

**FROM THE EAST - WORSHIPFUL MASTER ROSS J. DECENT**

Brethren,  
 I can hardly believe that the summer break is over already! I hope you have all had an opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends over the past two months.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July I went with Brother Secretary to the visitation of a brother that had recently passed away. It is always sad to hear that a brother of this lodge had passed – but more so in this case. I did not know this Brother but I did know I was scheduled to meet him fairly soon. He was going to be the next recipient of a 50-year pin and certificate – scheduled to take place at the October stated meeting.

His name was Robert Joe Parsons.

Brother Secretary and I went to the visitation and made the presentation to Brother Parson's wife instead. It was certainly an emotional experience.

One thing that I noticed at the visitation was the number of photographs

I did not know the Brother but I felt as though I did after seeing the photographs.

I decided that we should do the same at the lodge – I have purchased a frame and, from now on, whenever a brother passes, we will read the obituary and have a picture so that we can all see who the brother was and feel as though “we knew him”.

On a personal note I am very pleased to announce that my daughter, Abi, gave birth on 10<sup>th</sup> August to Maddie Fay, a sister for Chloe Rose. Hilary and I are both very proud grandparents... again! We look forward to meeting Maddie in person when we visit England in December. The next stated meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. A light meal will be served at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm as usual.

This meeting will be slightly different to normal as it will be held in the basement of the building. The refurbishment of the lodge has not been completed and so it is not possible to have the meeting in the usual place.

Please use the door to the right of our usual entrance to gain access to the basement.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our stated meeting on Tuesday.

Fraternally,  
 WM Ross Decent



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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE****ILCHIP**

The Lodge will be conducting a ILCHIP event on September 9, 2018 at the Knox Presbyterian Church. Contact Bro. Hopf to volunteer.

**SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING**

The Lodge will hold it's September stated meeting on September 4, 2018. Due to the latest renovation project, the meeting will be held in the basement classroom. Enter the door to the West of the Lodge door, go down the stairs and proceed to the rear of the basement. It is hoped that the lodge renovation project will be completed in time for our October Stated Meeting.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Douglass E. Seifried	Sep 3
Christopher D. Tabb	Sep 4
Brandon J. Temesvary	Sep 5
Gerald W. Bussell	Sep 7
Tracy L. Oliver	Sep 9
David A. Oakes	Sep 11
Keith A. Hubert	Sep 11
Timothy G. Leadbetter	Sep 15
Lucas H. Park	Sep 15
Gary J. Mannon	Sep 19
Apurva Saxena	Sep 19
Brett L. Nordmeyer	Sep 24
Robert W. Jackson	Sep 25
Patrick G. Lehrman	Sep 28
Michael D. Wells	Sep 28

**RAISING DATES and YEARS SINCE RAISING**

Mark H. Schmidt	Sep 3 (50)
Michael J. Molloy	Sep 4 (27)
Roger W. Webb	Sep 7 (64)

Lloyd G. Van Bergen	Sep 11 (61)
Robert J. Falta	Sep 11 (39)
Richard W. Sale	Sep 16 (43)
Norwood A. McDaniel Jr.	Sep 17 (48)
Robert W. Jackson	Sep 19 (51)
Vaneet K. Kapoor	Sep 19 (12)
Brett L. Nordmeyer	Sep 19 (12)
Gary W. Theis	Sep 21 (14)
Fred A. Randazzo II	Sep 22 (11)
Leon H. Namtzu	Sep 24 (41)
Richard M. Miller Jr.	Sep 25 (6)
Harold J. Reed	Sep 29 (9)
James G. Simpson III	Sep 29 (9)
Gene E Darfler	Sep 30 (66)
Jayson D. Roque	Sep 30 (4)

There is nothing further on the Secretary's table  
Worshipful.

**MASONIC QUOTE**

Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man.

Joseph Fort Newton



## Past High Priest Highlight John Charles Schield 1950

**SCHIELD, John (Johannes) Charles** was born May 21, 1891 in Stetten, Germany the son of Paul and Maria Schild and came to the United States with his parents December 3, 1892. He married Elsie Anna Bettin May 16, 1915 in Chicago and they were the parents of a son, Robert John Charles. He was employed by the Commonwealth Edison Company as a machinist. He was raised a Master Mason November

4, 1944. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason August 12, 1946 and served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1950. He died January 2, 1975 in Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida and was buried in the Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



## In Memoriam - Robert Joe Parsons

### Robert Joe Parsons

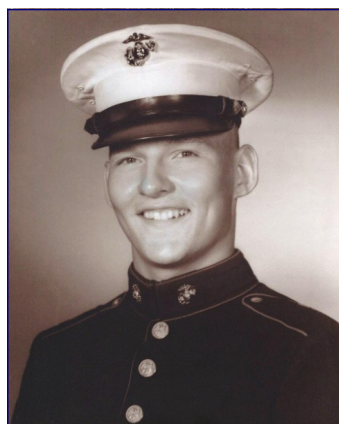
Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs laid down on life's Trestle-board, and having answered the last summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven, has now entered the Celestial Lodge above over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Brother Robert Joe Parsons was born August 25, 1943 at Oberlin, Ohio.

He was initiated an Entered Apprentice March 11, 1968, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft April 15, 1968, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 27, 1968 in Teikoku Lodge No. 19, Okinawa, Japan. He became a Charter Member of Arboretum Lodge No. 1175 on October 7, 1978 and affiliated with Euclid Lodge No. 65 by Consolidation on February 12, 1996. He was a Life Member and a 50 Year member of the Fraternity.

He was called from his labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the Paradise of God on July 14, 2018, at Tinley Park, Illinois.

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



## COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES

### FINANCE

Ross Decent, Mark Hopf, George Murray

### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Mark Hopf

### REFRESHMENTS

George Murray, Walter Hemphill Jr, Monty Jackson

### BY-LAWS

Don Cowart

### COMMUNICATION

Timothy Ory

### EQUIPMENT & REGALIA

Mark Hopf

### MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION

George Murray, Walter Hemphill, David Moore

### ENTERTAINMENT

John Will

### ILCHIP

Samuel Derr

### ACADEMIC BOWL

George Murray, Mike Lochtefeld

### EDUCATION/FURTHER LIGHT

Don Cowart, David Moore

### LIBRARY

Brandon Zears, James Simpson Jr.

### TABLE LODGE

Michael Ault

### AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Paul Felstrup, Mike Lochtefeld

### PAST MASTERS DINNER

Don Cowart

### BLOOD DRIVE

Monty Jackson

### NAPER BLVD CLEANUP

Scott Schmied

### COMMUNITY DAYS

Paul Felstrup





## ILCHIP JULY 21, 2018 NAPERVILLE RIVERWALK PAVILION



BRUCE DERYLO, JERRY  
YINGLING, MARK HOPF

Saturday, July 21, 2018, Euclid Lodge No. 65 held an ILCHIP event at the Naperville Riverwalk Pavilion in conjunction with the Grace Pointe Church event.

Volunteers were Don Cowart, Jerry Yingling, Steven Rosensweig, Vaneet Kapoor, Tim Ory, Ross Decent, Mark Hopf, Paul Felstrup and Bruce Derylo. Don Hendricks was the coordinator from the Grand Lodge. Tracey Cowart provided lunch for the volunteers.

31 children were processed during the event.



DON HENDRICKS  
ILCHIP COORDINATOR

## ILCHIP SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Who:** Euclid Lodge No. 65

**What:** ILCHIP Event

**When:** Sunday, September 9, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1105 Catalpa Lane  
Naperville, IL

**Contact:** Mark Hopf to  
volunteer at:  
[prismark@yahoo.com](mailto:prismark@yahoo.com)  
or

**Text at:**  
630-479-1695



*Time is critical. Every year in the U.S., thousands of children become lost. A few are victims of abduction.*

### Here's How IL Chip Works...

The Masons of Illinois hold and fund the entire cost of identification workshops for families all around the State. They are called IL CHIP events. They're sponsored by local Masonic Lodges and held at neighborhood functions or at community schools. They put together everything parents need to help the authorities find their lost child. It's the most comprehensive program of its kind ... and is **FREE OF CHARGE TO PARENTS.**

### Here is what you get at an IL CHIP event:



**COLOR PHOTO** that records image and height and is digitized on a convenient CD. This CD can be easily circulated by police to the media and distributed across the State within an hour via Illinois' Amber Alert Program.

**RECORDED INTERVIEW** captures, on the same CD as the picture, the appearance, speech patterns, personal characteristics and mannerisms for easy media distribution.

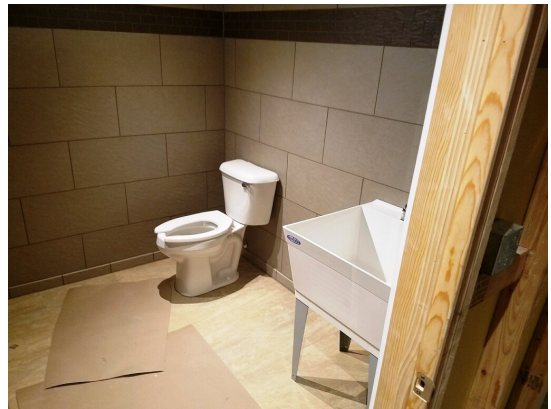
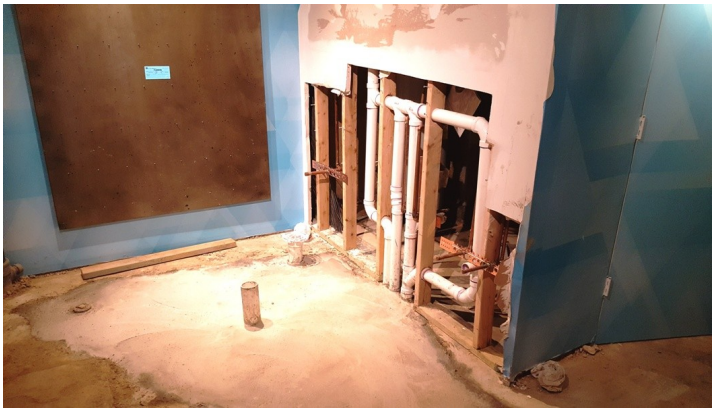
**A DNA SAMPLE** taken through a saliva cheek swab is the latest tool in the scientific arsenal to make positive ID's of lost children.

**FINGERPRINTS** are the oldest form of positive identification since they are unique to every person.

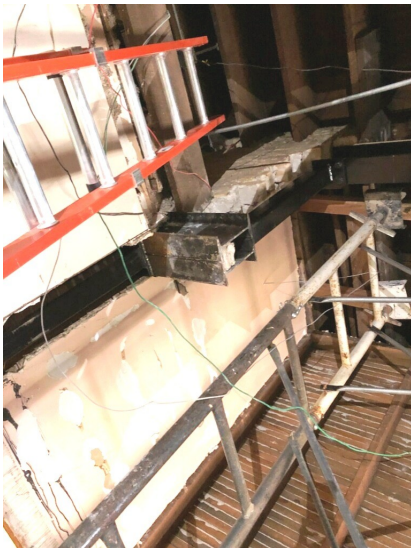




## Lodge Renovations 2018

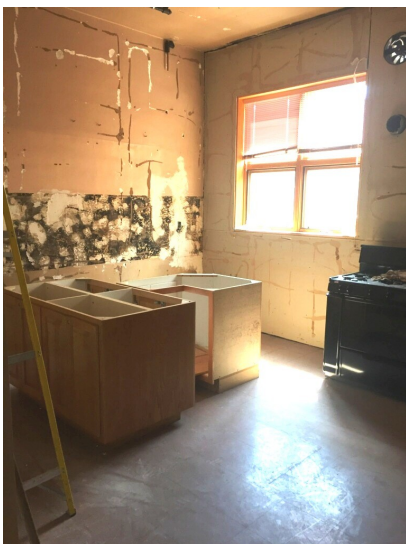


**New basement bathroom (temporary sink shown)**



**New roof support beam**

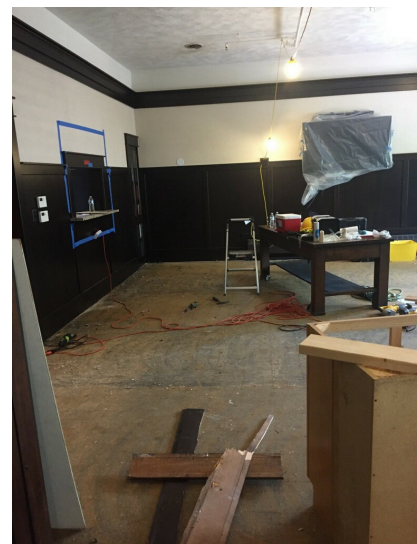
Demolition was begun immediately after our last Special Meeting in June. The brick wall between the kitchen and the women's bathroom was torn out, necessitating the installation of a new steel beam to support the roof. All carpeting was torn out (except Lodge Room) and will be replaced with new wood look flooring. The kitchen will be reduced in size and completely renovated. The old women's bathroom will be enlarged and two urinals added. The old men's bathroom will become a storage closet and the old archives closet will become a second handicap accessible bathroom. The main coat closet will be reduced in size and a new archives closet will take up most of its space. Chapter/Council closet will be reconfigured for more efficient use of the space. A new bathroom has been installed in the basement. Tentative completion by our Stated Meeting in October. The September Stated Meeting will be held in the basement classroom. Temple Board Member George Murray has been managing this project and doing a great job.



**Kitchen demo**



**Entry hall demo**



**Dining room/Library demo**



## FROM THE TEMPLE BOARD

### From the Temple Board...

*WBro. Don Cowart*

*President, Naperville Masonic Temple Association*

I have heard the question asked, “What does the Temple Board do?” I know it seems the Lodge has gone dark in July and returned in September, over the past eight years, with big changes having magically been made. Well, this is one of the things the Temple Board does. The physical changes we all see, as well as the strategic planning that happens behind the scenes that makes all this possible, has been carefully laid out by the founding members of the Naperville Masonic Temple Association. Prior to our Temple building being built in 1916, the Naperville Masonic Temple Association (known as the Temple Board) was incorporated with the State of Illinois whose responsibilities and activities are directed by the “Articles of Incorporation”. The object for which the Temple Board was formed is to promote Masonic, Benevolent and Charitable enterprises and provide suitable accommodations for Masonic meetings and entertainment, and for these purposes, to acquire, hold and use so much real estate and other property as may be necessary to erect, maintain and furnish a building as shall be requisite therefore; and to do all and everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any and all purposes or objects and powers above mentioned or incidental thereto, consistent with the Laws of the State of Illinois.

The founding members of the Temple Board took great care in planning space for in-



come producing tenants on the first floor. This foresight has been critical in enabling the Temple Board to have the means needed to, not only maintain in good order the physical building, but to keep the building ever changing to best meet the current needs of our Masonic bodies. Our Masonic Temple is a “living” building, always adapting to continually meet the evolving requirements and standards of our community. This is, I believe, the core responsibility as set forth by our founding members.

The current eight year renovation has finally come to fruition. Having broken this project into seven bite size pieces, I feel we should be well situated for the next generation to best meet those requirements and standards as dictated by our community in order to best promote and welcome growth. Our lodge is in good order, not that there won't be a few changes and tweaks added from time to time, I'm sure. The founding members of the Temple Board, as well as the founding Lodge members Aylmer Keith and Joe Naper themselves, would be well pleased with the outstanding quality of the Brothers and of the lodge building today.

As a few members may be aware, and as WBro. Tim Ory has reminded me, there have been five prior major renovations to our ever changing building:

1916/1917 - Building is erected

1931 - First floor theater floor is raised to level to provide for retail space. Both first floor merchant spaces that fronted Jefferson St. are removed

1935 - First floor theater floor is lowered again to add a movie theater. The stairwell was moved and reconfigured so the entrance to the





lodge and basement are east of the theater entrance (no longer inside lobby of theater)

1950 - Addition to rear of first floor of building to allow 250 additional seats to theater. Air conditioning is added to the theater.

1978 - Theater floor is raised to level again for retail and a freight elevator is added from the first floor to the basement. All five rooftop skylights are closed off

1991 - Kitchen and bathrooms remodeled and air conditioning (1995) is added to the second floor.

As you can see, our lodge building is truly a “living” entity. However, these changes are always costly. Because of the buildings original design, allowing for income producing tenants on the first floor, the livelihood of the Masonic, Benevolent and Charitable endeavors in Naperville have always and will always be accomplished at the highest standards via the best Temple building possible. The Temple Board funds in no way come inle with any of the Masonic bodies. The Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery stand alone financially as well. It is through the member's dues and excellent participation that the Masonic bodies in Naperville continue to strive at the highest level. The goal of the Temple Board is always to keep our Temple Building in such order that best guarantee its members that Naperville Masonry will be given the best opportunity to not only survive, but to thrive.

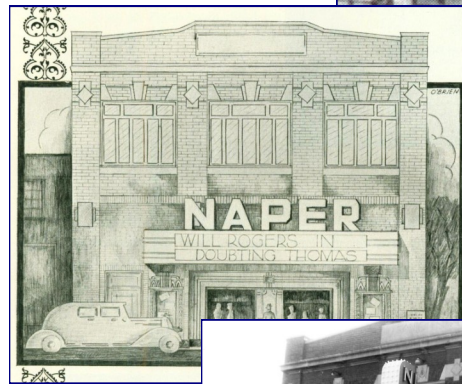
So please, pardon our dust while this last phase of the renovation extends into September. It most certainly will be worth it. RWBro. Floyd Sullens has inspected the classroom in the basement and certified it acceptable to hold stated meetings. We are good to go in September. I can add that there will be a few additional changes to our lodge coming shortly.

Stay tuned...

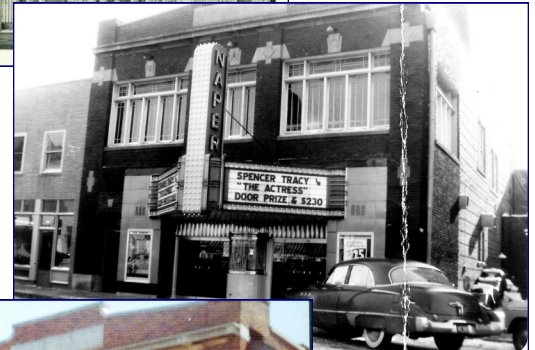
1917



1935



1953



1974



2018



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**TRESTLEBOARD**

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## **Think Twice Before Posting**

The following was excerpted from an article by then Senior Grand Warden Kenneth Roy Jr., Spring issue, 2018, Indiana Freemason

Consider the following guidelines when you go online.

- Always remember that you are a Mason in the Lodge, in public and in your community - both in public and private. Conduct your social media activities in a way that reflects your membership in the Craft. Always display courtesy towards others.
- Act in a way that presents a positive image of your membership in Freemasonry to the world.
- Your actions on the various social media outlets should reflect the highest standards of morality and integrity, as you would practice in the lodge.
- Assume that every email that you send will be seen by people other than the intended recipients.