



From The East - Brandon A. Zears - Worshipful Master

Brethren,

It is with a great honor I am writing this article for the first time.

As the new officer corps took over earlier in November, we have already begun work by conferring a first degree. As this is both the beginning of the new Masonic year and the end of the calendar year we look forward to the events and milestones in the coming months.

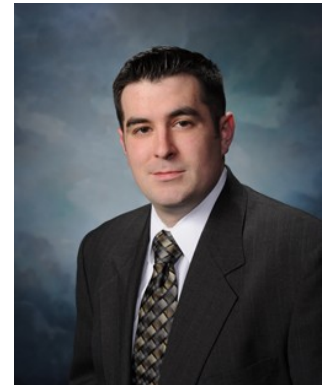
I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family, but we should continue to be thankful for all that we have not just one day or weekend out of the year, but each day.

As we have entered the winter holiday season we have a lot to look forward to. As a lodge we are going to be volunteering on the 5th of December for the Salvation Army bell ringing at Casey's and Trader Joes. On the 19th of December we will have our annual Christmas Party.

I look forward to the many events and continued fellowship with each of you both in and out of the lodge. I wish you all the best this holiday season and look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings!!!

Fraternally,

Brandon A. Zears



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Worshipful Master

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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

Dues notices for the 2016 year will be going in the mail in the next few days.

The Brethren concurred with the finance committees recommendation at the annual meeting and approved keeping the annual dues at \$92.00. All other fees and gifts were also approved and remain the same as last year.

We still have 20 members who have not paid their 2015 dues, 9 of whom have also not paid their 2014 dues.

Brethren, if you are having financial difficulties and cannot afford to pay your dues, please contact me so that we can take the necessary steps to assist you.

DEGREES

The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred on one candidate at the special meeting on November 17. The ritual was performed very well with our new corps of officers. The Fellowcraft degree will be conferred at the special meeting on December 15.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Bryan Ogg, curator at the Naperville Settlement has written a nice article about the removal of the time capsule from the cornerstone. It is published in the November issue of the Positively Naperville newspaper.

[http://](http://www.positivelynaperville.com/2015/11/16/the-curious-curator-cornerstone-contents-conclave/51611)

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SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Saturday, December 5, volunteers will be out in front of Trader Joe's and Casey's Foods in the Naperville Plaza Shopping Center, Washington Street and Gartner Road. Bro. Joseph Ingrassia has a sign-up sheet

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

for those who are interested. The weather forecast is for mid 50's.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lodge will be holding the annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 19. Chezaday the magician and Santa will be on hand. Details are on page 5.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Chad M. Gibbons	Dec 6
Roy S. Pedersen	Dec 11
John A. Cressman	Dec 12
Elden P. Laffoon Sr.	Dec 12
Kenneth R. Koranda	Dec 14
Mason C. Wright Jr.	Dec 14
Michael A. Sanchez	Dec 15
Frank J. Cabrera II	Dec 17
Kevin E. Bennet	Dec 22
Jason J. Jeffers	Dec 22
Albin R. Anderson Jr.	Dec 23
Don J. Cowart	Dec 26
Alexander W. Mitchell	Dec 29
Floyd H. Sullens	Dec 29
John F. Prescott	Dec 31

Master Mason Anniversary

The following members observe the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in the () is the number of years.

Ronald E. Stibbe	Dec 1 (42)
Leo B. Wilcher	Dec 9 (9)
Michael D. Wells	Dec 9 (9)
Mark C. Mortimer	Dec 9 (9)
Kyle K. Baker	Dec 9 (9)
Mason C. Wright Sr.	Dec 9 (9)
Thomas W. Welsh	Dec 9 (9)
Steven J. Venditti	Dec 9 (9)
Brandon A. Zears	Dec 15 (6)
Patrick L. Temesvary	Dec 15 (6)
Alexander W. Mitchell	Dec 18 (31)
Frederick E. Huntington	Dec 21 (67)

So Brethren, until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretary's table Worshipful".



Timothy J. Dry
Secretary

THE MASONIC CREED

And if all men had always obeyed with all their hearts, the mild and gentle teachings of Masonry, that world would always have been a paradise; while Intolerance and Persecution make of it a hell. For this is the Masonic Creed: BELIEVE, in God's infinite benevolence, wisdom and justice; HOPE, for the final triumph of good over evil, and for Perfect Harmony as the final result of all the concords and discords of the Universe; and be CHARITABLE, as God is, towards the unfaith, the errors, the follies and faults of men; for all are one great Brotherhood.

Albert Pike

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 November	30 Lodge Officer Practice	1 DECEMBER Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	2	3	5	5 Loaves & Fishes Salvation Army Bell Ringing
6 HANUKKAH Begins	7 Lodge Officer Practice	8 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Coun. No. 95	9	10	11	12
13	14 Lodge Officer Practice HANUKKAH Ends	15 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	16	17	18	19 Lodge Christmas Party
20	22	22 Temple Board Meeting	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 January NEW YEARS DAY	2 Loaves and Fishes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Nov 30** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Dec 1** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 5** Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Caseys Foods and Trader Joes
- **Dec 6** **HANUKKAH Begins**
- **Dec 7** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Dec 8** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- **Dec 14** **HANUKKAH Ends**
- **Dec 14** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Dec 15** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the Fellowcraft degree.
- **Dec 19** Annual Christmas Party
- **Dec 21** NO RITUAL PRACTICE
- **Dec 22** NO TEMPLE BOARD MEETING
- **Dec 25** **CHRISTMAS**
- **Dec 28** NO RITUAL PRACTICE
- **Jan 1** Annual New Years Day Open House at Bro. Don Cowart's home.
- **Jan 2** Loaves and Fishes
- **Jan 4** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 5** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 11** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 12** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- **Jan 18** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 19** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the Master Mason degree.
- **Jan 25** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 26** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HANUKKAH

Committees

Membership

Joseph Ingraffia Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman

Finance

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

George Murray Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

?????????? Chairman

Library

Brandon Zears Chairman

Table Lodge

Michael D. Ault Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Brandon A. Zears Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

Community Days

Paul Felstrup Chairman

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Scott D. Schmied Chairman

Blood Drive

Monty Jackson Chairman

Bylaws

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Sickness and Distress

Jan Crownhart broke her femur and is recuperating at the Alden nursing home.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

The annual meeting was held Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

The following officers were elected:

Worshipful Master:	Brandon Adam Zears
Senior Warden:	Joseph Andrew Ingraffia
Junior Warden:	Ross Jeremy Decent
Treasurer:	Gerald Eugene Yingling
Secretary:	Timothy Joseph Dry
Senior Deacon:	James Gordon Simpson Jr.
Junior Deacon:	Jason Jay Jeffers

Worshipful Master elect Zears appointed the following officers:

Senior Steward:	George Christopher Murray
Junior Steward:	Paul Andrew Felstrup
Chaplain:	Bryan Matthew Newson
Marshal:	Walter Hemphill Jr.
Tyler:	Charles Edward Macyunas
Musician:	David Stedman Moore

In addition: RWbro. Floyd H. Sullens was appointed as Lodge Instructor.

Dues will remain \$92.00

Petition for affiliation will remain \$100.00

Petition for degrees will remain \$400.00

Honorariums and Past Masters gift will remain the same.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We will be ringing the bells again on Saturday, December 5, 2015. We have obtained our usual location in the Naper Plaza Shopping Center, Washington Street and Gartner Road, in front of Casey's Foods and Trader Joe's.

Sign up to volunteer with Bro. Joe Ingraffia. 630-258-9915 or jomo@customsbyjomo.com

Naperville Masonic Temple Association

Wbro. Thomas Behr tendered his resignation from the board.

George C. Murray was appointed by the board to fill Bro. Behr's unexpired term.

Plans are being made for the next phase of the building renovations. The Lodge room will be the next area to be worked on.

Masonic Quote

In that retirement which declining years induced me to seek, and which repose of mind long employed in public concerns, rendering necessary, my wishes with bounteous Providence will continue to bless and preserve our country in Peace and in the prosperity it has enjoyed, will be warm and sincere; and my attachment to the Society of which we are members will dispose me always, to contribute my best endeavours to promote the honor and interest of the Craft.

George Washington

Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 19, 2015

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Euclid Lodge No. 65
34 W. Jefferson Ave.
Naperville, IL 60540

Who: Our Annual Holiday Party is open to all members and their families. Join us in celebrating the 2015 holidays. A Magician will provide entertainment for both children and adults starting at 2:00PM and Santa will make an appearance right after the magic show.



DID YOU KNOW?

Nahum Loring was born May 30, 1797 in Hatfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts the son of Reuben Loring and Lydia West. He married Mary Potter about 1820 and they were the parents of five children, Alonzo, Mary Seville (George F. Foster), Lorenzo Deloss, David R. and Lucy (James A. Whittaker). Mary died November 28, 1848. He then married Charlotte P. Griswold December 5, 1849 and they were the parents of three children, Charlotte Virginia (Rev. Robert D. Sheppard), Ida May (Gary C. Calkins) and Cornelia (Carrie). He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Genesee County, New York 16th Regiment of Cavalry in 1822. Nahum served in the first fire company of Batavia, Genesee County, NY, in 1824 and as a Genesee County School Trustee 1827 to 1828. He opened the first store in Alabama, Genesee County, NY in 1828. He was briefly involved in the Morgan Affair, which started the Anti-Masonic political party in 1826. He put up bail for William Morgan when the latter was first arrested. According to newspaper accounts from Genesee County New York, Nahum was found in default on his mortgage in October 1830 and then declared insolvent in June 1831. His financial difficulties were due in no small part to the Anti-Masonic fervor sweeping the East during this period. He then moved to Ohio for a number of years and then came to Naperville in 1841. Nahum served as DuPage County Coroner in 1842 and 1843. He served as a Democratic Delegate at the Second Democratic Convention of the Fourth Illinois Congressional District, held at Ottawa, Illinois, on June 6, 1844. Other future Lodge members serving with him were Julius M. Warren, founder of Warrenville, and Robert Nelson Murray, a nephew of Joseph Naper. Between 1843 and 1846 he purchased 360 acres of land for between 1.25 and 4.00 dollars per acre. He was a delegate representing DuPage County to the Chicago River and Harbor Convention held in Chicago in 1847. At the time of his death he was making his home in Janesville, Wisconsin. He was raised a Master Mason in Batavia Lodge No. 433, Batavia, Genesee County, New York and was a Charter Member of Euclid Lodge No. 65. He was also a Charter Member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons. He died January 20, 1859 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, at the home of his daughter and was buried in Naperville Cemetery.

Past Master Highlight George Leroy Soderstrom 1980

SODERSTROM, George Leroy was born April 30, 1915 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois the son of Carl George Soderstrom and Bertha Sofia Pearson. He married Evelyn Jessie Bertelsen about 1935 in Chicago and they were the parents of a son, Donald. Following the death of Evelyn in 1970, he married Alva H. Nystrom Ogd October 16, 1972 in Kauai, Hawaii. He was a veteran of World War II, and served in the U.S. Navy. He was employed by the Electromotive Corporation of LaGrange, Illinois as an Industrial Engineer. He was raised a Master Mason March 30, 1976 and served as Master of the Lodge in 1980. He died January 15, 1982 in Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois and was buried in the Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois.



Electromotive Industrial Engineer

MASTERS WAGES

In most jurisdictions the Senior Warden, during meetings, repeats the phrase, "In order that I might receive Master's wages." Such wages help a Mason to "be better enabled to support myself and family, and contribute to the relief of poor distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans" But what, really, are Master's wages.

If as a candidate for the degrees of Masonry, you were looking for a material or financial reward or gain, then your time and treasure were surely wasted. At the time of your first entrance into the Lodge it may not have been easily discernible, but you were being offered an opportunity for spiritual and personal growth - Master's Wages. The wages of a Master Mason could be divided into three categories: Spiritual, Temporal and Personal.

Spiritual Wages

Do you recall the first words spoken by you in a Masonic Lodge? Those two words were a crucial insight into the very personal and spiritual part of your makeup. Because it was a spontaneous and honest response, it was a significant examination of self, and verified and confirmed your sincere belief in God - Masters' Wages in their most unalloyed form.

Do you also recall at the time of your 'raising' when you were informed by the Master that "heretofore, you have had a Brother to pray for you, now you must pray for yourself?" Do you remember the spiritual aura and the almost mystical, somewhat frightening feeling of being alone with your creator as you knelt and prayed? Did it leave you with a profound feeling of belief and trust in your personal Deity? If so, once again, you received Master's Wages.

Temporal Wages

There is a very dedicated group of members in one Lodge I know, who have spent many hours on much needed repairs and clean up work on the Lodge building. Most of these Brothers are recent additions to the membership of the Lodge. These members did not spend time away from their families and other commitments for personal gain. They did it for the good of the Lodge, its members and Masonry in general.

What was it that prompted these good Brothers to give of their time and talent, and what was their reward? Masters Wages. It was Masters Wages, earned through the satisfaction and pride in a job well done, and done for a good and beneficent purpose.

And Brothers, these temporal wages are in no way limited to the work of the Lodge. Youth groups such as the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church groups, and many other civic organizations, all offer opportunities for earning Master's Wages.

Personal Wages

Master Masons, during their personal journeys through a lifetime of Masonic labors, have received Master's wages in many ways - an appointment to the Lodge line, an exciting and energizing event; or election and installation as the Lodge Master, an even more exciting and awesome event, with all the apprehension and hope for a successful year.

How about the appointment to a Grand Lodge office, and the possible election and installation as Grand Master? Among the many other events are 25-year membership or 50-year membership recognition or other Masonic service awards.

There is the gratification felt when you are complimented on good ritual work or a well thought out presentation.

All of the foregoing are accompanied by the payment of Master's Wages.

But the most important aspect of personal Master's Wages, are the warm and altruistic feelings you get when you have been instrumental in helping another human being feel better about themselves, by encouraging and helping them in time of spiritual and physical need, thus making the world a better place for them and others.

Another and important form of personal Master's Wages are earned when new friendships are made and old ones renewed at the many traditional Lodge functions. Past Masters night, Old timers night, father's and son's banquets, installations of officers, Lodge picnics, and inter-Lodge visits. Most of these functions take place at a less formal venue than Stated or Special Communications - but all offering opportunities for the garnering of Master's Wages.

There is a commonly quoted saying that you get out of Masonry what you put into it. Not so. The rewards far exceed what the sum total of your efforts in Masonry may have been, or will be. My Masonic life has been blessed with Master's Wages of many kinds, far beyond any time or effort I have put into it.

But there is so much more, Brothers - much, much more. Master's Wages - the very essence of Masonry that becomes a part of our lives, and changes us in many ways - is an ineffable, abstract, unexplainable spiritual reward that pervades the human soul and cannot be expressed in words alone, but can only be felt at the deepest and most transcendent level.

Master's Wages: a metaphor for a way of life.

Donald M. Severson

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, 1978-1979

Euclid Lodge No. 65 Officers 2016



Joseph A. Ingraffia
Senior Warden



Brandon A. Zears
Worshipful Master



Ross J. Decent
Junior Warden



Gerald E. Yingling
Treasurer



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Bryan M. Newson
Chaplain



Walter Hemphill Jr.
Marshal



Charles E. Macyunas
Tyler



David S. Moore
Organist/Musician

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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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A Freemason's Christmas Wish

It is the time of the year when the Brethren rejoice,
And sing carols of praise in resounding voice.
Days of merriment and long nights of cheer,
As we all await the "Happy New Year".
It is a time of family and life long friends,
A time of happiness and to make amends.
Roast Turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite,
We each have our own way to make Christmas complete.

As we stroll through this happy month of December,
Find time to pause and take time to remember,
That distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart,
Those acts of Charity, how great they are.
As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree,
And the children play with giggles of glee,
Spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes,
Whose daily meal is less than your dues.

Remember also the Grand Lodge above,
And the Supreme Great Architect's act of love.
And practice those virtues we hold so true,
Have some fun! But let the Temperance chasten you.
And during this season of peace and joy,
Look well to our future - the girl and boy.
Then wonder what lessons you may them teach,
And with your guidance what heights they may reach.

So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide,
Whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry.
May the Architect grant his celestial boon,
And keep your good health 'til we meet again soon.
Take care of yourself and those you find dear,
Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year.
Look toward your next date with our happy band,
'Til our next merry meeting, Apron, heart and hand.
Brother Andrew Bradley