## 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

#### That one thing!

Brethren as summer is approaching we are all waiting in anticipation for the warmer, longer days, baseball, camping, fishing, hiking and more family time. The members and officer corps of Euclid Lodge are indeed due a break from our lahours

However we must still complete some business, before we go dark for July and August. I would like to raise about 5 new brothers. Dur other planned events for May and June are: The Table lodge; a lodge visitation; Community and Lodge builder's awards, "Rockin for the Troops". I would also like to propose we have a family picnic or BBQ to celebrate our completed work. I will try and get this set up and let you all know the details.

Some of you may know that I have been helping out with the Waubonsie High School Boys Rugby team. I have a very limited knowledge in coaching but have a love for the game. But this brings me to my point, which is, we are all travelling on the level of time. I am finding that the boys are teaching me more about toughness, perse-

verance and resilience. They have a very limited knowledge of the game and very limited support, but still they seem to be thriving. One of the Coaches takes a personal interest in the boy's grades and personal lives. He is somewhat of a father figure to a few of them. Some have difficult family lives and others struggle with their grades. But even with these problems, they find happiness in being in this team. They see the importance of the team and their place in it. They are developing into fine young men, and I hope they take these experiences with them along their journey of life. It is interesting that they have found a sport that is not a Traditional American sport and found its value? For a few, it is their joy and identity that they are looking for. Some have "found it!" You can see it in their faces.

I equate this to some men showing up at our lodge perhaps looking for that one thing, that one thing that is the secret of life itself. A few, sometimes find it in the fellowship and friendships that they develop here, or they may not find anything. But for those of you reading this, I have a feeling you may have found that one thing. That happiness or joy, which isn't the same for all of us, it is that one thing that is yours and no one else's. I totally believe that some times in the Lodge and during our ceremonies some of you suddenly feel that joy or feeling that makes you believe you are now in the know, in that moment you have the secret.

My happiness is when I don't mess up my rituals and watching the South African Springbok rugby team beat every opponent. But then it's no secret. They are the best and reigning world champions....oops....I digress.

Sometimes something special happens in Lodge. Are you going to be there when it does? Are you going to find that one thing that is the secret to your life? Come back to your Lodge and re-kindle your friendships or make new ones. I hope the Lodge can help you find the one thing that is important to your happiness.

Neville B. Diamond Worshipful Master. 2010/2011.



Neville Diamond Worshipful Master.

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### From The Secretaries Table

**Dues:** Very little progress has been made since last months report. There are thirty five (35) members who have not paid their 2011 and earlier dues. Those are the facts. Writing long articles each month about dues collection seems to have little affect so we are not going to bore you anymore with the details.

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

Norwood A. McDaniel Jr. May 04 Angel M. Aviles, Jr. May 04 Michael D. Ault May 05 Mark R. Hopf May 07 Trung-Viet J. Nguyen May 11 L. Bryan. Wilcher May 11 Clyde J. Souza May 11 Robert B. Chasteen May 12 Andrew B. Siedelmann May 14 David S. Moore May 17 John A. Schoch Jr. May 20 Robert E. Watt May 20 Corin G. Grant May 22 Ronald D. Bynum May 23 Brian M. McLees May 23 William T. Zukauskas May 24 Dennis M. Cassidy May 24 Arwood K. Edwards May 25 Gregory A. Crawford May 27 Steven J. Venditti May 27 Timothy T. Scarbrough May 27 Mason C. Wright Sr. May 28 Humam H. Amara May 28

## Thomas C. Behr Secretary

Frederick E. Huntington May 28 Ilani S. Valero May 30 Neil C. Jeffries May 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 Guy P. Hamilton May 01 (04) Robert B. Hudetz May 01 (08) Michael L. Hamman May 01 (18) Neil C. Jeffries May 01 (60) Gregory K. Walker May 01 (11) Frank J. Cabrera II May 01 (07) Martin W. Schuele May 02 (44) David A. Oakes May 07 (17) Thomas C. Behr May 07 (30) George D Porter May 07 (41) Philip X. Katz May 09 (22) Wayne E. Ward May 12 (46) Tracy L. Oliver May 15 (21) William G. Dixon May 16 (39) Robert E. Morris May 16 (44) Floyd H. Sullens May 16 (37) John F. Prescott May 18 (35) Michael D. Ault May 18 (07) Steven A. Fay May 19 (19) James L. Grosskopf May 21 (28) Dwaine A. Churma May 22 (27) John E. Buckler May 22 (24) Charles L. Calderwood May 23 (58) Bruce E. Derylo May 24 (49) Ross J. Decent May 26 (07) Robert J. Parson May 27 (43) Henry J. Ristic May 27 (42)

Steven T. Chandler May 28 (19)
James W. Patton May 29 (43)
Robert E. Beck May 31 (66)
After completing the preparation of the above two groupings of members, I have to observe the month of May has historically been a very popular month to have been born as well as to having been raised.

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



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## May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 May	2 Lodge Officer Practice	3 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	4	5	6	7 Loaves & Fishes
8	9 Lodge Visitation	10 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	11	12 Past High Priests Dinner Raffi's	13	14
15 District Breakfast	16 Lodge Officer Practice	17 Euclid Ladge No. 65 Special Meeting	18	19	20	21
22 8th & 10th NE Districts Breakfast	23 Table Lodge Medinah Temple	24 Temple Board Meet- ing	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	1 June	2	3	4

## Schedule Of Events

- May 2 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- May 3 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 Loaves & Fishes see article on pg 5 for details
- May9 Lodge visitation details to be announced Check Website Calendar No officer practice
- May 10 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- May 12 Euclid Chapter No. 13
   Past High Priests Dinner at
   Raffi's, 200 E. 5th Ave. 7 p.m.
   15 dollars for the first 30 people
- May 15 8th and 10th NE District
   Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant
   425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa
   Park 7:00 a.m.
- **May 16** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

- May 17 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Check Website Calendar
- May 23 Table Lodge at Medinah Temple 6 p.m. cash bar
   7 p.m. Gavel meeting open 15 dollars for Euclid Members 25 dollars for all others
- May 24 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 30 Memorial Day No Lodge Officer Practice
- Jun 4 Loaves & Fishes
- **Jun 6** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Jun 7 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jun 13** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Jun 14 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated meeting 7:30 p.m. Installation of New Officers
- Jun 19 8th and 10th NE Dis-

- trict Breakfast Hi-View Restaurant 425 W. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park 7:00 a.m.
- Jun 20 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Jun 21 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting 7:30 p.m., dinner
   6:30 p.m. Check Website Calendar
- **Jun 27** Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Jun 28 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

#### 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

#### **By-Laws**

Carl Crownhart Chairman

#### Sionage

Neville Diamond

#### Naper Boulevard Cleanup

Jack Gelston Chairman

### Sickness & Distress

**Jim Sleith** is still in Alden Estates and enjoys having visitors.

Charlie Macyunas had torn rotator cuff surgery on April 28.

**Ross Decent** has been in and out of the hospital with severe back pain.

Please keep all of the above Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

## Naper Blvd. Cleanup

One misty, moisty morning, when cloudy was the weather, I chanced to meet a Brother

clothed all in Rain Gear, Orange Vest and Work Gloves of leather.

For it was that kind of morning during which our refuse recycling team headed down Naper Boulevard to do battle once again with the less tidy commuters who travel that path.

And so on the morning of April 16, fortified by caffeine and donuts, and suitably clothed for the occasion, up and down Naper Boulevard did we go, trash bags in one hand, umbrellas in the other.

Our two teams consisted of Dainon Setzer, Paul Felstrup, Bill Dixon, Tim Ory and Jack Gelston. They fearlessly slogged thru the wetlands on both sides of the boulevard and returned with two bags of the usual detritus. With gasoline at \$4.299 a gallon people might be driving less. But with cigarettes at \$7 a pack people are not showing any signs of quitting.....at least not by the number of butts found littering the parkways.

So we'll still have our work cut out for us next **November 19**, when our intrepid teams meet once again to provide a little TLC to our Worthy Brother Naper's Boulevard.

so mote it be... Jack Gelston

## Past High Priests' Dinner

Thursday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

Raffi's, 200 E. Fifth Avenue, Naperville, IL (Inside the 5th Avenue Station)

To celebrate and honor Euclid Chapter No. 13's Past High Priests

This is a stag event. Cost is 15 dollars for the first 30 attendees and 25 dollars for all others.

RSVP to:

Brandon Zears - bzears@gmail.com Ross Decent - rossdecent@yahoo.co.uk

Steve Rosensweig - srosensweig ${\tt @wideopenwest.com}$ 

### Loaves and Fishes

Brethren.

The next session that we will be volunteering at Loaves and Fishes will be on Saturday May 7th 2011.

There are two sessions...

Early session: 07:30 to 10:30 and Late session: 09:30 to 12:30

If you would like to join the volunteer effort this month please let me know as soon as possible (by May 4th) so that numbers can be communicated to L&F organizers. All volunteers must register with me via e mail first. Please do not just go along.

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

There is no need to send an email to say that you will NOT be attending.

Once you arrive at the pantry you should go to the volunteer entrance toward the West side of the building. Inside of the warehouse you will need to report to the Pantry Captain.

The Address of the food pantry is 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville IL 60540

I will not be there myself this time. Fraternally,

Bro. Ross

## Past Master Highlight Coan Herbert Wright 1917

**Coan Herbert Wright** was born March 12, 1884 in Sumner, Lawrence County, Illinois, the son of the Reverend John Riley Wright and Mary Jane Potts.

He married Elsie Mae Griswold in 1906, and from this union they had two sons, John Griswold and William Coan. Following Elsie's death in 1948, he then married Edna Conover Tousley. He was a telegraph operator and ticket agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He was also a 20 year member of the Naperville Municipal Band.

He was raised as a Master Mason July 27, 1910

He also served Euclid Lodge as Senior Warden in 1916, Junior Warden in 1915, Senior Deacon in 1914, and Junior Steward in 1913.

He was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, R.A.M.

He died September 4, 1953 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and interment was made in the Naperville Cemetery.



C.B. & Q. Railroad Telegraph Operator & Ticket Agent

## What Of The Heart?

Are you a Mason - with a watch fob and a pin?

Are all of our signs without the man, and not a proof within.

Have you thought it quite sufficient if your emblems were in sight?

Or do you daily, hourly, shed your true Masonic light?

Did your interest in the order cease when raised to heights sublime?

Or are you still found worthy as a member all the time?

Are your daily thoughts and actions bent on place and power and pelf?

Or are you ever striving to be "better" than your-self?

An honor great was done you in the Lodge, where you belong,

When they found you goodly fiber for their great illustration throng;

Light you asked for, light was given, light, more light, as up you trod.

Have you lived those noble precepts toward your brother and toward God?

Did you glean the symbols' meaning-hidden truths of ancient lore?

Has the square, squared all your actions, perfect as the square of four?

Long ago, mayhap, you travelled, long ago, you took your vow,

Suppose you asked again to join, would you be admitted now?

Do you recall the moment when the lambskin came to you?

A very serious moment, and very solemn too.

They told you of the Golden Fleece' and Garter, and Star and said their badge of innocence was more honorable by far;

You vowed - Yes all have done it - within your secret thought

That you would follow strictly all the lessons which were taught;

Have you kept the spoken and unspoken vow;

Have the Great Lights been your guide?

Or were the teachings arduous and shortly laid aside?

My brother, human years are short, but long enough, you know

To smile, to love, to serve, to pray, to work, where'er you go.

Introspect for one brief instant; turn the soul up to the light,

Does the eye all-seeing rule there? Is the vision dark or bright?

Reflect once more - then start anew, if you have heedless grown

And make another silent oath twit God and you alone.

So to live that when your years are through, and the time comes to depart,

Your brothers in accord will say

"He was a Mason in his heart."

### Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Illinois

## Lodge Officers

The Worshipful Master
Leaps tall buildings in a single bound.
Is more powerful than an Intercity Express.
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water.
Gives policy to God...

The Senior Warden
Leaps short buildings with a single bound.
Is more powerful than a goods train.
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.
Walks on the water if the sea is calm.
Talks with God.

The Junior Warden
Leaps short buildings with a running start and a
favorable wind.
Is almost as powerful as a good train.
Is faster than a speeding air gun pellet.
Walks on water of a swimming pool.
Talks with God if special dispensation is given.

The Senior Deacon
Barely clears a garden hut.
Loses a tug-of- war with a train.
Can fire a speeding bullet.
Swims well
Is occasionally addressed by God.

The Junior Deacon

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap
building.

Is run over by trains.

Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting selfinjury Doggie paddles. Talks with the animals.

The Tyler
Runs into buildings.
Recognizes trains two out of three times.
Is not issued ammunition.
Can stay afloat with a life vest.
Talks to walls.

The Stewards
Fall over doorsteps when trying to enter buildings.
Says "Look at the choo choo's"
Wets one another with water pistols.
Plays in mud puddles.
Senior mumbles to Junior.
Junior mumbles to himself.

The Secretary
Lifts buildings and walks under them.
Kicks trains off the tracks.
Catches speeding bullets in his mouth and eats them.
Freezes water with a single glace.
Is convinced he is God!

Submitted by Brother Brandon Zears

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# **Memorial Day**

While researching the membership of Euclid Lodge, I have discovered that we are a very patriotic group.

One member fought in the War of 1812, three fought in the Blackhawk War, two in the Mexican War, fifty-eight in the Civil War, seventy-eight in World War One, ninety in World War Two, eight in the Korean War, three in the Viet Nam War, and one in Desert Storm Iraq. At least twenty-four more have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, State Militias and National Guards during times of peace.

At least three were awarded the Silver Star, and many I am sure were awarded the Purple Heart as well as other medals of honor for their service to our Country.

We currently have at least eight members on active duty in the U.S. Army and the Coast Guard.

These numbers are not complete because I am sure that there are more members, alive and dead, that I am not aware of who have served our Country with honor.

On this Memorial Day, please keep these men and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.