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



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From The East - Brandon A. Zears - Worshipful Master

Brethren.

It is now officially spring, the time of year when everything starts growing and has a renewed life. I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather, and for those of you that celebrated the Easter holiday, I hope you enjoyed some time with your family.

We had an exciting month of March!!! We continued the new tradition of bringing back Past Masters to obligate. Worshipful Brother Barton Robertson obligated on the first degree in the middle of the month, and Worshipful Brother Bill Dixon closed out the month by obligating 2 candidates on the second degree. Our Temple Board sponsored the first Ed Camp at Metea Valley High school, where local teachers were able to go thru various teacher run workshops and discussion groups regarding topics that they felt were important to the classroom of today and individual development thru the promotion of the sharing of ideas. This workshop was the first of its kind in the area and they hope to continue to grow it in the coming years.

In the month of April, we look forward to both the lodge of confusion and our Table Lodge. the lodge of confusion will take place in our lodge on Monday April 18th, it is a district event where a lodge is set up and mock degree is held with intentional mistakes, the purpose is to find the mistakes, the more mistakes that are found the more points that are given, and the lodge that accumulates the most points, wins. Since Euclid won this district event last year, we are honored to host the event, I hope we can get brothers out to help assist in keeping the bragging rights for another year. The following night we will have our annual table lodge on April 19th a few doors down at Francesca's. Worshipful Brother Ault has done an excellent job putting this event together with some great speakers and food for us to break bread and share in some great fellowship.

I look forward to our upcoming events and a sneak peak at May, Worshipful Brother Charlie Macyunas will be obligating on the third degree. The temple board has also started making its plans for the cornerstone opening in September and the lodge renovations.

I look forward to seeing you all at out upcoming meetings and events!!!

Fraternally, Brandon A. Zears



Brandon A. Zears Worshipful Master

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From The Secretaries Table

DUES

We currently have 51 members who have not paid their 2016 dues, of which 13 have not paid their 2015 dues and 6 have not paid their 2014 dues.

Brothers, please let me or the Worshipful Master know if you are experiencing financial difficulties and need assistance paying your dues. We can only help if you let us knпw.

PHOTOS

Brethren, I am trying to obtain photos of all of the current members of the lodge for inclusion in the archives as well as in a book I am putting together chronicling the history of the Lodge and Naperville. Please send me your photos so that I can complete this project in time for the Cornerstone Centennial Celebration. Please see the list on page 6. If you know any of these Brothers and have a photo of them, please send it to me. I am still in need of 36 photos. Thank you.

TABLE LODGE AND NEW MEMBERS DINNER

Contact Wbro. Mike Ault at stjoemike@gmail.com to RSVP and also

Timothy J. Ory Secretary

volunteer to take a role. Euclid Members \$25, non-Euclid Members \$30, newly raised members eat free.

The Table Lodge will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at La Sorella Di Francesca, 18 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville.

10th NE DISTRICT MEETING

The 10th NE District Meeting will be held Monday, April 18 at Euclid Lodge. The annual "Lodge of Confusion" competition will take place that evening. Euclid Lodge No. 65 is the defending champion. 7 to 9 p.m.

Birthdays

The following members celebrate their hirthday on the day indicated

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Paul S. Perkins	Apr	2			
Joe L. Cherry Jr.	Apr	3			
Evan G. Henderson	Apr	4			
Gary E. Czyz	Apr	5			
William E. Love	Apr	6			
Mark C. Mortimer	Apr	15			
Gennaro Barbato II	Apr	19			
Robert E. Morris	Apr	21			
Harry K. Radel	Apr	21			
John W. Sims	Apr	25			
Gene E. Darfler	Apr	29			
Michael L. Hamman	Apr	29			

Wayne Brazinski Apr 30

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.

Don J. Cowart	Apr	3 (17)
Donald G. Knudsen	Apr	6 (62)
Albin R. Anderson Jr.	Apr	6 (53)
Stephen A. Fuesting	Apr	6 (37)
Michael D. Arnett	Apr	10 (6)
Michael S. Moore	Apr	14 (9)
Gerald W. Bussell	Apr	15 (30)
Derek S. McDaniel	Apr	16 (3)
Brady D. McDaniel	Apr	16 (3)
P. Scott Palmer	Apr	16 (3)
Stanley S. Wyngowski	Apr	19 (33)
Jeffrey M. Adler	Apr	19 (11)
Leon E. Litzelman	Apr	30 (48)
Brian T. Sweeney	Apr	30 (18)
Gary J. Mannon	Apr	30 (14)
Sean P. Curry	Apr	30 (3)
Michael A. Sanchez	Apr	30 (3)
William T. Detten	Apr	30 (3)

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

10th NE District Traveling Belt



Members of Hinsdale Lodge No. 934 visited Fuclid 65 on March 15, 2016 and recaptured the 10th NE District Traveling Belt.

Shown to the left are:

Front: Bros. Amato Deleon, Fernando Nucum, Keith Benton,

Edizon Dayao

Middle: Tony Valero, Willie Acosta, RWBro. Jeff Henson, DDGM of the 10th NE District and Tim Blythe. Rear: WM Brandon Adam Zears.

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 March	28 Lodge Officer Practice	29 Euclid Lodge No. 65 Special Meeting	30	31	l April	2 Loaves and Fishes
3	4 NE District School at	5 Euclid Lodge Stated	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lodge Officer Practice	12 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Adoniram Coun. No. 95	13	14	15	16
17	18 NE District Meeting Euclid Lodge	19 Table Lodge La Sorella Di Francesca	20	21	22	23
24	25 Lodge Officer Practice	26 Temple Board Meeting	27	28	29	30

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Mar 28 Lodge Officer ritual practice
 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- Mar 29 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting.
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m.
 Conferral of the ?? degree.
- Apr 2 Loaves and Fishes
- Apr 4 10th NE District School at Euclid Lodge 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 5 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting
- Apr 11 Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- Apr 12 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- Apr 18 10th NE District Meeting and Lodge of Confusion Competition at Euclid Lodge 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 19 Table Lodge and New Members
 Dinner at La Sorella Di Francesca, 18 W.
 Jefferson Ave., Naperville. Meet and

Greet 6 to 6:30 p.m. Table Lodge 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. RSVP to Wbro. Mike Ault at

stjoemike@gmail.com

- Apr 25 Lodge Officer ritual practice
 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- Apr 26 Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 2 10th NE District School at Euclid Lodge 2nd section of the 3rd degree
- May 3 Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting
- May 7 Loaves and Fishes
- May 9 Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- May 10 Euclid Chapter No. 13 Meeting 7:30 p.m. Adoniram Council No. 95 Meeting
- May 16 Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.

- May 17 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting.
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the ?? degree.
- May 18 10th NE District Meeting and Memorial Service Hinsdale Lodge
- May 23 Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- May 24 Naperville Masonic Temple Association meeting 7:30 p.m.
- May 30 Lodge Officer ritual practice 7:00 p.m. All members welcome.
- May 31 Euclid Lodge Special Meeting.
 Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Conferral of the ?? degree.
- Sep 10 Cornerstone Centennial Celebration, 2:00 p.m. until ? Cornerstone Time Capsule will be officially opened and the contents displayed.

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Committees

Membership

Joseph Ingraffia Chairman

Communications

Timothy Ory Chairman

Finance

Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Entertainment

John Will Chairman

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Steven J. Rosensweig Chairman

Academic/Scholastic Bowl

George Murray Chairman

Education

Don Cowart Chairman

Equipment & Regalia

????????? Chairman

Library

Brandon Zears Chairman

Table Lodge

Michael D. Ault Chairman

Sickness/Distress

Joseph A. Ingraffia 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

Don J. Cowart Chairman

Sickness and Distress

Bro. Leon Eben Litzelman passed away November 3D, 2015.

Bro. John Prescott's wife Becka passed away March 5, 2016.

Bro. Elden Laffoon's wife slipped and fell and will be incapacitated for about 8 weeks.

Bro. Mark Hopf slipped and fell and fractured his right fibula.

Wbro. Barton Robertson had back surgery and is recuperating well.

Bro. James Simpson Jr. has recuperated from his bout with pneumonia but is still having problems with his legs.

RWBro. Neville Diamond has recuperated from his broken ankle.

In Memoriam

Leon Eben Litzelman



Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs laid down on life's Trestle-board, and having answered the last summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven, has now entered the Celestial Lodge above over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Leon Eben Litzelman was born November 25, 1923 at Sandwich, Illinois.

He was initiated an Entered Apprentice December 19, 1967, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft March 19, 1968 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason April 3, 1968 in Euclid Lodge No. 65.

He was called from his labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the Paradise of God, November 30, 2015 at Sandwich, Illinois.

Thus ends the Masonic record of this just and upright Mason.

Past Master Highlight GEORGE MCCAMBRIDGE JR. 1987 & 1988

MCCAMBRIDGE, George Jr. was born August 9, 1929 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois the son of George McCambridge Sr. and Arielle Dorothea Johanna Rosa Kleinhammer. He married Gloria Braun August 12, 1950 and they were the parents of six children, Nancy (Charles E. Macyunas), Susan (McCormick), Cheryl (Rick Thompson), Caryl (Louis Panozzo), Pamela (Tony Campos) and George III. He was employed by Dreis and Krump Manufacturing in Chicago as a tooling engineer for 21 years, then by All Steel Manufacturing in Aurora for 15 years, retiring in 1991. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge November 22, 1982 from Evergreen Park Lodge



No. 1171, Evergreen Park, Illinois and served as Master of the Lodge in 1987 and 1988. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason November 11, 1989 and was also a member of Aurora Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar. He served as the Treasurer of Euclid Lodge from 1989 to 1998 and also as Treasurer of the Naperville Masonic Temple Association. He died November 12, 1999 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois. Masonic Funeral services were performed by members of Euclid Lodge.

THE HUNT FOR MASONRY OUTSIDE THE LODGE ROOM

for the State of Oregon.

By Vern S. Wertz

I have been a Freemason for almost 60 years. During all of that time, I have searched for the root meaning - the hidden beauties - of our gentle craft; and much of that quest was in places that appear to have little or nothing to do with Freemasonry.

I think it all started when I was a lad helping my dad build chicken houses on our little farm. When we took a break, dad would sometimes talk about his tools. It did not make a lot of sense to me until I joined Freemasonry. All of a sudden his chats about the plumb, square, and level took on a most rational and beautiful meaning. It was different than what I had heard in Lodge; it was his understanding, his interpretation. And the same was true about his discussions about the chisel, brace and bit, and other tools. Since we believe that a man is first made a Mason in his heart, there must be a lot of Masonry to be found "out there!"

To aid my search, I joined several other organizations; but I dropped out of all of them except for one. Like Freemasonry, its members had no interest in "who" you were, what titles you possessed, what exalted position you held, or what amount of wealth you had amassed. This one was Scouting. As I became involved in Scouting, I discovered many of its founders were Freemasons. I also learned that a lot of the very best Scouters wore the square and compasses with the same joy and pride as they wore the fleur-de-lis. These men brought something especially profound and joyful into the lives of the young men they served.

My experience was slightly different. It was my great and good fortune to have young men bring into my life, experiences that were filled with amazing beauty and absolutely exquisite meaning. Let me cite two examples. I was the Scoutmaster of a small troop and we were at summer camp, deep into Oregon's Cascade Mountains. We were leaving camp on what is universally known as an "overnighter." We were heading for a nearby lake where we could fish and swim. On arrival, we set up camp, and then set out to fish because most of our supper would be what we could catch. (Supper was great)

While we were doing this, another troop arrived and set up camp. They proved to be of great interest, for most of the boys and one of the leaders were blind.

That night, we held a joint campfire. We shared in songs, skits, stories, and more fun than is usually allowed. The closing "Scoutmaster's minute" was given by their blind Scoutmaster. After that, almost everyone went to bed. I lingered, along with four scouts, to watch the campfire die. It was a beautiful night. A quarter moon had risen and the stars, because of the clarity of the air and the fact of no background lighting, possessed a seldom seen brilliance. Out on the lake, you could hear the slurping sounds of big, night-feeding trout. Off in the distance, some coyotes were serenading the moon or maybe each other. Best of all, from across the lake came the liquid, mournful cry of a loon.

No one had spoken for some time. Then one of my boys, in a hushed, awed voice said, "You know, I can almost see God." Silence returned, and then a blind Scout in an equally reverent voice said, "I do not know about that, but

I have been listening to Him for quite some time."

If I were allowed to live another 80 years, I doubt I could experience a more rational, a more beautiful, or a happier homage to deity than that night so long ago when five Brother Scouts joined in silent contemplation of the glorious works of the creation. It was a moment to illuminate a life and a perfect example of Masonry being out there.

In the other example, I was on a 50-mile hike with a dozen Explorer Scouts. We were camped on the slopes of the Middle of the Cascade's Three Sisters. They were going up the rest of the way the next morning. They left early and I stayed in camp drinking coffee and wondering how I could let a bunch of teens wander off into the wilderness. Actually, they were well prepared, knew exactly what they were doing, and among them were some of the coolest heads for 50 miles in any direction.

I was not surprised when, some three hours later, Kenny walked into camp. He had been crippled as a child and walking was difficult for him. After he got some coffee, I asked him if he had gotten tired. He replied, "No, but Ned had and asked me to come back with him."

Ned wandered into camp a bit later with both his and Kenny's pack. After he got a cup of coffee, I inquired if he was tired. He slapped his knees, winced, and said, "No, it's my knees. Hurt them in football."

Let me tell you a bit about Ned. He stood 6'3" and weighed 240 pounds. That fall, he would be an all-state tackle on a team that finished second in the state. That winter, he won the heavy-weight wrestling championship

The truth is, Ned could have carried one of Hannibal's elephants across the Alps and never felt a twinge in either knee! What he had done was to deliberately choose to fail so that another boy would not have to fail. No one asked him to do it and there would be no reward or recognition. He did it for the simplest of reasons: a Brother Scout needed help and he could give it. It was just the right thing to do!

When I am giving a candidate our Obligation and we come to the part about helping a worthy Brother who is in distress, I want to stop and tell him about Ned. Of course, I don't; it is much better for him to find his own shining example of selfless service.

Over the years, in all aspects of my life, I have experienced many moments similar to the two I have shared. I am still on the hunt because they really do happen. I have, however, reached the point where I would rather help others, particularly those young in Masonry, begin their search for Freemasonry in places other than a Lodge room or a book of Ritual. I assure you that this quest, this journey, will be filled with joy, amaze you with the variety of Masonic scenes that will be unveiled before you, and the value of what will be yours by discovery will be beyond description. May I suggest you start scouting around for Masonry!

The author is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, having served in that position in 1996-97.

From the "Short Talk Bulletin", The Masonic Service Association of North America

Table Lodge & New Member Dinner

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 La Sorella di Francesca 18 W Jefferson Ave Naperville, IL

6pm to 7pm – Meet & Greet 7pm to 8pm – Table Lodge 8pm to 9pm – Family Style Dinner

Menu

Dinner Salad - Insalata Della Casa Pasta - Rigatoni Con Mozzarella Chicken Entrée - Pollo Alla Romano Dessert - Torte (Cheesecake) Coffee & Tea

Cost

\$25 for Euclid Lodge Members \$30 for non-Euclid Lodge Members Euclid Lodge Members raised in 2015/2016 eat free!

Only 35 seats available so please RSVP soon!

RSVP to Mike Ault at **stjoemike@gmail.com** (773) 259-5652

ATTENTION!!!! SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!!!

If you are interested in a speaking role in the ceremony, please let Mike Ault know and he will send you more information!

NO MEMORY WORK IS REQUIRED.

Photos Still Needed For History of Euclid Lodge

Time is running out to have your photo included in the History of Euclid Lodge and Naperville. We are missing photos for the following members:

Conklin Jr.
lanley
Leadbetter
arsons
ımidt
ebb
ukauskas

Photos do not have to be in a formal setting but should show your face well. Thank you.

Please send to: Timothy J. Ory, 34 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville, IL 60540 or email to: **tjory@sbcglobal.net** Thank you to all of the Brothers who have sent me their photos.

Brother and Companion Gene Darfler 50 Year Certificate



Excellent High Priest Ross J. Decent presenting 50 Year Certificate to Bro. and Companion Gene Darfler

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, Brother and Companion Gene Darfler was presented his Fifty Year Certificate for his membership in Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons.

Brother and Companion Darfler was elected to receive his degrees in Masonry on August 7, 1951 at Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 15, 1952, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 4, 1952 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 30, 1952.

He received his Mark Master degree in the Chapter at Euclid Chapter No. 13, Royal Arch Masons on February 9, 1954, his Past Master degree on August 10, 1954, his Most Excellent Master degree on November 30, 1954 and was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason on December 28, 1954. Yes, we were a little late (11 years) in presenting this certificate.

Brother and Companion Darfler comes from a family of Masons. His father, Walter Leroy, and brother, Donald Lawrence were also members of Euclid Lodge No. 65, A.F. & A.M. His brother Charles was a member of Marengo Lodge No. 138 and then Somonauk Lodge No. 646. His grandfather was also a Mason. He played the role of Joe Jackson in the 1968 film "Faces" and also appeared in the 1964 film, "Kiss Me Stupid". He also worked as an actor on several television series during the 1960's, "Bewitched", "The Outer Limits", "Destry" and "Gunsmoke" to name a few. Since then he has been involved in the real estate business. Congratulations Brother and Companion!

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Metea Valley High School Ed Camp





The Naperville Masonic Temple Association was a proud sponsor of the ED Camp recently held at Metea Valley High School. This workshop for teachers was the first of its kind where teachers were able to interact and share ideas that promote individual improvement.