



### From The East - Neville Diamond - Worshipful Master

"That I might travel, receive Masters wages".....(and also enjoy dinner.)

This brings me to the issue about travelling and visiting lodges in our region, Lodges within neighbouring Grand Lodges and lodges in foreign countries.

I know that many of you have already attended lodges in foreign countries but here are some of my experiences. It also reminds me of the wonderful festive boards or "Table Lodges" that I have enjoyed. We will be holding our annual Table Lodge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Details will be announced, so please check the Newsletter's calendar.

A few years ago I had a lay-over in Philadelphia. Before arriving there, I had phoned the Grand Secretaries office and was informed that there would be three lodges holding lodge that night, but only one was having a dinner. Naturally I was interested in that one. I showed up at the Grand Lodge and was duly examined and then escorted to the dining hall. I was seated at the Worshipful Masters table as his guest. They served a five-course meal which was fabulous. Between the entrée and the desert they had an educational presentation. After dinner I was escorted to the Renaissance Hall Lodge room. At some point in the meeting I was introduced as the visiting Brother from Illinois. The whole evening was wonderful and I

felt really welcomed by one and all.

Then my foreign countries lodge visitation was to a Lodge in South Africa. I had made the necessary arrangements prior to actually arriving in South Africa. Anyway, I showed up at the appropriate time. The lodge happened to be within the Parliament buildings in Cape Town, South Africa. It was an absolutely beautiful building. The members were really excited to have a visitor from the USA. They wanted to practice the EA degree and asked if I would be willing to be the Candidate. Naturally I accepted and had a very interesting time. The meeting was ended and then the festive board was held. It is permissible, in SA, to indulge in adult beverages. After everyone was seated in a "U" shaped table arrangement and the drinks were poured, dinner was served. Once again during the entrée, many toasts were made to numerous national and international leaders. I was well received and really enjoyed spending a Masonic experience with my countrymen.

I had one more visitation to another Lodge in Germiston (near Johannesburg) on another trip to South Africa. Much of the same happened during the actual meeting. Then, once again the table Lodge or festive board was held. It was the best one yet. They had a definite ritual and proceeding for

the dinner. The Junior and Senior Wardens had ritual and duties. They had many introductions of dignitaries and greetings from different Lodges and constitutions, which was really interesting. I even stood up and extended our greetings from the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Euclid Lodge No. 65 of Naperville, Illinois, USA. I presented the Worshipful Master with our "Euclid Lodge" 150 year anniversary pin.

This brings me to my final thoughts and that is the response in our ritual, when the Senior Warden answers the Master when asked "what induced you to become a Master Mason..." and you all know what follows. My experiences travelling to different lodges and different countries made me realize how wonderful the universality of our fraternity really is. This is why our table lodge is enjoyed by so many and I hope you will consider attending this year. Please come and enjoy our Table lodge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and feel free to invite your friends from other lodges.

Travel safely!



**Neville Diamond**  
Worshipful Master.

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**From The Secretaries Table****Thomas C. Behr Secretary****EUCLID DUES:**

As of this writing, we still have 35 members who have not paid their dues nor have they contacted the lodge to explain their situation. You are probably tired of reading about it but I can assure you that you are not half as tired as I am writing about dues. We all took an obligation stating "I will not cheat, wrong nor defraud a Master Masons' lodge". I feel that not paying your dues constitutes cheating and defrauding. As has been stated many times over, if payment of dues creates a financial hardship, please let us know and we can assist. But we need to know before we can take any assisting steps. If we do not hear from you, we are left with the assumption that you could care less about your Masonic membership. We do not like to suspend anyone but when a brother does not pay his dues, nor does he respond to written communication, nor contact the lodge, there is no practical alternative left for the lodge. Please contact the WM or the Secretary if you

need help and don't let yourself get suspended.

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

Paul S. Perkins Apr 02  
 Joe L. Cherry Jr. Apr 03  
 Gary E. Czyz Apr 05  
 William E. Love Apr 06  
 David A. Johnson Apr 09  
 Even G. Henderson Apr 12  
 Mark C. Mortimer Apr 15  
 Douglas H. Huntington Apr 16  
 Gennaro Barbato Apr 19  
 Harry K. Radel Apr 21  
 Robert E. Morris Apr 21  
 John W. Sims Apr 25  
 Robert E. Myers, II Apr 29  
 Michael L. Hamman Apr 29  
 Gene E. Darfler Apr 29

**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

J. Robert Stockner Apr 02 (48)  
 Don J. Cowart Apr 03 (12)  
 William A. Heisler Apr 04 (13)  
 Donald G. Knudsen Apr 06 (57)  
 Steven A. Fuesting Apr 06 (32)  
 Albin R. Anderson Apr 06 (28)  
 Gerald W. Bussell Apr 15 (25)  
 Robert C. Liska Apr 17 (49)  
 Stanley S. Wyngowski Apr 19 (12)  
 Jeffrey M. Adler Apr 19 (06)  
 Brian T. Sweeney Apr 30 (13)  
 Gary J. Mannon Apr 30 (09)  
 Leon E. Litzelman Apr 30 (43)

In reviewing the above listings I noticed that 1 of the birthdays and 2 of the MM Degree Anniversary listings are also on the delinquent dues list. So, you can see that the lodge has not given up on you and we would trust that you have not given up on your lodge.

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

Thomas C. Behr  
 Secretary

## April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 March	28 Lodge Officer Practice	29 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	30	31	1 April	2
3	4 Lodge Officer Practice	5 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	6	7	8 Grand Masters Town Hall Meeting	9
10	11 Lodge Officer Practice	12 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	13	14	15	16 Naper Blvd Cleanup 8:30 a.m.
17 8th & 10th NE Districts Breakfast	18 Lodge Officer Practice	19 <b>Passover Begins</b> Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 <b>Easter</b>	25 <b>Passover Ends</b> Lodge Officer Practice	26 Temple Board Meet- ing	27	28 Grand Masters Town Hall Meeting	29	30

## Schedule Of Events

- **Mar 28** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. 2nd section of 3rd degree to be conferred on Mar. 29
- **Mar 29** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 3rd degree, dinner 6:30 p.m. **Baseball Night**
- **Apr 2** Loaves & Fishes, 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville, IL 8 to 10:30 & 10 to 12
- **Apr 4** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 5** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 8** Grand Master's Town hall Meeting Westchester Lodge
- **Apr 11** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 12** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 16** Naper Blvd. Cleanup 8:30 a.m.
- **Apr 17** 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Apr 18** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 19** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. 1st degree planned, dinner 6:30 p.m. **check website calendar**
- **Apr 25** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Apr 26** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 28** Grand Master's Town hall Meeting Joliet Lodge
- **Apr 29** Masters Dinner Diplomat West, Elmhurst
- **May 2** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 3** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 9** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 10** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 12** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Past High Priests Dinner at Raffi's, 200 E. 5th Ave. 7 p.m.
- **May 15** 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **May 16** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **May 17** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. **Check Website Calendar**
- **May 23** Table Lodge at Medinah Temple
- **May 24** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 30** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**Committees**

**Membership**

Michael Ault Chairman

**Communications**

Timothy Dry Chairman

**Finance**

Neville Diamond Chairman

**Entertainment**

John Will Chairman

**IL-CHIP**

Mark Hopf Chairman

**Academic/Scholastic Bowl**

Steven Rosensweig Chairman

**Education**

Don Cowart Chairman

**Equipment & Regalia**

Brandon Zears Chairman

**Library**

James Simpson Jr. Chairman

**Table Lodge**

Neville Diamond Chairman

**Sickness/Distress**

Timothy Dry Chairman

**Community & Lodge Builder Award**

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**

**Scott Schmied** is still receiving physical therapy for his left arm and shoulder following surgery.

**Jim Sleith** is still in Alden Estates and enjoys having visitors.

**Russell Mowry** is still recuperating from his back surgery.

**John Prescott** broke an ankle and is still mending.

**Barton Robertson** had a brief scare with chest pains caused by stress but is okay now.

**Tom Duff** is still recuperating from cancer treatments and unable to attend Lodge.

Please keep all of the above Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

**Naper Blvd. Cleanup**

The Semi-Annual Naper Boulevard Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m.

We will meet in the Church parking lot at the South West corner of Naper Boulevard and Hobson Road.

Orange safety vests, gloves and plastic bags will be distributed for the participants.

The whole process takes about one hour, start to finish.

Please come and join us in this worthwhile community event.

**Rockin For The Troops**

Euclid Lodge volunteers will once again be helping with the parking at the

**Rockin' for the Troops Concert** at the **Cantigny** Gardens and Park, Winfield Rd and Roosevelt Rd, Winfield, IL on Saturday, July 16, 2011

Gates open: 12:00 PM

Tickets: \$25 (Volunteers get in for free)

All ages, general admission

Presented by: NAVISTAR International Corporation

Limited On-site Parking - \$10

**Featuring Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band**

## Loaves and Fishes

**Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry** was founded in 1984 for the purpose and mission of providing food and other essentials to Naperville residents in need.

Last year 2,000,000 pounds of food and groceries were distributed to 2,295 unique struggling families. In February, Loaves and Fishes distributed food to 4,720 people, helped 286 single moms feed their families, and provided food to 620 seniors and 1819 children.

Volunteers from Euclid Lodge helped with the distribution of food to our communities needy on Saturday, April 2, at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville.

This is a monthly event for the Lodge. The first Saturday of each month has been designated as our day to help out. There are two sessions: 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you have a couple of hours to spare on May 7 and you would like to be more involved with our community, please come out and lend a hand.

## Past Master Highlight **Sankey S. Good 1916**

**Sankey S. Good** was born May 23, 1886 in Bernadotte, Fulton County, Illinois, the twin son of Daniel P. Good and Clara Manbeck. Moody M. Good his twin brother, was also a member of Euclid Lodge.

He married Evelyn Thornton on October 25, 1919 in Columbus, Georgia. They had one child, a daughter, Emily Ann.

He served as a Seaman in the U.S. Navy from 1904 until 1917. October 24, 1917, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private in Headquarters Company Infantry School and received his discharge February 7, 1919.

He was then employed by the U. S. Postal Service, first as a clerk, then Assistant Post Master, and finally as Postmaster, from 1927 to 1932.

He was a member of the American Legion, Post No. 43; Independent Order of Odd Fellows Naperville Lodge No. 81; and Floral Rebekah Lodge No. 265.

He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1915, Junior Warden in 1914, Junior Deacon in 1913, Junior Steward in 1912, Marshall in 1917 and Chaplain in 1921..

He served Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. as High Priest in 1920.

He died April 19, 1936 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois. Funeral services were held at the Arthur R. Beidelman Funeral Chapel, under the auspices of Euclid Lodge No. 65. Rev. Dewey R.

Eder officiated and the Oriental Masonic quartette furnished the music. Interment was made in the Naperville Cemetery.



**Navy Seaman  
Assistant Postmaster  
Post Master**

## The Philosophy of Freemasonry

**By R. W. Bro. S. Krishnan, P. Dy. GM**

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest secular fraternal societies. It is a world wide organization based on the principle of 'Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man'. It is a society concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its precepts are taught, by a series of rituals, which follow ancient forms and stonemasons' customs, tools and allegorical guides. Its avowed objective is to make good men better.

The public does not know much about what Freemasonry is and what Freemasons stand for and from what little is known, it is often mistaken as a secret society. Freemasonry has nothing secret or secretive, as it does not conceal the time and place of its meetings, nor do its members hide their membership. As a universal organization, it has modes of recognition, which are of interest only to Freemasons and are not therefore revealed to non-masons. They are thus no different from the passwords prevalent among Internet and credit card users, to prevent misuse and frauds.

The universal symbol of Freemasonry, are the Square and Compasses. As non-operative, but speculative, or figurative masons, the working tools used by masons, for construction of buildings, are applied by Freemasons to their morals. Thus the Square used to prove right angles, symbolizes the square conduct expected to be followed by Freemasons at all times and the Compasses, which are used to measure the limits and proportions of the plan of the building, represent the limits of good and evil within which Freemasons are always expected to act. Likewise, the plumb line, which is used to prove uprights and perpendiculars, is symbolic of the uprightness of actions to be borne in mind by Freemasons at all times, while the level used to prove horizontals, represents equality. Other working tools also teach similar moral lessons.

The universal motto of Freemasonry is "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth". Charity is the predominant characteristic of every Freemason's heart. Freemasonry teaches the

practice of the moral virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice as well as that of Faith, Hope and Charity. Virtue, Honor and Mercy are its distinguishing aspects. It is committed to extend the hand of fellowship and providing relief to those in distress. It inculcates obedience to God and observance of the laws of the country.

Freemasonry is not a religion, but it emphasizes secularism through respect and tolerance for all religions and a belief in a Supreme Being without reference to caste, creed, race, or religion. It is not a social club; it consists of a cross section of society, who meet and socialize on an equal footing; it also involves family members on social occasions. Any one who is above twenty-one years and has a belief in a Supreme Being can become a Freemason.

Throughout the world, Freemasons are engaged in many philanthropic and charitable projects. Such projects in India include, a Masonic Poly Clinic and Public School as well as a school for Spastic Children at Delhi, a Children's Masonic Medical Centre in Coimbatore, adoption of an entire village for all round development in Visakhapatnam district, providing of shoes for cyclone victims, in Andhra Pradesh, an Orphanage for children who lost their parents in Tsunami at Karaikal, a Community Centre by way of Tsunami relief in Kanyakumari district, Dhanya dhan and Ghyana dhan projects, bursaries and scholarships, helping institutions for the handicapped and aged and holding of periodical blood donation, eye and other health camps in different parts of the country.

Prominent Freemasons in India include Swami Vivekananda, Moti Lal Nehru, C. Rajagopalachari, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, as also serving and retired Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts, serving and retired Defense Services and Civilian Personnel, besides many Industrialists, Business men and executives and other professionals.

To sum up, Freemasonry is a Way of Life which is intended to improve the personality of every one of its members.

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## The Mother Lodge by Rudyard Kipling

There was Rundle, Station Master,  
 An' Beazley of the Rail,  
 An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,  
     An' Donkin' o' the Jail;  
 An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,  
 Our Master twice was 'e,  
 With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,  
     Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!  
 Inside - "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
 We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,  
 An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge  
     out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,  
 An' Saul the Aden Jew,  
 An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman  
     Of the Survey Office too;  
 There was Babu Chuckerbutty,  
 An' Amir Singh the Sikh,  
 An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,  
     The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,  
 An' our Lodge was old and bare,  
 But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,  
     An' we kep' 'em to a hair;  
 An' lookin' on it backwards  
 It often strikes me thus,  
 There ain't such things as infidels,  
     Exce', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly after Labour,  
 We'd all sit down and smoke  
 (We dursn't give no banquits,  
     Lest a Brother's caste were broke),

An' man on man got talkin'  
 Religion an' the rest,  
 An' every man comparin'  
     Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',  
 An' not a Brother stirred  
 Till mornin' waked the parrots  
     An' that dam' brain-fever bird;  
 We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,  
 An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,  
 With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva  
     Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service  
 This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,  
 An' bore fraternal greetin's  
     To the Lodges east an' west,  
 Accordin' as commanded  
 From Kohat to Singapore,  
 But I wish that I might see them  
     In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,  
 My Brethren black an' brown,  
 With the trichies smellin' pleasant  
     An' the hog-darn passin' down;  
 An' the old khansamah snorin'  
 On the bottle-khana floor,  
 Like a Master in good standing  
     With my Mother-Lodge once more!

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 Inside - "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
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1st and 3rd Tuesday

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**Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M.**

The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County Founded September 28, 1848 Chartered October 2, 1849

**TRESTLEBOARD**

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## “Free” Masons

There have been many explanations as to how the term “Free” came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade or art. Masons who labored on Solomon’s Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking any part in the work, free from any responsibility, free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who *do not wait for free time* in which to attend Lodge. Let us not be the kind who believe *Freemasonry is free*. We are free to do as we wish about these things, but *no one can be a Freemason* in the true and fullest sense of the word *unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time*, with his energy and by use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.

Elbert Bede 33rd Degree