



From The East - Joseph A. Ingraffia - Worshipful Master

My Brethren:

It's almost summer! The month of May was another month filled with many lodge activities and planning for the future.

First, on the membership front - Brother **Martin Steven McClellan** was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft at the special meeting held on May 16th, 2017. **Brother McClellan** as well as Brother **Thomas Martin Hoffman** will be scheduled for the Master Mason Degree at the special meeting in June.

May's *Masons in Social Media* consisted of a touching video from the Shriner's Hospital of Chicago, which was primarily narrated by the children who have been under the Hospital's treatment and care. There were also two quick videos, one featuring WBro. Dry, celebrating the setting of the new time capsule in the Cornerstone, and Euclid history in general; and the second providing a preview/trailer of an upcoming feature movie, entitled *The Royal Art of Freemasonry*



Happenings around the Lodge in May

On May 1st, the new time capsule was placed in the cornerstone of the Naperville Temple. Naperville NCTV17, filmed the event, which can be viewed here: [Euclid Lodge Milestone Ceremony](#)
This activity completes the activity of removing the original time capsule, making a display of the contents, gathering the contents for the new time capsule, and finally setting the new time capsule in the cornerstone. I would like to extend a huge bit of thanks, personally and as a lodge, to WBro. Dry for

all of his efforts over the past two-plus years, and declare by acclamation that he perform these



WBros. Dry & Siedelmann with the new time Capsule and Mayoral Proclamation



WM Ingraffia spreading the cement on one of the bricks used to seal the time capsule in the cornerstone

same duties, when the time comes around in 2116. On April 18th, while the Table Lodge was underway, the village of Naperville proclaimed May 1st as Naperville Masonic Temple Day, which corresponds with the 100th anniversary of the first lodge meeting held in the Temple and is the day the new time capsule was placed in the Temple Cornerstone. The Village Proclamation was read in open lodge, on May 2nd, by WBro. Dry.



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Worshipful Master**

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From The Secretaries Table

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.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Henry M. Ristic	Jun 1
Brian S. Walker	Jun 3
Stephen A. Winz	Jun 6
Ryan J. Dupre	Jun 7
Riyas A. Ali	Jun 7
Parvati Murukurthy	Jun 8
Robert W. Hanley	Jun 9
Dennis P. Miao	Jun 9
Michael A. Norwood Sr.	Jun 11
Robert B. Hudetz	Jun 13
Franklin J. Spedoske II	Jun 13
Samuel O. Derr	Jun 14
William A. Ackerman	Jun 15
John D. Will	Jun 18
Devon R. Moon	Jun 21
Brett A. Osborn	Jun 22
Derek A. Thomas	Jun 24
James L. Grosskopf	Jun 25
Jeffrey D. Croll	Jun 28
Eric S. Tseng	Jun 28
Neville B. Diamond	Jul 1
John S. Aemmer	Jul 3
Dwaine A. Churma	Jul 5
Brian T. Sweeney	Jul 5
Donald G. Knudsen	Jul 7
Lorin Murariu	Jul 7
Ravie H. Samuel	Jul 7
Daniel R. Mantucca	Jul 7
Calvin E. Johnson	Jul 10
Frank R. Fryer	Jul 11
Khodor I. Salman	Jul 11

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

Steven A. Fay	Jul 12
Martin S. McClellan	Jul 13
George C. Murray	Jul 15
Guy P. Hamilton	Jul 16
Derek S. McDaniel	Jul 18
Jeffrey M. Adler	Jul 22
Donald C. Krob	Jul 23
Ross J. Decent	Jul 23
Timothy J. Wardrop	Jul 23
George D. Porter	Jul 25
Jack M. Payne	Jul 26
Harold L. Olson	Jul 27
Elmer G. Koldoff Jr.	Jul 29
Roger L. Karns	Aug 4
Walter Hemphill Jr.	Aug 4
Luzern A. Richter	Aug 5
Phillip A. Ward	Aug 5
Stephen A. Fuesting	Aug 6
Daniel L. Krueger	Aug 12
Kurtis P. Rich	Aug 16
Stanley S. Wyngowski	Aug 17
Joseph T. Schofield Jr.	Aug 22
Dana R. Armitage	Aug 24
Robert J. Parsons	Aug 25
Daniel N. Mao	Aug 25
Jon S. Erlenbush	Aug 26
Joseph A. Ingrassia	Aug 27
Shawn P. Finnegan	Aug 28
Robert B. Cash	Aug 29
John E. Buckler	Aug 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.

Kurtis P. Rich	Jun 1 (24)
Arwood K. Edwards	Jun 5 (27)
Gregory A. Crawford	Jun 6 (8)
Barton K. Robertson	Jun 9 (16)
Joseph James	Jun 9 (6)
Jeffrey D. Croll	Jun 16 (19)
Dana R. Armitage	Jun 16 (2)

Chad M. Gibbons	Jun 16 (2)
Timothy J. Wardrop	Jun 16 (2)
Christopher D. Tabb	Jun 17 (14)
Kirk L. Madison	Jun 17 (9)
Brian S. Walker	Jun 17 (9)
Derek A. Thomas	Jun 17 (3)
Maxwell G. Wright	Jun 17 (3)
Monty C. Jackson	Jun 18 (4)
Alexander C. Tabb	Jun 19 (5)
Keith A. Hubert	Jun 19 (5)
John D. Will	Jun 20 (17)
Alexander C. Micchelli	Jun 21 (6)
Lorin Murariu	Jun 26 (18)
Arthur C. Tanel Jr.	Jun 29 (38)
Randolph J. Taylor	Jun 29 (7)
David S. Moore	Jun 29 (7)
Paul A. Felstrup	Jun 29 (7)
Robert E. Watt	Jun 29 (7)
Scott D. Schmied	Jun 30 (8)
Steven L. Sandack	Jun 30 (8)
Gary E. Czyz	Jul 12 (12)
Samuel O. Derr	Jul 12 (12)
Peter F. Von Schwedler	Jul 13 (53)
Eric S. Tseng	Jul 15 (9)
George J. Krempel Jr.	Jul 17 (44)
Kevin E. Bennet	Jul 19 (39)
Robert B. Chasteen	Jul 31 (16)
Khodor I. Salman	Jul 31 (16)
Gerald E. Yingling	Aug 1 (50)
Michael A. Perez	Aug 1 (9)
John S. Aemmer	Aug 5 (11)
Steven J. Rosensweig	Aug 5 (11)
Ryan J. Dupre	Aug 5 (11)
Kenneth R. Koranda	Aug 19 (46)
Donald C. Krob	Aug 22 (39)
Daniel P. Svoboda	Aug 26 (31)

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



June 2017

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **May 28** Aylmer Keith grave marker dedication. Naperville Cemetery, 9 a.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 Spring Lake Park, Aurora.
- **Jul 22** Rockin' for the Troops at Cantigny

**Lodge is dark in July and August
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**



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.

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

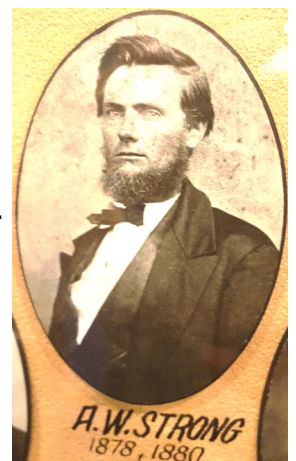
Bro. Sam Derr will be hosting a get-together at his home to watch the Chicago Cubs game on Friday, July 14, 6:30 p.m. 5419 Switch Grass Lane, Naperville, IL 60564.

RSVP at: samderr1@aol.com



Past High Priest Highlight Alfred Willey Strong 1878, 1880

STRONG, Alfred Willey was born October 26, 1832 in Lisle Township, Cook County, Illinois the son of Robert Strong and Caroline Willey. He married Drilla J. Crawford October 4, 1859 and they were the parents of four children, Caroline Elmira, Charles Crawford, Malcolm Emmet, and Mabel Emma (Michael E. Buellesfeld). Drilla died January 22, 1865. He married Louisa George Dalrymple May 5, 1867 and they had two sons, Arthur Alfred and Edwin Robert. He was a farmer. He was raised a Master Mason April 25, 1865 and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1874. He served as High Priest in 1878 and 1880. He was attending a Knights Templar Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri and was struck and killed by a train. He died September 25, 1886 in Cheltenham, St. Louis, Missouri and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



CHANGE

Antiquity cannot privilege an error, nor novelty prejudice a truth.

"Change is the one constant and Freemasons have done little to keep pace with change." That is the conclusion drawn after a year of study by a special task force commissioned by the 2004 Conference of Grand Masters in North America. It is not a new idea! More than two centuries ago, Bro. Robert Burns, with characteristic insight and wisdom, wrote: "Nature's mighty law is change."

Too often, change connotes pessimism and regret, expressed in the line of the hymn, "Change and decay in all around I see." It is a common fallacy of modern man to think that our problems are more complex and difficulties more challenging than those of our forebears in "the good old days" when we romantically imagine that life was simple and living was easy. Think of the challenges faced in everyday life by our pioneering forefathers - before modern heating and lighting, before modern transportation and communication, before Medicare, Social Security, and pension plans, when it cost the full weeks wage of a common labourer to join a Masonic Lodge, when Brethren walked miles over country roads lit only by the moon to attend a lodge meeting. Yet, Freemasonry flourished. By 1906, after the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, during the first fifty years, membership had grown from 1,179 to 37,728, and the 41 lodges that united to form the first Grand Lodge had increased to 395 - a phenomenal growth by any standards!

"The motive of change is some Uneasiness: nothing sets us upon the change of a State or upon any new Action but some Uneasiness. This is the great motive that works on the mind to put it upon action." John Locke (1632-1704) *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, 1690

The question has been posed, "How did our predecessors in Freemasonry change?" "How did the early leaders attempt to modify the practice of Freemasonry in their day?" "Did their efforts succeed or fail?" "What was done - how was it done - was it achieved?" These are appropriate and legitimate questions to which history can provide illustrative answers and from which we may derive instructive lessons.

The published proceedings of our Grand Lodge abound with the documentary evidence to enlighten and encourage those

who follow. The formation of the independent Grand Lodge of Canada under the leadership of MW William Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master, is the great example of 'change way back then' achieved by the determination and perseverance of a few good men. They had a dream, a vision of how change could achieve a better way of practicing their Craft in Upper Canada, adapting Old World conventions in principle to serve the needs of their Brethren and conditions in the New World. That is what we recently celebrated in the Sesquicentennial year just past. They understood the delicate balance between timeless values and the necessity of adapting them to the present times and conditions. In this sense, they proved that Freemasonry is both timeless and timely.

"The successful innovator is one who conceives new ways to carry on the old traditions of an old established organization." MW R. Johnston - Grand Master of New South Wales, 1991.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925). At present, many lodges are enjoying an influx of candidates for initiation. At last, it would seem that we have turned the corner - initiations are balancing deaths.

It is easy to bring a man into Masonry; it takes only about forty-five minutes. The challenge is to keep these intelligent, curious young men interested and active in the practice of Freemasonry for the rest of their lives. A lodge must be more than a degree mill; more than a social club. A meeting must have more than the reading of minutes, the conduct of routine business, and the perfunctory conferral of yet another degree to supply the "mysteries and privileges" we promise every man that enters the lodge. The lodge must be a place of lively learning - an experience that is rewarding through participation, study, and discussion - education and self-improvement.

"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving" Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894). In short, "Decisions determine destiny" Frederick Speckman "We must therefore take account of this changeable nature of things and of human institutions, and prepare for them with enlightened foresight." Pope Pius XI, Achille Ratti (1857-1939) The words chosen for the community entrance signs by the town of Huntsville capture perfectly cont. back page

FROM THE EAST JOSEPH A INGRAFFIA WORSHIPFUL MASTER

On a negative note, there three members of Euclid, who are two years in arrears on their dues payments, who were voted on for suspension. One of the three, sent in a partial payment, and was therefore taken off the suspension list. On the same subject, as of May 22, 2017 we still have over 35 members who have not paid their 2017 dues. If you are having any financial difficulties in making your annual dues payment – PLEASE let us know your situation.

Work completed in Tiler's area - If you have been at the lodge in the past month, you would have noticed that the coffered ceiling was completed in the Tiler's area, matching the Lodge room ceiling, and the multi-media projector was relocated into a drop-down in the ceiling of the lodge room. If you haven't – come check it out.

One Friday evening May 19th, a group of 20 Brothers/Friends/Family joined together for dinner at arranged by Entertainment Committee Chairperson WBro. "Shrimpy" Will at the Oasis Restaurant at the Medinah Temple. The Friday menu at the Oasis featured an "all-you-can-eat" Haddock Fish Fry, and "not-all-you-can-eat" Jumbo Shrimp dinner. A great time was had by all.

Upcoming Events

Bro. Jackson has arranged for the Lodge to host a Heartland Blood Center blood drive for Saturday June 3rd. If you haven't signed up to donate blood, and are capable of doing so – please consider participating in this worthwhile program.

On Saturday, June 24th, Masons around the world will join together to recognize and celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry. We will open the lodge for visitors, friends and family. The Medinah Motor Corps will be present with a couple of their custom Harleys on display. (More information to come!!).

On Sunday June 25th, please join us for the Masonic observance of St. John the Baptist day, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Naperville, ILL. Plan to meet beforehand in the foyer, and then sit together for the service.

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 14th.

The annual Euclid lodge summer picnic will be July 15th (1:30 – 4:30) at Spring Lake Park, located at the corner of McCoy and Frontenac, just west of Fox Valley Mall.

It looks like Rockin' for the Troops will be returning this year – Keep Saturday, July 22 on your "save-the-date" list. The event this year will be located at the Northwestern Medical Field (home of the Kane County Cougars baseball team), in Geneva, Illinois. Euclid will be providing volunteers to assist the hosts of the event (Operation Support our Troops), in this laudable undertaking.

For now, that's all from EAST - Fraternally – WM Joe Ingraffia

DINNER OUTING AT MEDINAH TEMPLE

Twenty Brothers/Friends/Family met for a dinner arranged by Entertainment Committee Chairperson WBro. "Shrimpy" Will at the Oasis Restaurant at the Medinah Temple. With a crowd of our size, the Oasis offered a separate room and a custom menu for the evening. The menu at the Oasis featured an "all-you-can-eat" haddock fish fry, jumbo shrimp dinner, steak, chicken and BBQ ribs. It was a great evening of friendship and fellowship. Several folks suggested we do this more often!!



AYLMER KEITH GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION

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KEITH, Aylmer was born in Rome, Oneida County, New York, February 16, 1802, the son of the Reverend William Keith and Sally Tibbets. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the 8th Regiment Artillery of Oneida County New York in 1821. On September 25, 1822, he was married to Eliza Dennison Wylie, and from this union the following children were born; Charles Wylie, Sarah Maria, Aylmer Dennison and Eliza Dixon. He served as a member of Fire Company No. 2 in Rome, New York in 1826. He operated a grocery store in Rome, New York in the 1830's and served as Treasurer of Mount Morris, New York in 1835. He was also an insurance agent in Mt. Morris, New York. He came with his family to Naperville about 1839. Following the death of Eliza on May 26, 1841, he married Janette Maria Wight September 28, 1841 and from this union the following children were born: William Henry, Julia Maria, Edwin Wight, Franklin Botts, and Mary Wight. He was a Naperville merchant, operating a drug and general store, and also a bank and insurance brokerage. He was an investor in the "Plank Road" and also in the "Chicago, Sterling and Mississippi Railroad Corporation" and the "Joliet and Elgin Railroad Corporation." He served as the first Clerk and Secretary of the Naperville Cemetery Association, and drew the first plot map for the cemetery. In February 1841, he was appointed as Secretary and served on the Executive Committee of the DuPage County Bible Society, and also helped form the Methodist Society. In 1842 he served as the Treasurer of DuPage Auxiliary of the American Bible Society. He served as a Delegate to the Chicago River and Harbor Convention in July, 1847. He was appointed as a Director of the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Chicago in 1851, and as Naperville Postmaster February 2, 1852. He was a partner in the DuPage County Bank. He was raised a Master Mason in 1823 in Roman Lodge No. 79, Rome, Oneida County, New York, and served as Master of Roman Lodge in 1829. He was a charter member of Euclid Lodge No. 65 and its first Master. He was a member of Rome Chapter No. 102, Rome, Oneida County, New York and was a charter member and first High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons. He died November 13, 1855 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery, with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the state of Illinois, William B. Herrick, performing the funeral ritual. 200 Masons from the surrounding area were present to pay their last respects.



AYLMER KEITH
EUCLID'S FIRST WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Sunday, May 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. the Aylmer Keith grave marker was dedicated in Naperville Cemetery.

Brothers Andrew Siedelmann, Don Cowart, Jerry Yingling, Monty Jackson, WM Joseph Ingraffia, James Simpson Jr., James Simpson III and Timothy Dry were present for the brief but solemn ceremony. Bryan Ogg, curator of research for the Naperville Settlement was also in attendance.



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CHANGE (continued)

the essence of that balance we must ever try to achieve in our understanding and practice of Freemasonry: Touch the past - Embrace the Future.

We cannot live in the past, however great and glorious our history may be. When we boast proudly of the great and famous men that were Masons, and publish lists of eminent political leaders and statesmen, renowned writers, artists and musicians, and well-known captains of industry and business that were members of the Craft, they are invariably long dead. Masonry is the men, and a lodge is the members today. The report of the special task force of the Masonic Information Center, "Its About Time: Moving Masonry into the 21st Century (2005) begins with this wakeup call quoting Michael Hammer: "One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell me how good they were in the past. Same with countries. You don't want to forget your identity. I am glad you were great in the 14th century, but that was then and this is now. When memories exceed dreams, the end is near."

The report concluded with this call to arms: "Cast off negativism. Turn the objection around to a challenge. Encourage and reward open and positive communication throughout each stage of change. Share ideas and ask yourself to take ownership of transforming the identity of Masonry through each and every action, regardless of how small. Make the fraternity that you want - brother by brother, lodge by lodge."

MW Raymond Sydney James Daniels
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada 2009 - 2011

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