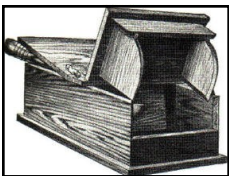




From The East - Joseph A. Ingrassia - Worshipful Master

My Brethren:

As my year serving as Worshipful Master of this wonderful lodge of Brothers is quickly coming to an end, let me throw out a couple of my thoughts about the experience. It went by with lightning speed. I couldn't have been successful without the support of my officer corp. (who are well positioned to take the reins) and without the tireless support of RWB Sullens, the record keeping of WBro. Dry and Brother Felstrup (whose detailed records once again resulted in receiving the Grand Masters Award of Excellence), and the Brothers who stepped up to head/participate the various committee activities. I hope everyone who attended lodge meetings and other lodge events came away with what I was trying to accomplish this Masonic year, by providing an Opportunity for Fraternity, an Opportunity to Learn, and the Opportunity to Contribute. The October stated meeting was opened by Bro. Ross Decent and the proposed corps of new officers. They did an excellent job, and will be well prepared to fill their positions "in the line" next month.



On the membership front, things are continuing to pick up – At the October stated meeting, we read a petition for membership.

Ballots were spread for two petitioners and I am pleased to announce that Euclid Lodge No. 65 elected **Stephen Mendola** and **Ivan Velazquez** for the degrees of Freemasonry. At the special meeting of October 17, 2017, brother **Ray William Altonen** was raised to the sublime

degree of Master Mason.

The current plan is to confer multiple EA degrees at the next special meeting, November 21, 2017.

Several visitors from Hinsdale Lodge No. 934 were in attendance at the stated meeting, and captured the NE District Championship Belt, which had been resident at Euclid Lodge No. 65 for many many months.

WBro. Jerry Yingling was presented his 50 year pin and certificate, and Bros. Adam Bryant and Calvin Johnson were presented Military and First Responders certificates and pins.

October's *Masons in Social Media* consisted of an interesting video entitled *Masonic References in Popular Culture HD* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnusAVZaFN4> This 10 minutes video provided examples of the portrayal of Freemasonry in popular culture, including The Simpsons, Monty Python, and several movies.

Happenings around the Lodge in October



On the evening of October 18th the Annual Past Master's meeting was held at Meson Sabika. A crowd in excess of 60 folks

gathered to celebrate the Euclid Lodge No. 65 Past Masters. Joining in the celebration were Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, portrayed by Michael Krebs and Debra Miller, who put on a fabulous performance and even brought some context to the lodges beginnings and acknowl-

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Joseph A. Ingrassia
Worshipful Master

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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

We have nine members who are delinquent on their 2016 dues and twenty-one members who have not yet paid their 2017 dues. Brothers, if you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so that we can take the appropriate steps to assist you.

STATED MEETING/ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, November 7, the Lodge will be holding their stated meeting and annual election of officers.

Reports will be given by the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Annual Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, November 12 at 2:30 p.m. This is open to the public and family members are encouraged to attend. High Tea will be served immediately after the ceremonies.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the date indicated.

Charles E. Macyunas	Nov 4
Alan R. Spies	Nov 4
Steven J. Rosensweig	Nov 8
Michael A. Perez	Nov 9
Bruce E. Derylo	Nov 11
Scott T. Kreyborg	Nov 11
Arthur C. Tanc Jr.	Nov 12
Robert J. Falta	Nov 16
Brandon A. Zears	Nov 17
Joseph M. Davey	Nov 20
Paul A. Felstrup	Nov 22
Harold J. Reed	Nov 24
Matthew B. Van Thyne	Nov 26

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

William G. Dixon Jr.	Nov 28
Jack D. Chasteen	Nov 29
Vaneet K. Kapoor	Nov 29

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.

William T. Fetner	Nov 6 (41)
Brett A. Osborn	Nov 8 (24)
Charles E. Krepis	Nov 15 (29)
Andrew B. Siedelmann	Nov 15 (23)
Mark R. Hopf	Nov 15 (12)
Joseph M. Davey	Nov 15 (6)
Scott T. Kreyborg	Nov 15 (6)
Timothy G. Leadbetter	Nov 18 (35)
Ronald R. Rudniski	Nov 19 (15)
Brian K. Ortegel	Nov 19 (4)
Roger L. Karns	Nov 19 (4)
Bryan M. Newson	Nov 20 (4)

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



DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Naperville has had sixty different Village Presidents and Mayors since it's incorporation in 1857.

Twenty-two of them have been members of Euclid Lodge No. 65.

When the City decided to honor them with a photo display like we have for our Past Masters, they reached out to the Lodge for photos to complete the display.

FROM THE EAST - CONTINUED

edged the contributions of several Euclid Lodge No. 65 and Euclid Chapter No. 13 members at the beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg. During their performance, President Lincoln, feigning that he was addressing Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, presented Wbro. Jerry Yingling, with a plaque designating him as Treasurer Emeritus of Euclid Lodge No. 65 for his 18 years of service.

Michael Krebs has portrayed Abraham Lincoln in film and presentations throughout the United States since 1994 offering insight to the 16th President's life and times.

Coming up in November

The Annual Installation of Officers will be at the Naperville Masonic Temple on Sunday November 12, 2017 at 2:30 PM - Traditional "High Tea" service will commence immediately after the ceremony.



The traditional Euclid Lodge No. 65 bell ringing for the

Salvation Army will be on Saturday December 2, 2017, at the usual collection spots in front of Casey's Food and Trader Joe's at the Naperville Plaza Shopping Center - corner of Washington and Gartner. Bell Ringing Sign Up

The annual Euclid Lodge No. 65 Christmas Party will be on December 16, 2017, at the Naperville Masonic Temple, from 1:00-4:00PM. We once again expect visits from a magician and Santa. Please register, so that we can provide gifts to the children (12 and under) in attendance. Christmas Party Registration

That is it for now from the East, Fraternally - WM Joe Ingrassia

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 OCTOBER	30	31	1 NOVEMBER	2	3	4
5	6 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice	7 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	8 Trinity Commandery No. 80	9	10	11
12 Annual Installation Of Officers	13 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice	14 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Coun. No. 95	15	16	17	18
19	20 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice	21 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	22 Trinity Commandery No. 80	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice	28 Naperville Masonic Temple Assoc. Meeting	29	30	1 DECEMBER	2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Nov 6** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Nov 7** Euclid Lodge 65 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 8** Trinity Commandery 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 12** Annual Installation of Officers 2:30 p.m. High Tea to be served immediately afterwards.
- **Nov 13** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Nov 14** Euclid Chapter 13 & Adoniram Council 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 15** Trinity Commandery 80 meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 20** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Nov 21** Euclid Lodge 65 Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 22** Trinity Commandery 80 meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 23** **THANKSGIVING**
- **Nov 27** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Nov 28** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 2** Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- **Dec 4** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Dec 5** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 11** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Dec 12** Euclid Chapter 13 & Adoniram Council 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 12** Hanukkah Begins
- **Dec 13** Trinity Commandery 80 meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 16** Lodge Christmas Party
- **Dec 18** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Dec 19** Euclid Lodge 65 Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 20** Hanukkah Ends
- **Dec 25** Christmas
- **Dec 31** New Years Eve



Committees & Activities

Finance

Joseph Ingrassia, Ross Decent,
Mark Hopf

Sickness & Distress

Ross Decent

Refreshments

Mark Hopf, Paul Felstrup, Bryan
Newson

By-Laws

Don Cowart

Communication

Timothy Dry

Equipment & Regalia

Mark Hopf

Membership/Retention

George Murray, Walter Hemphill
Jr., David Moore

Lodge Visitation

Brandon Zears

Entertainment

John Will

ILCHIP

Samuel Derr

Academic Bowl

George Murray, Mike Lochtefeld

Education/Further Light

Don Cowart, David Moore

Library

Brandon Zears, James Simpson Jr.

Table Lodge

Michael Ault

Community & Lodge Builders

John Will

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup, Mike Lochtefeld

Past Masters Dinner

Don Cowart

Blood Drive

Monty Jackson

Naper Blvd. Cleanup

Scott Schmied

Loaves & Fishes

Ross Decent

Community Days

Paul Felstrup

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Wbro. Kapoor's father continues to undergo dialysis treatment.

Wbro. Norwood Allan McDaniel Sr., father of Norwood Allan McDaniel Jr. and grand father of Derek and Brady McDaniel passed away September 29, 2017 in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Bro. David Moore suffered a torn labrum in his shoulder and is experiencing loss of feeling in his right hand.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Annual Reports will be given by the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Finance Committee will make recommendations on the amount of next years annual dues, petition fees, officer honorariums and Masters Gift and the membership will vote on those recommendations.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING AND CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the Christmas season, we are again doing our two popular events, Bell Ringing and the Children's Christmas Party. Unlike previous years, we will have online sign-ups. Brother Hopf will provide signups in lodge, but please sign up online if possible.

Bell Ringing - Dec 2, 2017. Trader Joes and Casey's near Gartner and Washington.
2 hour slots from 9am - 5pm.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fadab2fa5fe3-christmas>

Children's Christmas Party

Dec 16, 2017, 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

Children or Grandchildren of Euclid members 12 and under

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fadab2fa5fe3-euclid>

NEW MASTER MASON

Roy William Altonen was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at our Special Meeting held on October 17, 2017.

Congratulations Brother Roy. We look forward to assisting you on your Masonic journey.





A Day of Thanksgiving by Wilbur D. Nesbit

We are traveling East, my Brother, whenever in gratefulness
 We think of the things that every day brings our lives and our homes to bless.
 We are finding the path, my Brother, though frugal may be our feast,
 If the good that we knew is the good that we do -- Ah, then we are traveling East.
 We are learning the Work, my Brother, whenever, with kindly aim
 We lighten the care and our plenty we share with the poor and the halt and lame.
 We are speaking the Word, my Brother, and finding our joys increased,
 When we can bring cheer to replace a child's tear -- Ah, then we are traveling East.
 We are bringing the Light, my Brother, whenever we greet a friend,
 Whenever we lift a poor soul gone adrift, or one in distress defend.
 We are marking the Way, my Brother, when through us has sorrow ceased,
 When something we've said to a lone heart has sped -- Ah, then we are traveling East.

Past High Priest Highlight Russell Watson Keeney 1925

KEENEY, Russell Watson was born in Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, Dec. 29, 1897, the son of Walter Franklin Keeney and Kittie Ann Watson. After completing his preliminary education at the public schools in Naperville, he attended evening classes at De Paul University and was graduated with an LL.B. degree in 1919 and an LL.M. degree in 1921. He was associated with Joseph Reuss, a Naperville attorney in the practice of law until 1926. He then joined the law firm of Reed, Knoch & Keeney, Naperville, and subsequently was a member of the successor firm of Reed & Keeney from 1930 until his election as circuit judge of the 16th judicial District in 1953. He filled various public offices, beginning in 1919 as clerk of Lisle Township, DuPage County, Illinois, and from 1922 to 1926 as justice of the peace there. Appointed assistant state's attorney for DuPage County in 1926, he served in that office until 1936 and simultaneously was first assistant state's attorney in the county and acting state's attorney. In 1936 he became special assistant attorney general for DuPage County and in that year was elected state's attorney for the county. He filled the latter office until 1940 when he was elected Judge of the County Court of DuPage County to fill an unexpired term, and he was reelected to that bench in 1942, 1946, and 1950. Elected judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit of Illinois in 1953, he remained on that bench for three years, resigning upon his election in 1956 to the 14th Illinois District of the U.S. Congress, where he served until his death. In the U.S. Congress he served on the House judiciary committee. In civic affairs he was a supporter of the Family Service Association of DuPage County, serving on its executive committee during 1951-53 and as vice-president of the organization from 1953 until his death. From 1946 to 1957 he was president of the DuPage County Tuberculosis Association. During the First World War he served as a private in the Student Army Training Corps unit at De Paul University. He was a life member of the Loyal Order of Moose, honorary member of the Du Page Board of Realtors and Kiwanis Club of Wheaton, and member of the American, Illinois State, and Du Page County bar associations, Illinois Circuit and Superior Judges Association, State's Attorneys Association of Illinois, Illinois County and Probate Judges Association (pres. 1947-48), DuPage County Farm Bureau, Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, Izaak Walton League, the Masonic order 32d degree Scottish Rite, Shriner, Knight Templar and the Order of the Eastern Star, BPOE, IOOF, Delta Theta Phi, the American Legion, and the Forty and Eight. He married Jane Perrier Perkins in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Dec. 29, 1926 and they were the parents of a daughter, Jacqueline. He married Marge La Schiavo Sansone Nov. 18, 1950 in Morris, Illinois. He was raised a Master Mason November 12, 1919. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason April 27, 1920 and served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1925. He died in Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland January 11, 1958 and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



Masons are slow to change, and as a rule, do so only grudgingly. This has protected the Craft from flights of fashion and fancy throughout the centuries. Yet change is inevitable. The world outside our gates has changed drastically within living memory. It is a very different world today than it was 50 or 100 years ago. We bemoan the loss of newly made Masons and ponder if we are relevant today.

Years ago, the pillars of the communities knocked on our West Gate. We welcomed them in and taught them how to shine. Each man was taught to build his earthly temple on the pillars of strength, wisdom, and beauty. These Masons were the pillars on which society rested and relied. These men, captains of commerce and industry, business owners, and community leaders sounded an alarm at our outer door. Today the guard at the West Gate, too often, rests undisturbed. When there is a knock we find not a pillar, but a very rough ashlar seeking admission. He is not the man his grandfather was when he knelt at our altar. We wonder how long he will labor beside us. How complete will his Temple be when he fades away from the craft? A rough stone where once stood a pillar. Yet is he not cut from the same quarry? Is not this the same stone that has been worked with through the centuries? The quality of the stone has not changed. The quality of good men has not changed, but the world has.

The tools that shaped generations before are sadly missing today. Replaced by the vulgar, mean, and common. What was second nature to the pillars of the past are rare commodities today. The rough ashlar at our gate knows little of the skills needed to form those three great pillars on which his life should be built: strength, wisdom and beauty.

The pillars of the past will tell you that strength comes from trying and failing and trying again. These men of commerce, business, and agriculture, rode the ever-changing tides of war, depression, drought, and flood. Embracing the good times and struggling through the trials and vicissitudes of life. Those who succeeded became strong and their pillar was strengthened.

The rough ashlar was shaped in a seemingly contradictory time when everybody won and there were no losers. It is also a time when mistakes and failure are not tolerated. A single mistake could mean your job, a law suit, or ridicule from strangers on public media. He works not for himself but for others. His mistakes are his alone but the rewards often go to others.

The pillars will proclaim that wisdom comes from experience and learning from the elderly and wise. Today society values youth over all things. Age with its experience and wisdom is to be avoided. Today we must look young, act young, and we follow the trends set by the young. The old ways are shunned and those in their final years find they must relearn new ways to survive. The rough ashlar seeks light but many do not know why.

The pillars will remember poetry learned in school, literature that stirred the soul, paintings that captured the essence of life, sylvan

woods, and the night sky. The rough ashlar was taught that the violent and obscene words of the rapper constitute poetry. Sound bites and internet discussion has taken the place of literature. Art must be shocking and unsettling. The vandal, or street artist with his graffiti is held up as art. Growing up urban he has never experienced a wood on a soft autumn afternoon. Because he fears the dark, he has never peered into the heavens and lost himself amongst the stars. The man who enters our West Gate may not be the pillar that once knocked long ago, but he can certainly exit the gate a pillar to his family and community. He comes seeking light-knowledge of things he never thought he would find. Have we forgotten that we too were once hewers of stone? Each man's temple is his own to create, yet can we not work with the tools we were given to help this brother form the three pillars upon which his temple rests?

In helping the ashlar form his pillar of strength, can we not provide him a place where he may try new things and push himself further than he thought possible? A place free of reproach and censure? He will not be a perfect officer or a perfect ritualist. He will make mistakes. The events he plans will be flawed. Yet each flaw that is remedied, each line of ritual flawlessly executed, and each accomplishment builds pride and confidence which in turn build strength. He will soon begin in his confidence to fortify the pillar and the pillar of strength built in the light will support him in the darkness.

As Masters of Overseers of the Work, we like to discuss Euclid's 47th Problem, or matters esoteric. The pundits gather around and discuss matters deep and symbolic. We call this Masonic education. The ashlar in our midst is seeking wisdom in guiding his life, marriage, and family, and wisdom in keeping his passions in due bounds. Our opinions are not forced on him, but the instructive tongue will almost always find a receptive ear and our brother will grow in knowledge. As his wisdom grows, the pillar takes shape and that which was learned in the light will illuminate his path in the darkness.

How can one create beauty without experiencing beauty? Do we encourage our Brother to learn poetry or read the great works that he may better understand our ritual? Do we encourage him to plant a garden or study a flower that he may better understand his Creator's hand? Do we play music which will open his mind to higher thoughts? By exposing him to beauty, he begins to adorn in the light of the pillar which will give him joy and peace in the darkness.

The world has changed. Pillars no longer knock at the outer gate of our temple. Yet with Brotherly love and the instructive tongue, a pillar takes shape. Throughout his life the rough ashlar will seek to perfect itself as we have sought to better ourselves. The world has changed, but that man who came to us in darkness, now returns to the darkness, a pillar. The world will continue to change and he will change it.

David Ritchie Past Grand Chaplain GL of Wisconsin



Past Masters of Euclid Lodge No. 65 and Arboretum Lodge No. 1175

Top L to R: Barton Robertson (2007), William Dixon (1978), Michael Ault (2010), Brandon Zears (2016), James Patton (Arboretum 1985), Timothy Dry (2012), Vaneet Kapoor (2014), John Buckler (2004) and John Will (2008)
Bottom L to R: Joseph Ingraffia (2017), Don Cowart (2006), Andrew Siedelmann (2000), Steve Rosensweig (2015), Neville Diamond (2011) and Jerry Yingling (1997)



This years Past Masters Dinner was held on October 18, 2017 at Meson Sabika. A historic Naperville home that has been converted into a restaurant; it was built by James Gregson Wright in 1847. Bro. Wright served as Master of Euclid Lodge No. 65 in 1862. Sixty-one members and their wives and significant others enjoyed five different delicious selections from the menu and were entertained by Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Wbro. Jerry Yingling was presented his "Treasurer Emeritus" plaque by Abraham Lincoln. A big thank you to Wbro. Cowart and Bro. Felstrup.

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Brother George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to *"recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"*

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.