



### ***Message from the East***



I want to thank the Brethren for re-electing me as the first three-time Master of our Lodge. I am happy to say that I have confidence in our corps of Line Officers and I especially want to thank Wor. Bros. Matthew E. Newberry and Roger C. Newberry for stepping in to help secure our line. I would also like to welcome Bro. Richard Lipnick as our new Junior Steward. He

is already an asset to our Lodge and I'm sure he will contribute in meaningful ways.

We have a lot of work to do to re-establish ourselves as one of the finest among the best. Brethren, I need your help. Please consider returning to Lodge by attending meetings and participating in ritual work when called upon to do so. I know that many of us have personal commitments to work and family, but please try to make an effort to attend.

We have some good programs planned for this coming year. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, please come and watch the officers portray the historic "French Compagnon Degree." This is the first of many interesting lodge educational programs and degrees that are planned throughout the year. Please watch your email and mail for details.

I would now like to turn your attention to our upcoming social calendar. As you are already aware, we have had our annual children's holiday party at Chuck E. Cheese's. I hope all who attended had a great time. Next will be a Mid-Winter Caribbean Dinner Party at Bahama Breeze on February 16<sup>th</sup>, when we all come dressed for

summer wearing our favorite Caribbean shirt and attire. A buffet dinner and Margarita-type drinks will be served.

Our annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will be held at the Acacia Clubhouse on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Clambake at The Chestnut Shelter in the Metroparks on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and don't forget our Memorial Day Parade and Picnic on May 27<sup>th</sup>, which will be at a new location within the Euclid Creek Reservation. Details will follow. Please watch your email and mail for more information on these fun events.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Barbara for allowing me once again be Master of our Lodge. Without her support, I would not be sitting in the East this year.

Fraternally,  
Howard Lev, PM  
Worshipful Master

### ***Retiring Master's Message***

I would think that all retiring Worshipful Masters become reflective upon what had transpired during their year sitting in the East. I am certainly no different. There were moments that were surreal and transcendent, such as our Annual Inspection in April, where our Line Officers, particularly, Brothers John Padley (who received a district award for his work) and Frank Kodish, were practically flawless. Same with Bro. William Jacobus in delivering the Charge to the Candidate. We enjoyed an outstanding Dinner Dance at the Shaker Heights Country Club, and a fun and enjoyable outing to the Lake County Captains (thanks to Herculean efforts of Bro. Frank Kodish).

But there were also sad moments, none more than that of Ill. & RWB Edwin A. Straus Jr., being called by

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## **Retiring Master's Message (con't)**

the Great Architect of the Universe to lay down the working tools of life. He is missed.

Seeking inspiration to compose this, my final message, I sought out what I had written upon the completion of my first term as Master. I do not think I can say it better than I did at that time:

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. My hope for Wor. Bro. Howard Lev and the Line Officers is that next year will be fruitful, and that he achieves what I could not. I offer Wor. Bro. Lev my help and support as he faces the same challenges as I did. I do wish that his year is a resounding success.

Finally, I would like to thank each of my Line Officers for their support and to the brethren of University Heights Lodge for the honor and privilege of allowing me to again serve you as master.

Fraternally,

Henry G. Mankowski, PDDGM

## **Charter Night and Awards Night**

On November 8, 2018, our 66th Annual Charter Night celebration honored and recognized members that have achieved significant milestones in Masonry. We held a Memorial Service for our dearly departed brethren and recognized members who have contributed to our annual Blood Donor Program.

District Deputy Grand Master Daniel Hall encouraged our members to "Invest in your lodge and in your lives" by considering how we can widen our prospects in giving with generosity of time and monetary support. Our distinguished Grand Lodge guests offered encouraging words and awards for doing what is necessary to being named the "Most Improved Lodge" for this year. They particularly honored Bro. John Padley for his excellence in presenting an outstanding lecture on Inspection night.

The speaker for the evening, Bro. Tim Daily, presented thoughts and history of "The Citizen Soldier" followed by information on artifacts in The Soldiers and Sailors Monument of which he is the Director. His personal anecdotes brought new life, Masonic connections, and meaning to a monument that is a focal point for visitors to Cleveland.

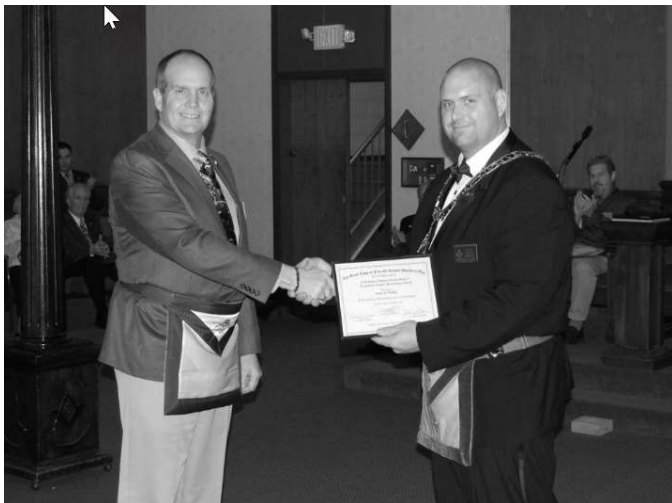
Following the ceremony, we were treated to a variety of dessert delicacies. The best part of this social time was the opportunity for great conversations and renewed fellowship.

Bro. Bill Jacobus

Charter Night is a special evening for the Lodge and this year was no exception.



Bro. Harvey Golden receiving recognition as Tyler Emeritus for serving tirelessly for 10 years as Tyler of the Lodge. Bro. Golden is accompanied by his wife, Barbara.



RWB Jonathan H. Krapf presents a special award to Senior Deacon, Bro. John Padley, for his achievement in completing all three degree lectures in his first two years as a Mason. In addition, John has presented the Ode to the Flag since becoming a Line Officer.

**Living Charter Members:** Bros. Ira Schobel and Edwin Singer

Those members receiving their Service Awards during the 2018 Masonic year:

**25-Year Members:** Bros. Jeffrey Epstein and Mark Stovsky

**35-Year Members:** Wor. Bro. Alex Lev and Bro. David Saginor

**40-Year Members:** Bros. Edward Cerney, Irving Lewis, Steven Polakof, Mark Rosenberg and Michael Thal

**50-Year Members:** Bros. Lawrence Cohen and Sheldon Zeldes, and Wor. Bro. Jeffrey E. Schultz

**65-Year Members:** Bros. Allen Friedman and Norton Zucker



Bros. Steven Polakof and Michael Thal receiving their 40-Year Service Awards at the Altar.

### **Annual Blood Drive Recognition**

Donors and Volunteers: Bros. Howard Chapman, Jeff Moss, Steve Polakof, Bill Jacobus, Larry Leyser, Maury Senkfor and Les Levine (Chairman), and Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry G. Mankowski.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

**January:** Harvey Adelstein, Craig Cohen, Howard Fromson, Lester Frank, Jeffrey Kaplan, Maurice Leiser, Frank Moss, Morris Levine, Mark Leyser, Robert Mintz, Larrie Nadler, Mark Rosenberg, Michael Rubin, Jeffrey Schultz, Mark Schuman, Les Snider

**February:** Bradley Alliance, Bradley Berger, Edward Cerney, Robert Cerney, Sander German, Gerald Gold, William Goldman, Allen Hartzmark, Garry Katz, Ira Lapine, Alex Lev, Aarne Lillo, Daniel Rothstein, Irwin Schulman, Brent Silver, William Shaklee, Michael Stern, Bradley Zucker

**March:** Alan Arons, Murray Arons, William Berris, Bruce DeBerry, Jeffrey Glazer, Melvin Jacobs, Larry Leysler, Richard Lipnick, Richard Miller, Allan Perl, Franklin Porath, Brian Roseman, Mark Rothenberg, Alexander Rutkowski, Mark Stovsky, Michael Stovsky Eric Strauss, Howard Whalley, Allen Wapnick, Roger Wolfson, Steven Young, Michael Zawatsky

**Hiram Hears**

RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL H. VAN SCYOC JR and Delores celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary on October 6<sup>th</sup>, and Russ’ 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Mazel tov! ...WOR. BRO. AARNE LILLO is proud to announce the appointment of his wife, Jeanne, as a Deputy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ohio Order of the Eastern Star.

Lonnie Pinns, dear aunt of BRO. DAVID MICHEL (Lisa), passed away on October 2<sup>nd</sup> .... Francis Nash, mother of BRO. JEFFREY NASH (Susan), passed away on October 10<sup>th</sup> ...Geraldine "Gerrie" Abrahams, wife of BRO BERNARD ABRAHAMS, passed away on November 16<sup>th</sup> ... BRO. MAURICE SENKFOR (Mona) passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup>...sympathies to BRO. FRANKLIN KODISH (Audrey) on the passing of his mother ... Hiram can only tell what he hears and he wants to hear it all. Anyone with news for Hiram can mail it to the Lodge, email it to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org), enter it at the uhlodge.org link, or tell him in person when you see him.

**Upcoming Events**

- 1/03/19 – Stated Meeting (EA Degree)
- 1/17/19 – Stated Meeting
- 1/24/19 – French Compagnon Degree
- 2/02/19 – Stated Meeting (FC Degree)
- 2/16/19 – Caribbean Dinner
- 3/07/19 – Stated Meeting (MM Degree)
- 3/21/19 – Stated Meeting
- 4/11/19 – Inspection in the FC Degree
- 5/11/19 – Master & Wardens Dinner Dance

**Did You Know**

Gen. Douglas MacArthur became a Freemason while serving as field marshal in the capacity of military advisor to the commonwealth government of the Philippines. He did not join the Craft in the conventional way by petitioning a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry. For that matter, either by design or by fate, MacArthur did very few things during his lifetime in a conventional manner.

For the second time in the history of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Hawthorne exercised his prerogative to make a “Mason at sight”. On January 17, 1936, in the presence of over six hundred Master Masons who watched in breathless silence in a crowded hall, Samuel Hawthorne, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, made General Douglas MacArthur a Mason at sight. MacArthur was visibly moved throughout the ceremony. The Entered Apprentice Degree was given with P.G.M. Frederick H. Stevens presiding. Immediately following, P.G.M. Francisco A. Delagado conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on MacArthur. When it was concluded, M.W. Samuel Hawthorne raised General MacArthur to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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