



FROM THE EAST - WORSHIPFUL MASTER ROSS J. DECENT

Brethren,

At the March stated meeting we voted to accept an 'invitation to petition for degrees' for Mr. Donald McCalla.

I submitted the invitation because I would really like Don to be a member of the fraternity but really couldn't get the right time or place to talk to him about it. I have known Don for about four years – we attend the same synagogue.

I invited him to my installation in November 2017 and he was impressed by the ceremony and the building, but we never really discussed him becoming a mason.

One day in January I found out about the 'Invitation to petition for degrees' form that could be submitted on behalf of "a friend". It made me think about the possibility of getting Don involved in Masonry. I then procrastinated for a couple of months and then decided that I will submit the form.

The form was very easy to fill in – full name and address was all that was needed. After submitting the form, I found out what happens next.

The lodge votes on whether or not to accept the invitation and then one month later there is an official ballot to decide if the friend is to be invited to petition for degrees. Once accepted by the lodge, the invitee has six months (I think) to submit a regular "petition for degrees" form (with regular petition fees). Once the petition is read out in lodge, the invitee can receive degrees.

The only difference at this point to a regular petition for degrees, is that the invitee does not need to meet with an investigation committee. The submitter of the form has already attested to the character of the invitee.

If you know of someone you think could become a good mason, please think about asking him to become a member of this lodge. If you are not sure about how to ask then you might also want to submit an "Invitation to petition for degrees" on his behalf.

Fraternally,
Ross Decent



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

DEGREE WORK

The Lodge conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Jurie Hendrik Victor on March 20, 2018. If he is ready we will confer the Master Mason Degree on April 17.

DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT

RWBro. Vytenis Kirvelaitis, our District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th North-eastern District, made his official visit on Tuesday, March 6. He found the Secretary's and Treasurer's books in order and the officers did a fine job opening 1-2-3 and receiving him.

TABLE LODGE

Our annual Table Lodge will be held on May 15, 2018. The event will be held at La Sorella di Francesca, 18 W. Jefferson Ave, Naperville. Bro. Mark Hopf will be setting up the slate. Details are on page 5.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Paul S. Perkins Apr 2
Joe L. Cherry Jr. Apr 3
Gary E. Czyz Apr 5
William E. Love Apr 6
Mark C. Mortimer Apr 15
Gennaro Barbato Apr 19
Robert E. Morris Apr 21

- Harry K. Radel Apr 21
John W. Sims Apr 25
Gene E. Darfler Apr 29
Michael Hamman Apr 29
Wayne Brazinski Apr 30

APRIL RAISING DATES and YEARS SINCE RAISING

- Don J. Cowart Apr 3 (19)
Donald Knudsen Apr 6 (64)
Albin Anderson Apr 6 (55)
Stephen Fuesting Apr 6 (39)
Michael Arnett Apr 10 (8)
Michael Moore Apr 14 (11)
Gerald Bussell Apr 15 (32)
Derek McDaniel Apr 16 (5)
Brady McDaniel Apr 16 (5)
Paul Palmer Apr 16 (5)
Stan Wyngowski Apr 19 (35)
Jeffrey Adler Apr 19 (13)
Brian Sweeney Apr 30 (20)
Gary Mannon Apr 30 (16)
Michael Sanchez Apr 30 (5)
Sean Curry Apr 30 (5)

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



FREE MEN

Freemasonry challenges no man's political creed, leaving that to his country, and to himself. It does not interfere with any man's religious opinions, leaving that a matter between his God and his conscience; and yet it does seek to impress by the most profound reasoning, the Almighty Power of Truth, appealing to the highest and purest sentiments of the human soul for the enforcement of its principles. Ignorance, tyranny and fanaticism are its foes; liberty, equality and fraternity, its watchwords; it seeks light pure and undefiled and casts its radiance into the dark recesses and bathes of God's pure light those who have been shrouded in darkness; with which tyranny, ignorance and fanaticism may have enshrouded him. Too many are free in name only.

ANONYMOUS





Past High Priest Highlight

Chancellor Lee Archer 1942

ARCHER, Chancellor Lee was born August 3, 1888 in Scottsville, Mitchell County, Kansas the son of Cornelius G. Archer and Ada Bell Newell. He married Irene Mary Barrett April 2, 1917 and they had no children. He was first employed as a machinist and engineer for the Hart-Farr Tractor Manufacturing Company in Charles City, Iowa. He was then employed as an industrial engineer for the Western Electric Company and for

the Howell Company, a furniture manufacturer in St. Charles, Illinois. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge October 15, 1929 from St. Charles Lodge No. 141, Charles City, Iowa. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason May 11, 1937 and served as High Priest of Euclid Chapter No. 13 in 1942. He was also a member of the Isis Shrine and the Order of Eastern Star. He died February 3, 1973 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia and



was buried in the Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas with the Masonic Funeral Ritual performed by the members of the Glasco Masonic Lodge.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - Lodge Groundbreaking Ceremony



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



GRAND MASTERS LUNCHEON

The annual Grand Masters Luncheon in Florida was held at the Rosedale Country Club, Bradenton, Florida on March 5th, 2018.

MWBro. Gregory L. Clark honored three Euclid Lodge No. 65 members by presenting them with lapel pins relative to their number of years of Good Standing in the Fraternity.

Brother William Armel O'Connell received his 60 Year Pin, Wbro. William Love received his 40 Year Pin and Wbro. David Oakes received his 20 Year Pin. A total of 120 Years in the Fraternity.

Congratulation Brothers!

Clockwise from bottom left:

Bro. Bill O'Connell, unidentified Brother and his wife from Byron, Illinois, Wbro. David Oakes, Wbro. William Love and his wife Dotty. Inset: Dave Oakes, Bill Love, Bill O'Connell



**GRAND MASTER
Gregory L. Clark**





Euclid Lodge No. 65
Table Lodge &
New Member Dinner



Tuesday, April 15, 2018

(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 2016/2017 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.**



MENTAL RESERVATION

“Without mental reservation.” How often have you thought about this phrase? What does it mean to the Mason? Am I guilty of violating with mental reservations?

Webster might say the act of reserving for oneself mentally or a limiting condition to yield with reservation.

Webster does say, “the withholding of something that affects a statement, promise, and which if disclosed, would materially alter its import.”

However, if you have withheld your inner consent from what you have outwardly agreed to perform, then you are guilty of mental reservation.

A doctor on being questioned by the patient as to his physical condition will temper his opinion to keep the patient from worry. He may know in his mind that the patient has very little chance for recovery, but will openly voice his optimism for his good health. This is mental reservation.

Another perfect illustration, historian, James A. Froude, in his book, *The Divorce of Catherine*, page 326, writes that “the Abbots and Priors had sworn to the supremacy of the King over the Pope, but had sworn reluctantly, with secret reservations to save their

consciences.”

Another example of this mental reservation was when Peter denied knowing Christ. Three times he denied what he knew to be true, and, on the last time he even swore violently, yet in his mind he knew all too well the truth.

The Bible says, “Let your yea be yea; and your nay be nay.” During our late war in North Korea, many a soldier was tortured mentally to the point that he denied his own country.

Yet, we who sit in judgment upon them are in no position to judge for we do not know the pain they suffered before they “with mental reservation” agreed to whatever was told them for the sake of clinging to life.

Mackey says: “To withhold one’s inner consent from what he would outwardly says.”

Also, “a disagreement between a person’s purpose and his pledge.”

In the courts of our country when we swear upon the Bible to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, we are endeavoring to eliminate “mental reservation.”

FACTS, FABLES AND FANTASIES OF FREEMASONRY

SYMBOLISM

In its modern form at least, Masonry is a symposium of symbolism in which three streams or strands of faith unite, by which man is a Builder of a Temple, a Pilgrim in quest of lost Truth, and, if he be worthy and heroic, a Finder of the Sublime Secret of Life. He is, first, a builder, taking the rough stones of the world and shaping them into forms of beauty, building upon the will of God, by His design, with His help, in His name; nay, more, building with his fellow men, as our Brethren built cathedrals. He is, second, a seeker, a pilgrim journeying from the West, a land of sunset and death, toward the East, the place of sunrise and life; a pilgrimage of soul, affected, at least in this state of its journey, in the sandals of Human Nature - a long, weary road. He is, finally, if he be worthy, a finder of the greatest Eternal Life here and now, while walking the secret man may know, whereby he is reborn to dim paths of earth and time. O my soul, remember, strive, persevere, and rejoice!

JOSEPH FORT NEWTON



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter</i>	2 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	3 <i>Euclid Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Passover Ends</i>
8	9 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	10 <i>Euclid Chap- ter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Mtg. 7:30</i>	11 <i>Trinity Com- mandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	12	13	14 <i>Officer Work- shop Grove Lodge 9 to 12</i>
15	16 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	17 <i>Euclid Lodge Special Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	18	19	20 <i>NEDDGM ANNUAL DINNER MEDINAH SHRINE</i>	21
22	23 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	24 <i>Naperville Masonic Tem- ple Associa- tion Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	24 <i>Trinity Com- mandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	30	31			

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OUR MASONIC SECRETS

Freemasonry is not a secret society; rather, it is a society with secrets. A secret society, among other things, meets in a secret place unknown to the general public; its membership is secret and nothing is publicly known concerning its aims, principles, and organization.

The concept of a secret society does not fit our organization at all. The secrets we do maintain have been retained through a sense of tradition and are very few in number dealing mostly with the obligations and modes of recognition. These requirements have been handed down by word of mouth for centuries.

Our purposes, ideals and principles may be learned by anyone who inquires. There are numerous books on these subjects which are available to the public. We place public notices in the newspapers about our meetings, our members are often prominent citizens in the community, and our meeting places or temples are clearly marked as such. The only secrets of Freemasonry are its methods of recognition which protect it against intruders and imposters and its system of symbolic instruction. However, this does not mean that the internal affairs of a lodge may be discussed promiscuously by its members outside of the temple, particularly in the presence of non-Masons. In those matters which affect the business of his Lodge, and that means all business, silence and circumspection are strictly enjoined on all Masons. The internal affairs of a lodge are private, and should be treated in the same manner each member would treat the private affairs of his own family.

ON THE THRESHOLD