



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

The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

TRESTLEBOARD

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From The East - Joseph A. Ingrassia - Worshipful Master

My Brethren:

With spring finally within sight – We start looking at the Lodges’ spring/summer activities – but first a recap of March.

The March stated meeting was jammed packed with information as usual. The meeting was very well attended with 33 Brethren in attendance (including 11 Past Masters) of Euclid.

With two investigation committees returning favorable recommendations, we now have some membership activity underway. Michael Joseph Lochtefeld was approved for affiliation, and is now an official member of Euclid Lodge No. 65, and Martin Steven McClellan has been elected to receive the degrees of Freemasonry. Mr. McClellan’s first (Entered Apprentice) degree was conferred at the Lodge special meeting on March 21, 2017.



Dispensation from the Grand Lodge to hold a Table Lodge at La Sorella Di Francesca was received and read in lodge, and plans continue for the April 18th event. If you haven’t signed up already – please do so ASAP as space/reservations are limited.

Junior Warden, Mark Hopf, provided an update on the Euclid golf shirt sales. A total of 41 shirts were purchased, and delivered on March 21st. I think we may be having Masonic attire night on the schedule for one of our stated meetings. It will be a nice chance to get to dress casual and wear your new shirt or any other Masonic accoutrements.

March *Masons in Social Media*, consisted of two short videos –(1) *Freemasonry Squared*, a quick introduction into the Website – Freemasonrysquared.org, which is a wealth of information (and included a photo of Euclid’s Lodge room in its’ introduction) and (2) *Top 10 FASCINATING Facts about the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR*.



Bro. Moore provided a segment of “More Light in Masonry”, detailing the formation and history of the Special Air Services (SAS), the Special Forces unit of the British Army, and members of the initial force who were Masons. His presentation included a review of

the book “*Rogue Heroes*”

Other March happenings in and around the lodge: The Lodge participated in the Naper Boulevard Cleanup on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Several members/friends/family braved the 9:00AM start time, to participate in this call to public service.

Also on Saturday, April was the Grand Lodges’ Officer Workshops & Town Hall Meetings 2017. I was able to attend these sessions accompanied by several other members of Euclid.

Upcoming Spring/Summer Events: Entertainment Committee Chairperson WBro.

“Shrimpy” Will is arranging a Friday evening family get together dinner at the Oasis Restaurant at the Medina Temple. The dinner will be held sometime mid-late May. Particulars will be forthcoming soon. Please let WBro. Will know as soon as possible if you are planning to join us (date dependent of course), so he can get a rough estimate of attendance for the Oasis Bro. Jackson has arranged for the Lodge to host a Heartland Blood Center blood drive for Saturday June 3rd.

On Saturday, June 24th, Masons around the world will join together to recognize and celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry. (more information to come!!)

Brother Sam Derr has invited the Brethren of Euclid and their spouses/significant others to watch the World Champion Chicago Cubs battle the Baltimore Orioles at his Naperville home on Friday evening July 14

It looks like Rockin’ for the Troops will be returning this year – Keep Saturday, July 22 on your “save-the-date” list. As further information comes available it will be disseminated.

On a negative note, as of March 27, we have about 50 members, representing approximately 1/3 of all dues paying members that have not submitted their 2017 dues payment to date. If you are having any financial difficulties in making your annual dues payment – PLEASE let us know your situation.

For now, that’s all from EAST Fraternally – WM Joe Ingrassia



Joseph A. Ingrassia
Worshipful Master

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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

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.

We currently have 48 members who have not paid their 2017 dues, 19 of whom have not paid their 2016 dues and 5 who have not paid their 2015 dues.

Those members in arrears for 2015 dues will be voted on for suspension at the May stated meeting.

MASONIC HISTORY

On April 20, 1884, Pope Leo XIII issued his Encyclical "Humanum Genus" in which he divided the people of the world into two groups, those who belonged to his church, and the others who were the people of the devil.

He then proceeded to re-iterate at length and in detail that the Roman Catholic Church is opposed to Freemasonry. It is the longest of the Roman Catholic Encyclicals against Freemasonry.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Paul S. Perkins	Apr 2
Joe L. Cherry Jr.	Apr 3
Evan G. Henderson	Apr 4
Gary E. Czyz	Apr 5
William E. Love	Apr 6
Mark C. Mortimer	Apr 15
Gennaro Barbato II	Apr 19
Robert E. Morris	Apr 21
Harry K. Radel	Apr 21
John W. Sims	Apr 25
Gene E. Darfler	Apr 29
Michael L. Hamman	Apr 29
Wayne Brazinski	Apr 30

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

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.

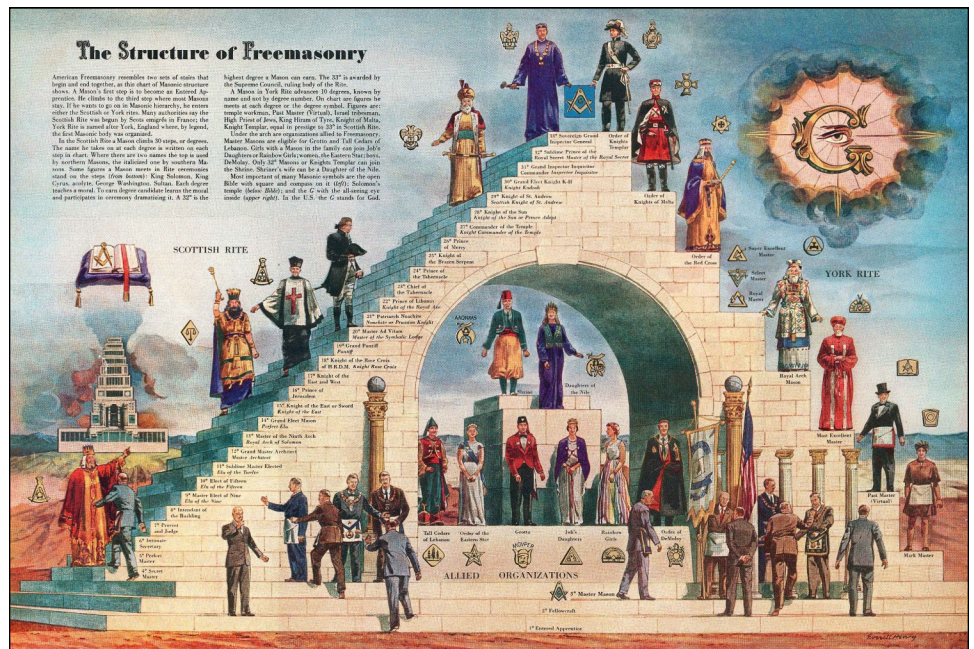
Don J. Cowart	Apr 3 (18)
Donald G. Knudsen	Apr 6 (63)
Albin R. Anderson Jr.	Apr 6 (54)
Stephen A. Fuesting	Apr 6 (38)
Michael D. Arnett	Apr 10 (7)
Michael S. Moore	Apr 14 (10)
Gerald W. Bussell	Apr 15 (31)
Derek S. McDaniel	Apr 16 (4)
Brady D. McDaniel	Apr 16 (4)
P. Scott Palmer	Apr 16 (4)
Stanley S. Wyngowski	Apr 19 (34)
Jeffrey M. Adler	Apr 19 (12)
Brian T. Sweeney	Apr 30 (19)
Gary J. Mannon	Apr 30 (15)
Michael A. Sanchez	Apr 30 (4)
Sean P. Curry	Apr 30 (4)

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

FREEMASONRY

Today it is felt as one of the most potent of the social forces; bringing millions within the scope of its humanizing influence, teaching them reverence for God, trust in their fellow men, and that most difficult of all problems - the subjection of the passions and the government of self. No one knows, or who will take care to inform himself what Masonry is and what it teaches, can for a moment doubt its beneficent influence on its own members, or on the community in which it flourishes. Like a tree by the wayside, it yields its blessings, not alone on those who have planted and cared for it, but society, like the wayfaring man, plucks from its wide-spreading branches the fruits of peace and law, order and good government.

Joseph Robbins



April 2017

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Mar 27** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Mar 28** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 1** Naper Blvd Cleanup 9:00 a.m.
- **Apr 3** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Apr 4** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 5** Trinity Commandery Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 10** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Apr 10** **PASSOVER BEGINS**
- **Apr 11** Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 12** Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 16** **EASTER**
- **Apr 17** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Apr 18** TABLE LODGE AT LA SORELLA DI FRANCESCA
- **Apr 18** **PASSOVER ENDS**
- **Apr 19** Trinity Commandery Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 24** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Apr 25** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Apr 26** Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 1** Time Capsule placement in the cornerstone. 8:00 a.m.
- **May 2** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 8** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **May 9** Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **May 15** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **May 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 22** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **May 23** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 29** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jun 3** Blood Drive
- **Jun 24** Tri-Centennial Celebration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England
- **Jul 14** Watch Cubs and Orioles Baseball game at Sam Derr's home.
- **Jul 22** Rockin' for the Troops at Cantigny

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

Steven Rosensweig

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

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

Bro. William Armel O'Connell fell at home and broke his right arm near the shoulder. He is now at the Brookdale Assisted Living in Lisle on Robin Lane. Visitors welcome.

Bro. Dry will have hip replacement surgery on March 29.

Bro. Lloyd Van Bergen's wife Barbara fell at home and is in physical rehab.

EUCLID LODGE SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC

WHEN: Saturday, July 15th, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Spring Lake Park, Corner of McCoy and Frontenac, just west of Fox Valley Mall.

WHAT: Food and non-alcoholic drinks provided. Bait provided for fishing; please bring your own fishing gear.

Feel free to bring a salad or dessert, ice and coolers needed as well.

R.S.V.P. - John Will - john.will@vanguardlogistics.com or text 630-886-9034

Please confirm number and names of attendees.



Past High Priest Highlight Robert Freeman 1870

FREEMAN, Robert was born February 21, 1809 in Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania the son of James Freeman and Mary Dunn. He came to Chicago, Illinois in 1833 where he worked as a carpenter and joiner and then settled in DuPage Township, Will County in 1843 where he farmed until he retired to Naperville. He first married Adaline Boardman January 28, 1841 in Will County, Illinois and from this union five children were born, Sabra Adaline, Harry Boardman, Emma M. (Seth Albert Wescott Jr.), Eliza Jane (Walter John Stubbington) and Louisa A. Adaline died September 10, 1859 and Robert married Cynthia J. Dewey December 11, 1861 in Winnebago County, Illinois. From this union two children were born, Arthur Robert and Ella C. Cynthia died March 14, 1866 and Robert then married Frances Victoria Wescott Brown February 5, 1867 in Will County, Illinois. From this union one child was born, Jessie. He was raised a Master Mason August 28, 1855. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason August 1, 1865 and served as High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13 in 1870. He died October 30, 1888 in Naperville, DuPage County and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.

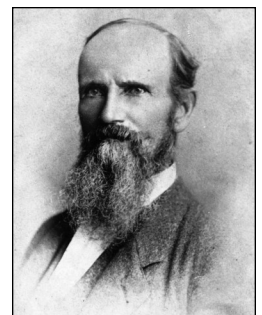


TABLE LODGE



Euclid Lodge No. 65 Table Lodge & New Member Dinner



Tuesday, April 18, 2017
(In lieu of our special meeting)

La Sorella di Francesca
18 W Jefferson Ave
Naperville, IL



6pm to 7pm – Meet & Greet
7pm to 8pm – Table Lodge
8pm to 9pm – Family Style Dinner

Cost

\$25 for Euclid Lodge Members
\$30 for non-Euclid Lodge Members
Euclid Lodge Members raised in 2015/2016 eat free!

Only 35 seats available so please RSVP soon!

RSVP to Mike Ault at
stjoemike@gmail.com
(773) 259-5652

ATTENTION!!!! SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!!!

If you are interested in a speaking role in the ceremony, please let Mike Ault know and he will send you more information! NO MEMORY WORK IS REQUIRED

My Brothers,

On Saturday, June 24th, Masons around the world will join together to recognize and celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry. In Illinois Masonry, we will "let our light shine" across the state by hosting Open House events amongst many other activities to commemorate this momentous occasion. We will take this opportunity to invite the public into our Masonic Temples, and proudly show them that we are a welcoming group of Brothers and friends. Let's use this important milestone in the history of Freemasonry to share a thoughtful discussion about Masonry with the public.

A key message to share during these events is the timeless nature of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Though much has changed in the world since 1717, like the way we communicate, socialize, travel, and many other aspects of daily life, Masonry has adapted to every age and maintained its relevance to both its members and society overall. By focusing on the internal qualities of man, we continually bring together good men of sound character to harmoniously work together. With approximately 60,000 Masons in Illinois, we represent a significant collection of talents, knowledge, skills and abilities. Our Brothers are fathers, husbands and sons from various financial, ethnic, religious, etc. backgrounds. The Brotherly Love that we develop and share is real, and unites us into one family based upon a mutual love and respect for one another.

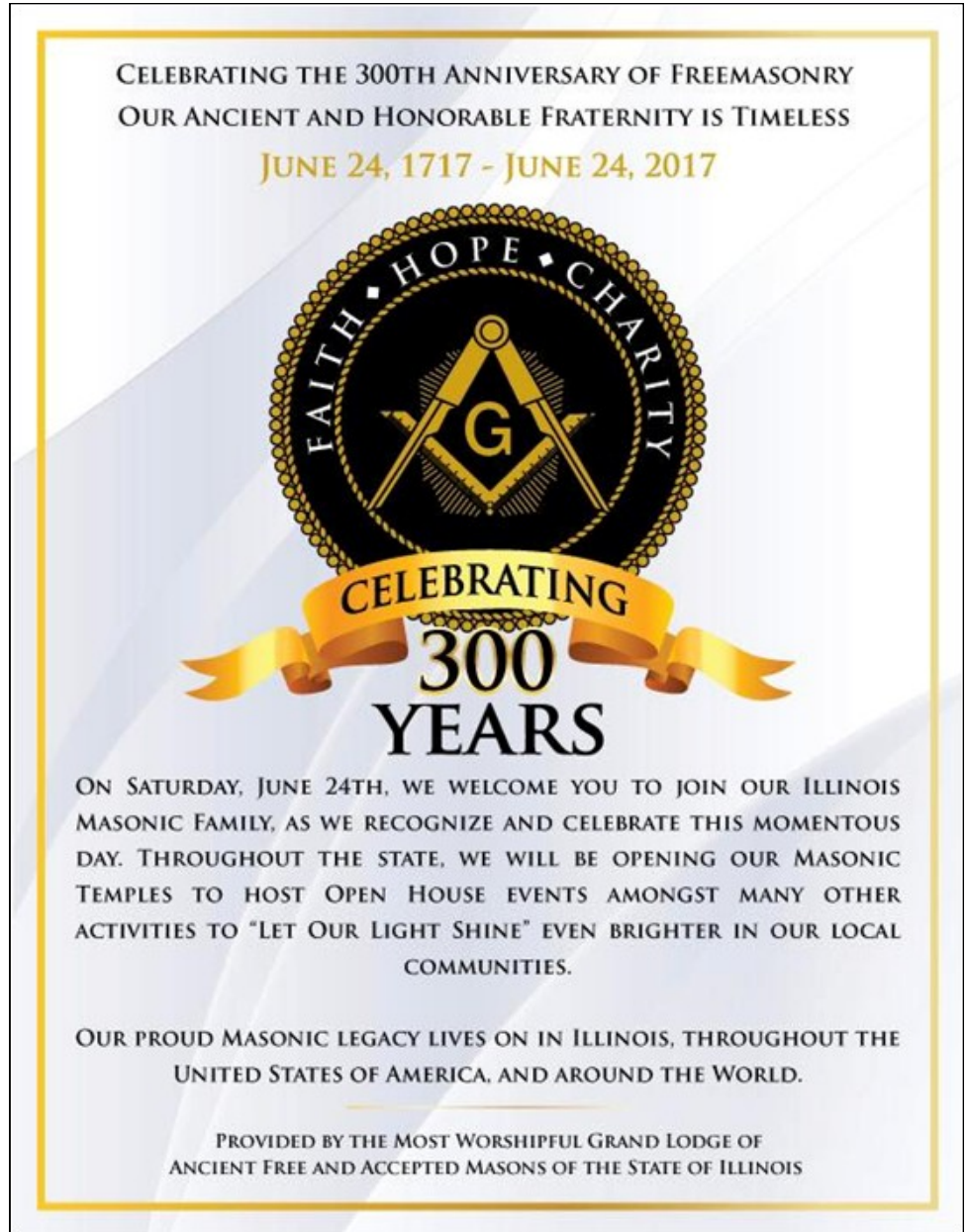
As we celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry this year, I am quite proud that our Masonic legacy lives on in Illinois, across the United States of America, and around the world. Though advancements in technology continue to shape our current age, the basic curiosity about Masonry still leads many men to learn more about us and eventually ask to join our family. The commitment, dedication and care demonstrated for our "Gentle Craft" will carry Masonry forward into a bright future, and keep this great fraternity on the highest levels of respectability.

Have fun spending quality time with our Brothers, families, friends and neighbors during the local Open House events. Lastly, use the attached flyer to help promote the anniversary activities in your part of the state.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Anthony R. Cracco

Grand Master



Benjamin Franklin – Saint John's Lodge, Philadelphia; 1730



George Washington – Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia; 1752

Paul Revere – St. Andrew's Lodge, Massachusetts, 1760

François-Marie Arouet (Voltaire) – La Loge des Neuf Soeurs; Paris, France; 1778



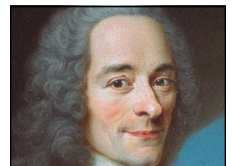
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Zur Wohltätigkeit (Charity) Lodge, Austria, 1784

Simón Bolívar – Lautaro Lodge; Cadiz, Spain; 1803



John Brown – Hudson Lodge No. 68; Hudson, Ohio; 1824

Samuel Clemens (a.k.a. Mark Twain) – Polar Star Lodge No 79, St. Louis, 1861



Winston Churchill – Studholme Alliance Lodge No. 1591, London, 1901

Harry Truman – Belton Lodge No. 450; Grandview, Mo.; 1909

Alexander Fleming – Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682, London, 1909



Earl Warren – Sequoia Lodge No. 349, Oakland, 1919

J. Edgar Hoover – Federal Lodge No. 1; Washington, DC; 1920



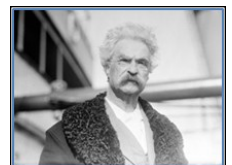
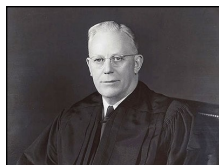
Douglas MacArthur – Grand Lodge of the Philippines, 1936

John Glenn – Concord Lodge No. 688; New Concord, Ohio; 1978



Steve Wozniak – Charity Lodge No 362, California, 1980

Jesse Jackson – Harmony Lodge No. 88, Chicago, 1987



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CRITICISM OF MASONRY

The fraternity has certain customs and usages. Those who denounce it in public can do it no harm, but defense can harm it.

If a man gets up in public and says he thinks the public school is useless, the church a bad influence, and the government a failure, banks a hindrance to business and the automobile a blot on civilization, do you defend the school, the church, the government, the bank, the automobile?

Every thinking human being knows the public school has made this country what it is, that the church makes men and women better, that this is the best of all government, and that the automobile is the greatest of time savers. These things are self-evident.

The man who denies them makes himself, not the thing he criticizes, ridiculous.

Criticism of Masonry hurts the man who utters it, not the Craft.

Carl H. Claudy