



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

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From The East - Joseph A. Ingrassia - Worshipful Master

My Brethren:

While the weather the past couple of weeks would make you think it is the middle of summer, we are well into the fall of 2017, and closing in on the end of the Masonic year, and my year in the East.



First of all, I would like to say that it was great honor to be the first Master to open Lodge in the newly remodeled temple. It was also a pleasure to invite WBros. Cowart and Siedelmann to join me in the East for the occasion, while five other members of the Naperville Masonic Temple board; WBros. Dry, Zears, and Yingling, and Bros. Murray and Felstrup were busy manning their officer's duties. On the membership front, things are picking up - At the September stated meeting, we had two petitions read for membership, and investigation committees assigned to meet with the candidates and families. We look forward to aiding these two candidates in their progression through the degree process in the near future. At the special meeting of September 19, 2017, brother **Ray William Altonen** was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. It has been an extended journey (do due personal reasons) for Roy, having been initiated as an entered apprentice in May of 2013, but it is great to have him back and active and we look forward to taking him to the next step of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We also have **FC Martin Steven McClellan**, waiting "in the wings" for his schedule to clear so he also can be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. September's *Masons in Social Media* consisted of an interesting video entitled *Freemasonry and the Old West* - <https://vimeo.com/43013696>

This 10 minute video provided some rare insight into how Freemasons helped shape the country's expansion west. From Lewis and Clark to Wild Bill Hickok to Billy the Kid, and the heroes of the Alamo, Freemason's were deeply involved in the efforts to tame the West.

Happenings around the Lodge in September

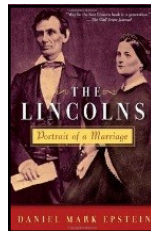


The Lodge held an ILCHIP event on

Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, in Naperville, IL 60540 - Brother Sam Derr was our point man, assisted by WB Joe Ingrassia, Bros. Ross Decent, Mark Hopf, WB Steve Rosensweig, WB Bill Dixon, WB Jerry Yingling and WB Jack Buvelot. Twenty-Three children participated in the process, which consisted of the collection of vital information: age, height, weight, eye and hair color, followed by fingerprinting, collection of DNA samples, and finally the production of still photos and a video interview of the child. All this was provided to the parents free of charge to hopefully never be used.

Although we had little notice, several members of Euclid and their families participated in the first annual Naperville Waterway Cleanup on Saturday September 16th at the Knoch Knolls Nature Center near Knoch Knolls Park. Volunteers walked through Knoch Knolls (and other parks) picking up trash and putting it into garbage bags while recording data on a Smartphone App called "Clean Swell." This data will then go into a database that records similar cleanups conducted around the world. https://youtu.benzav0_2gLY

Coming Up



The evening of October 18th will be the Annual Past Master's meeting, and is looking to be something special. We will be joined by Mary Todd and Abe Lincoln, who will provide an historical program to the members in attendance.

On a negative note as of August 31, 2017 we still have 22 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. For now, welcome back, that's all from EAST. Fraternally - WM Joe Ingrassia



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-three 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.

VISITORS FROM SCOTLAND

WM Ingraffia and I had the distinct pleasure to meet with Worshipful Brother Robert Fullerton and his wife Gwen who were in town for a relatives wedding.

We gave them a tour of the lodge and a brief history of Euclid 65 as well as a Temple 100th Anniversary presentation set.

We were presented with copies of the history of Old Inverness Kilwinning-St. John's Lodge No. VI, Scotland, the Lodges tracing boards, Lodge and Chapter coins and a beautiful Masonic necktie.

Bro. Fullerton commented, "The ambience of the temple was that of peace and tranquility and I must say that I felt most comfortable when taking a seat for a few moments." I don't think that anyone could possibly give us a higher compliment. He also described his lodge and gave us an idea for further renovations to the lodge room.

They have stained glass windows on either side of the Master's chair, one of St. John the Baptist, the other of St. John the Evangelist, who we know are the two Christian patrons of Freemasonry. I am sure that it will be a hot topic of discussion at our next Temple Board meeting.

Thank you Brother Fullerton, from all of the members of Euclid Lodge.

LODGE POOL TABLE

The Naperville Masonic Temple Board Association will be selling the pool table that is in the "Library".

The table has not seen any use for some

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

time now and the board would like to finish converting the room into a proper library. If you are interested in purchasing the table, please let one of the officers of the Temple Board know.

If we do not hear from any member, the table will be advertised for sale on Craigslist or other similar website and go to the highest bidder.

PAST MASTERS DINNER

Due to popular demand, Bro. Cowart has renegotiated with Meson Sabika and procured additional seating for those who would like to attend.

The evenings entertainment should be especially interesting with Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary Todd's performance.

The food is also excellent at Meson Sabika. Hope to see a sold-out room.

See info on page 4.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Michael D. Arnett	Oct 3
Thomas W. Welsh	Oct 4
Jonathan S. Wells	Oct 9
Randolph J. Taylor	Oct 9
Christopher J. Lance	Oct 13
Alexander C. Micchelli	Oct 19
Scott D. Anderson	Oct 20
Patrick J. Robin	Oct 20
Christopher A. Bryant	Oct 21
Alexander C. Tabb	Oct 21
Daniel P. Svoboda	Oct 23
Paul S. Palmer	Oct 26
Robert L. Hudlow	Oct 28
Kevin M. Cassidy	Oct 29
James G. Simpson Jr.	Oct 31
Timothy J. Dry	Oct 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.

Paul S. Perkins	Oct 1 (48)
Harry K. Radel	Oct 1 (23)
John W. Sims	Oct 2 (24)
John L. Buvelat	Oct 4 (54)
Douglass E. Seifried	Oct 14 (50)
Gennaro Barbato II	Oct 16 (24)
Steven P. Ross	Oct 16 (11)
William A. Ackerman	Oct 18 (12)
Luzern A. Richter	Oct 26 (57)
Sherwood H. Sadler	Oct 26 (46)
Christopher A. Bryant	Oct 27 (8)
Thomas G. Conklin Jr.	Oct 28 (62)
Clifford Van Poucke	Oct 29 (60)
Thomas J. Moylan III	Oct 30 (13)
Elden P. Laffoon Sr.	Oct 30 (13)
Scott D. Anderson	Oct 30 (10)

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



DID YOU KNOW?

Edward William Bonney, author of "The Banditti of the Prairies," was a member of Euclid Lodge No. 65? 1849 to 1856

Brother Bonney is recognized as a bounty hunter and one of the first private detectives in the United States. He was first a member of the Masonic Lodge in Nauvoo, and then Rising Sun Lodge No. 12 in Montrose, Iowa. He was also one of three non-Mormons admitted to the Council of 50 by Joseph Smith.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 OCTOBER	2	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 Past Masters Dinner Meson Sabika	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 HALLOWEEN	1 NOVEMBER	2	3	4

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Oct 2** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Oct 3** Euclid Lodge 65 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct 9** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Oct 10** Euclid Chapter 13 & Adoniram Council 95 Stated Meetings 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 11** Trinity Commandery 80 meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 16** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Oct 17** Euclid Lodge 65 Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 18** Past Masters Dinner Meson Sabika
- **Oct 23** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **Oct 24** Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 25** Trinity Commandery 80 meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Oct 30** Euclid Lodge 65 Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.
- **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 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.



Committees & Activities

Finance

Joseph Ingraffia, 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

We have reports from all of our Brothers in Texas and Florida who experienced the recent hurricanes. Everyone has survived and have had very little damage. Wbro. Kapoor's father will have to undergo dialysis treatment.

COMING EVENTS

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>

PAST MASTERS DINNER

This years Past Masters Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at Meson Sabika in Naperville. Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln will be the evenings guests and entertainment. 6-7 p.m. Meet/Greet Cash bar, 7 p.m. Dinner.

Past Masters or their widows are free, Euclid Members/wives/significant others \$25.00 per person. Non-Euclid members \$30.00.

RSVP to Paul Felstrup 630-918-1153 (text) or pfelstrup@yahoo.com



Past High Priest Highlight Otto John Born 1924

BORN, Otto John was born July 9, 1883 in Hobart, Lake County, Indiana the son of Charles (Karl) Ernst Born and Johanna Augusta Freiburg. He married Anne Caroline Hagemann June 30, 1909 and they were the parents of two children, Myrtle (Beese) and Orrin Edward. He was first employed as a streetcar motorman in Chicago, then a cab driver, an employee of the Naperville School District 78 Board of Education and finally he operated his own garage. He was raised a Master Mason March 6, 1920, exalted a Royal Arch Mason September 30, 1920 and served Euclid Chapter No. 13 as High Priest in 1924. He died July 1, 1954 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



ILCHIP



JERRY YINGLING, STEVE ROSENSWEIG, ROSS DECENT AND MARK HOPF



JERRY YINGLING, BILL DIXON, STEVE ROSENSWEIG, JACK BUVELOT

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It is hard today to appreciate the impact that the combination of Freemasonry and the philosophies developed during the enlightenment period have had on the world.

Monarchies were, with few exceptions, absolutely authoritarian in nature, anointed by God to rule. The King's religion was the country's religion and the only real disagreement between "church" and "state" was in agreeing on who reported to whom - but one thing in general agreement was that to rebel against one was to rebel against both; it would be considered heresy and treason.

The Masonic philosophy of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God threatened the very order of the world. Prior, everyone had an ascribed value based on birth and wealth - social class and rank determined everything, one served those above and ruled those below.

As this began to change, particularly in England - with the growth of the merchant and industrialist class, mathematical and scientific growth and experimentation - there developed a growing appreciation for the value of general education and rewarding and recognizing ability and merit - that is, for those not born to rule their portion of jolly ol' England.

While I don't know the reasons, Masonry - to use a modern phrase - "came out of the closet" in 1717 and formed what ultimately became the United Grand Lodge of England, an event we celebrate this year at its 300th Anniversary.

As we surmise it, Masonry had previously long existed, although its true scope was probably unknown, but it was not a total secret. One possible reason for its actions in 1717 could have been to facilitate communication and discussion of ideas across a broader portion of the country. Today, Masonry helps us form lasting relationships with other men and their families that would otherwise be unknown to us. It helps our attitudes be more positive and supported, because we know we are not alone in our beliefs.

Then, however, lodges often met for intellectual challenge and stimulation by conversation and discussion providing the opportunity to learn from others, to understand another's point of view, to sharpen one's own understanding and beliefs.

It might have been the chance, as well, to explore ideas that religious or civic officials might find uncomfortable, such as the election of leaders unapproved by those in power, the formation of laws based on equality between men of differing classes and religious beliefs, and the concept that, from time to time, leaders would step aside - voluntarily giving up authority.

Direct challenges to conventional orthodoxy were dangerous. As examples: Ben Franklin was charged with crimes against the church for suggesting that lightning was natural and not a tool to display God's wrath or vengeance. And the Marquis de Lafayette, who publicly championed democracy in the United States and France, had to leave France for his health, not to mention safety. The monarchs didn't fear his actions. They feared democracy. They feared his ideas.

Perhaps the need to share these ideas in a controlled meaningful way became necessary. In short, such new ideas could be explored with a lodge

without fear of severe retribution. It's obvious that to have meaningful dialog and real communication the ideas must be shared respectfully. Thus, we come to the underappreciated gift - civility.

The concept has meant different things in different eras and cultures. It doesn't mean uncritical acceptance or abandoning your own principles, nor never disagreeing.

It does mean you follow certain principles. Brother Martin Clare, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1735 codified this concept for Freemasonry. (The ideas are largely a reminder from an essay by John Locke, published in 1693).

Clare based his approach on the need for "an inward civility of the mind...that is based on a general good will, that decent regard and personal esteem for every man."

He identified four dangers to civility to be avoided:

- I. Natural roughness. A man with no regard for the feelings of those around him. Rude, arrogant.
- II. Contempt. Whether by appearance, word or gesture it is unbecoming as well as unacceptable. Condescending.
- III. Censoriousness. Constantly finding fault with others, contradicting them at every opportunity and/or interrupting at every chance to correct. It is necessary at times to correct some factual error or misunderstanding, but it should be done with consideration and as much discretion as possible.
- IV. Captiousness. A manufactured offense to belittle an individual or idea to keep it from being properly considered.

Why is this important? If you ever doubted the need or importance our values have today for our republic, simply turn on the news. We would do well to remember Samuel Johnson's admonishment that "when the forms of civility are violated, there remains little hope of return to kindness or decency."

Margaret C. Jacobs, a UCLA professor who has written about Masonry, studied some of the documents reportedly released by the Soviet Union - records of European-based Masonic bodies that had been confiscated during and after World War II. From her analysis, she theorizes that if Freemasonry would expand and codify the rules that Masonry follows for decorum in lodge and share these with society at large, the fraternity could be a major factor in reunifying our country.

The need for civility is undeniable. We, as Masons and individuals, can certainly continue to model civil discourse and to expect the same in response from those in the world. An assertive civility certainly has a positive role to play in today's society.

But perhaps more importantly, as Masons we proudly display our character with license plates, decals, rings, lapel pins, ball caps, and so on. We ARE on display. We have the opportunity to live and model our beliefs.

Now, in the 300th year of our Fraternity's growth, we must have the courage to model and live those beliefs.

Elbridge H. Brewer, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, June 2017

On Wednesday September 13, 2017, Euclid had the pleasure of receiving a visitor and his wife to the Naperville Masonic Temple from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Past Master Robert Fullerton and his wife Gwen were in town for a family wedding, and had requested a visit to Euclid Lodge through the Grand Lodge of Illinois. PM Fullerton's home lodge is Old Inverness Kilwinning - St. John's Lodge of Freemasons No. VI of Scotland. The roots as an operative lodge trace back to 1678, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland officially chartered the lodge in 1737. There was apparently a great need for stonemasons after the invasion of Scotland by Lord Oliver Cromwell! There actually is some evidence (belief) that the lodge existed in the mid 1500's, but the records to support the claim do not exist. We spent the best part of an hour or so, "showing off" the recent work done to the Temple, and discussing the challenges of maintaining a lodge, from both the membership aspects as well as the financial. They have a somewhat similar situation to us, in that they own a plot of property next to the lodge building that is a Public Parking lot that generates enough revenue to support their Temple. One of the mysteries of St. John's No. 6 is the origin and meaning of their Tracing Boards. The Boards pictured here, were created in the early 1600's and currently are situated behind the Master's Chair in the East of the Lodge but are hidden behind curtains and have been since St. John's joined the Grand Lodge in 1737. They are never used due to variations from the norm of the symbols, etc.



First Degree Tracing Board.

This Board is believed to date from 1606.



Second Degree Tracing Board.

This Board dates from about 1627.



Third Degree Tracing Board.

This board dates from 1637.

Bro. Robert Fullerton presented Bros. Ingraffia and Dry copies of the history and Tracing Boards of Old Inverness Kilwinning St. John's Lodge of Freemasons No. VI of Scotland.

"Presented to Bro. J. Ingraffia Master and Bro. T. Dry Secy, On the occasion of the visit of Br. Robert Fullerton to the Masonic Temple, Naperville, 13 Sept., 2017.

With the Fraternal Greetings from the R.W.M. and Brethren of Old Inverness Kilwinning St. John's Lodge of Freemasons No. VI on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" He also presented neckties and Lodge and Chapter coins.

WM Ingraffia presented Bro. Fullerton with a 100th Anniversary Medallion and Lapel Pin set with presentation case from our recent Cornerstone Centennial Celebration and also a copy of the history of Euclid Lodge No. 65 with the account of the laying of the cornerstone of our present building in 1916 .



WBro. Robert Fullerton and WM Joseph Ingraffia

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Euclid Lodge No. 65 member, Brother Guy Hamilton, to proudly serve our country in the U.S. Navy.

