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



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TRESTLEBOARD

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From The East - Neville Diamond - Worshipful Master

Well Brethren, I trust you all have had an enjoyable Summer! Many Masonic and non-Masonic events have occurred since we last enjoyed a lodge meeting together.

Some enjoyed BBQ's, Beach or lake vacations and overseas travel. While some of you may have just enjoyed the back yard with the family and friends. Either way I am sure most of you had a great time in the sun and more importantly "No Snow!"

I would like to acknowledge all the hard work that occurred over the summer. Thanks to the brothers for arranging the Rocking for the Troops, (Steve Rosensweig), the continued Loaves and Fish's participation (Ross Decent). A very special thanks goes to Don Cowart for our beautiful new Altar. Wow. what an absolutely beautiful piece of furniture. The Tracino board framing (Tim Ory), as well as the continued maintenance and repairs to the building by (Tim Ory and Andrew Siedelmann). Thanks, to Paul Felstrup. for submitting the Grand Master's award of excellence, paperwork. I would like to personally thank all those already mentioned, as well as those of you who quietly work in the background, keeping our Lodge strong and vibrant. Please thank these brothers for their hard work next time you see them.

Our Mural project, is coming along nicely with our anticipated unveiling date around late October or early November, stay tuned. Paul and Ross have helped me immensely on this assignment. I am sure some of you saw the Article in the Naperville Sun, written by Mrs. Hilary Decent. This has sparked a flood of emails to me from all sorts of interested parties.

Traditionally at Lodge we get to meet Brothers from all walks of life and backgrounds. This is what makes our fraternity really unique. We don't use it for networking like many of the other good community service organisations, but we use freemasonry as a vehicle towards self-improvement. I would like to quote from a book written by Robert Lomas. I read this book a few years ago and often refer to it for enlightenment. Some of you may be ooing though difficult times as of late and I thought this was fit-

"The walk through the valley of the shadow of Death" in the

23rd psalm, is one of many biblical references that have Masonic allusions to it. For Master Masons this psalm is a constant reminder of their own Raising ceremony and perambulations in darkness, under constant tests of fortitude, guided only by intuitive spark of their own spirit. Only when you have been symbolically drawn into union with your Master Principle, is that darkness dispersed by an influx of dazzlingly light."

I take solace in the fact that no matter what we are going through, you can find a brother, who is there, who will listen, give you encouragement and his word to keep your secret as inviolable as his own. This is what is found in our Lodge before you even know it. Brothers helping Brothers with their egos checked at the Tyler's door, caring for each other and their families.

So in conclusion, I am looking forward to seeing you all back in Lodge in September. I will be going to New Zealand from the 17th September for the Rugby World Cup. So I will leave the Lodge in the capable hands of our Wardens.

Fraternally Yours, Neville.



Neville Diamond Worshipful Master.

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From The Secretaries Table

Hope all enjoyed the summer as we are still trying to figure out just what happened to it as it seemed to just evaporate into thin air before we accomplished less than half the plans made for summer

Grand Lodge: The 172nd ANNUAL COMMUNI-CATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M OF THE STATE OF ILLI-NOIS will take place at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield on October 9th & 10th 2010. All Master Masons are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting of your Grand Lodge. The sessions are most interesting and it is well worth the short tip to Springfield. Please see the WM or the Secretary for additional details if you are interested in attending.

The following members will celebrate a birthday in September on the day indicated

Vernon A. Soukup Sept 02 Douglass E. Seifried Sept 03 Christopher D. Tabb Sept 04 Adam M. Daeschlein Sept 06 Kyle K. Baker Sept 06 Patrick J. Rauen II Sept 06 Gerald W. Bussell Sept 07 Tracy L. Oliver Sept 09 David A. Dakes Sept 11 James J. Vancura Sept 14 Lucas H. Park Sept 15 Raymond Hooper Sept 18 Gary J. Mannon Sept 19 Robert Q. Drebing Sept 23 Brett L. Nordmeyer Sept 24 Wayne E. Ward Sept 25 Robert W. Jackson Sept 25 Michael D. Wells Sept 28 Patrick G. Lehrman Sept 28

Anniversary of The Master Mason Degree The following members will observe the anniversary of their Master Mason De-

Thomas C. Behr Secretary

gree on the date indicated. The number in () is the number of years Michael J. Molloy Sept 04 (20) Roger W. Webb Sept 07 (57) Lloyd G. Van Bergen Sept 11 (54) Robert J. Falta Sept 11 (32) Mark H. Schmidt Sept 13 (43) Richard W. Sales Sept 16 (36) Douglas H. Huntington Sept 16 (53) Norwood A. McDaniel Jr. Sept 17 (41) Vaneet K. Kapoor Sept 19 (05) Brett L. Nordmeyer Sept 19 (05) Robert W. Jackson Sept 19 (44) Gary W. Theis Sept 21 (07) Ronald D. Cathev Sept 22 (04) Corin G. Grant Sept 22 (04) Eric S. Hovey Sept 22 (04) Mason C. Wright Sr. Sept 22 (04) Fred A. Randazzo II Sept 22 (04) Evan G. Henderson Sept 22 (04) Dainon S. Setzer Sept 22 (04) Leon H. Namtzu Sept 24 (34) H. Jason Reed Sept 29 (02) James G. Simpson III Sept 29 (02) Gene E. Darfler Sept 30 (59)

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

Tom Behr, Secretary

In Memoriam James Stark Sleith

Once again, a Brother Mason, having completed the designs laid down on life's Trestleboard, and having answered the last summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven, has now entered the Celestial Lodge above, over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Brother James Stark Sleith was born January 25, 1930 at Bellshill, North Lanarkshire, Scotland.

He was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice June 30, 1975, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft September 2, 1975 and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason October 21, 1975, all in Forest Hills Community Lodge No. 946, Forest Hills, New York. He affiliated as a plural member with Euclid Lodge on May 1, 1979. He served as Master of Euclid Lodge in 1982 and 1984. He served as High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13 in 1982, 1985 and 1986.

He was called from his labors on earth to Eternal Refreshment in the Paradise of God June 12, 2011 at Naperville, Illinois. Thus ends the Masonic Record of this just and upright Mason.

In Memoriam Paul Herman Boecker Jr.

Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the desions laid down on life's Trestleboard, and having answered the last summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven, has now entered the Celestial Lodge above, over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. Brother Paul Herman Boecker Jr. was born September 9, 1931 at Aurora, Illinois. He was elected June 2, 1959, Initiated as an Entered Apprentice June 16, 1959, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft August 4, 1959 and Raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason March 28, 1960. He was called from his labors on earth to Fternal Refreshment in the Paradise of God August 14, 2011 at Lisle, Illinois. Thus ends the Masonic Record of this just and upright Mason.

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September 2011

Sun	Man	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 August	29	30	31	1 September	2	3 Loaves & Fishes
4	5 Labor Day	6 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12 Lodge Officer Practice	13 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19 Lodge Officer Practice	20 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26 Lodge Officer :Practice	27 Temple Board Meet- ing	28	29	30	l October Loaves & Fishes

Schedule Of Events

- Sep 3 Loaves and Fishes, 1871
 High Grove Lane, Naperville,
 Saturday, September 3, 7:30 to
 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 to 12:30
 p.m.
- Sep 6 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Step up night for Officers
- Sep 12 Lodge officer practice,
 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Sep 13** Euclid Chapter 13 stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Sep 19** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Sep 20 Euclid Lodge Special meeting. Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting 7:30 p.m. First Degree conferral Check Lodge Website calendar for further details.
- **Sep 26** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Sep 27** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

- Oct 1 Loaves and Fishes, 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville, Saturday, September 3, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- Oct 3 Lodge officer practice
 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 4 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 10 Lodge officer practice 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 11 Euclid Chapter Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 17 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - Oct 18 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Second Degree conferral Check Lodge Website calendar for further details.
- Oct 24 Lodge officer practice
 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

- Oct 25 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 31 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Committees

Membership

Michael Ault Chairman

Communications

Timothy Ory Chairman

Finance

Neville Diamond Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP

Mark Hopf Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

Brandon Zears Chairman

Library

James Simpson Jr. Chairman

Table Lodge

Neville Diamond Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Timothy Ory Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

Community Days

James Simpson III Chairman

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

By-Laws

Carl Crownhart Chairman

Sionage

Neville Diamond

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Awards

On June 7th 2011, WM Neville Diamond of Euclid Lodge number 65, Naperville, Illinois presented our Community and Lodge Builder awards by hosting a delicious dinner of Chicken, Pasta and Italian Beef. The award winners were Don and Tracey Cowart for their non Masonic charitable work in and around Naperville including a Senior Elder health care group and an annual coat drive. Don is a Past Master of Euclid Lodge and this is the first time the lodge has recognized a member of our fraternity for Community service.

Our next recipient for the Lodge Builder award was also a Past Master and currently is both our Lodge Treasurer as well as an active member of the Temple Board. Gerald Yingling was recognized for his steadfast devotion for handling the majority of the day to day needs to keep both the Lodge working as well as the building maintained. He devotes endless hours towards this and we are grateful. Our other Community Award winners were Stephanie Cassa, Waubonsie Valley Sophomore support teacher who works tirelessly to provide support and mentoring for 'At Risk' students. She finds a way to make learning fun and takes an incredible interest in her students. The Waubonsie Valley Principal Kristina Marchiando was also in attendance.

Ron Hume, rounds out the Community Builder Award, Ron is currently Director of Naperville's NCO Youth and Family Services. He works with several groups directing, mentoring and assisting programs that reach out to Children who have alcohol or drug dependency as well as a need for housing and life support.

The dinner and award presentation went very well and was attended by approximately 50 Lodge members and family of the award winners. A great evening!

John Will, Chairman Community and Lodge Builder Award Committee.



Ron Hume and WM Neville Diamond



John Will and Stephanie Cassa, Waubonsie Valley High



Floyd Sullens, Tracey Cowart, Don Cowart and WM Neville Diamond.



John Will, Jerry Yingling and WM Neville Diamond.

Lnaves and Fishes

Brethren.

The next session that we will be volunteering at Loaves and Fishes will be on Saturday September 3rd, 2011. There are two sessions... Early session: 07:30 to 10:30 and Late session: 09:30 to 12:30

If you would like to join the volunteer effort this month please let me know as soon as possible (by Wednesday 31st August at the latest) so that numbers can be communicated to L&F organizers. Our numbers have been low recently but everyone that attends will make a difference. Have you thought about attending but have concerns? Do you want to give it a try but don't know what is involved? Do you have questions?

Either email your comments or concerns to me at rossdecent@gmail.com or give me a call on 630 770 0853

All volunteers must register with me via e mail first. Please do not just attend without letting me know. Please send an email to rossdecent@gmail.com to let me know which session you would like to join.

Please DO NOT send an email to me to say that you will NOT be attending.

Once you arrive at the pantry you should go to the volunteer entrance toward the West side of the building. Inside of the warehouse you will need to report to the Pantry Captain.

The Address of the food pantry is: 1871 High Grove Lane,

Naperville IL 60540

Fraternally, Bro. Ross

Past Master Highlight John Lefevre Eisele 1919, 1926

John Lefevre Eisele was born May 22, 1888 in Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois, the son of Frank E. Eisele and Mary Catherine Lefevre.

He married Emma O. Rau in 1909 and they had four children, Lawrence Earl, Eugene Richard, John Charles and Jane K. (Frank Karpin). All three sons became members of Euclid Lodge and his daughter Jane was a member of Althea Chapter No. 206, Order of Eastern Star and married Frank Karpin who was also a member of Euclid Lodge.

He was a commercial photographer for the Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company for 47 years.

He affiliated with Euclid Lodge June 20, 1916 from Rock River Lodge No. 612, Sterling, Illinois. He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Deacon in 1918, Chaplain in 1927, 1931 to 1935 and 1944, Tyler in 1928 and Marshal in 1929 and 1937.

He was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. and the Aurora Commandery. He died July 23, 1957 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and interment was made in the Naperville Cemetery.



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Euclid Chapter No. 13 and Adoniram Council No. 95 Officers



High Priest Shawn Finnegan King Steven Sandack Scribe Dainon Setzer Andrew Siedelmann Treasurer Secretary John Buckler Chaplain Charles Macyunas Capt. of Host Timothy Ory Prin. Sojourner William Ackerman Brandon 7ears Roy. Arch Capt. Mast. 3rd Veil Ross Decent Steve Rosensweig Mast. 2nd Veil Mast. 1st Veil Peter Kulupka Steward Scott Schmied Sentinel Don Cowart

Ory and Ackerman not in photo.



Illus. Master Brandon Zears Dep. Master Shawn Finnegan Prin. Cond. of Work Don Cowart Treasurer Andrew Siedelmann Dainon Setzer Recorder Capt. of Guard Neville Diamond Cond. of the Council William Ackerman Steward **Guy Hamilton** Chaplain Charles Macyunas Sentinel Jack Chasteen Marshall Richard Carnall

Ackerman not in photo.

Summer Happenings



Brother Brandon Zears travelled to Austin, Texas on June 28, 2011 to be present when his uncle, Russell W. Zears III was installed as Master of Austin Lodge No. 12. Pictured are Russell W. Zears II, Russell W. Zears III and Brandon Zears.



Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons Excellent High Priest, Shawn Finnegan

Euclid Lodge No. 65, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons Master, Neville Diamond and

Adoniram Council No. 95 Cryptic Masons Thrice Illustrious Master, Brandon Zears



Steve Rosensweig and Brandon Zears at the Shriners Hospital



Guy Hamilton and Brandon Zears at the Memorial Day Parade in Ottawa



Brandon Zears and Russell W. Zears II after the Ottawa Parade

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Operation Support Our Troops

This was another successful year volunteering at Operations Support our troop America known as OSOT America. The big event Rocking for the troop went over wonderfully with a capacity crowd of 12,000 people attending. A special thanks goes out to all that volunteered this year. The feed back from Deb Rickert was very good and as usual the organization is already looking forward to us volunteering next year. The event netted about \$500,000. Proceeds will support OSOT America Care Package Program, Family Resource and Support Team and other veterans programs including Hines VA Hospital and Fisher House for Hines and some new projects in the works not yet known. Deb is hoping that next year will be even better. Again I would like to thank everyone who contributed this year Bill Kurz, Paul Felstrup, Scott Schmied, Joe Ingraffia, Tim Ory, George Krempel, Carl Crownhart and Floyd Sullens. I hope to get your support next year. As the year goes on I will keep everyone informed as the year progresses on what is going on with OSOT America. If you or you know anyone whom has a family member or friend deployed let me know and we will get care packages going out to him or her.

Thanks, Steve Rosensweig