Masonry**," and was written by Wor. Bro. Doug Price, Past Master of Virginia Lodge No. 315 A.F. & A.M.,

The Grand Lodge of Kansas. I hope you enjoy Wor. Bro. Price's essay as much as I did.

"I love the Craft, and one thing I particularly treasure is the language of the ritual, the lectures and the charges. It is rich, literate English such as one rarely encounters today. However, one area where I think we need to modernize our language is when we talk about Masonry to others, especially men considering joining. Too often I have seen Masons unable to explain in plain language what it is we believe in.

I have worked on the following list for a while now, and I do not in any way think it is perfectly expressed or exclusive of other precepts, but let me hear your thoughts and suggestions for

18 MASONIC PRINCIPLES IN MODERN ENGLISH

1. Serve God, as you understand Him to Be.
2. Expect good things in life, and live like you do.
3. Be generous to people in need.
4. Keep your promises.
5. Be industrious, and improve your mind.
6. Remember that there is a life to come, and act with this in mind.
7. Take care of your family.
8. Be tolerant of the honest opinions of others.
9. Keep yourself morally clean.
10. Help your Brother Masons
11. Learn the ritual work, and be active in Lodge.

12. Protect your own physical and mental health.
13. Be strong in the face of adversity.
14. Make your decisions in a calm frame of mind.
15. Always treat other people fairly.
16. Be proud to be a Mason, but modest in expressing it.
17. Watch for good men seeking what Masonry offers, and assist them within our rules.
18. Be happy and enjoy life.

The first three of these speak to our foundations of Faith, Hope and Charity. The second three express the core of each of the three degrees. 7-11 are further duties which I think Masonry binds us to. 12-15 express the principles of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. 16, I think, tells of what we are taught in the charges, and 17 is a matter of self preservation of the institution. At the end, 18 is the payoff we get when we follow the others."

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Wor. Bro. Price certainly gives us food for thought.

Fraternally,
Jeffrey A. Kaplan, P.M.
Worshipful Master

**Hot Dogs
and the
Opening of Lodge
September 4, 2008**

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Bro. David Michel is our Mason of the Year

On May 15, 2008 University Heights Lodge conferred its annual Mason of the Year Award. Known as The Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Silbert Mason of the Year Award, named in memory of the founder of our Lodge, the award is given to a brother who exemplifies a love of Masonry and has endeavored to improve the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Dennis Linden, chairman of the evening, gave a history of the award, and called the roll of the past recipients to assemble.

Bro. David Michel was then surprised by being presented with this year's award. Bro. Michel is a regular member of the Fellow Craft Team and served our Lodge as editor of the Rays from 2003 to 2007. He has coached in the three degrees and has served on the Membership Committee and Legal Committee. Bro. Michel was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in June, 1985.

Having Bro. Michel's family present, including his wife, Lisa, children, Eric and Randi, as well as his mother and aunt, made the evening very special. The evening was well-attended by the brethren, their ladies, visiting Masons and guests. All attending were entertained by vocalist Elizabeth Tredent, who performed a delightful set of songs, and enjoyed a gourmet dessert reception in the banquet hall.

**Summer Reunion at
Alpine Valley Ski Resort
August 24, 2008**

Past Masters Night

Our candidate for Past Masters Night, held June 19, 2008, was Bro. Jeffrey Pallagi, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bro. Pallagi is a student at Mercyhurst College and currently doing extended studies in Japan. The evening began at 5:00 p.m. when the officers conferred the first section of the degree after which a delicious dinner, of roast prime rib of beef or salmon, was served in the dining hall.

After dinner, according to a time-honored tradition at University Heights Lodge, the Past Masters conferred the second section and lecture on Bro. Pallagi, demonstrating their ability to recall the ritual and showing the brethren how the Master Mason decree should, in their opinion, be performed.

All the brethren agreed they had witnessed an entertaining presentation. For Bro. Pallagi, it was an evening he will never ever forget.

University Heights Lodge Inspection

University Heights Lodge celebrated its 56th Annual Inspection on April 17, 2008. Our lodge was inspected in the Master Mason degree by RWB Charles E. Cole, DDGM.

Our lodge has always set a fine tradition with this event and the excellence continued this year. Lodge was opened at 5:15 P.M. when the first section of the degree was conferred on Bro. Marwan El-Eter. Lodge was then called to refreshment and the brethren adjourned to the Banquet Hall for a delicious dinner of prime rib or salmon, which was served with all the trimmings by the girls of Painesville Assembly No. 14 (Rainbow Girls).

At 7:30 P.M., the lodge reconvened for the conferral of the second section. The candidate received presentations from the lodge and his sponsors and we continued with the balance of the evening's program. As is our custom, our Fellow Craft Team gave another outstanding performance, and our inspection report was excellent. Congratulations to the officers and members of University Heights Lodge on another successful review.

Jim Hoffert

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at
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Summer Reunion "Steak Roast" at Alpine Valley Ski Resort

All brethren and their ladies are cordially invited to enjoy the fun and excitement at the Lodge's "Summer Reunion" on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the Alpine Valley Ski Resort. Fellowship begins at 7:00 pm with the "Roast" beginning at 8:00. The cost of the event is \$50 per couple. Reservations must be sent to RWB Hugh Harris no later than August 16th. Wor. Bro. Jeffrey Schultz, this years Director of Social Activities, has guaranteed there will be no snow for the event.

Waving Through the Parade Route

University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM, was again well represented at the annual Memorial Day Parade in the City of University Heights. Over 60 brethren and family members marched from the intersection of Taylor and Silsby Roads to the John Carroll University campus on a beautiful warm and sunny day.

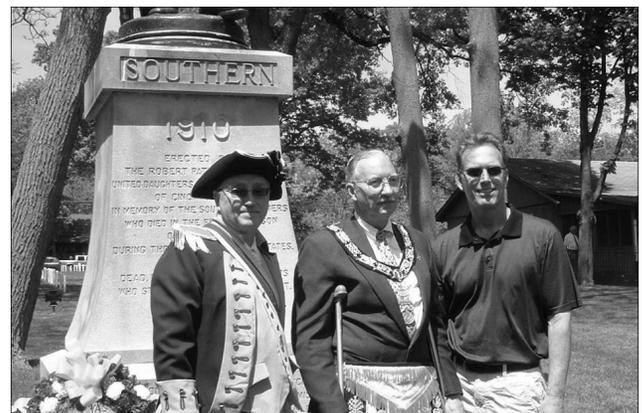
To the dismay of the Brethren, the 30 x 50 foot United States Flag we have had the honor of carrying in prior years was missing. We did, however, have the pleasure of leading the parade along the route. Following the brethren were a host of convertibles. Candy gushed from the cars as the brethren moved slowly down the street.

Immediately following the parade, the brethren and their families met at the South Euclid home of Wor. Bro. Keevin Berman and his lovely wife Judy, for a delicious barbecue and continuing fellowship. Anyone who went away hungry or thirsty had only themselves to blame. The parade, the picnic, and the weather combined to make a memorable Memorial Day event for our brethren.

Don Levenson

RWB Hugh Harris honors Confederate soldiers

RWB Hugh Harris, a member of the Son's of the American Revolution and University Heights Lodge No. 738, was invited to attend a Masonic memorial on Johnson's Island in Marblehead, Ohio on May 25, 2008, to commemorate those Confederate officers and enlisted men who died while imprisoned there during the Civil War. RWB Harris attended in his Willard Color Guard uniform so that he could also represent the Western Reserve Society SAR. A moving ceremony was conducted by Most Worshipful Brother Ronald L. Winnett, the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, and WB Rick Schulz of Harding-Concordia Lodge No. 345.



Got Time?

Our Lodge is built on the efforts of our members. Starting with the 253 brethren who formed this Lodge, there has been a continuous stream of men who have stepped up and offered a hand when the need arose. The compensation is the wonderful feeling that comes from knowing you have made it possible for the Lodge to continue and by adding to our traditions and history.

Have you done your share? If not, there is plenty of opportunity for everyone to contribute in any way they feel comfortable. We need your help today. Volunteers do such things as help at meetings, write articles for the Rays, visit our sick brethren, provide rides to meetings, or other tasks that must be done. When you were raised, it was your Brethren, who made that happen by giving their time and efforts to the Fellow Craft Team.

Got a few minutes for your brethren? Call the Worshipful Master and let him know.

Hiram Hears

BRO. JIM FLAIZ and Laura welcomed their son, Zachary Matthew, into the world at the end of April, a month earlier than planned. Proud grandparents are WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS and Marcia, beaming great grandparents are BRO. ELVIN SCHULZ and Polly and new uncles are BRO. DAVID ARONS and BRO. JOSH ARONS...On nearly the same date, BRO. BARRY POLLOCK and Sally met granddaughter Jackie...Smiling great grandfather is BRO. DAVID POLLOCK...Rebecca Lillian McCann said hello to the world on May 12th to the delight of parents Bill and Robin and glowing grandparents BRO. DANNY ROTHSTEIN and Mary Ann...BRO. MICHAEL ROSEMAN and Beth became parents for the second time on July 26th when son Max Ryan was born. Thrilled are grandparents WOR. BRO. KEEVIN BERMAN and Judy...Kimberly Silver, daughter of WOR. BRO. STUART SILVER and Laura, graduated from the University of Rochester School of Law and will be married to Gregory Stein at the end of August...Dr. Jesse Saginor, son of BRO. DAVID SAGINOR and Ilene, is engaged to April Avison and look forward to December wedding bells. The happy couple resides in Texas...Jennifer Stovsky and her mom Shannon, three year reigning champions of the Congregation Bethaynu Hamantaschen Bake-Off, were pictured and featured on the front page of the Cleveland Jewish News as finalists in the second annual AirBake Extreme Cookie Challenge for their "Not Your Mother's Oatmeal Cookie" recipe.

The proud and lucky taste-testers are Jennifer's father, BRO. MARK STOVSKY, and grandfather, BRO. BOB STOVSKY, our Tyler and editor emeritus of The Rays...Congratulations to BRO. RICHARD SCHWALBERG, administrator for Menorah Park Center for Senior Living, on receiving the 2008 Association of Jewish Aging Services Humanitarian Award at the annual AJAS Conference held in Washington, D.C., in recognition of being an outstanding executive professional who demonstrates integrity, commitment and innovation working in senior adult care...WOR. BRO. DENNY LINDEN and Karen are proud of their youngest daughter Jessie, who was confirmed in June. Also sharing in the joy is grandmother Ruthe Linden...Marcia Arons, wife of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS retired from teaching this year...Hiram was surprised and pleased to see our recently demitted BRO. JEFF SYMMS and Susan, in town from Las Vegas, who attended the Memorial Day Picnic...WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG turns 65 this summer, followed by BRO. BARRY KOBLENTZ three days later...

Susan Friedman, wife of WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN, had surgery in early May and is recuperating at home. Wor. Bro. Friedman, Susan and daughter, Jillian, reside in Cape Coral, Florida...David Berris, son of BRO. BILL BERRIS and Lisa was seriously injured by a softball in May. David, who shares an apartment with BRO. DAVID ARONS, has recovered nicely...WOR. BRO. HOWARD LEV, underwent knee replacement surgery in June and aims to be back in circulation by fall...BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG, emeritus member of the Fellow Craft Team and 93 years young, fell and injured his wrist. The JCC regular thankfully recovered enough to attend Past Masters' Night and continues to feel better...Hiram sends best stay well wishes to Heidi Leichner, wife of WOR. BRO. MICHAEL LEICHNER, to Mary Ann Rothstein, wife of BRO. DANNY ROTHSTEIN, and to BRO. BILL BERRIS...

Hiram sends condolences to Natalie Vinocur, wife of WOR. BRO. KEN VINOCUR, on the passing of her mother, Deborah Botwin... and to Nancy Kumin, wife of WOR. BRO. HARVEY KUMIN, who also lost her mother, Sara (Gordon) Ruby..... Hiram sadly reports that BRO. MARVIN ROSEMAN passed away.... BRO. DALE SCHLESINGER is no longer with us... and BRO. SY HOFSTETTER has also 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.