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



Greetings From The East

Brethren: Is it February already? The year is flying by. Please join me in both congratulating and thanking WB

John Will for another highly successful Super Bowl party. Plenty of brotherly love was being spread (served) as well as chili, deviled eggs, meat balls, and of course the occasional libation. (WB Buckler your chili was on FIRE!!)

Also of note, we had an excellent third degree on the 20th. Thank you Brethren for your hard work and to those visiting Brethren who helped

fill out the 2nd section. Our meeting yesterday (Feb 3rd) was well attended. I was very surprised to have the Scottish Rite visit and present me with a plaque for becoming your WM. I was honored and humbled.

Looking ahead I have several notes. First Brethren, please remember that we hold practice every Monday. Everyone is welcomed to [continued on page 2](#)

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: As of February 1, 2009 the list of unpaid members is down to 32. Of far greater concern is the fact that of these 32, there are 7 members that owe two or more years dues and they will be subject to suspension for non payment of dues. The long and arduous work of suspension will be started at he February 2009 Stated Meeting. If by chance any of the 7 are reading this column, please contact the secretary so we can work out your situation and stop the suspension proceedings.

As we have said many times before, if dues payment creates a

financial burden, let the Worshipful Master or the Secretary know. We have means to help but we need to know before we can do any thing.

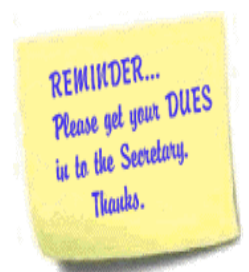
Salvation Army Bell Ringing: No information concerning the amount of money that was collected during the bell ringing on the first Saturday of December has come across The Secretary's Table. Perhaps the WM will address this subject in his article.

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

Walter L. Qualkenbush Feb 04

Patrick J. McGee Feb 06

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Past Master Highlight

Milton Skinner Ellsworth 1867, 1868

Born September 8, 1829 in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, his parents being Lewis (PM 1853) and Chloe M. Ellsworth.

He was one of the earliest settlers of the county, having come West to Naperville in October, 1837 with his parents.

After completing his common-school education, he attended the Rock River Seminary, at Mt. Morris, Ill., pursuing his studies there for a year and a half. He then clerked in his father's store at Naperville, and afterwards went into partnership with him in the nursery business.

He was married to Jane E. Barber, May 22, 1854, the Reverend Hope Brown officiating.

They had twins, Lewis and Carrie, born June 23, 1857.

He was for many years his father's assistant in managing the famous DuPage County Nursery, then the largest and most thoroughly equipped enterprise of the kind west of Ohio. He was also his assistant during the years of his incumbency of the office of Internal Revenue Collector of this district.

Elected to the responsible position of County Clerk of DuPage County in December, 1877, he was successively elected to that office for five terms, dying while an incumbent of it.

He was a member of the Congregational Church.

In politics he was an active and pronounced Republican from the inception of the party.

He also served Euclid Lodge as Treasurer, in 1869 and 1870, Secretary, in 1853, Senior Warden, in 1871 and 1872, Junior Warden, in 1866, Senior Deacon, 1856, 1857, 1865, 1876, and 1877 and Senior Steward, in 1873 and 1874.

He served as High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. in 1871, and also as King, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and Master of the 2nd Veil.

Died May 26, 1896 in Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois.



MILTON S. ELLSWORTH

Son of Lewis Ellsworth, PM 1853

Elected five consecutive terms as County Clerk of DuPage

Active in both the Lodge and the Chapter

From The East Continued

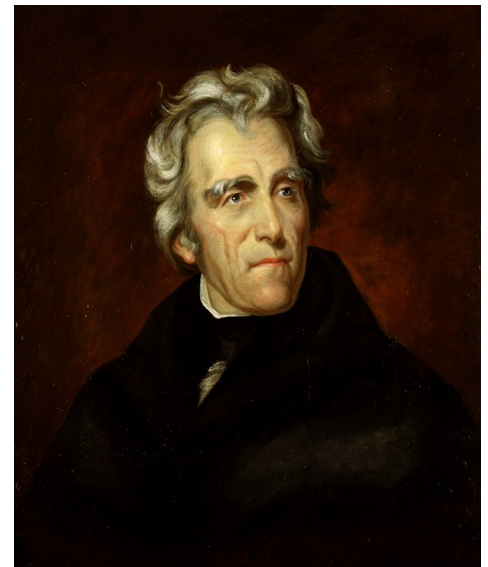
attend. Our officers are making great progress in their ritual work (the area competition is slated for March 21st). We will also be visiting Villa Park on the 7th at 9:00 a.m. for a Lodge Officers Type 3 School.

At last night's meeting we discussed our back log of candidates and Brethren needing to advance. As such, we will be holding several 1st degrees on the 17th. I have ordered that we hold 2nd degrees on the morning of Saturday the 28th. This should greatly help the current situation. If you are an Intender, please continue to work with your candidate. Help him with his catechism; be a true brother for him; and keep Br Ackermann and myself advised on his status. It is our privilege and honor to provide this service to our candidates and Brethren!

Finally, my brothers, I would counsel you to remember the 14th—Saint Valentine's Day. Our lives and days can be

both busy and hectic. But they should not be too busy or hectic that we forget to honor our wives or special ladies. So take pause from your daily grind—arrange for flowers, chocolates or a night out for she who lights up your life. Better still, do all three! It may seem like a small thing to you—but I am sure that it will mean a great deal to her. (You may even find that your generousities are reciprocated.)

God Blessings to you all.
WM Christopher Tabb



Andrew Jackson

7th President, 1829—1837

Raised in Harmony Lodge No. 1, Nashville Tennessee

Grand Master of Tennessee 1822-23

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Euclid 65 Practice	3 Euclid Lodge stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Type 3 School Villa Park Lodge 1113
8	9 Euclid 65 Practice Academic Bowl Team Dinner	10 Euclid Chapter stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15 District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge	16 Euclid 65 Practice	17 Euclid Lodge 65 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Academic Bowl Wheaton Warrenville HS 9:00 am
22	23 Euclid 65 Practice	24 Temple Board 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28
1 (March)	2 Euclid 65 Practice	3 Euclid Lodge stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7

Schedule of Events

- **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 15** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 am
- **Feb 16** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Feb 17** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm Multiple 1st degrees
- **Feb 21** Academic Bowl Regional Tournament 9:00 a.m. Wheaton Warrenville H.S.
- **Feb 23** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 pm
- **Feb 24** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- **Feb 28** Academic Bowl State Tournament
- **Mar 2** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 3** Stated Meeting 7:30 pm
- **Mar 9** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 10** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm
- **Mar 15** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 am
- **Mar 16** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 17** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm
- **Mar 21** Lodge Officers Competition Villa Park No. 1113, 8:00 a.m.
- **Mar 23** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 24** Temple Board
- **Mar 30** Lodge Officer Practice

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

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Lodge Membership and Retention

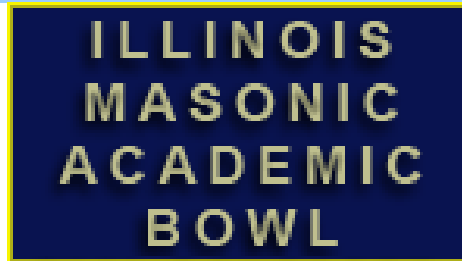
Bill Ackerman Chairman

Academic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman, John Will, Neville Diamond

Community Days

Gerald Yingling Chairman



ILLINOIS MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL

What is it? How does it work?

What is the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl?

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl is an academic knowledge competition between Illinois high school scholastic bowl teams. This is an annual tournament sponsored by the Masons of Illinois and is coordinated through the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. The goal is to **provide positive recognition for academic excellence.**

What is high school "Scholastic Bowl"?

Two teams compete against each other by vocally answering questions within a specific time limit. Questions are on subjects typically taught in Illinois high schools. The areas of subject matter covered by the questions include **mathematics** (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, analytical geometry, computers, and general math), **science** (biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, earth science, and general science), **social studies** (government, geography, history, economics, psychology, philosophy, sociology, and current events), **literature and language arts** (literature, mythology, journalism, grammar, speech, spelling, and vocabulary), **arts** (art, music, dance, theater, and architecture), and **miscellaneous** (sports, business, agriculture, home economics, pop culture, driver's education, consumer education, and industrial arts). A competition match consists of 20 "toss-up" questions with their associated "bonus questions."

How are the individual Masonic Lodges involved?

All Masonic Lodges in the state of Illinois are asked to sponsor a high school scholastic bowl team in our tournament. The cost of sponsoring a team is \$150, payable to the Grand Lodge of Illinois. A Lodge may sponsor one school, or more than one school, or share the sponsorship of a school with another Lodge.

Some Lodges may not desire to sponsor a specific school, but may wish to make a general donation to this Grand Lodge program.

Masonic Lodges desiring to sponsor a high school should personally contact the Scholastic Bowl Coach at the school to determine the school's desire to compete in our tournament. The Lodge may NOT enter the school in our tournament, as the Scholastic Bowl Coach must submit their own entry information to the Tournament Director. Lodges are encouraged to make plans for some of their members to be present at the tournament site on the day of the competition to support their school's team.

Euclid Lodge No. 65 has sponsored the Scholastic Team from Naperville North High School again this year.

The Regional Competition will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the Wheaton Warrenville High School. **All Brothers are encouraged to attend and show their support for this worthwhile endeavor.**

From The Secretaries Table Continued

William E. Ledyard	Feb 08	Ronald J. Keller	Feb 24	Harold L. Olson	Feb 18 (40)
Roger W. Webb	Feb 08	William A. High	Feb 26	Philip A. Ward	Feb 19 (29)
Charles E. Kreps	Feb 16	John L. Ciganovich	Feb 28	Kevin M. Cassidy	Feb 20 (03)
Lloyd G. Van Bergen	Feb 16	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		Roy S. Pedersen	Feb 21 (03)
J. Robert Stockner	Feb 17		Jon S. Erlenbush	Feb 23 (21)	
Edward F. Steigelmann	Feb 19		Robert F. Hillenbrand	Feb 25 (56)	
William A. O'Connell	Feb 20		Ilani S. Valero	Feb 28 (33)	
Charles G. Tuma	Feb 22		Robert Q. Drebing	Feb 28 (60)	
Thomas J. Moylan III	Feb 22		Brian M. McLees	Feb 28 (25)	
Kyle P. O'Mara	Feb 22		Vernon A. Soukup	Feb 28 (58)	
Thomas C. Behr	Feb 23				
Gary W. Theis	Feb 24				
Robert D. Wiley	Feb 24				
		Frank R. Fryer	Feb 07 (03)		
		Robert B. Cash	Feb 09 (09)		
		Elmer G. Koldoff, Jr.	Feb 11 (44)		
		Charles W. Wiggins	Feb 15 (43)		
		Robert L. Hudlow	Feb 18 (34)		

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



UPCOMING EVENT

Once again, Euclid Lodge No. 65 will be sponsoring an ILCHIP event.

This year it will be held in conjunction with the "Eyes To The Skies" celebration in Lisle, Illinois.

Date: Sunday, July 5, 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Lisle Police Station, NW Corner Rte. 53 and Short St., Lisle

Please add this event to your calendar. Committee Chairman Dainon Setzer will be looking for volunteers. Come out for an hour or two and help with this worthwhile undertaking.

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

The Four Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry

Mark Master Degree

The First Degree of 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 inculcations 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."

Past Master Degree

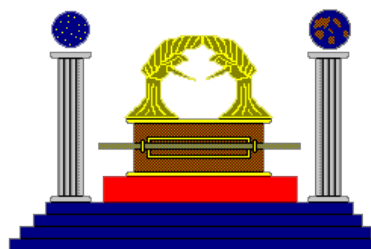
This Second Degree of Royal Arch Masonry was originally an honorary Degree conferred upon the Master of a Lodge at his installation by three or more Past Masters. In the Royal Arch, it has no historic or direct connection with the preceding Degree, nor with the Degrees which follow. The brief Ritual is not especially significant in the advancement of initiates in Royal Arch Masonry, but it is regarded as necessary. For those who have not served as a Master of a Blue Lodge, a ceremony of investiture is given.

Most Excellent Master Degree

This Third Degree of Royal Arch Masonry is based upon certain historic facts and legends with reference to the dedication of the Temple by King Solomon. The presiding officer represents King Solomon under the title of Most Excellent. The officers are the same as in a Symbolic Lodge, although there are some Rituals in which the Junior Warden is omitted. The symbols, the lessons drawn from them, and the lectures combine as meaningful sequels to certain important parts of Blue Lodge Masonry. They implement much of the instruction previously received and enforce some of the sublimest lessons already given.

Royal Arch Degree

In this degree the climax of Royal Arch Masonry is attained; it is the cope-stone of the Third Degree of Blue Lodge Masonry, the completion of a branch of Masonry that profoundly illuminates all that has gone before. The work of this Degree has close connections with the First and Third Degrees of Chapter Masonry, and reinforces the lessons taught. Much is here supplied for practical guidance for following the tenets of Masonry in daily life.



Could Rosslyn Be The Link?

Rosslyn Chapel has been called a hallucination in stone. John Knox considered Rosslyn as a gaudy Catholic church and a monument to idolatry. The symbolism on its walls has been an enigma to esoteric Masonic historians and scholars for years.

The Chapel was built between 1446 and 1484 as the Collegiate Chapel of St. Matthew. It was built by Sir William St. Clair. He was a descendant of Norwegian nobility settling in Saint-Clair-sur-Epte, in Normandy, about 900 A.D. They came with William the Conqueror, to whom they were related, during the Norman conquest. After the War of the Roses, they moved to Scotland becoming wealthy and influential, immortalized by Sir Walter Scott in his poem, "The Lay of the Last Minstrel."

St. Clairs fought in the Crusades, one of them being the ninth Knights to join Hugh de Payen when he formed the Knights of the Temple in 1118. Sir William carried the Templar heritage over when building the Chapel. It is evident from the many stone carvings on the walls of the Crusaders and Templars, as well as hints of the earlier Celtic heritage.

Significant to either a 32nd Degree Mason or Templar, is the curious inscription on a lintel - "Wine is Strong, the King is stronger, women are strongest, but TRUTH conquers all". This quotation is from the apocryphal book of "Esdras", one of the books rejected for the Bible at the Council of Nicea about 317 A.D.

The Chapel is located on the ledge of a bluff overlooking the North Esk river, a few miles south of Edinburgh. The name of the town, Rosslyn, nearby, is interestingly explained in Dan Brown's book, "The DaVinci Code". The Saint Clair castle was destroyed when Cromwell plundered the area in 1650, sparing the Chapel.

The Gothic Catholic Chapel is traditionally situated East and West. The altar being a three step dais at the East. The barrel vaulted roof, all of stone, is supported by seven pillars on each side. The two pillars on columns, to either side in the East are ornately carved to represent Boaz and Jachin, suggesting a Masonic legend. On the walls is a abundance of vegetation and the little green men. This would appear Celtic when nature was worshipped. Did the working Masons here express a desire popular with the Scots, to return to their Celtic origins, which had been nonexistent for 150 years? William of Orange restored the Chapel in 1688 as a Protestant.

Carvings of Mother Mary and Child, and of the crucifixion are evident. Also interesting is a young man kneeling with a rope around his neck, before a monk who has his right hand on the top of the head of the penitent Pilgrim. Next is a carving of a pilgrim warrior kneeling before his sword at Order. Following is a Knight kneeling before the Prior who is knighting him on the shoulder with the sword. These represent the three stages to become a Templar.

I was privileged as Grand Representative of Illinois, in 2000 to attend the Grand Royal Order of Scotland assembly, and the Grand Chapter Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland. During my stay the Grand Secretary of the Chapter and his wife took me out to Rosslyn Chapel for an illuminating day.

References from excerpts of a feature article from the "Highlander", Scottish Heritage Magazine, December 2003, collaborated from the book, "Holy Blood Holy Grail" for the dates and events.

Brother Ralph E. Gray

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Freemasonry - How Old?

No one knows where or when Freemasonry began. Various authors in different ages have vainly tried to trace Freemasonry back to its origin. However, ancient signs and symbols, and ancient structures give indisputable evidence that Freemasonry existed many centuries before any written history was recorded.

The Pyramids and the Sphinx of Egypt, for example, constructed some 2200 years before the birth of Christ, yield conclusive evidence of Freemasonry, and relics from the ancient Aryan race lead one to believe that Freemasonry existed in Egypt over 4000 years B.C. Then, go to the pyramids of Central America, which scientists claim were built around ten thousand years ago, and there, carved in their inner walls of solid stone you will find the Signs and Symbols of Freemasonry.

Such evidence would lead a thinking person to wonder if they were not built by Ancient Operative Masons.

Submitted by Brother Lloyd Van Bergen