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### Message From The East



Greetings from the East for the first time as your Worshipful Master. I would like to thank the brethren for the honor and confidence they have bestowed on me. I would especially like to thank my wife Nancy, for standing beside me over the last six years. I know it hasn't been easy for her and I just want her

to know that I appreciate her support and I love her very much.

When I was first appointed to the line by Wor. Bro. Alan Arons six years ago, I knew there would be much for me to learn and do. Little did I know how much joy and pleasure being an officer would be along with the responsibility. I could not have gotten this far without the help of my fellow line officers. Thank you Brethren for your support.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this time to thank the Past Masters of University Heights Lodge for their help and support. They are the backbone of this Lodge and with their guidance I hope to maintain the high standards this Lodge has created.

We have planned a great social calendar for this year starting with a Valentine's Affair at Macklin's Party Center in Solon. This will be followed by our annual Dinner Dance at the Hawthorne Country Club, and our summer picnic at Pioneer Waterland. These should be great events and I hope to see you there.

**Have Fun on the  
Fellow Craft Team -  
Get Involved !!!**

I know being Master of this Lodge is going to be hard work and I hope I have the strength and wisdom to lead this Lodge for the next year. With the support of all the Brethren, the line officers and the Past Masters, I am confident that we can have a great year.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you who have supported me and I pledge my support to you. With your assistance, I assure you we will have an excellent year.

Fraternally yours,  
Duane A. Dukes  
Worshipful Master

**Attend the Typewritten Ritual  
In our Lodge  
January 20, 2005**

### Table Lodge Comes In February

One of the oldest traditions in freemasonry is the Table Lodge or Lodge of Instruction. It is based on traditions originated in France and England over 200 years ago. A lodge of Entered Apprentices will convene at 5:15 PM on February 3, 2005, followed by dinner in the banquet hall at 6:30 PM.

According to Masonic tradition, the dining tables will be arranged in the form of a horseshoe. The ceremony around the dinner includes the friendship and a warm feeling generated during the seven traditional toasts and continues throughout the evening. Our guest speaker will be Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Bradford A. Goebel, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, who will speak on "Aspects of Leadership in Masonry".

It promises to be a delightful and educational evening of brotherhood. The evening is open to all members and Masonic guests. Dinner tickets are available from the officers. Cost for the dinner is \$7.00 for dinner. Reservations must be made by January 29<sup>th</sup>..

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**Retiring Master's Message**

As all major undertakings begin with a prayer, so should they end with one. As I look back on my year as Master, as well as the years spent as an officer of the Lodge, I thank God for the good fortune and treasures he has bestowed upon me. I am fortunate for finding my way to University Heights Lodge and I am richer for the many good friends I have made here.

As I look back on the past year, a few moments stand out for me as highlights:

The exceptional Dinner Dance at the InterContinental Hotel; the memorable visit to the Lodge by Grand Master Steven J. Krekus for our Mason of the Year program where Bro. Harry Zeid was honored and Bro. Harold Linden received special recognition for his many years of service to the Lodge; and the honor of Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Edwin A. Strauss, Jr. receiving his 33rd degree and the warm reception held to honor him.

My thanks go to so many people who were instrumental in helping me provide enjoyable and successful programs this year and to those who worked in the background to make this organization run like a well-built oiled machine:

Specifically, I would like to thank my Social Chairman, Wor. Bro. Howard Lev; my line officers, Wor. Bro. Duane Dukes, Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Russ Van Seyoc, Bros. Adam Rutkowski and Mike Rubin, and their wives, Barbara, Nancy, Delores, Rhonda and Tammy, for their support and friendship.

I would also like to thank all the brethren who coached and worked on the Fellow Craft Team, for their commitment to Masonry and University Heights Lodge.

I would especially like to thank my wife Ann Levin, for helping me throughout the year with the social events and her insights and good counsel. Her support and understanding this past year as well as the rest of my time in the line was critical in the successes we have seen. Thank you Ann, I could not have done it without you.

I wish Worshipful Brother Duane A. Dukes and the line officers success in the coming year and I offer Worshipful Brother Dukes my help and support in making his year successful.

Finally, I would like to thank the brethren of University Heights Lodge for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve you as your master.

Fraternally yours,  
Henry G. Mankowski  
Past Master

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## **Meet your Senior Steward**



Bro. Michael Rubin has been appointed to follow in the footsteps of the many fine young Masons toward the goal of becoming Worshipful Master. Raised in 2002, Bro. Rubin has found the inner strength so necessary to become a line officer.

A teacher and football coach at Aurora High School, Bro. Rubin graduated from the Ohio State University in 1985 with a Bachelors degree in Education. He then studied political science in graduate school. After four years in Florida, Bro. Rubin returned to Cleveland where he met his wife Tammy, a Graphic Sinographer at the Cleveland Clinic.

When school lets out, Bro. Rubin serves as Director of Day Camps for Park Synagogue as well as being a teacher of Jewish History there. He was a JV football coach for 14 years in the Aurora Schools and looks forward to going to work everyday.

Bro. Rubin is the grandson of Bro. Sig Corman (deceased), a Charter Member of University Heights Lodge. Bro. Rubin often wears his grandfather's Masonic ring which was spotted by Wor. Bro. Keevin Berman at a social gathering. A conversation started that evening and the rest, as they say, is history.

Bro. Rubin began working in the Lodge as soon as he was raised. He coached several candidates and carried the flag on special occasions. Bro. Rubin was always available to help the officers after meetings and dinners. When it came time to appoint a new officer to the line, it was easy to decide that Bro. Rubin was the one.

Marc Reiff, PM

## **A Valentine's Affair**

It's winter outside so dust off your dancing shoes and prepare a great evening of fellowship and fun. This year, our Valentines Affair will be held on February 12th, at the T.S. Macklin's Event Centre, 6200 Enterprise Parkway in Solon.

This favorite event will feature lavish decorations and surprises for all. The fellowship hour will start at 6:30 PM. A buffet dinner, featuring Roast Beef, Chicken and Salmon with all the trimmings will follow at 7:30 PM. After dinner the fun will really begin with sounds provided by Sounds of Entertainment. This event promises to be a great affair. Watch your mail for a flyer and reservation form.

Gary Perl

## **Charter Night Celebration**

University Heights Lodge No. 738, F&AM celebrated its 52nd Charter Night on November 18, 2004. The purposes of the evening were to honor those members who founded our lodge in 1952, to honor those brethren who have reached milestones in their Masonic lives, and to conduct a memorial ceremony to remember those brethren and Past Masters who have been called by the Great Architect of the Universe. Each of the deceased brethren was honored with a rose placed at the altar.

Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. John Youngblood was the keynote speaker for the evening. Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Youngblood gave a humorous but instructional talk with the twin themes: "It ain't all bad" and "If I can, I think I can", relating to our lives as Masons. Ill. & Rt. Wor. Bro. Brad Goebel, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, assisted Wor. Bro. Henry Mankowski and Wor. Bro. Duane Dukes in presenting service pins to brethren who have completed 25-, 40-, 50-, or 60-years of membership.

It was a stimulating and thoughtful evening that concluded with a dessert reception in the social hall.

Warren Perl

## **We Love Chuck E. Cheese**

Over 140 brethren and their families, including 40 children, attended this year's annual Holiday Party on December 8th at Chuck E. Cheese in Mayfield Heights. Several families had three generations represented! Adults and kids alike stuffed themselves with pizza, and children were even seen partaking of the overflowing salad bar.

As always, the game tokens flowed like water. Kids (of all ages!) had a great time on the rides, the climbing structure and playing the wide array of games. Skee-Ball seemed to be a particularly popular choice, with a constant crowd huddled around the bank of lanes. Somebody even "beat" one of the machines, winning enough tickets to empty the machine!

Many thanks to the organizers as well as attendees for making the Holiday Party a night to remember!

Larry Solomon

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TABLE LODGE</b> <b>FEBRUARY 3, 2005</b></p>
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## **Grand Lodge Offers One Day Class For Prospective Masons**

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has authorized the third GRAND MASTER'S CLASS, a one-day program, which allows prospective Masons, current Masons who have not completed their degrees, and those Master Masons who wish to join Scottish Rite or the Shrine to advance their fraternal experience of Masonry in a single day.

The deadline for a new candidate to submit a petition is February 2, 2005. This will allow time for review by the membership and investigations committees and submission of the petition for approval by the Lodge at two stated meetings. Those brethren who wish to complete their degree work should notify me by March 18, 2005, which will allow time to prepare the registration form and forward it to the Grand Secretary. Whether the petitioner is a new candidate or a brother, attendance at all three Blue Lodge degrees is required to receive credit for any degree.

Brethren, each candidate must be accompanied by a Master Mason as a mentor, who should plan on attending with their candidate. Members of our Lodge who have relatives residing out of state, may submit petitions for them to be raised in Ohio if a "waiver of jurisdiction" is obtained. However, the candidate must appear in person before the membership committee and the waiver will take several weeks. Please advise me promptly if this applies to you.

Payment for each degree (EA \$125, FC \$50 and MM \$50) is required to be made with the petition or registration request. The Lodge will pay all other registration fees and expenses. Contact me or the other officers of the Lodge for further information.

Joel I. Newman, PM  
Secretary

### **Hiram Hears**

BRO. HOWARD CHAPMAN and Linda celebrated the wedding of their daughter...Hiram apologizes that he lost the slip that held the news of the engagement... BRO. STEPHEN BLOOM and Sharyl celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Alison to Marc Rossen in August...BRO. MARC WITTENBERG and Lori celebrated the Confirmation of their daughter, Skyler...Among the celebrants were grandparents WOR. BRO. STUART WITTENBERG and Joan, and BRO. MELVIN EPSTEIN and Sandy, and uncle BRO. DAN WITTENBERG and Tracey...BRO. GARY ZEID and Kathy have been blessed with another granddaughter. The proud great-grandparents are BRO. HARRY ZEID

and Florence...Mazel Tov to WOR. BRO. DENNIS LINDEN and Karen on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jessica, and to grandparents BRO. HAROLD LINDEN and Ruthe, who were also thrilled to have their house full with their children and grandchildren in from California...William Stotter, son of BRO. ROBERT STOTTER and Ellen, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a special Boy Scout Court of Honor....Erin Vinocur, daughter of WOR. BRO. KEN VINOCUR and Natalie, graduated from The Ohio State University in August and is working in Chicago... RT. WOR. BRO. RICHARD FROMSON reported that his granddaughter was honored by the Democratic Party in the State of Washington for her efforts in registering young voters and fund raising... Phoenix, AZ resident Marci Greenberg, daughter of BRO. ART GREENBERG and Debby, sister of BRO. STEVE GREENBERG, and niece of WOR. BRO. MARC REIFF, will appear on Wheel of Fortune March 3rd. Look for Art in a guest appearance with his special wave...Hiram gladly reports that WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS seems to have suffered no long term effects from a fall, but sadly reports that after WOR. BRO. HARRY's recovery, his wife, Rita, then fell...BRO. ERIC SKOKE's father is recovering at Montefiore after breaking some ribs in a fall...Joan Michals, wife of BRO. HERB MICHALS, underwent a successful cataract procedure...WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY is recovering nicely after an unexpected angioplasty...BRO. DAVID POLLACK has recovered from a recent fall... Sandra Riggs wife of BRO. BARRY RIGGS lost her father... BRO. EMORY KRITZLER passed away after a short illness. Condolences to wife Beverly and brother and sister-in-law BRO. DICK BURK and Pat... Deane Dukes, brother of WOR. BRO. DUANE DUKES, succumbed to a long battle with cancer. Thanks to the several of our brethren who made the trip to Findlay, Ohio, for the memorial services...BRO. LES LEVINE lost his mother... Hiram can only tell what he hears...Anyone with news for Hiram can send it to the lodge, inform the Rays editors, or email it to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org)

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**A Valentine's Affair  
February 12, 2005  
T.S. Macklin Event  
Centre**

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