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### **Message From The East**



Modern Masonry came to light with the establishment of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1717. It remains the oldest Grand Lodge in the world.

In the early days of Modern Freemasonry, lodges met less often and candidates received their degrees at a slower pace,

sometimes receiving only one degree each year.

Stated, or business lodge meetings in Great Britain are normally held in the Entered Apprentice Degree unless the meeting is for the purpose of conferring a different degree. Recently, Ohio departed from its long time practice, and now allows our stated meetings to be held in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. This change allows newly initiated brethren to come to most of our meetings.

We hope to initiate many candidates starting this January. This year we also plan to conduct most business in the Entered Apprentice degree so that our newest brethren will immediately feel welcome and be able to attend all of our meetings. On those evenings when part of the work must be done in a higher degree, we will encourage our new brethren, together with their coaches, to repair to the friendship room, to watch a game or a movie, and otherwise to feel at home at lodge.

We will initiate our new candidates as quickly as possible so that they can become active members of our lodge and fraternity. Even as Entered Apprentices, they are become entitled to many of the rights and benefits of Masonry. This will include the right to visit other lodges holding their inspection in the EA degree. We will need volunteers from among our more established members to accompany our new brethren on these visits.

Our goal is to develop a group of men who will begin to work together and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. I encourage you to come to our stated meetings,

sit with a new member, go to the friendship room with him when he is excused during a higher degree, accompany him on a visit to another lodge, and make it your goal to welcome him and mentor him. With your help, this presents a great opportunity to strengthen our lodge and our ties of brotherly love.

Our Fraternity is great because of its members. The great lesson to our newest members, and to our most senior brethren, is that Freemasonry provides a lifetime of fraternity. It will be from the ranks of our caring members and of those new brethren they befriend, that our future leaders will spring.

Fraternally,  
Keevin J. Berman, PM  
Worshipful Master

### **First Ever Convocation of Fellow Crafts**

Masonry is based on myths, symbolism and allegory. University Heights Lodge will explore one of these myths when we convene the first ever Convocation of Fellow Crafts on January 28, 2010. Lodge will open in the Fellow Craft degree at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner in the banquet hall at 6:30 pm. The Convocation of Fellow Crafts will begin at 7:30 pm.

The Worshipful Master has chosen his theme to be an exploration of the Fellow Craft Degree. The Fellow Craft degree has an ancient history that dates back to the middle ages. The allegory of the Convocation of Fellow Crafts will present how our ancient brethren, in the operative guilds of the time may have conferred this degree which at the time was the final degree in masonry.

This event promises to be a delightful evening of fellowship and is open to members and masonic guests. Dinner tickets are available from the officers or by sending a reservation form and check to Bro. Bruce DeBerry before January 21, 2010. Reservations are required and no tickets will be sold at the door. Forms are available online at our website, [www.uhlodge.org](http://www.uhlodge.org).

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**Retiring Master's Message**

Paul Anka's English lyrics to one of my favorite songs, composed by Claude Francois and Jacque Revaux and sung by Frank Sinatra, begins with the words "And now the end is near, And I face the final curtain."

By the time you read this, my last message, the end will have come and the curtain will have fallen. Traditionally, this is my opportunity to express my thanks to those who have supported me throughout my year as Master.

When I was a district deputy, it was stressed to me and the other deputies that by the "Code", it is the Master and only the Master who is elected by the lodge to rule and govern the lodge. Otherwise, you have government by what Grand Lodge called the "ancient protectors". I tried my best to follow the Code; our laws.

However, with the challenging ritual and social calendar we undertook this year; one person alone could not accomplish such a task. It was my line officers who worked hard to do the best work that we could in support of the lodge and me that led to whatever successes we had. It is my opinion that each officer and lodge advisor performed their respective duties well.

Many other lodge brothers also came to my rescue. I can only offer one huge thank you to everyone who pitched in to make my year as Master run smoothly, and hopefully be considered a success. So the end has come and the final curtain has fallen.

The "show", however, must go on. The brethren of the lodge have now placed the works of the lodge in the capable hands of Wor. Bro. Keevin Berman and the rest of the line officers who supported and assisted me so well. As I return to the sidelines, as all Past Masters do, I pledge to each of them my continued efforts in any capacity they may wish me to serve.

Fraternally,  
Hugh A. Harris, PDDGM  
Past Master

**Join us at the Cleveland Playhouse  
January 30, 2010  
for a children's presentation of  
Huck Finn**

**Tickets are limited and preference will be  
given to brethren bringing children and  
grandchildren in the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades**

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## **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Charter Night**

On Thursday, November 12, 2009, University Heights Lodge No. 738 F.&A.M. celebrated its 57th Annual Charter Night.

After opening remarks by Wor.Bro. Hugh A. Harris, the podium was turned over to the RWB Bradford A. Goebel, Deputy Grand Master, for the installation of our newest District Education Officer, none other than our own Wor.Bro. Henry G. Mankowski. It was a very proud moment for all members and guests present to witness the installation ceremony of such a deserving Masonic brother. The installation committee did an excellent job of presenting him his apron and jewel.

Master of Ceremonies, Wor.Bro. Keevin J. Berman, our then-Senior Warden, introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Dr. John Day, Academic VP, John Carroll University, who discussed the benefits of a liberal arts education in the 21st century.

Following Dr. Day's speech, Wor.Bro. Alan G. Silver introduced the past masters of University Heights Lodge. As one can imagine, we've had so many past masters over the years, they wrapped around the room, almost forming a circle. A most impressive sight.

Then the roll was called for all living charter members, followed by the pin presentation for all our brothers reaching the status of 25, 35, 40, 50 and 60 years of service to our fraternity.

Bro. Martin Mittleman then recognized those who gave blood during our annual blood drive. Wor.Bro. Stuart K. Silver then made a special presentation for Meritorious Service, to brothers Norm Engel, Ben Zide, and Elvin Shultz to honor their ongoing service to the Lodge.

New members were recognized, and are certainly a welcome addition to help our lodge stay strong and active.

After a very moving ceremony commemorating our deceased brothers, the evening's program was completed with closing remarks from Wor.Bro. Berman and Rt.Wor.Bro. Harris.

To conclude our 57th Annual Charter Night, members and guests retired to the reception hall for another of University Heights' "World Famous" dessert receptions. Hat's off to our leadership for another outstanding, professionally presented program. Well done.

Jim Hoffert

## **Hiram Hears**

WOR. BRO. ALAN WITTENBERG reports that he and Margo traveled to Hawaii and Las Vegas to visit their son, Lee. Fortunately for them a Podiatric Conference was scheduled in Hawaii during the week they were in the 50th state...WOR. BRO. ROGER NEWBERRY and Carla countered with a visit from Las Vegas by their daughter, Jamie, over Thanksgiving...BRO. SANLEY BEEKMAN became a first-time grandfather when daughter Amy and son-in-law Travis Hafner presented them with granddaughter, Blake Lee...BRO. HARVEY GOLDEN and Barbara recently travelled to Phoenix to help celebrate the wedding of their granddaughter...Jillian Friedman, daughter of WOR. BRO. DANIEL FRIEDMAN and Susan, underwent gall bladder surgery in Florida and is recovering nicely...BRO. BOB STOVSKY and BRO. DAVID RESNIK each underwent successful cataract surgery and both are looking good...Janet Kursh (BRO. MITCH KURSH) lost her mother, Gertrude Schickler ... Pauline "Polly" Shultz, wife of BRO. ELVIN SHULTZ, mother of Marcia Arons (WOR. BRO. ALAN ARONS) and grandmother of Laura Flaiz (BRO. JIM FLAIZ), passed away just before Thanksgiving...In early December, BRO. CHARLES BAILIN lost his mother, Pearl, who was also the grandmother of BRO. MARK BAILIN... 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.

### **Upcoming Events**

**01/28/10 – Convocation of Fellow Crafts  
With Dinner**

**02/18/10 – Lodge Education Night  
Eurhythmics the study of Music**

**04/15/10 – Inspection Fellow Craft  
Degree With Dinner**

**05/08/10 Masters and Wardens Dinner  
Dance at Landerhaven**

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### ***An Honor and a Privilege***

In mid-October, I was privileged to be on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. This excursion is open to all veterans from World War II, and is free to all who qualify. About 70 vets gathered at Cleveland Hopkins Airport at 4:45 AM on the appointed day. We were greeted by several active military from all of the service branches. Many of the veterans were in wheelchairs. They were each attended by a volunteer guardian who stayed with them for the whole day. Most of the guardians were vets themselves and members of various VFW, AMVETS, and other veterans' organizations.

After breakfast, each of us was given a bag containing a camera and many goodies. We also received a T-shirt that identified our group. As we left the staging area, we were greeted with cheers and applause from people waiting to board planes. Our flight was provided by Southwest Airlines, which took us to Baltimore. There we were greeted by an Army Band. We boarded busses to take us to our nation's capital, again to the cheers and applause of people nearby.

Our first stop was the World War II Memorial, which is magnificent. As we arrived, a little fourth grade girl handed me a post card that read, "Dear Veteran: Thank you for saving our country. Because of you, we are here today." I was very touched. After viewing the memorial, we were treated to a great lunch, followed by visits to the Korean, Vietnam and Iwo Jima Memorials.

We then went to Arlington National Cemetery, where we watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. While there, it was announced that our group would lay a wreath to honor the Cleveland veterans, as well as those who are no longer with us. Two of our wheelchair-bound vets placed the wreath. One of them had been a prisoner of war at Bataan in the Philippines.

The busses then took us back to Baltimore, where we were served a delicious dinner. Our flight to Cleveland arrived at about 10:30 PM. We were escorted down the concourse by a bagpiper. Awaiting us were our family members and friends, who greeted us at the baggage claim area with cheers, applause and expressions of love and pride.

This trip was very emotional and made me realize that many Americans are grateful to their veterans. I strongly recommend that all World War II veterans take advantage of this great opportunity. Flights are scheduled in the spring and fall. All of the costs are covered by donations. We were told to bring money only for souvenirs. Everything else was provided for us.

Applications for future Honor Flights are available from Wor.Bro. Roger Newberry. Please send an email to [roger.newberry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roger.newberry@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 440-349-2234, if you would like to go (or if you know a vet who is eligible). Please note that Honor Flight seats may also be available to Korean Conflict veterans as space is available. Additional information can be found online at [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org). In addition to Cleveland, Honor Flights originate in Akron, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as many other states.

Alan G. Silver, PM

### **Are you a veteran?**

**University Heights Lodge is compiling a list of our members who have served in the armed forces and the branch in which they served.**

**Please contact Wor.Bro. Joel Newman at 216-621-1541 or [joelineyman@gmail.com](mailto:joelineyman@gmail.com)**

### ***Meet and Eat: A chance to join your brethren***

Reaching out to the brethren near their workplace, University Heights Lodge is beginning a series of social outings to be known as "Meet and Eats". These events are simple, after work get-togethers to be held near where many brethren are employed.

On the first Friday of each month, the Worshipful Master and Officers will host after work events at the Winking Lizard Taverns located in Independence, Bedford Heights and downtown. The brethren and guests are encouraged to come for short while and meet other brethren who work in the area. Expect a cash bar, however, the Lodge will provide appetizers.

These events are unstructured, so there won't be any program. They are just a chance to meet for a drink and conversation before heading home.

The first one will be held on January 8, 2010 at the Winking Lizard Tavern in Independence and starting at 5:00. For more information, contact Wor.Bro. Keevin Berman.

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