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## From The East—Christopher D. Tabb W.M.



### Greetings From The East

### The Secrets of Masonry

The secrets of Masonry can be realized in a

man's own heart, and perfect realization is governed by its own conduct and habits of mind. The Mason who keeps the sacred fires of education burning on the altar of his heart, will be inevitably drawn nearer to his God and also to the meaning of life. Receiving the degrees does not make a man a Mason. The various degrees merely point the way and pro-

vide a means for securing the most noble and valuable secrets of our Order. In other words, they are the key to the Order, and the individual Mason must determine for himself whether or not he will seek more knowledge, using the little knowledge he already has to open up the vast stores of wisdom preserved for those who are diligent.

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.

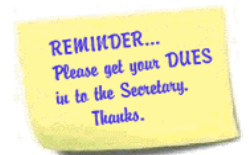
**Dues:** No progress has been made since last months report. We still have seven (7) members who owe two or more years. There are thirteen (13) members who have not paid their 2009 dues. Those are the facts. Writing long articles each month about dues collection seems to have little affect so we are not going to bore you anymore with the details.

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

- Hugo Koranda May 02
- Leonard C. Schmidt May 04

- Norwood A. McDaniel Jr. May 04
- Michael D. Ault May 05
- Mark R. Hopf May 07
- Trung-Viet J. Nguyen May 11
- L. Bryan. Wilcher May 11
- Clyde J. Souza May 11
- Robert B. Chasteen May 12
- Andrew B. Siedelmann May 14
- John A. Schoch Jr. May 20
- Corin G. Grant May 22
- Ronald D. Bynum May 23

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## Past Master Highlight

### Dr. John A. Bell 1875, 1876

He was born March 19, 1838 in McConnellsville, Morgan County, Ohio.

Married Elizabeth Eagle, August 16, 1861 in Jacksonville, Illinois. They had two daughters, Allie May and Nettie B.

Emigrated from Ohio in 1853 with his parents, to Knox City, Jacksonville, then Cambridge Illinois. Moved to Naperville in 1868.

Served in the 10th Illinois Infantry, between 1861 and 1862. Served as Assistant surgeon at Cairo hospital.

Attended Hedding Seminary, Abington, Knox City, Illinois, received his MD at Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical College of Chicago.

Member of Illinois State

Institute of Homeopathy.

Elected as Second Ward Alderman of Naperville in April, 1890, when Naperville was incorporated as a city. He was also President of the Nichols Library Board in 1897.

In 1917, served as the Surgeon for the Walter Blanchard Post G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) in Naperville.

Was in partnership with Dr. Charles Nauman (PM 1881).

At one time Dr. Bell said that he would consider his life well spent if only one mother would stand at his grave when his body was laid away, and say that he had done some good.

He was a life-long communi-

cant of the Episcopal Church and a loyal churchman throughout his active career.

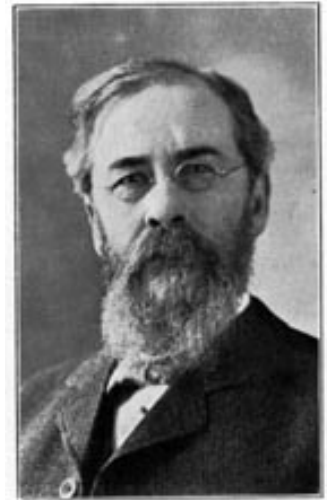
He was a public spirited citizen, a man who worked for progress and improvement in Naperville and in DuPage County.

Also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1873, 1874, and 1883, as Senior Deacon in 1872 and 1879, and as Junior Steward in 1877 and 1878.

He was a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13 R.A.M.

Died September 22, 1928 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois.

Buried in the Naperville cemetery.



J. A. BELL

**Naperville Alderman in 1890**

**President of the Nichols Library Board in 1897**

## A Sprig of Acacia

The Sprig of Acacia is one of the most important of all the symbols of Freemasonry, yet there are many who do not have a clear idea of what it is, whence it comes, and how it happened to hold such an important place in the Masonic ritual and tradition.

Botanically, the Acacia is the Mimosa Nolitica, and is called the Babul tree in India. It grew abundantly in the vicinity of Jerusalem in ancient times, where it is still found, and is familiar today as the tree from which gum Arabic is obtained. In ancient times the wood of the Acacia tree was considered sacred by the Hebrews.

Moses was ordered to build the Holy Place of the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the tables for the Shewbread and the sacred furniture, of Acacia wood. Therefore, it is only natural that the tree from whose wood the sanctuary of the Tabernacle and the Holy Ark of the Covenant had been constructed would ever be viewed by the Jew as more sacred than any other tree. The early Freemason, with all of these things in mind, appropriated this sacred plant to the equally sacred purpose of a symbol which was intended to convey and teach an important truth in the ages that were to come.

The Sprig of Acacia, to the Freemason, is symbolic of immortal-

ity, which is one of the most important doctrines that it is the purpose of Freemasonry to teach. In our funeral service it is referred to as "the emblem of our belief in immortality." In our ritual of the Third Degree, it is referred to as having been used to mark a spot at which the ancient craftsman found that something for which he had long sought and where he received the reward for which he had labored long and diligently. One of the basic tenets upon which Freemasonry is founded is a belief in the one living and true God, and of the immortality of the soul, emblazoned by this green sprig "which bloomed at the head of the grave."

# May 2009

| Sun                                       | Mon                                  | Tue   | Wed | Thu | Fri   | Sat |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 26 April                                  | 27<br>Euclid 65<br>Practice          | 28  | 29  | 30  | 1 May | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br>Euclid 65<br>Practice           | 5<br>Euclid Lodge Stated<br>meeting 7:30 p.m.                             | 6   | 7   | 8     | 9   |
| 10  | 11<br>Euclid 65<br>Practice          | 12<br>Euclid Chapter<br>stated meeting 7:30<br>p.m.                       | 13  | 14  | 15    | 16  |
| 17<br>District Breakfast<br>Wheaton Lodge | 18<br>Euclid 65<br>Practice          | 19<br>Euclid Lodge 65<br>Dinner 6:30 p.m.<br>Special Meeting<br>7:30 p.m. | 20  | 21  | 22    | 23  |
| 24  | 25<br>Memorial Day<br>No<br>Practice | 26<br>Temple Board 7:30<br>p.m.   | 27  | 28  | 29    | 30  |
| 31  | <b>Schedule of Events</b>            |   |     |     |       |     |

- **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. Annual Meeting—Election of Officers
- **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.
- **Jun 1** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Jun 2** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 8** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Jun 9** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers
- **Jun 15** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Jun 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 21** District Breakfast Wheaton Lodge 7:00 a.m.
- **Jun 22** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Jun 23** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 29** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 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

April 18 was another fine Saturday for our biannual Naper Boulevard Clean-Up. It was a cool brisk morning and the property owners had not yet begun policing their parkways along the boulevard.

After filling up at Dunkin' Donuts, the fortified Trash-o-lators, consisting of the A-Team of:

- Carl Crownhart
- Ross Decent
- Neville Diamond and
- Guy Hamilton,

and Team A-Prime, consisting of:

- Bill Dixon
- Steve Rosensweig
- Lloyd van Bergen, and
- Jack Gelston...

headed North to commence our journey from darkness to light in the South.

Our distinguished group of Brothers was up for the task as we collected 3 enormous bags of trash; nothing noteworthy, unless the miscellaneous pieces of structural steel, plastic automobile fenders and dead squirrels count. By and large, the neighbors and commuters had treated Naper Boulevard rather well since our last clean-up in November of 2008.

Worshipful Brother Joseph Naper would have been proud.

We'll look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday November 7, 2009 for our Fall Round-Up.

WB Jack Gelston

## 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.

The date is June 20, 2009. Brother Yingling will have information on the location soon.

From The Secretaries Table Continued

|   |             |  |             |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| Brian M. McLees   | May 23      | John F. Prescott   | May 18 (33) |
| Arwood K. Edwards   | May 25      | Michael D. Ault  | May 18 (05) |
| Steven J. Venditti  | May 27      | Steven A. Fay  | May 19 (17) |
| Timothy T. Scarbrough   | May 27      | Lawrence A. Suk  | May 21 (18) |
| Mason C. Wright Sr.   | May 28      | James L. Grosskopf   | May 21 (26) |
| Frederick E. Huntington   | May 28      | Dwaine A. Churma   | May 22 (25) |
| Ilani S. Valero   | May 30      | John E. Buckler  | May 22 (22) |
| Neil C. Jeffries  | May 31      | Charles L. Calderwood  | May 23 (56) |
| <b>Anniversary of The Master Mason Degree</b>   |             | Bruce E. Derylo  | May 24 (47) |
| The following members will observe the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in ( ) is the number of years |             | Ross J. Decent   | May 26 (05) |
| Guy P. Hamilton   | May 01 (02) | Robert J. Parson   | May 27 (41) |
| Robert B. Hudetz  | May 01 (06) | Henry J. Ristic  | May 27 (40) |
| Michael L. Hamman   | May 01 (16) | Steven T. Chandler   | May 28 (17) |
| Neil C. Jeffries  | May 01 (58) | James W. Patton  | May 29 (41) |
| Gregory K. Walker   | May 01 (05) | Robert E. Beck   | May 31 (64) |
| Frank J. Cabrera II   | May 01 (05) | After completing the preparation of the above two groupings of members, I have to observe the month of May has historically been a very popular month to have been born as well as to having been raised.  |             |
| Martin W. Schuele   | May 02 (42) | There is a desperate need for mentors and prompters for our new candidates. We need members who will take an active interest in a new Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft and work with him to complete his catechism and advance to the next degree, encourage him to regularly attend lodge. We need to keep his interest peeked, get him established in the lodge, get him active in our programs. There is no reason why any EA or FC cannot attend a business meeting as the WM has the |             |
| David A. Oakes  | May 07 (15) |  |             |
| Thomas C. Behr  | May 07 (28) |  |             |
| George D Porter   | May 07 (39) |  |             |
| Philip X. Katz  | May 09 (20) |  |             |
| Wayne E. Ward   | May 12 (44) |  |             |
| Tracy L. Oliver   | May 15 (19) |  |             |
| William G. Dixon  | May 16 (37) |  |             |
| Robert E. Morris  | May 16 (42) |  |             |
| Floyd H. Sullens  | May 16 (35) |  |             |

option to conduct the business meeting on any of the three degrees.

Euclid Lodge is very good at making Entered Apprentices. However, we are not as good at making Fellowcrafts and Master Masons out of these newly initiated Entered Apprentices. We allow them to loose interest, fall away and become added to our growing list of "Work In Progress" status maintained by The Grand Lodge. Which, by the way is a misnomer, because there is "NO" work in progress taking place with these candidates. In order to correct this situation we need for several members to step up to the plate and give of their time and talents and encourage these unfinished candidates to advance and complete their degree work.

Not only does this provide a valuable service to the lodge and candidate but it is also of great benefit to yourself. If it has been years since you cracked that ritual book you may find that some of the material seems a little on the foggy side. What a great opportunity for you to do yourself a favor and sharpen

your memory work and far more important to help a new candidate become an active Master Mason and lodge member. Please contact the WM and volunteer to help your lodge and yourself.

So brethren until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful"

Thomas C. Behr  
Secretary

**"A Broad Platform"**

It is historical that Freemasonry was established in this country early in the Colonial Period. Most of the noted personages in the great events of our country's history, up to the present time, have been members of our Society. Let it not be forgotten that Masonry, while it is the most ancient of the social organizations of mankind and the most influential, is qualified by the distinctive word "Free", and stands for toleration in the great question which divides the minds of men. It aims, not to govern opinion, and it steadfastly resists coercion on all sides. On the other hand, it professes and

enforces adherence to the moral law, which binds civilized mankind in a common brotherhood. We stand, therefore, on a platform broad enough to hold all good men, but let us remember that those who are to be of us must come of their own accord, and not by solicitation. Our precepts are not proclaimed from the rostrum, pulpit, housetops or streets, but should be exemplified in our daily life and conduct according to the words of Holy Writ: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Author Unknown

**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              |

members, will be intrigued enough to ask a member about what we are all about and how it continues your Masonic journey. I hope the new Brothers in the lodge will be curious, especially after seeing our beautiful Altar. Which was incidentally, crafted by our very own “Wood Working Wizard”, WBro. Don Cowart.

I will be very happy to pass the gavel to our good friend and companion Tim Ory. (Still to be elected but I am very confident!) I know that with his selection of officers for the upcoming Capitular year, he will continue to mold and grow this Chapter to great heights.

We were all saddened when we lost a fellow Companion, PHP Stuart Heberg. He will be missed by the Masonic fraternity and by this Chapter in particular. We were able to bestow on him the Secretary Emeritus Award just a short time before his passing and he was very moved by this award.

My wishes for Euclid Chapter 13, is that of continued expansion of our good work in it’s Masonic fellowship for the companions present and for those yet to come. It is an old and honorable Chapter which we can be extremely proud of.

Thanks to everyone for allowing me this great honor of being your EHP for the past year.

Neville B. Diamond.

**From the Excellent High Priest Euclid Chapter No: 13.**

My year as the excellent high Priest of Euclid Chapter No: 13, is rapidly coming to an end. I am both happy and sad at the impending conclusion of my year. The actual installation of our new EHP is in late May or early June. Here are a few of my thoughts.

I am very happy that we have exalted seven new companions. I am happy we have our administrative matters up to date, and that we have an enthusiastic bunch of Companions that attend. There is a good mixture of new and seasoned members. I think it was said once “That if you feed them they will come!” Well it seems to be working.

We are all extremely happy with our new equipment that we have acquired this year. Those of you in the Chapter will see the new Altar, Aprons and Sword Carriers in operation on a regular basis, and I am hoping that those who are not yet

**The Annual Meeting of Euclid Chapter No. 13, R. A. M. will be held on May 12, 2009.**

**Election of Officers will be on the agenda.**

## Something Special Happened!

There are only a few moments in our Masonic travels that are momentous, awe inspiring and life changing. Well, I am sure that those who were at the special meeting, honoring Euclid Lodge's 33rd degree masons, would agree with me, that the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, was just such a moment.

The idea for this educational evening, honoring our illustrious brethren, came about after Brother Tim Ory and I were driving back from an ILCHIP meeting. We thought it would be a great way to introduce this subject to our new members, many of whom probably had no idea what being a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason actually meant. We felt that we should have a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker to do this subject justice. I mentioned that I had heard Russell Schlosser, 33<sup>rd</sup> degree, speak somewhere and thought he would be the perfect choice for this event. Little did I realize how fantastic it would be. This was a great idea but we kept procrastinating. Until the beginning of this year when I said to Tim "Lets just do this!"

Russell's job was to speak about being nominated and coroneted as an Illustrious Brother. We were honoring Euclid Lodge members J. Robert Stockner, James Patton, and Dwaine Churma.

The night started off with a nice dinner and there was some anticipation in the air. The honored guests were suspicious but everyone was trying to keep the subject of the educational night a secret. There were five illustrious brothers present in all so it was building to be a special night.

Worshipful Master Christopher Tabb opened the lodge, and then as arranged, invited Russell to approach the East. Very few Brethren were aware of the talent of our guest speaker.

Russell started off slowly and gradually you could sense him drawing everyone into his web. The theme of his presentation was how masonry is a journey and the mission is that it will "make good men better, but it couldn't make bad men good!"

After referencing the New Testament and illustrating his knowledge and understanding of the gospels, he expressed his love for attending church ever Sunday.

I looked around the lodge and you could see everyone was in awe of his presentation.

Russell then proceeded to tell of his experience the dreadful morning of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. You see he found himself in the world trade center and due to numerous circumstances was fortunate to be on the lower floors. He poured out his emotions about how he was descending the stairs and witnessing the heroic ascensions of the fire and policemen. He told how he has found forgiveness in his heart for those that brought this devastation to our country and his life in particular. He expressed that he felt the Divine presence next to him and that he was saved for a purpose he still is in search of. But I put it to you; surely it was for the purpose of using His God-given talent to make these emotional speeches. His purpose is to inspire people with his story and encourage us to make a difference every day. This was therefore that purpose.

He continued by presenting the honored guests with their wall plaques that will be forever hung in the lodge room in their honor. Illustrious brother Russell had moved them greatly. We were witness to the magnificence of Masonry. We could see it, feel it and most certainly sense it. Our examples were right there in front of us in the form of Illustrious Bros. J. Robert Stockner, James Patton, and Dwaine Churma.

My Brothers, I am sure that you will agree with me that it was a fantastic evening and that you came away feeling proud to be a Mason, always striving to be a better man.

Thank you Illustrious  
Bro. Russell  
Schlosser 33°

Fraternally

Neville B. Diamond.

(A picture of the Illustrious Brothers is on the back page)



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**L to R: Illustrious Brothers Russell Schlosser, James Robert Stockner, James William Patton, Dwaine Andrew Churma, and Michael Molloy.**