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From The East—John D. Will W.M.



Greetings From the East

I just returned from a month long sales trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Before I get into my travels a personal thank you to Chris Tabb [SW], Barton Robertson [PM] and William O'Connell

[CLI] who did a great job filling in for me as Master. We continue to move forward with exciting plans on our Lodge Education Night [April 1, No fooling] hosted by Tim Ory. Neville Diamond and his team are doing great things with IL-Chip and John Aemmer and his team with the Entertainment.

Look for the Kane County Cougars game sign up sheet in Lodge which should be a fun family event. We truly have an active Lodge and I ask those of you that have not attended for a while to just show up. You will be

welcomed with open arms.

Brother Ory asked me to write a bit about Australia. As my job involves import/export sea-freight and the movement of ocean containers I assure you it is far less exciting than a bikini salesman at Hooters but I will give you a brief run down. Keep in mind the sunshine is the same on a sales call in a Sydney boardroom as one in Peoria.

I started my Journey in Auckland New Zealand, a beautiful city located on the ocean

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Stated Meeting is the first Tuesday of the month.

Special Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month.

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From The Secretaries Table—Thomas C. Behr P.M. Sec.

Euclid Dues

As of this writing we still have 26 members who have not paid their dues nor have they contacted the Lodge to explain their situation. You are probably tired of reading about it but I can assure you that you are not half as tired as I am writing about dues. We all took an obligation stating "I will not cheat, wrong nor defraud a Master Mason's Lodge". I feel that not paying your dues constitutes cheating and defrauding. As has been stated many times over, if payment of dues creates a financial hardship, please let us know and we can assist. But we need to know be-

fore we can take any assisting steps. If we do not hear from you, we are left with the assumption that you could not care less about your Masonic membership. We do not like to suspend any one but when a brother does not pay his dues, nor does he respond to written communication, nor contact the Lodge, there is no practical alternative left for the Lodge. Please contact the WM or the Secretary if you need help and don't let yourself get suspended.

Lost in the Forest of Lebanon

The addresses of the following

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Past Master Highlight
Joseph Naper 1852

Joe Naper was a merchant, mill owner, legislator, soldier, ship-builder and ship captain.

He was born in South Shaftsbury, Vermont in 1798.

He founded the settlement of Naperville in 1831. He opened up a saw mill on the bank of the DuPage River, and later converted it to a grist mill.

The original town plat, which comprised approximately 80 acres, was laid out in the year 1835 by Joe Naper.

He operated a general store located on South Main St. between Jefferson and Jackson on the alley. It is the last building

still standing that he erected in Naperville.

He was elected as a Legislator from Cook County in 1836. In 1839 he supervised legislation to carve out DuPage County from Cook County. He served on the same committee with Abraham Lincoln. He was elected again to the legislature in 1852.

He served as a Captain in the Black Hawk War and also fought in the Mexican War in 1847.

In 1848, he, along with six other Freemasons living in the Naperville area petitioned to have a new Lodge formed in Naperville. Thus Euclid Lodge was born.

In 1852 he was elected the Naperville Township Supervisor.

He donated the land and stone for the Naperville Academy building.

He was elected the first Village President in 1857.

He was married to Almeda Landon. From this union they had seven children, Robert, Elizabeth, William, Thomas, Mark, Bertha, and Maria. All four of his sons were members of the Lodge.

Charter member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons.

He died in Naperville, August 17, 1862.



CAPT. JOSEPH NAPER

Merchant, Mill Owner, Legislator, Soldier, Ship Builder and Captain.

Charter Member and First Senior Warden.

From The Secretaries Table (continued)

named brethren have changed. U. S. Post Office forwarding has expired. All the internet search sites have come up empty handed. We no longer have a means of contacting them, and as you might suspect, they are also delinquent in their dues. If you have any contact information please get in touch with the Secretary. Jeffrey David Croll, Geoffrey Joseph Gentry, Alexander Grzyb, Robert Duchone Wiley.

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

- Paul S. Perkins Apr 02
- Joe L. Cherry Apr 03
- Gary E. Czyz Apr 05
- William E. Love Apr 06
- David A. Johnson Apr 09
- Evan G. Henderson Apr 12
- Mark C. Mortimer Apr 15
- Douglas H. Huntington Apr 16
- Gennaro Barbato II Apr 19
- Harry K. Radel Apr 21

- Robert E. Morris Apr 21
- John W. Sims Apr 25
- Robert E. Myers II Apr 29
- Michael L. Hamman Apr 29
- Gene E. Darfler Apr 29

Anniversary of the Master Masons Degree

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

- J. Robert Stockner Apr 02 (45)
- Leonard C. Schmidt Apr 02 (62)
- Don J. Cowart Apr 03 (09)
- William A. Heisler Apr 04 (10)
- Walter Qualkenbush Apr 06 (19)
- Donald G. Knudsen Apr 06 (54)
- Stephen Fuesting Apr 06 (29)
- Albin R. Anderson Apr 06 (25)
- Gerald W. Bussell Apr 15 (22)
- Robert C. Liska Apr 17 (46)
- Stanley Wyngowski Apr 19 (09)

- Jeffrey M. Adler Apr 19 (03)
- Andrew F. Wolfe Apr 25 (10)
- Brian T. Sweeney Apr 30 (10)
- Gary J. Mannon Apr 30 (06)
- Leon E. Litzelman Apr 30 (40)

Obituary Notice

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.

Theodore (Ted) Joseph Sievert


Was born on September 24, 1916 at Chicago, Illinois. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 19, 1942; passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on June 2, 1942; and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 16, 1942. All degrees were conferred by Euclid Lodge.

He was called from his labors on earth to Eternal Refreshment in The Paradise of God on March 8,

2008 at Scottsdale, Arizona. Thus ends the Masonic Record of this just and upright Mason. So Brethren, until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful".

Thomas C. Behr
 Secretary

Euclid Lodge No. 65



IN MEMORIAM

Theodore Joseph Sievert

Past Master 1946

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Euclid 65 Practice	1 Euclid Lodge 65 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Grand Lecturer School Matteson 175 Joliet IL
6	7 Euclid 65 Practice	8 Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14 Euclid 65 Practice	15 Euclid Lodge 65 Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19 District Level Lodge Officers Competi- tion Wheaton Lodge
20 District Breakfast Wheaton	21 Euclid 65 Practice	22 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	23	24	25	26 Area Level Lodge Officers Competi- tion Westchester Lodge
27	28 Euclid 65 Practice	29	30	1	2	3

Schedule of Events

- **Apr. 1** Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Historical presentation following the meeting, open to the public. Refreshments following the presentation.
 - **Apr. 5** Grand Lecturer School 1— 2 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Matteson Lodge No. 175, Joliet, IL
 - **Apr. 7** *Lodge Officer practice, 7:30 p.m. Open 1, 2, 3, receive DDGM, Close.
 - **Apr. 8** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - **Apr. 14** *Lodge Officer practice, 7:30 p.m. Open 1, 2, 3, receive DDGM, Close.
 - **Apr. 15** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting, Degrees 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Apr. 19** District Level Lodge Officers Competition at Wheaton Lodge, 120 Wesley, Wheaton. 9:30 a.m.
 - **Apr. 20** District Breakfast at Wheaton Lodge, 120 Wesley, Wheaton. 7:00 a.m.
 - **Apr. 21** *Lodge Officer practice 7:30 p.m. Open 1, 2, 3, receive DDGM, Close.
 - **Apr. 22** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - **Apr. 26** Area Level Lodge Officers Competition at Westchester Lodge, 10210 Canterbury, Westchester.
 - **Apr. 28** *Lodge Officer practice 7:30 p.m.
 - **May 6** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. **ILCHIP** refresher training at 6:30 p.m.
 - **May 24** Kane County Cougars Game
 - **Jun 3** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. **ILCHIP** refresher training at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Jul. 5** **ILCHIP** Event at the Eyes To The Skys celebration in Lisle. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Volunteers Needed!**
 - **Jul. 26** Golf Outing
 - **Sep. 1** Last Fling/Labor Day Parade
- * Practice is open to all Brother Masons, not just the officers of the Lodge.**

Committees



Neville Diamond Chairman
Steve Rosensweig, Tim Ory
Carl Crownhart, Don Cowart

The next event is scheduled for July 5, 2008, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, in conjunction with the Lisle "Eyes To The Skies" celebration. Several mini-events may be scheduled at the SASSED schools during the year.

We will need volunteers to help at the various stations; fingerprinting, dna, photo and video.

Please give Neville Diamond a call at 630-854-4174 if you are able to help out for a couple of hours.

Education

Tim Ory Chairman
Don Cowart

A historical presentation, A History of Euclid Lodge and Naperville, will be presented at the Lodge on April 1, 2008 following the stated meeting.

The presentation will be open to the public.

A Lecture on the history of the 33rd Degree is tentatively scheduled for the first meeting in September.

Finance \$\$\$\$

John Will, Christopher Tabb,
Michael Ault

Set the 2008 budget, monitor conformity to the budget as the years expenditures accrue, approve annual honorariums.

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

The Lodge is continuing with their sponsorship and cleanup of Naper Boulevard in conjunction with the "Adopt a Street" program.

Details and time for the Spring cleanup will be added to the Calendar and Schedule of Events.

Entertainment

John Aemmer Chairman
Steve Rosensweig, Mike Ault,
Tom Moylan

Last Fling Parade, picnic afterwards with bean bag tournament at John Aemmers house.

Golf outing July 26th. Details to follow.

Dinner with the family at the Medinah Temple.

Award of Excellence

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

Andrew Siedelmann will keep us up to date on our progress.

Lodge Builder Award

Dainon Setzer Chairman,
John Will

Recognition of members of the Lodge as well as members of the community. Six candidates have been selected, 3 from the Lodge and 3 from the community.

Lodge Cleanup

Dainon Setzer Chairman,
John Will

Dainon Setzer will coordinate a cleanup of the interior of the Lodge this Spring. A dumpster will be procured for disposal of the trash followed by pizza for the participants.

Lodge Membership and Retention

Bill Ackerman Chairman

Bill Ackerman will be directing and charting the progress our newly initiated members are making through the degrees.

Contacting delinquent members to determine if a financial hardship is a problem.

Academic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman,
John Will, Neville Diamond

Sponsor the Naperville North High School Academic Team for the 25th Annual Masonic Academic Bowl. Provide pizza and beverages for the team prior to the start of the competition.

"Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors".

Greetings from the East cont.

and known for it's great beaches, white wine and love of Rugby. It is an expensive city where average hotels are up to \$300 per night and a cup of coffee is \$5 or a beer \$6 for those interested. They are passionate about their sports. Their Internationally known Rugby team called the "All Blacks" who dress in all black and do a pre -game ritual dance and song called a "Hakka" that they use to intimidate their opponents. They also played India in Cricket while I was in town and everyone was into it. To me it is baseball only three times longer and the guys wear pretty white sweater vests that make them appear like Beverly Hills Golf club guys named Biff or Tad.

I then went to Australia hitting The Gold Coast [Las Vegas with better beaches], Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Ade-

laide. My favorite city is Sydney as it has it all. White sand beaches, great food [A seafood called Bugs that are a cross between lobster and shrimp], Topless beaches [Promise I did not look Diane] and nice fun loving people. I went to a great beach on a Saturday called Marubra. It has a famous group of Surfer Hooligans called the Bra boys who spend their days surfing and raising hell. I visited my boss's parents whom I have known for years. His name is Lyn Sinclair and although he is in his 80's he keeps fit and trim by playing Lawn Bowls and swimming. In fact he advised me he won the over 80 Swim championships of Sydney. When I asked how many competed in the over 80-age group he said, "Only myself, I finished first and last". We had a good laugh over it. Lyn also grilled me Kangaroo, which was ok although it is no prime rib. I told him when he visits the States to

let me know and I would arrange to cook some Opossum or other road kill. The Australians are a hard working, fun loving bunch who on my three trips down under I have made some life long friends. They are extremely interested in the USA Presidential elections and have daily coverage on the TV and newsprint. They are also concerned about global warming as some areas like Adelaide have broken records with over 20 straight days of over 100 degree heat.

It is great to be back at the lodge and among friends and colleagues I admire. Until we meet again,

G' Day Mate!

John D. Will

Worshipful Master

Euclid Lodge No. 65

"Free Masons"

There have been many explanations as to how the term "Free" came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade or art.. Masons who labored on Solomon's Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking any part in the work, free from any responsibility, free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who do not wait for free time in which to attend Lodge. Let us not be the kind who believe Freemasonry is free. We are free to do as we wish about these things, but no one can be a Freemason in the true and fullest sense of the word unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time, with his energy, and by the use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.

Elbert Bede, 33rd Degree

Committee Chairman Reports

Entertainment Committee Report:

It is my pleasure to announce the Entertainment Committee's Calendar of Events. Please keep the following dates open on your calendar;

Saturday, May 24th Kane County Cougars Game. This event is open to Euclid Lodge No. 65 members and their families. Gates open 4:00 p.m. and game starts 6:00 p.m., when the Cougars play the Quad City Swing. Included with the game are the Zooperstars, Jesse White tumblers, fireworks and running the bases. Tickets will be \$12.00 per person for Box seats. A sign-up sheet for tickets will be posted at lodges on the cork board at the entrance to the lodge, or call me at (630) 717-9326. Due date for signing-up and money for tickets is April 15th.

Saturday, July 26th (Tentative) Euclid Lodge No. 65 Golf Outing. Location and tee times will be announced as information and interest develops.

Monday, September 1st Naperville Labor Day/Last Fling Parade. The day will begin about 9:30 a.m. when we will gather for the parade. We will have Naperville Trolley there for those of us not so inclined to walk the parade route. Afterward at 1:00 p.m. party and games will be hosted at Bro. John Aemmer's home for fellow brothers and families.

Fall, Bowling anyone? Possibly a bowling game will be planned in the fall if enough interest is expressed by the membership. We will keep you posted through the newsletter and at the meetings on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

John Aemmer Entertainment Committee Chairman

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Stated Meetings First Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
Special Meetings Third Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

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The Cornerstone was laid September 9, 1916, in an elaborate ceremony with the Grand Master of Illinois, Ralph H. Wheeler, officiating.

The cornerstone was a gift to the Lodge by member, Arthur R. Beidelman.

