



From The East - Neville Diamond - Worshipful Master

In The Beginning.....

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The New Year brings new beginnings and New Years resolution, new hopes and aspirations. This made me think back to my homeland and the new beginning that started with the release of Nelson Mandela.

From his book, Long Walk to Freedom.

"At first, I could not really make out what was going on in front of us, but when I was within one hundred fifty feet or so, I saw a tremendous commotion and a great crowd of people: hundreds of photographers and television cameras and news people as well as several thousand well wishers. I was astounded and a little bit alarmed. I had truly not expected such a scene; at most, I had imagined that there would be several dozen people, mainly the wardens and their families. But this proved to be only the beginning; I realized we had not thoroughly prepared for all that was about to happen."

I remember that day vividly, I remember feeling apprehensive

about our future. As were many thousands of white South Africans, we were worried about our future and the future of our children and what we needed to do, to give them the best possible life and opportunities. Nan and I elected to emigrate to the United States of America. Those early days of our life in this country were tough but we pulled through eventually. After ten years in Texas, we landed up in Naperville. I was looking for friendship and a feeling of belonging and I found that at Euclid Lodge. Now I am the Worshipful Master, Wow! How did that happen? This makes me think about all the prospective members that walk into our Lodge for the first time, seeking new beginnings, new friendships, and perhaps a long new Masonic journey.

As a lodge, the new beginnings we face together, are exciting, as well as a bit daunting. Can we stand up to the expectations of all those new and older members who come through our doors? I know that this Lodge is strong and we need to keep it so. We can begin each and every time we meet and participate in our solemn ceremonies. The new "Walter Qual-

kenbush," preparation room is a starting point or the beginning of the candidate's journey. His long walk to Freedom!

I take encouragement from the journey that President Nelson Mandela has travelled. He has proven to be a man that South Africa was hoping for and needed at that time. So is it that we are here to lead and carry this lodge forward, that all who travel to that undiscovered country may be comforted and encouraged, being with a trusted friend who later you found to be a Brother.

I will end with the last verse from the Poem "Invictus", written by William Ernest Henley, which gave President Mandela encouragement during his darkest times.

May we always be excited and enjoy our new beginnings each and every day.
So Mote It Be!

*It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll.
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.*



Neville Diamond
Worshipful Master.

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From The Secretaries Table

EUCLID DUES: The 2011 dues notices were mailed on December 8, 2010. I have received 41 payments as of December 21, 2010. As stated in last month's article, all Life and 50 Year members dues cards are being mailed directly from The Grand Secretary's Office. I do not know their mailing schedule. I have not received mine as yet. Many thanks to those 41 brethren for their prompt action.

One disheartening note is, I have also received one envelope returned by the Post Office as undeliverable marked "Moved No Forwarding Address" Please, if you are going to or have recently moved make sure you notify the lodge of your correct address. This causes additional work for the Ole Secretary trying to find your new address and cost the lodge additional postage in redirecting the mailing.

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

Mark H. Schmidt Jan 01
Richard W. Sales Jan 01

Thomas C. Behr Secretary

Sherwood H. Sadler Jan 05
James W. Patton Jan 06
Kevin E. Dunn Jan 06
Barton K. Robertson Jan 08
Clifford Van Poucke Jan 14
Scott D. Schmied Jan 14
Thomas G. Conklin Jan 15
Gustavo L. Fernandes Jan 18
James G. Simpson III Jan 20
William T. Fetner Jan 20
James S. Sleith Jan 25
Aaron S. Merkin Jan 26
Kevin R. Shanahan Jan 27
Ronald R. Rudniski Jan 31
Leon H. Namtzu Jan 31

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
David W. Little Jan 03 (60)
John A. Schoch, Jr. Jan 06 (23)
Russell W. Mowry Jan 16 (01)
Dennis M. Cassidy Jan 16 (01)

Daniel N. Mao Jan 16 (01)
Christopher J. Lance Jan 16 (01)
Charles E. Macyunas Jan 18 (27)
Patrick J. Rauen II Jan 20 (01)
Shawn P. Finnegan Jan 20 (01)
James G. Simpson Jr. Jan 21 (18)
Alan R. Spies Jan 21 (18)
Ronald J. Bynum Jan 21 (26)
John H. Gelston Jan 23 (11)
Kyle P. O'Mara Jan 25 (13)
Joe L. Cherry, Jr. Jan 26 (12)
Patrick G. Lehrman Jan 29 (31)
Rafael C. Ramos Jan 30 (01)
Thomas B. Duff Jan 30 (01)

The good news is that we have no Obituary Notices to include in this issue. Stay healthy throughout The New Year and may all find 2011 the Best Ever.

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

Thomas C. Behr

Past Master Highlight Eli Franklin Stark 1913

Eli Franklin Stark was born August 23, 1873 in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois, the son of Jacob S. Stark and Rebecca Hartman.

He married Linnie M. Wagner May 26, 1897, and from this union they had two children, Byron Wagner and Irene R. He learned the printing trade in the print shop of his brother-in-law, who was editor of one of the county's early newspapers, "The Illinoisan". He studied in Chicago to learn to operate a linotype machine and was admitted into the typographers union. Finding the trade too confining and the fumes quite toxic, he gave up linotyping in 1899 and bought his brother's bicycle repair shop which was located on the site of the present Lodge building. He sold Wheeler and Wilson sewing machines as well as athletic supplies and games. He operated a newsstand and employed newsboys to deliver the paper to the outskirts of town. In 1901 he bought a confectionary store, adding photographic supplies, fresh fruits and berries as well as ice cream and candy. He started the town's first taxi cab business, and had a total of seven taxis at one time. He was an amateur photographer and his photographs of life in early Naperville remain a precious legacy for the town.

He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1911 and 1912, as Secretary in 1916, Junior Deacon in 1910, and as Junior Steward in 1914. He also served Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M. as High Priest in 1914 and 1915.

He was an active member of the Lodge for 58 years.

He died February 13, 1966, in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



Linotype Operator, Retail Merchant, Taxi Cab Business Owner, Amateur Photographer

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 December	27 NO PRACTICE	28	29	30	31	1 January
2	3 NO PRACTICE	4 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10 Lodge Officer Practice	11 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 8th & 10th NE Districts Breakfast	17 Lodge Officer Practice	18 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	19	20	21	22 Special Meeting Multiple 3rd Degrees
23	24 Lodge Officer Practice	25 Temple Board Meeting	26	27	28	29
30	31 Lodge Officer Practice	1 February Lodge Stated Meeting	2	3	4	5

Schedule Of Events

- **Jan 1** Annual New Years Day Party at Don & Tracey Cowarts Home 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Jan 4** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 10** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Returning candidate for lectures, catechism entry and retire. 1st section of degree on Jan 18
- **Jan 11** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 16** 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Jan 17** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. 2nd section of degree on Jan 18 or 1st and 2nd section of 3rd degree on Jan 22
- **Jan 18** Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m. 2nd Degree Work Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan 22** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 8 a.m. continental breakfast 9 a.m. Multiple 3rd degrees
- **Jan 24** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. **Grand Lodge Officers #3 School Batavia Lodge**
- **Jan 25** Temple Board Monthly meeting
- **Jan 31** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Fundamentals for Grand Lodge Officer school on Feb. 12
- **Feb 1** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Official visit of the DDGM
- **Feb 7** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Fundamentals for Grand Lodge Officer school on Feb. 12
- **Feb 8** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 14** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. 1st section of degree to be conferred Feb. 15
- **Feb 15** Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 20** 8th and 10th NE District Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- **Feb 21** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open 1-2-3, receive DDGM, close
- **Feb 22** Temple Board Monthly meeting
- **Feb 28** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Open 1-2-3, receive DDGM, close

Committees

Membership

Michael Ault Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry 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 Dry Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award

John Will Chairman

Community Days

James Simpson III Chairman

Award of Excellence

Paul Felstrup Chairman

By-Laws

Carl Crownhart Chairman

Signage

Neville Diamond

Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

Sickness & Distress

There are several Brothers who are in need of your thoughts and prayers.

Scott Schmied had surgery for a torn bicep tendon and is doing well.

David Oakes had knee replacement surgery December 16th and is home now.

Carl Crownhart had an aneurysm in a leg artery repaired. He will have to have the other leg done sometime after the 1st of the year. Any volunteers for refreshments?

Jim Sleith is in Alden Estates trying to recover from a bout with pneumonia and a staph infection. He will be there at least until January 11th. Give him a call and/or stop in and visit him.

Frank Fryer is scheduled to have several discs fused in his lower back on December 30th

33rd Degree Honoree **Michael John Molloy**



Illustrious Brothers Patton and Molloy with WM Neville Diamond

His plaque joins those of Illustrious Brothers James W. Patton, Dwaine A. Churma, J. Robert Stockner and Richard T. Carnall, active dues paying members of Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M. and/or Euclid Chapter No. 13 R.A.M. who have been honored for their accomplishments and contributions for the good of Freemasonry by having the 33rd Degree conferred upon them.

Euclid Lodge honored another one of its Brothers on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. The only business handled at the Special Meeting was the awarding of a plaque to be hung in the Lodge meeting room honoring member Michael John Molloy. Illustrious Brother Molloy was coroneted as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General by the Supreme Council 33° Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite on September 3, 2002.

Widows Poinsettias for Christmas

Don Cowart and Tim Dry delivered poinsettia plants to the widows of members living in the area. They were all very appreciative to receive the plants and know that they haven't been forgotten. There are a total of ten ladies on the widows list who live in the immediate area.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



December 11th was cold and wet but the Brothers of Euclid Lodge came out in force to help collect money for those less fortunate in our community by ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. A total of 23 showed up and participated in this annual event. Brother Chasteen donated the candy canes again this year. Trader Joe's and Casey's Foods were our locations in the Naper Plaza shopping center at the Southwest corner of Washington Street and Gartner Road. Thank you Brothers!



**John Will, Bob Chasteen
& WM Neville Diamond**



**Jack Gelston, Jason
Galoozis & Frank Fryer**



**Bill Dixon, Don Cowart
& Jerry Yingling**



**Steve Rosensweig
& Bryan Wilcher**



**Carl Crownhart
& Buzz Linde**



**Guy Hamilton
& Tim Dry**



**Brandon Zears
& Guy Hamilton**



**Frank Cabrera, Samir Khan,
Shawn Finnegan,
& Paul Felstrup**



**Dave Moore, Carlos Barrios,
& Vinnie Kapoor**

More Light In Masonry

Music in Masonry

Classical Music Composers

1. Brother Mozart-

- Joined Masonic lodge in Vienna, Austria in 1784. The following year, he got his father and friend, composer Haydn to join.
- Mozart wanted to use his music to promote Masonic ideals and ethics to Vienna's society.
- It is important to understand the political environment in Vienna at the time, to understand Mozart's musical influence for Masonry. Masonry had a complex relationship within Vienna's society, as some admired and revered it, and others were anti-masonic. Some thought that Masonry was becoming too influential within society.
- An example of this complexity would be Empress Theresa being anti-masonic, and yet her husband Emperor Josef, who made no comment about Masonry in public, was a staunch supporter and member of The Masonic Lodges of Vienna.
- Mozart's compositions had many Masonic references and symbolism, but his most important composition would be The Magic Flute. It still was being performed at the time of his death.
- The Magic Flute had direct representations of members of Vienna's society in it. The villainess represents Empress Theresa, one of the heroes is Emperor Josef, and another one of the heroes was a Masonic leader, scientist and friend Ignas von Born.
- The number 3 is also in the Magic Flute everywhere. One of the heroes has to pass 3 heroic trials, and character representations of 3 ladies, 3 boys, and 3 temples.
- The number 3 is also found in the musical structure as there are 3 notes and chords repeated 3 times in brass and other sections. There are also 3 rests before 3 chords are played, etc.
- About 4 years after Mozart's death, Vienna was much more anti-masonic and Masonic lodges were underground. One of Mozart's brothers, Schikaneder, who was a producer/composer, composed a dangerous piece of music as it included Masonic references. Danger came from two camps: the anti-Masonic monarchy and the Masonic brothers who did not want the amount of secrets he was willing to reveal. Irony was that it became extensively popular for about a year, and it was one the anti-Masonic monarchy's favorites.

2. Brother Sibelius

- Finnish composer who composed all craft music for all degrees in Finland.

More Light In Masonry continued

- New York Grand Lodge was impressed and used it in their ritual.
- Parts of Sibelius's ritual music have found its way to all states from New York, so when you are performing ritual music in any state, a good amount of it is directly from Sibelius.

Jazz Musicians-Brother Louis Armstrong Jr. and many more

- Why would they be Masons?
 - a. Many were from South in early 1900s and Masonry was booming in South at that time.
 - b. They were drawn to the religious, creative, and arts aspect of Masonry.
- Interesting paradox: jazz is very abstract, yet Masonry follows rules during ritual. How do these co-exist? Answer: Jazz although abstract still follows the rules of music. This can be applied to Masonry in the same way. Yes, we follow ritual, dialogue, etc. but no ritual is ever the same when we actually experience it.
- Jazz musicians also had symbolism in musical structure: 3, 5 and 7 note chords are used in jazz

Robert Burns:

- Scottish composer who composed Auld Layne Syne
- He composed it before he became a Mason, and then changed lyrics after he became Mason to focus on brotherhood, his favorite aspect of Masonry.
- In Scotland, at Lodge, brothers sing song while standing in circle. They start quietly with arms by their side. They gradually get louder, and by the end are arm in arm to symbolize brotherhood.
- Auld Layne Syne is sung at Table Lodge in Texas, Indiana, Georgia, and other southern states.

Conclusion: Composers make Masonic music to advance Masonic ideals/ethics and for ritual.

Presented by Brother James Simpson III at the December Stated Meeting

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1st and 3rd Tuesday

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

The Oldest Lodge In DuPage County Founded September 28, 1848 Chartered October 2, 1849

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Let There Be Light!

**"Let there be Light!" the great Creator spoke,
And, at the summons, slumbering nature woke,
While from the east the primal morning broke,
Back rolled the curtains of the night,
And earth rejoiced to see the light.**

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**"Let there be Light!" the Masters lips proclaimed,
And heart and hand unite in glad acclaim
To hail th' enrollment of a Brother's name,
While he beholds with ravished sight
The glories of the perfect light.**

Thomas W. Davis