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From The East—Christopher Tabb Master



Brethren:

Where has the year gone? The month of November is upon us already. Our annual meeting is slated for the 3rd. It should prove to be a very exciting meeting at that.

Of course, W.B. Secretary and I will need to make our reports. There are the annual budget items to be voted upon. And of course, we will be holding our election of officers. I am pleased to announce that Bro. Ory has arranged some equally special Masonic education for us all in form of a (short) play! Please make every effort to attend.

As to the passing of the year, please accept my most sincere thanks for having allowed me to serve as your Worshipful Master. It has truly been my honor. Together many good works have been completed. While I do not have the figures in front of me, it seems that most every stated meeting we were voting on multiple petitions. (I also recall vividly how RW

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Stated Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month.

Special Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month.

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From The Secretaries Table—Thomas C. Behr P.M. Sec.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE The annual meeting of Euclid Lodge will be held at 7:30PM on November 3, 2009 at the lodge hall. Reports of the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer will be presented. The annual election of officers will take place. This is one of the most important meetings of the year and I hope you are able to attend.

2010 Dues Cards I have not received the 2010 Dues Cards from Grand Lodge however, they will be arriving shortly. I will attempt to have them processed and in the mail to you as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if you could return them with your dues check in a timely manner.

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Past Master Highlight Samuel Mather 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1902, 1905

He was born March 7, 1847 at Whallonsburgh, Essex County, New York, being a son of Joshua E. Mather and Maria Frisbee.

He came to Wheatland, Will County, Illinois with his parents in 1852.

Attended the Naperville Academy in 1864 and 1865,

Married Malvina Ballou November 21, 1866 at Lisle, Illinois, from which union six children were born, Roy Allen (Past Master 1896), Zillia A., Fred Elbert, Glen E., Roscoe and Ethel M.

He and his family moved to Santa Rosa, California in 1873 where he worked as a ranchman until

1880. He then returned to Will County and then relocated to Lisle Township, DuPage County, in 1883, working as a farmer.

In 1888, along with William King and John P. Rickert he organized the Naperville Co-Operative Co., with himself as General Manager/Secretary/Treasurer. This was a creamery and had a capacity of up to 30,000 pounds of milk per day.

He was appointed as Naperville Postmaster in 1899 and served in that capacity until 1903.

Elected Naperville 3rd Ward Alderman in 1907, 1908, and 1909. Elected Mayor of Naperville, 1910

and 1911.

Affiliated from Plainfield Lodge No. 536, December 19, 1882.

Excellent High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. 1885-1892, 1897, 97, 1907, 08.

He died January 24, 1932, in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois, and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



SAMUEL MATHER

Naperville Postmaster 1899 to 1903

Naperville 3rd Ward Alderman, 1907, 1908, 1909

Naperville Mayor 1910, 1911



Samuel Mather as a young Man

From The East continued

Bro Sullens would cringe with my “inventive” ritual in reminding the Brethren that the white ball elects and the black cube rejects.) New members were initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree throughout the year. (I am certain that Br. Secretaries recollection to the exact counts will be far better than my own.)

The Lodge once again earned the Excellence award. We had a tremendous showing in the Lodge competition (sadly there will not be one in 2010). We reached out to the community with our ILChip work, Academic Bowl participation, St John’s Day participation, Lodge and Community Builder awards, the Labor Day parade and through charitable contributions.

I know that I have not fully covered all that we have achieved this year. I would add that the credit here goes not to myself—but to Officers and active members of the Euclid. Through your tireless energies, selfless service and generous hearts has so much been achieved in so short a time. So thank you one and all.

I would like to especial thank WB Behr, RWB Sullens and Bill O’Connell for their patience in leadership for ritual ex-

cellence. To JW Diamond, SS Kapoor and JS Rosensweig for attending to our needs and keeping us all well fed. (Did anyone else notice how attendance increased after JW Diamond started feeding us meals BEFORE the meeting? Great leadership there Neville!) To SW Ault for his support and always assuring that our slates were full. And to the many Past Masters who whispered good council and offered quiet assurances throughout the year.

If I have not thanked you here, it is only because space is limited. But I will be personally thanking folks at the annual meeting (so please plan to attend).

Besides the bringing of more light to new men and members, I am most pleased by being able to note the depth of talent and leadership of the Officers of Euclid. The Lodge is in very good hands. Please support these Brethren as generously as you supported me.

Finally, I am told that this year’s installation is set for Saturday November 21st. Please save the date! A reception is planned for the evening as well.

God bless you all my Brethren!

WM Christopher Tabb

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 November	2 Euclid 65 Practice	3 Euclid Lodge Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Naper Blvd Cleanup 8:30 a.m.
8	9 Euclid 65 Practice	10 Euclid Chapter stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Open House 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
15 District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park	16 Euclid 65 Practice	17 Euclid Lodge 65 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Installation of Offi- cers 3:00 P.M. Open to the Public
22	23 Euclid 65 Practice	24 Temple Board 7:30 p.m.	25	26 	27	28
29	30 Euclid 65 Practice	1 December Euclid Lodge Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Lodge Christmas Party 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Schedule of Events

- **Nov 2** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Nov 3** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting—Election of Officers—Presentation of “Grand Master Hiram and the Word.
- **Nov 7** Naper Blvd Cleanup 8:30 a.m. SW corner Naper & Hobson
- **Nov 9** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Nov 10** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the 6th degree Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- **Nov 14** Open House 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Lodge Historical Presentation
- **Nov 15** District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Nov 16** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Nov 17** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Degree Conferral
- **Nov 21** Open Installation of Officers 3:00 p.m. Cake and refreshments afterwards.
- **Nov 23** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Nov 24** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 26** Thanksgiving
- **Nov 30** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Dec 1** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 5** Christmas Party at the Lodge 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- **Dec 7** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Dec 8** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the 7th degree Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- **Dec 14** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Dec 15** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Degree Conferral
- **Dec 20** District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Dec 21** No Lodge Officer Practice
- **Dec 22** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Committees



Tim Ory Chairman

Steve Rosensweig,

Carl Crownhart, Don Cowart

Education

Tim Ory Chairman, Don Cowart

Finance \$\$\$\$

Christopher Tabb, Michael Ault,
Neville Diamond, Jerry Yingling

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Entertainment

John Aemmer Chairman

Steve Rosensweig, Mike Ault,

Award of Excellence

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will, Chairman
Dainon Setzer

Past Masters Dinner

Don Cowart

Lodge Membership and Retention

Bill Ackerman Chairman

Academic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman, John Will, Neville Diamond

Community Days

Gerald Yingling Chairman

Past Masters Dinner

I would like to thank all of the brethren and their families for making this year's Past Master's Dinner a great success. We switched banquet halls to the Courtyard Banquets in Warrenville this year and what a great facility it was. This was a personal suggestion from Worshipful Brother Yingling, who has frequented the Courtyard monthly. They served a bounty of good eats, from fresh carved roast beef to vanilla sundaes and everything in between. No one went home hungry.

Brother Tim Ory agreed to present another slice of Euclid Lodges history. This year was on the founding fathers of Euclid. A very interesting presentation about the separate personalities and peculiarities of each individual Master Mason who began our great Lodge over one hundred and sixty years ago. What a wonderful presentation. Thanks Tim!

This was the largest attended Past Master's dinner in recent memory. We reserved 40 seats and went well past that number. Also, a big thanks to Worshipful Brother Robertson with his help for the night at the check-in table.

Past Masters in attendance were Robert Stockner, 1971; James Sleith, 1982, 1984; Walter Qualkenbush, 1994, 1995; Gerald Yingling, 1997; Andrew Siedelmann, 2000; Don Cowart, 2006; Barton Robertson, 2007; Christopher Tabb, 2009; James Patton, 1985 (Arboretum 1175); and Floyd Sullens, 1982 (Villa Park 1113). In addition, Herb Lindberg, our new District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th North Eastern District was also in attendance.

Thanks to all and see you next year.

Don Cowart

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

As always we'll meet on Saturday Morning, November 7 at 8:30a.m., in the parking lot at the "Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church", at the Southwest corner of Naper Boulevard and Hobson Road, 1150 Hobson Road, Naperville 60540.

I'll provide the gloves, trash bags and faded day-glow orange road crew vests.

We need at least five volunteers to make this event a success. It only requires about an hour of your time Brothers.

I might even treat to coffee at Dunkin Donuts AFTER we finish.

Jack Gelston PM

From The Secretaries Table Continued

Please watch for them and remit your payment as soon as possible. We have several (14) members that have not paid their 2009 and prior years dues and will now be subject to suspension if their dues are not made current. Please do not let this happen to you.

Life Membership The 2010 Dues Notice which you will be receiving shortly will contain information regarding the purchase of a life membership For those members with less than 35 years of continuous membership the fee will be \$975.00 By taking this step now you will never receive another dues notice as long as you remain an Illinois Mason. You would also not be subject to any increase in dues voted by the lodge at any future time or an increase in the per-capita tax imposed annually by the Grand Lodge.

If you are interested in taking this step, I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. The important thing to keep in mind is that

your check along with the application must be in the Grand Lodge Office before 12/31/2009. If this time frame is met, you will not be required to pay the regular \$65.00 annual dues for 2010. .

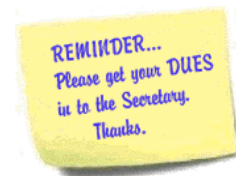
The following members will celebrate a birthday this month on the day indicated

Johnny B. Perry Nov 03
 Alan R. Spies Nov 04
 Charles E. Macyunas Nov 04
 Steve J. Rosensweig Nov 08
 Bruce E. Derylo Nov 11
 Arthur C. Tancl Jr. Nov 12
 Robert E. Beck Nov 14
 Robert J. Falta Nov 16
 H. Jason Reed Nov 24
 Charles W. Wiggins Nov 25
 Leon E. Litzelman Nov 25
 Matthew B. Van Thyne Nov 26
 William G. Dixon Nov 28
 Vaneet K. Kapoor Nov 29
 Elmer A. Dagenias Nov 29

Jack D. Chasteen Nov 29

Anniversary of The Master Mason Degree The following members will observe the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in () is the number of years

William T. Fetner Nov 06 (33)
 Brett A. Osborn Nov 08 (16)
 Mark R. Hopf Nov 15 (04)
 Andrew B. Siedelmann Nov 15 (16)
 Charles E. Kreps Nov 15 (21)
 Ronald R. Rudniski Nov 19 (07)
 Charles E. McLaughlin Nov 23 (27)
 So brethren until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful!"



Thanksgiving

My thanks Dear Lord, I give to thee, For wondrous gifts bestowed on me, For health and home, for friends and love, And for Thy guidance from above.

We take for granted day by day, The bounteous gifts sent our way, And seldom do we kneel to give, Our thanks that Thou hath let us live.

Each time I send my thoughts up There, I know you listen to my prayer, So in my humble way I say, Thank you Lord, for every day.

Carice Williams

Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons



Constituted by Dispensation January 29, 1851

Chartered by The Grand Chapter of Illinois

October 3, 1851

Officers 2009

Timothy Ory	Excellent High Priest
Kevin Cassidy	King
Neville Diamond	Scribe
Andrew Siedelmann	Treasurer
John Buckler	Secretary
Walter Qualkenbush	Chaplain
Jack Chasteen	Captain of the Host
William Ackerman	Principal Sojourner
Dainon Setzer	Royal Arch Captain
John Gelston	Master 3rd Veil
Steven Rosensweig	Master 2nd Veil
William Dixon	Master 1st Veil
Thomas Behr	Sentinel

Companions!

On October 13, 2009, the Mark Master and the Past Master degrees were conferred on 4 candidates.

We have scheduled the conferral of the Most Excellent Master degree for the meeting night of November 10th and the Royal Arch degree for the night of December 8th, 2009.

The Keystone Quest will also take place at the meeting on November 10th. The questions and answers are taken from the "Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences by Albert G. Mackey, M.D., 33Degree, MEPGHP. Round one questions and answers will be taken from entries under the letter "G". Second round under the letter "H", and third round under the letter "I".

Please come out and join us for these degrees. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and the degree will follow the business meeting.

Tim Ory EHP

What is the Keystone Quest?

The Keystone Quest was developed in early 2005 by the creators of the Eureka Challenge, a highly popular Masonic knowledge proficiency competition sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, AF&AM. Utilizing a similar format, the content and structure of the game was adapted for Capitular Freemasonry. Now, Royal Arch Freemasons across the

state can enjoy the stimulating competition of this powerful education tool.

- A chapter participating in the 1st Round of the Keystone Quest qualifies for one of the requirements of the Arch of Excellence. To qualify, a chapter must conduct the 1st Round of the Keystone Quest at any convocation no later than 31 December of the subject year, and submit the completed materials for scoring postmarked no later than 31 December of the subject year. The report must indicate the date on which the Keystone Quest was conducted.
- Following the 1st Round, the twenty-seven (27) top-scoring chapters are designated "Capitular Champions," and each receives a certificate.
- Following the 2nd Round, the 3 top-scoring chapters are designated "Omnific Champions." and each receives a framed certificate.
- Following the 3rd Round, the winning chapter is designated "State Champion" and receives the Keystone Quest Travelling Trophy to display in their chapter hall or temple for the ensuing year, as well and a framed certificate. Companions of the State Champion chapter receive special magnetic emblems suitable for displaying upon their automobiles.
- All participating chapters are recognized in the Grand Chapter's magazine, [Hiram Words](#).

Mark Master Degree

This First Degree of the Royal Arch Masonry is based upon the tradition of an organization of the Operative Masons who were employed on the Temple at Jerusalem by means of which disorder and confusion were avoided. In symbolic signification, it directs the Fellow-Craft to the inculcation of order, regularity, and discipline; it teaches us that the discharge of all the duties of our several positions and stations in life should be discharged with precision and punctuality; that the work of our hands and the thoughts of our hearts should be good and true—not unfinished and imperfect, not sinful and defective—but such as the Great Overseer and Judge of heaven and earth may see fit to approve. Just as the Fellow-Craft degree is devoted to the inculcation of learning, so the Mark-Master Degree instructs us how that learning can be most judiciously and usefully employed for our own honor and the profit of others. Having been taught the duty of discharging all the duties of life, we are now instructed in the importance of performing them with systematic regularity. The goal of every true Mark Master is so to live and work that he may receive at the conclusion of his services that welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

From the Masonic Heirloom Master Reference Edition of the Holy Bible.

Masonic Etiquette

7. OBEY THE GAVEL: You must immediately obey the gavel.

Why? Failure to immediately obey the gavel is a GRAVE DISCOURTESY and VERY poor Masonic Etiquette. The Master is all powerful in the lodge and his word is final. He can put or refuse to put any motion. He can rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time. He can say what he will, and what he will not, permit to be discussed. Brethren who think him unfair, arbitrary, unjust, or acting illegally have redress.

The Grand Lodge can be appealed to on any such matter. However, in the lodge, the Master's gavel denotes his emblem of authority, is supreme. When a brother is rapped down, he should obey at once, without any further discussion. It is VERY bad manners to do otherwise. In fact, it is perilously close to the line between bad manners and a Masonic offense. Masonic etiquette decries anyone who does not obey the gavel.

8. TURNING YOUR BACK: Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge without first receiving permission from the Master to speak.

Why? Any debates that are in motion must be conducted using proper Masonic etiquette. One always stands to order when addressing the chair. Customs differ in various jurisdictions as to the method of salute, however some salute should always be given when addressing the Master. Two brethren, both on their feet, simultaneously arguing a motion, who are facing each other and ignoring the Master is unacceptable.

9. SALUTE: Some lodges (not all) offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when they enter and when they leave their Masonic Mother lodge room or any other Masonic lodge room. Some lodges offer salutes to the Senior Warden.

Why? The Masonic etiquette of saluting the Master is your renewed pledge of fealty and service. It is your public display of decorum before all other brothers of your obligation. It shows your courteous respect for all that the Master stands for and shows that you acknowledge his authority.

Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect for all that for which he stands. The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly shown obligation. A lazy, sloppy or improper salute is to be Masonically impolite and, thus, to exhibit poor Masonic etiquette.

10. BALLOTING: Do not enter or leave the lodge room during a ballot.

Why? It is discourteous to leave the lodge room during a speech, during a degree, etc. There are several natural periods, such as at the end of one section and before the next begins, or when the Master puts the lodge at ease until the sound of the gavel. Then, and only then, you may leave the lodge without being considered rude. It is Masonic Etiquette that all brethren are expected to vote when requested to do so.

(In Illinois, no one may enter or leave the Lodge while balloting is in progress and all members present must cast a ballot)

Failure to cast your ballot not only results in your failure to share in your duties, but is in direct disobedience of the Master's request.

11. VOTING IS MANDATORY: When an issue is put to a vote, all brethren should vote.

Why? A brother who does not vote is discourteous because he skews the ballot. He becomes the weak link in a strong chain. No matter what the reason of his non-vote, he injures the lodge's ballot, its value and its secrecy. Failure to vote can injure a lodge's feeling of brotherhood, and by that injury, can injure the Masonic fraternity. No matter what reason you may privately hold about voting, it is poor Masonic Etiquette to fail to vote when requested to do so by the Master.

12. SMOKING: No smoking in the lodge room.

Why? While there are lodges who allow smoking during the business meeting (and you must be guided by the customs of your Mother Lodge), the ceremonies you take part in and watch are solemn occasions. In most lodge rooms, it is considered VERY disrespectful to smoke while the ceremonies are taking place. Smoking may take place in other parts of your building or outside and during refreshment.

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All Members of Euclid Lodge No: 65 and Euclid Chapter No: 13 Christmas Party for 2009.

This is to all those who have come to the Lodge's Christmas Party in the past and who could help me out with suggestions.

If, elected as the SW for the up coming Masonic year, it would mean that I have the job of setting up the Christmas party. The date is set for Saturday, 5th December. The Magician will be performing again, unless you all think it's not good to have it every year. I Need a SANTA ?? Gary HELP!

My question to all the Parents and Grandparents is: Do you have any suggestion that may improve the event, what you liked and what you didn't like. What sort of presents would you like and what snacks and refreshments would be appropriate?

I have set up an email for all suggestions and ideas so here goes.

Wait its really hard..... euclid65@gmail.com

You can also send me the names and ages of the children that you will be bringing. I will be having some help with the purchasing of the gifts and planning. Mrs. Vandna Kapoor has offered to help, as she has small children, she is probably more attuned with what kids like nowadays. The date is fixed but the time will be by popular demand, I am thinking around 1pm.

For those of you that are Shriners, go to their website and check out the Shriners Christmas party which will be on the 12th December.

Please help me make this Christmas party a success so I am looking for your help. Any other mothers that could help please email me or phone me at 1-630-854-4174.

YITF

Neville Diamond