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Message from the East



What an honor and privilege it is to be entrusted with the care of our Lodge, especially during such unique and trying times! I had no idea what to expect or what the future held for me when Bro. Scott Phillips sat me down six years ago and said “I want to talk to you about Freemasonry.” I still had no idea when I entered the Lodge the first time and was asked to take off my coat and tie and don a goofy looking and seemingly incomplete outfit. I still had no idea what to expect when Wor. Bro. Joe Huber asked me after Lodge one night if I’d like to serve in the Line of Officers. I still don’t know what the future holds, but I look back on my journey thus far in gratitude for all the personal connections and experiences, and I smile. I miss, as I’m sure most of you do, our in-person meetings, the handshakes, the unmasked smiles, the laughter, the food, and the ritual.

We are now faced with an opportunity. Our Grand Master’s theme this year is “Use the Tools”. We have an opportunity to embrace his theme by using tools never before used in Freemasonry to impart our traditions and heritage on newer generations and reconnect with brethren distanced from the region. In the last month, I have met several members of our Lodge for the first-time thanks to Zoom! I look forward to meeting even more of our brethren and breaching the limitations of physical presence with purposeful virtual meetings. I implore each of you to attend whenever able to share in the journey.

We have several potential candidates and petitioned candidates actively seeking light in Masonry and I’m excited to introduce them to you in the coming months.

Each of us joined this great fraternity for a different reason. Each of us has a unique perspective and interpretation of the Masonic lessons. And each of us applies those teachings to our daily life in a different way.

In consequence, Freemasonry itself grows and evolves with each new member initiated. I am eager to watch these men grow in Masonry and shed their light on us.

Fraternally,
John D. Padley
Worshipful Master

Retiring Master’s Message

Writing this, my final message for the year is extremely difficult. In the thirty plus years I have been a member of University Heights Lodge. I cannot remember a year filled with more highs and lows as this year has been. We started strong with great expectations. We had one candidate working on his degrees. We received about six more inquiries from perspective new members, and then the bottom caved in. Who would have thought a pandemic of such proportions would have stopped the world. But our Lodge has survived.

I cannot thank my Line Officers and the past masters enough for all the support they have given me during these difficult times. I would be remiss if I did not give a special thanks to our Lodge Secretary, Wor. Bro. Aarne Lillo, for keeping up with all the Grand Lodge edicts and keeping us informed and up to date on all these matters. Because of his hard work and efforts, we were able to conduct the business of the Lodge and stay current with all our needs.

I am sure the newly elected officers will do an excellent job leading us into the future. I give them my support and wish them well and safe travels. I dismiss all my appointments and committees. Thank you all once again for all your support, and I wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and happy new year.

Fraternally,
Howard Lev, PM
Worshipful Master

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Rays Banner

You have probably noticed a big change in our Rays banner. Since the Rays are now being sent by email, we have decided to remove the color from the banner and photos to make it more printer friendly. We hope you like the new look.

Annual Installation of Officers

Our Annual Installation of Officers was held virtually on December 3, 2020. Since COVID restrictions were in place, we could not hold an in-person meeting in the Lodge Room. The Installation was open so any non-members wishing to observe could do so via the Zoom platform. It went surprisingly well, and our Officers were duly installed for the ensuing year.

The Installation Team consisted of Rt. Wor. Bro. Hugh Allen Harris as the Installing Officer, Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry G. Mankowski as the Installing Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Jason L. Stitak as the Installing Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Alan B. Arons as the Installing Marshall.

Congratulations to all the Officers as we wish them a healthy and successful 2021 with sincere hopes that the pandemic will be behind us at some point during the year and that we can return to a more normal lifestyle.

A Letter from our Grand Master

It is my honor to serve you, the Brethren of this Great State of Ohio, and I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me by electing me to be your Grand Master. Looking back to being raised by my Father-in-Law in January of 2003, it feels as though my Masonic journey has been a whirlwind, and holding this office is one you never dream of. We have a super team of Grand Lodge Officers and we are looking forward to a great year.



I first would like to thank our immediate Past Grand Master, MWB Keith Newton, for his leadership through what was a very difficult year. This pandemic has forced us all to consider our place in leadership positions by making those hard decisions to protect our membership and our good name. As the pandemic continues into this new year, we will continue to make those “hard decisions” in the best interest of our membership. I would also be remiss if I did not recognize our friend and brother, MWB C. Michael Watson, for his service to our craft. He may have retired as our Grand Secretary, but he will remain an asset to our Grand Lodge.

My theme this year is “Use the Tools”. As Freemasons, we are provided a rich heritage and history by our forefathers. There are many lessons to be learned by studying the past, viewing their successes and failures, all of which are to be used as tools in our plans for the future. These lessons should be used in the growth of both

your Masonic and personal life. Let us endeavor to not repeat the mistakes of the past by working diligently on our temple, and our contribution to making the world a better place.

I have always enjoyed studying history and the way it impacts our lives today. In particular, the sacrifices made each day by our military and first responders are near to the hearts of my wife, Teri, and me. This year I have chosen to recognize these great men and women during our Grand Master Receptions by bringing back an award called the "Local Patriot Award". When MWB Eric R. "Rick" Schau instituted this in the 2018 receptions, I was inspired by the awardees and their stories. Let their story and history not be forgotten. Our charity for the year will be to raise funds under the umbrella of our Grand Lodge Charitable Foundation in support of our Veterans and First Responders. To all of those who serve and served and continue to serve, I thank you for your service. My Brethren, please keep up the good work we do as Masons. Support your Lodge and its officers. We all enjoy this thing called Freemasonry, and we should all endeavor to live by the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. If we do that, the world WILL be a better place.

Fraternally,
Richard A. Dickerscheid
Grand Master

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

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

February: Bernard Abrahams, Bradley Berger, Edward Cerny, Robert Cerny, Gerald Gold, William Goldman, Ira Lapine, Arne Lillo, Daniel Rothstein, Irwin Shulman, Michael Stern, Bradley Zucker

March: Alan Arons, Murray Arons, William Berris, Bruce DeBerry, Jeffrey Glazer, Melvin Jacobs, Larry Leyser, Allan Pearl, Franklin Porath, David Resnik, Brian Roseman, Robert Rothenberg, Mark Stovsky, Alan Wapnick, Howard Whalley, Roger Wolfson, Steven Young, Michael Zawatsky

Hiram Hears

Helen Skoke (nee Pollack) mother of BRO. ERIC SKOKE, passed away on September 22nd... Bro. Donald Vincent Kumin, father of BRO. JEREMY KUMIN (Barbara), passed away on October 22nd in Delray Beach, FL...BRO. HAROLD RESNIK, brother of BRO. DAVID RESNIK passed away on October 27th ...BRO. WALTER LEYSER passed away on November 11th. Sympathies to his children Rhonda Wolfson (BRO. ROGER WOLFSON), BRO. RICHARD LEYSER (Glo),

and BRO. RONALD LEYSER (Emmy), and to nephew BRO. LARRY LEYSER (Pat)...BRO. ALAN HARTZMARK passed away on November 11th...Minnie L. Cohen, mother-in-law of BRO. HARVEY MITCHELL (Linda) passed away on November 25th... Jean Robins Handler Mellman, mother of Joni Wasserman (BRO. STEVEN WASSERMAN), passed away on December 8th in Columbus, OH...Delores Van Scyoc, wife of RT. WOR. BRO. RUSSELL H. VAN SCYOC for 70 years passed away on December 12th...

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 aarne.lillo@yahoo.com, or tell him in person when you see him.

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