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



The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County

## **TRESTLEBOARD**

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## From The East - Neville Diamond - Worshipful Master

## Brother's Senior and Junior Warden, Past Master's and Brethren of Euclid Lodge No.65

One year ago, you elected me to be the Worshipful Master of this wonderful Lodge. I had a plan and a mission statement that I placed before you that day. Together with the elected and appointed officers, I set out to accomplish these goals.

My intention is to review that Mission statement and my Plan and see how well we have done in completing those tasks. The Mission statement read as follows:

Strengthen our Fraternity
Using Masonic traditions,
Building Fellowship
And
Family involvement.
Having fun doing it!
And having short business meetings.
My Goals or Plans were:

To continue having all nur usual events, which included, the Christmas party, Bell ringing, ILCHIP, Street clean up. Parade Day, Sponsoring the NNHS Academic bowl team, Super Bowl party at Shrimpy's, Community Builders Award night and the Rocking for the troops event. *Mission* accomplished. All the usual events completed. except we elected not to participate in the Parade. I also forgot about the Past Master's dinner, in my original statement. However. we iust had it on the 19th October. thanks to Whro.

## Cowart and Bro. Felstrup.

- 2. I would like to have a street sign or artwork designed and installed on a building that is prominent when driving north or south on Washington Street. Much like the one displaying the community service organisations up on the Catch Thirty Five building. Mission accomplished excepted we have it larger and more prominently located than I had originally thought.
- 3. To hold a spring or summer picnic for the brethren and families in a park or at my house.

  Mission accomplished. We had a

social gathering



Neville Diamond Worshipful Master.

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### at my house early summer.

- 4. To honor our past Masters at all the stated meeting. Having a PM sit in the East with me and give a short speech about what he achieved in the year he was the master.

  Mission accomplished.

  Every Stated meeting we had a Past master do exactly that.
- 5. Have all the past Masters wear their past Masters aprons to all meetings. *Not to successful with this Mission, but some did comply with that request.*
- Get involved with the Loaves and Fishes and possibly help once a quarter or more.
   Mission accomplished with the assistance of Brother Decent and his volunteers.
- 7. See how we can assist the city and perhaps get involved in a project that would highlight our presence in the city. Mission accomplished with the Mural. It definitively highlights our presence and has added to the "Century walk" project. Many thanks to the Naperville Masonic Temple Board for the funding. Thanks to Brothers Decent and Felstrup for assisting me on this project.

- 8. Have a new tradition of having a Portrait of the officers framed and hung at the top of the stairs. *Mission accomplished. Thanks to Wbro. Siedelmann*
- 9. Having the old "Tracing boards" displayed prominently in the lodge when having degree nights. Not for their use but to link us to the past. Mission accomplished and more. We had them displayed in the lodge as described and now we have them beautifully framed and mounted in the dining room. Thanks to Bro. Ory.
- 10. Modernising the slide show with overhead projection or computer usage. *Mission failed. The temple board made a feasibility study on this and it became cost prohibitive.*
- II. Finally, to ensure that the past Master's pictures are put in the frames on the north wall. Mission accomplished. Thanks to Wbro. Siedelmann.

12.

#### In conclusion

With a great sense of satisfaction, I can say that we have successfully accomplished and in many instances exceeded our goals. For example thanks to Wbro Cowart we now have

a beautiful new Altar. It will be used in our Lodge for many generations and we should be proud of his work.

We should also be extremely proud of our work with our membership increase and ritualistic work this year. Thanks to all of the officers and members that participated in these degrees.

The fact that we were placed second in our district in the "Grand Masters award of Excellence" is a testament of our continued commitment to our craft and our community involvement. It was with great pride that I represented all of you, and received recognition for our achievement.

On a personal note, it has been an unbelievable honor to be the worshipful Master of this magnificent Lodge. It is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have the good fortune to have had. Thank you one and all for placing your trust in me and allowing me to be your Worshipful Master, for this Masonic year.

It is with confidence that I can hand over the Lodge to the Worshipful Master Elect. May he continue to move this lodge forward and I pledge to continue to be a servant of our fraternity.

Humbly submitted

Neville B. Diamond Worshipful Master Euclid Lodge No.65

### 10th North Eastern District Traveling Gavel

#### \*10th. NE District Traveling Gavel Program Basic Rules\*

This Gavel is restricted to the lodges of the 10 NE District

The Master of the lodge in possession of the Gavel must display it in the East at all meeting in case another lodge wishes a "surprise" visit to claim it.

Each visiting member must be able to show his dues card to the Master.

A minimum of 6 visiting members (3 of which are line officers) from the visiting lodge must be present in order to obtain the gavel.

Should 6 or more members from 2 different visiting lodges attend another lodge's meeting, (and be in possession of their dues cards), the lodge with the highest number of visiting members "wins" the gavel.

If these requirements are met, the lodge in possession of the traveling gavel "loses" it to the visiting lodge members, who take it back to their lodge...fully expecting a visit by another lodge, who, again, if they meet the requirements, will then take the traveling gavel back with them to their own lodge. The traveling gavel program promotes fellowship and social interaction between lodges, each of whom compete to see how long their lodge can be in possession of the traveling gavel.

#### The Reward for Your Labor



**The Point System** 

One point will be given for every week the gavel is held by a lodge.

One point is given if 5 of the <u>visiting brethren</u> are participating in the first section of degree work (any degree).

At the last District Meeting before Grand Lodge, the lodge with the most points will be given the Gavel to start the new year. The Worshipful Master of that lodge will also receive the coveted

#### 10th. NE District Embroidered Pocket Square

and a certificate thanking his lodge for their good works.

As a further incentive, the current District Deputy Grand Master will be more than happy to receive dessert from each of the three top officers of the winning lodge, in the form of whipped cream pies. The pies will be delivered with all the dignity and decorum that one can muster while receiving a pie in the face.

Also an engraved name plate with the name and number of the winning lodge will be added to the Gavels stand.

#### From The Secretaries Table

.ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE The annual meeting of Euclid Lodge will held at 7:30PM on November 1, 2011 at the lodge hall. Reports of the Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer will be presented. The annual election of officers will also take place. This is one of the most important meetings of the year and I hope you will be able to attend.

2012 Dues Cards | have not received the 2012 Dues Cards from Grand Lodge however, they will be arriving shortly. I will attempt to have them processed and in the mail to you as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if you could return them with your dues check in a timely manner. Please watch for them and remit your payment as soon as possible. We currently have (21) members that have not paid their 2011 and/or prior year's dues and will now be subject to suspension if their dues are not made current. Please do not let this happen to you.

Life Membership The 2012 Dues Notice which you will be receiving shortly will contain information regarding the purchase of a life membership For those members with less then 35 years of continuous membership the fee will be \$975.00 By taking this step now you will never receive another dues notice as long as you remain an Illinois Mason. You would

## Thomas C. Behr Secretary

also not be subject to any increase in dues voted by the lodge at any future time or an increase in the per-capita tax imposed annually by the Grand Lodge.

If you are interested in taking this step, I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. The important thing to keep in mind is that your check along with the application must be in the Grand Lodge Office before 12/31/2011. If this time frame is met, you will not be required to pay the regular \$65.00 annual dues for 2012.

## The following members will celebrate a birthday this month on the day indicated

Johnny B. Perry	Nov	03
Alan R. Spies	Nov	04
Charles É. Macyunas	Nov	04
Carlos E. Barrios	Nov	08
Steve J. Rosensweig	Nov	08
Michael A. Perez	Nov	09
Lawrence M. Gooding	Nov	09
Bruce E. Derylo	Nov	11
Arthur C. Tancl Jr.	Nov	12
Robert E. Beck	Nov 1	4
Robert J. Falta	Nov 1	6
Brandon A. Zears	Nov	17
Paul A. Felstrup	Nov	22
H. Jason Reed	Nov	24
Leon E. Litzelman	Nov	25
Matthew B. Van Thyne	Nov	26
William G. Dixon	Nov	28

Vaneet K. Kapoor	Nov	29
Jack D. Chasteen	Nov	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

William T. Fetner	Nov	06	(35)
Brett A. Osborn	Nov	08	(18)
Mark R. Hopf	Nov	15	(06)
Andrew B. Siedelmann	ı Nov	15	(18)
Charles E. Kreps	Nov	15	(23)
Ronald R. Rudniski	Nov	19	(09)
Charles E. McLaughlin	Nov	23	(29)

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



Thomas Behr Secretary

## November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 October	31 Lodge Officer Practice	1 <b>November</b> Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	2	3	4	5 Loaves and Fishes
6	7 Lodge Officer Practice	8 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14 Lodge Officer Practice	15 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	16	17	18	19 Naper Blvd Cleanup Installation of Offi- cers
20	21 Lodge Officer Practice	22 Temple Board Meeting	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28 Lodge Officer Practice	29 New Members Dinner 10 NE Dist Otr Meeting	30	1 December	2	3 Loaves and Fishes Lodge Christmas Party

#### Schedule Of Events

- Oct 31 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 1 Euclid Lodge No. 65
   Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
- Nov 5 Loaves and Fishes, 1871
  High Grove Lane, Naperville,
  7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 to
  12:30 p.m.
- Nov 7 Lodge officer practice
   7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 8 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov 14** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 15 Euclid Lodge No. 65
   Special Meeting Dinner 6:30
   p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Degree
   Conferral
- **Nov 19** Installation of Officers 3:00 p.m. Check Lodge Web-

- site calendar for further details. Naper Blvd. Cleanup 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 21 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Nov 22** Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 28 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 29 New Members Dinner Check website calendar for details. 10th NE District Quarterly Meeting at Hinsdale Lodge
- Dec 3 Loaves and Fishes, 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. Lodge Children's Christmas Party 12:30 to 3:30
- **Dec 5** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Dec 6** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

- Dec 10 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Trader Joes and Casey Foods at Naperville Plaza
- **Dec 12** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Dec 13** Euclid Chapter Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec 19** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 20 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Degree Conferral
- Dec 26 No Lodge Officer Practice
- Dec 27 No Temple Board Meeting

Committees

Membership

Michael Ault Chairman

Communications

Timothy Ory Chairman

**Finance** 

Neville Diamond Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP

Mark Hopf Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

Brandon Zears Chairman

Library

James Simpson Jr. Chairman

Table Lodge

Neville Diamond Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Timothy Ory Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

**Community Days** 

James Simpson III Chairman

**Award of Excellence** 

Paul Felstrup Chairman

**Bv-Laws** 

Carl Crownhart Chairman

Sionage

Neville Diamond

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

#### Past Masters Dinner

On Wednesday, 19 October, 2011 Euclid Lodge No. 65 held its annual Past Masters' Dinner at the Courtyard Banquet in Warrenville. We were extremely pleased to have 13 Past Masters attend, along with 7 other Brothers from the Lodge, 3 special guests and 15 family members.

Our new friends; Russell Breitwieser (owner of the building where our new mural is to be proudly displayed), Marianne Lisson-Kuhn (the Mural Artist extraordinaire) and her husband Tom Kuhn joined us for an evening of food and fellowship. After an invocation by Bro. Bill Ackerman we dined on beef, chicken, pasta and salads galore, followed by a brief presentation on the progress and plans for the ceremonial installation of the mural on Saturday, 29 October, 2011 at 10:30AM. Invitations for that ceremony have been sent to the Grand Lodge and the appendant bodies, and we anticipate high participation by them and/or their designees - along with members of our own lodge, the Mayor of the City of Naperville, family and friends. Installation is to be followed by an catered luncheon and open house in the lodge.

Past Masters in attendance at the dinner were; Bill Dixon, Mike Ault, Don Cowart, Jerry Yingling, John Will, Dwaine Churma, Jack Gelston, Andrew Siedelmann, Jim Patton, Barton Robertson, David Oakes, J. Robert Stockner and John Buckler.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Felstrup

### Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. We will meet in the church parking lot at the south west corner of Hobson Road and Naper Boulevard. Vests, gloves and bags will be furnished by our Chairman, WBro. Gelston. It only takes about an hour. Hope to see some new faces out there.

#### **New Members Dinner**

November 29th is the date for the annual new members dinner. Details to follow. Check the website calendar. We may use this evening to try to capture the new 10th NE District Traveling Gavel.

#### Condolences and Celebrations

Brother Frank Fryer is recuperating at home following hip replacement surgery. WBro. Bill Dixon Celebrated his 80th birthday on the 28th of October.

### Loaves and Fishes

Saturday, November 5, 2011,

There are two sessions... Early session: 07:30 to 10:30 and Late session: 09:30 to 12:30

The Address of the food pantry is: 1871 High Grove Lane,

Naperville IL 60540

Please send an email to rossdecent@gmail.com to let him know which session you would like to join.

Please DO NOT send an email to Ross to say that you will NOT be attending.

## Square and Compasses Medallion

The Tyler's Room renovation is almost complete with the installation of the Square and Compasses Medallion pictured below. We will need to make a minor correction to the medallion. Can you spot what's

wrong?



## Past Master Highlight Arthur Jay Goodge 1921

Arthur Jay Goodge was born June 25, 1880 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana the son of Frank P. Goodge and Jane Agnes Busch. He married Ida Emma Winehold June 28, 1900 and they had four children, Edna May, Pearl M., Raymond Samuel and Dorothy M. He was employed by the Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company for 57 years. He served on the Naperville Board of Education for 12 years. He was also very active in the Naperville Y.M.C.A. especially in conducting membership drives. He was raised a Master Mason October 8, 1909 in Euclid Lodge and served as Master of the Lodge in 1921. He was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons and served as High Priest in 1916. He was a member of Aurora Commandery No. 22 and a member of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church. He died February 23, 1962 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery. *Euclid Lodge Member Ron Keller is a grandson of WBro. Goodge*.



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## Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons



Shawn Patrick Finnegan Excellent High Priest



#### The Triple Tau

The tau is the mark described at Ezekiel 9:4, to be placed by an angel on the foreheads of those who mourned the wickedness of the city, in order that the angel of death would forego slaying them. Thus the triple tau is symbolic of the peculiar and more eminent separation of the Holy Royal Arch Freemasons from the profane. The triple tau is constructed of three tau crosses conjoined at their feet. According to the English Royal Arch lecture, "The triple tau forms two right angles on each of the exterior lines, and another at the centre, by their union; for the three angles of each triangle are equal to two right angles." Within Royal Arch Freemasonry, the Triple Tau began as a monogram of T over H for "Templum Hierosolymae" (Temple of Jerusalem), appearing on the original Charter of Compact for the first Grand Chapter of England and on early Royal Arch jewels and aprons. Here, again, we have Thomas Dunckerley to thank; the monogram's meaning is evidenced in a letter he penned on 27 January 1792. The T and H lost their serifs and merged into the Triple-Tau sometime in the early 1800s. It has also been noted that the letters are the initials for "Hiram of Tyre". Also worth noting is that this degree was originally open only to past masters of craft lodges, and the three taus are essentially identical in shape to the three levels borne on the apron of an installed or past master of a lodge under English, Canadian and other jurisdictions (one level on each lower corner, and one on the bib).

The equilateral triangle, or delta, is a symbol of the sacred name of G-d, the pronunciation of which is no longer known to man. In the United States, the delta is usually depicted either in white with a thick red border and red triple-tau, or entirely red with a gold (or sometimes white) triple-tau. In English, Canadian, and some other jurisdictions, the delta's border and the triple-tau are gold, whilst the background colour of the delta denotes the companion's rank: white for companions, red for principals (i.e. the three dais officers) & Past 1st Principals (i.e. Past High Priests), blue for provincial grand chapter officers, and purple for supreme grand chapter officers.

Finally, the circle, used throughout the United States and many other jurisdictions, is a symbol of the eternal life, which is the great dogma taught by Royal Arch Freemasonry.

From the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois

## Adoniram Council No. 95 Cryptic Masons



Brandon Adam Zears Thrice Illustrious Master

Companions.

We have an exciting and eventful month coming up. In November we have some important dates to remember; November 8<sup>th</sup> we will be conferring the Select Masters Degree for those companions that that went thru the Royal Masters degree in June. This is going to be an exciting time since it will mark the first time in over a decade that Adoniram Council has greeted any new companions by putting them thru the degrees in house. This event will follow the Chapter stated meeting. If you are unable to attend on the night of November 8<sup>th</sup> don't worry, on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm we will be going over to Downers grove and take part in a joint degree where all of those companions still in waiting to receive the Royal masters degree will have an opportunity to go through and also the Select Master will be conferred as well. December 13<sup>th</sup> is our stated meeting so mark your calendars. This should be a great month for our Council.



Brandon Zears T.I.M. Adoniram Council No. 95

### Masonic Mural

Saturday, October 29, 2011 10:30 A.M.

The Masonic Mural commemorating Freemasonry in Naperville since 1848 was unveiled at the North East corner of Main Street and Jefferson Avenue. Russell Breitweiser, owner of Russell's Cleaners, has generously allowed the Lodge to install this piece of artwork on the side of his building. This mural is the 40th piece of artwork to be added to the Century Walk collection in Naperville. Marianne Lisson-Kuhn, a life-long Naperville resident, is the artist.

The mural was the idea of WBro. Diamond. He, along with his committee of Ross Decent and Paul Felstrup, were instrumental in bringing this project to its completion. The title of the mural is: "Faith, Hope and Charity"

Representatives from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery were present for the unveiling as well as the Potentate from Medinah Shrine. The Shrine Motor Corps also had four riders at the event. The Naperville Highland Guard Pipe and Drum Band played several tunes for the assembled crowd, which was in excess of 100 people.

Worshipful Master Neville Diamond gave an explanation of the mural and also a brief explanation of what we as Freemasons believe in and some of the charities that we actively support.

Following the remarks of Steve Hyett, a Century Walk Board Member, Neville Diamond and Marianne Lisson-Kuhn, an open house was held in the Lodge with refreshments and tours of the Lodge hall.



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# A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, Lord, now this we're thankful for:
The good things life has held in store;
The love of those within our home,
And friends to greet wherever we roam;
The health and strength wherewith to toil,
The bounteous food from freedom's soil;
We thank Thee for the right to pray
And worship Thee in our own way;
To live within a land that's free;
For this, dear Lord, our thanks to Thee;
And through these blessings, one by one,
May Thy will, Lord, on earth be done!