



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

The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

## TRESTLEBOARD

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### From The East - Joseph A. Ingraffia - Worshipful Master

My Brethren:

Spring is now fully upon us! April's stated meeting featured a full discussion of current happenings and future events

First, on the membership front - the investigation committee returned a favorable recommendation on brother **Christopher Adam Bryant**, who was approved for affiliation, and is now an official member of Euclid Lodge No. 65. At the special meeting held on March 14, 2017, Brother **Martin Steven McClellan** was initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice, and if all goes as plan, he and Brother **Daniel Richard Mantucca** will be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft at the special meeting scheduled for May 16, 2017. **Thomas Martin Hoffman** demonstrated proficiency on the Fellowcrafts' Catechism, and will be scheduled for the Master Mason Degree later this year.



A Masonic Table Lodge was held at La Sorella Di Francesca on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and was attended by more than 25 members of Euclid Lodge No. 65, plus a couple of guests. The Table Lodge was conducted in the same room in which the lodge met between the years of 1891 and 1917.

April *Masons in Social Media*, consisted of a short video excerpt from *WTTW's Chicago Tonight* broadcast of last November, which featured a segment called "Ask



#### **Geoffrey: The History of Freemasonry in Chicago".**

In this segment Chicago historian Geoffrey Baer responded to viewer questions regarding freemasonry in Chicago.

Upcoming Spring/Summer Events:

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, while the Table Lodge was underway, the village of Naperville proclaimed May 1<sup>st</sup> as Naperville Masonic Temple Day, which corresponds with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first lodge meeting held in the Temple and is the day the new time capsule was placed in the Temple Cornerstone.

Entertainment Committee Chairperson WBro.

"Shrimpy" Will has arranged for a Friday evening family get together dinner at the Oasis Restaurant at the Medinah Temple. The dinner will be held on May 19, 2017 at 7:00 at Medinah. If you haven't done so yet, please let WBro. Will know as soon as possible if you are planning to join us, so he can get a count 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 24<sup>th</sup>, Masons around the world will join together to recognize and celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry.

We will open the lodge for visitors, friends and family. (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, there are five members of Euclid, who are two years in arrears on their dues payments, and of whom the retention committee had recommended that they be voted on for suspension at the next stated meeting. Fortunately a couple have stepped up with dues payments. On the same subject, as of March 27, we still have over 40 members, representing approximately 1/3 of all dues paying members, which have not submitted their 2017 dues payments. 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 Ingraffia



**Joseph A. Ingraffia**  
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.

2017 - 43 members have not paid.

2016 - 16 members have not paid.

2015 - 3 members have not paid.

### DRESS CODE

Worshipful Master Ingraffia has stated that the dress code for the May stated meeting will be casual and encourages members to wear their Euclid Lodge shirts.

### DEGREE WORK

The lodge will confer the Fellowcraft degree on May 16 and the Master Mason degree on June 20.

### MASONIC TEMPLE DAY

Steven Chirico, Mayor of Naperville, has issued a proclamation designating May 1, 2017, as Naperville Masonic Temple Day in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the first Masonic Meeting in the lodge building at 34 W. Jefferson Avenue, Naperville. Brothers Andrew Siedelmann and Tim Dry were present at the Naperville City Council Meeting on April 18, 2017 to receive the proclamation plaque.

The new time capsule will be placed in the cornerstone at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2017.

### LODGE OPEN HOUSE

The Naperville Masonic Temple Association will be hosting an Open House at the Lodge on June 24, 2017 in recognition of the 300th Anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, 10:00 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## Timothy J. Dry Secretary

### AYLMER KEITH MEMORIAL

Sunday, May 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. there will be a dedication at the Naperville Cemetery for Aylmer Keith, the Lodge's first Worshipful Master and the Chapter's first Excellent High Priest.

The Naperville Masonic Temple Association has had a new grave marker constructed and installed on his plot to replace the original which had disintegrated over the years.

### Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Monty C. Jackson        | May 2  |
| Robert B. Chasteen      | May 2  |
| Norwood A. McDaniel Jr. | May 4  |
| Dennis M. Cassidy       | May 5  |
| Mark R. Hopf            | May 7  |
| Joey Nguyen             | May 9  |
| Joseph James            | May 10 |
| Leo B. Wilcher          | May 11 |
| Clyde J. Souza          | May 11 |
| Michael D. Ault         | May 13 |
| Andrew B. Siedelmann    | May 14 |
| George J. Krempel Jr.   | May 16 |
| Michael J. Lochtefeld   | May 16 |
| David S. Moore          | May 17 |
| John L. Buvelot         | May 18 |
| John A. Schoch Jr.      | May 20 |
| Robert E. Watt          | May 20 |
| William T. Zukauskas    | May 24 |
| Arwood K. Edwards       | May 25 |
| Gregory A. Crawford     | May 27 |
| Steven J. Venditti      | May 27 |
| Frederick E. Huntington | May 28 |
| Mason C. Wright Sr.     | May 28 |
| Humam H. Amara          | May 28 |
| William H. Shazer III   | May 29 |
| Ilani S. Valero         | May 30 |

### 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.

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Michael L. Hamman     | May 1 (24)  |
| Robert B. Hudetz      | May 1 (13)  |
| Frank J. Cabrera II   | May 1 (13)  |
| Guy P. Hamilton       | May 1 (10)  |
| George D. Porter      | May 7 (47)  |
| Thomas C. Behr        | May 7 (36)  |
| David A. Dakes        | May 7 (23)  |
| Lynn E. Linde         | May 8 (45)  |
| Philip X. Katz        | May 9 (28)  |
| Tracy L. Oliver       | May 15 (27) |
| Robert E. Morris      | May 16 (50) |
| William G. Dixon Jr.  | May 16 (45) |
| Floyd H. Sullens      | May 16 (43) |
| William H. Shazer III | May 17 (1)  |
| Devon R. Moon         | May 17 (1)  |
| John F. Prescott      | May 18 (41) |
| Michael D. Ault       | May 18 (13) |
| Steven A. Fay         | May 19 (25) |
| Brandon J. Temesvary  | May 20 (3)  |
| George C. Murray      | May 20 (3)  |
| James L. Grosskopf    | May 21 (34) |
| Dwaine A. Churma      | May 22 (33) |
| John E. Buckler       | May 22 (20) |
| Bruce E. Derylo       | May 24 (55) |
| Ross J. Decent        | May 26 (13) |
| Robert J. Parsons     | May 27 (49) |
| Henry M. Ristic       | May 27 (48) |
| James W. Patton       | May 29 (49) |

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



## May 2017

| Sun      | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                             | Thu    | Fri | Sat              |
|----------|--|--|---------------------------------|--------|-----|------------------|
| 30 April | 1 May<br>Lodge Officer Ritual Practice     | 2<br>Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting          | 3                               | 4      | 5   | 6                |
| 7        | 8<br>Lodge Officer Ritual Practice         | 9<br>Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Coun. No. 95 | 10<br>Trinity Commandery No. 80 | 11     | 12  | 13               |
| 14       | 15<br>Lodge Officer Ritual Practice        | 16<br>Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting        | 17                              | 18     | 19  | 20               |
| 21       | 22<br>Lodge Officer Ritual Practice        | 23<br>Naperville Masonic Temple Assoc. Meeting   | 24<br>Trinity Commandery No. 80 | 25     | 26  | 27               |
| 28       | 29<br>AYLMER KEITH GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION | 30   | 31                              | 1 June | 2   | 3<br>Blood Drive |

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **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 10** Trinity Commandery Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 15** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **May 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the Fellowcraft degree. Dinner at 6:30
- **May 22** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **May 23** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 24** Trinity Commandery Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **May 29** Aylmer Keith grave marker dedication. Naperville Cemetery, 9 a.m.
- **May 29** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jun 3** Blood Drive
- **Jun 5** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jun 6** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 12** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jun 13** Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 14** Trinity Commandery Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 19** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jun 20** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the Master Mason degree. Dinner at 6:30
- **Jun 24 Open House at the Lodge 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Tri-Centennial Celebration of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England
- **Jun 26** Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Jun 27** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 28** Trinity Commandery Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jul 14** Watch Cubs and Orioles Baseball game at Sam Derr's home.
- **Jul 15** Euclid Lodge Picnic
- **Jul 22** Rockin' for the Troops at Cantigny

**Lodge is dark in July and August**

## 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 has undergone shoulder replacement surgery and is convalescing at the Brookdale Rehabilitation Center in Lisle. Bill would appreciate visitors.

Bro. Dry had hip replacement surgery on March 29 and is recovering well.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

Bro. Daniel Mantucca and his bride Megan are the proud parents of Audrey Florence. Mother and daughter are doing fine and Dan is ecstatic.

Bro. Ross Decent became a grand-father for the first time.

Bro. Timothy Dry became a great grand-father for the first time.

Bro. Neville Diamond's son Chris was the recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship.

## PICNIC

The Lodge picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017, 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. at Spring Lake Park in Aurora, McCoy and Frontenac, just west of the Fox Valley Mall. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.



## CUBS GAME

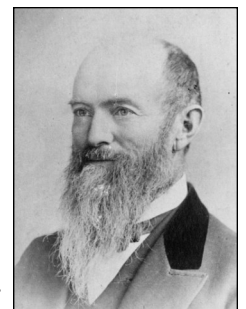
Bro. Sam Derr will be hosting a get-together at his home to watch the Chicago Cubs game on Friday, July 14, 6:30 p.m. 5419 Switch Grass Lane, Naperville, IL 60564.

RSVP at: [samderr1@aol.com](mailto:samderr1@aol.com)



## Past High Priest Highlight Sylvester Allen Ballou 1875, 1876, 1877

**BALLOU, Sylvester Allen** was born October 19, 1828, in Galway, Saratoga County, New York the son of Isaac Albee Ballou and Hannah Allen. He married Julia Hills Barnard (daughter of Algernon Sidney Barnard) May 17, 1865 and they were the parents of one son, Raymond Barnard. Julia died September 17, 1869 and he then married Elizabeth A. Norton January 12, 1875 and they were the parents of four children, Alice Rae (Wilson Lemuel Hobgood), Edith J. (Colin Martin Higgins), Ralph Norton and Mary Eloise (Bernard Christian Beckman). Sylvester travelled to California in 1850 and while there, was involved in teaching school, newspaper reporting, mining and merchandising and also served as a California Legislator, 1858 to 1860. He returned to Illinois in 1861 and joined the Union Army, serving as a Captain in the Department of Subsistence, a forerunner of the quartermaster corps. He was a farmer in Naperville following the war. He served as Naperville's Postmaster, 1889 to 1893 and again 1897 to 1899. He was raised a Master Mason February 28, 1871. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1873 and served Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. as High Priest in 1875, 1876 and 1877. He died April 8, 1899 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



## TABLE LODGE



On April 18th, under special dispensation from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, 30 of our brethren met at [La Sorella di Francesca](#) in what had been our Lodge Room over 100 years ago to conduct a modern adaptation of the ancient Table Lodge ceremony. The evening was filled with Masonic education, inspiration and enjoyment as our brethren expounded on the application of Masonic principles in their lives, toasted our dear departed brethren and raised their voices in song! Many a new Masonic bond was formed that night and old bonds renewed as we explored and celebrated what it means to be a Mason in today's world.

## NAPER BOULEVARD CLEANUP



Euclid Lodge No. 65 held their semi-annual Naper Blvd. cleanup on April 1, 2017. Great turn-out of volunteers.

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

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEMASONRY  
OUR ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY IS TIMELESS

JUNE 24, 1717 - JUNE 24, 2017



ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR ILLINOIS MASONIC FAMILY, AS WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS DAY. THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WE WILL BE OPENING OUR MASONIC TEMPLES TO HOST OPEN HOUSE EVENTS AMONGST MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES TO "LET OUR LIGHT SHINE" EVEN BRIGHTER IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

OUR PROUD MASONIC LEGACY LIVES ON IN ILLINOIS, THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AROUND THE WORLD.

PROVIDED BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
PROCLAMATION**

**NAPERVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE  
CORNERSTONE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
MAY 1, 2017**

- WHEREAS,** 2017 marks 100th anniversary year of the setting of the cornerstone of the Naperville Masonic Temple at 34 West Jefferson Avenue, Naperville, Illinois; and
- WHEREAS,** Euclid Lodge No. 65, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons was founded September 28, 1848, by seven Charter members, including Joseph Naper, and has been in continuous operation since its founding and is now the oldest Masonic Lodge in DuPage County; and
- WHEREAS,** for 169 years the Freemasons, members of the Naperville Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M., have been business and community leaders, contributing to the economic growth and social fabric of Naperville, including bankers, doctors, teachers, firefighters, principals, butchers, car dealers, clergy, city employees, a North Central College professor, one member, Peter Thompson who, originally a ship's captain and later a farmer, served as Naperville Village President in 1882 and as superintendent of Naperville schools for 20 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Freemasons, members of Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M., supporting the democratic form of government and committed to community service, have served Naperville in elected office and community leadership positions, including Twenty-Two Village Presidents and Mayors: Joseph Naper, Lewis Ellsworth, Robert Naper, Willard Scott Jr., Francis Kendall, Peter Kroehler, James Nichols and Charles Wellner among them; and
- WHEREAS,** Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M. members began their charitable work with the financing of the completion of the Naperville Academy in 1852, and continue charitable and philanthropic giving today, serving as Salvation Army bell ringers, contributing the Masonic Mural to the Naperville Century Walk, donating the flag pole in the Naperville Cemetery Veteran's section, and generously supporting Illinois Masonic Childrens Homes, Shriners Hospitals, Washington D.C. Honor Flights, Loaves & Fishes, Naperville PADS, and providing US flags for Naperville Central High School Classrooms; and
- WHEREAS,** Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M. laid the cornerstone of its new temple building at 34 West Jefferson on September 9, 1916 and has continuously occupied the lodge for 100 years, providing leaders and good works to the Naperville community for over a century; and
- WHEREAS,** 2016 marked 169 years of Freemason leadership and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Masonic Temple at this latest location.

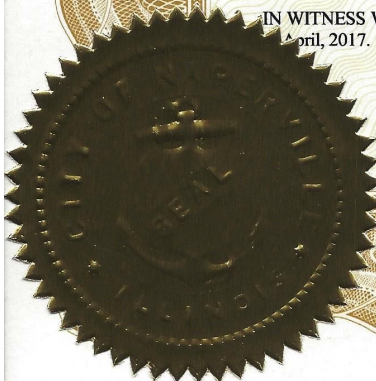
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim that Naperville appreciates and honors the contributions of the Naperville Masonic Temple and Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. to the City of Naperville for over 169 years and declare

**Monday, May 1, 2017  
Naperville Masonic Temple Day  
in the City of Naperville**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville, this eighteenth day of April, 2017.



Steve Chirico  
Mayor



Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M.  
34 West Jefferson Avenue  
Naperville, Illinois 60540  
630-355-0280  
1st and 3rd Tuesday

We are on the Web!  
[www.napervillemasonic.org](http://www.napervillemasonic.org)



## 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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### AYLMER KEITH GRAVE MARKER



The Naperville Masonic Temple Association has financed the construction and placement of a new grave marker for Aylmer Keith in the Naperville Cemetery. Worshipful Brother Keith was the first Master of Euclid Lodge No. 65 in 1848 and the first Excellent High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13 in 1850 when both bodies were operating under dispensation before being chartered.