

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

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From The East - Vaneet K. Kapoor - Worshipful Master

Brethren, Greetings From the East

Behold, how swiftly the sands run, how they pass away almost imperceptibly, in a short space they are all exhausted. Yes brethren, as I write my last submission as Worshipful Master, I can recollect all the different activities that we as Brothers of the lodge have participated in, testament to this we as a lodge earned the Grand Masters Award of Excellence again. I would like to thank each one of the brothers for the privilege of letting me serve as Master of Euclid Lodge and for helping us have a successful year.

Over the years, I have seen many items added to the events our lodge traditionally participates in with very few removed. We are a strong lodge doing good work, and it is not the Master or the Officers alone, it's the lodge members, past masters, and officers helping the Master that makes us successful. We are also successful because the past masters that went before me laid up a plan that if followed breeds success. I will not enumerate here the regular activities we participated in as they are accounted for in the previous newsletters.

Dur lodge is vibrant with good attendance and participation. I would keep encouraging the brothers to continue their efforts and support the new Corps of Officers as they take over the leadership of the lodge. As you have probably heard numerous times in your journey," you get from Masonry what you put into it". It has indeed been and continues to be true for me.

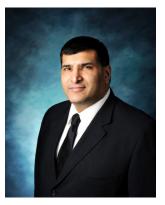
We were busy in October, RWB Floyd, Brothers SW, JW, SD and Mike Norwood all attended Grand Lodge with me. We were able to view the GL in session and the three principle officers voted on changes to the by-laws among other items.

This was followed by an especially fine dinner prepared by Brother Sean Curry for the Past Masters Dinner organized by WBs Don Cowart and assisted by Carl Crownhart. Forty-two of the Fifty-three that registered made this event. We all thank WBs Cowart, Crownhart for organization and Bro Curry for the fantastic arrangement provided for us. A special thanks to Tracey Crownhart for providing flowers and candy for all to enjoy.

The Corps of officers stepped up to conduct the first degree we conferred in October, they showed that are ready to step-up for the upcoming year.

It is also with sadness that I have to mention that a few of our loved ones of our brothers are going through a difficult time with illness, our prayers are with them, with the hope that the almighty architect of the universe would grant them the strength as they deal with their difficulties, that he may bring them closer to him and allow a speedy healing.

God Bless Vaneet Kapoor WM 2013/2014



Vaneet K. Kapoor Worshipful Master

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From The Secretaries Table

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION of officers

Tuesday, November 4, we will be holding our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. The Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary will be making their annual reports. Dues, fees and honorariums will also be voted upon at that time.

PETITIONS

There seems to be no end to the number of petitions that we are receiving. This is creating a bit of a problem, albeit a good one. We have a need for more trained Investigation Committee members. If you have not attended a training session and would like to learn more about the duties of a member, please let me know and I will hold another class.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Charles E. Macyunas	Nov	4
Alan R. Spies	Nov	4
Steven J. Rosensweig	Nov	8
Michael A. Perez	Nov	9
Bruce E. Derylo	Nov	11
Scott T. Kreymborg	Nov	11
Arthur C. Tancl Jr.	Nov	12
Robert E. Beck	Nov	14
Robert J. Falta	Nov	16
Brandon A. Zears	Nov	17
Joseph M. Davey	Nov	20
Paul A. Felstrup	Nov	22
Harold J. Reed	Nov	24
Leon E. Litzelman	Nov	25
Matthew B. Van Thyne	Nov	26
William G. Dixon Jr.	Nov	28
Jack D. Chasteen	Nov	29
Vaneet K. Kapoor	Nov	29

Timothy J. Ory Secretary

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

William T. Fetner	Nov	6	(38)	
Brett A. Osborn	Nov	8	(21)	
Charles E. Kreps	Nov	15	(26)	
Andrew B. Siedelmann	Nov	15	(20)	
Mark R. Hopf	Nov	15	(9)	
Joseph M. Davey	Nov	15	(3)	
Scott T. Kreymborg	Nov	15	(3)	
Ronald R. Rudniski	Nov	19	(12)	
Brian K. Ortegel	Nov	19	(1)	
Roger L. Karns	Nov	19	(1)	
Daniel C. Disher	Nov	19	(1)	
Kyle R. Reschke	Nov	20	(2)	
Bryan M. Newson	Nov	20	(2)	

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



Timothy J. Ory Secretary



Happy Thanksgiving

A Day of Thanksgiving

We are traveling East, my Brother, Whenever, in gratefulness,
We think of the things that everyday brings Our lives and our homes to bless.
We are finding the Path, my Brother, Though frugal may be our feast,
If the good that we knew is the good that we do -Ah, then we are traveling East.
We are learning the Work, my Brother, Whenever, with kindly aim,
We lighten the care and our plenty we share With the poor and the halt and lame.
We are speaking the Word, my Brother, And finding our joys increased,

When we can bring cheer to replace a child's tear -

Ah, then we are traveling East.

We are bringing the Light, my Brother, Whenever we areet a friend,

Whenever we lift a poor soul gone adrift, Or one in distress defend.

We are marking the Way, my Brother,

When through us sorrow has ceased, When something we've said to a lone heart has sped -

Ah, then we are traveling East.

We are traveling East, my Brother, Whenever, in thankful mood.

Whenever, in chankrui mood, We pause for a day to think and to pray,

To set forth our gratitude.

The Word, the Work, my Brother,

Through ages have never ceased -With the Word that is true and the Word we can do,

Ah, then we are traveling East.

Wilbur D. Nesbit Evans Lodge No. 524 Evans, IL

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NOVEMBER Loaves & Fishes GL School
2	3 Lodge Officer Practice	4 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Stated Meeting	5	6	7	8 Open Installation of Officers
9	10 Lodge Officer Practice	11 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Council No. 95	12	13	14	15 GL School Euclid
16	17 Lodge Officer Practice	18 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24 Lodge Officer Practice	25 Naperville Masonic Temple Association	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29

- Nov 1 Grand Lodge Officers School Type 1 at Westchester 9 to 11 a.m.
- Nov 1 Loaves and Fishes
- Nov 3 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Nov 4 Euclid Lodge Stated Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Possible dues increase to be discussed.
- Nov 8 Annual Open Installation of Officers
- Nov 10 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Nov 11 Euclid Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council Meeting 8:45 p.m.
- Nov 15 Grand Lodge Officers School Type 4 at Euclid 9 to 11 a.m.
- Nov 17 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Nov 18** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Conferral of the second degree
- Nov 24 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Nov 25 Naperville Masonic Temple Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 27 THANKSGIVING
- Dec 1 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Dec 2 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Dec & Loaves and Fishes
- Dec 6 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Casey's Foods, Naperville Plaza, Washington and Gartner
- Dec 8 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome

- **Dec 9** Euclid Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council Meeting 8:45 p.m.
- **Dec 13** Lodge Christmas Party, 12:30 to 3:30. Magician and Santa Claus. Sign up with Bro. Setzer
- Dec 15 Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All Master Masons Welcome
- Dec 16 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Conferral of degrees at 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 16 Hanukkah begins
- Dec 24 Hanukkah ends
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 31 New Years Eve

"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America" *Dave Thomas*

Founder of Wendy's Restaurants

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Committees

Membership Joseph Ingraffia Chairman

Communications Timothy Ory Chairman

Finance Vaneet Kapoor Chairman

Entertainment John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Education Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia Dainon Setzer Chairman

Library James Simpson Jr. Chairman

Table Lodge Neville Diamond Chairman

Sickness/Distress Steven Rosensweig Chairman

Community & Lodge Builder Award John Will Chairman

Community Days Paul Felstrup Chairman

Award of Excellence Paul Felstrup Chairman

Naper Boulevard Cleanup Scott D. Schmied Chairman

Blood Drive Guy Hamilton Chairman

Bylaws Carl Crownhart

Open Installation of Officers

The annual installation of officers will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, 2:00 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 34 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville.

This is an open installation so anyone may attend. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Bro. Rosensweig will be hosting a reception at his home immediately following the ceremony. The address is: 1589 Clemson Drive, Naperville, IL 60565

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Casey's Foods, 124 W. Gartner Rd, Naperville. Volunteer for an hour or more; the sign-up sheet will be at the Naperville Masonic Temple. Questions? Call Bro. Dainon Setzer at 509-953-2796 or email him at dainonsetzer@hotmail.com

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Naperville Masonic Temple. Our annual Holiday Party is open to all members and their families. Join us in celebrating the 2014 holidays.

Light refreshments will be served.

A magician will provide entertainment for both children and adults starting at 2:00 p.m. and Santa will make an appearance right after the magic show. Gifts will be provided for children up to age 12. Questions? Call Bro. Dainon Setzer at 509-953-2796 or email him at dainonsetzer@hotmail.com

Naperville Masonic Temple Association

The Naperville Masonic Temple Association is planning a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our building.

A committee has been formed and has started working on the preparations for this once in a lifetime event. The Temple Board has budgeted very generously for this celebration.

Preliminary plans include a rededication of the Lodge by Grand Lodge officers, removal of the time capsule from the cornerstone, removal and display of its contents, and placement of a new time capsule in the cornerstone.

Refreshments will be served to the attendees. Unique gifts and souvenirs will also be handed out. Invitations will be going out to the surrounding lodges, local dignitaries and also the news media. The date is Saturday, September 10, 2016, 100 years and 1 day after the original cornerstone laying. The Temple Board will continue with the renovations to the lodge building. Bookcases to handle overflow of duplicate volumes and periodicals have been purchased and will be placed in the closet off the library. Additional bookcases will be added to the library and the remaining wall space will be paneled to match the previous renovation projects. New sideliner seating for the lodge room is also being planned and additional lighting will be installed under the front canopy.

Our tenant, the Naperville Running Company, has exercised his option to renew his lease for years 6 through 10. Please consider supporting him by shopping in his store for all of your running apparel.

Sickness and Distress

Karen Ault, Wbro. Michael Ault's wife is ailing with lung cancer. Please keep Karen and Mike in your thoughts and prayers.

Sue Schofield, Bro. Joe Schofield's wife has had foot surgery and will need more. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Donald R. Pochowicz, a former member of Euclid Lodge passed away September 10, 2014. He had served the Lodge as Marshal in 1985 and Junior Deacon in 1994.

NAPER BOULEVARD CLEANUP





Our semi-annual Naper Boulevard Cleanup was held on October 11, 2014.

Bro. Scott Schmied is the new chairman for the event and he did a great job his first time out.

Pictured above are Bro. Scott Schmied and his daughter Danielle, Bro. Bryan Newson and his son Nicholas, and Bros. Tim Dry and Bill Dixon.

The coffee was hot, the donuts were tasty, and Naper Boulevard is clean as a whistle for a little while. Wbro. Joe Naper would be proud.

Past Master Highlight WHEELER NELSON RICE 1962

RICE, **Wheeler Nelson** was born June 11, 1908 in Harrogate, Claiborne County, Tennessee the son of Samuel Rice and Elizabeth Cunningham. He came to Naperville about 1930 and was employed in the dairy industry, first as a driver and later as a supervisor. He married Elsie Mae Becktell in May, 1931 in Naperville and they were the parents of one son, David. He was raised a Master Mason March 7, 1955 and served as Master of the Lodge in 1962. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason July 12, 1955 and served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1959, 1966, 1967 and 1968. He was also active in the Althea Chapter No. 206, Order of the Eastern Star. He died May 11, 1996 in Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery. Masonic Funeral services were conducted by Euclid Lodge.



Dairy Industry

HOW IS YOUR LODGE PERCEIVED?

Have you ever been away from home in another town or city, and decided to drive around to get a feel for the community and make mental notes of restaurants you might like to patronize?

You see a restaurant, but it looks run down from the outside. The building needs new siding, or at the very least, a good paint job. The sign is poorly lit and hard to see.

You are not very impressed but decide to have a closer look anyway. You park, get out of your car and walk up to the restaurant. As you look in a dirty window at the nearly empty restaurant, you see furniture that looks old and rickety sitting upon a worn out carpet.

You step inside and it smells musty. The walls need painting and there are water stains in the ceiling tiles. You quickly decide that if the owners care so little about the appearance of their restaurant, how can you trust the quality of the food. So you leave without any of the few patrons even noticing that you have been there.

The next day, while attending to your business, you ask several of the local residents if they know anything about the dingy little restaurant you saw. Nobody does. So you put the restaurant out of your thoughts and for the rest of your stay, do not even notice it again.

Sadly, what you and the people don't realize is that the food served at the restaurant is absolutely wonderful. It is in fact, the finest and healthiest food to be found. But because of its appearance, it is perceived to be an undesirable place to dine. Very few people have considered going there, and even fewer have enjoyed the excellent cuisine.

Many of our Masonic lodge buildings are like that restaurant. The members have allowed the building to fall into a horrible state of disrepair. The lodge furniture and supplies are also in bad shape, as are its aprons and jewels. The Masonic Lodge, which once was a jewel of the community, has become an eyesore. Its few members are embarrassed to invite the community inside its walls, and the community, taken as a whole, does not want to be seen as being affiliated in any way with the lodge. It is perceived as being an undesirable place to belong.

There can be any number of reasons for this, although the most common is financial. According to the members of the lodge, they simply cannot afford to take care of the building. I emphatically disagree.

Several years ago, when I was the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Washington, then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Satoru Tashiro, asked me to conduct a survey of the lodges to see what made some successful while others were failing. What came out was that those lodges whose members were engaged, meaning they were actively and enthusiastically participating, were respected in their communities and attracted more new members, who also became engaged. They were proud of their membership, and it showed. They were good stewards of the trust that had been given them.

On the other hand, when the members became complacent, they also became disengaged. They often attended lodge meetings, but only went through the motions. They did not participate in fund-raising activities or work parties. They allowed their building and other assets to fall into a state of disrepair. New members stopped coming through the door, and those who were left became even more disengaged until either something inspired them to come together again, or the lodge was forced to give up its charter or merge with another lodge.

When the lodge building was constructed 50, 75, or 100 or more years ago, the lodge members didn't have a large bank balance. They sacrificed their time and money, worked to raise funds to purchase land and materials, and often built the lodge with their own hands. They were proud to be Masons, and proud of their membership in the lodge.

Most of our lodges continue to have that pride. But some lodges have lost it. Their members are not engaged. Their building is no longer the centerpiece of their community, as its builders had intended.

If your lodge falls into this category, I challenge you to do something. The next time you walk into your building, go to the wall that contains the pictures of the Past Masters. Look at those pictures, particularly the early Masters in your lodge's history, and explain to them what you have done with the stewardship they have left in your charge. If you do not like the answer, do something to change it.

Become engaged. Inspire others to become engaged. Be proud of your lodge and let your pride show in both the appearance of your building and your actions in the community.

Besides finances, there are many circumstances that can hinder the maintenance of our facilities, including knowing how to recognize problems and set priorities accordingly. Perhaps within the local Masonic or Grand Lodge community there are professionals in construction management and architecture that would be willing to volunteer their time and expertise to evaluate the physical Masonic lodge building to identify issues and recommend solutions.

They may also be able to give advice on how to finance the needed repairs. It is hoped that as the condition of our buildings are improved, so will the participation by our members, and Freemasonry will once again become a prominent institution in our communities.

Like the restaurant I referred to above, our lodges have the finest and healthiest food to be found anywhere. It is a shame that many miss out on what we have because of a perception based on the appearance of our buildings. Let's all work to change that.

MICHAEL L. SANDERS Past Grand Master of Washington 2011

2014 PAST MASTERS DINNER



Top Row L to R: Don Cowart, 2006; Dainon Setzer; Andrew Siedelmann, 2000; Neville Diamond, 2011. 2nd Row L to R: John Buckler, 2004; Gerald Yingling, 1997; Timothy Ory, 2012; Lynn "Buzz" Linde, Glen Ellyn; James Patton, Arboretum 1985; William Dixon, 1978; Dwaine Churma, Arboretum 1991. Bottom Row L to R; Vaneet Kapoor, 2014; Carl Crownhart 2013. Too late for photo: Barton Robertson, 2007.

Our annual Past Master's Dinner was held on October 15, 2014 at the Hilton/Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort, 3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL. Cost was 20 dollars each. Past Masters attended free of charge.

Attendees enjoyed beer, wine and soda along with coconut shrimp, crab tart, chicken Marrakesh and a Mediterranean skewer during the cocktail hour.

We started with Caesar Salad, Spinach Salad, wedge salad, Sushi platter and wild mushroom soup.

Dinner was Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon, Roasted Pork Loin, Lobster with wild mushrooms and white sachetti, grilled roasted vegetables, and herb roasted Yukon gold potatoes.

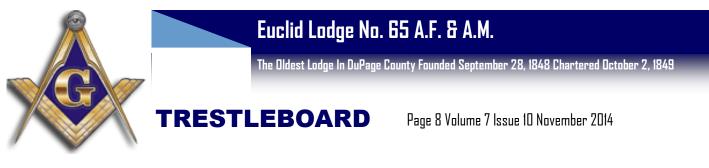
Dessert was Tiramisu, assorted cupcakes, macaroons, 3 assorted cakes and coffee.

Thank you to Tracey Cowart who made the beautiful corsages worn by all of the Past Masters.

Wbro. Ory gave a presentation about Sankey S. Good, Past Master in 1916 when our current Lodge building was erected. The presentation had been prepared by Wbro. Michael Ault who was unable to attend due to his wife being ill.

A hearty thank you goes out to Brother Sean Curry, Executive chef at the Hilton who was able to provide us with the evenings great food and venue at a very reasonable price. 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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"DUE" DDES MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A MASON

The word "due", shows up in a number of Masonic expressions, such as "due form" and "due guard". Both express responsibilities of the officers and members of a lodge and are admonishments as to their conduct.

According to Mackey's Encyclopedia, "due form" comes from the French expression, "en du forme," with the "du" coming from "devoir," or "to owe." In subordinate lodges, the officers and members "owe" it to their brothers to perform their actions properly and with attention to the established usages and customs.

The "due guard" is a mode of recognition referring to the act of duly guarding a members obligations. Mackey reports that this expression is not found in English or continental masonry, and is fairly recent within the Americas.

In a similar manner, "due examination" is a test procedure in correct form, as prescribed by Masonic laws.

In addition, "due" is associated with direction and indicates what is "proper." When found on a map, "due east" is precisely east, with no variation north or south.

Thus the expectation imparted with the word "due", is a strict adherence and effort toward Truth and Light.

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