



From The East - Timothy Dry - Worshipful Master

It is hard to believe that Summer is almost over.

Although the Lodge was dark during July and August, I still had a fairly busy schedule as did several other members of the Lodge..

On July 21, the Lodge helped park cars and assist in the loading of buses for those attending the Rockin for the Troops concert held at Cantigny Park in Winfield.

Joe and Nancy Ingraffia held the second of their three summer barbecues on the 28th of July. The ribs were delicious. I can't wait for the third barbecue that will feature seafood.

The following day, July 29th, the Lodge members came out in force to attend Brother Ross Decent's birthday party. Ross puts on a great picnic, complete with live entertainment. In the past he has asked that the attendees bring food for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry. This year he asked that attendees write a check instead. Loaves and Fishes is able to purchase ten dollars of food for every dollar donated. Ross was able to collect more than \$1,200.00 in donations so the food pantry will be able to purchase \$12,000.00 worth of food for the needy in our community.

On August 21, I attended Wheaton Lodge No. 269 in Wheaton along with Brothers, Sullens, Yingling, Zears, Gelston and Hopf. We were

able to fill in at various positions to help them successfully raise a new Master Mason.

Saturday, August 25th found me at Burlington Park in Naperville for another 3rd degree, again held by Wheaton Lodge No. 269. This was the first time that I had attended an outdoor degree. The Scottish Rite degree team conferred the degree. Brothers Zears and Hamilton are part of the team and did an exemplary job. I got to sit on the sidelines and relax for a change. We were only interrupted by the noise of passing trains and there weren't too many of them. Wheaton Lodge provided the refreshments prior to the degree.

I made many trips down to the Lodge to watch the progress of the work being done in the basement by our tenant and Nike. They have done an amazing job in transforming the lower level from a dark and dingy storage space to an up-to-date retail store.

The Temple Board has also had some renovations done during the summer. We now have a new front door on the Lodge, conveniently protected with a new, royal blue awning. The walls of the entryway have had new paneling installed and a coffered ceiling has been added. A small closet has also been added just

inside the door for a broom and snow shovel. New lighting has been installed all the way up the stairs to the double doors. A new hexagonal, porcelain tile floor has been installed with carpeting inserts. The new carpet has the square and compasses along with the "Naperville Masonic Temple" and "Est. 1848", emblazoned upon it. The inner door has been refinished and has new, security glass inserted to help hide the stairwell from passersby. The lighting in the vestibule has been put on a timer to highlight the new entryway during the evening hours. Security lighting at the back of the building has been added and several other minor repairs and upgrades have been made.

I have also been busy working with RWBro. Ray Babinsky in finalizing the Intender Training Program presentation. You may even hear a familiar voice once the program is made available on the Grand Lodge website.

We will be having dinner on Tuesday, September 4th, compliments of the Nike Corporation. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see all of you there.

Tim Dry
Worshipful Master



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From The Secretaries Table

Hope all enjoyed the summer as we are still trying to figure out just what happened to it as it seemed to just evaporate into thin air before we accomplished less than half the plans made for summer

Grand Lodge: The 173rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS will take place at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield on October 5th & 6th 2012. All Master Masons are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting of your Grand Lodge. The sessions are most interesting and it is well worth the short trip to Springfield. Please see the WM or the Secretary for additional details if you are interested in attending.

The following members will celebrate a birthday in September on the day indicated

Vernon A. Soukup	Sept 02
Douglas E. Seifried	Sept 03
Christopher D. Tabb	Sept 04
Adam M. Daeschlein	Sept 06
Kyle K. Baker	Sept 06
Patrick J. Rauen II	Sept 06
Gerald W. Bussell	Sept 07
Tracy L. Oliver	Sept 09
David A. Dakes	Sept 11
James J. Vancura	Sept 14
Lucas H. Park	Sept 15
Gary J. Mannon	Sept 19
Robert Q. Drebing	Sept 23
Brett L. Nordmeyer	Sept 24
Wayne E. Ward	Sept 25
Michael D. Wells	Sept 28
Patrick G. Lehrman	Sept 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

Thomas C. Behr Secretary

() is the number of years	
Michael J. Molloy	Sept 04 (21)
Roger W. Webb	Sept 07 (58)
Lloyd G. Van Bergen	Sept 11 (55)
Robert J. Falta	Sept 11 (33)
Mark H. Schmidt	Sept 13 (44)
Richard W. Sales	Sept 16 (37)
Douglas H. Huntington	Sept 16 (54)
Norwood A. McDaniel Jr.	Sept 17 (42)
Vaneet K. Kapoor	Sept 19 (06)
Brett L. Nordmeyer	Sept 19 (06)
Robert W. Jackson	Sept 19 (45)
Gary W. Theis	Sept 21 (08)
Ronald D. Cathey	Sept 22 (05)
Corin G. Grant	Sept 22 (05)
Eric S. Hovey	Sept 22 (05)
Mason C. Wright Sr.	Sept 22 (05)
Fred A. Randazzo II	Sept 22 (05)
Evan G. Henderson	Sept 22 (05)
Dainon S. Setzer	Sept 22 (05)
Leon H. Namtzu	Sept 24 (35)
H. Jason Reed	Sept 29 (03)
James G. Simpson III	Sept 29 (03)
Gene E. Darfler	Sept 30 (60)

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



Thomas Behr
Secretary

PURPOSE AND VALUES OF FREEMASONRY

The basic purpose of Freemasonry is to make "better men out of good men." There is an emphasis placed on the individual man by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons.

Masonry tries to educate its members about:

- The principles of personal responsibility and righteousness.
- Understanding of and feeling for Freemasonry's character and
- Applying these lessons in practice in daily life.

This is how we try to build a better world. We endeavor to build better men that will work in and improve their own communities. Freemasonry promotes universal peace through the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

Freemasonry also seeks to enlighten the mind, promote peace and understanding and whatever may enhance and adorn man's contacts with man, and stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart to practice the basic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The Values a Mason Should Live By:

- Belief in a Supreme Being
- Remain open-minded to learn and stay on Masonry's path to moral goodness
- Relate to other Masons on an equal basis, i.e., on the level
- Avoid belittling others to enhance your own stature
- Avoid contention and arguments
- Strive for honesty, fidelity, integrity, tolerance, fair dealing, and charity
- Respect for labor—craftsmanship, dedication, skill, and intelligence

These values are basic to the lasting harmony of our lodges and our Masonic fraternity.

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 August	27	28	29	30	31	1 September Loaves and Fishes
2	3 LABOR DAY	4 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10 Lodge Officer Practice	11 Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Stated Meeting	12	13	14	15 Deadliest Catch Party/Barbecue 3:00 pm until ?
16	17 Lodge Officer Practice	18 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting 1st Degree Conferral	19	20	21	22
23/30	24 Lodge Officer Practice	25 Naperville Masonic Temple Association Board Meeting	26	27	28	29 Adoniram Council No. 95 100th Anniversary Banquet

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Sep 1** Loaves and Fishes volunteering 7:30 to 10:30 and 9:30 to 12:30
- **Sep 4** Euclid Lodge stated meeting Special dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nike Corporation has generously provided this evenings dinner.
- **Sep 10** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Sep 11** Euclid Chapter meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council meeting 8:45 p.m.
- **Sep 15** "Deadliest Catch" Party/BBQ at Joe and Nancy Ingrassias, 1139 Collingwood, Bolingbrook Call 630-378-0591 to make your reservation
- **Sep 17** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Sep 18** Euclid Lodge special meeting Conferral of the 1st degree. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sep 24** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Sep 25** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Sep 29** Adoniram Council 95 100th Anniversary Banquet at Courtyard Banquets in Warrenville. See flyer on page 7 for details
- **Oct 1** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Oct 2** Euclid Lodge stated meeting. Officer Step Up Night 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 6** Loaves and Fishes volunteering 7:30 to 10:30 and 9:30 to 12:30
- **Oct 8** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Oct 9** Euclid Chapter meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council meeting 8:45 p.m.
- **Oct 15** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Oct 16** Euclid Lodge special meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Conferral of the 2nd degree at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 17** Annual Past Masters Dinner Courtyard Banquets in Warrenville
- **Oct 22** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Oct 23** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 29** Lodge officer ritual practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Oct 30** Euclid Lodge special meeting 7:30 p.m. Degree conferral yet to be determined

Committees

Membership

Michael Ault Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman

Finance

Timothy Dry 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

Carl Crownhart Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

Community Days

Paul Felstrup Chairman

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Blood Drive

Guy Hamilton Chairman

Bylaws

Carl Crownhart

Sickness and Distress

Brother Wayne Ward, who had suffered a massive stroke, is now back home in hospice care. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ingraffia's BBQ's "Ribfest" and "Deadliest Catch"

Saturday, July 28th, Bro. Joe Ingraffia and his wife Nancy hosted the second summer barbeque, "Ribfest", at their home in Bolingbrook. Barbecued Pork Ribs were the main entrée. Brother Ingraffia has a great rub that he uses and the ribs were fantastic. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you Joe and Nancy

Saturday, September 15th, Joe and Nancy will be hosting their "Deadliest Catch" Party/Barbecue featuring seafood and all the trimmings. Get your RSVP in by Sunday, September 9. 1139 Collingwood Lane, Bolingbrook. 630-378-0591. 3:00 p.m. until ? Please bring chairs, liquid refreshments and a dish to pass; appetizer, side dish or dessert, depending on your arrival time.



Back To Lodge Dinner

The Nike Corporation has generously provided dinner for all of us at the Lodge on Tuesday, September 4 in token of their appreciation for the cooperation by the Naperville Masonic Temple Association (Temple Board) during the recent renovations that were made in the basement of the Lodge building. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will consist of Chicken Parmesan, Italian Beef, Baked Mostaccioli, Italian Salad, Macaroni Salad and Steamed Vegetables.

Hope to see you all there.



Loaves and Fishes

Go to the Loaves and Fishes Volunteer Page, <http://www.loaves-fishes.org/volunteer.html> for details. All volunteers must register on the website first.

Any questions? Contact Brother Ross Decent at rossdecent@gmail.com or give him a call at 630-770-0853.

ILCHIP

Brother Rosensweig reports that he has two events scheduled for the coming year. One in November and the other in April 2013. Details will be announced when they become available.

Masonic Academic Bowl

We will be sponsoring the Naperville North High School Academic Team again this year. Mrs. Johns has taken over for Mrs. Johnson.

We are also sponsoring the Naperville Central High School Academic Team. This will be their first year competing and they should be a great addition to the competition.

Naperville Masonic Temple Association

When you come back to Lodge this fall, you're bound to notice that there's been some improvements made. The Temple Board has been busy all Summer in and around the building. The first thing you'll see will be the brand new door and canopy which grace the front of the building. Our entrance will be easy to find and now Shawn Finnegan, et al, can enjoy their "smoky treats" without standing in the rain. You'll also notice that the marquee has been refinished to match the trim and lighting has been installed as well. Nice.

Once you pass through the new front door you'll notice a beautifully remodeled entrance vestibule. New paneling has been installed along with new ceiling tiles and lighting. A new threshold has been made to prevent water seeping in as it has in the past. New floor tile and carpet bearing the square and compasses have replaced the old black tire flooring. A broom closet and shelving have been introduced to keep things tidy. The old inside door has been refinished, fitted with new security glass and a closer. This will dress things up nicely and reduce curious ne'er do well intrusions into the stairway. Much more has been done that won't be as obvious. For instance, A new drain-tile waterproofing system has been installed. The purpose of the system is to eliminate water seepage in and around the floor and foundation wall in the basement area. The system includes a high volume sump system which includes battery back up in the event of a power failure. Also, the rear glass block window has been repaired, again, and this time we've added a shield to prevent further vandalism. New exterior lighting has been installed to replace the defunct lighting on the rear east side as well as the south alley

and exit vestibule. The wall behind the gas meter bank has been re-done in stucco to recover the old plywood that was there before. We've also shored up the bottom area there by pouring a new floor platform. Additionally, we noticed an increase in "dumpster traffic" in the rear west side alley adjacent to our building, so we extended the existing steel-strapped bumper-boards along the exterior west wall to protect our brickwork.

Our tenant, Naperville Running Co. has, in partnership with Nike, performed extensive remodeling to the basement level. Including, but not limited to, remodeling the whole retail area and work to replace the entire front and rear basement staircases, bringing them up to code. Substantial improvements have been made to the ventilation, heating and cooling systems that serve the basement as well. This improves the marketability and usability of the basement tremendously and was done without cost to the Temple Board. It should be noted that W. Bro. Don Cowart is responsible for the planning and design of our remodeling work to the front entrance area. He's got a vision for the future look of our lodge and little by little it's coming together.

Welcome back to Euclid brothers.

Andrew B. Siedelmann

President, Naperville Masonic Temple Association

Past Master Highlight Walter Elsworth Houghton Sr. 1933 1934

HOUGHTON, Walter Elsworth Sr. was born June 5, 1899 in La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin the son of Elmer Elsworth Houghton and Jane Erickson. He was first employed as a driver for the Pasteurized Milk Company in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He married Esther ? about 1922 and they were the parents of a son, Walter Elsworth Jr. He moved to Naperville following Esther's death September 3, 1925. He then married Mabel I. Rau August 21, 1951 in Chicago. He was employed in Naperville at the Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company first as a designer, then as Supervisor of Drafting. He retired after 39 years with Kroehlers. He was raised a Master Mason November 30, 1926 and served as Master of the Lodge in 1933 and 1934. His name is engraved in the back of the Oriental Chair that is situated in the East. He served as Treasurer of the Lodge for 40 years from 1935 thru 1974 and was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons and served as High Priest in 1931. He died August 20, 1984 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.



**Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Co.
Lodge Treasurer
40 Years**



Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons

Companions of Euclid Chapter No. 13,

As we look forward to another productive year at Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, we would like to thank our Past Excellent High Priest Shawn Finnegan for all of his hard work and dedication. With the assistance of his leadership, we were recognized by earning 3rd place for Chapter of the Year, at the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, 163rd Annual Convocation in Springfield, Illinois. It is my hope that we can build upon this success and continue to grow and improve. In that vein, over the summer we convened a By-Laws Committee to address some of the issues that are of concern to the Chapter. We anticipate on bringing these changes up for consideration this year.

Funding of Autism treatment and research will continue to be the beneficiary of our philanthropic endeavors, and it is my hope that we will continue to find ways to increase our involvement in this worthy cause. Throughout this Masonic year, I will be asking Companions to join me in looking for opportunities to volunteer at events that help raise awareness for the treatment of Autism. There are organizations in our community that we may be able to find ways to assist, such as Turning Pointe and Little Friends.

It is my sincere hope that we will continue in the proud lineage of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, by strengthening our institution and improving our commitment to our community.

Steven L. Sandack

Excellent High Priest



Adoniram Council No. 95 Royal and Select Masters

Companions....

I know I have had a relaxing summer and hope you have too. I checked my calendar and the second Tuesday of September is just around the corner. A lot has happened for Adoniram over the summer. I am very proud of all the hard work and dedication we have all put into our first year at our new location in Naperville. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed. At Grand Council in July, Adoniram was awarded the "Council of the Year"! I am hard pressed to remember anything as impressive as what we accomplished this last year. Adoniram was literally breathing its last breath when Andrew Siedelmann got wind of Adoniram's demise and eminent collapse. Andrew seized the opportunity to bring a Council of Cryptic Masons to Euclid and got to work on making this momentous salvation come to fruition. As many of you can remember the initial months were anything but momentous. We were very fortunate to have a determined corps of Euclid Chapter companions step forward to organize and initiate what has now become the BEST Council in the state of Illinois. I consider myself fortunate to follow our first Thrice Illustrious Master, Brandon Zears. In my Masonic history as Worshipful Master of Euclid lodge and High Priest of Euclid Chapter, no one has been any more adept at leadership and organizational skill as our Past T.I.M. Zears. I feel much more at ease in the East being able to follow the trail and example he has blazed.

Many exciting events have been planned for the upcoming year. These will be discussed at our first meeting on September 11. I do want to let everyone know that this is Adoniram's centennial year. We are having a "100 Year Celebration Banquet" on September 29th at Courtyard Banquets at 6:00 pm. A cash bar and buffet dinner for \$25.00 each and history of our 100 years of history will be celebrated. Reservations can be made by contacting **Dainon Setzer at (509)953-2796 or dainonsetzer@comcast.net**. Bill Ackermann has had the striking of a bronze Adoniram #95 Council pin performed and will have them unveiled and available at our banquet.

Congratulations Adoniram!

Don Cowart,

T.I.M. (Thrice Illustrious Master)

***Adoniram Council No. 95
100 Year Celebration Banquet***

Saturday, September 29th

Courtyard Banquets

3 S. Rt. 59, Warrenville, IL

630-393-3130

\$25 Per Person

6:00 pm Cash Bar

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

Salad, Pasta, Vegetable, Roast Sirloin, Chicken, Riganati, Mostaccioli, Green Beans

Almondine, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Butter, Coffee, and Ice-cream

Guest Speaker: Paul Scheeler

RSVP: Dainon Setzer

509-953-2796

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All Master Masons and their Spouses or Significant Others are Invited

A new awning and door have been installed at the entrance to the Lodge. The marquee sign has been painted to match the door and a light has been installed above the outside of the door.



New floor tile, carpet and paneling have been installed in the foyer. A broom closet has also been added. A new coffered ceiling has been installed with all new lighting. The inner door has been refinished and has new security glass installed.



Right Worshipful Brother Neville Diamond Grand Lodge of Illinois Representative for South Africa

OUR MAN IN ILLINOIS VISITS CAPE TOWN

RW Bro Neville Diamond is an airline pilot who was raised in South Africa and moved to the United States some 20 years ago. He is a member of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and is the Grand Lodge of South Africa's representative there. He recently visited Cape Town and this is his report to his Grand Master.



RW Bro Morris Rozen with RW Bro Neville Diamond

Tuesday 5th June, 2012

My wife, sister, and I joined RW Bro Morris Rozen at the English constitution Pinelands Masonic Temple where Wor Bro Duncan McKinlay was only too delighted to show us around the facility. We saw various lodge halls and even a beautifully arranged museum. There was a most impressive collection of aprons, officer's jewels and medals as well as historical documents from various dignitaries. One of the lodge rooms was set up for a chapter that was to be working that evening.

RW Bro Morris Rozen then drove us to the Lodge de Goede Hoop Temple in the city where he gave us an extensive tour. This most spectacular temple is over 210 years old. There are some major differences to the ritual we use in Illinois and so the lodge hall is set up differently. Morris invited me to sit in the East and I was able to get a sense of the true magnificence of the Temple. He then conducted me to a chamber that is used for the 3rd degree. I will not discuss it here, but suffice it to say that it was something very special that I have only heard about before.

Afterwards Morris gave me some cuff-links and various books and publications and we made arrangements for me to attend an installation the following evening.

Wednesday, 6th June 2012

I was collected by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor Bro Avron Jacobson, who took me to the Bellville Temple for the installation meeting.

The installation was conducted by the Provincial Grand Lodge officers from the Southern Division, led by the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro John Smith. A Grand Lodge of South Africa delegation was also

present, led by the Grand Master, MW Bro Armiston Watson and including his Deputy, RW Bro Geoff Edwards and RW Bro Morris Rozen. There were also representatives for the 3 sister constitutions present in South Africa (English, Irish and Scottish) as well as visitors from other lodges. In total, I counted 45 brothers, including 2 Entered Apprentices, a couple of Master Masons and various Past Masters.

I was welcomed by everyone and made to feel very much at home. While I would have been happy just to go in with the visitors of the other lodges, because I was representing the Grand Lodge of Illinois and our Grand Master, I was received with all the dignity and respect that would be given to him. I entered with the Grand Lodge delegation and was seated in the East with the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge officers.

The installation ceremony was impressive and very different to ours. The Worshipful Master, Paul Buckle, is a young medical doctor and was being installed for a 2nd year. A few speeches were made and all the members were briefed on changes the Grand Master was making to the Grand Lodge team. Included in these, the Grand Master has promoted the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro John Smith, to Assistant Grand Master and, as a result, the Brother who had taken me to lodge was being promoted to Provincial Grand Master. After the closing and before the procession out of the lodge, we were all invited to the Festive Board – basically a table lodge.

The Festive Board consisted of a 4 course meal intermixed with speeches and toasts. Toward the end of all the speeches I was given the opportunity to present the MW Grand Master with the medallion from our Grand Master, this medallion representing unity within our Masonic fraternity. He was duly impressed and very appreciative. I also gave the Worshipful Master one of our Grand Master's pins and as well as one from Euclid lodge.

After an extremely long evening everyone said their farewells and I was driven home by the newly appointed Provincial Grand Master. We discussed the various programs that we have for our lodges and in particular the Grand Master's award of excellence. He is very keen to review our program and would like to introduce something similar that may help his lodges. They were all astounded by the number of members we have in Illinois as they only have few thousand total members in all constitutions in South Africa.

In summary, I was well received and shown more pomp and ceremony than I really deserved. I have little doubt that I will thoroughly enjoy working with these new fraternal friends and much appreciated this wonderful opportunity to represent our Grand Lodge in my homeland.

**RW Bro Neville B Diamond
Grand Lodge of Illinois**

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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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Freemasonry Defined

In old England, Freemasonry was defined as "a system of morality, veiled in allegory (as in a story, fable or parable) and illustrated by symbols."

An allegory "represents by suggestive resemblance"; a symbol is "a visible sign or representation of an idea." Masonry is a course of moral instruction which uses both allegories and symbols to teach its lessons.

Today, Freemasonry has been defined by Brother Charles C. Hunt of Iowa as "an organized society of men symbolically applying the principles of operative Masonry and architecture to the science and art of character building." This means applying Masonic principles will help you build a positive character.

From "On The Threshold"