



From The East - Brandon A. Zears - Worshipful Master

Brethren,

I am honored again to be writing this message to all of you. It has been another great month at Euclid and in Naperville.

We started off the month and holiday season by bell ringing where many brothers made it out to help raise money for the Salvation Army. We continued the month with conferring the second degree on 2 candidates who we are hoping to raise to the third degree in January.

Our annual Christmas party was great thanks to our Senior Warden Joe Ingraffia. He set up an entertaining magician, made some good food and Santa showed up with gifts for all of the kids!

Both Worshipful brother Cowart and Brother Karns added to their families with new grandchildren.

Many brethren from out of town were able to partake in some of our

events while they were back over the holidays.

As we enter into the new year as the winter solstice has passed and the days become longer we look forward in continuing in the great events we have planned, and building the fraternal bonds between us.

We will be having a golf outing and degrees this upcoming month, welcoming more new members into our fraternity.

I hope everyone had a safe holiday season and look forward in welcoming you all back as we enter into our 100th year of our beautiful lodge building, and to the many events we have planned to celebrate!

Fraternally,
Brandon A. Zears
Worshipful Master



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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

We still have 19 members who have not paid their 2015 dues, 9 of whom have also not paid their 2014 dues.

Brethren, if you are having financial difficulties and cannot afford to pay your dues, please contact me so that we can take the necessary steps to assist you.

Thank you to all of the members who have been including charitable donations with their dues payments. Charitable donations have been coming in at a higher rate than last year. I hope this is a good sign for our overall economy.

DEGREES

The Master Mason Degree is scheduled to be conferred on multiple candidates this month.

CORNERSTONE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The committee has finalized the design of the commemorative coin. Arrangements are being made for the manufacture of a new time capsule.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

We had a great turn-out of members at the bell ringing on Saturday, December 5th. 20 Brothers came out to ring the bells to help collect money to help those of our community who have been less fortunate. Photos on page 6.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Lodge Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 19th at the lodge. 16 children and their parents and grandparents were entertained by Chezaday the magician and Santa made a visit and brought gifts for all of the children. Photos on page 7.

Timothy J. Dry Secretary

GRAND LODGE WORKSHOP

The Grand Lodge holds annual workshops for officers. This year the workshop in our area will be held on February 6, 2016 at the Villa Park Lodge. The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A free lunch is provided. A town hall meeting is held immediately after lunch. Please let me know if you would like to attend so that I can make reservations for lunch.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their birthday on the day indicated.

Richard W. Sale	Jan 1
Mark H. Schmidt	Jan 1
Sherwood H. Sadler	Jan 5
James W. Patton	Jan 6
Kevin E. Dunn	Jan 6
Barton K. Robertson	Jan 8
Jayson D. Roque	Jan 13
Clifford Van Poucke	Jan 14
Scott D. Schmied	Jan 14
Thomas G. Conklin Jr.	Jan 15
Michael S. Moore	Jan 16
Thomas B. Duff	Jan 19
William T. Fetner	Jan 20
James G. Simpson III	Jan 20
Richard M. Miller Jr.	Jan 25
Daniel C. Disher	Jan 26
Brian K. Ortegell	Jan 28
Leon H. Namtzu	Jan 31
Ronald R. Rudniski	Jan 31

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.

John A. Schoch Jr.	Jan 6 (28)
Patrick J. Robin	Jan 12 (5)
Daniel N. Mao	Jan 16 (5)
Christopher J. Lance	Jan 16 (5)
Russell W. Mowry	Jan 16 (5)
Dennis M. Cassidy	Jan 16 (5)

Charles E. Macyunas	Jan 18 (32)
Shawn P. Finnegan	Jan 20 (6)
Alan R. Spies	Jan 21 (23)
James G. Simpson Jr.	Jan 21 (23)
John H. Gelston	Jan 23 (16)
Kyle P. O'Mara	Jan 25 (18)
Joe L. Cherry Jr.	Jan 26 (17)
Patrick G. Lehrman	Jan 29 (42)
Thomas B. Duff	Jan 30 (5)

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



Timothy J. Dry
Secretary

DID YOU KNOW?

Our lodge building has housed two different movie theaters since it was erected almost one hundred years ago. The Grand Theater opened in May, 1917 and showed silent movies until about 1930 when it was forced to close due to the advent of the "talkies". Adult admission was 15 cents, children 10 cents. In 1935, the Anderson Theatre Circuit company opened the Naper Theater and remained in operation until the summer of 1976 when once again, progress in the form of the multi-plex theater effectively put them out of business. Adult admission was 25 cents and children were 10 cents in 1935.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 December	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 January New Years Day	2 Loaves and Fishes
3	4 Lodge Officer Practice	5 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lodge Officer Practice	12 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Coun. No. 95	13	14	15	16
17	18 GL Officers School Hinsdale	19 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Lodge Officer Practice	26 Temple Board Meeting	27	28	29	30

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Jan 2** Loaves and Fishes
- **Jan 4** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 5** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Jan 11** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 12** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- **Jan 18** Grand Lodge Officers School Hinsdale Open 2nd degree, door ceremonies (type 4 school)
- **Jan 19** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the Master Mason degree.
- **Jan 25** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Jan 26** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 1** 10th NE District School—Naperville First Degree Conferral.
- **Feb 2** Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting and Official Visit of the 10th NE District Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey Henson
- **Feb 6** Loaves and Fishes
- **Feb 6** Grand Lodge Workshop at Villa Park Lodge 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch provided. Sign up with Bro. Secretary
- **Feb 8** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Feb 9** Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- **Feb 15** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Feb 16** Euclid Lodge Special Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the ?? degree.
- **Feb 22** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- **Feb 23** Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb 29** Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.



Committees

Membership

Joseph Ingrassia Chairman

Communications

Timothy Dry Chairman

Finance

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

IL-CHIP

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

George Murray Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

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Library

Brandon Zears Chairman

Table Lodge

Michael D. Ault Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Brandon A. Zears 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

Monty Jackson Chairman

Bylaws

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Sickness and Distress

RWbro. Lloyd Sullens wife Debbie has been recuperating following gall bladder surgery
Bro. Sandy Krep's daughter has also been recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

Bro. Paul Felstrup's father-in-law passed away.

Bro. Adam Carlson's mother was is in the hospital.

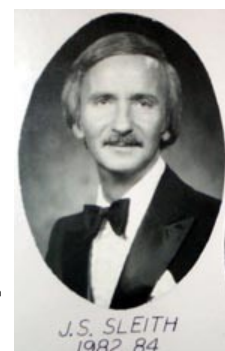
Naperville Masonic Temple Association

The Temple Board is planning for the next phase of renovations to the lodge meeting room. Wall paneling and new lighting are on the agenda.

Work is progressing on the planning for the upcoming Cornerstone Centennial Celebration. Final design of the commemorative coin is just about complete.

Past Master Highlight James Stark Sleith 1982, 1984

SLEITH, James Stark was born January 25, 1930 in Bellshill, North Lanarkshire, Scotland the son of John Stark Sleith and Mary Jane Boyle. He married Marjory ? and they were the parents of two daughters, Elaine (Kevin Grandsard) and Vivian (Burde). He retired after 40 years with Brit Rail Travel International as Regional Sales Manager. He then went to work as a business salesman. He was a British Army veteran, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Medinah Shrine Highlanders Pipe Band, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge May 1, 1979 from Forest Hills Community Lodge No. 946, Forest Hills, New York. He served as the Master of Euclid Lodge in 1982 and 1984. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason February 21, 1981 and served as High Priest in 1982, 1985 and 1986. He served on the Naperville Masonic Temple Association for many years. He died June 12, 2011 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



Masonic Quote

Masonry teaches and fosters in the man the qualities of self-respect and self-help - the qualities that make a man fit to stand by himself - and yet it must foster in every one who appreciates it as it should be appreciated the most beautiful and solemn ritual - it must foster in him a genuine feeling for the rights of others and for the feelings of others; and as Masons who help one another help in a way that is free from the curse of help, patronizing and condescension.

Theodore Roosevelt

FREEDOMS WE DON'T USE

I remember a number of years ago listening to a comedian who had just returned from a world tour. He was asked what the rest of the world thought of America. He related that many people asked if Americans really had that much freedom. His answer to them was, "Of course, I have freedoms I don't even use."

Why do we have a Tiler? The answer is to guard against cowans and eavesdroppers. Now I want you to think about it. Why do we need a Tiler? A man armed with a sword. Being armed means, symbolically of course, that he is ready to both take a life and give up his own in guarding the lodge. At the installation of officers, the Tiler is reminded that his duties are now purely symbolic but once were not. So why do we need a Tiler?

The answer: to protect the Masonic Secrets. Does it really make sense that we would arm a man to stop an eavesdropper? What harm could an eavesdropper do? Does it make sense that our ancient brothers would arm a man to prevent someone from overhearing what the Junior Warden says in the opening of a lodge and telling the world? No it doesn't.

So why do we have a Tiler?

Because of the "Learned Expositor." The Learned Expositor is not an office, or title, but someone who can explain complicated thought. When we as masons met, it was to discuss things that could not be discussed openly. Today, many of these things might seem laughable. In lands where the king and the church ruled, anything that went against or even suggested going against them or established thought could result in prison, loss of all property and wealth, or even execution.

Brother Ben Franklin was charged with crimes against the church (in Europe) because of the lightning rod. For Franklin to suggest that lightning was naturally occurring static electricity and not God's tool of vengeance on sinners would have cost Franklin his fortune and freedom had he stated these things in certain European countries. Many of these countries would not allow the lightning rod on any building until the 20th century.

The Marques De Lafayette, a Mason, was arrested and imprisoned for years. He had championed democracy in America and then in his native France. He was not arrested though in America or in France but, in fleeing France, he was arrested by the king of Austria and shuttled prison to prison by other Monarchs who feared democracy. He had not spoken on democracy outside of America or France. He had not acted against the Austrian or Prussian crown. They arrested him not for his actions but for his ideas.

Both Franklin and La Fayette spoke in Masonic lodges and shared in conversations that would have led to execution at worst, or prison

and loss of all they had at best. That is why we have a Tiler at the outer door. A word to the local bishop or right person at the palace and all could be lost.

These men lived at a time of change. New discoveries and inventions led to new avenues of thought but many lacked the freedom to openly discuss them let alone explore them. In a Masonic lodge, where every Brother had pledged to keep another Brother's secrets, murder and treason excluded, they could discuss new and wonderful ideas. The lodge room was a place where freedom of speech could be found. Therefore, new forms of government (democracy), new technology (the lightning rod), and new ideas (educating the masses) could be debated and explored, but only if the Tiler ensured now cowans or eavesdroppers were there. The Learned Expositor could speak.

Today we live in freedom and with scientific enlightenment. Our Tiler's duties are a symbolic throwback to the past. So what great ideas do we discuss in our lodges in the enlightened 21st Century? Paying the bills? Pancake breakfasts? In a world where we are bombarded by facts, wouldn't it be great to hear men discussing ideas. Imagine a WWII vet, a Korean/Viet Nam vet and a recently returned soldier from the Middle East discussing their experiences, their ideas. Maybe, have a brother talk about meditation or Zen relaxation rituals. Wouldn't it be something to hear a brother talk about the next technology or scientific breakthrough?

Today we have the freedom to do so and do not. Like the comedian returned to America we have freedoms we don't even use. In your lodge, where does the Learned Expositor sit? The answer should be anywhere he wants. He should sit in the Master's Chair and in the West, he should sit behind the secretary's desk and in the chaplains seat. He should fill the seats on the sideline and every officer's chair.

Given our freedom and the age we live in, every Mason should bear the title Learned Expositor. He should be you and me.

David R. Ritchie

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SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS



Adam Carlson, Rob Watt and Brandon Zears



Don Cowart, George Murray, Steve Rosensweig
and Rob Watt



Walter Hemphill Jr. and Vaneet Kapoor



Frank Fryer and Andy Siedelmann



Jason Jeffers and Bob Chasteen



Jim Simpson Jr. and Jason Jeffers



Joe Ingraffia and Alex D'Avila



Rao Murukurthy, George Murray and Monty Jackson



Jerry Yingling and Tim Dry



Saturday, December 5th, Euclid Lodge No. 65 rang the bells for the Salvation Army. We were out in front of Trader Joe's and Casey's Foods in the Naper Plaza at the southwest corner of Washington Street and Gartner Road. The Salvation Army provides adult services that include adult rehabilitation, veterans affairs assistance, prison ministries, elderly services, combating of human trafficking, and missing persons. Children's services include assistance for hunger relief, housing and homeless services, Christmas assistance, youth camps and recreation, and the Kroc Centers. They also provide emergency disaster relief services.

Euclid Lodge No. 65 Christmas Party



Chezaday the Magician entertained the children and the adults with his illusions and tricks. Santa Claus however was the favorite with his gifts for all of the children. Brother Ingraffia did a great job organizing the event.

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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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THE SEEKER OF LIGHT

The highest privilege that life affords is that of learning, of converting knowledge into wisdom, of seeking the genuine values of life by seeking Light and more light.

Some may attain a vast degree of knowledge, but the opportunity for growth is open to all of us. The search is the important factor.

In Masonry we honor those brothers whose superior minds have given us a broad picture of the ennobling principles of Freemasonry, who have outlined paths of study and who have made it possible for us to open windows for ourselves.

This is all a part of our Masonic heritage and we demonstrate our gratitude by making great thoughts a vital part of our lives.

It should be the primary purpose of the leaders of Masonry to stress the unlimited opportunity which Masonry offers to the earnest seeker of Light.

Every candidate should enter the door of Masonry with the truth firmly impressed upon mind and heart, the truth that Masonry is a "Teaching Institution," that every Brother has an equal opportunity to learn and to improve, and that the greater the effort, the greater the reward.

The ultimate is never attainable but there is inner satisfaction that results from every step taken in the journey of the journey of the visible towards the invisible.

Dewey H. Wollstein