



From The East - Michael Ault - Worshipful Master

Brethren,
February began with great football and brotherhood at yet another fabulous Super Bowl party at Shrimpies! My special thanks go out to Worshipful Brother John Will for opening his home and extending his hospitality to continue what has become a highly anticipated annual Euclid Lodge tradition. In our Special Meeting in February we passed four of our new brothers to the degree of Fellowcraft as we continue to grow as a Lodge and welcome fine new men into our fraternity. My thanks to all those who demonstrated such outstanding ritual and floor work for that solemn ceremony. And the month came to a very positive end as Euclid Lodge hosted a local high school team in the Masonic Academic Bowl followed by a celebratory dinner for the students at the Lodge. The Academic Bowl is an important event as it provides us an opportunity to support education in our community as well as introduce a new generation to the Craft. My special thanks to Brother Steve Rosen-sweig for his dedicated leadership in planning and coordinating this event. A number of our Brothers were also able to escape the Midwest and the cold weather for much needed vacations this month. I'm happy to say, I was one of those lucky ones!

I have found that vacation not only gives one a chance to slow down and relax, but it also presents a unique opportunity to ponder that which, in the rush of life, we tend not to have time to contemplate. As with every Master of the Lodge before me, I have dedicated time and energy to learn the degree work. But, today, I paused to reflect, not on the words I have memorized, but on what they mean to me personally. And as with every Mason's journey, I began with what makes me a Mason -- my obligation. The ancient obligations we, as speculative Masons, make are broad in scope and deep in meaning. But, at their foundation, I believe they represent three basic commitments we make, and strive to live by, as fellow Masons and as Men:
A commitment to "ever conceal and never reveal" secrets that we are entrusted with.
This applies to both the secrets of Masonry as well as the secrets of a worthy brother. This is done not to hide or mislead, but to respect and honor. For only through that secrecy does our ancient Craft remain a poignant and meaningful experience for every new brother raised. And only out of such respect for a fellow Brother are we able to build the trust that enables us to work and live in peace and harmony.

A commitment to "confirm and abide" by the rules.

For only if we abide by carefully crafted rules, regulations, by-laws and constitutions can great societies prosper and grow and the integrity of great institutions continue --be it our Lodge, our Grand Lodge or this great country we live in.

A commitment to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Not surprisingly, the "Golden Rule" is found at the heart of a Mason's obligation, just as it is at the heart of the Holy Bible we take our solemn obligation on. Being fair and honest to a fellow Brother, aiding and assisting him when he is in need and protecting and honoring him, and his family, is the essence of the friendship, morality and brotherly love that we as Masons and as Men should continuously strive for.

So it is through these three basic commitments that I personally believe are the essence of our obligation that we, as Masons, have the honor and duty to strive for "that the square of virtue should be the rule and guide of our conduct in all our future transactions with mankind".

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,
Michael D. Ault
Worshipful Master
Euclid Lodge No. 65



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EUCLID DUES: The 2010 dues notices have been in the hands of the membership for at least the last four months. As of this writing there remains 36 members who have not responded. Several of these 36 also have two, three and four years back dues for which they are delinquent. The WM has appointed a special committee to contact these delinquent brethren to find out why they have ignored their dues, and see if they can get current or at least get sufficient information from them that can be included in our report to the Grand Master seeking permission to suspend them for Non Payment of Dues. The lodge is required to pay the \$10.00 per capita tax per year for each delinquent member.

Many times throughout your degrees, you were asked if, "it was of your own free will and accord" At each time you responded in the affirmative. So what has happened that you no longer want to be a Mason! It is not what you envisioned! You don't like a certain member or a couple of members etc. It is all right and we understand but there are correct ways to get out other than ignoring dues requests. At three times when you were at the alter in all three of your degrees the WM addressed you "as a man and a Mason". So now, that you no longer desire to be a Mason, that is no reason that you can't still be a man and handle your change of mind in a business like manor. Two simple steps is all it takes to get it done. (1) Pay your back and current dues. (2) At the same time, write and advise the lodge that you desire to terminate your membership with Euclid Lodge and request that a dimit or a Plural Withdrawal be sent to you. That will get you off the membership rolls, stop the receipt of all masonic mail, and stop the accumulation of back dues. A dimit or Plural Withdrawal can only be issued to a member that is current on the books at the

time of the request. That is the reason for step (1) above. Should you at a later date decide to reactivate a Masonic interest the dimit will be of great value. Also, remember that if you are a Plural member and you allow yourself to be suspended in any one lodge that you will be automatically be suspended in all lodges and appendant bodies that you may belong to..

As we have said many times before, if dues payment creates a financial burden, let the Worshipful Master or the Secretary know. We have means to help but we need to know before we can do any thing.

Name Plate Badges: Attention newly raised Bothers! If you have not received your name tag please stop by my desk the next time you are in lodge as I probably have yours among my growing collection. Also if you have misplaced yours and want a replacement or just want an additional badge let me know and I will order them on a group order. The cost for each replacement and/or additional badge is \$10.00 per badge. .

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

Steven L. Sandack Mar 09
 Ronald D. Cathey Mar 09
 Jack H. Gelston Mar 12
 Michael J. Molloy Mar 14
 Gerald E. Yingling Mar 15
 Gary W. Haire Mar 16
 Patrick L. Temesuary Mar 19
 Ronald E. Stibbe Mar 20
 Russell W. Mowry Mar 21
 Fred A. Randazzo II Mar 23
 Steven P. Ross Mar 25
 Philip X. Katz Mar 26
 Kirk L. Madison Mar 27
 Andrew F. Wolfe Mar 27
 Louis W. Wright Jr. Mar 30

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
 Robert W. Hanley Mar 03 (37)
 Jack D. Chasteen Mar 04 (39)
 Norman R. Krug Mar 04 (34)
 Raymond Hooper Mar 06 (62)
 Paul E. Clause Mar 07 (61)
 Ronald J. Keller Mar 10 (41)
 Gustavo L. Fernandes Mar 13 (06)
 Daniel L. Krueger Mar 13 (06)
 Edward F. Steigelmann Mar 14 (53)
 Timothy J. Dry Mar 16 (17)
 Gary W. Haire Mar 16 (31)
 Patrick J. McGee Mar 18 (13)
 Franklin J. Spedoske II Mar 18 (02)
 Kevin E. Dunn Mar 18 (25)
 Neville B. Diamond Mar 19 (05)
 Clyde J. Souza Mar 19 (05)
 William E. Love Mar 20 (32)
 Charles R. Sargent Mar 20 (59)
 Charles G. Tuma Mar 21 (41)
 Gary A. Loeb Mar 24 (32)
 William A. O'Connell Mar 25 (52)
 William R. Anderson Mar 27 (62)
 Jonathan S. Wells Mar 27 (31)
 Louis W. Wright Jr. Mar 27 (13)
 Virgil R. Banker Mar 27 (51)
 Paul H. Boecker Mar 28 (50)
 Matthew B. Van Thyne Mar 31 (01)
 Trung-Viet Nguyen Mar 31 (01)
 Dennis P. Miao Mar 31 (01)
 Adam M. Daeschlein Mar 31 (01).

So Brethren, until next month,

"There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful"

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lodge Officer Practice	2 Lodge Stated Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lodge Officer Practice	9 Chapter Stated Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 Lodge Officer Practice	16 Lodge Special Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 8th & 10th NE Districts Breakfast	22 Lodge Officer Practice	23 Temple Board Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29 Lodge Officer Practice	30 Lodge Special Meeting	31			

Schedule of Events

- **Mar 1** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - **Mar 2** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. WB Tabb will be giving a presentation under "More Light In Masonry"
 - **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 1st Degree conferrals Dinner at 6:30
 - **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 3rd Degree conferrals Dinner at 6:30
 - **Apr 5** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - **Apr 6** Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - **Apr 10** Naper Boulevard Cleanup 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **Apr 12** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - **Apr 13** Euclid Chapter 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 - **Apr 18** District Breakfast Hi-View Rest. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
 - **Apr 19** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - **Apr 20** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Degree conferral
 - **Apr 26** Lodge Officer Practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 - **Apr 27** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Committees

New Member

Bill Ackerman Chairman
Vaneet Kapoor Co-Chairman
Carl Crownhart, Jim Simpson III

Member Participation

Dainon Setzer Chairman

More Light in Masonry

Don Cowart Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman
Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman
Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

Historical

Timothy Dry Chairman
Don Cowart Co-Chairman
Neville Diamond, Brandon Zears, Christopher Tabb, Walt Qualkenbush

Finance

Michael Ault Chairman
Neville Diamond, Timothy Dry, Jerry Yingling, Andrew Siedelmann

Award of Excellence

Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

Community Days

Jerry Yingling Chairman

IL-CHIP

Mark Hopf Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

Academic Bowl

Steve Rosensweig Chairman

Past Masters Dinner

Don Cowart Chairman

Rockin For The Troops

Steve Rosensweig Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Academic Bowl

Brethren,

Our participation in the academic bowl has come to an end this year. I would like to thank all the brethren who graciously supported the Naperville North Academic team. This year was our best showing yet with 7 brothers at the meet. John Will, Walt Qualkenbush, Jerry Yingling, Michael Perez, Tim Dry, Carl Crownhart and Steve Rosensweig. All the

Entertainment

Just a quick thank you to all the brothers who attended Shrimpy's Super Bowl party on February 7th.

The food was plentiful and a good time was had by all. I appreciate the great support

Communications

The Lodge is using several modes of communication to reach out to and inform the members about the activities of the Lodge.

You obviously know about the Newsletter if you are reading this column.

The Lodge also has a web site:

www.napervillemasonic.org

to provide information not only for the members of the Lodge but anyone interested

support went over quite well with the students. A few of the kids commented how great it was to have a cheering section. Their enthusiasm spilled over to the dinner the lodge hosted the Monday after the meet. Several of the kids played pool and some were quite curious engaging the brethren about masonry. Tim Dry gave a nice presentation to the students who asked several

and for all the brothers that helped stay after and clean up. I know it made my Monday easier.

We are planning a family bowling day and are looking at possibly doing it on March

questions. As luck would have it, 2 of the students even asked and seemed serious about joining the fraternity. The dinner was supposed to break up around 5:15. We finally had to shoo the team out about around 6:30. Once again thanks to all until next year.

Steve Rosensweig

6th in the afternoon at the Brunswick zone in Naperville. Details are forthcoming and will be posted at a later date on the web.

John Will PM

second message out to everyone in a timely fashion utilizing this quick and easy system.

So if you see the number:

877-565-8456

on your caller ID, don't worry, its not a telemarketer. It will most likely be Worshipful Master Mike Ault, letting you know about the latest event that has been planned for the membership.

Tim Dry



The Euclid Lodge ILCHIP Committee is holding 2 events this spring.

The first event is on April 17th at First Presbyterian Church of DuPage (180 N Weber, Bolingbrook) from 4-8 pm, to coincide with their annual Spaghetti Supper.

The second one is May 22, at Knowledge Beginnings (812 W 75th St, Naper) from 9am to 3pm.

We will send emails about all events and training as we finalize plans.

Mark Hopf

Grand Lodge 10th District Officers School

On Saturday, February 6, a Grand Lodge No. 2 Officers School was held at the Lodge from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Coffee, orange juice, and bagels with cream cheese were served prior to the start of the school.

The school was taught by Right Worshipful Brothers Floyd H. Sullens and Donald D. Kalenick, with the 10th NE District Deputy Grand Master, Herb Lindberg, overseeing the event. Also present was Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master for the Northeastern Area David P. Lynch and 8th NE District Deputy Grand Master Mark Entwistle. The chairs were mostly filled by the installed officers of Euclid Lodge. 68 Brothers attended, representing 12 different Lodges and 5 different Districts.

Naper Boulevard Clean-Up Committee

It was a brisk November 7th morning and Naper Boulevard looked in need of a thorough cleansing. And who better to pick up the bounty on the boulevard than a few able bodied ancient free and accepted Masons from Joe Naper's own Euclid Lodge No. 65.

And because of the enormous accumulation since we last picked up trash on April 18, we applied our very best. This was no time for A Teams, B Teams or X Teams, your Euclid Lodge pressed the "Elite Team" into service. And so our illustrious Gold Metal Elite Team met in the parking lot of the Evangelical Church for a little inspiration, and worked on a plan of attack. The trashoholics of Naper Boulevard didn't have a chance. After applying body armour (gloves and vests) and equipping each member with sufficient numbers of Kevlar trash bags our Elite Team set out on their mission.

And less than an hour later, Naper Boulevard was once again pristine and ready to face the long cold winter, and Brother Naper could once again rest assured that his honour was in good stead.

And our Elite Team, after planning the next biannual Naper Boulevard Clean-Up for April 10, 2010 (rain date April 17), carefully and safely made their way home to prepare for the harsh winter months ahead.

And so our special thanks and gratitude go out to Euclid's Gold Metal Elite Team members, Tim Dry, Dainon Setzer, Jack Gelston, and all the others who have requested anonymity and a place in witness protection.

Jack Gelston PM

Are You Displaying Your Masonic Pride?



By purchasing the Master Mason License Plate, you contribute to the Illinois Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children. It's also a great way to show off your pride in the Craft. These license plates are available ONLY to Master Masons, so anytime you see one on the road you know you've got a fellow brother "within the length of your cable tow."

To purchase a Master Mason License Plate, you must first download and complete the Authorization Form from the Grand Lodge's website. The direct link to the form is http://www.ilmason.org/files/forms/Plates_06.pdf. Once you've completed the form mail it to the Grand Secretary at the address provided on the form. He'll confirm your status as an Illinois Freemason, affix his seal, and return the form to you. Then simply take the form to your local Secretary of State facility or mail the form with the appropriate fees. You can even purchase Vanity or Personalized Master Mason License Plates!

There is a small issuance fee of \$25, of which \$10 goes immediately to the Master Mason Fund and \$15 covers the costs of producing the plate. The renewal also has the \$25 fee; however, \$23 will go to the Master Mason Fund and \$2 covers the administrative costs. Additionally, if you are replacing a current Illinois license plate there is a one-time replacement fee of \$29.

Please consider upgrading your current license plate to a Master Mason License Plate! You don't even have to wait for your current registration to expire. Let's show our fellow Illinois drivers that our Fraternity is growing and that we're proud to be Ancient Free & Accepted Masons!

Past Master Highlight **George Emery Royce 1895**

George Emery Royce was born December 25, 1862, in DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois, the son of Jonathan and Sarah Royce. He was the brother of Jonathan Franklin Royce (PM 1894) and Asa Mather Royce (PM 1906).

He spent his early life on the farm located on Royce Road, south of the city.

He married Celia N. Sprague October 15, 1884 and from this union the following children were born, Julian Arthur, Bertha May, Grace Edna, Laura Angell, and Lydia Sprague.

The last nine years of his life he worked at Scott's bank as Cashier and was also involved in electric lighting and real estate.

He was raised as a Master Mason in Euclid Lodge No. 65 on August 6th, 1889. He received his Royal Arch Degree in Euclid Chapter No. 13, on October 18th, 1889.

He died September 23, 1899 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



GEORGE E. ROYCE

Bank Cashier

Historical

The Naperville Clarion September 29, 1949 The Story of the Week

Emerging from a country village to a thriving suburb of Chicago, Naperville and its population steadily increased after the turn of the century. With this trend there was a constant growth in the membership of Euclid Lodge. Although the brotherhood had occupied its hall above the First National bank less than 20 years, it was recognized that the quarters would soon be inadequate.

In 1908 Dr. John A. Bell, a member of the first building fund committee, framed a resolution which recommended that a new building fund committee should be formed and that all monies in the treasury in excess of \$100.00 be set aside as a nucleus of a new building fund. This was accomplished and later, in 1915, after considerable negotiation with the directors of the First National bank, the value of Euclid lodge's leasehold of the second floor of the bank building was established at \$2500.00.

In February, 1916, a committee was appointed to organize a Naperville Masonic Temple Association whose business it was to incorporate in order to make possible the building of the temple. The members of this committee were: F. A. Kendall, C. E. Heydon, Alex Grush, W. M. Givler, Samuel Mather, E. F. Stark, D. A. Waterman, H. E. Rennels and Alvin Scott. Mr. Stark and Mr. Givler are the only two members of this group who remain today to celebrate the centennial of Euclid Lodge.

The Temple Association floated a bond issue of \$25,000.00 to supplement the funds in hand for the erection of the temple building. These bonds were purchased largely by members of the Masonic order. The firm of Wurst & Shepardson was employed as architects and the contract was awarded to A. H. Beidelman. The legal firm of Benjamin & Reed noted as attorneys throughout the entire project.

A lot with 44 ft. frontage on West Jefferson Avenue was purchased for \$5000 from Edward C. Shaffer as a site for the new lodge temple. The frame buildings then standing on the property were torn down and construction was begun without delay. The cornerstone was laid in a ceremony over which the Illinois Grand Master presided on Sept. 9, 1916.

The two-story building erected was of solid brick. Spacious lodge quarters were provided on the second floor while the first floor was occupied commercially. A theater was accommodated in the larger portion of the floor space with two small shops facing on the street. At one time Rubin's department store carried on a business in this location - occupying the entire lower floor of the building. For the past 15 years the Naper Theater, a branch of the Anderson Theater circuit, has been the sole tenant of the Temple building.

Euclid Lodge held its first meeting in the new temple building on May 1, 1917, with Coan Wright presiding as worshipful master. The net cost of

the building and furnishings totaled \$37,158. 90. The entire bond issue has now been retired and both the Temple association and Euclid Lodge are free from any indebtedness.

Portraits of the Past Masters which hang on the walls of the Lodge room give the members an appreciation of the illustrious history of Euclid Lodge. Also preserved under glass is the Mason's apron, manufactured from lamb's skin, which in 1893 accompanied Evelyn B. Baldwin in his search with Lieut. R. E. Peary for the North Pole. This was presented to Mr. Baldwin by his brothers "with the request that he carry it with him to the "Land of Darkness" and return it to the Lodge if the "All-Wise Providence" will permit him to do so.

Other Masonic organizations which occupy the Temple besides Euclid Lodge are Euclid Chapter No. 13 of Royal Arch Masons - formed in 1851 by those brothers who had achieved advanced degrees in the order, and Althea Chapter No. 206 of the Order of Eastern Star. The latter was chartered in January, 1892.

Two of the most noteworthy projects supported by Illinois Masons are the Illinois Masonic Orphan's Home and the Illinois Mason's Home. The former, located in LaGrange, averages 86 children yearly who are furnished a home and schooling in pleasant surroundings. The Illinois Masonic Home in Sullivan is a refuge for nearly 200 aged and disabled Masons or wives of Masons. Charles Boettger, a lifelong resident of Naperville, now makes his home in the splendidly equipped institution at Sullivan and has only praise for the care which he enjoys there.

Through the Masonic Service Association of the United States Euclid lodge is constantly lending support to such valuable services as hospital visitation, European and Philippine relief, and educational programs.

In its observance of this one hundredth anniversary of Masonry in Naperville, the two hundred and five members of Euclid Lodge No. 65 may be proud of its achievements. "The 'search' in Masonry is: To find out the 'Right'." Members of the Masonic brotherhood have had their lives enriched by the precepts of this high order, and the growth and development of Naperville during the past century has reflected their interest in community betterment.

55th Anniversary of Euclid Lodge No. 65 Commemorative Book (1904)

Is now available on the Illinois Digital Archives on the Internet at:

<http://www.idaillinois.org>

It is in the Naperville Heritage Collection, Page 5, Item # 98

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The Definition of Freemasonry

We often define Freemasonry as an institution that takes good men and makes them better. Officially, Freemasonry is defined as consisting of a course of moral instruction, illustrated by types, emblems and allegorical figures. The Classical definition is: "A beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." All are certainly true but not always well understood.

However, the following definition is the one that I like most and I believe explains just what Freemasonry is in easy to understand language.

"Freemasonry is an organized society of men symbolically applying the principles of operative masonry and architecture to the science and art of character building." "And through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community."

From the Intender Program pamphlet, "On the Threshold"