

# Euclid Lodge No. 65 Trestleboard

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



### Greetings From The East

Brethren: Is it March already? February went by so quickly. We had

four 1<sup>st</sup> degrees on February 17<sup>th</sup>—but topped that with five Fellowcraft degrees on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Brother Rosensweig and company were able to quickly pull together an ILCHIP program. Here, we assisted a Lisle Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Project.

How cool is that!! Steve tells me that the 31 children were given kits.

March should prove equally exciting for Euclid Lodge. Our official visit (OV) is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> (tonight). We will be traveling to Tinley Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> to host a 1<sup>st</sup> [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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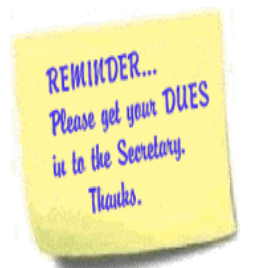
## From The Secretaries Table—Thomas C. Behr P.M. Sec.

### FROM THE SECRETARIES TABLE

**EUCLID DUES:** The 2009 dues notices have been in the hands of the membership for at least the last four months. As of this writing there remains 22 members who have not responded. Several of these 22 also have two and three years back dues for which they are delinquent. The WM has appointed a special committee to contact these delinquent brethren to find out why they have ignored their dues, and see if they can get current or at least get sufficient information from them that can be included in our report to the Grand Master seeking permission to suspend them for Non Payment of Dues. The lodge is required to pay the

\$10.00 per capita tax per year for each delinquent member.

Many times throughout your degrees, you were asked if, "it was of your own free will and accord" At each time you responded in the affirmative. So what has happened that you no longer want to be a Mason! It is not what you envisioned! You don't like a certain member or a couple of members etc. It is all right and we understand but there are correct ways to get out other than ignoring dues requests. At three times when you were at the alter in all three of your degrees the WM addressed you "as a man and a Mason". So now, that you no longer desire to be a Mason, that [continued on page 5](#)



## Past Master Highlight

### Mark Aldridge Naper 1869, 1870

Mark Aldridge Naper was born in September, 1837 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois, his parents being Joseph Naper (PM 1852) and Almeda Landon Naper.

He married Charlotte E. Hubbard, August 20, 1867. They had one child, Martha Elizabeth. Charlotte died November 22, 1869, not long after giving birth to Martha.

His occupation was that of a miller and also as a jeweler. He was in partnership with his

mother, Almeda in the jewelry store. In addition to jewelry, they also sold watches, clocks, silver and plated ware, china and Bohemian glass ware, toys, and other fancy goods. They also sold spectacles.

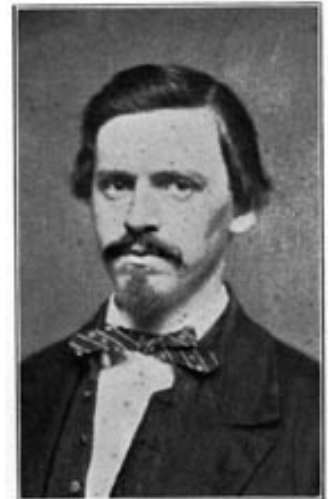
He served during the Civil War in Company B of the 105th Illinois Infantry. He joined as a Corporal on July 29, 1862 and mustered out on June 7, 1865 as a Sergeant.

He served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1868, Treasurer in

1878, Secretary in 1873, Senior Deacon in 1861, 1862, 1874, 1875, 1878, and Senior Steward in 1879.

He served Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. as Master of the 3rd Veil in 1860 and as Principal Sojourner in 1861, 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870.

Died February 13, 1884 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois.



MARK A. NAPER

Son of Joseph Naper, PM 1852

Served in Company B of the 105th IL Infantry in the Civil War.

Miller and Jeweler

## From The East Continued

degree. Officer Ritual competition is slated for the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup>. And March has a fifth Tuesday so we'll be doing degrees on both the 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

I know of no sickness and distress about the Lodge—but I, for one, am very tired of winter. Thank goodness spring arrives this month as well.

God's Blessings to you all!

WM Christopher Tabb

## The Masonic Apron

Deeply moved by the beauty of Masonry, some newly made Masons asked the old Past Master to tell them more about the Masonic apron, and the elder man replied:

"Masonry regards no man for the clothes he wears, the house in which he lives, the kind of car he drives, or the other luxuries he owns or uses. All Masons are equal when in the Lodge room and all are clothed in the same manner. The apron is the only raiment we see. Masons stand before God equal to one another, and the apron is the sign of equality.

In ancient times the aprons were manufactured from the skins of lambs, animals deemed to be pure and without taint. Thus the wearer of the apron assumes the characteristics, virtues, purity, and innocence typified by the lamb.

Masons wear two aprons, one visible and one invisible. The visible one is a symbolic gift from the Lodge to the Mason. It is made of worldly material and is subject to decay and destruction. The invisible apron is the gift of God to every man who would assume the responsibilities and obligations which entitle him to wear it. This apron is eternal, not subject to decay or destruction. Man sees only the visible; God sees both, and He holds him accountable who wears this honored badge of the Masonic Lodge."

Bobby J. Demott 33°

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ILCHIP Event DuPage AME Church 9 to 2	2 Euclid 65 Practice	3 Euclid Lodge stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8 Capitular Standard Club Montclair Lodge Chicago 2 to 4 pm	9 Euclid 65 Practice	10 Euclid Chapter stated meeting 7:30 p.m. 6th Degree	11 Tinley Park Lodge No. 810 Multiple 1st degrees Dinner 6:30	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 Euclid Chapter 13 Special Meeting 7th Degree	20	21 Lodge Officer Com- petition Villa Park 9:30 a.m.
22	23 Euclid 65 Practice	24 Temple Board 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Grand Lodge Type 3 School Princeton IL
29	30 Euclid 65 Practice	31	1 April	2	3	4

## Schedule of Events

- **Mar 1** ILCHIP Event DuPage AME Church 4300 Yackley Avenue, Lisle 9 am to 2 pm
- **Mar 2** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 3** Stated Meeting 7:30 pm
- **Mar 8** Capitular Standard Club Montclair Lodge Chicago 2 to 4 p.m.
- **Mar 9** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 10** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 pm 6th degree conferral
- **Mar 11** Conferral of 3 first degrees by officers of Euclid Lodge on candidates of Tinley Park Lodge
- **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 19** Euclid Chapter 13 Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. 7th Degree conferral
- **Mar 21** Lodge Officers Competition Villa Park No. 1113, 9:30 a.m.
- **Mar 23** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Mar 24** Temple Board
- **Mar 28** Grand Lodge School Princeton IL Type 3 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Mar 30** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Apr 6** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Apr 7** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 13** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Apr 14** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 17** Northeast Area Masters Night Dinner Elmhurst
- **Apr 19** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 a.m.
- **Apr 20** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Apr 21** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 27** Lodge Officer Practice
- **Apr 28** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

## Committees



Dainon Setzer Chairman  
 Steve Rosensweig, Tim Ory  
 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

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

## Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl

Reprinted with permission from the **Naperville Sun**, Wednesday, February 25, 2009

By Hillary Decent

### North Battles Academic Competition

Students from Naperville North High School competed Saturday against Wheaton Warrenville South High School in the regional round of a statewide academic competition held in Wheaton.

"The kids have been working very hard for this competition," said the team's coach, school counselor Tomi Johnson. "I've been keeping them focused, but they were up against some very experienced teams."

North lost to WWS, which took first place in the competition.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl is an annual competition organized by the Masonic Grand Lodge. Naperville North was cheered on by its sponsors, members of Euclid Lodge No. 65.

Junior co-captain Melanie Keating explained there were 20 students on the team, but they rotate so just five answer the questions in any one match. Questions are on a wide range of academic subjects, from ancient mythology to science, literature and pop culture.

"We start training in September," Melanie said. "We practice every week by looking at old questions and databases."

Perry Steward of the Academic Bowl Committee said the competition was in its 26th year.

"It gives the students the opportunity to take part in an academic challenge, " he said, "and (it gives) the Masons the chance to show their support for education."

The competition was held at 16 different Illinois sites, with 245 schools taking part.

The final results were first place, Wheaton Warrenville South High School; second place, Illinois Math and Science Academy; third place, The Latin School of Chicago; and consolation, Hinsdale Central High School; and fourth place, Geneva High School.

## ILCHIP Event

Euclid Lodge No. 65 sponsored an ILCHIP event held at the DuPage AME Church, 4300 Yackley Avenue, Lisle, Illinois, on February 28, 2009.

This event was held as the Eagle Scout project for Ronald M. Lacy.

Ronald is a Senior attending Downers Grove South High School. He is a member of the Concert Band and DECA Club. He is the recipient of the Citizenship Award and Downers Grove South HS Excellence Award.

Ronald's community activities include, Hessed House; Education for Excellence; Living Word Café (Feed the homeless); Greater Food Depository; Young People's Division, Treasurer, Parliamentarian; and Youth Choir, Chaplain.

He played football as a Freshman and was on the track team as a Sophomore, Junior and Senior.

He currently plans to attend either Tennessee State University or Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Ronald and his team of volunteers, with the assistance of Euclid Lodge No. 65, processed 31 children. It was a very successful event.

### From The Secretaries Table Continued

is no reason that you can't still be a man and handle your change of mind in a business like manner. Two simple steps is all it takes to get it done. (1) Pay your back and current dues. (2) At the same time, write and advise the lodge that you desire to terminate your membership with Euclid Lodge and request that a dimit or a Plural Withdrawal be sent to you. That will get you off the membership rolls, stop the receipt of all masonic mail, and stop the accumulation of back dues. A dimit or Plural Withdrawal can only be issued to a member that is current on the books at the time of the request. That is the reason for step (1) above. Should you at a later date decide to reactivate a Masonic interest the dimit will be of great value. Also, remember that if you are a Plural member and you allow yourself to be suspended in any one lodge that you will be automatically be suspended in all lodges.

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:** We have received notification from The Salvation Army stating that Euclid Lodge collected the sum of \$555.53 during our day of ringing the bell. That num-

ber is \$141.07 less than the amount collected in December 2007. Perhaps the different location played an important role in the result. Many thanks to all who participated and rang the bell. .

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

Robert F. Hillenbrand Mar 05  
 Ronald D. Cathey Mar 09  
 Jack H. Gelston Mar 12  
 Gerald E. Yingling Mar 15  
 Ronald E. Stibbe Mar 20  
 Fred A. Randazzo II Mar 23  
 Philip X. Katz Mar 26  
 Kirk L. Madison Mar 27  
 Andrew F. Wolfe Mar 27  
 Louis W. Wright Jr. Mar 30

**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

Robert W. Hanley Mar 03 (36)  
 Jack D. Chasteen Mar 04 (38)  
 Norman R. Krug Mar 04 (33)  
 Raymond Hooper Mar 06 (61)

Paul E. Clause Mar 07 (60)  
 Elmer A. Dagenias Mar 10 (64)  
 Ronald J. Keller Mar 10 (45)  
 Gustavo L. Fernandes Mar 13 (05)  
 Daniel L. Krueger Mar 13 (05)  
 Edward F. Steigelmann Mar 14 (52)  
 Timothy J. Ory Mar 16 (16)  
 Patrick J. McGee Mar 18 (12)  
 Franklin J. Spedoske II Mar 18 (01)  
 Kevin E. Dunn Mar 18 (24)  
 Neville B. Diamond Mar 19 (04)  
 Clyde J. Souza Mar 19 (04)  
 William E. Love Mar 20 (31)  
 Charles R. Sargent Mar 20 (58)  
 Charles G. Tuma Mar 21 (40)  
 Gary A. Loeb Mar 24 (31)  
 William A. O'Connell Mar 25 (51)  
 William R. Anderson Mar 27 (61)  
 Jonathan S. Wells Mar 27 (30)  
 Louis W. Wright Jr. Mar 27 (12)  
 Virgil R. Banker Mar 27 (50)  
 Paul H. Boecker Mar 28 (49)  
 So Brethren, until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful"

### **The Red Cross of Constantine** by Ralph Gray, PM, KYCH, OPC

The Red Cross of Constantine is the oldest Masonic appendant organization in our Fraternity. Shortly after the Battle of Saxa Rubra in 313 A.D., Emperor Constantine founded the Order in commemoration. This is historical fact. However, legend reports that Constantine had a vision from heaven of a red cross and an inscription, "By this sign do we conquer."

Years later, by 1100 A.D., the Red Cross was adopted as the standard on a white banner of the Crusaders. It was also on their white shields and tunics in battle. This has carried to the Knights Templar today.

As a separate order, the Red Cross of Constantine was introduced when the Grand Sovereign, the Earl of Bective, in 1869, commissioned Colonel McLeod Moore as Intendent General with authority to introduce the Order to the West for the U.S. and Canada.

For membership one must be active as a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason, of distinction. Membership is by invitation only and each Conclave is limited in number. There are three Honors as degrees in the Order:

1. Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine, 2. Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, 3. Knight of the St. John the Evangelist.

The purpose of the Order is to draw a closer bond for Masonic Union, purify the system of Masonic science and increase its influence, also to promote by humble means the social happiness and external welfare of our fellow man.



## 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

## History of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons

Report of the Deputy Grand High Priest - 1851

The Deputy Grand High Priest would respectfully report that he has granted, during the past year, a dispensation for a new Chapter to a constitutional number of Companions residing at and near Naperville, in the county of DuPage, the new Chapter bearing the title of Euclid Chapter. The usual fee of ninety dollars has been paid over to the Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

Communications have been received by him from Belvidere, Boone County, and from Waukegan, in Lake county, informing him that Companions are taking preliminary steps for obtaining dispensations for Chapters in those places.

On the presentation of the petition from Naperville for recommendation to Lafayette Chapter No. 2, it was found that several of the persons named

in the petition were not known legally to Lafayette Chapter as Companions, and from the distance of their residences could not conveniently present themselves to said Chapter for examination. I accordingly made out a commission to four well known Companions residing in Naperville, or any two of them, to examine said persons in the presence of at least two of the committee, and report to me, by indorsement on their commission, the result of their examination. The report of the committee being satisfactory, the recommendation was granted by Lafayette Chapter No. 2. The commission issued for that purpose, with the indorsement of the committee thereon, together with the petition for the Chapter at Naperville, accompanies this report. On representation of Euclid Chapter of difficulties arising from the fewness of their members, and the difficulty of procuring the attendance of a constitutional number for work, I granted a dispensation to them to confer degrees for a limited time without requiring their petitions to lie over, provided that, by a unanimous vote of the Chapter, immediate action on any petition was deemed desirable, and the brethren petitioning were well known as Master Masons in good standing to a number of Companions present. This dispensation was only given to meet an emergency, and to remain in force but thirty days.

At the request of Euclid Chapter, I visited them and presided at the exaltation of a number of Companions in their Chapter, and passed several days with them, assisting them and giving instructions in the work.

These are the only occasions in which I have been called upon to exercise the authority or duty of Deputy Grand High Priest during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Most Excellent James V. Z. Blaney D.G.H.P.

Companion **Aylmer Keith** was appointed the Grand Master of the 1st Veil in 1851 by the Grand High Priest, James V. Z. Blaney.

This account was reprinted from the Official Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, 1851

## **Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty**

When is a man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope, and courage. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die! In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure, Masonry has wrought her sweet ministry! Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.

Joseph Fort Newton

### **First Officers of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons 1851**

Aylmer Keith	High Priest	Zadoc Hall	Master of the 2nd Veil
John Eddy	King	Ezekial Hall	Master of the 1st Veil
Harry T. Wilson	Scribe	Henry L. Peaslee	Treasurer
Nahum Loring	Captain of the Host	Cheney M. Castle	Secretary
Russell Whipple	Royal Arch Captain	Joseph Naper	Steward
V. W. Potter	Principal Sojourner	Calvin C. Barnes	Steward
John Bolton	Master of the 3rd Veil	Charles N. Fox	Guard

### **Members of Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons 1851**

David Hess	Nathan Allen	James J. Hunt	Frederick H. Mather
Henry F. Vallette	Adiel S. Jones	Lewis Ellsworth	John S. Kimball
Ira A. W. Buck	John Collins	Charles H. P. Lyman	

### **Exalted 1851**

Henry L. Peaslee	David Hess	Henry F. Vallette	Charles N. Fox
Nathan Allen	Adiel S. Jones	John Collins	James J. Hunt
Calvin C. Barnes	Charles H. P. Lyman	Joseph Naper	Lewis Ellsworth
Cheney M. Castle	Frederick H. Mather	John S. Kimball	Ira A. W. Buck

**Died 1851** Ezekial Hall, Master of the 1st Veil

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**Special Meetings Third Tuesday 7:30 P.M.**

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## James Knox Polk

11th President

1845 - 1849

Raised a Master Mason  
Columbia Lodge No. 31,  
Columbia Tennessee,  
1820

