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From The East—Christopher D. Tabb W.M.



Greetings From The East

Brethren:

Is it January already?? (Br. Ory is it the 11th already?)

I trust everyone had a safe and happy New Year's Eve! 2009 should be another great year.

I know that many of us started it off right by enjoying the warmth and hospitality of the Cowarts. Don and Tracey opened their home and hearts to us all by hosting a traditional southern New Year's day buffet. From us

all, thank you so much W.B. Cowart and Mrs. Cowart. We are twice blessed to you-all in our lives!!

As to the work of the lodge, we had a successful stated meeting on the 6th.

Lots of business and correspondences were
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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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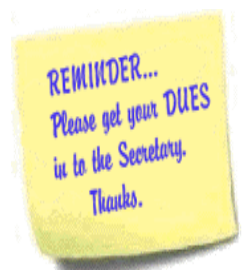
FROM THE SECRETARIES TABLE

EUCLID DUES: The 2009 dues notices were mailed on November 21, 2008. I have received 64 payments as of December 31, 2008. This also means that there are about 60 members out there who have not responded yet. That works out to about 51.6% completion. Now, having listened to Lovie Smith, Coach of the Chicago Bears explaining their less than stellar performance for the last two years, I suppose I should be happy with 51.6% I am sure Euclid members care more than 51.6% for their lodge and will get those 60 delinquent dues notices taken care of shortly. That is why Secretaries are usually called "the eternal optimist" as we wait

and wait for the dues checks to come rolling in. Many thanks to those 64 brethren for their prompt action.

On the disheartening side of the equation, I have also received four envelopes returned by the Post Office as undeliverable marked "Moved No Forwarding Address" Please, if you are going to or have recently moved make sure you notify the lodge of your correct address. This causes additional work for the Ole Secretary trying to find your new address and cost the lodge additional postage in redirecting the mailing.

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Past Master Highlight

James Gregson Wright 1862

Born June 6, 1823 in Liverpool, Merseyside, England.

His parents brought him to the United States as a child.

He attended schools for several years in New York City. He moved to Naperville in 1842. He purchased 160 acres, at the usual price of \$1.25 per acre, and became a farmer. He prospered at this trade, his wealth and success keeping pace with the rise of Naperville.

Married Almira Van Osdel in 1845, they had seven children, William P., Sarah E., Margaret E., Mary Ellen, Catherine A., J. George, and J. Joseph.

In 1847 he built a home of English architecture, the brick came from Warrenville

Brick and the lumber was the first shipped over the Northwestern Railroad as far west as Wheaton. The main section of the house was built before 1850. The present home site is the restaurant Meson Sebika. It has also been known as "Oakhurst" and "Will-O-Way Manor".

In addition to his farm, Wright founded the first lumber yard in Aurora in 1849.

By 1857, Wright was so prosperous that he founded the county's first bank with George Martin, the Producer's Bank of Martin and Wright, which remained in operation until 1873.

In 1860 he served as township supervisor and member of the county board of supervisors. He served six terms in

the Illinois House of Representatives.

He was an ardent supporter of the Republican Party in its founding days. Abraham Lincoln rewarded him by appointing him Postmaster of Naperville on April 8, 1861.

In 1882 he was appointed as the U.S. agent to the Sioux Indians in the vicinity of Rosebud Agency, South Dakota. He was the government representative for four years to 8000 of the Sioux. He was the first Indian agent to establish schools for the people he served. In 1896 he retired from his post and returned to Chicago.

Died January 7, 1905 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.



JAS. G. WRIGHT

6 Term Member of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Appointed Naperville Postmaster by Abraham Lincoln.

Sioux Indian Agent 1882 to 1896.

From The East Continued

covered—and some interesting ritual as well. A petition for degrees was voted on.

Br. Sr. Deacon (Mr. Education) also entertained us with an article on a Past W.B.—who keeps an alligator for a pet in Illinois in the 1800s??

Two third degrees are scheduled for the 20th. Br. Sr. Warden will be reaching out to the Brethren to put a slate together. Please plan to attend the meeting—as it is always a pleasure to see a new brother raised and to have the lodge well represented!

On a final note, W.B. Will (aka Shrimpy) has once again offered to host a Super Bowl party for us!! These are not to be missed events. Thank you W.B. Will for your gener-

osity! (Flyers are available if you need details.)

God Blessings to you all!
W.B. Christopher Tabb

The Beehive

Q. In what way was the beehive used in Masonry?

A. Among the ancients, particularly among the Egyptians, the beehive was a symbol of an obedient people, an emblem of systematized industry. A more appropriate picture of organized and united labor cannot be found.

Hence, Freemasonry has adopted the Beehive as symbol of industry - a virtue stressed in Ritual and by lectures.



James Monroe 5th President of the United States

Williamsburg Lodge, Virginia

Correction:

Lyndon Baines Johnson was initiated but was never raised as a Master Mason.

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 New Years Day Buffet Don & Tracey Cowarts	2	3
4	5 Euclid 65 Practice	6 Euclid Lodge stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10 Type 1 School Grove Lodge
11	12 Euclid 65 Practice	13 Euclid Chapter stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18 District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge	19 Euclid 65 Practice	20 Euclid Lodge 65 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26 Euclid 65 Practice	27 Temple Board 7:30 p.m.	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Events

- **Jan 1** Don Cowart Holiday Party, 1134 Overton Ct. Naperville. Bring an appetizer 2:00 to 8:00 pm
- **Jan 5** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Jan 6** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Refreshments following
- **Jan 10** Lodge Officers Type 1 School Grove Lodge 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 923 Curtiss, Downers Grove, IL
- **Jan 12** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Jan 13** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm
- **Jan 18** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 am
- **Jan 19** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Jan 20** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm Multiple 3rd Degrees
- **Jan 26** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Jan 27** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- **Feb 1** Super Bowl Party at Shrimpy's
- **Feb 2** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Feb 3** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm Refreshments following
- **Feb 7** Lodge Officers Type 3 School Villa Park Lodge No. 1113 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 26 W. Central Blvd., Villa Park, IL
- **Feb 9** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- Academic Bowl Team Dinner 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.
- **Feb 10** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm
- **Feb 16** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Feb 17** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm
- **Feb 21** Academic Bowl Regional Tournament 8:30 a.m. Location to be determined at a later date
- **Feb 23** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Feb 24** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- **Feb 28** Academic Bowl State Tournament

Committees



Dainon Setzer Chairman
 Steve Rosensweig, Tim Ory
 Carl Crownhart, Don Cowart

Education

Tim Ory Chairman, Don Cowart

Finance \$\$\$\$

John Will, Christopher Tabb, Michael Ault, Jerry Yingling

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Entertainment

John Aemmer Chairman
 Steve Rosensweig, Mike Ault,
 Tom Moylan

Award of Excellence

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

Dainon Setzer Chairman, John Will

Lodge Cleanup

Dainon Setzer Chairman, John Will

Lodge Membership and Retention

Bill Ackerman Chairman

Academic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman, John Will, Neville Diamond

Community Days

Gerald Yingling Chairman

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Bill Zukauskas

Don Cowart and John Buckler



Dainon Setzer and Tim Ory

Christopher Tabb

On Saturday , December 6, 2008, members of Euclid Lodge No. 65 helped the Salvation Army with their annual bell ringing charitable donation collections at the Jewel/Osco, Aurora Avenue and Ogden Avenue in Naperville.

The following members braved the cold winds blowing out of the north for this worthy cause.

Neville Diamond, Frank Fryer, William Zukauskas, John Buckler, Don Cowart, Christopher Tabb, Dainon Setzer, Tim Ory, Jerry Yingling, Guy Hamilton, Steve Rosensweig, and Buzz Linde.

And once again, candy canes for the children were provided by Brother Robert Chasteen.

St. John's Day Observance

The following members participated in the St. John's Day Observance on Sunday, December 28, at the Word of Life Lutheran Church in Naperville at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Worshipful Master Christopher Tabb; Worshipful Brothers William Dixon, John Will, Andrew Siedelmann, and Jerry Yingling; Brothers Bryan Wilcher, Carl Crownhart, Mark Hopf, and Tim Ory.

From The Secretaries Table Continued

Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Lodge Christmas Party, St. John The Evangelist Church Visitation & Degree Work are all subjects that I could write about but it is not nice to steal the thunder from the Worshipful Master and besides, remember I am only to observe the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master. See his column in this issue for details of the above events.

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

Mark H. Schmidt	Jan 01
Richard W. Sales	Jan 01
Sherwood H. Sadler	Jan 05
James W. Patton	Jan 06
Kevin E. Dunn	Jan 06

Barton K. Robertson	Jan 08
Clifford Van Poucke	Jan 14
Thomas G. Conklin	Jan 15
Gustavo L. Fernandes	Jan 18
William T. Fetner	Jan 20
James S. Sleith	Jan 25
Aaron S. Merkin	Jan 26
Kevin R. Shanahan	Jan 27
Ronald R. Rudniski	Jan 31
Leon H. Namtzu	Jan 31

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

David W. Little	Jan 03 (59)
John A. Schoch, Jr.	Jan 06 (22)

Charles E. Macyunas	Jan 18 (26)
Clifford P. Johnson, Jr.	Jan 19 (27)
Alan R. Spies	Jan 21 (17)
Ronald J. Bynum	Jan 21 (25)
John H. Gelston	Jan 23 (10)
Kyle P. O'Mara	Jan 25 (12)
Joe L. Cherry, Jr.	Jan 26 (11)
Patrick G. Lehrman	Jan 29 (36)
Hugo Koranda	Jan 30 (59)

The good news is that we have no Obituary Notices to include in this issue.

Stay healthy throughout The New Year and may all find 2009 the Best Ever.

So brethren until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful"

Tom Behr Secretary

Christmas Party December 13, 2008

The Christmas Party was enjoyed by both the children and the adults alike. A magician entertained us with his sleight of hand tricks and Santa visited and had a gift for every child. Senior Warden Mike Ault did a terrific job organizing the party this year. See over 200 additional photos on the web site provided by Brother Bill Ackerman.



Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons



Constituted by Dispensation January 29, 1851
 Chartered by The Grand Chapter of Illinois
 October 3, 1851

Officers 2008

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

What is meant by the York Rite?

York Rite masonry is the Christian route of masonry following the teaching of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who said **“Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven”**

“After you become a master Mason, no matter what added Masonic Honor may come to you, no matter how high you may rise in symbolic branches of the order, if you keep your vows as a Master Mason you have attained all there is, fulfilled all there is and received all there is to be received that fraternity and brotherhood, existing under a common impulse, can dispense among those who embrace the laws and edicts of a common procedure.

Masonry, after all, is but a rule for orderly righteousness.”

Royal Arch Masonry

The first step in York Rite Masonry is through the Royal Arch. This branch is known as ‘Chapter,’ and consists of four degrees. They are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch. They bear, perhaps, a closer relation to what is known as speculative Masonry than is contained in any of the works and symbols which have grown out of the three degrees previously received. They are, in fact, a continuance rather than an amplification of Ancient Craft Masonry in that in these degrees is recovered the ‘lost word,’ in the protection of which Hiram Abif lost his life. They bear the same relation to your Masonic progress that the High School bears to the Grammar School, or that of the work of a finished artist to the efforts of one who while having obtained an artist’s credentials, lacks in maturity and experience.”

“Royal Arch Masonry has a broadening influence upon the Master’s mind. It is a logical sequel to what you have already undertaken and gives you an opportunity of participating in the solution of the problem it presents. It makes you feel that you are a better man for having worked out your own conception of service, and the lessons taught remain with you as a practical guide in your daily life.”

This excerpt taken from the Masonic bible: The John A. Hertel Co. 1979, 1984 by DeVore & Sons, INC. page 4.

Submitted by Neville B. Diamond

Euclid Chapter No. 13 Officers Installation

Front row l to r: Andrew Siedelmann, Tim Ory, EHP Neville Diamond, Don Cowart, Bill Ackerman, Jack Chasteen, Walt Qualkenbush.

Back row l to r: Bill Dixon, David Oakes, Jack Gelston, John Buckler, Kevin Cassidy, Tom Behr.





Ben Franklins Masonic Legacy

By Bro. Ralph Gray PM/OPC/KYCH

We will celebrate Bro. Ben's 303rd birthday this month. He was born January 17th, 1706, in Boston, as a member of the leather-apron class. He was the fourth generation of typesetters and printers. His heritage was more than a mere tradesman, being a free-thinker concerned with social, political and economic conditions. At 19 he adopted Philadelphia as his home. In addition to being one of our prominent Colonial statesmen and Mason, he was a talented tinkerer, craftsman and inventor. His early livelihood was from being a printer and prodigious writer.

Throughout his life, Bro. Ben was an avid reader, urban entrepreneur and European traveler, who could wink at George Washington in humor, be addressable by nicknames and intimidate Jefferson and Adams. Early on he became a leading advocate and promoter of the Masonic fraternity.

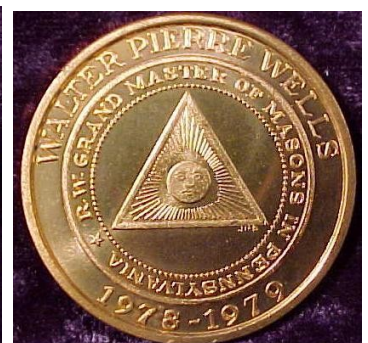
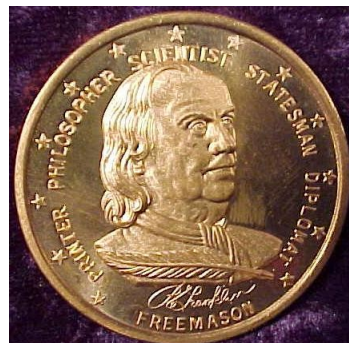
Prior to his association with Freemasonry, he founded a non-Masonic secret society known as the Leather Apron Club. He had planned to reveal the secrets of Masonry in his newspaper, but after strong appeals from prominent associates, two months later he was initiated into Masonry at St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia. He served in many capacities, and was active in the provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, becoming its first Grand Master in 1749. He published "The Masonic Book", containing Bro. Anderson's 1723 Constitution.

Though Pennsylvania was chartered by the "Ancient Grand Lodge" of London, Bro. Ben was an advocate for the principles of the "moderns" to promote the Royal Arch Degree, to complete every Mason's Masonic knowledge and the true word.

Later he represented the Colonial government at the Royal Court in London. He had to leave in 1776 for the Royal Court of France where he was "Courtier". There he excelled as a diplomat and had a reputation as a "bon vivant". He was adopted into the Lodge of the Nine Sisters, a mixed lodge of men and women in Paris. He assisted in the initiation of Voltaire into Masonry. Later he was elected as Master of this French Lodge, where he fit right into the secret society of the French lodges. The concepts of freedom he proclaimed and initiated by the new U.S. Republic, fostered thinking as the eve of the French Revolution approached 15 or so years after us. Belief in the wisdom and strength of the "middle people" created the celebration of a new ruling class of ordinary citizens.

The Norman derivation of the name Franklin came from "Franklyne", which has the meaning of free man. Being an avid reader and student of fundamental political and economic issues enlightened Franklin to Masonic philosophy. This carried over to his fictional parody of "Poor Richard's Almanac". It is difficult to extol the contributions of his 84 years to our American way of life. Ironically, considering his strong ties to the Masonic fraternity, when he was buried in a National State funeral there were no Masons attending in official capacity.

This article was prompted by an article commemorating Bro. Ben's birthday in an issue of the Northern Light, by Bro. Alan E. Foulds. One should also read the book titled "Ben Franklin - An American Life", written by Walter Isaacson, for more specific details of his many talents and contributions.



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Did You Know ?

Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA has many, many Masonic connections. It stands on land purchased by Wm. Allen, Grand Master of PA. The ground was staked by Edmond Wolley, a Mason. Thomas Boude, the brick mason, was the first Secretary of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia and later Deputy Grand Master. Benjamin Franklin laid the cornerstone while Grand Master (1734) with the assistance of St. John's Lodge. Brother Andrew McNair of Philadelphia rang the bell to call the populace on July 8, 1776, to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Liberty Bell cracked in 1835 when it tolled the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

