



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

Since we have our Table Lodge set for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Medinah Shrine, I thought it appropriate to say something about the positive aspects of an event like this to the life of the lodge. The following comes from the Table Lodge Instructional Booklet and makes the case very well. The author says it better than I could.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE TABLE LODGE

Officers of Masonic lodges have a tendency to put degree work ahead of everything else. This has caused a lot of men to lose interest in the fraternity - not having an opportunity or desire to practice ritual, and nothing else offered them, they have stayed away from lodge meetings and some of them have dropped out of the fraternity. Therefore, the problem before the Lodge officers is to furnish something else to those brethren who are not interested in ritualism. The Lodge needs an activity that all members can participate in and not restrict itself to just one phase of the brotherhood.

Light entertainment is not the answer. It is not what we do to entertain our brethren that will revitalize our fraternity; rather, it is what we do to bring them an understanding of the principles and purpose of Freemasonry. The great need is for our brethren to see below the surface of Masonic ritual. We must bring Masonry out of the Lodge room and into the open. So, it is necessary to have additional activities to teach the brethren the meaning of the words and to satisfy the questioning mind.

Most of our brethren are interested in the social aspects of the Craft. This is the merit of the Table Lodge - it satisfies the social interest while it illustrates Masonic principles. It's purpose is to provide, with the festivities of the banquet, enjoyment and instruction. The instruction is designed to enlighten the mind, touch the heart and engage the will of the brethren. Action is interjected by rising, lifting the glasses, sounding off and drinking the toasts together. Every brother participates. The combination of action and good fellowship, with high-minded discussion of Masonic principles, is the characteristic of the Table Lodge. Here is the opportunity for each brother to do something, to write something, to give something, to be something. There is need for brethren who are able and willing to explore the meaning of the words and how the lessons can be applied to everyday living. Ritual has no utility unless it applies to the day-by-day affairs of life.

Masonry is a course of moral instruction. If we believe that there is still a place in the world for the "homely virtues" which have made America great, then we stand for the things that the Masonic fraternity stands for. We should leave the Table Lodge with a firm resolution to apply the principles of the fraternity to our daily lives.

From The Illinois Table Lodge

See you in Lodge!



**Carl F. Crownhart**  
Worshipful Master

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## From The Secretaries Table

The Lodge continues to be busy with degree work along with all of the other usual activities.

We passed six members to the Fellowcrafts degree on March 19. The Master Masons degree will be conferred on April 16 and April 30. Two candidates will have their father and grandfather in attendance for their raising. We have another four petitions to be officially received at our stated meeting on May 7 and more to come.

RWBro. Floyd Sullens provides instruction in the ritual and floorwork to the officers and any other members who care to attend every Monday evening. Come out and join us. We normally stop for a little liquid refreshment afterwards at Jimmy's.

The Lodge has been granted permission by Most Worshipful Grand Master Terry Seward to suspend seven of our members for non-payment of dues. Action will be taken at the stated meeting April 2. We still have forty members who have not paid their 2013 dues.

Illustrious Brother J. Robert Stockner will be celebrating 50 years as a Master Mason on April 2 and we have a nice ceremony planned for him. Please try to come out for the meeting.

We will also be receiving the District Deputy Grand Master for his official visit on April 2. Please come out and welcome Herb. On May 2, the Lodge will be holding the fourth annual Table Lodge at Medinah Shrine Center in Addison. Please see the flyer on page 7 for details. Rehearsers and Discoursers are needed for the program.

Please contact WM Carl Crownhart if you are interested in taking a part.

As always, Loaves and Fishes is looking for volunteers. Contact Bro. Ross Decent for any additional information.

### BIRTHDAYS

The following members will celebrate a

## Timothy J. Dry Secretary

birthday this month on the day indicated.

Paul S. Perkins	Apr 2
Joseph L. Cherry Jr.	Apr 3
Evan G. Henderson	Apr 4
Gary E. Czyz	Apr 5
William E. Love	Apr 6
David A. Johnson	Apr 9
Mark C. Mortimer	Apr 15
Douglas H. Huntington	Apr 16
Gennaro Barbato II	Apr 19
Robert E. Morris	Apr 21
Harry K. Radel	Apr 21
John W. Sims	Apr 25
Gene E. Darfler	Apr 29
Michael L. Hamman	Apr 29
Robert E. Myers II	Apr 29
Wayne Brazinski	Apr 30

### 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.

J. Robert Stockner	Apr 2 (50)
Don J. Cowart	Apr 3 (14)
Albin R. Anderson Jr.	Apr 6 (50)
Stephen A. Fuesting	Apr 6 (34)
Donald G. Knudsen	Apr 6 (59)
Michael D. Arnett	Apr 10 (3)
Michael S. Moore	Apr 14 (6)
Craig E. Swan	Apr 14 (4)
Gerald W. Bussell	Apr 15 (27)
Robert C. Liska	Apr 17 (51)
Jeffrey M. Adler	Apr 19 (8)
Stanley S. Wyngowski	Apr 19 (30)
Leon E. Litzelman	Apr 30 (45)
Gary J. Mannon	Apr 30 (11)
Brian T. Sweeney	Apr 30 (15)

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

## Past Master Highlight

### CHARLES FORREST ROHR 1941

**Charles Forrest Rohr** was born October 2, 1880 in Plainfield, Will County, Illinois the son of John Jacob Rohr and Anna Maria Bender. He received his education in the public schools in Naperville and attended the high school for two years. He left home at the age of twenty and learned the florist business. Two years later he returned to Naperville and formed a partnership as the DuPage County Greenhouses. He married Emma May Zook January 16, 1906 in Naperville and they had two children, Myrtle Lucille and Forrest Charles. He served as a Naperville Commissioner from 1915 to 1923 and again from 1927 to 1931. He was raised a Master Mason November 30, 1915 in Euclid Lodge and served as Master in 1941. He was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons. He died May 29, 1960 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



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## April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 March Easter	1 April Lodge Officer Practice	2 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	3	4	5	6 Loaves and Fishes .
7	8 Lodge Officer Practice GM Town Hall Mtg. Joliet	9 Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95	10	11	12	13
14	15 Lodge Officer Practice	16 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting 3rd Degree Conferral	17 10 NE District School Euclid Lodge 7 to 9	18	19 NEDDGMA Masters Dinner	20 Naper Blvd. Cleanup
21	22 Lodge Officer Practice	23 Naperville Masonic Temple Assoc. Mtg.	24	25	26	27 GL School Grove Lodge
28	29 Lodge Officer Practice	30 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting 3rd Degree Conferral	1 May	2 TABLE LODGE MEDINAH SHRINE	3	4 Loaves and Fishes

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Apr 1** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- **Apr 2** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.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 8** Grand Masters Town Hall Meeting Joliet, 350 N. Midland Ave., Joliet, IL 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- **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 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 19** NEDDGMA Masters Dinner Diplomat West, Elmhurst
- **Apr 20** Naper Blvd. Cleanup Meet at Naperville Covenant Church 8:30 a.m.
- **Apr 22** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- **Apr 23** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 27** GL School at Grove Lodge, Downers Grove
- **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.
- **May 2** Table Lodge Medinah Shrine Center see flyer on page 7
- **May 4** Loaves and Fishes volunteering 7:30 to 9:30 and 9:30 to 12:30
- **May 6** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- **May 7** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 13** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- **May 14** Euclid Chapter meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council meeting 8:45 p.m.
- **May 15** 10 NE District School. Argo-Summit Lodge 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 17** 10NE District Quarterly Meeting, Oak Lawn, Memorial Service
- **May 20** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- **May 21** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lodge open at 7:30 p.m.
- **May 27** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30
- **May 28** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.

## **Committees**

### **Membership**

Michael Ault Chairman

### **Communications**

Timothy Dry 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

## **Table Lodge**

WM Carl Crownhart is looking for volunteers to take part in our upcoming Table Lodge at Medinah Shrine Center on May 2, 2013 as follows:

**Rehearser** and **Responder** on the **First Degree**

**Discourser** on the **Second Degree**

**Three Rehearsers** and **Three Responders** on the **Third Degree**

**Discourser** to close the Table Lodge

Topics are provided, no memorization is necessary. It is a great time, with great food and fellowship.

Dinner will be strip steak with all the trimmings and you can't beat the price at 15 dollars for members.

New Members in the last year will attend free of charge as we are incorporating our new members dinner with this event.

## **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.

If you would like to volunteer go to [www.loaves-fishes.org](http://www.loaves-fishes.org) and follow the volunteer links.

## **Sickness and Distress**

Alice Siedelmann, WB Andrew's wife, is recuperating after breaking her wrist.

Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Bro. William Armel O'Connell was a no-show for our Monday Luncheon at the Country House in Lisle. It seems that he is suffering from a touch of the flu. Get well soon Bill. We even saved some peanuts for you.

## **Congratulations!**

Illustrious Brother J. Robert Stockner will be celebrating 50 years as a Master Mason on April 2, 2013. A 50 Year Pin and Certificate will be presented at our stated meeting on April 2.

Brother Albin R. Anderson Jr. will also be celebrating his 50 years as a Master Mason on April 6. Bro. Anderson is currently living in Texas and the Grand Lodge will reach out to a Lodge near to where he lives to make the presentation of his pin and certificate.

## **Intender Training**

An Intender Training class is being planned for sometime in late April or early May. Please let Bro.

Secretary know what works best with your schedule.

Investigation Committee training is also being planned.

## Is Masonry Slipping Into Becoming a Social Club?

I believe many Masons across America struggle with the essential issue of Masonic purpose, i.e., personal growth/improvement oriented versus fellowship and socializing. Our tenets do not help in that they stress growth (search for truth), brotherly love (fellowship), and charity. Younger men seem to be coming to Masonry to find out what it's all about. What makes it so special? Many seem to feel "it's not all that much." And then they drift away without ever struggling to acquire that for which they were searching. If you are like me, it's frustrating to go through all the efforts to screen and bring new members through the Degrees and then fail to find the activities which will keep their interest, build a bond, and secure commitment.

### *Characteristics indicating a serious commitment to the essentials of Freemasonry:*

- Learning catechisms and nervously, but proudly being tested before others.
- Responding to educational opportunities: short talks, reading, study groups, asking questions.
- Observing the way more seasoned Masons act, learning the principles of Masonic philosophy and working to apply them in everyday life.
- Participating in investigation, degree work, lodge events and becoming an officer.
- Sharing Freemasonry with others and encouraging good prospects to join.

### *Characteristics suggesting the "booster injection" of the Degrees didn't take:*

- New member is active for a while, seems enthused, but soon begins to drift away; then has sparse attendance and little, if any, contact.
- Not adopting the precepts or making a serious effort to learn the catechism. "I don't have time." "I tried but I can't learn this stuff."
- Making choices based upon a too small sampling of experience as a Mason. "It's just not for me." "What's the purpose or what's in it for me?" "The meetings are a waste of time."

### *Why Masonry needs committed members more than ever:*

- Strictly social and "short time" active members are not allowing Masonry to achieve its mission.
- An "uneducated" Mason is unable to reflect to the community what a Mason should be.
- Masonic lodges require persistent energy and commitment from its members to function and leaders to keep the lodge on track, healthy, and growing.
- A lodge needs enthusiastic members working to introduce Masonry to friends and colleagues, encouraging them to join.
- Masonry should be a beacon in their lives, by struggling to learn, grow and strengthen their character.

Considering these factors, is there a place for the active, but strictly social Mason, or for members who just pay dues? Yes there is; but in what proportion to the whole. If Freemasonry becomes just a social club (with service opportunities), how does it, and should it stand differently than the Moose, Elk, Rotary, Lions, or Kiwanis? Yet, doesn't 300 years of history suggest Masonry is **different**, although not better or more necessary than these organizations? If we are going to remain true and committed to the core values, principles and procedures of Freemasonry, we must stop cutting corners, requirements, and expectations as well as continuing to make excuses. Yes, Masonry needs to adjust its peripheral aspects to align with cultural and social changes, but let's not give the house away. It's a complex set of issues and needs. It requires vision, persistence, and high quality leadership to hold onto Freemasonry's core philosophy and purpose while adapting to the needs of members who have a broad range in age, education and interests. A balance of purposes is the key.

Let the dialogue begin!

By Edward Rund

Chairman Committee on Masonic Education  
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### **Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons**

Companions,

Please join us for our Stated Convocation on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. The gavel will sound at 7:30 p.m. For those who can make it, pizza will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m.

As you are aware, the By-Laws Committee completed the revised by-laws, which were sent to all Companions in February. We will be discussing and voting on these proposed by-laws during our April Convocation. Hope you all had a wonderful Passover and Easter!!

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

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### **Adoniram Council No. 95 Royal and Select Masters**

Greetings Companions,

Adoniram No. 95 will have its next stated meeting on Tuesday, April 9 following Euclid Chapter No. 13 at about 8:15. We will be discussing the 8th and 9th degrees which are scheduled for the next Thursday at 7:30. All is set and ready to go. Our slate consists of ALL Adoniram members! This is quite an accomplishment and I want to congratulate our companion Council members for their dedication and hard work. I believe we have scheduled a practice for those interested on Thursday, April 4 at 7:30. There is a good possibility that state level Officers will be making official visits to show support that evening so we must be prepared to open in full form and without the aid of open ritual books.

I look forward to seeing you around lodge/chapter and around town.

Masonically,

Don Cowart,  
Thrice Illustrious Master  
Adoniram Council No. 95

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### **Naper Boulevard Cleanup**

Saturday, April 20th is the date set for our next cleanup of Naper Boulevard. We will meet at the Naperville Covenant Church parking lot, southwest corner of Hobson Road and Naper Boulevard at 8:30 a.m. Gloves, safety vests and plastic bags are all furnished. It is only about a 45 minute stroll down the boulevard.

Jack Gelston  
Chairman

*Euclid Lodge No. 65 Annual  
Table Lodge  
&  
Festive Board  
2nd May 2013*

*Reservations Appreciated by Tuesday, April 16th  
(Space is limited to 50)*

This event is open to all Masons, however we will be (in an abbreviated manner) opening up through all three degrees, so EAs and FCs would have to step out for significant portions of this event.

(Please consider that when inviting non Master Masons)

6:00 P.M. Social hour with cash bar,

6:45 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Table Lodge Ceremony.

Cash bar opens again afterwards.

Medinah Shrine Center, Addison, IL

Reservations made with RWBro. Neville Diamond

[euclid65@gmail.com](mailto:euclid65@gmail.com)

Checks made out to Euclid Lodge No.65

Mail to Neville Diamond,

201 N Birchwood Dr. Naperville IL 60540

\$15 Euclid members in good standing.

New Master Masons (in last 12 months) are free

\$32 Non Euclid Lodge Masons.

Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M.  
34 West Jefferson Avenue  
Naperville, Illinois 60540  
630-355-0280  
1st and 3rd Tuesday

We are on the Web!  
[www.napervillemasonic.org](http://www.napervillemasonic.org)



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

The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County Founded September 28, 1848 Chartered October 2, 1849

**TRESTLEBOARD**

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## WHAT HAS MASONRY DONE FOR THE WORLD

### INDIVIDUALISM

We take our individualism for granted today. We dress the way we want, fix our hair the way we want, say what we want, eat what we want and read what we want. But it wasn't always that way. A major first step toward individualism was taken in A.D. 1230, when the stone masons were ordered by the church to shave off their beards and cut their hair short. One of the first sit-down strikes in Europe was the result, with the masons insisting on the right to dress as they wished. The Church finally had to give in, and the first blow for individualism had been struck!

Throughout the Enlightenment (late 1600's through mid 1700's) the fraternity actively pressed for and taught its members the revolutionary idea that each man and woman was entitled to respect as an individual. That idea spread from Masonic Lodges to the society as a whole.

### DEMOCRACY

Historians now realize that Masonic Lodges in Europe served as the first models of democracy, models which later spread to governments. Members in Lodges made their own by-laws and elected their own leaders. No place else in society was that true. The very idea of elections, unsupervised by religious or civic authority, was unheard of - except in the Lodge. It is not too much to say that the model of democracy which later was finalized in the United States and now exists in many nations of the world was an invention of the Masonic Lodge.

Masonry came to North America in the early 1700's. Many of the political debates about America's future took place in Masonic Lodges, involving such Masons as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere and Joseph Warren. Those men were not only involved as individuals in the founding of America, but their Lodges were deeply involved in creating the new nation, ratifying the Bill of Rights and establishing democracy as we know it today.

From the pamphlet "What Has Masonry Done For the World" Published by The Masonic Information Center