



From The East - Brandon A. Zears - Worshipful Master

Brethren,

As we have passed the 60 day mark since our new officer corps took office in November, we have accomplished a lot.

We have conferred all 3 degrees with the officers sitting in their stations. This is a great accomplishment that has not been done in years.

I would like to welcome the 3 newest members that were raised this past month into our fraternity. Adam B. Carlson, Rao Murukurthy and Ravie H. Samuel.

As we continue to look to the future we will have our official visit by the DDGM on the 2nd of February, and we are looking forward to some upcoming degrees in the coming months.

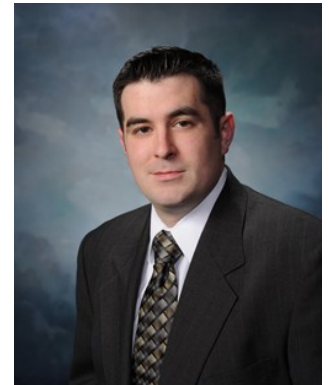
Some of our past masters have requested to obligate on some of the degrees in the coming months.

This is going to be an exciting year with our centennial celebration of the building in September and some of our

other events we are planning in celebrating the event.

Lastly, please keep our distressed brothers and their families who have been sick and injured in the past month in your thoughts and prayers for their quick and speedy recoveries.

Fraternally,
Brandon



Brandon A. Zears
Worshipful Master

Commemorative Coin Design



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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

Annual dues payments have been coming in steadily. Just over half of our members have paid their 2016 dues. It is also encouraging to see the number of members who have been donating to the Lodge and Grand Lodge charity programs along with their dues.

We have 15 members who have not paid their 2015 dues, eight of whom have not paid their 2014 dues. Our Membership Retention committee is actively contacting those members in arrears.

Brothers, please let me or the Worshipful Master know if you are experiencing financial difficulties and need assistance paying your dues. We can only help if you let us know.

DEGREES

We raised three new members to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on January 19. Our new officer corps did a very nice job on their first time doing a third degree. Photos on page 7. We will be conferring the first degree on one candidate at the February Special Meeting.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Temple Board has approved the design of the Commemorative Coin and new lapel pins for the Lodge and Chapter. Barter Heating services the Lodge heating and cooling systems and has graciously donated the new copper time capsule. Planning for the next phase of lodge renovations has been initiated. Paneling and new lighting should be completed in time for the celebration in September.

GRAND LODGE WORKSHOP

Six officers will be attending the Grand Lodge Workshop on February 6 being held at the Villa Park Lodge.

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

PHOTOS

Brethren, I am trying to obtain photos of all of the current members of the lodge for inclusion in the archives as well as in a book I am putting together chronicling the history of the Lodge and Naperville. Please send me your photos so that I can complete this project in time for the Cornerstone Centennial Celebration.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Patrick J. McGee	Feb 6
Roger W. Webb	Feb 8
Brady D. McDaniel	Feb 10
Lloyd G. Van Bergen	Feb 16
Charles E. Krepes	Feb 16
William A. Kurz	Feb 17
Edward F. Steigelmann	Feb 19
William Armel O'Connell	Feb 20
Kyle P. O'Mara	Feb 22
Thomas J. Moylan III	Feb 22
Thomas C. Behr	Feb 23
Ronald J. Keller	Feb 24
Gary W. Theis	Feb 24

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.

Frank R. Fryer	Feb 7 (10)
Robert B. Cash	Feb 9 (17)
Elmer G. Koldoff	Feb 11 (52)
Harold L. Olson	Feb 18 (47)
Robert L. Hudlow	Feb 18 (41)
Michael A. Norwood Sr.	Feb 18 (2)
Jack M. Payne	Feb 18 (2)
Phillip A. Ward	Feb 19 (36)
Kevin M. Cassidy	Feb 20 (9)
Roy S. Pedersen	Feb 21 (10)
Jason J. Jeffers	Feb 21 (4)
Joseph T. Schofield Jr.	Feb 21 (4)
Wayne Brazinski	Feb 21 (4)

Alexandre D'avila	Feb 22 (6)
Jon S. Erlenbush	Feb 23 (28)
Ilani S. Valero	Feb 28 (40)

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



Timothy J. Dry
Secretary

DID YOU KNOW?

James Joseph Heister Hunt was installed as Master of Euclid Lodge eight times over a 47 year period. He served as Master of the Lodge Pro Tem in 1863 and 1864 when no officers were elected due to most of the members serving in the Civil War. He also served as Master Pro Tem in 1860-1861 during Thomas Naper's term in the East due to Brother Naper having travelled to California to try to make his fortune shortly after being installed as Master of the Lodge. He also served as the Excellent High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13 fifteen times over a 26 year period. Brother and Companion Hunt is arguably the most important person in the history of our Lodge and Chapter.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 January	1 February 10th NE District School Euclid Lodge	2 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	3	4	5	6 Loaves and Fishes
7	8 Lodge Officer Practice	9 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Coun. No. 95	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentines Day	15 Lodge Officer Practice	16 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22 Lodge Officer Practice Washington's Birthday	23 Temple Board Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29 Lodge Officer Practice	1 March Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	2	3	4	5 Loaves and Fishes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Feb 1** 10th NE District School—Naperville First Degree Conferral.
- **Feb 2** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting and Official Visit of the 10th NE District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey Henson
- **Feb 6** Loaves and Fishes
- **Feb 6** Grand Lodge Workshop at Villa Park Lodge 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch provided. Sign up with Bro. Secretary
- **Feb 8** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Feb 9** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- **Feb 15** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Feb 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the ?? degree.
- **Feb 22** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Feb 23** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 29** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Mar 1** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting
- **Mar 5** Loaves and Fishes
- **Mar 7** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Mar 8** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- **Mar 14** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Mar 15** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the ?? degree.
- **Mar 21** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Mar 22** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 28** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Mar 29** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30



Committees

Membership

Joseph Ingraffia Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman

Finance

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

George Murray Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

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Library

Brandon Zears Chairman

Table Lodge

Michael D. Ault Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Brandon A. Zears Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

Community Days

Paul Felstrup Chairman

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Scott D. Schmied Chairman

Blood Drive

Monty Jackson Chairman

Bylaws

??????????? Chairman

Sickness and Distress

James G. Simpson Jr. is still at home trying to recuperate from pneumonia and other ailments.

Jan Crownhart is out of the nursing home and back at home recovering from a broken hip.

Art Tancl was riding in a car with Herb Lindberg that was rear ended and he suffered a whiplash injury.

Brother Joe Ingraffia's daughter was in the hospital for two days suffering from a kidney stone.

Brother Virgil Banker was home with a severe head cold and his wife is now bedridden.

Naperville Masonic Temple Association

The Temple Board is planning for the next phase of renovations to the lodge meeting room. Wall paneling and new lighting are on the agenda.

Work is progressing on the planning for the upcoming Cornerstone Centennial Celebration. Final design of the commemorative coin is complete.

Past Master Highlight FRANCIS WALTER PRIEST 1983

PRIEST, Francis Walter was born October 18, 1902 in Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky the son of James Walter Priest and Mabel Elizabeth Akers. He married Elaine A. Dmuchowski Dale September 10, 1927 in Manhattan, New York and they were the parents of a son, Francis Walter Jr. He married Olivine Adelaide LaMair Erickson in Chicago August 12, 1941. He was employed as a typesetter in New York and then moved to Chicago where he was employed by the Chicago Tribune as a typesetter for 39 years. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge from Lakeside Lodge No. 739, Chicago, Illinois and served as Master of Euclid Lodge in 1983. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason June 12, 1979 and served as High Priest in 1980, 1983 and 1984. He died August 4, 1989 in the Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois, and was buried in the Illinois Masonic Home Cemetery.



Masonic Quote

"It has been one of the boasts of my life, though not often expressed, that I belong to an association which, though not political, embraces principles which are not confined to particular localities or countries, but which have a marked universality, and embraces within its grasp the whole human race, making us all brothers."

Andrew Johnson

Samuel Clemens - Freemason

Mark Twain

Samuel Langhorne Clemens

It is a matter of tradition that comedies and comic literature are short-lived. If this be so, one might well ask why the writings of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, retain their vitality so that they are now read more than the works of any other American author. The popular opinion of Mark Twain is that he was a humorist. He was that - quite the greatest humorist the country has yet had - but he was also much more and it is because of this "much more" that his books are winning an ever-increasing audience.

During the latter part of the Civil War, Clemens was a newspaper correspondent in newspaper row, Washington D.C., where he made a reputation for himself as a competent, industrious and successful newspaper man.

After the War he made an excursion in the Mediterranean on board the old Quaker City. He found that many of his shipmates were (according to his own lingo) "innocents" and the comic side of his experiences on the Quaker City appealed to him so irresistibly that he wrote a diary of the cruise which he called *The New Pilgrims' Progress or Innocents Abroad*. The book was so truthful, so humorous, so interestingly written that it became tremendously popular and brought its author into the limelight, but I do not believe that it was the fun in it that had everything to do with making it popular; rather it was the information that it contained which was unvarnished and fearlessly written. In 1878 I stepped into a print shop in Cairo, Egypt, and asked for a guide book. The dealer handed down a small paper covered volume which I recognized at once as an excerpt from *Innocents Abroad*. When I said that I wanted a guide book not a "diary" the dealer replied that it was the best selling guide book of Cairo ever printed and strictly accurate.

The story of the "Seven Sleepers" as translated from the Koran has a beautiful moral but it is prosy and not very interesting to read; but Mark Twain's version in *Innocents Abroad* makes it an interesting story without losing any of the moral. Such things are an indication of his transcendent literary talents. His "War Prayer" is more harrowing than any page in any

of Shakespeare's tragedies and will go down the ages as a classic. For decades Dickens has had the reputation of being able to portray human nature and of describing individual characters and their idiosyncrasies as no other writer, but in my own estimation Mark Twain was quite his equal if not his superior.

Our writer was born in the little village of Florida, Missouri, in 1835. He attended the village school in that state. His father died early and left a dependent family so that Samuel, while still a mere boy, was obliged to enter the printery of the Hannibal Courier, where he remained for three years and earned for himself the dignity of assistant editor. He afterwards worked on New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati papers and won thereby a rich and varied experience. Later on, he became a steamboat pilot and if all traditions concerning the same are to be trusted, was one of the best that ever steered a boat up and down the Mississippi River. After the Civil War broke out, he served a few weeks in the Confederate army though not with any great success or patience as one may learn from the biography by Bigelow Paine. For a time he lived in Nevada and was editor of the Virginia City Enterprise during which time he first began the use of his now famous nom de plume "Mark Twain." He was married in 1870 to Miss Olivia Langdon, who had been one of his shipmates on board the Quaker City. After his marriage he became editor and part proprietor of the Buffalo Express and lived in Buffalo for several years. Later on, he moved to Hartford, Conn., where he continued his literary work and did occasional lecturing.

From the Grand Secretary of Missouri I have the information that Samuel L. Clemens petitioned the Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, on December 26, 1860. He was elected to receive the degrees February 13, 1861; was initiated May 22nd, 1861; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft June 12, 1861; and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason July 10, 1861.

- Source: The Builder - July 1923

10th NE District Traveling Belt



Seven members of Hinsdale Lodge No. 934 visited Euclid Lodge No. 65 on December 2015 and captured the 10th NE District Traveling Belt.

It was a short-lived victory because members of Euclid Lodge No. 65 returned the favor by visiting Hinsdale Lodge No. 934 two nights later, recapturing the belt.

Photos Still Needed

Time is running out to have your photo included in the History of Euclid Lodge and Naperville. We are missing photos for the following members:

Gennaro Barbato II	Robert E. Beck	Robert B. Cash	Ronald D. Cathey	Thomas G. Conklin Jr.
Gregory A. Crawford	Jeffrey D. Croll	Ryan J. Dupre	Jonathan S. Erlenbush	Michael L. Hamman
Robert W. Hanley	Phillip X. Katz	Donald G. Knudsen	Kenneth R. Koranda	Donald C. Krob
Daniel L. Krueger	Stanley S. Wyngowski	Timothy G. Leadbetter	Leon E. Litzelman	Gary J. Mannon
Patrick J. McGee	Alexander C. Micchelli	Alexander W. Mitchell	Leon H. Namtzu	Brett L. Nordmeyer
Harold L. Olson	Robert J. Parsons	Roy S. Pedersen	Michael A. Perez	George D. Porter
Luzern A. Richter	Sherwood H. Sadler	Richard W. Sale	Mark H. Schmidt	Douglass E. Seifried
Ronald E. Stibbe	Daniel P. Svoboda	Phillip A. Ward	Roger W. Webb	Jonathan S. Wells
Clifford Van Poucke	Stephen A. Winz	William T. Zukauskas		

Photos do not have to be in a formal setting but should show your face well. Thank you.

Please send to: Timothy J. Dry, 34 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540 or email to: tjory@sbcglobal.net

New Master Masons

June 16, 2015



Timothy J. Wardrop



Chad M. Gibbons



Dana R. Armitage

January 19, 2016



Rao Murukurthy



Adam B. Carlson



Ravie H. Samuel

Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M.
34 West Jefferson Avenue
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1st and 3rd Tuesday

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

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

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THE ROAD OF MASONRY

Men build a road of Masonry
Across the hills and dales,
Unite the prairie and the sea,
The mountains and the vales.
They cross the chasm, bridge the stream,
They point to where the turrets gleam,
And many men for many a day
Who seek the heights shall find the way.
Men build a road of Masonry,
But not for self they build;
With footsteps of humanity
The hearts of men are thrilled.
This music makes their labor sweet;
The endless tramp of other feet,
The thought that men shall travel thus
An easier road because of us.

We build the road of Masonry
With other men in mind;
We do not build for you and me,
We build for all mankind.
We build a road! Remember, men,
Build not for now, but build for then,
And other men who walk the way
Shall find the road we built today.
Who builds the road of Masonry,
Though small or great his part,
However hard the task may be,
May toil with singing heart.
For it is something, after all,
When muscles tire and shadows fall,
To know that other men shall bless
The builder for his faithfulness.

Douglas Malloch