



Message From The East



My first Message From The East starts with a hearty "well done" to Wor. Bro. Keevin Berman for his success in the year just completed.

For the first time in several years, we achieved the Grand Master's Award. This

was accomplished not just through our usual excellence in programs, but also through Keevin's innovative efforts.

During the year, we sponsored a team of educators from the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School System to a Masonic Student Assistance Seminar. For the first time, we invited representatives to our Mason of the Year Program to receive checks presented by our Charity Committee. And last February, we held our first "All Degree Day".

A particular high point was our recent fundraising effort, initiated by Bro. Steve Bloom and Wor. Bro. Berman, generating 76 contributions from our brethren, from our District Deputy, from widows of past masters, and from two non-Masonic guests. With matching funds from our lodge, we were able to send \$8,701 to the Masonic Service Association Disaster Relief Fund to help in the relief efforts for the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

I'm counting on Keevin, as our new Lodge Education Officer, to continue to set a tone over the next year, which encourages the search for knowledge and meaning in Masonry.

We were proud to welcome Rev. Marvin McMickle, a Prince Hall Mason, as our Charter Night speaker. Rev. McMickle reminded us that in the aftermath of September 11th, differences in race, religion and heritage were forgotten. Instead, we viewed ourselves, and each other, as Americans.

During the rescue efforts, the injured victims were so covered in dust and debris that it was

impossible to distinguish their race or religion. The rescuers rushed into harm's way in an attempt to save strangers, many of them thereby sealing their own deaths.

The passengers in Pennsylvania placed their love of country before their own safety, and in the process saved untold lives in Washington, D.C.

Rev. McMickle contrasted this attitude with his own experiences, as a college student in Aurora, Illinois. On a school trip to Ocala, Florida, he, as the only African American, could not get service at a lunch counter. When pressed, the waitress finally gave him a plate of garbage, stating, this was the way that persons of his race would be served.

Rev. McMickle challenged all Americans to continue to see each other as one nation, and not as members of a particular race, religion, or nationality group. (Continued on Page 3)

Lodge Earns G. M. Award

University Heights Lodge was honored at the recent Grand Lodge Convocation by being awarded the Plaque of Distinction of the Grand Master's Award. The award is given to Lodges who exemplified the program of our Most Worshipful Brother Jack L. Allen, entitled "Learn It, Live It, Share It".

To earn the award, the Grand Master required lodges to meet requirements in each of the three areas. In the "Learn It" area our lodge qualified with our exceptional officer lecture structure and the All Degree Day held last spring. "Live It" programs that qualified included the activities of our Sunshine Committee, our participation in the Annual University Heights Parade, and volunteering at Montefiore home. In the "Share It" category we earned recognition by sponsoring a school core team to a Masonic Student Assistance Program class as well as exceeding requirements by our many contributions to community based programs.

Congratulations to our officers and brethren led by Worshipful Brother Keevin Berman for achieving this distinguished honor for our lodge.

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Retiring Master's Message

As I complete this year as master, I want to thank each of you for entrusting to me the care of our organization for the past twelve months. In our lodge, the master is really the head trustee and every decision is made by not just by him, but in concert with the officers and past masters. On balance, this is an excellent way to administer an organization. Through the active participation of the past masters, we are assured of an institutional memory. However, it also seems to leave members out of the decision making process

One of my goals as master, was to try to empower the "sideliners." To that end I held meetings with the Stewards Committee and the Fellow Craft team. I wanted to hear what they thought was important, and share with them some ideas. I was pleased when they pointed out that some of my ideas were not in their interests, so I quickly deleted those. I also asked that there not be a head table at lodge dinners and directed the wardens to invite members to sit with them at their individual tables.

Another of my goals was to make meetings a little less formal. In my four trips to Grand Lodge, I noted that there was decorum and appropriate levity coexisting. If our "solemn" leaders could laugh while conducting business, I reasoned so could and should we. I also wanted our sunshine report to include "sunshine". I told Bro. Harry Zeid that if he had nothing good to report, he was to tell a knock-knock joke. There was no need for jokes, because our brethren, lead by Bro. Zeid, always shared happiness with us.

I want to thank Wor. Bro. Joel Newman for his guidance and work as lodge secretary. Our treasurer, Bro. Harold Linden, is more valuable then our treasury, as he works for the betterment of our lodge daily. Despite his senior years, Harold is very youthful in his outlook. My Masonic father and social chairman, Wor. Bro. David Greenberg, was always there, and so was his lovely wife Cynthia.

Our next master is Wor. Bro. Abraham Kay. No matter how hard I tried and what successes I had during my year, his will be better, and he will be a better master. This is how it should be. We should build upon the past, and move upward. If Abe is not a better master, then my year will have fallen short of my ultimate goal, which was to assure a better lodge upon my departure.

Fraternally yours,
KEEVIN BERMAN, Past Master

Message From The East (Cont)

This challenge is similar to the challenge of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Reynolds, whose theme is "Working Together, Improving The World."

As we follow this theme, we must remember to work together, not only with the brethren of University Heights Lodge, but with all of the members of the largest and oldest fraternity, to better promote the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. Through the efforts of our Grand Master, we will enjoy the first, statewide, "All Degree Day." This will allow new brethren to be initiated, passed and raised on April 27th, 2002.

Our social calendar includes a Valentine's Day dance and supper party on Saturday, February 16th, 2002, at the Embassy Suites in Beachwood. Our Dinner Dance will be Saturday, April 27th, at the Oakwood Club, and promises to be a special evening. We will also return to "The Shvitz" on April 10th.

The highlight of the coming year will be Thursday, May 30th, when the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers, in honor of our 50th year, will reconsecrate University Heights Lodge in a meeting open to all guests.

Let me close this first message with a "thank you" to the past masters, officers and brethren of our lodge for entrusting me with the task and honor of being master in our 50th year.

Fraternally yours,
ABRAHAM KAY, Worshipful Master

A Night at the Races

On September 22nd, our lodge held its Fall Reunion at Northfield Park. Our group was seated in a dedicated portion of the grandstand, near the winner's circle. We were invited to partake in the buffet dinner, which included ham, roast beef, fish and pasta entrees. Those who still had an appetite sampled the cakes, pies and other delicacies on the dessert table.

One of the positive moments of the evening involved Bro. Bill Jacobus, who bet our lodge number (738) boxed in one of the trifectas. Lucky Bill received a nice payoff for his lodge loyalty.

While the number of smokers in the room bothered some of our brethren and their ladies, it was a pleasant evening for most who attended.

STEVE BLOOM

Secretary's Corner

If you attended our Installation of Officers on December 6th, 2001, you saw a full line of officers, from Master through Junior Steward. Not many Masonic lodges can boast of this depth of leadership. These brethren share a camaraderie and dedication that will make our great lodge even better. Our officers are brothers who are vitally interested in the good works of the lodge. They seek to give your friends and neighbors a chance to become better men by becoming Masons. We congratulate them on the fine job they do.

Dues for 2002 are now past due. The few members who have not responded to the notices will be suspended for non-payment of dues on December 31st, 2001. Final notices were sent on December 1st to those who have not yet paid. At the Grand Lodge Communication in October, an attempt to extend the date for suspension to May 31st, 2002, was defeated.

JOEL I. NEWMAN, P. M. , Secretary

LODGE WELCOMES TALENTED JUNIOR DEACON



Our lodge is pleased to welcome Jeff Symms, as our new Junior Deacon. Jeff has the distinction of being the first Master Mason raised in our new Lyndhurst home. Since joining, he has become involved with the

Lodge on many levels. As a talented musician and published songwriter, Jeff brings his artistic creativity to the Lodge where members have had the pleasure of hearing his recorded compositions. Jeff hopes to re-establish a keyboard player as part of our Lodge meetings and installations.

Jeff, a graduate of Heights High School and Kent State University moved to Arizona where he taught music and established himself as a musician and songwriter. He returned to Cleveland and lives in University Heights with his wife, Susan. While no longer making a living as a musician, Jeff has formed a company to prepare video productions and enjoys playing lead guitar in a rock band he established. We welcome Jeff as the new Junior Deacon and look forward to his creative leadership in our lodge.

LOUIS ROSS

Hiram Hears...

BRO. HARRY ZEID and Florence became great grandparents to Zivan Mordechai Solomon and Lindesy Rhyin Inmon.... Mazel Tov!...Jamie Newberry, a Cornell University Freshman, was named a Cornell Tradition Fellow and was named AP Scholar with Distinction. Jamie is the daughter of WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla and the granddaughter of WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda.... Joshua Kumin, son of WOR. BRO. HARVEY KUMIN and Nancy, is engaged to Melissa Lezak. A summer wedding is planned.... BRO. BART WOLSTEIN and Iris were honored by United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland..... WOR. BRO. ALAN SILVER and Rhoda celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary..... Hiram wishes them many more..... BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe were in California for the Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter Alyson Shepard, along with WOR. BRO. DENNY LINDEN and Karen, and their children.... BRO. STEVE WASSERMAN was elected secretary of the Board of Trustees at the J.C.C... Katie Stovsky, daughter of BRO. RICHARD STOVSKY and Betsy, and granddaughter of BRO. BOB STOVSKY and Alyce and BRO. BERNARD NECKRICH and GERRI, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah.... Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries were BRO. LES BADLER and Elane, BRO. BERNARD WEISENTHAL and Joyce, and BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe. Hiram wishes them many more Stacey Snider, daughter of BRO. LES SNIDER and Sharon, is engaged to Craig Cohen. A summer wedding is planned... Planning a March wedding are Robin Rothstein, daughter of BRO. DAN ROTHSTEIN and Mary Ann, and fiancée William McCann.... BRO. HARRY ZEID was low handicap in the Beachwood Senior Golf League.... WOR. BRO. ALEX LEV and Betty spent time in Phoenix.... BRO. HENRY MANKOWSKI had surgery... BRO. JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN has been ill.... BRO. MYRON PAIGE had surgery.... Polly Shultz, wife of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ and mother of Marcia Arons, wife of WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS, had back surgery.... Lenore Schultz, mother of WOR. BRO. JEFFREY SCHULTZ HAS BEEN ILL.. WOR. BRO. ART MOSS had back surgery....BRO. TED SHOEMACK had hip replacement surgery.... Bonnie Kay, wife of WOR. BRO. ABRAHAM KAY, had surgery.... BRO. TED REIFF spent some time in Hillcrest Hospital.... BRO. BILL JACOBUS had bypass surgery.... Rita Marcus, wife of WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS, has

been ill... Evelyn Lettofsky, wife of BRO. ED LETTOFSKY passed away.... Rosalind Gill, sister of BRO. AL ROTH, passed away.... Rose Leventhal, wife of BRO. NATHAN LEVENTHAL passed away.... PLEASE LET HIRAM KNOW ABOUT YOU AND YOURS. HE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE YOUR HAPPENINGS WITH ALL OF THE BRETHREN. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL HIRAM AT hiram@uhlodge.org.

Lodge Reconsecration May 30th, 2002

Meet Your Senior Steward



As a newcomer to our lodge, Bro. Adam Rutkowski has made great strides in Masonry since being raised in early 2000. In showing his enthusiasm for the fraternity, the lodge saw fit to appoint him Junior Steward in March, 2001. Now in his

second year, Adam has been appointed to the station of Senior Steward.

Adam is a doctor of chiropractic medicine in Mentor, Ohio. After graduating from Mentor High School cum laude in 1984, he went on to the University of Cincinnati in 1988 and majored in biology. He also graduated cum laude from that university. Adam then advanced to Palmer College of Chiropractic and graduated as the class valedictorian in 1991 with research honors.

Currently, Adam is in private practice, employed by Mentor Physical Medicine and Chiropractic Rehab.

Bro. Rutkowski married his lovely wife, Rhonda, in 1994. They have two children, Alexander Edward, age 5, and Jessica Jean, age 3. They make their home in Mentor on the Lake, Ohio.

We wish him a long and illustrious career in University Heights Lodge 738 F.& A.M.

BERNIE ABRAHAMS

Annual Dinner Dance Oakwood Country Club April 27th, 2002

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