

Euclid Lodge No. 65 Trestleboard

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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 East—Christopher D. Tabb W.M.



Greetings From The East

Brethren: The cool rains of April are upon us already. Hopefully, Spring and the sun will soon be warming us all.

March was another adventurous month for Euclid Lodge. On our trestle board, we had three meetings and Lodge

competition. Several petitions were read at the stated meeting. I ordered that we postpone any degree work until the fifth Tuesday. So on the 17th, we merely opened and practiced for the competition that was to be held on the 21st.

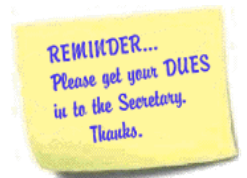
As I have already rewritten to the Brethren and at the risk of repeating myself, we finished in second place with a score of 961. This is an extremely respectable number (losing only 39 points during 50 minutes of ritual). The members should be very proud of the officers—I know

that I am! Many hours were spent on Monday nights practicing. The hard work definitely showed. I would like to personally thank each of the officers for their tireless efforts. I just cannot express enough how sharp we were on Saturday and how very proud I am of their precise execution of the work. A huge debt of thanks is also owed to RWB Floyd Sullens, Bill O'Connell and WB Tom Behr. Thank you so much for your time, energies and especially patience. I know that a natural reaction [continued on page 2](#)

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

EUCLID DUES: As of this writing we still have 20 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 Masons' 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 before we can take any assisting steps. If we do not hear from you, we are left with the assumption that you could 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 [continued on page 5](#)



Past Master Highlight

Alexander McSwain Sheridan Riddler 1873, 1874

He was born in March, 1837 in New York City, NY.

The second of nine children, at age 13 he worked at his fathers store in Naperville, then as a clerk in Omaha, Nebraska in 1855. He returned to Naperville in 1859 due to poor health.

He worked as a Cashier for Willard Scott and Co., bankers.

Elected Naperville Treasurer and Clerk in 1861.

Served in the 8th Illinois Cavalry, 1861-1865, taking part in the battles of Beverly Ford, Hazel Run, W. Va. South Mountain, Antietam, and Gettysburg. Suffered a shell wound to his right eye. Was present with Union Lieutenant Marcellus E.

Jones who allegedly fired the first shot at Gettysburg. A marker commemorating the event was bought and paid for by Jones, Levi Shafer (the man whose weapon Jones fired) and Alexander Riddler. Made of limestone quarried in Naperville, the trio returned to Gettysburg with it in 1886 to place it on the site of the historic volley.

After the Civil War he returned to Naperville and was elected Village Clerk from 1866-1873. Then worked as a clerk at Dr. Daniels drug-store until 1872. He also worked for a time as a real estate agent.

Married Mary Daphne Collins August 6, 1874.

Served as a Village Trustee for 3 years and also as Vil-

lage President/Mayor in 1879.

He was elected DuPage County Treasurer for the years 1887-1890.

He served on the Naperville Fire Department as Fire Marshall, Assistant Fire Marshall, Foreman, and Secretary.

He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1889, as Junior Warden in 1872, as Treasurer for 18 years, 1890 through 1907, as Secretary in 1875, 1876, 1879, and 1880, and as Senior Deacon in 1868.

Died November 9, 1907 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois.



A. McS. S. RIDDLER

Village President 1879

DuPage County Treasurer 1887-1890

Civil War Vet present when first shot was fired at battle of Gettysburg.

From The East Continued

will be to be disappointed my Brethren in not having finished First. Please put these types of thoughts from your mind! 961 is a winning score--and we have nothing to apologize for.

Few lodges were even willing to spend the effort to participate in the competition. For Euclid, it was never a question--we naturally toed the mark. We are the better for having applied ourselves. And the true winners in all of this are the members of each of the participating lodges who can now delight in seeing our rich ritual well performed. The professionalism of the officers will carry over to the degree work as well--so new members will more properly see, and thus enjoy, their introductions into Masonry more.

Thank you all again!

Speaking of degree work, the fifth Tuesday of March saw us put in a goods night work. We raised four

Fellowcrafts to the sublime degree of Master Mason! As WB Behr had advised me, it made for long (long) evening. I would like to offer special thanks to all the Brethren--both Euclid and visiting--who helped in this effort.

I would like to especially thank SW Mike Ault. The Craft was extremely busy on the 31st. Other Lodges, too, were taking advantage of the fifth Tuesday to also host Third degrees. Mike had to work hard and reach far to finally secure our slate for the evening (thanks Mike!).

This brings us to my next topic. Brethren, I must encourage more of us to participate in the ritual work and lectures. Br Senior Warden has a list showing all of the ritual "talks" and how well Euclid Lodge is covered. It may come as some surprise to you but there are many lectures/parts for only one active member currently knows the work--some even have NONE.

My Brethren, the Lodge needs your help in the work! I encourage you to speak with SW Ault and to find some part/role to learn. If there is some bit of ritual to

which you are personally drawn--super! Apply yourself to it and let Mike know for his records. But be assured, you will be enriched by these studies. Some parts/roles have now been long/regularly taken by particular Brethren. Some might be concerned about offending those Brethren by trying to learn "their" parts/roles. As your WM, I tell you that those types of concerns are unfounded, and you should push them from your thoughts. Those of us who already know parts/roles would be more than delighted to have another learn it as well. If asked, most of us would also love to have you learn the work as well. This provides opportunities for us to better understand and to get to know one another--away from meetings which are always busy.

Finally, a special night has been planned for April 7th. Please plan to attend.

Thank you and God Bless!

WM Christopher Tabb

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 March	30 Euclid 65 Practice	31 Euclid Lodge Spe- cial Meeting 4 third degrees	1	2	3	4
5	6 Euclid 65 Practice	7 Euclid Lodge Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13 Euclid 65 Practice	14 Euclid Chapter stated meeting 7:30 p.m.	15	16	17 North East Area Masters Night Elm- hurst	18
19 District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge	20 Euclid 65 Practice	21 Euclid Lodge 65 Dinner 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27 Euclid 65 Practice	28 Temple Board 7:30 p.m.	29	30	1 May	2

Schedule of Events

- **Mar 31** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. **4 third degrees**
- **Apr 6** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 7** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker to lecture on the 33rd Degree
- **Apr 13** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 14** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 17** Northeast Area Masters Night Dinner Elmhurst
- **Apr 19** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 a.m.
- **Apr 20** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 21** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Degree Work 2 First Degrees?
- **Apr 27** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 28** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 4** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 5** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 11** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 12** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Convocation 7:30 p.m.
- **May 17** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 a.m.
- **May 18** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 19** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Degree Work
- **May 25** Memorial Day **No Officer Practice**
- **May 26** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Committees



Dainon Setzer Chairman
Steve Rosensweig, Tim Ory
Carl Crownhart, Don Cowart

Education

Tim Ory Chairman, Don Cowart

Finance \$\$\$\$

Christopher Tabb, Michael Ault, Neville Diamond, Jerry Yingling

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Entertainment

John Aemmer Chairman
Steve Rosensweig, Mike Ault,

Award of Excellence

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

Dainon Setzer Chairman, John Will

Lodge Membership and Retention

Bill Ackerman Chairman

Academic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman, John Will, Neville Diamond

Community Days

Gerald Yingling Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Yes Brethren, it's that time of year again,

WB Jack Gelston will be appealing for your help with our semi-annual clean-up of Naper Boulevard.

Due and timely notice will be given by summons or otherwise.

Come out and show your Masonic and civic pride in helping keep our section of Naper Boulevard clean.

ILCHIP

Euclid Lodge's ILCHIP event is scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2009, in conjunction with the Lisle "Eyes to the Skies" festival. In addition, there will be several other events held by other Lodges in the area this summer.

Please come out and join us in this very worthwhile project. Dates and times for the other events will be posted as soon as we have them.

For more information contact Dainon Setzer or Steve Rosensweig.

Community Days

Euclid Lodge will be participating in the Habitat for Humanity project again this year as part of the Masonic Community Days.

More information will be available soon from our chairman, Jerry Yingling.

From The Secretaries Table Continued

and don't let yourself get suspended. The current tough economic times have taken a toll on several members of the lodge. I know of 6 members that are currently looking for work and have been for quite a while. The scary number, and one that I don't have, is how many of the membership are out of work and have not advised the lodge. Of the 6 known members, 3 have been able to make payment so only 3 are included in the 20 mentioned above. That, of course, leaves 17 that we know nothing about and would love to learn the reason why they have not responded to all the prior mailings..

LOST IN THE FOREST OF LEBANON

The address of the following named brother has 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 him, and as you might suspect, he is also delinquent in his dues. If you have any contact information please get in touch with the Secretary.

Robert Duchone Wiley

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

Paul S. Perkins	Apr 02	Walter L. Qualkenbush	Apr 04 (20)
Joe L. Cherry Jr.	Apr 03	Donald G. Knudsen	Apr 06 (55)
Gary E. Czyz	Apr 05	Steven A. Fuesting	Apr 06 (30)
William E. Love	Apr 06	Albin R. Anderson	Apr 06 (26)
David A. Johnson	Apr 09	Gerald W. Bussell	Apr 15 (23)
Evan G. Henderson	Apr 12	Robert C. Liska	Apr 17 (47)
Mark C. Mortimer	Apr 15	Stanley S. Wyngowski	Apr 19 (10)
Douglas H. Huntington	Apr 16	Jeffrey M. Adler	Apr 19 (04)
Gennaro Barbato	Apr 19	Andrew F. Wolfe	Apr 25 (11)
Harry K. Radel	Apr 21	Brian T. Sweeney	Apr 30 (11)
Robert E. Morris	Apr 21	Gary J. Mannon	Apr 30 (07)
John W. Sims	Apr 25	Leon E. Litzelman	Apr 30 (41)
Robert E. Myers, II	Apr 29	In reviewing the above listings I noticed that 2 of the birthdays and 3 of the MM Degree Anniversary listings are also on the delinquent dues list. So, you can see that the lodge has not given up on you and we would trust that you have not given up on your lodge.	
Michael L. Hamman	Apr 29		
Gene E. Darfler	Apr 29		
Anniversary of The Master Mason Degree		So brethren until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful"	
The following members will observe the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in () is the number of years		Thomas C. Behr Secretary	
J. Robert Stockner	Apr 02 (46)		
Leonard C. Schmidt	Apr 02 (63)		
Don J. Cowart	Apr 03 (10)		
William A. Heisler	Apr 04 (11)		

Qualifications of Candidates

What are the qualifications of Masonic candidates?

They are two kinds, Internal and External. The internal qualifications are those known only to the candidate; they are that he comes of his own free will and accord; that he is not influenced by mercenary motives; and that he is fully disposed to conform to the usages of the Order.

The external qualifications are five: Moral, Religious, Physical, Mental, and Political.

Morally, the candidate must faithfully observe the Moral Law, and lead a virtuous life;

Religiously, he must believe in the existence of one supreme Deity, and must be yielded to his superintending power and divine providences, and he must believe in the immortality of the soul and a future resurrection into eternal life;

Physically, he must be a man, freeborn, of lawful age, sound in body and limb, and not in his dotage;

Mentally, he must be intelligent, capable of comprehending the profound truths and tenets of the Order;

Politically; he must adhere to the principles of freedom and individual liberty of conscience, and be faithful in all civic duties.

Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons



Constituted by Dispensation January 29, 1851
Chartered by The Grand Chapter of Illinois
October 3, 1851

Officers 2008

Neville Diamond	Excellent High Priest
Timothy Ory	King
Don Cowart	Scribe
Andrew Siedelmann	Treasurer
John Buckler	Secretary
Walter Qualkenbush	Chaplain
Jack Chasteen	Captain of the Host
William Ackerman	Principal Sojourner
David Oakes	Royal Arch Captain
William Dixon	Master 3rd Veil
John Gelston	Master 2nd Veil
Dainon Setzer	Master 1st Veil
Kevin Cassidy	Marshall
Thomas Behr	Sentinel

The local Chapter held meetings that first year under the guidance of the Grand Chapter.

It's charter was granted Oct. 3, 1851 and on Nov. 11 of that year the first regular meeting of the Chapter was held. Aylmer Keith was elected the first High Priest.

The Chapter voted the following year to take stock in the Naperville Academy to the amount of \$100. The Blue Lodge and the Odd Fellows joined with them in doing the same and the upper room of the Academy was then completed as a union hall where meetings were held.

Later Chapter meetings were held in Capt. Naperville's store, and of course, the Masonic Hall which was formerly the second story of the present city hall building. (La Francesca Di Sorella Restaurant in 2009)

Four other Chapters - Aurora, Joliet, Wheaton and Downers Grove - petitioned the local Chapter to recommend them to the Grand Chapter for dispensations for charters.

The Masonic Children's Home at LaGrange and the old peoples home at Sullivan have received the support of Euclid Chapter as have worthy companions in distress.

During the 100 years of the Chapters existence, there have been 44 High Priests.

Eli Stark is the oldest of the living Past High Priests. Norman Lewis leads the Chapter in that office today.

At the celebration dinner on Oct. 17, Judge Russell Keeney presided. Honored guests included Grand Chapter officers and officers from 14 other Chapters.

The history of the Chapter was presented by Companions Guy Oliver, Fred Kluckhohn, and Arthur Goodge.

Euclid Chapter No. 13 of the Royal Arch Masons begins it's second 100 years with promise and enthusiasm.

Following is the Article written by Genevieve Towsley in the November 11, 1951 Naperville Clarion.

Royal Arch Masons Observe Centennial

There are no superstitious Royal Arch Masons as far as the number 13 is concerned for that is the number of Naperville's Royal Arch Chapter which on Oct. 17th celebrated it's 100th anniversary.

Although 12 other Chapters received their charters earlier, Naperville was the first to receive its charter from the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois.

Early in 1850 the Grand Chapter was organized.

On Christmas day of that year a number of companions of Euclid Lodge petitioned the Grand Chapter through Chicago's Lafayette Chapter No. 2, a Royal Arch Chapter. (The Royal Arch Masonic Chapter follows the Blue Lodge. It represents the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th degrees of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.)

Annual Lodge Officers Competition held at Villa Park Lodge No. 1113, Villa Park, IL on Saturday, March 21, 2009.



Left to Right:

Junior Deacon, Carl Crownhart; Senior Deacon, Timothy Ory; Junior Warden, Neville Diamond; Senior Steward, Vaneet Kapoor; Marshall, Mark Hopf; Worshipful Master, Christopher Tabb; District Deputy Grand Master, Floyd Sullens; Secretary, Thomas Behr; Senior Warden, Michael Ault; Treasurer, Gerald Yingling; Junior Steward, Steven Rosensweig; Tyler, William Dixon (for Dainon Setzer); Chaplain, William Ackerman.

The Significance of the Color Blue in Freemasonry

This is emphatically the color of Masonry; it is the one appropriate tincture of the Ancient Craft Degrees. As the color of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole earth, it is to a Mason the symbol of universal friendship and benevolence. In the breast of every Mason these virtues should be equally extensive. Except white, blue is the only decoration ever to be used in a Master's Lodge. The name "Blue Lodge" designates the Symbolic Lodge in which the first degrees are conferred; they are called "Blue Degrees."

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James Buchanan

15th President

1857–1861

Raised January 24, 1817

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Lancaster, Pennsylvania

