



From The East - Neville Diamond - Worshipful Master

Brethren,
We have had a very eventful new year already. One stated meeting plus two special meetings. We have received numerous petitions for degrees and affiliation, as well as some internet inquiries.

On the 18th January we passed 2 brethren, and raised 6 new Master Masons on the 22nd January. The new Master Masons are Brother's Carlos Enrique Barrios, Jason Michael Galoozis, Lawrence Michael Goodings, Angel Manuel Aviles, Jr. Ryan Patrick Collins, and Brother Eric Kristoph, from Tinley Park Lodge. We would like to see you often and get to know you all better. Remember this is your Lodge now. Welcome Brothers. For all the brethren that participated either with the actual ritual work or by being a sideliner, thank you very much. As I recently stated, after we had our

special meeting on the 22nd January, this is an absolutely fantastic Lodge and I am so very proud of everyone and so honoured to be the Master for this year.

I would like to speak about "What Masonry expects".

Seems appropriate as we have so many new Brothers.

This is a quote from the Diary I received from the Grand Lodge of South Africa.

"The privileges of masonry are no greater than the responsibilities of the members. Your obligations do not conflict with those you have already assumed by virtue of your membership in modern society.

The calling of a Mason is a high one. Loyalty to home, country and the craft, is expected at all times.

Masonry recognises that all men, whether Masons or not, are Brothers by birth, endowed with the

same nature and sharing the same hopes. Masonry champions the cause of the widow, the fatherless and the distressed. The time honoured virtues cherished by our forefathers are still to be observed by Masons today. They are humility, patience, charity and gentleness and are among the hallmarks of purity and integrity of Character".

Hope to see you all as often as you daily lives will permit.

Tot Siens.

Neville B. Diamond,
Worshipful Master
2010/2011.



Neville Diamond
Worshipful Master.

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From The Secretaries Table

LOST IN THE FORESTS OF LEBANON

The lodge does not have current addresses for the following members. If anybody knows the whereabouts of these brethren please get in touch with the Secretary as soon as possible.

Robert B. Cash
Eric S. Hovey
Patrick J. Rauen II

EUCLID DUES:

As of January 27, 2011 the list of unpaid members is down to 55. Of far greater concern is the fact that of these 55, there are 18 members that owe two or more years dues and they will be subject to suspension for non payment of dues. The long and arduous work of suspension will be started at the March 2011 Stated Meeting. If by chance any of the 18 are reading this column, please contact the secretary so we can work out your situation and stop the suspension proceedings.

Thomas C. Behr Secretary

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.

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

Patrick J. McGee Feb 06
 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
 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
 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 (05)
 Robert B. Cash Feb 09 (11)
 Elmer G. Koldoff, Jr. Feb 11 (46)
 Robert L. Hudlow Feb 18 (36)
 Harold L. Olson Feb 18 (42)
 Philip A. Ward Feb 19 (31)
 Kevin M. Cassidy Feb 20 (05)
 Roy S. Pedersen Feb 21 (05)
 Jon S. Erlenbush Feb 23 (23)
 Ilani S. Valero Feb 28 (35)
 Robert Q. Drebing Feb 28 (62)
 Brian M. McLees Feb 28 (27)
 Vernon A. Soukup Feb 28 (60)

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

Thomas C. Behr Secretary

Past Master Highlight Claude Vinton Leffler 1914

Claude Vinton Leffler was born May 24, 1878 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois, the third son of Jeremiah Leffler and Loanna Hoy. He never married.

In his early life he attended the old Ellsworth school, receiving and enjoying the privileges and benefits afforded by the earlier fine public institutions of Naperville. He worked first for his father in the carpenter trade, then in sales and clerical work at several businesses in Naperville. He then went to work as a clerk for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. These connections provided him with a wide acquaintance with many of the people in the community. The last twelve years of his life was spent working as a clerk on the Board of Review of DuPage County.

He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1913, Junior Warden in 1912 and 1913, Senior Deacon in 1910, and Junior Steward in 1909. He also served Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. as High Priest in 1923.

He died April 16, 1932 in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery. Euclid Lodge had charge of the funeral arrangements, conducting a service at the chapel and committing the body to the grave.



**Carpenter
 Clerk**

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 January Lodge Officer Practice	1 February Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7 Lodge Officer Practice	8 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	9	10	11	12 G. L. Type 4 School 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
13	14 Lodge Officer Practice	15 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	16	17	18	19 Masonic Academic Bowl
20 8th & 10th NE Districts Breakfast	21 Lodge Officer Practice	22 Temple Board Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28 Lodge Officer Practice	1 March Euclid Stated Meeting	2	3	4	5

Schedule Of Events

- **Feb 1** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Official visit of the DDGM
- **Feb 7** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Fundamentals for Grand Lodge Officer school on Feb. 12
- **Feb 8** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 12** Grand Lodge School of Instruction Type 4 School 9 to 11 a.m. Continental breakfast at 8
- **Feb 14** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. 1st section of degree to be conferred Feb. 15
- **Feb 15** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. 1st degree conferral
- **Feb 19** Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl. Wheaton/ Warrenville South H.S. 8:30 a.m.
- **Feb 20** 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Feb 21** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open 1-2-3, receive DDGM, close
- **Feb 22** Temple Board Monthly meeting
- **Feb 28** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open 1-2-3, receive DDGM, close
- **Mar 1** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 7** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open 1, close
- **Mar 8** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 14** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. 1st section of degree to be conferred on Mar. 15
- **Mar 15** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. 2nd degree planned, **check website calendar**
- **Mar 20** 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Mar 21** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open 2 short form, close
- **Mar 22** Temple Board Monthly meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 28** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. 1st section of degree to be conferred on Mar. 29
- **Mar 29** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 3rd degree planned, **check website calendar**.

Committees

Membership

Michael Ault Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman

Finance

Neville Diamond Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

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Mark Hopf Chairman

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Sickness/Distress

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John Will Chairman

Community Days

James Simpson III Chairman

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

By-Laws

Carl Crownhart Chairman

Signage

Neville Diamond

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Sickness & Distress

Following are the Brothers who are in need of your thoughts and prayers.

Scott Schmied is receiving physical therapy for his left arm twice a day, 4 days a week. He's not getting the range of motion needed and may require more surgery.

David Oakes is going to physical therapy 3 times a week following his knee replacement surgery. The swelling is down and he is back to work part time.

Carl Crownhart had an aneurysm in his right leg artery repaired on January 24. He is home and doing well considering this is the third surgery in as many months.

Jim Sleith is still in Alden Estates and is doing much better. He no longer has a feeding tube or IV for medication. He is getting physical therapy to help build up his strength. He should be coming home in the very near future.

Frank Fryer had back surgery to correct a pinched nerve and is still having some pain but is up and around and back to attending meetings.

Russell Mowry had 3 discs fused in his lower back on January 21.

Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl is an academic knowledge competition between Illinois high school scholastic bowl teams. This is an annual tournament sponsored by the Masons of Illinois and is coordinated through the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. The goal is to *provide positive recognition for academic excellence*.

Two teams compete against each other by verbally answering questions within a specific time limit. Questions are on subjects typically taught in Illinois high schools. Subject material for the questions will be approximately 20% mathematics, 20% science, 20% social studies, 20% language arts and literature, 10% fine arts, and 10% miscellaneous. A competition match consists of 16 "toss-up" questions and 16 three-part "teamwork" questions.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl sectional tournaments are usually held throughout the state of Illinois on the third Saturday in February of each year. The winners of the sectional tournaments automatically advance to the state tournament.

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl state tournament is usually held in the Springfield area on the first Saturday in March of each year.

Euclid Lodge No. 65 has sponsored the Academic Team from Naperville North High School in the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl for the last several years.

This year the competition will take place on **Saturday, February 19, 2011, at the Wheaton Warrenville South High School.**

The first competition will start promptly at **8:30 a.m.** Please come out and show your support for the team, they really appreciate having us there.

Bad Addresses for Brethren

The following Brethren have not kept us up to date with their current addresses/phone numbers/email addresses. If any of the Brethren know how to contact them, please send this information to Brother Secretary at:

tombehr@wowway.com

Eric S. Hovey

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Lodge Renovations

The Naperville Masonic Temple Association is continuing in the process of making improvements to the Lodge building. The most recent and obvious improvements have been the renovations of the Preparation Room and Tilers Room. We still have several details to complete in these rooms. We are in the process of having a chest of drawers built for holding aprons and officers jewels that will be located in the Tilers Room. A granite insert with the Square and Compasses engraved in it will also be installed in the Tilers room in the round space on the East wall. The Tilers sword has been hung permanently on the wall above the sign-in desk. In addition, four oak chairs have been refinished for the Tilers room.

We will be adding rod holders for the stewards in the Preparation Room and also painting an appropriate phrase over the doors leading into the Lodge Room from the Preparation Room.

Renovations to the main street entry and stairway are our next priority. We are still in the early planning stages for this project.

Improvements to the Club/Dining room are also being discussed. A larger library, updated entertainment center, and improved seating are being considered.

Tuck pointing of the outside of the building will most likely be done once the weather has improved.

Fire protection by a sprinkler system will need to be installed sometime within the next several years. Possible lighting improvements for the Lodge meeting room and a new projector for the degree slides are being considered.

If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to share with the Temple Board, please contact any of the following members.

Andrew Siedelmann - President
Christopher Tabb - Secretary
Kirk Madison

Mike Ault - Vice President
Don Cowart
Neville Diamond

Jerry Yingling - Treasurer
Tom Behr
Tim Dry

More Light In Masonry



Unique 19th century Tracing Board from the Masonic Museum in Hayle, Cornwall, which reveals several symbols of the Journey to the East.

A Freemason's Journey to the East Michael Baigent Looks at the Progress of a Candidate

The new candidate for initiation, once he is permitted to enter the door into the Lodge Room, is immediately introduced to what appears to be a very strange world; a world parallel to the one he has left outside the door. First he is asked to confirm that he is free, and then he sets out on a long journey to the east. He begins this by stepping off with his left foot. Why?

The left foot, freedom, and the east; the symbolism seems like some eccentric addition to Christian teaching.

Certainly we cannot deny a Christian influence on masonic ritual. On a very basic level, each degree begins at dawn and closes at sunset and so represents one day. The three degrees then symbolise three days, the last looking to the world beyond the grave. It is hard not to see a parallel with the three days of Easter. Judaism too has an obvious influence: the central myth of Freemasonry, Solomon and his Temple, demonstrates this. Less well known is the parallel with one branch of Islam - that of the Sufis. When Freemasonry first appeared in the Islamic world, in the Ottoman Empire during the nineteenth century, it was regarded as identical with Sufism.

In fact, there is symbolism far older: the Roman architect Vitruvius, mentioned in our Ancient Charges, wrote in his famous book on architecture that, '...all the altars of the gods should look to the east.' This was standard building practice even then, in the First Century BC.

Perhaps it was because the west leads to the "Far World", the world of the gods and the dead whereas the east reveals the rising sun, a new day, symbolising a new life. The letter attributed to Peter in the New Testament echoes this, asking us to remain true 'until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts;' that is, the rising of the star in the east.

Stepping off with the left foot has an ancient heritage as well, also related to the idea of rebirth into a new life. If you look at the statues of the gods and Pharaohs from the Egyptian Temples you will see that many are portrayed stepping off with their left foot, particularly after a 'coronation'. This represents a stepping into life, a stepping from heaven back to earth.

This can readily be understood as representing a renewed journey through life after the experience of some kind of initiation.

And lastly, freedom: whatever else this may mean in society or in law, all religious and mystical traditions agree, no one can reach the end of their journey until they are free from all attachments to the endless distractions of the world and the intellect.

So you can see, right from his first entrance into the Lodge Room, the candidate is exposed to the deepest and most ancient wisdom although it may take him a while to realise it - especially so if no one explains it to him.

The Journey to the East Begins.

At its heart Freemasonry is a journey, one which passes through numerous stages, trials and confrontations. But there is a curiosity: at each point, when the journey seems to be completed, we find that we are wrong, that the final step of one cycle becomes the first step of the next.

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And all the time we are heading, inexorably, towards the east. Why is this?

The masonic journey is a real journey carried out in the Lodge Room during the course of the three Craft degrees and the Royal Arch; a real journey which symbolises a greater more complex one which is equally real; that of a man from ignorance to wisdom.

In the First Degree the Candidate is paid in corn, wine and oil; he is given only those things which are necessary to sustain life. In the Second Degree, as a Craftsman, he is paid in coin allowing him the freedom to use, hide or waste, the personal resources represented by these coins. Furthermore, it is in this Degree that the world is explored and its secrets and mysteries investigated.

But the Third Degree gazes towards a more distant horizon. It concerns the world beyond and the best way of living in order to prepare for this great and final journey; a preparation augmented by the Royal Arch.

Two important bits of advice about this journey are given in the Charge to the Third Degree: firstly it says, 'Be careful to perform your allotted task while it is yet day.' And secondly, 'Continue to listen to the voice of Nature, which bears witness that even in this perishable frame resides a vital and immortal principle...'

We are told that in time, following this advice on our journey, that we shall 'lift our eyes to that bright Morning Star,' which symbol brings us back to the east and the dawning of a new day.

In fact, Freemasonry is like a pilgrimage, something quite different from simple travel. A pilgrim gains insight leading to wisdom; a traveller gains only impressions. A pilgrimage is an experience; it changes a person, while a tour merely entertains. This is an important distinction.

Standing in the East

In Freemasonry, it is in the east that we are first allowed back to light and sight, following which, we take our initial obligation. Afterwards the Master gives a secret sign by which we might be known, together with a word. Not 'The Word' - that great gift of insight, knowledge and wisdom which is promised - but a password which will allow us to continue our journey.

The steps to the east begin with three steps in the First Degree; five steps in the Second; seven steps in the Third; fifteen in total. We often find that the sun, or the radiant nimbus behind our powerful symbol of the Centre - the triangle containing the Hebrew name of God or the all-seeing eye - has fifteen rays, reminding us of the steps by which the threshold of the Centre, the source, is approached.

And what lies at the Centre? Our symbolism and ritual gives us an answer: it is where the true secret of Freemasonry resides - a secret which, in the end, must be experienced in order to truly know.

A Change of Journey

But there is a danger to be aware of: after having been led by the hand on the journey through the Degrees, a Freemason finally finds himself at the end of this guided journey. He must now take the wisdom and insight he has gained and strike out on his own; we are all different and our journeys onward too will differ.

But at this point some can feel abandoned. It is here that many good Freemasons drop away, feeling that somehow they have failed, or have been forgotten. It is here that an insightful mentor can help in the often strange transition from a journey led by the ritual to a journey led from within, by the heart. It takes a real shift of perspective.

Yet, once we began the journey, on that day of hesitation and nervousness, when we entered the Lodge Room for the first time and stepped off with our left foot, our progress towards the end was inevitable. This progress is implicit in everything we do and learn in Freemasonry and is embedded in our symbolism which then can be seen as dynamic rather than simply a static design. It symbolises that movement which carries us on the winding path towards the east and the Centre.

Submitted by WM Neville Diamond

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George Washington - Freemason

George Washington is without a doubt the most famous American Freemason.

On a visit to any Lodge in the United States, you will almost certainly find a picture of George Washington hanging in the meeting room or elsewhere in a prominent place in the building.

The portrait to the right was done by Hattie Burdette and is one of the most copied portraits found in Masonic Halls.

Euclid Lodge No. 65 has a copy of this portrait of Washington hanging on the West wall above the Senior Wardens chair.

Born February 22, 1731

Initiated November 5, 1752

Passed March 3, 1753

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason August 4, 1753 in Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Died December 14, 1799

