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



The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

## **TRESTLEBOARD**

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# From The East - Carl F. Crownhart - Worshipful Master

Yesterday I was thinking positively about SPRING! You know, we had blue skies and temperatures in the mid-forties. Then came today! Should I be surprised – No! Of course not. Weather change is a way of life here in the mid-west and after all it still is February.

I couldn't help but correlate the weather changes with the recent positive changes in our lodge. We were having a good, regular and even tempered masonic year following a year or more of fewer petitions and the lower volume of degree conferrals. But now, currently we have two Fellowcrafts and six Entered Apprentices in the pipeline, and two more petitions in the Secretary's hand. Our obligation of course is to initiate, pass and raise these men in a reasonable time frame, hopefully before the summer break.

That goal will depend upon a number of factors including the learning they will go through with their Intenders, being in Lodge to observe and, successfully reciting their catechisms. The rest of us at the same time also have a big responsibility to get to know and encourage them in their travels. Find out what they like to do. Get them interested in activities we have on-going so they can become engaged in the life of the lodge.

With all the degree conferral work ahead, your officer corps is studying and practicing regularly getting ready. A number of schools are available this time of year and we have

attended several so far to receive additional instruction. We are of course, being instructed each Monday by the very capable Right Worshipful Brother Floyd Sullens, GLI, who has a very interesting and effective methodology of teaching.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Sectional Tournament was held on Saturday February 16 for schools in our section. This year Euclid sponsored both Naperville North and Naperville Central. This was Central's first year for us. Both teams did a credible job in the competitions and it was amazing to observe them since each team collectively possesses great knowledge about a large range of subject material. We subsequently had the coaches and some of the students at the lodge on Monday February 25 for pizza and conversation.

We do have a sizable list of activities and I'm sure you could find one to contribute to. One of these is to become an Intender or Investigator. They are essential to the well being of the Lodge. So give some thought to attending lodge and getting involved if you are not already.

I'll see you there.

Carl Crownhart Worshipful Master



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# From The Secretaries Table

Worshipful Brother Tom Behr and I will be attending a Grand Secretary's Workshop on March 9. We will be learning about the recent changes to the Online Secretary's Store and Online Invoicing among other topics.

We are experiencing a new influx of petitions. We will be very busy on the third Tuesdays in the coming months.

William Charles Heinmiller, a 65 year member passed away last July which I just recently learned about. His Masonic Obituary is printed in the far right column.

REMINDER! The 2013 annual dues notices were mailed out December 1, 2012. If you haven't paid your 2013 dues yet, please do so. If you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so that we can help. Thank you to all of you who have done so already.

Please Note — The Special Meeting scheduled for March 19 for the conferral of the 2nd degree on multiple candidates will start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

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

Kyle R. Reschke	Mar 1
Ronald D. Cathey	Mar 9
Steven L. Sandack	Mar 9
John H. Gelston	Mar 12
Bryan M. Newson	Mar 12
Michael J. Molloy	Mar 14
Gerald E. Yingling	Mar 15
Patrick L. Temesvary	Mar 19
Peter F. Von Schwedler	Mar 19
Peter C. Kulupka	Mar 20
Ronald E. Stibbe	Mar 20
Russell W. Mowry	Mar 21
Fred A. Randazzo II	Mar 23
Steven P. Ross	Mar 25
Philip X. Katz	Mar 26

# Timothy J. Ory Secretary

Kirk L. Madison	Mar 27
Christopher J. Conoboy	Mar 28

#### MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARY

The following members will observe the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in the () is the number of years.

Robert W. Hanley Jack D. Chasteen Paul E. Claus Ronald J. Keller Gustavo L. Fernandes Daniel L. Krueger	Mar 3 (40) Mar 4 (35) Mar 7 (64) Mar 10 (49) Mar 13 (9) Mar 13 (9)
Edward F. Steigelmann	Mar 14 (56)
Gary W. Haire	Mar 16 (34)
Timothy J. Ory	Mar 16 (20)
Kevin E. Dunn	Mar 18 (27)
Patrick J. McGee	Mar 18 (16)
Franklin J. Spedoske II	Mar 18 (5)
Neville B. Diamond	Mar 19 (8)
Clyde J. Souza	Mar 19 (8)
William E. Love	Mar 20 (35)
William Armel O'Connell	Mar 25 (55)
William R. Anderson Jr.	Mar 27 (65)
Virgil R. Banker	Mar 27 (54)
Jonathan S. Wells	Mar 27 (34)
Joseph A. Ingraffia	Mar 29 (2)
William A. Kurz	Mar 29 (2)
Stephen A. Winz	Mar 29 (2)
Humam H. Amara	Mar 30 (3)
John A. Cressman	Mar 30 (3)
Peter C. Kulupka	Mar 30 (3)
Lucas H. Park	Mar 30 (3)
William T. Zukauskas	Mar 30 (3)
Adam M. Daeschlein	Mar 31 (4)
Dennis P. Miao	Mar 31 (4)
Joey Nguyen	Mar 31 (4)
Mathew B. Van Thyne	Mar 31 (4)

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

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### WILLIAM CHARLES HEINMILLER



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 William Charles Heinmiller was born December 18, 1916 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He was elected to receive the degrees in Masonry December 3, 1946, Initiated as an Entered Apprentice April 5, 1947, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft October 9, 1947 and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason November 4, 1947, all in Euclid Lodge No. 65.

He was called from his labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the Paradise of God, July 16, 2012 at Dayton, Ohio.

Thus ends the Masonic record of this just and upright Mason.

# March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	25	26	27	28	1 March	2 Loaves and Fishes .
3	4 Lodge Officer Practice	5 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lodge Officer Practice	12 Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95	13	14	15	16
17	18 Lodge Officer Practice	19 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting 2nd Degree Conferral	20 10 NE District School Conferral of the 3rd degree Oak Lawn	21	22	23
24/31	25 Lodge Officer Practice	26 Naperville Masonic Temple Assoc. Mtg.	<u>2</u> 7	28	29	30

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Mar 2 Loaves and Fishes volunteering 7:30 to 9:30 and 9:30 to 12:30
- Mar 4 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Mar 5 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 n.m.
- Mar 11 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Mar 12 Euclid Chapter meeting 7:30 p.m.
   Adoniram Council meeting 8:45 p.m.
- Mar 18 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Mar 19 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting
   Dinner 6:00 p.m. Lodge open at 7:00
   p.m. Please note the change! Conferral of the 2nd degree on multiple candidates

- Mar 20 10th NE District School at Oak Lawn Conferral of the first section of the 3rd degree
- Mar 25 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Mar 26 Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 1 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- Apr 2 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 n.m.
- Apr 6 Loaves and Fishes volunteering
   7:30 to 9:30 and 9:30 to 12:30
- Apr 8 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- Apr 9 Euclid Chapter meeting 7:30 p.m.
   Adoniram Council meeting 8:45 p.m.
- Apr 15 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30

- Apr 16 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge open at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the 3rd degree on multiple candidates
- Apr 17 10th NE District School at Naperville Conferral of the second section of the 3rd degree
- Apr 22 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- Apr 23 Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 29 Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- Apr 30 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge open at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the 3rd degree on multiple candidates.

#### Committees

## Membership

Michael Ault Chairman

### Communications

Timothy Ory Chairman

#### Finance

Carl Crownhart Chairman

#### Entertainment

John Will Chairman

#### IL-CHIP

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#### 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

Vaneet Kapoor Chairman

#### Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

#### **Community Days**

Paul Felstrup Chairman

#### Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

#### Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

#### **Blood Drive**

Guy Hamilton Chairman

#### **Bylaws**

Carl Crownhart

## Masonic Academic Bowl

Brethren.

The Academic bowl was held this year on February 16 at Metea Valley high school.

Euclid Lodge had the good fortune to support two high schools, which were the Naperville North Huskies and the Naperville Central Redhawks. Both teams finished as expected with more wins than losses. As usual IMSA was the leader in our division. Euclid Lodge had a great turnout of brethren eight in total. Tim Ory, Bill Dixon, Paul Felstrup, Steve Rosensweig, John Will, Joe Schofield, Carl Crownhart, and Joe Ingraffia. My son Sam Rosensweig also was there and did volunteer work as the data entry person. The Monday after the meet both teams came to the lodge for a dinner and some

Masonic education. This went really well. Both coaches commented on how great and fun it was to have both teams in the same place. With this year behind us I am looking forward to next years academic meet. I would like to thank the lodge and everyone who made this such a great event.

Steve Rosensweig.

## Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is always looking for volunteers. The first Saturday of each month has been designated as the regular day for volunteers from Euclid Lodge. You may of course volunteer at any other time.

There are two morning shifts: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The work is simple in nature. All of the food is on regular grocery style shelving and you help the customers decide which items they select.

# Eureka Challenge

Euclid Lodge will conduct the first round of the Eureka Challenge at the stated meeting on March 5, 7013.

This year's competition is based on the topic "DeMolay". First round questions are about members of the DeMolay Hall of Fame. If a Lodge becomes a district champion and advances to the second round, questions will be on the founders, ritual and early history of DeMolay. For Lodges advancing to the third round, questions will be on the life and attributes of the organization's namesake, Jacques DeMolay.

Much of the information used for the questions and answers can be found on the DeMolay International website: http://www.demolay.org.

Completed first round materials must be postmarked no later than March 31.

# Congratulations!

Congratulations goes out to **Brother Guy Hamilton**. He has been accepted into medical school.



A birthday celebration was held following the meeting on February 19th for Bro. Bill O'Connell who is 82 years young. Tracey Cowart oroyided the birth-



# FEELING A LITTLE RUSTY?



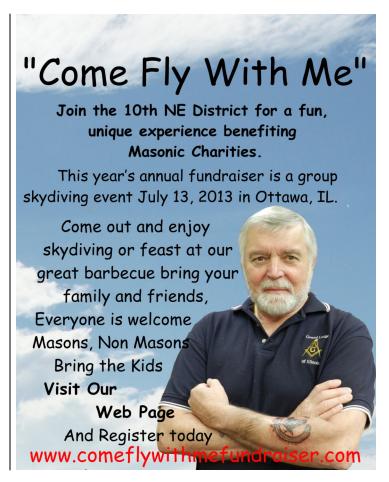
Your admission ticket is your 2013 Blue Lodge Dues Card

Medinah Shrine Center 550 N. Shriners Drive Addison, IL 60101 Wednesday March 27th, 2013 Program: 7PM - 8PM Hot Dogs and Camel's Milk (Beer) 8PM-9PM

Please RSVP to Medinah Membership Committee Chairman Jim Mathew. 630-392-3635 or jam960@gmail.com







## New Member Dinner

The lodge had planned to celebrate our newest members on Wednesday, February 27, at Lou Malnati's in downtown Naperville. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough RSVP's from the membership to guarantee a private room for the event and it was subsequently cancelled. Our new member committee is working on a new date, possibly in May or June.

# Past Master Highlight Edwin Gerald Rogers 1940

Edwin Gerald Rogers was born May 18, 1903 in Warrenville, DuPage County, Illinois the son of Pliny Edwin Rogers and Hattie Amanda Judd. He married Jennie S. ? about 1925 and they had no children. He married Charlotte K. ? and they had no children. He was employed as a journeyman plumber and then as the Manager of the Steam Fitters Union Trust Fund in Los Angeles, California. He was raised a Master Mason March 6, 1934 in Euclid Lodge and served as Master of the Lodge in 1940. He was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons. He died April 17, 1992 in Sun City, Maricopa County, Arizona and was buried in the Sunland Memorial Park Cemetery, Sun City, Arizona.



Journeyman Plumber



Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons

Companions,

During our February stated meeting, we had the honor of having Excellent Companion Carnall assist us in ritual for opening, closing and preparing for our official visit from our District Deputy Grand High Priest (DDGHP). A special "thank you" to Excellent Companion Carnall! Further, the By-Laws Committee finished their work, and the completed and "new and improved" by-laws are now in your hands for review. As mentioned, we will be discussing and voting on these at

our April stated meeting.

Our next stated meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. This will be our official visit from DDGHP Dean Clark. Companion Decent will be providing dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the gavel following at 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you all there!!

Steven L. Sandack Excellent High Priest Euclid Chapter No. 13



# Adoniram Council No. 95 Royal and Select Masters

Greetings Companions,

We will be having an Adoniram Council No. 95 meeting on the second Tuesday of March. I think I can rustle up something sweet for after the meeting, so do not leave too early. Good news, the degrees are back on! We will have at least two candidates and possible several more from neighboring councils. I have had discussions with the Excellent High Priest of Euclid Chapter regarding what night to hold Council/Chapter degrees. Since both the Council and Chapter meet concurrently on the same evening, having degrees becomes a logistics problem. After much

thought we have concluded that degrees for Councils and Chapters will be held the second Thursday night of the month. So our 8 & 9 degrees will be on the second Thursday of March. I hope to see you all there to enjoy the Masonic education and to support our newest companions.

Masonically,

Don Cowart, Thrice Illustrious Master Adoniram Council No. 95

# RELIGION, ATHEISM, TOTALITARIANISM AND MASONRY FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

Every man who wants to be a Mason must state a belief and trust in a Supreme Being. We do not require that you belong to a specific religion, although many Masons are very active in their churches, mosques, temples, synagogues, or places of worship. Members have the right to belong to any place of worship they want, and Freemasonry does not infringe on that right. However, members should not attempt to substitute the teachings of Freemasonry or membership in a lodge for their religion. Masonry seeks only to unite men for the purpose of brotherhood and not religion.

Since Freemasonry is not a religion, no Mason can conscientiously substitute his belief in and loyalty to the Fraternity for the religion of his choice. If he attends no organized religious worship services, that is strictly his own affair; but, if he thinks or says that "Masonry is his religion," he misconstrues the character of religion and of Masonry.

#### FREEMASONRY AND ATHEISM

A candidate for Masonry must honestly profess a faith in a higher being such as God when applying, as a prerequisite for admission. An atheist denies the existence of a Supreme Being, so an avowed atheist would not profess this belief and thus cannot be a Mason.

## FREEMASONRY AND COMMUNISM

Since Communism also denies the very existence of a higher being, a practicing Communist could not become a Mason. However, we know there are Masons in Communist countries who meet secretly.

## FREEMASONRY AND CATHOLICISM

The relationship between Freemasonry and Roman Catholicism is sometimes misunderstood, not only by the general public but also by too many members of our fraternity.

There is absolutely nothing in any of the Masonic doctrines, rules or regulations to prohibit a member of the Roman Catholic Church from becoming a Freemason merely because he is a Roman Catholic. If such was the case, our claim of universality and that we have no ideological dogma and make no distinction between men because of their religious beliefs, would be hypocrisy.

Contrary to the position of our Fraternity and for reasons best known to them, a succession of Roman Catholic Popes have looked upon our fraternity with disfavor, and issued from time to time several Encyclicals, or official edicts, denouncing Freemasonry. Nevertheless, many Roman Catholics have been and continue to become Masons.

#### PROPER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

Generally, religion and politics should not be discussed in lodge, and there are very good reasons not to discuss these topics. When we meet in a lodge, we are all on a common level and are not subject to the classes and distinctions of the outside world. Each brother is entitled to his own beliefs and may follow his own convictions.

Freemasonry seeks to unite men and not separate them. Therefore, any subject is barred from discussion in a Masonic lodge which might create friction or contention between men who are otherwise favorably disposed toward each other. This applies with particular force to discussion concerning any specific religion, and also to partisan politics.

Subjects like politics and religion create honest differences of opinion which might well cause friction between brethren.

## Harmony in the Lodge

There will be subjects concerning the lodge's business that should and must be discussed. These discussions should be kept within the bounds of propriety, and everyone should show a tolerance for the opinion of other members.

Every Master wants harmony in his lodge, and once a matter has been put to vote in the lodge and a decision made, the decision should be accepted by all members, regardless of how they voted.

#### ON THE THRESHOLD 2011

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# **DUR MASONIC SECRETS**

Freemasonry is not a secret society; rather, it is a society with secrets. A secret society, among other things, meets in a secret place unknown to the general public; its membership is secret and nothing is publicly known concerning its aims, principles, and organization.

The concept of a secret society does not fit our organization at all. The secrets we do maintain have been retained through a sense of tradition and are very few in number dealing mostly with the obligations and modes of recognition. These requirements have been handed down by word of mouth for centuries.

Our purposes, ideals and principles may be learned by anyone who inquires. There are numerous books on these subjects which are available to the public. We place public notices in the newspapers about our meetings, our members are often prominent citizens in the community, and our meeting places or temples are clearly marked as such.

The only secrets of Freemasonry are its methods of recognition which protect it against intruders and imposters and its system of symbolic instruction. However, this does not mean that the internal affairs of a lodge may be discussed promiscuously by its members outside of the temple, particularly in the presence of non-Masons. In those matters which affect the business of his Lodge, and that means all business, silence and circumspection are strictly enjoined on all Masons. The internal affairs of a lodge are private, and should be treated in the same manner each member would treat the private affairs of his own family.

ON THE THRESHOLD 2011