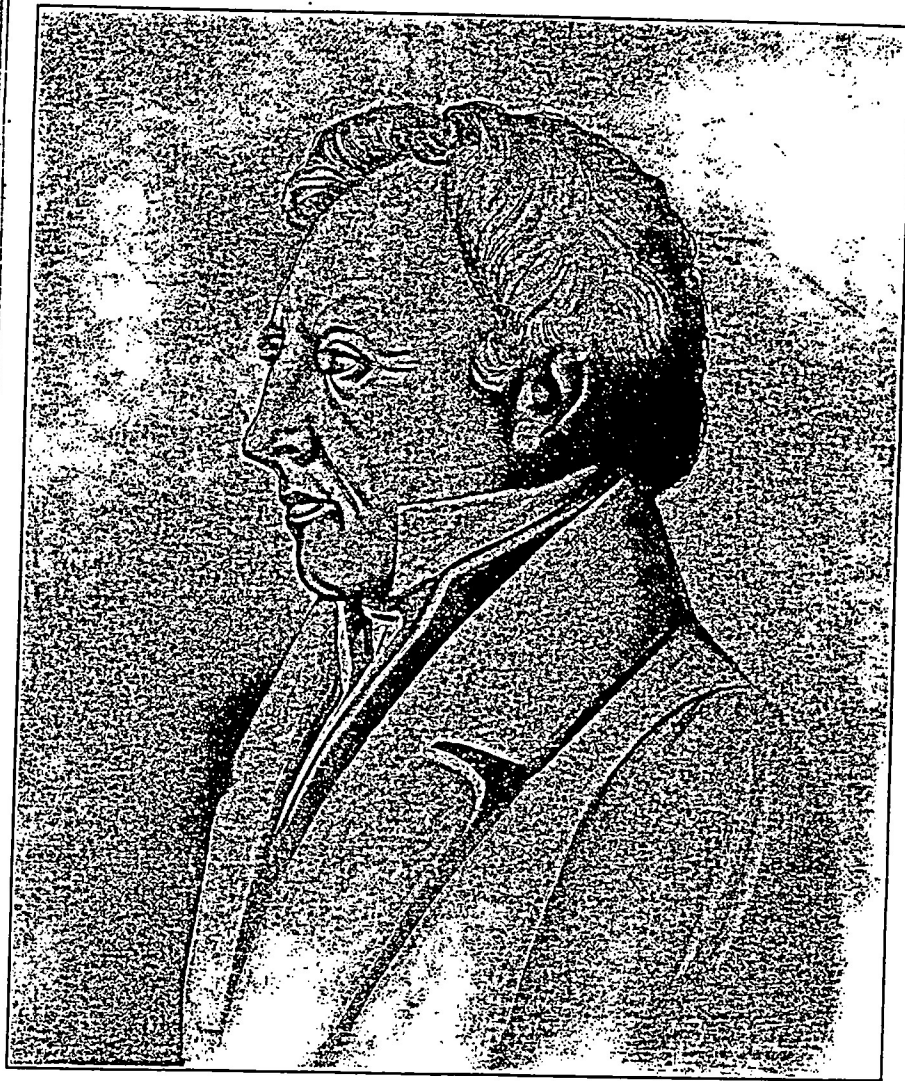


Whland Lodge No. 735

M. & A. M.



LUDWIG UHLAND

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Johann Ludwig Uhland was born on April 26th, 1787, in Tuebingen, Wuerttemberg. He was the son of Johann Friedrich Uhland, a University Secretary, and his wife Elizabeth. In the year 1799, he entered the "Schola Anatolica," a school in Latin conducted by the Philologer Kaufmann. In October 1801, at the age of 14½, he matriculated at the University in Tuebingen.

He obtained the degree of Doctor Juris by passing the State's examination with highest honors in 1810, to which was added the degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred upon him by his Alma Mater.

In 1810 he went to Paris for the purpose of studying French laws but found study of the French Classics more interesting.

Returning to his native city in 1812, he practiced jurisprudence, became Ministerial Secretary, was elected Representative, and in 1827 was called to the University in Tuebingen, as professor of German literature. Being a "Free-thinking" professor the Government withheld confirmation of this office until 1829.

From 1832 to 1839, Uhland was one of the leaders of his party in Parliament, but in the latter year retired from politics.

On April 26, 1848, the citizens gave him a mandate to attend the "German Parliament," meeting in Frankfurt, where he participated zealously in the debates.

From 1848 to 1850 he held membership in the Wuerttemberg State Court of Law.

On November 13, 1862, at the age of 75, Ludwig Uhland departed from this world, in which he had attained the highest mental development.

History of Uhland Lodge No. 735

T. & A. M.

In the year 1871, several Brothers of Beethoven Lodge No. 661, Harmony Lodge No. 199, Park Lodge No. 516, and Pyramid Lodge No. 490, decided to form a German speaking Lodge in the so-called Bloomingdale District of the City of New York.

After considerable efforts and upon the recommendation of the D.D.G.M., R.W. Br. C. F. Hohenthal, and the Worshipful Masters of King Solomon, United Brothers, Hermann, and Socrates Lodges, the Deputy Grandmaster, R.W. Br. Edward E. Thorne granted a dispensation on January 28, 1873.

The great Statesman, Author and Poet, Johann Ludwig Uhland, was selected as Patron-Saint of the Lodge.

The founders of the Lodge were:

Br. John Wachter	Beethoven 661
Br. Friedr. Walter	Harmony 199
Br. Wm. G. Feist	Park 516
Br. H. Wm. Ruschhaupt	Park 516
Br. Jacob Wagner	Park 516
Br. John Diehl	Park 516
Br. Phil. Pinkel	Pyramid 490

Br. John Wachter served as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

On June 19, 1873, R.W. Br. Hohenthal presented the charter granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The Lodge was greatly honored in 1894, when the Grand Master M.W. Br. John Hodge appointed Pastmaster Ferdinand Wieler as District Deputy Grand Master for the German District, and by the personal appearance of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary at his investiture.

Another early brother deserving special mention was W. Br. Ludwig G. W. Limpert, who served as Master during

1883 - 4 - 5. Gifted as a brilliant orator and possessed of a most comprehensive knowledge of the history of Freemasonry, he held many lectures in and out of the Lodge, and materially contributed to the prestige and development of Uhland Lodge.

On May 24, 1887, the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Johann Ludwig Uhland was observed with impressive memorial festivities.

Our 25th Anniversary was observed most solemnly with an appropriate Jubilee Lodge meeting on February 5, 1898, at 300 East 58th Street. The Worshipful Master, Jacob Loewer, assisted by the Pastmasters succeeded through untiring efforts to make our Silver Jubilee a brilliant celebration.

On the following day, February 6, 1898, the Brothers and Sisters gathered at the Central Opera House for a Gala Banquet and Ball. The sisters of the Lodge, led by sisters Jacob Loewer and Ferd. Wieler presented the Lodge with two magnificent Holy Bibles, and with an Altar cloth embroidered in gold.

On January 9, 1899, R. W. Br. Adam Schaaf was elected honorary member. Past Grandmaster M. W. Br. John Stewart and the Deputy Grand Master R. W. Br. Wright D. Pownall honored the Lodge with their attendance at the presentation of his honorary membership certificate. R. W. Br. Fritz Zimmer of Herder Lodge No. 698, and R. W. Br. Henry Breunich of Germania Lodge No. 182, were elected honorary members of Uhland Lodge on November 10, 1902. The diplomas were presented on January 12, 1903, at the open installation of the officers, which was attended by the sisters.

In June 1903, the Grand Master M. W. Br. Elbert Crandell honored the Lodge by appointing Pastmaster Jacob Loewer as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge.

In September 1905, Uhland Lodge moved to the Grand Opera House at 309 West 23rd Street, but the facilities there proved inadequate and in May 1907, the Lodge moved to the German Masonic Temple at 220 East 15th Street, where we still meet today.

Uhland Lodge suffered an irreparable loss on September 18, 1911, when our beloved R. W. Br. Ferdinand Wieler was called to the Eternal East. A life-size portrait of R. W. Br. Wieler was unveiled at the Home in Tappan, which occasion was witnessed by a large delegation of Brothers and Sisters. The portrait was presented by Pastmaster Louis Wendel and accepted on behalf of the German Masonic Home Corporation by R. W. Br. Friedrich Zimmer who delivered an impressive eulogy in which he stressed the valuable services rendered by R. W. Br. Wieler to the entire District, and to the German Masonic Home Corporation in particular.

In 1915, Grand Master M. W. Br. George Freifeld appointed Pastmaster Charles W. Hess as Representative of the Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht" in Darmstadt, Germany.

On May 12, 1919, the Lodge held its 1000th meeting, celebrated with a Ladies Night followed by a Banquet and Dance. On this occasion the Worshipful Master George Gingerich, having in mind the approaching 50th Jubilee, suggested the formation of a Sister Circle. Soon after, the sisters followed this suggestion and founded the present UHLAND SISTER CIRCLE which now numbers about 100 members and has continued to render invaluable services to the Lodge throughout the years, to the present day.

The first officers were:

Sister George Gingerich,	President
" Henry Spitzhoff	Vice-President
" Frank F. Lunghard ..	Recording Secretary
" Chas. W. Hess	Corresp. Secretary
" Louis Wendel	Financial Secretary
" Phil. Schuhmacher	Treasurer

In June 1919, Pastmaster Louis Wendel was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Manhattan District, by the M. W. Grand Master Wm. S. Farmer. The occasion of his investiture is especially noteworthy because it was attended by all dignitaries of both German Districts, and by a large number of representatives from English speaking Lodges.

November 13, 1922, will always be an important date in the history of Uhland Lodge because of the visit of Most Wor-

shipful Br. Anton Hagedorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Germany, who came to personally thank us for our contribution to the relief of the great distress in our Fatherland after World War I.

This brings us to the year 1923, and therefore, to the 50th year of our existence. Elaborate preparations for a fitting celebration of our 50th Anniversary had been made by a Jubilee Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master Frank F. Lunghard.

R.:W.: Br. Louis Wendel, who meanwhile had been elected Justice of the City Court of New York, and was our most prominent member in and out of the Lodge, was chosen chairman and presided at the Jubilee-meeting held on February 6, 1923, in the Grand Lodge Room at 23rd Street and 6th Avenue.

This meeting was followed on February 8, 1923, by a Gala Banquet and Ball at the Hotel Astor, attended by 700 persons. Valuable contributions toward the success of these affairs were made by the Uhland Sister Circle, then in its infancy, and in recognition thereof a Social Evening was subsequently arranged on April 4, 1923, at the Temple.

At these celebrations we had the pleasure of still having with us Br. Wm. G. Feist, the only survivor of the founders of the Lodge, who enjoyed the best of health.

In June 1924, the Lodge was honored by the appointment of Pastmaster Frank F. Lunghard as District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Manhattan District, by M.:W.: Grand Master W. A. Rowan. He was presented with certificate, Apron and Jewel on September 8, 1924.

The occasion of R.:W.: Br. Frank F. Lunghard's Homecoming was a memorable night, as at the same time we honored Pastmaster William Fischer and Br. Fr. Voegelin, who had completed 50 years of faithful service as members of Uhland Lodge.

An honor night was arranged on April 13, 1925, for Br. Andreas Kronemeyer, who also reached the rare distinction of completing 50 years of membership.

A huge Bazaar was held by the 9th Manhattan District, from December 3 to 10, 1927, for the relief of distress in Germany, which netted \$100,000.00. The Brothers and Sisters of Uhland Lodge contributed materially to this excellent result.

On November 28, 1927, R.:W.: Br. Charles Martens of United Brothers Lodge No. 365, was elected as honorary member.

On November 20, 1929, R.:W.: Br. Chas. W. Hess was called to the Eternal East.

On December 9, 1930, Uhland Lodge participated in the ceremonies commemorating the 150th Anniversary of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Our 60th Anniversary was celebrated on February 5, 1933, with a Gala Banquet and Ball at the Aldine Club, 23rd Street & 5th Avenue.

On October 13, 1933, the Lodge suffered a hard blow when death called our Worshipful Master, Curt Heinzmann, from his labors to Eternal Rest.

On May 14, 1934, Br. Henry D. Mueller celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a Mason. The Lodge arranged a special "Henry D. Mueller Night," to which the Sisters were invited.

In June 1935, M.:W.: Grand Master, R. E. Owens, honored Uhland Lodge by appointing Pastmaster Louis J. Ickrath as District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Manhattan District. His investiture took place on September 9, 1935, at which time the Lodge presented him with Apron and Jewel in the presence of many high dignitaries from all the Metropolitan Districts.

On November 9, 1936, R.:W.: Br. Herman Zuege of Wanderer Lodge No. 884 was elected honorary member.

Uhland Lodge was incorporated on December 31, 1937, under the New York State Benevolent Order Laws. This enables the Lodge to receive and accept - legacies, bequests, or any other gifts.

A very progressive step was undertaken in 1938, when Uhland Lodge changed its By-laws to permit the conferring of degrees in the English language. As a result we have

since been able to add valuable members who thoroughly enjoy our traditional German sociability and are supporting all our activities to the best of their abilities, although they do not master the German language.

On June 2, 1939, death summoned our Secretary of many years, Br. Bruno Opp, to the Eternal East, who had filled this office for 36 years and always had been of great assistance to the Worshipful Masters.

On September 24, 1941, death summoned our oldest member, Br. Andreas Kronemeyer, to the Eternal East. He was a faithful member for 66 years. Shortly before his death he donated the sum of \$1000.00 for certain charitable purposes within Uhland Lodge. This donation formed the nucleus of our welfare fund, which is known as the "Andreas Kronemeyer Fund." Others have since contributed to this fund and we hope it will continue to be favorably remembered by those who are in a position to do so.

March 12, 1945, is an outstanding date in the history of Uhland Lodge. A special honor night was arranged for R. W. Louis Wendel who had reached his 50th Anniversary as a brother of Uhland Lodge. The 50-year Grand Lodge Service Medal was presented to him by D. D. G. M., R. W. Edward Schulz, but the high-light of the occasion was the personal appearance of the Grand Master, M. W. Charles W. Froessel, a close friend of Judge Wendel for many years, who had been an associate of his on the Bench, and who managed to visit the Lodge in spite of several other pressing engagements that night.

On May 13, 1945, R. W. Frank F. Lunghard was called to the Eternal East. His passing was a great loss to the Lodge and to the entire 9th District. He had been a most active member, serving the Lodge as Worshipful Master during 1922 and 1923, the District as District Deputy Grand Master in 1924-1925, and the German Masonic Home Corporation as secretary for many years.

On October 8, 1945, the Uhland Sister Circle lost its first president and principal founder through the death of Sister George Gingerich.

We are happy to still have with us Br. August Lauer, enjoying the best of health, whose membership dates back to our 25th Anniversary, and who completed 50 years of membership in Uhland Lodge on November 22, 1947.

At the beginning of 1947, the Worshipful Master, Eugene Kappel, appointed a committee to make preparations for our coming 75th Jubilee celebrations. This committee elected R. W. Louis Wendel as chairman. R. W. Louis Wendel had retired from his many civic and political activities and immediately devoted all his time and energy to promulgate plans for the great event in the history of his beloved Uhland Lodge. He looked forward with joyful anticipation to preside at the festivities, as he had done at the 50th Anniversary. Alas, it was not so to be! Suddenly, on September 7, 1947, he was called to the Eternal East, and the shocking news saddened the hearts of all Uhland members and their families.

The burden of his office as chairman then fell on the shoulders of R. W. Br. Louis J. Ickrath.

As the plans for our Jubilee are taking shape we know that the Uhland Sister Circle will also play a vital part. The sisters have always made valuable contributions toward the success of all undertakings of the Lodge and deserve the unstinting praise and gratitude of the brothers. It is a particular joy and pleasure that its founder, W. Br. George Gingerich, is still with us in the best of health to witness the splendid support the sisters have rendered.

Uhland Lodge has always taken the lead in alleviating misfortune and distress. Its support of the Homes in Tappan and Utica, its regular contributions to the Pastmaster's Hospital Fund, and more recently, its efforts to ease the need and hunger in our old Fatherland by various donations to "NIMA" totalling close to \$2000.00 are ample evidence of the charitable work in which we are engaged.

And now, Brothers and Sisters of Uhland Lodge, let us continue to live up to our old traditions, to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and to the honor of our Great Masonic Fraternity.

Program

Part I.

1. PRELUDE H. Reinhardt
2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER R.:W.:L. J. Ickrath
3. ENTRANCE OF W.:MASTER AND OFFICERS
W.:Karl Fortmann, Marshal
4. OPENING OF LODGE W.:Master Eugene Kappel
5. PRAYER W.:Ludwig Zentmaier
6. HYMN Star Spangled Banner
7. RECEPTION OF VISITING BROTHERS
8. RECEPTION OF WARDENS ASSOCIATION
9th MANHATTAN DISTRICT
9. RECEPTION OF PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION
9th MANHATTAN DISTRICT
10. RECEPTION OF MASTERS ASSOCIATION
9th MANHATTAN DISTRICT
11. RECEPTION OF GERMAN MASONIC HOME CORPORATION
12. RECEPTION OF D.D.G.M. R.:W.:HERMAN P. KUNMANN &
GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONY R.:W.:MAX LINDNER
13. RECEPTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
14. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1st, 25th AND
50th COMMUNICATIONS Br. Curt M. Hauck
15. READING OF CHARTER OF UHLAND LODGE No. 735
R.:W.:HERMAN P. KUNMANN
16. CLOSING OF LODGE W.:Master Eugene Kappel

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Part II.

1. RECEPTION OF UHLAND SISTER CIRCLE
Escort W. George Gingerich
2. SOLO, "An die Freunde" K. Gregor
Fred Heinemann
3. PROLOGUE Sister Pearl Zentmaier, President
4. JUBILEE ADDRESS R. W. Louis J. Ickrath
5. 15th STREET SQUARE CLUB Joseph Singer, President
6. ADDRESS — Wardens Association Br. Arthur Dahse, President
7. ADDRESS — Masters Association W. Ernest Schwertfeger, Pres.
8. ADDRESS — Past Masters Association
W. Jacob Henkel, Sr., President
9. ADDRESS — German Masonic Home Corporation
Joseph Blumenkamp, President
10. ADDRESS — Grand Director of Ceremony R. W. Max Lindner
11. ADDRESS R. W. Herman P. Kunmann, D.D.G.M.
12. ADDRESS M. W. Gay H. Brown, Grand Master
or his Representative
13. MEMORIAL LODGE Conducted by W. Herman Koch
 - a) "Trauermarsch" E. Oslender
 - b) Trauer-Zeremonie.
 - c) Solo: "Den Entschlafenen" F. Burkhard
Fred Heinemann
14. PRAYER W. Ludwig Zentmaier
15. SONG — "Gute Nacht"
16. ORGAN H. Reinhardt