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From The East—Michael D. Ault



Brethren,

January brought a whirlwind of activity for our Lodge, marked with excellent works, unique experiences and significant progress for the order.

Our Lodge continued to grow, as we initiated six new Brothers in a 1st Degree ceremony on the 19th. I urge each of you to take time to meet our new Brothers at future meetings and make them feel welcome!

Six of our Brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Two attended a Blue Lightning ceremony at Oak

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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 February 1, 2010 the list of unpaid members is down to 52. Of far greater concern is the fact that of these 52, there are 11 members that owe two or more years dues and they will be subject to suspension for nonpayment of dues. The long and arduous work of suspension will be started at the February 2010 Stated Meeting. If by chance any of the 11 are reading this column, please contact the secretary so we can work out your situation and stop the suspension proceedings.

As we have said many times before, if dues payment creates a financial burden, let the Worshipful Master or the Secretary know.

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Past Master Highlight **Jonathan Franklin Royce Sr. 1894**

Jonathan Franklin Royce Sr., was born October 19, 1860, in DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois, on the family homestead located on Royce Road.

He was the son of Jonathan Royce and Sarah Abigail Mather and the brother of Asa Mather (1906) and George Emery (1895), Past Masters of Euclid Lodge, and Maria Eichelberger and Emma Sprague.

He married Mary Jane Stafford on November 1, 1882, and from this un-

ion seven children were born, Maria, Mary Jane, Abigail, Emma M., Elsie Hannah, Lillian, and Jonathan Franklin Jr.

He was employed by the Willard Scott bank, and was also a farmer and breeder of Morgan horses and Aberdeen-Angus cattle.

He served Euclid Lodge No. 65 as Senior Warden in 1893, Junior Warden in 1890 and 1891, Senior Deacon in 1901 and 1903, Senior Steward in 1897 and 1915, and as Junior Steward in 1898

and 1905.

He also served Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, as High Priest, 1899 through 1906, as well as various other positions.

He died May 30, 1923, at his home in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois, and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery. The services being in charge of Euclid Lodge No. 65 and Aurora Commandery No. 22.



JONATHAN F. ROYCE

Bank Employee of the Willard Scott Bank

Breeder of Morgan Horses and Aberdeen-Angus Cattle

From The East continued

Lawn and four others were raised at Euclid Lodge at a very special 3rd Degree ceremony held on Saturday the 16th. Over 40 brethren attended this special ceremony and witnessed excellent degree work in full regalia as those in the slate donned tuxedos and the costumes of both the Chapter and the Blue Lodge, making it a very unique and impressive experience for our candidates and our sideliners.

As our Lodge grows, so does the need for Intenders to help our new brothers' advance through the degrees and become active and welcomed members of the Lodge. With this in mind, our New Member Committee hosted an Intender School on the 27th which was attended by over 20 brethren from Euclid and three other Lodges. Instruction was provided by Brother Ory and Right Worshipful Brother Sullens and we were honored by a surprise visit from Right Worshipful Brother Edward A. Rund, the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Chairman and the author of the Intender Program book-

lets. The strong interest shown in becoming a faithful companion and teacher to our new Brothers definitely bodes well for the growth of Masonry and this Lodge in particular.

Sadly, the month ended with the death of our Brother Larry Suk, a Master Mason. At the request of his family, a Masonic funeral ceremony was conducted with over 20 of Larry's Brothers in attendance for a very solemn observance of our Brother's passing. Please keep Brother Suk's widow and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Clearly, January was a very eventful month for Euclid Lodge. For many of us, especially me, it was also a poignant and meaningful reminder of the journey we share as Freemasons through each step of Masonry, emblematical of youth, manhood and age. And that our charge is to "pause not at our first or second step but press forward for greater light".

Fraternally,

Michael D. Ault

Worshipful Master

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 February Euclid 65 Practice	2 Euclid Lodge No. 65 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6 10th District School 9 am-11 am
7 Super Bowl Party at Shrimpy's	8 Euclid 65 Practice	9 Euclid Chapter No. 13 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15 Euclid 65 Practice	16 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Dinner 6:30 p.m. 2nd Degrees	17	18	19	20 Academic Bowl 8:30 am Oswego East H.S.
21 District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park	22 Euclid 65 Practice Academic Team Dinner	23 Temple Board 7:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28	1 March Euclid 65 Practice	2 Euclid Lodge No. 65 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6

Schedule of Events

- **Feb 1** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Feb 2** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 6** Grand Lodge 10th NE Officers School 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Euclid Lodge #2 School, First Section of the First Degree
- **Feb 7** **Super Bowl Party at Shrimpy's 2:30 to ? Bring a dish to pass 3094 Fairfield Lane, Aurora**
- **Feb 8** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Feb 9** **Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Official Visit of DDGHP 4th and 5th Degree Conferral Dinner at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Feb 15** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Feb 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 2nd Degree Conferrals
- **Feb 20** Academic Bowl Sectional Tournament 8:30 a.m. Oswego East High School
- **Feb 21** District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park 7:00 a.m. G.L. Officer Visit
- **Feb 22** **Academic Team Dinner 4:00 p.m.** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Feb 23** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 1** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Mar 2** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 8** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Mar 9** **Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
- **Mar 15** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Mar 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Degree conferral
- **Mar 21** District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Mar 22** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Mar 23** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 29** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Mar 30** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Degree conferral

Committees

New Member

Bill Ackerman Chairman
Vaneet Kapoor Asst. Chairman
Carl Crownhart, Jim Simpson III

Member Participation

Dainon Setzer Chairman

More Light In Masonry

Don Cowart Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman
Michael Malloy Co-chairman

Communications

Timothy Ory Chairman
Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

Historical

Timothy Ory Chairman
Don Cowart Co-Chairman
Neville Diamond, Brandon Zears,
Walt Qualkenbush

Finance \$\$\$\$

Michael Ault Chairman, Neville Diamond, Tim Ory, Jerry Yingling, Andrew Siedelmann

Award of Excellence

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

Community Days

Gerald Yingling Chairman

IL-CHIP

Mark Hopf Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will, Chairman

Academic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Past Masters Dinner

Don Cowart Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Rockin For The Troops

Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Communications

The Communications Committee met for the first time and discussed the need to update the Web Site and the Newsletter.

Co-chair Michael Molloy presented a new design for both so that they are consistent with one another.

The "Call - Em - All" phone system has been used several times and seems to be working well. If you are not receiving the calls, please contact me.

Tim Ory

Entertainment

Shrimpy's Super Bowl Party, **February 7th**, 2:30 p.m. to ??

John Will's house, 3094 Fairfield Lane, Aurora, IL Cell 630-886-9034

Bring a dish to pass. Worshipful Brother Siedelmann has been known to demonstrate the art of making snow angels, weather permitting of course. A great time.

John Will

Academic Bowl

Brethren,

Once again the academic bowl is upon us. If you have never seen it, it is quite a thrill. Please come and watch our team play and win. It seems the more support they get the better they play. So to all the members of Euclid Lodge please come out and support the Naperville North academic team on February 20, 8:15 AM, at **Oswego East H.S.** Following the tournament Monday February 22 at 4:00 there will be a gathering at the Lodge for the team. Once again, please come and meet the players and help support the team.

Steve Rosensweig

Historical

The Historical Committee has started planning for the renovations to the Preparation Room, Tylers Room, and First Floor Entry. Cleanup in the Preparation room has started. Still looking for more members for this committee.

Tim Ory

Community & Lodge Builder Award

We have received three nominations and are still accepting others. Please submit to John Will the name, company or organization and reason for the nomination. The nominations will be reviewed with the WM. We are looking for individuals who are based in or around the Naperville Community who have positively impacted our community. Deadlines are May 1st. The event is scheduled for June 1st with a dinner at 6 pm followed by the award presentation prior to our regular stated meeting.

John Will

[From The Secretaries Table Continued](#)

We have means to help but we need to know before we can do anything.

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

Walter L. Qualkenbush Feb 04

Patrick J. McGee Feb 06

William E. Ledyard Feb 08

Roger W. Webb Feb 08

Charles E. Kreps Feb 16

Lloyd G. Van Bergen Feb 16

J. Robert Stockner Feb 17

Edward F. Steigelmann Feb 19

William A. O'Connell Feb 20

Charles G. Tuma Feb 22

Thomas J. Moylan III Feb 22

Kyle P. O'Mara Feb 22

Thomas C. Behr Feb 23

Gary J. Gocal Feb 24

Gary W. Theis Feb 24

Robert D. Wiley Feb 24

Ronald J. Keller Feb 24

William A. High Feb 26

John L. Ciganovich Feb 28

Anniversary of The Master Mason 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

Frank R. Fryer Feb 07 (04)

Robert B. Cash Feb 09 (10)

Elmer G. Koldoff, Jr. Feb 11 (45)

Charles W. Wiggins Feb 15 (44)

Robert L. Hudlow Feb 18 (35)

Harold L. Olson Feb 18 (41)

Philip A. Ward Feb 19 (30)

Kevin M. Cassidy Feb 20 (04)

Roy S. Pedersen Feb 21 (04)

Jon S. Erlenbush Feb 23 (22)

Ilani S. Valero Feb 28 (34)

Robert Q. Drebing Feb 28 (61)

Brian M. McLees Feb 28 (26)

Vernon A. Soukup Feb 28 (59)

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.

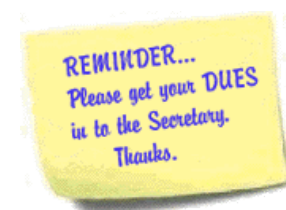
Bro. Leonard Charles Schmidt was born on May 4, 1920 at Brazil, Indiana. He was Elected February 8, 1946; Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on February 12, 1946; Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 19, 1946; Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 2, 1946. All degrees were conferred in Anchor Lodge No. 980 located in Chicago, Illinois. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge No. 65 located in Naperville, Illinois by dimit on August 10, 1962. WBro. Schmidt served Euclid Lodge No. 65 as Worshipful Master for the Masonic Year of

1968. He was called from his labors on earth to Eternal Refreshment in The Paradise of God on December 11, 2009 at Seminole, Florida. Thus ends the Masonic Record of this just and upright Mason.

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Bro. Lawrence Albert Suk was born on August 21, 1928 at Quincy, Massachusetts. He petitioned Euclid Lodge to receive the degrees on March 7, 1989. He was Elected April 4, 1989; Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 30, 1989; Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 16, 1991; Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 21, 1991. He was called from his labors on earth to Eternal Refreshment in The Paradise of God on January 21, 2010 at Naperville, Illinois. Thus ends the Masonic Record of this just and upright Mason.

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



Member Participation

The Member Participation Committee may be new this year, but we've already been busy trying to connect with our Brethren who aren't "regulars" at Euclid events. One thing we already have utilized is an e-mail to newly raised Brethren. This e-mail goes out immediately after he is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It welcomes him to our fraternity, explains a little bit about this committee, and personally invites him to our next stated meeting. It's meant to help our new Brother "hit the ground running" so he can immediately feel at home when he's with us.

We've also got a couple of things that are being worked on. The first is a short letter to our Brethren who were raised in the past decade or so but are seldom seen or heard from at Lodge. The letter will ask a few simple questions to identify what we, as a Fraternity, could do better or differently to entice them to return to Lodge. We're working to put together the mailing list, so we hope to have this letter in the mail in February 2010. The second is a New Member Dinner. All Masons are invited – needed – to attend. This dinner will serve as a social setting so we can really get to know our newest Brethren. The more veterans that attend, the better the experience will surely be for the rookies. We'll share more details on the dinner as we have them, and the current plan is to utilize the beautiful dining room at Medinah.

This committee isn't just about our absent or new Brethren, though. It's about all of us! As with any worthwhile endeavor, what you put into our Craft is proportional to what you can expect to get out of it. There are countless ways you can become involved (or perhaps *more* involved). A few ideas are:

- Investigation Committees
- Become an Intender
- Learn a part in a degree
- Join a committee
- Coordinate/assist an event
- Attend officer practice

This list is certainly not all-inclusive. It's just meant to show you that there are all levels of participation – some that require only a small commitment of time & energy and some that require more. All that's important is that you find something that interests you. I'm confident you'll be glad you did!

As was stated at the beginning of this article, this is a new committee, so we're still trying to find our way. If you have any ideas on how we can improve our committee...and therefore improve our Lodge through member participation, please contact any of the members.

Yours in the Faith

The Member Participation Committee

The Naperville Clarion

September 22, 1949

Story of the Week

Birthplace of Euclid Lodge No. 65

This year, 1949, marks the centennial of the founding of Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. and A.M., in Naperville. On Saturday evening, Oct. 8, in Pfeiffer hall the one hundredth anniversary of the acceptance of the chapter's (Lodge's) charter will be celebrated. Honor will be paid to those seven Master Masons, pioneers of Naperville, who were the charter members of this Lodge - the sixty-fifth to be organized in Illinois.

Masonry guilds have been traced back to the early part of the fifteenth century in London, although Masons and their apprentices were in existence in King Solomon's time. The modern fraternity of Masonry was established in England in 1717.

Masonic teaching challenges every Mason in each degree and in every meeting to work for the good of his fellow man and to examine his inner life that God's will may be expressed through faithfulness to all obligations. The light of Masonry is Biblical law. That law becomes clear through study that is constant and tireless. Naperville's pioneers brought that tradition with them and it was but natural that they should seek to organize a Lodge soon after establishing their families.

As early as 1848 a group of Master Masons who resided in Naperville and the surrounding area met in the office of C. C. Barnes and drew up a petition to be presented to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a dispensation or charter. This cradle of Naperville Masonry is still standing. It is the modest frame building at 34 W. Chicago Avenue which is owned by the Knoch estate.

At this meeting it was resolved that the oldest member, Ezra Gilbert, should select the name from those proposed. He selected "Euclid" and for one hundred years the Naperville Lodge has been designated by this name. Aylmer Keith served as the first worshipful master, Joseph Naper (Naperville's first settler) as the first senior warden, and Nathan Allen as the first junior warden.

Upon receiving a dispensation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, a meeting was held Sept. 28, 1848, and the aforementioned officers were accepted. Other officers elected that evening were; Lewis Ellsworth, treasurer; Calvin C. Barnes, secretary; Nathan (Nahum) Loring, senior deacon; and John S. Kimball, tyler.

Not until October of the following year did Euclid Lodge receive its charter. On Oct. 9, 1849, the charter was accepted and it is this event which the Masons of Naperville, as well as many from neighboring lodges, will commemorate in Pfeiffer hall Oct. 8. The seven officers mentioned above are listed as the charter members of Euclid Lodge No. 65.

A number of buildings served as meeting places for the Lodge during the first 40 years of its existence. A room on the upper floor of the DuPage County Cash Store, now the White Way Farms building at 38 W. Chicago Avenue, was rented for

the first meeting place. During the years 1852 to '57 the lodge home was the third floor of the present Naperville Decorating company building at 218 S. Main Street.

The "scratch" minute book of Euclid Lodge was one of the casualties of the flash flood of 1857. After prolonged rain and melting snow the DuPage River overflowed its banks and the mill dam gave way. A large portion of the business district was inundated. The following entry appears in the minute book of the lodge, "This book stands suspended for all time to come caused by being soaked in the flood in March, 1857, when the town was submerged."

When Naperville was incorporated as a village in 1857, three of the first officers elected were Masons: Joseph Naper, president; H. H. Cody, one of the three trustees; and C. M. Castle, clerk. (actually 4, they missed George Martin who was a Trustee)

After the academy was erected on Eagle Street at Van Buren (present site of Naper school) the lodge occupied the north upper room. This was from 1857 to 1863. During the latter years of the Civil War the lodge was inactive and the paraphernalia was stored in Hunt's hall which stood where Ernie's Service station is now located - at the corner of Washington and Van Buren street. A revival of interest was aroused in the election of officers of 1865 and meetings were resumed in Hunt's hall.

One more move was made by the lodge before its first Masonic hall was erected. In '68 it convened in the Knoch building at the southeast corner of Jefferson and Main streets, and there it remained for 23 years.

The Masonic festival of 1872 was a gala occasion. Not only was it a tremendous success socially, but the \$101.95 which was realized financially became the nucleus of a building fund which gradually increased during the next two decades. Louis (Lewis) Ellsworth, John A. Bell, and A. McS. S. Riddler were elected trustees of this fund and empowered to invest all monies "in the best and safest manner."

By 1891 sufficient funds had been accumulated to warrant consideration of a building project.

In the same year the directors of the First National Bank were contemplating the erection of a building. Euclid lodge proposed to finance the second story of a building to be shared by the two organizations and the offer was accepted by the bank directors.

Erection was begun without delay on the handsome stone edifice which today serves as our City Hall. Limestone from the large Naperville quarry was used, and Tom Green, the stone carver, cut the blocks which form the two large arches framing the window and door of our present city headquarters. At a public ceremony held June 23, 1892, the hall was dedicated and the members of Euclid Lodge rejoiced in the successful culmination of their 20-year project.

The later achievements of the Euclid Lodge No. 65 will be told in next week's **Story of the Week**. (March 2010 Issue)

Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons



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

2009–2010 Officers

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

Companions,

Euclid Chapter No. 13, will be conferring the 4th and 5th degrees at our next stated meeting, Tuesday, February 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., the stated meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., with the degrees following.

We will be receiving the District Deputy Grand High Priest during the stated meeting.

Please join us in welcoming our future Companions to the Chapter.

Tim Ory
EHP

Naperville Masonic Temple Association

Andrew Siedelmann PM PHP	President
Michael Ault Master Euclid Lodge	Vice - President
Jerry Yingling PM	Treasurer
Christopher Tabb PM	Secretary
Thomas Behr PM PHP	
Kirk Madison	
Don Cowart PM	
Timothy Ory High Priest Euclid Chapter	
Neville Diamond PHP	

The Naperville Masonic Temple Association incorporated with the State of Illinois on February 24, 1916.

The object for which it was formed was to promote Masonic, benevolent and charitable enterprises and provide suitable accommodations for Masonic meetings and entertainments and for these purposes, to acquire, hold and use so much real estate and other property as may be necessary to erect, maintain and furnish such a building as shall be requisite therefore; and to do all and everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any or all of the purposes or objects and powers above mentioned or incidental thereto, consistent with the Laws of the State of Illinois.

The management of the aforesaid Naperville Masonic Temple Association is vested in a board of nine (9) Directors, with the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary elected annually. Six Board members are to be members of Euclid Lodge No. 65 and three Board members are to be members of Euclid Chapter No. 13.

The Board members serve for a three year term. Appointments to the Board are made by the Worshipful Master of Euclid Lodge No. 65, (two annually) and by the High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13 (one annually), the terms of the Board members being staggered.

The first members of the Naperville Masonic Temple Association were:

Francis A. Kendall, Alvin Scott Jr., Eli F. Stark, Charles E. Heydon, Alexander Grush, Walter M. Givler, Olney A. Waterman, Samuel Mather, and Henry E. Rennels.



***YOU ARE INVITED TO
SHRIMPY'S SUPER BOWL PARTY***

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WHEN: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2010

TIME: 2.30 - ?

SPOUSES /GUEST ARE WELCOME

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

***Beverages provided by host—Snow Angels
pending snow.***

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

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Grand Lodge www.ILMASON.ORG

Grand Chapter www.RAM-IL.ORG

George Washington

The records of the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, show that he was initiated into that Lodge as an Entered Apprentice on Nov. 4th, 1752; that later he was duly passed and the Degree of the Fellow-Craft was conferred upon him on the 3rd of March, 1753; and that on the 4th of August, 1753 he was “raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.”

From 1753 to 1758, during his military service under the British, he was attentive to Masonry in a British Military Lodge at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and probably had conferred upon him as a side Degree that of a Mark Master.

During the Revolutionary War, while he was Commander in Chief, there are abundant evidences that he was a frequent attendant upon Military Lodges. During the period immediately following the close of the war, when much confusion obtained in America in efforts to establish State Grand Lodges independent of jurisdictional control from Britain, and for the establishment of a United States Grand Lodge, Washington’s name often appears.

In 1788, the Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia, No. 39, made him Worshipful Master, where it appears that he continued to serve most honorably until his death, eleven years later.

From the Master Reference Edition of the Holy Bible