

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

The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

## RESTLEBOARD

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### From The East - Michael Ault - Worshipful Master

#### My Brethren,

It's hard to believe that half of this year is already behind us! It's been a busy and productive year so far for our Lodge, and June was no exception.

Dur Lodge continues to grow as we passed 4 brethren to the degree of Fellowcraft and raised 6 new Master Masons. I am pleased to say that we have raised 20 new Master Masons so far this Masonic Year! My special thanks to all who have made this possible, from the candidates and intenders who have diligently prepared, to the Officers and brethren who continue to demonstrate their commitment to the Craft through superb ritual and floorwork.

June was also filled with other exciting events including a Saturday of bowling with our families, a morning spent contributing our time and talents to those in need at the Loaves & Fishes food pantry and a morning of worship as we gathered at church in honor of St. Johns Day.

On a personal note, I wasn't able to attend the first Special Meeting in June because I was traveling on business. My thanks to Brother Senior Warden Neville Diamond who did an excellent job presiding in the East in my absence.

Occasionally the company I work for requires me to attend training and this was one of those occasions. One of the classes I was required to attend was called "The Corporate Athlete". And, to my surprise, it taught us that to be fully engaged in a happy and healthy life you need to be spiritually aligned, mentally focused, emotionally connected and physically energized.

Being spiritually aligned allows you to live a purpose-driven life of commitment and passion, centered on a clear set of values and principles.

Being mentally focused allows you to be fully present moment to moment and fully aware and focused on giving what you are doing right now your full attention, whether it is at work or with your family, friends or loved ones.

Being emotionally connected gives you the confidence and optimism that can only come from a life full of hope, gratitude, compassion, awe and a sense of adventure.

And being physically energized allows you to experience all of God's creation through the glorious body and senses that God has granted you, caring for them through proper nutrition, an active and healthy lifestyle and adequate sleep.

As I sat in class and listened, it struck me that they were talking about how to make "good men better"! Much of their message was common sense, although sometimes all good men need a reminder of the importance of leading a balanced life that honors God and all the gifts he has granted us.

So, on this note, I wish you all a happy, healthy and "balanced" summer! I look forward to seeing you again at our Stated Meeting in September as we continue our journey together in Masonry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael D. Ault Worshipful Master Euclid Lodge No. 65

Postscript: If you are interested in hearing more about the lessons I learned on leading a balanced life, please let me know. I would be honored to share them with you.



Michael Ault Worshipful Master.

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### The following members will celebrate a birthday in July on the day indicated

Neville B. Diamond Jul 01 John S. Aemmer Jul 03 Brian T. Sweeney Jul 05 Dwaine A. Churma Jul 05 Lorin Murariu Jul 07 Donald G. Knudsen Jul 07 Frank R. Fryer Jul 11 Khodor I. Salman Jul 11 Steven A. Fay Jul 12 Guy P. Hamilton Jul 16 Charles R. Sargent Jul 19 Jeffrey M. Adler Jul 22 Charles L. Calderwood Jul 22 Donald C. Krob Jul 23 Ross J. Decent Jul 23 George D. Porter Jul 25 Carl F. Crownhart Jul 26 Harold L. Olson Jul 27 Elmer G. Koldoff, Jr. Jul 29

### Anniversary of The Master Mason Degree

The following members will observe the anniversary of their Master Mason Degree on the date indicated. The number in ( ) is the number of years

Samuel D. Derr Jul 12 (D5) Gary E. Czyz Jul 12 (D5) Eric S. Tseng Jul 15 (D2) Ryan W Jackson. Jul 19 (D3) Alexander Grzyb Jul 23 (25) Robert B. Chasteen Jul 31 (09) Khodor I. Salman Jul 31 (09)

### The following members will celebrate a birthday in August on the day indicated

Patrick L. Jones Aug OI Rvan W. Jackson Aug O1 Philip A. Ward Aug 05 Luzern A. Richter Aug 05 Steven A. Fuesting Aug 06 Alexander Grzyb Aug 08 Virgil R. Banker Aug 10 Daniel L. Krueger Aug 12 Kurtis P. Rich Aug 16 Eric S. Hovey Aug 21 Robert J. Parson Aug 25 Daniel N. Mao Aug 25 Jon S. Erlenbush Aug 26 Shawn P. Finnegan Aug 28 Robert B. Cash Aug 29 John E. Buckler Aug 29 Stanley J. Wyngowski Aug 31

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Michael A. Perez Aug D1 (D2) Gerald E. Yingling Aug 1 (43) James J. Vancura Aug D2 (6D) Steve J. Rosensweig Aug D5 (D4) John S. Aemmer Aug D5 (D4) Kenneth R. Koranda Aug 19 (39) Donald C. Krob Aug 22 (32) Daniel P. Svoboda Aug 26 (24)

So brethren until next month, "There is nothing on the Secretaries table, Worshipful"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

July 17 "Rockin' for the Troops" help park cars at the event

July 18 8th & 10th NE District Breakfast at Hi—View Restaurant, Villa Park 7:00 a.m.

July 25 Grumpy's BBQ and Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes. (Ross Decent's Annual Birthday Party) Bring non-perishable items of food for donation to the Loaves and Fishes. Last year 100 lb. was collected, looking to double that

this year. Event is catered, do not bring food to share with the other quests.

1513 Maple Hills Ct. Naperville, IL 60563 Live music by 2-Groove and the magic of Zoudini. 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Children, lawn games and chairs are welcome.

# July 2010 No Scheduled Meetings

| Sun   | Mon                          | Tue                         | Wed | Thu    | Fri | Sat                            |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------------------|
| 27 May                                      | 28<br>Lodge Officer Practice | 29<br>Lodge Special Meeting | 30  | 1 July | 2   | 3                              |
| 4<br>Independence Day                       | 5                            | 6                           | 7   | 8      | 9   | 10                             |
| 11  | 12                           | 13                          | 14  | 15     | 16  | 17<br>Rockin For The<br>Troops |
| 18<br>8th & 10th NE Districts<br>Breakfast  | 19                           | 20                          | 21  | 22     | 23  | 24                             |
| 25<br>Ross Decent Birthday<br>Party 12 to 5 | 26                           | 27                          | 28  | 29     | 30  | 31                             |

# August 2010 No Scheduled Meetings

| Sun      | Mon | Tue | Wed         | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 August | 2   | 3   | 4           | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8        | 9   | 10  | 11          | 12  | 13  | 1   |
| 15       | 16  | 17  | 18          | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22       | 23  | 24  | 25          | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 29       | 30  | 31  | 1 September | 2   | 3   | 4   |

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## Committees

**New Member** Bill Ackerman Chairman Vaneet Kapoor Co-Chairman Carl Crownhart, Jim Simpson III

Member Participation Dainon Setzer Chairman

More Light in Masonry Don Cowart Chairman

**Entertainment** John Will Chairman Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

**Communications** Timothy Dry Chairman Michael Molloy Co-Chairman

#### Historical

Timothy Ory Chairman Don Cowart Co-Chairman Neville Diamond, Brandon Zears, Christopher Tabb, Walt Qualkenbush

#### Finance

Michael Ault Chairman Neville Diamond, Timothy Dry, Jerry Yingling, Andrew Siedelmann

Award of Excellence Andrew Siedelmann Chairman

**Community Days** Jerry Yingling Chairman

**IL-CHIP** Mark Hopf Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award John Will Chairman

Academic Bowl Steve Rosensweig Chairman

Past Masters Dinner Don Cowart Chairman

**Rockin For The Troops** Steve Rosensweig Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup Jack Gelston Chairman

### Masonic Work Day at Loaves and Fishes

Thanks to all who helped make the Euclid Lodge No. 65 Masonic workday on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> a success. Despite the heat and humidity, we had 14 volunteers that helped to distribute food products to many needy families at the Naperville Loaves & Fishes food pantry. Despite an astounding increase in the number of people that receive food from the Loaves & Fishes organization in Naperville, they continue



to service the community, largely through volunteer groups like us. Again thanks to: John Will, Randy Taylor, Tim and Michael Ory, Ross Decent, Jack Gelston, Bill Dixon, Paul Felstrup, Mike Ault, Steve Rosensweig, Don Cowart, Neville Diamond and Mike Molloy.

Submitted by, Jerry Yingling

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John Will, Jack Gelston & Paul Felstrup



#### Steve Rosensweig

John Will & Paul Felstrup



WM Mike Ault & Jerry Yingling



Ross Decent



Jerry Yingling & Jack Gelston



Bill Dixon & Neville Diamond



Randy Taylor



Mike & Tim Ory

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### Past Master Highlight Asa Mather Royce 1906

**Asa Mather Royce** was born on April 4, 1872 in DuPage Township, Will County, Illinois. He was the youngest of the five children of Jonathan and Abigail Royce. After attending the local school he attended the Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. After college he entered upon his business career working first as a bookkeeper in Chicago and subsequently becoming one of the members of the firm of Scott, Royce, Co. of Naperville, Ill.

On June 27th, 1984, he was united in married to Frances Wilson. From this union five daughters were born; Marion, Roberta, Dorothy, Florence and Jane.

He died March 30, 1913 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Alfred E. Randell at the Congregational Church and the Aurora Commandery Knights Templar had charge of the services at the grave.



Banker

### Masonic Work Day at Loaves and Fishes



Front row: Steve Rosensweig, Neville Diamond, Randy Taylor, Don Cowart. Middle row: Mike Ory, John Will, Jack Gelston, Charles McLimans Loaves & Fishes Ex. Dir,, Ross Decent, Paul Felstrup.

Back row: WM Mike Ault, Bill Dixon, Tim Ory, Jerry Yingling Committee Chairman. Not pictured: Mike Molloy

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## Chicago Honor Flight May 25, 2010

l was honoured and privileged to be part of the Chicago Honor Flight, which was on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The Chicago Honor flight program is a non-profit organisation that receives donations and sponsorships so that they can take World War II Veterans to Washington, to see their brand new war Memorial. It was only completed a few years ago. As we are losing about 1000 WWII veterans daily, it is somewhat of an emergency situation to get them all over to see it in time.

As most of you know, I am a pilot for Southwest Airlines and when I heard that my Father in-law "Rene" was going on this particular flight, I was intrigued. I arranged that I would be the pilot flying the veterans over to Washington DC. I also had to ensure that I was then a Chaperone in DC for the rest of the day and then fly back with the group, as a passenger.

The veterans and Chicago chaperones met very early at midway airport and they were all given breakfast and escorted through the security. There was a festive atmosphere at the gate area where they had the "Andrew Sister's" singing wartime songs to the whole entourage. There were about 8D WWII veterans including 2 woman veterans. Many of the chaperones were indeed themselves veterans of other wars. My brother in-law Kenny, a Vietnam Purple Heart recipient, was to escort Rene. My Veteran was introduced to me but I had to concentrate on the flight details.

The actual flight to IAD (Dulles International Airport) was uneventful until we got to the gate area whereupon we received the "Water shower salute" from the fire department. This is usually reserved for the last flight of a Pilot's career.

The deplaning was a long and laborious job as at least 50% were not ambulatory. We also had to arrange for a needed potty break. It turns out that a potty break is one of the Veterans primary concerns. Finally we were all loaded on 3 busses. We were now off to the first memorial, which was the Marine Iwo Jima memorial.

The disembarking processes, was reversed and then the Vets were free to spend some time at the memorial. I noticed many veterans with a tear in their eye and others "chit chatting" and reliving some memories with their comrades in arms. It was a perfect time to get the whole group together for a photo. After an hour we were back on the busses and over to the WWII memorial.

They were greeted, at the memorial, by a US congressman. Nice touch I thought. After a flag raising ceremony, and another group photo they were free to move around the memorial for an hour. I overheard many fantastic stories from the Veterans. Even an EX POW talking to the group near Rene. It turns out Rene and this guy, were in the same Stalag together. This was unbelievable. You can view the memorial on the Internet and you will see the 53 columns. One for each state, The District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rica. Many photographs were taken at the Illinois column.

Then were off to the next stop, which included the Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam memorials. Many of the chaperones were from the Vietnam War. We had about one hour roaming around this section.

The flight home was very memorable as all the veterans received mail from their family members. The organisers had secretly arranged this so that it was a surprise to the Veterans. Many tears were seen around the cabin. I was in the back handing out peanuts and pretzels. On arrival in Chicago the plane was met by an honour guard and a welcoming home reception that they had never had before. Lots of loud military music, cheering and clapping went all the way down to baggage claim. They were then on their own to go home with their family.

My final thoughts on this remarkable day. I was overwhelmed by the Veterans gratitude towards everything and everyone who had set this trip up. These men and woman were truly from a generation that is frequently labelled the "Greatest generation". I was pleased and grateful to have met them all. The trip also made me think about my Father and Grandfather who were both in the War. Both of them have passed now and soon we will lose these veterans as well. When we see this generation in our world we should always remember what they sacrificed. Thank you.

Neville Diamond Senior Warden Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. Euclid Lodge No. 65

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## Chicago Honor Flight May 25, 2010



Some of the Vets and their chaperones who were part of the Chicago Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 25, 2010



Wreath and Flag for the Chicago Honor Flight



Rene & Kenny Couture, and Neville Diamond in the cockpit of the Chicago Honor Flight



A View of the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

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## Euclid Lodge Members will be helping park cars at the: **Rockin' for the Troops Concert**

Saturday, July 17, 2010 Gates open: 12:00 PM Tickets: \$25 All ages, general admission Presented by: NAVISTAR International Corporation All Sales are Final. Limited On-site Parking - \$10 Featuring Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band



For more information on concert details and ticket sales, please visit: http://www.wix.com/rewood3/OSOTIL Cantigny Park is closed due to the concert event. It will be open to ticket holders only beginning at 12:00pm. Charge by phone: 800-594-TIXX (8499)

Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois, Inc. (OSOTIL) was founded in 2003 by Deb Rickert, mother of a West Point cadet, as a branch of a national organization whose mission was to support the troops deployed overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq. Deb began collecting donations of snacks, toiletries, and other "creature comforts" not readily available to the troops and sending boxes of these items using her dining room table as the base of operations.

To date, OSOTIL has sent over 25,000 packages to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, raised money to expand the veterans care programs at Hines VA Hospital and Fischer House, and developed programs to support families of the deployed as well as returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.