



FROM THE EAST - WORSHIPFUL MASTER ROSS J. DECENT

Brethren,  
I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas, Happy New Year!  
Euclid Lodge enjoyed a busy December as always. We rang in the season on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with our annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army, raising \$765 for those in need. Our Christmas party took place on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to SW Mark Hopf and JW George Murray for organizing this fun event. It's always so special to see our families in the lodge. This year 18 children were entertained by our favorite magician Chezaday, and enjoyed sweet treats and gifts from Santa. Speaking of gifts, I was delighted with my children's gift to me this year, my own bobblehead. When I tap his head, it reminds me of how I feel when I think of how much degree work I have to memorize this year!  
Another important tradition was upheld when WB Steve Rosensweig and Bro. Paul Felstrup delivered poinsettias to the widows of past brothers. My thanks to them for making these ladies' Christmases just a little brighter.

The holiday season is no excuse to stop work, of course! We're a busy and vibrant lodge at any time of year. December 5<sup>th</sup> was a special day for me because it was my first stated meeting as your Worshipful Master. Although I had previously run meetings for chapter and council as Excellent High Priest and Thrice Illustrious Master, nothing could quite prepare me for chairing a meeting for blue lodge! I know I will be nothing without my team so on December 19<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting for all brothers wanting to serve on a committee this year instead of the special meeting for degrees this month. A good lodge must have a good committee infrastructure. Several committees will be running under the same chairperson as last year, but we also have some new ones. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. There's still time to join a committee if you haven't yet done so. Remember, the best way to feel involved is to *be* involved!  
At the time of writing, I am very much looking forward to this year's St John's Day event. I have organized a visit to my synagogue, Congregation Beth



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Shalom, Naperville on December 29<sup>th</sup> which I hope will be interesting and informative.

Looking forward to the New Year, on January 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding our next stated meeting and I look forward to hearing the reports of our current and new committee chairs.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> we will be conferring the second degree on up to three of our newest entered apprentices. Remember this year I'm challenging all of you to bring in at least one new member so I hope you'll make it one of your new year's resolutions to do so.

On Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> there will be the Grand Lodge Officers Type 3 School to be held at Grove Lodge. We will need to attend this school to be able to earn a point toward the Grand Master's Award of Excellence – We will need at least four members to attend (at least one must be an officer of the lodge) .

I'm very excited about all the good things we will be doing this year and hope you are too. Remember, I'm always available to hear your ideas or concerns,

Fraternally, Ross J Decent

FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

DEGREE WORK

The Lodge will be conferring the Fellowcrafts degree on multiple candidates on Tuesday, January 16. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., gavel at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Board of Grand Examiners will be holding a Type 3 school on Saturday, April 4, 2018 at the Valley of Chicago, Scottish Rite Cathedral, 383 E. Lake Street, Bloomingdale, IL at 8:30 a.m.

The Northeastern Area District Deputy Grand Masters Association Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Medinah Shriners Center, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL at 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Mark H. Schmidt Jan 1
- Roy W. Altonen Jan 2
- Richard W. Sale Jan 3
- Sherwood H. Sadler Jan 5
- James W. Patton Jan 6
- Kevin E. Dunn Jan 6
- Barton Robertson Jan 8
- Jayson D. Roque Jan 13
- Clifford Van Poucke Jan 14
- Scott D. Schmied Jan 14
- Thomas Conklin Jr. Jan 15
- Michael S. Moore Jan 16
- Thomas B. Duff Jan 19
- William T. Fetner Jan 20
- James Simpson III Jan 20
- Thomas Hoffman Jan 25

- Richard Miller Jr. Jan 25
- Brian K. Ortegel Jan 28
- Leon H. Namtzu Jan 31
- Ronald R. Rudniski Jan 31

JANUARY RAISING DATES and YEARS SINCE RAISING

- John Schoch Jr. Jan 6 (31)
- Patrick Robin Jan 12 (8)
- Daniel Mao Jan 16 (8)
- Christopher Lance Jan 16 (8)
- Russell Mowry Jan 16 (8)
- Dennis Cassidy Jan 16 (8)
- Charles Macyunas Jan 18 (35)
- Ravie Samuel Jan 19 (2)
- Adam Carlson Jan 19 (2)
- Rao Murukurthy Jan 19 (2)
- Shawn Finnegan Jan 20 (9)
- Alan Spies Jan 21 (26)
- James Simpson Jr. Jan 21 (26)
- Jack Gelston Jan 23 (19)
- Kyle O'Mara Jan 25 (21)
- Joe L. Cherry Jr. Jan 26 (20)
- Patrick Lehrman Jan 31 (45)
- Thomas Duff Jan 31 (8)

There is nothing further on the Secretary's table, Worshipful..





## Past High Priest Highlight

### Ralph David Garrette 1928-1932-1935-1939-1940

**GARRETTE, Ralph David** was born September 13, 1884 in Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio the son of Waite S. Garrette and Margaret Pence. He married Mabel L. Tillson, daughter of Euclid Lodge member Edward Tillson, on January 27, 1917. He was employed as a Chemistry teacher at Chicago Lane Technical School. He was a

member and past master of Brotherhood Lodge No. 986, Chicago, Illinois. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason October 14, 1919 in Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, Naperville, Illinois and served as High Priest in 1928, 1932, 1935, 1939 and 1940. He died December 17, 1958 in an auto accident in Lebanon, Wil-



son County, Tennessee and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.

## OUT OF THE ARCHIVES

The freshet of 1857 was a calamity to the town. The river, swollen by the heavy rains and the melting snow, overflowed the banks and inundated all the portion of the town. Soon after the stream commenced rising, the mill dam gave way and let down upon the town an avalanche of water, bearing upon its current large sheets of ice, which demolished everything in their way. The rise of the water was

so sudden that many of the residents of the houses situated on the banks of the river, with great difficulty escaped. Several buildings, including three stores, were carried away. The loss was estimated to be \$20,000.00. One of the buildings destroyed was the newspaper office. Newspaper type was carried five miles down river by the force of the water and ice. In the “scratch” minute

book of Euclid Lodge, appears the following note: “This book stands suspended for all time to come, caused by being soaked in the flood in March, 1857, when the town was submerged.” The book today bears the evidence of being soaked.

At this time the lodge met in Joe Naper's building, right around the corner on Main Street.

## COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

### FINANCE

Ross Decent, Mark Hopf, George Murray

### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Mark Hopf

### REFRESHMENTS

George Murray, Walter Hemphill Jr, Monty Jackson

### BY-LAWS

Don Cowart

### COMMUNICATION

Timothy Ory

### EQUIPMENT & REGALIA

Mark Hopf

### MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION

George Murray, Walter Hemphill, David Moore

### 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

### AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Paul Felstrup, Mike Lochtefeld

### PAST MASTERS DINNER

Don Cowart

### BLOOD DRIVE

Monty Jackson

### NAPER BLVD CLEANUP

Scott Schmied

### COMMUNITY DAYS

Paul Felstrup



## Salvation Army Bell Ringers December 2



Frank Cabrera and Roy Altonen



Monty Jackson and Bryan Newson



Don Cowart and Mark Hopf



Bryan Newson and John Buckler



Tim Ory and Joe Ingrassia



Andy Siedelmann and Paul Felstrup



John Will and Ross Decent



Jerry Yingling and Tom Moylan



Euclid Lodge No. 65 rang the bells for the Salvation Army again on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

We manned our usual location in the Naper Plaza, Washington Street and Gartner Road, in front of Casey's Foods and Trader Joe's.

The weather was sunny and mild and traffic was heavy with many passersby donating freely to the cause.

The youngsters who donated were rewarded with candy canes.

Mark Hopf did a great job organizing the event this year.

## Euclid Lodge No. 65 Christmas Party December 16



Chezaday performed for the kids and adults, amazing all with his feats of illusion. Santa stopped in and had a gift for all of the children. Great job organizing this event by SW Bro. Mark Hopf and JW George Murray.



### *Saint John the Evangelist Observance*

Congregation Beth Shalom  
December 29, 2017

Observance of St. John the  
Evangelist Day

Prior to the services, Bernie Newman, the official host and lecturer to interfaith, college, and school groups who visit the Congregation, instructed the Euclid 65 Masonic Lodge members on and answered questions about the Jewish service that we were about to attend, the wearing of a yarmulke, which books of the bible make up the Torah, the Jewish alphabet and number-

ing system and various other details concerning the Jewish faith from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. We were also shown one of the Congregations Torah's, which had been used in France about 100 years ago and had been safe guarded in a cave during World War II. Services were 8 to 9 p.m and consisted of singing and reading verses from the Jewish prayer book, called a Siddur. The Siddur contains the prayers for the service in order and are presented in Hebrew, English and transliteration. Rabbi Marc Ru-

dolph led the congregation along with the Cantor, Hasha Musha Perman on the guitar. He gave a sermon about how we all change as we grow up, how we are not the same people we were when we were seventeen years old. It was enlightening as well as entertaining.

Ross and Hilary Decent provided refreshments for all of the attendees and congregation following the service. It was a very enjoyable and instructive evening.



Attendees, L to R, Steven Rovensweig PM, John Aemmer, Vaneet Kapoor PM, Monty Jackson, Tim Ory PM, Ross Decent WM, Bernie Newman, Bryan Newson, Paul Felstrup and William Dixon Jr PM.



# January 2018

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	<b>1</b> <i>New Years</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Euclid Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Euclid Chapter No. 13 &amp; Adoniram Council No. 95 Mtg. 7:30</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Trinity Commandery Mtg.</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Euclid Lodge Special Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Type 3 School at Grove Lodge</i>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Naperville Masonic Temple Association Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Trinity Commandery Mtg.</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Town Hall Mtg. at Me-dinah Lodge</i>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## **MASONRY - A WAY OF LIFE**

Many have asked for a definition of Masonry, but few have received a satisfactory answer. The explanation most frequently given is that it is a science veiled in Allegory and explained by Symbols. Concealed in Symbols might better explain the real situation. This explanation really means little to most of us. Inasmuch as anyone may interpret our Symbols, and Masonry itself, according to his own light, here is my definition: Masonry, in the final analysis, is a way of life, a theory of life, a philosophy of life. It

manifests itself in our daily contacts with our fellows. It is not what the tongue proclaims, but what the heart contains. The true Mason, then, is the one who interprets the Symbols in which Masonry is concealed (or by which it is explained) through exemplification in his daily life of what was put into such Symbols long before Solomon started construction of the Great White Temple which crowned Moriah's Mount. Masonry should be a brotherhood of man, and this need not be an idle dream, even

though it may require long and patient effort to overcome error and prejudice. I believe the time yet will come when battle-flags will be forever furled, when battle tanks will become the tractors of the husbandman, and the Eternal Truths which are Freemasonry, will be universally recognized by a world forever at peace through practice of what our Symbols contain. That will be Masonry fully developed.  
Elbert Bede