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



The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

#### **TRESTLEBOARD**

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# From The East - Vaneet K. Kapoor - Worshipful Master

Brethren Greetings from the East

We enter June after Memorial Day. What sacrifices have been given by the soldiers in our countries forces to provide us the freedoms we so much enjoy. I remember those brothers from our lodge that have served and those that are serving at the moment. Having grown up overseas and seeing the lack of freedom and liberties, it is even more so for me, as I enjoy the freedoms this wonderful country has to offer. With this liberty we all have responsibilities to act in a way to bring honor to our fraternity and country.

What a turn out we had for our special meeting, we even had our first hail storm to help us get started!! We had over 40 brothers come help raise two brothers to the sublime degree, what a special night it was to see a brother raise his son and call him brother Master Mason. It makes me look forward and hope that we have the same turnout for the two or three brothers we expect to raise in June.

Our stated meeting had a second degree long form Catechism given by Bro Murray and a very interesting more light in masonry lecture on the Beehive and its relation to Masonry by Bro Moore. I would encourage the brethren to make use of the books we have in the library to research articles and contact WB Cowart to share with us what

they have learned with a short 5 minute presentation. I certainly enjoy these and it is my favorite part of stated meetings. I would like to remind everyone we are taking nominations for Community Builder and Lodge Builder awards, please let me know and I will work with WB John Will and RWB Neville Diamond to consider the nominations.

I am also sure you are all looking forward to have an enjoyable summer. We do hope so and have planned some wonderful activities so we have something little to have fun with. There are planned three events that I have mentioned in the last two newsletters, Medinah Dinner June 27<sup>th</sup>, Lodge Picnic July 12<sup>th</sup> and the Table Lodge on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Brother Senior Warden is looking for help in the support our troops volunteering for July 19<sup>th</sup>, come help and then enjoy the concert.

With this I hope you have a great summer, enjoyable vacations and warmth to put behind the winter that I am sure we will not easily forget.

God Bless Vaneet Kapoor WM 2013/2014



Vaneet K. Kapoor Worshipful Master

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## From The Secretaries Table

#### Dues

We have 6 members in arrears for their 2013 dues and 28 members who have not paid their 2014 dues after two notices.

#### Armistead-Bingham Lodge No. 1862

On May 17, the Armistead-Bingham Lodge No. 1862 met at the Lodge hall for a meeting in conjunction with the Civil War Days event at the Naperville Settlement. I attended this interesting meeting which shared ritual from Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana Lodges.

Armistead-Bingham is a Lodge of Research under the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, F. & A.M.

#### 10th Northeastern District Memorial

RWBro. Floyd Sullens and I attended the district memorial held on Wednesday, May 21, at Oak Lawn Lodge.

This was a beautiful ceremony honoring Brothers from the 10th NE District who had died during the previous year. Euclid Lodge had two members who were memorialized at the event, John Louis Ciganovich and Ronald Jay Bynum.

#### Degree Work

Please come out and welcome our new Master Masons. Bro. George C. Murray and Brandon J. Temesvary who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at our Special Meeting held on May 20.

We will be raising two or three more Master Masons at our Special Meeting on June 17.

#### Dinner at Medinah Shrine

Patrick Temesvary has made arrangements for a Lodge dinner at the Medinah Shrine. The date is Friday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. The normal menu is an all you can eat Fish Fry for 14.95. A bone in Rib-Eye dinner for 25.95 and Chicken Marsala or Picata dinner

## Timothy J. Ory Secretary

for 14.95 are also available.

#### **Picnic**

The Lodge will be holding a family picnic on Saturday, July 12, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Spring Lake Park, 3500 McCoy Drive, Aurora, IL.

#### Rockin For The Troops

Bro. Rosensweig is looking for volunteers for this years event which will be held at Cantigny on Saturday, July 19, 12:00 to 11:00 p.m.

#### Table Lodge

Medinah Shrine, Wednesday, August 6. The WM will be looking for volunteers to take a part in the ritual.

Contact Wbro. Mike Ault at: chicagomichael@sbcglobal.net

#### **Birthdays**

# The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Henry M. Ristic	Jun 1	
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Brian S. Walker	Jun 3	
Stephen A. Winz	Jun 6	
Robert W. Hanley	Jun 9	
Dennis P. Miao	Jun 9	
Michael A. Norwood Sr.	Jun 11	
Robert B. Hudetz	Jun 13	
Franklin J. Spedoske Jr.	Jun 13	
Samuel O. Derr	Jun 14	
William A. Ackerman	Jun 15	
John D. Will	Jun 18	
Paul E. Claus	Jun 22	
Brett A. Osborn	Jun 22	
James L. Grosskopf	Jun 25	
Jeffrey D. Croll	Jun 28	
Eric S. Tseng	Jun 28	
Rafael C. Ramos	Jun 30	

Master Mason Anniversary The following members observe the

### anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in the () is the number of years.

Carl F. Crownhart	Jun	1 (37)
Kurtis P. Rich	Jun	1 (21)
Arwood K. Edwards	Jun	5 (24)
Gregory A. Crawford	Jun	6 (5)
Barton K. Robertson	Jun	9 (13)
Joseph James	Jun	9 (3)
Jeffrey D. Croll	Jun	16 (16)
Christopher D. Tabb	Jun	17 (11)
Brian S. Walker	Jun	17 (6)
Kirk L. Madison	Jun	17 (6)
Monty C. Jackson	Jun	18 (1)
Keith A. Hubert	Jun	19 (2)
Alexander C. Tabb	Jun	19 (2)
John D. Will	Jun	20 (14)
Alexander C. Micchelli	Jun	21 (3)
Lorin Murariu	Jun	26 (15)
Arthur C. Tancl Jr.	Jun	29 (35)
Christopher J. Conoboy	Jun	29 (4)
David S. Moore	Jun	29 (4)
Randolph J. Taylor	Jun	29 (4)
Paul A. Felstrup	Jun	29 (4)
Robert E. Watt	Jun	29 (4)
Scott D. Schmied	Jun	30 (5)
Steven L. Sandack	Jun	30 (5)

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



Timothy J. Ory Secretary

# June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 June	2 Lodge Officer Practice	3 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	4	5	6	7 Loaves and Fishes
8	9 Lodge Officer Practice	10 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Council No. 95	11	12	13	14 Leadership Training Session at Medinah
15	16 Lodge Officer Practice	17 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	18	19	20	21 Summer Begins
22	23	24 Naperville Masonic Temple Association	25	26	27 Fish Fry at Medinah Temple	28
29	30	1 July	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Loaves and Fishes

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Jun 2** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.
- Jun 3 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Jun 7 Loaves and Fishes
- Jun 9 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice
  7:30 p.m. All members welcome.
- Jun 10 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting 8:45 p.m.
- Jun 14 Leadership Training Session at Medinah Shrine for Senior and Junior Wardens
- Jun 16 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. All members welcome. Last practice until September.
- Jun 17 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Lodge open at 7:30 p.m. Third degree conferral on multiple candidates.

- Jun 24 Naperville Masonic Temple Association Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 27** Dinner at Medinah Shrine 6:30 p.m.
- Jul 5 Loaves and Fishes
- Jul 12 Lodge Picnic Spring Lake Park, 3500 McCoy Dr. Aurora IL 1 to 5 p.m.
- Jul 19 "Rockin For The Troops" at Cantigny War Museum in Winfield. Gary
  Sinise is back this year as the headliner
- Aug 2 Loaves and Fishes
- Aug 6 Table Lodge Medinah Shrine 6:00 p.m.
- The Lodge will not meet in July and August
- Sep 2 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

#### Thought For The Month

Sometimes there are false impressions about fraternal organizations. No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry, and I say it with deliberation and without fear of breaking faith. I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world. More, if the lessons taught were heeded, the obligations read were assumed, if the relationship urged were adopted, men would be infinitely better in their human relationships, and better citizens of this country.

Warren G. Harding

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Paul Felstrup Chairman

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Guy Hamilton Chairman

**Bylaws** 

Carl Crownhart

#### Sickness and Distress

Wbro. Bob Stockner is at the Tabor Hills Nursing Home. He would appreciate visitors.

Wbro. Carl Crownhart had a mild heart attack but is now doing well.

Bro. Bill O'Connell is back on the road again.

## Congratulations!

Bro. Bryan Newson , his wife Lea and children Nicholas, Nate and Maya, welcomed home their son and brother, Michael Matthew on the Thursday before Mothers Day.

#### Entertainment

Lodge Dinner at Medinah Shrine, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL

Friday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. until ?

Cost per person: 15 dollars for fish or chicken. 16 oz. Rib eye 26 dollars.

Euclid Lodge Family Picnic, 3500 McCoy Dr., Aurora, IL

Saturday, July 12, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Fishing derby for children 12 and under. Bait will be supplied, bring your own fishing gear. Food and liquid refreshments will be supplied.

Euclid Lodge Table Lodge and New Members Night, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL

Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 to 9:30. New Euclid members attend free, all other Euclid members 15 dollars, non-Euclid Masons, 30 dollars.

Wbro. Michael Ault is coordinating the roles. Contact him at:

chicagomichael@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in playing a part.

## Rockin For The Troops

Saturday, July 19, 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Cantigny and Operation Support our Troops - America are proud to host this exciting event with Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band as the headliner.

OSOTIL was founded in 2003 by Deb Rickert, mother of a West Point cadet, collects donations of snacks, toiletries, and other "creature comforts" not readily available to send to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Since 2003, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band have been performing for military men and women and supporting many organizations that are working hard for our veterans, wounded warriors and families.

See Bro. SW Steve Rosensweig to volunteer for this event.

## Temple Board

The Temple Board had several visitors attend the last meeting. Meetings are open to any member of Euclid Lodge or Euclid Chapter to attend and observe

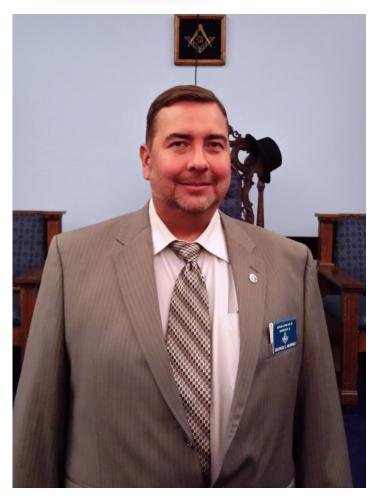
Work will begin on the roof and stairwell project this month.

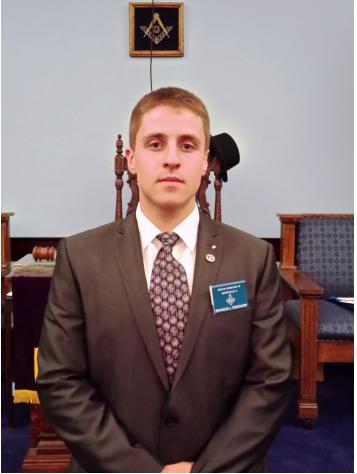
## Lodge and Community Builder Awards

Each year, Euclid Lodge presents an award to a member or members of the Lodge and of the community for their service to the same.

Please contact WM Vaneet Kapoor if you have someone that you would like to nominate for this award.

### New Master Masons





George C. Murray May 20, 2014

Brandon J. Temesvary May 20, 2014

## Past Master Highlight Guy Eugene Oliver 1956

**Guy Eugene Oliver Sr.** was born January 22, 1884 in Crescent City, Houston County, Minnesota the son of Lynds Jones Oliver and Ella Arminda Sumner. He married Ruth Louise Perry June 26, 1915 and they were the parents of three children, Guy Eugene Jr., Donald Earle and Jean Maxine (Dr. Harold Walter Henning). He received his B.A. degree at Hamline University in 1909, and his M.A. degree from Northwestern University. He also did graduate work at Leland Powers School of the Spoken Word in Boston, Massachusetts. He was Professor of Public Speaking at North Central College from 1916 to 1952. He was raised a Master Mason in Euclid Lodge August 11, 1946 and served as Master of the Lodge in 1956. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Euclid Chapter No.13 on October 22, 1946. He was also a member of the Aurora Commandery, the Aurora White Shrine, Maywood Council and Chicago Consistory. He died August 24, 1959 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



North Central College Speech Professor

# Bro. Bryan Newson and Family With New Son and Brother



Maya, Bryan, Lea, Michael, Nicholas and Nate Newson

Mother's Day this year was an extra-special day for Bro. Bryan Newson and his family.

His wife Lea gave birth to Michael Matthew 16 weeks prematurely. He weighed only 675 grams at birth or about 24 ounces. His chances of survival were not good being born so early and so small.

However, the doctors and nurses at Edward Hospital in Naperville did an extraordinary job and provided the care necessary to help both mother and son survive the ordeal and finally enable the whole family to be together under one roof. Michael weighed just under 6 pounds when he went home, two days past his original due date and almost 4 months following his birth.

The family brought Michael, their "Superhero", home on the Thursday before Mother's Day. Congratulations Brother Newson! Our prayers are with you and your family.

## Photo Courtesy of the Naperville Sun

## Rough Sands of Sea, Four Winds of Heaven

What do the rough sands of the sea, the pinnacles of the temple, and the four winds of heaven have in common?

They are unsanctified burial places.

In the Jewish and, until recently, Christian traditions, having your remains deposited in one of these places would have kept you from reaching the celestial Lodge above.

There were strict rules governing how and where a body could be laid to rest. In the book of Genesis (3:9) the Supreme Architect tells Adam. "From dust you came and unto dust you shall return." Therefore a body must be buried and must be whole, nothing removed. Cremation was practiced in other parts of the world, but only outlaws and those who had been cast out of the church were cremated. Until the 19th and 20th centuries, how and where you were buried were important. Sanctified ground was necessary for a burial but was kept for those who had been part of that faith. A priest, most often a bishop, or other clergy, would bless the plot of ground. This ground was then kept holy. In 725, a German bishop declared, and passed into law, that all places of burial have a fence or wall around them to prevent animals from grazing. Criminals, the unbaptized. suicides, and such were buried outside the fence. In the middle ages, these people were often buried at cross roads or other public places where their graves would be certain to be trod upon. We are all familiar with the graves around a church. The churchyard was already sanctified so it became a place of burial. In Europe and early America, these churchyards would surround a church on the South, West, and East sides. They would be fenced in and the ground well cared for. On the North side of the church, often there were one or two unkempt stones—for those who were deemed unworthy to be interred in the sanctified ground. The ground was sanctified on the South, West and East, but not in the North. The early church considered the North a place of darkness and unfit for burial. Graves were dug so that they ran due East and West. The head is laid to the West looking upon the East. In the U.S. and Europe, 97 percent of all graves are situated to the East. In the Jewish tradition, this is in imitation of the situation of the Tabernacle and later the Temple. In the Christian faith, it was believed that the resurrection would come from the East. Rural cemeteries are often placed on hilltops or high ground, as this was seen as solid ground that did not shift or settle unduly.

In the middle ages, the guilds often took it upon themselves to see that their members received the burials that they deserved. Often within a guild, a confraternity was formed. A confraternity was a group of laymen, formed with the blessing of the church, to do special or religious works for the poor or those without families. In early America, up to today, one of the things that drew men to groups like the Odd Fellows and Freemasons was the assurance of a decent funeral. These men often worked dangerous occupations and had left family hundreds if not thousands of miles away. Today our Masonic Memorial services are part of this tradition started by the guilds.

So what constitutes a consecrated ground? Land that did not flood, and thereby wash away the soil or body. Land that had not been desecrated by violence or impure acts. Land that had been blessed. Traditionally, land away from inhabitants—originally because of fear of disease and later because of the feelings of peace and quiet found in isolated areas.

Yet, even with consecrated ground, there is hierarchy. A graveyard (burial place unattached to a place of worship) was seen to be not as desirable as a churchyard. Within a churchyard, those buried along the Eastern edge or under a dominant symbol (a communal cross or statue) are considered more sacred than other areas of the yard. Burial within the church was seen as even more sacred and special. Finally, burial within a Cathedral was seen as the ultimate spot.

A Cathedral was the seat of a Bishop and seen as a holier place than a simple church or cemetery. The famous are still often laid to rest in cathedrals and churches. Westminster in London is the final resting place of kings, authors, poets, and other notables of society. Local dignitaries are often laid to rest beneath the floors or within the walls of local churches. Interment within or near the altar was seen as the ultimate honor for burial. Today we still honor those of great fidelity and character by burying them as close to the sanctum sanctorum as possible.

Our fraternity seems filled with symbols and examples of death and burial. On that solemn note, I urge you my brothers to remember the acacia and its promise. May that promise designate our resting places and those of our brothers.

Rev. and RWRrn. David R. Ritchie

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# The Seeker of Light

The highest privilege that life affords is that of learning, of converting knowledge into wisdom, of seeking the genuine values of life by seeking Light and more light.

Some may attain a vast degree of knowledge, but the opportunity for growth is open to all of us. The search is the important factor.

In Masonry we honor those brothers whose superior minds have given us a broad picture of the ennobling principles of Freemasonry, who have outlined paths of study and who have made it possible for us to open windows for ourselves.

This is all a part of our Masonic heritage and we demonstrate our gratitude by making great thoughts a vital part of our lives. It should be the primary purpose of the leaders of Masonry to stress the unlimited opportunity which Masonry offers to the earnest seeker of Light.

Every candidate should enter the door of Masonry with the truth firmly impressed upon mind and heart, the truth that Masonry is a "Teaching Institution," that every brother has an equal opportunity to learn and to improve, and that the greater the effort, the greater the reward.

The ultimate is never attainable, but there is an inner satisfaction that results from every step taken in the journey of the journey of the visible towards the invisible.

Dewey H. Wollstein