



From The East - Joseph A. Ingraffia - Worshipful Master

My Brethren:

Happy New Year!!

My first month in the East proved to be a memorable one. December, as usual, was a busy month for the lodge. The activities started early, with the annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 3rd. We once again had a great showing of members who braved the cold (it wasn't really that bad) and manned two hour shifts in front of Trader Joes, and Casey's Foods - and the final tally for collections was \$971.86. This eclipsed last year's total by almost exactly \$5.00.

The following Saturday, December 10th, brought us to the annual Holiday Party. Joining us at the celebration again this year was our favorite magician



CHEZADAY, who entertained the kids with his special brand of magic, and the phrase "how did he do that??" echoed in the lodge room several times throughout his performance. Chezaday was followed by a surprise visit by Santa, who met and spent some quality time individually with each of the children.

A big thanks goes out to my Wardens (Ross Decent and Mark Hopf), for making the day a great success. We had a very nice turnout this year, with in excess of 20 children and grandchildren joining the festivities. While Bros. Decent and Hopf were preparing for the party, Worshipful Bro. Rosen-sweig and Bro. Felstrup were delivering poinsettia plants to the widows of our deceased Brethren. On a somber note, the list has been reduced by a few this past year.

December 6th was the first official stated meeting with me presiding over the Lodge from the East.

Let me tell you, it is an entirely different view of the proceedings from the Oriental chair. Intimidating, isn't a strong enough descriptor! At this stated meeting we instituted a new (which I hope will be a regular) agenda item - "Freemasonry, as presented in social media and on YouTube". We viewed an eight minute video entitled "Enter the Secret world of the Freemasons". This was a CBS Sunday Morning story, which aired about three years ago. I plan to delve into additional videos highlighting the history, symbolism, and role of freemasonry in society.

With no degree work planned for the special meeting night of December 20th, we took advantage of the down time to review the Grand Master's Award of Excellence award requirements at the Officer Corp's practice on December 12th, this provided a nice tie in to the get together held on December 20th to review lodge committees and upcoming lodge activities for the remainder of this Masonic year. Many of the "points" need for the Grand Master's Award of excellence are directly tied to committee and lodge activities. Thanks to all those who attended and especially those who "stepped up" to take a lead and/or supporting role. As we head into the new calendar year - my hope is to increase member participation in lodge committee and events to the greatest extent possible.

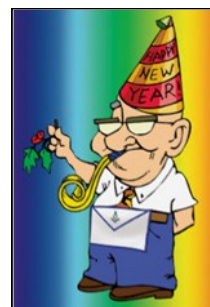
One of first activities, coming up this month on January 21st is the Masonic Home outing to see the Chicago Steel Hockey Team, on Black Hawks theme night, at the Fox Valley Sport Arena in Geneva Illinois. Hope to see many of you there! Happy New Year's from the East Brethren as we enter the Masonic year of 6017 Anno Lucius.



Joseph A. Ingraffia
Worshipful Master

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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

The 2017 Dues Notices all went out on December 1st. I have received payments from about a third of the membership. I am happy to report that charitable donations are up a considerable amount over last year. Thank you to all of you who have given to the best of your ability.

Please remember that if you are having financial difficulty in paying your dues, contact me or the Worshipful Master so that we can assist you.



CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL

The Temple Board has set a tentative date of May 1, 1917 to insert the new time capsule into the cornerstone. That is the 100th anniversary of the first meeting held in the lodge.

I still have some room for business cards or other small mementos that members would like to add to the time capsule. So please send them to me.

We still have a few presentation boxes with medallions and lapel pins available. Anyone who has not received one just needs to attend a meeting to claim their piece of history.

TEMPLE BOARD

The Naperville Masonic Temple Association has approved plans for the final phase of renovations in the lodge meeting room. There was almost enough material left over from the ceiling project to upgrade the tylers room so that project will also com-

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

mence this year.

There have been some preliminary discussions about the need for renovations to the bathrooms and kitchen. The bathrooms are too small to accommodate the number of members who attend meetings. The kitchen was last renovated about 1990 and we have several issues to address.

PAST HIGH PRIEST HIGHLIGHT

I have been doing Past Master Highlights since the beginning of this monthly newsletter and have highlighted all of the deceased Past Masters so it is now time to highlight the Past High Priests of Euclid Chapter No. 13. Our Lodge and Chapter share a great history in Naperville and the members who built these two Masonic Fraternal Organizations should not be forgotten.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Richard W. Sale	Jan 1
Mark H. Schmidt	Jan 1
Sherwood H. Sadler	Jan 5
James W. Patton	Jan 6
Kevin E. Dunn	Jan 6
Barton K. Robertson	Jan 8
Jayson D. Roque	Jan 13
Clifford Van Poucke	Jan 14
Scott D. Schmied	Jan 14
Thomas G. Conklin Jr.	Jan 15
Michael S. Moore	Jan 16
Thomas B. Duff	Jan 19
William T. Fetner	Jan 20
James G. Simpson III	Jan 20
Richard M. Miller Jr.	Jan 25
Daniel C. Disher	Jan 26
Brian K. Ortegel	Jan 28
Leon H. Namtzu	Jan 31
Ronald R. Rudniski	Jan 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.

John A. Schoch Jr.	Jan 6 (29)
Patrick J. Robin	Jan 12 (6)
Daniel N. Mao	Jan 16 (6)
Christopher J. Lance	Jan 16 (6)
Russell W. Mowry	Jan 16 (6)
Dennis M. Cassidy	Jan 16 (6)
Charles E. Macyunas	Jan 18 (33)
Ravie H. Samuel	Jan 19 (1)
Adam B. Carlson	Jan 19 (1)
Rao Murukurthy	Jan 19 (1)
Shawn P. Finnegan	Jan 20 (7)
Alan R. Spies	Jan 21 (24)
James G. Simpson Jr.	Jan 21 (24)
John H. Gelston	Jan 23 (17)
Kyle P. O'Mara	Jan 25 (19)
Joe L. Cherry Jr.	Jan 26 (18)
Patrick G. Lehrman	Jan 29 (43)
Thomas B. Duff	Jan 30 (6)

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



MASONIC QUOTE

A lodge is not held together with steel bands, but by the silken ties of Brotherhood, woven of interest, friendliness, good times, wholesome fraternal intercourse.

Author Unknown

January 2017

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Jan 1 New Years Day and Hanukkah** Ends
- **Jan 2** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jan 3** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 9** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jan 10** Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 11** Trinity Commandery No. 80 meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 16** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jan 17** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. if there are candidates.
- **Jan 23** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jan 24** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 25** Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 30** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb 6** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb 7** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. **DDGM Official Visit**
- **Feb 8** Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 13** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb 14** Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 18** Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Sectional Tournament. Locations to be determined.
- **Feb 20** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb 21** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. if there are candidates.
- **Feb 22** Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 27** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb 28** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.



Committees

Membership/Retention

Ross J. Decent Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman

Finance

Brandon A. Zears Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

George Murray Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

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Library

Brandon Zears Chairman

Table Lodge

Michael D. Ault Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Ross J. Decent 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

Don J. Cowart Chairman

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

RWBro. Neville Diamond was recently hospitalized for five days for observation and treatment. He is completely recovered and doing well.

Bro. Scott Schmied was hospitalized for two days just prior to Christmas and is now home and doing well.

Bro. Frank Fryer's son-in-law has responded well to his cancer treatments and his doctors report that there are no signs of any active cancer cells in his body.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wbro. Brandon Zears married Annie McTigue on December 17. Best wishes to them in their new life together.

ILLINOIS MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL

Euclid Lodge No. 65 is once again sponsoring the Academic Teams from Naperville North and Naperville Central High School in the annual Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl competition.

The Sectional Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Sites for the competition have not been finalized at this time. Events begin at 8:30 a.m.

The State Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Bloomington High School, Bloomington, Illinois.

Past High Priest Highlight Charles Harvey Pickett Lyman 1857

LYMAN, Charles Harvey Pickett was born June 16, 1819 in Granville, Licking County, Ohio the son of Sylvester Lyman and Nancy Clapp. He moved with his family to Pittsfield, Massachusetts where he received his early education. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Green June 27, 1844 in New York City. He, his wife and son William Henry moved to Chicago in 1846. Charles and Mary were the parents of nine children, William Henry, George Sylvester, Caroline Louisa (William Louis Pierce), John Townsend, Griffin Green, Charles Edward, James Harvey, Sylvester Lyman and Thomas Tileston. He was a dry goods merchant and operated the DuPage County Cash Store, at which location the Lodge met in its earliest years. He served as Commissioner of Highways in DuPage County in 1856. He sold the building and business to his brother in law, John Green when he joined the Marshall Fields and Co. store in Chicago as manager about 1852. He moved to New York City about 1858 and became the manager of the A. T. Stewart Co. store. He was raised a Master Mason March 18, 1851 and served as Senior Warden in 1856. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason July 29, 1851 and served as High Priest in 1857. He died May 13, 1898 in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut and was buried in the Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany, New York.



MASONIC CALENDARS

Masonic Calendars

Many Masons are curious as to the different dates used in Freemasonry. This year craft lodges date the year, 2016 as 6016, while Knights Templar refer to the same year as 898. The following explanation should provide further light into these peculiar Masonic customs.

Craft Freemasonry = Anno Lucis



Craft Masonry's calendar commences with the creation of the world and uses the term Anno Lucis (A.L.) - "In the year of Light." To arrive at this date they add 4000 to the common time, as the Earth was believed in conventional theology to have begun in 4000 BC. Therefore the year 2017 becomes 6017.

Craft Freemasonry = Anno Inventionis



Royal Arch Masons date time from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel. Anno Inventionis (A.I.), which means "In the year of Discovery," is the terminology used by Chapters. This adds 530 to the common time; therefore the year 2017 becomes 2547.

Cryptic Freemasonry = Anno Depositionis



Royal and Select Masters or Cryptic Masons date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed. It is called Anno Depositionis (A.D.), which means "In the year of the Deposit" and adds 1000 to the common time. Therefore the year 2017 becomes 3017.

Templar Freemasonry = Anno Ordinis



Knights Templar start their calendar with the formation of the order in 1118 AD. Anno Ordinis (A.O.), which means "In the year of the Order" is the terminology used. This deducts 1,118 from the common time; therefore the year 2017 becomes 899.

Scottish Rite = Anno Mundi



The Scottish Rite dates the same as Craft Masons, except for the use of the Jewish Chronology. Anno Mundi (A.M.), which means "In the year of the World" is their calendar terminology and adds 3760 to the common time. Therefore the year 2017 becomes 5777.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



Don Cowart with his new BFF's



Mark Hopf & Walter Hemphill Jr.



Frank Fryer & Joe Ingrassia



Bryan Newson, John Will & Frank Cabrera



Tim Dry & Jason Jeffers



Jason Jeffers and Vaneet Kapoor



Bill Shazer & Ross Decent



Everyone getting into the spirit of giving



Jerry Yingling, George Murray & Monty Jackson

On Saturday, December 3, 2016, members of Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M. rang the bells for the Salvation Army in front of Casey's Foods and Trader Joe's in the Naper Plaza Shopping Center, Washington and Gartner, Naperville.

The collection this year was slightly higher than last year, 971 dollars and change. No Krugerands though.

We were joined this year by Santa and one of his elf's. Two Madison Junior High School Teachers who got their schedule mixed up. They stuck around for several hours anyway and we had a great time with them.



Shopper with Santa and Elf



Joe Ingrassia with his new BFF's

The Holiday Spirit was evident with some of the shoppers asking to have their photos taken along with our members. Hot apple cider was served to the volunteers by a store employee, an unexpected treat. What a great experience. Already looking forward to next year.



Brother Gary Theis has been our Santa Claus for several years. He has a nice conversation with each of the children, encouraging them to be nice all year long. Thank you Bro. Theis!!

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M. held their annual Holiday Party at the Lodge. Chezaday the Illusionist entertained both young and old with his feats of sleight of hand and magic? We saw some new tricks this year that were pretty amazing. How did he do that? Santa of course was the main attraction. Every child received a gift and also encouragement from Santa to be nice all year long. There was plenty of food for all to enjoy. A big thank you to Bro. De-cent who did a great job organizing this event and making it a great success.

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COULD YOU PASS THIS MASONIC TEST?

This is a story who's author is unknown and which may have been told in different ways over the years, but has a strong Masonic message:

A Mason, who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin in public, on some occasions rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip, when he sat down, he discovered that the driver had mistakenly given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "It's just a quarter, no one would bother with this small amount. Anyway, the company gets enough fare and they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and stay quiet."

When his stop came, he paused at the door and then handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you

gave me too much change."

The driver smiled and said, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "O Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This story is an example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test without us realizing it.

Remember, whenever you carry the name or a symbol of Masonry in public, you can never tell who might be watching.

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