# Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M.



The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

## **TRESTLEBOARD**

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# From The East - Michael Ault - Worshipful Master

My Brethren,

As my time in the East draws to a close I can't help but marvel at how quickly this year has passed. Over the course of this year I've come to realize how ephemeral a role a Worshipful Master truly plays. And as I ponder the rich legacy of the 161-year history of our Lodge, it has become clear to me that my brief role is really one of caretaker - caretaker of our Lodge, our fraternity, our Craft, our brethren and the community and those in need we serve.

One of my last responsibilities as your Worshipful Master has been

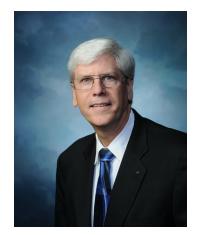
the preparation of an annual report on our Lodge. And as I reviewed our many accomplishments over the last Masonic year, I was pleased to be able to report that Euclid Lodge No. 65 remains a strong, growing and vibrant fraternity, dedicated to it's Craft, it's brotherhood and all those it serves.

So it is with confidence that we can all look forward to another Masonic year of excellence. For I have no doubt that the new duly elected officers will continue to act as dedicated caretakers of our Craft and this Lodge in particular.

Thank you all for the opportunity and honor of serving you and Freemasonry over the last year. And allow me to offer my own personal thanks to all those who have made this year so successful for our Lodge. For, in the final analysis, your Worshipful Master has only the brief and fleeting role of caretaker of nur ancient Craft. The true and excellent tenets of our institution only live on through the dedication and commitment of you, my fellow hrethren.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael D. Ault Worshipful Master Euclid Lodge No. 65



Michael Ault Worshipful Master.

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From The Secretaries Table

Thomas C. Behr Secretary

**ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE** The annual meeting of Euclid Lodge will be held at 7:30PM on November 2, 2010 at the lodge hall. Reports of the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer will be presented. The annual election of officers will also take place. This is one of the most important meetings of the year and I hope you will be able to attend.

2011 Dues Cards I have not received the 2011 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 vour dues check in a timely manor. Please watch for them and remit your payment as soon as possible. We have several (19) members that have not paid their 2010 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 2011 Dues Notice which you will be receiving shortly will contain information regarding the purchase of a life membership For those members with

less then 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 12/31/2010. If this time frame is met, you will not be required to pay the regular \$65.00 annual dues for 2011.

## 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 Michael A. Perez Nov 09 Bruce E. Derylo Nov 11 Arthur C. Tancl Jr. Nov 12 Robert F. Reck Nov 14

Robert J. Falta Nov 16 Brandon A. Zears Nov 17 Paul A. Felstrup Nov 22 H. Jason Reed Nov 24 Lenn F. Litzelman Nov 25 Matthew B. Van Thyne Nov 26 William G. Dixon Nov 28 Vaneet K. Kapoor Nov 29 Jack D. Chasteen Nov 29

#### Anniversary of The Master Mason Dearee The following members will ob-

serve the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in ( ) is the number of years William T. Fetner Nov 06 (34) Brett A. Osborn Nov 08 (17) Mark R. Hopf Nov 15 (05) Andrew B. Siedelmann Nov 15 (17) Charles E. Kreps Nov 15 (22) Ronald R. Rudniski Nov 19 (08) Charles E. McLaughlin Nov 23 (28)

So brethren until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretary's table, Worshipful"

Thomas C. Rehr

## Past Master Highlight Frank Naper Perry 1910

Frank Naper Perry was born February 9, 1879 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, the son of Charles R. Perry and Edna Matilda Turner.

He married Emeline Brossman June 8, 1905, and from this union they had three children, Florence, Naomi and Virginia.

Early on he was employed by the Naperville Lounge Factory (Kroehler Mfg. Co.) and then moved to Detroit and was employed as a Machinist and later as a Foreman for the Ford Motor Company.

He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1909. He died September 22, 1961, in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.



Kroehler Mfg. Co. Ford Motor Co.

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# November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 October	1 November Lodge Officer Practice	2 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lodge Officer Practice	9 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 Semi-Annual Bowling Party	15 Lodge Officer Prac- tice	16 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting 2nd Degrees	17	18 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Special Meeting 4th & 5th degrees	19	20 Naper Blvd Clean- Up Installation of Officers
21 8th & 10th NE Districts Breakfast	22 Lodge Officer Practice	23 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29 Lodge Officer Practice	30 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting 1st Degrees	1 December	2	3	4 Lodge Christmas Party

## Schedule Of Events

- Nov 1 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 2 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting Election of Officers
- **Nov 8** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Nov 9** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 14 Semi-Annual Bowling Party (see flyer in this issue)
- **Nov 15** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 16 Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. 2nd Degree Conferral Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 18 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Special Meeting 4th & 5th degrees

- Nov 20 Naper Blvd. Cleanup 8:30 a.m. Installation of Officers 3:00 p.m. Reception at Diamond's Home afterwards
- Nov 21 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Nov 22** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 23 Temple Board Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 29 Lodge officer practice
   7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 30 Lodge Special meeting, 7:30 p.m. 1st Degrees
- Dec 4 Lodge Christmas Party
- **Dec 6** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

- Dec 7 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 11 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- **Dec 13** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 14 Euclid Chapter 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 19 8th and 10th NE
   District Breakfast Hi-View
   Restaurant 425 W. St.
   Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00
   a.m.
- **Dec 20** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 21 Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. Degree Work Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

#### Trestleboard

## Committees

#### **New Member**

Bill Ackerman Chairman Vaneet Kapoor Co-Chairman Carl Crownhart, Jim Simpson III

#### **Member Participation**

Dainon Setzer Chairman

#### More Light in Masonry

Don Cowart Chairman

#### Entertainment

John Will Chairman Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

#### Communications

Timothy Ory Chairman Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

#### **Historical**

Timothy Ory Chairman Don Cowart Co-Chairman Neville Diamond, Brandon Zears, Christopher Tabb

#### **Finance**

Michael Ault Chairman Neville Diamond, Timothy Ory, Jerry Yingling, Andrew Siedelmann

#### **Award of Excellence**

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

#### **Community Days**

Jerry Yingling Chairman

#### IL-CHIP

Mark Hopf Chairman

#### Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

#### Academic Bowl

Steve Rosensweig Chairman

#### **Past Masters Dinner**

Don Cowart Chairman

#### Rockin For The Troops

Steve Rosensweig Chairman

#### Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

### Past Masters Dinner October 20, 2010

The evening began with a fellowship hour and silent auction of lodge memorabilia. We then had some opening remarks by WB Don Cowart, followed by RWB Floyd Sullens leading us in prayer. A buffet dinner of roast beef, pasta, chicken and all the trimmings, salads and desert was followed by a review of the recent stewardship of our Euclid No. 65 by our very own Worshipful Master Michael Ault himself.

We were then treated to an historical presentation about Althea Eastern Star introduced by WB Bob Stockner (33<sup>rd</sup> Degree) and given by Pat Stockner. Following those remarks there was a transfer of historic documents and pictures/portraits to Worthy Matron Carrie Becker of the Pansy Eastern Star in Plainfield.

The final event of the evening was the reading of the successful bidders for the 12 items from the Euclid No. 65 Memorabilia Treasure Chest, which raised \$230 for the Temple Paraphernalia Fund.

Attending the evening's festivities were 37 souls, made up of:

- 9 Euclid and Arboretum Past Masters
- 11 Euclid Brothers and a quest Brother from Berwyn
- DDGM Herb Lindberg
- Worthy Matron Carrie Becker of Pansy Eastern Star (Plainfield)
- Twice Past Worthy Matron Lilly Johnston of Althea Eastern Star (formerly of Naperville)
- 13 Most Patient Spouses

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Paul Felstrup Euclid No. 65 A.F. & A.M.

## ILCHIP October 16, 2010

On Saturday, October 16, Euclid Lodge held an ILCHIP event at the Crossroads of Faith Methodist Church, 1570 Rodeo Drive, Bolingbrook.

Eighteen children were photographed, fingerprinted, had their height and weight recorded, had their DNA samples taken, and had a 45 second video recorded, with all of the information recorded to a CD for their parents to give to the authorities to help them find their child if they should ever go missing.

Members and family of Euclid Lodge who helped at the event were:

William Ackerman and family

Mark Hoof

Jerry Yingling

William Dixon Jr.

Ross Decent

Timothy Orv

In addition the following Brothers and their family also helped at the event.

Samir Khan

Bob and Cis Anselmo (Grove Lodge No. 824)

#### Entertainment

# Euclid Lodge Bowling Party [semi -annual]

Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1.30-3.30

Parkside Lanes 34 W 185 Montgomery Rd Aurora, IL 60504

## *630*,898,5678

Cost: \$15 [shoes included], includes unlimited Pizza and soda. RSVP required by November 5th

To John Will . Please e mail , names and how many adults/children to john.will@vanguardlogistics.com [or call 630 886 9034]

The Lodge will be required to pay for any no shows so RSVP is mandatory.



## More Light In Masonry

## The Apron

The Apron is not a modern invention; in fact it is the most ancient of all garments. In the 3rd Chapter of Genesis these words are written: "and the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

Aprons have been used in religious rites since time immemorial especially when delivering burnt offerings and blood sacrifices of various animals to the altars of ancient gods. On monuments and wall paintings in Ancient Egypt a garment, this can best be described as a triangular apron with the point upward, is depicted, in circumstances indicating that the wearer is taking part in some kind of ceremony of initiation. In connection with this fact, it is interesting to note that in Egypt it was customary to bestow a 'collar of office' on those whom the Pharaoh wished to honor. Such collars were circular in shape and on many occasions the Pharaoh himself is depicted wearing one in addition to his crook and flail as a symbol of his high office.

In China, some of the ancient figures of the gods wear semi-circular aprons, very similar to some of Scottish aprons, and some of these gods are often depicted making the sign of a well known 'High Degree'.

The earliest ceremonial apron known to have been used in Palestine was introduced by the Canaan Priest-King Melchizedek. Dated to around 2200 BC, the Melchizedek Priesthood began to make its ceremonial aprons out of white lambskin. White lambskin was eventually adopted by the Freemasons who have used it for their aprons ever since. Therefore when the Senior Warden exhorts the candidate that the apron that has been invested with is 'more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star or Garter, or any other Order in existence' he is not simply exaggerating to make a point, he may actually be stating an actual truth.

In any case, there is a legend describing why Freemasons use lambskin aprons and not that of any other animal and this legend can be traced back to the building of King Solomon's temple:

"When the construction of King Solomon's Temple was commenced, workmen were selected to carry out the different trades. Hiram, the widow's son, proclaimed that before entering upon the undertaking the aid of God should first be invoked, and as the Temple was to be **God's Holy House** and erected to Him, each workman having a part in its construction should offer a sacrifice to God on the Altar of Burnt Offering. The Lamb had in all ages been deemed an Emblem of Innocence and was offered as a sacrifice. With the exception of the skin, the whole of the lamb was consumed. The skins were properly prepared and Hiram caused aprons to be made of them. One apron from the skin of each lamb sacrificed, one apron for each mason under him."

However, there is little doubt that the Masonic apron evolved from those worn by operative masons to protect their clothes from becoming soiled. In medieval times all masons, whether Freemasons or Guild Masons, used aprons when at work, and the former also wore white leather gloves to protect their hands from the lime.

This type of apron used by the speculative had changed very little in the middle of the 18th century from those used by the operative counterparts.

The apron has always been associated with work. With the exception of work, a man would not normally have a need for an apron. When the Mason puts on his apron, he is signifying to the world his willingness to work at his accepted responsibility. Further, he is signifying the dedication of himself to a life of purity before God and man.

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## The Apron continued

The Masonic apron, when properly worn, shall be completely visible at all times. While wearing a coat as part of your dress, whether in public meetings or within the tiled recesses of our Lodge, the Masonic apron is correctly worn outside the coat.

As you can see Brethren the apron is not just a piece of regalia we wear simply to distinguish the different grades of Freemasons or even for cosmetic effect and pomp. It is a vital part of our ritual and why any Mason in a lodge who is not wearing his Masonic apron is considered quite rightly to be improperly dressed. Thus it will be seen that our apron is a very honorable garment, one that we should treasure. It is an apron made of lambskin, pure white, without fault or stain - the color of the Soul as mortal man sees it. It is ours and it now depends upon each of us to keep it without blemish - to keep it as a mirror of our soul that we may stand the final test when we reach into Life Eternal - which is just beyond.

Which Leads to a poem I found fitting

I See You've Traveled Some

Wherever you may chance to be--Wherever you may roam,
Far away in foreign lands; Or just at Home Sweet Home;
It always gives you pleasure, it makes your heart strings hum
Just to hear the words of cheer, "I see you've traveled some."
When you get a brother's greeting, And he takes you by the hand,
It thrills you with a feeling that you cannot understand,
You feel that bond of brotherhood that tie that's sure to come
When you hear him say in a friendly way, "I see you've traveled some."
And if you are a stranger, In strange lands all alone
If fate has left you stranded--Dead broke and far from home,
It thrills you--makes you numb, When he says with a grip of fellowship,
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes, To take that last long trip,
Adorned with Lambskins Apron White and gems of fellowship-The Tiler at the Golden Gate, With Square and Level and Plumb
Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",

"I see you've traveled some."

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## Dates To Remember

## Naper Boulevard Fall Cleanup

Just a reminder that the Naper Boulevard Clean-Up Committee shall hold its next Biannual Festival on Saturday, November 20, 8:30 a.m. We meet at the South West corner of Naper Blvd. and Hobson Road.

As always many hands make light work. And the nearby Dunkin Donuts has many donuts to energize these many hands.

And like my golf game, it's the walk in the fresh air with friends that is most enjoyable

November 20 is the Saturday Before Thanksgiving. As I'll be away for Thanksgiving I believe a reasonable Rain Date
can be Dec 4, weather permitting. Otherwise we'll hit it again in the Spring (April 16, A.L. 6011).

WBro. Jack Gelston

#### Installation of Officers

The Annual Installation of Officers for Euclid Lodge No. 65 will be held on Saturday, November 20, at 3:00 p.m. in the Lodge. This is an open installation, all members, their families and friends, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Following the installation, there will be a reception at Neville and Nan Diamonds home, 201 N. Birchwood Dr., Naperville.