

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

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# From The East - Neville Diamond - Worshipful Master

"The World in union"

From New Zealand and the Rugby World Cup (RWC 2011). I am writing this the day before I leave New Zealand and preparing for the Springboks (South Africa and reining world champions 2007) VS Samoa.

I have been over here since the 17<sup>th</sup> September and I thought it might be interesting to share what I have been doing.

Early hours of the 17<sup>th</sup> September, I hopped on a Freighter aircraft, from O'Hare and flew for 9 hours to Honolulu. We had a crew change and then flew another 9 hours to Auckland, New Zealand.

The next day I picked up a camper van that was to become my home for the next 2 weeks. I drove to downtown Auckland, where they had the Queens Wharf all geared up for the RWC. There were people from all over the world who were getting into the spirit of things. People were buying up souvenirs representing their own countries and drinking beer by the pints. By the way, the RWC is the third most spectator sport in the world after the Olympics and the Soccer World cup.

I then drove north to a city called Whangarei. (In NZL "WH" is pronounced "F", so it sounds like fung-gerray.) Anyway, I had three days to explore the northern part of the North Island. I was to watch the Japan vs. Tonga match on the 3<sup>rd</sup> night, the 21<sup>st</sup> so before the match I drove around for the next two days. I drove further north to an area called the Bav of Islands, where I went to a little town called Russell. It was absolutely beautiful with its crystal clear blue water and deep routed history. It was the site of

the first European settlement in NZL and had a fearsome reputation of debauchery because of the invasion of the pirates. Driving back from there, I took the wrong turn and found myself going through a reserve where I couldn't find a cas station. There were the most magnificent views from the road with majestic mountains and greenery but unfortunately I was really worried about my fuel status and really didn't stop to take a real good look. I drove for about 50 K's on this cliff edge road and hoping to get gas somewhere. Eventually I made it back to the main road and stopped at the first pump I found. Finally, on the third day, I attended the Japan vs. Tonoa match. It was exciting and had a fantastic atmosphere. People had their faces painted red along with their rugby qear. Continued on pg. 2 & 3



Neville Diamond Worshipful Master.

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They are considered in the second tier teams. Anyway, the crowd was really into the action and didn't really care about the results. Some even had signs saying "Go Japonga!" The spirit of "The world in union" was evident that night.

The following day I made my way down to Auckland again where I stayed in a place called Tapakuna beach. I later found out that 30,000 South Africans emigrates lived in this town.

My next match was the Springboks vs. Namibia. So this was a first tier team playing a second tier team. Final score was 87-D. (Scores work the same as American Football.)

The spirits were high and all the green and gold was everywhere. I had fantastic seats right behind the SA bench about six rows back. I was really in my element and enjoyed myself immensely. I had my picture taken with Victor Matfield, the Vice Captain of the Springboks. He stood two tiers down from me yet he was still about a foot taller than me.

The next two days, I was with my cousin in a town called Putaruru. I hadn't seen her for over 21 years. Her late husband was a Worshipful Master at his Scottish Constitution Lodge in Rhodesia. She wanted to give me all his regalia. I ensured that neither her Son nor Daughter wanted of it before I accepted them. I now have his PM's and RAM aprons. We spent time in Rotorua where I got to Luge down the mountain a few times on a concrete track seated on a Plastic Luge contraption going about 25 miles an hour around unprotected bends.

My next stop was Wellington, the Capital of NZL. I went to watch Scotland play the Argentinean Puma's. The Puma's, won in the last few minutes, dashing the Scottish hopes. The following day I spent exploring the Wellington. The coastal road and mountains were magnificent and one of the most spectacular places on earth. Leaving Wellington, I travelled north again via the west coast. Stopping off in New Plymouth and Raglan, then finally back up to Auckland for the last two days where I now find myself writing this article.

As I am writing and reflecting on my travels and I am wondering how this is in anyway relevant to Freemasonry, I bring you back to the title, The World in Union. It implies how twenty Rugby playing nations can come together and enjoy a common interest. Many of whom, quiet possible were once at odds with one another, but now because of Rugby and all that the sport represents, can come together in union. During my 2000 plus kilometres journey, I noticed Masonic sign posts advertising their Lodges, in their villages and cities. It was evident to me that Freemasonry is strong and so once again the World is in union and freemasonry is universal.

All in all I enjoyed myself and in awe of this beautiful country, if I ever went back I would take my wife along.

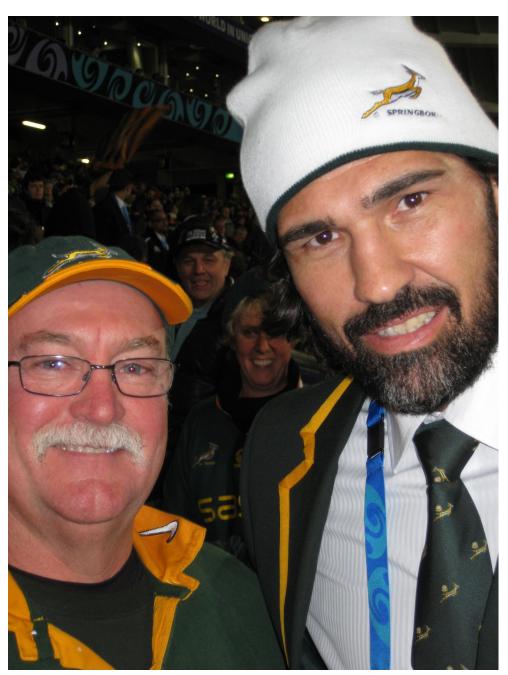
As far as Euclid Lodge is concerned, we have many exciting events coming up, including the "Past Masters" dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the unveiling of the Mural on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. I would appreciate strong attendance at these events as well as the Stated and Special meetings. We have the Grand Lodge next week and I will let you know how that goes.

See you all soon.

Yours Fraternally, Neville B. Diamond, Worshipful master.

P.S. I believe the Springboks are going all the way to the finals in late October!!

Euclid Lodge No. 65



Worshipful Master Neville Diamond with Victor Matfield

Victor Matfield is a South African rugby union player. He has played for, and captained the Springbok rugby team as well as the Blue Bulls in the Currie Cup and the Bulls franchise in the Super 14. He is generally considered one of the best locks in the world and has had a long successful partnership with Springbok and Blue Bulls teammate Bakkies Botha.

Besides almost always winning his own line-out ball, Matfield is known for his exceptional skill at disrupting opposition line-outs – this skill was a cornerstone of their 2007 World Cup success, where he was crowned IRB (International Rugby Board) player of the Rugby World Cup – and his speed around the field led former Australian coach Eddie Jones to comment that he should be an Olympic sprinter instead. He also possesses good upper body strength, with the ability to bench press 155 kg. In 2008 he became the first international captain to beat the All Blacks in New Zealand since Martin Johnson in 2003.

### From The Secretaries Table

### October Activities:

The month of October is full of important Masonic dates. Starting, of course, with Grand Lodge in Springfield on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> . Plan on attending lodge to learn what action was taken at Grand Lodge that will affect Euclid Lodge in the coming year. October also kicks off the various Grand Lecturers Schools and lodge officer schools that are held all around the state. Most of the lodges in the area have degree work planned for almost every meeting and all can use help and more importantly they need side liners for every degree. Don't forget our Past Masters' Dinner to be held at Courtyard Banquets located in Warrenville. on Wednesday October 19, 2011. Contact WBro. Cowart at 630-416-6129 for reservations and additional information. These are just a few that come to mind without doing much thinking, so see how many more you can come up with.

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

Peter C. Urbaniak Oct O3 Thomas W. Welsh Oct O4 Martin W. Schuele Oct O4 Randolph J. Taylor Oct O9

### Thomas C. Behr Secretary

Jonathan S. Wells Oct 09 Christopher J. Lance Oct 13 Robert C. Liska Oct 14 Alexander W. Mitchell Oct 19 Scott D. Anderson Oct 20 Daniel P. Svoboda Oct 23 Charles E. McLaughlin Oct 25 Kevin M. Cassidy Oct 27 Robert L. Hudlow Oct 28 James G. Simpson Jr. Oct 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 Paul S. Perkins Oct OI (42) Harry K. Radel Oct OI (17) John W. Sims Oct 02 (18) Douglass E. Seifried Oct 14 (44) Gennaro Barbato Oct 16 (18) Steven P. Ross Oct 16 (04) William A. Ackerman Oct 18 (06) Peter C. Urbaniak Oct 19 (07) David A. Johnson Oct 23 (38) Aaron S. Merkin Oct 25 (08) Timothy T. Scarbrough Oct 25 (08) Glenn C. Williams Oct 26 (11) Kevin R. Shanahan Oct 26 (15) Sherwood H. Sadler Oct 26 (40) Luzern A. Richter Oct 26 (51) Thomas G. Conklin Oct 28 (56)

Clifford Van Poucke Oct 29 (54) Thomas J. Moylan III Oct 30 (07) Elden P. Laffoon Oct 30 (07) Scott D. Anderson Oct 30 (04)

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



Thomas Behr Secretary

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 <b>September</b>	26	27	28	29	30	1 <b>October</b> Loaves & Fishes
2	3 Lodge Officer Practice	4 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	5	6	7 Grand Lodge Springfield	8 Grand Lodge Springfield
9	10 Lodge Officer Practice	11 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Stated Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17 Lodge Officer Practice	18 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	19 Annual Past Masters Dinner	20	21	22
23	24 Lodge Officer Practice	25 Temple Board Meet- ing	26	27	28	29 Unveiling of Masonic Mural
30	31 Lodge Officer Practice	l November Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	2	3	4	5 Loaves & Fishes

- Oct 1 Loaves and Fishes, 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- Oct 3 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 4 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 7 & 8 Grand Lodge
- Oct 10 Lodge officer practice 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 11 Euclid Chapter Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the 6th and 7th Degrees Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degrees at 7:30
- Oct 17 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 18 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Second Degree conferral Check Lodge Website

# Schedule Of Events

calendar for further details.

- Oct 19 Annual Past Masters
  Dinner See article
- Oct 24 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 25 Temple Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 29 Unveiling of Masonic Mural on West wall of Russell's Dry Cleaners, NW Corner of Jefferson and Main, Naperville Check Lodge Website calendar for further details.
- Oct 31 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 1 Euclid Lodge 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 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 14 Lodge officer practice 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Nov 15 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 19 Installation of Officers 3:00 p.m. Check Lodge Website calendar for further details.
- 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.

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#### Trestleboard

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

**Signage** Neville Diamond

Naper Boulevard Cleanup Jack Gelston Chairman Over the summer Worshipful Brother Cowart has worked tirelessly on the construction of a new enlarged alter. Due to the increased curiosity in our fraternity over the last few years, multiple candidates on a degree has become more common at Euclid. The altar that we have been using was just not conducive enough to comfortably hold 3 candidates at once.



With the new altar that Worshipful Brother Cowart has constructed for us we can now have 3 candidates facing East all at the same time without bumping their elbows. There is even a secret door to hold additional Bibles and some other small regalia. We had the opportunity to confer the I<sup>st</sup> degree on September 20<sup>th</sup> using this new altar and the meager 400 pounds looked great. If you haven't had a chance to see the beautiful new altar you should check it out and thank Worshipful Brother Cowart for all the time he has put in. He even made a matching rod holder so the Deacons and Stewards don't scratch up the walls in the preparation room.

New Altar

### **Riverwalk Plaque**

The Naperville Riverwalk was created in 1981 as a permanent commemorative to honor Naperville's 150th anniversary. Embraced as a gathering place for all ages, the linear park is a focal point of the community. Its covered bridges, fountains, landscaping and distinctive shepherd's crook light poles are symbolic of Naperville's ties to its historic past as the oldest settlement in DuPage County. In the early 1980s, residents donated their time, money and materials to transform a once-forgotten riverfront into a beautiful park that is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. In 2000 the Naperville River walk was extended to include the areas along the river to Hillside Avenue. The Naperville Masonic Temple Board donated \$40,000 to support this extension in providing an overlook of the river. This overlook is located directly behind the Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home located at 516 S Washington St. There is a plaque commemo-



rating our donation to the community and some benches if you want to enjoy sitting along the river. This spot is also marked with an acacia on the western edge between the parking lot and the overlook.

Brandon Zears

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### Loaves and Fishes

Brethren,

The next sessions that we will be volunteering at Loaves and Fishes will be on Saturday October 1st, 2011 and November 5, 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 so that numbers can be communicated to L&F organizers. Our numbers have been low recently but everyone that attends **will** make a difference. Have you thought about attending but have concerns? Do you want to give it a try but don't know what is involved? Do you have questions? Either email your comments or concerns to me at rossdecent@gmail.com or give me a call on 630 770 0853

All volunteers must register with me via e mail first. Please do not just attend without letting me know. Please send an email to rossdecent@gmail.com to let me know which session you would like to join.

#### Please DO NOT send an email to me 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

Fraternally, Bro. Ross

### Past Master Highlight Chauncey William Reed 1920

**Chauncey William Reed** was born June 2, 1890 in West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, the son of William Thomas Reed and Margaret Campbell. He attended the public schools in West Chicago and later, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He graduated from the Webster College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, in 1915 and was admitted to the bar the same year. He then began his practice in Naperville. He served as a sergeant in the Infantry, 86th Division during World War I. He served as DuPage County States Attorney from 1920 to 1935. He was elected to the U.S. Congress and served from January 3, 1935 until his death, a total of 21 years.

He married Ella Dorothy Stegen October 3, 1929 and they had three children, Barbara Ann, James William and Thomas Henry.

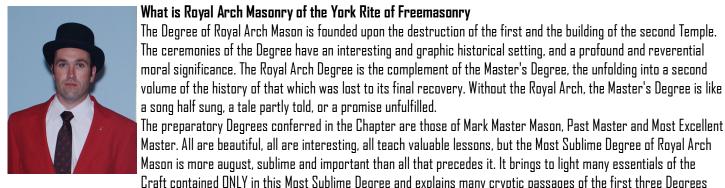
He affiliated with Euclid Lodge March 7, 1916 from Amity Lodge No. 472, West Chicago, Illinois. He was also a member of Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons and served as High Priest in 1922.

He died February 9, 1956 in Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland and interment was made in the Glen Dak Cemetery, West Chicago, Illinois. Mason Funeral Services were performed by members of Euclid Lodge with the Grand Master of the State of Illinois presiding.



Attorney, World War I Vet United States Representative

# Euclid Chapter No. 13 Royal Arch Masons



Shawn Patrick Finnegan Excellent High Priest

#### Degree Work:

We will be conferring the 6th and 7th degrees on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Dinner to be served beforehand at 6:30 p.m., degrees to start at 7:30 p.m.



Brandon Adam Zears Thrice Illustrious Master

# Adoniram Council No. 95 Cryptic Masons

#### What Is Cryptic Masonry Of The York Rite Of Freemasonry

Councils of Cryptic Masons form the center body of the York Rite of Freemasonry. A Master Mason may join a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and receive the four degrees of that organization. After which he may seek further knowledge in Freemasonry and join a Council of Cryptic Masons.

incomprehensible to the Master Mason. Without a knowledge of these the Masonic character cannot be complete.

#### Cryptic Rite

No rite of Freemasonry has come into its own so much as the series of degrees known as the Cryptic Rite, also known as the Cryptic Masons. Its popularity is well deserved for there are no more beautiful or meaningful degrees in all Freemasonry that those conferred in the Council of Cryptic Masons.

One reason for its popularity is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story. This philosophy is moralistic and religious however Freemasonry is not a religion., nor a substitute for one. A requirement for membership in Freemasonry is a professed belief in God and eternal life. It is mandatory that a man profess a personal faith in a Supreme Being prior to becoming a Freemason. Freemasonry never attempts to alter any one's beliefs. Freemasonry offers no theology or plan of salvation. However, it does offer a moral plan to use in this world. Leaving the Mason to look to his religion for salvation into the next world.

Ancient Cryptic Masonry centers around the story of the preservation, loss and recovery of the Word. The Word represents man's search for life's purpose and the nature of GDD. Symbolic Freemasonry, as in the Lodge, teaches of the loss of the Word and hope for its recovery. Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Chapter, teaches its recovery. Cryptic Masonry, as in the Council, completes this story by teaching of the Word's initial preservation. *From the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of Illinois , Dale Corrice, Most Illustrious Grand Master* 

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Past Masters Dinner

Past Master's Dinner

You are invited to the Euclid and Arboretum Lodge's Past Master's Dinner

Held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 Location: The Courtyard Banquet

35. 300 Route 59, Warrenville, IL Phone: 630-393-3130

Time: 6:00 cash bar, 7:00 Dinner

Buffet: Roast Beef, Roasted Chicken, Pasta dish Salads, Vegetable, Desert, Coffee and Tea

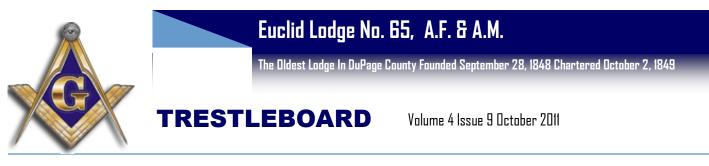
Presentation on the Masonic Mural

By Brother Paul Felstrup

Cost: Past Masters & Widows of Past Masters no charge All others \$25.00 per person

R.S.V.P. To Brother Paul Felstrup at 630-357-1638 Checks can be mailed to : Paul Felstrup, 545 S. Wright St., Naperville, IL 60540 Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. 34 West Jefferson Avenue Naperville, Illinois 60540 630-355-0280 1st and 3rd Tuesday

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# Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons—160 Years

We celebrate 160 years of Chapter Masonry in Naperville this month. Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons was chartered October 3, 1851.

The first officers were: Excellent High Priest: Aylmer Keith Captain of the Host: Nahum Loring Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil: John Bolton Treasurer: Henry Loomis Peaslee Steward: Joseph Naper

King: Dr. John Eddy Principal Sojourner: V. W. Potter Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil: Zadoc Hall Secretary: Cheney Moses Castle Steward: Dr. Calvin Cole Barnes Scribe: Henry Townsend Wilson Royal Arch Captain: Russell Whipple Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil: Ezekial Hall

Sentinel: Charles N. Fox

Although 12 other Chapters received their charter earlier, Naperville was the first to receive its charter from the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois.

Early in 1850 the Grand Chapter was organized. On Christmas Day of that year the companions of Euclid Lodge petitioned the Grand Chapter through Chicago's La Fayette chapter (No. 2), a Royal Arch chapter. (The Royal Arch Masonic chapter follows the Blue Lodge. It represents the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> degrees of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.) The local chapter held meetings that first year under the guidance of the Grand Chapter. Its charter was granted Oct. 3, 1851 and on Nov. 4 of that year the first regular meeting of the chapter was held. Aylmer Keith was elected the 1<sup>st</sup> High Priest.