

EUCLID LODGE NO. 65 A. F. & A. M. NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

EUCLID 65

TRESTLEBOARD

OCTOBER 2018

OLDEST LODGE IN DUPAGE COUNTY
CHARTERED OCTOBER 2, 1849

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FROM THE EAST - WORSHIPFUL MASTER ROSS J. DECENT

Brethren,
After a two month break for the summer, Euclid Lodge is now as busy as it was before the break.

There is one major distraction - the Lodge refurbishment. The work is progressing and I am looking forward to seeing the fully refurbished second floor. The stated meeting on 4th September took place in the basement of the building – normally used by our tenants. I think everyone was very imaginative when putting together a lodge room without any official lodge furniture or equipment being available.

There was an ILCHIP event at Knox Presbyterian Church on 9th September – organized by Bro. Mark Hopf. 9 children participated and 8 brothers worked the event.

On September 15th members of Euclid took part in the Illinois Waterway Cleanup at Knoch Knolls Park in Naperville. Arranged by WB. Steve Rosensweig and attended by 4 brothers and family members.

As the Lodge room was not available for our special meeting for degree work on 18th September, several brothers attended a meeting at Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 90 in Aurora. It was arranged by Bro. Hopf.

I believe that Euclid Lodge members outnumbered JTL members at that meeting.

Looking forward to October, the stated meeting on 2nd October will once again take place in the basement of the building. This will be a special meeting because it will be a step-up meeting with all officer's chairs being filled by the 2018-2019 officer corps, with Bro. Mark Hopf in the east.

On the 5th and 6th of October I will be attending the 179th Annual Grand Lodge Communications in Springfield Illinois with Bro. Hopf and Bro. Felstrup. I am looking forward to this event.

The special meeting on the 16th October will not be taking place at Euclid, instead we intend to go to Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 90 in Aurora where we will be filling the slate for a second degree for at least one brother of our lodge. Please attend if you are able. The address is...

Jerusalem Temple Lodge No.90,
710 N Highland Ave,
Aurora, IL 60506.

6:15 Dinner, 7:00 work.

The next day, 17 October, will be the annual Past Master's Dinner which will be taking place at

White Eagle Golf Club
3400 Club Drive

Naperville, IL 60564

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour 6:00 - 7:00

Buffet Dinner and Dessert 7:00 - 10:00

Entertainment by Zazz-a-Jazz quartet.
\$35.00 per person Buffet & Dessert
Past Masters or Their Widows No Charge

RSVP to Bro. Paul Felstrup at (630) 420-6076

You Must RSVP By October 13, 2018.

Pay at the door by check or cash.



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

The Lodge conducted an ILCHIP event on September 9, 2018 at the Knox Presbyterian Church. Nine children were processed and eight lodge members participated.

OCTOBER STATED MEETING

The Lodge will hold it's October stated meeting on October 2, 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 now estimated that the lodge renovation project will be completed in time for our November Stated Meeting.

PAST MASTERS DINNER

Our annual Past Masters Dinner will be held at the Cress Creek Golf Club on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. See the flyer for details on page 5.

BIRTHDAYS

Michael D. Arnett	Oct 3
Thomas W. Welsh	Oct 4
Jonathan S. Wells	Oct 9
Randolph J. Taylor	Oct 9
Christopher J. Lance	Oct 13
Alexander C. Micchelli	Oct 19
Scott D. Anderson	Oct 20
Patrick J. Robin	Oct 20
Christopher A. Bryant	Oct 21
Alexander C. Tabb	Oct 21
Daniel P. Svoboda	Oct 23
Stephen Mendola	Oct 23
Paul S. Palmer	Oct 26
Robert L. Hudlow	Oct 28

Kevin M. Cassidy	Oct 29
James G. Simpson Jr.	Oct 31
Timothy J. Ory	Oct 31

RAISING DATES and YEARS SINCE RAISING

Paul S. Perkins	Oct 1 (49)
Harry K. Radel	Oct 1 (24)
John W. Sims	Oct 2 (25)
John L. Buvelot	Oct 4 (55)
Douglass E. Seifried	Oct 14 (51)
Gennaro Barbato II	Oct 16 (25)
Steven P. Ross	Oct 16 (12)
Roy W. Altonen	Oct 17 (1)
William A. Ackerman	Oct 18 (13)
Michael J. Heller	Oct 21 (7)
Luzern A. Richter	Oct 26 (58)
Sherwood H. Sadler	Oct 26 (47)
Christopher A. Bryant	Oct 27 (9)
Thomas G. Conklin Jr.	Oct 28 (63)
Clifford Van Poucke	Oct 29 (61)
Thomas J. Moylan III	Oct 30 (14)
Elden P. Laffoon Sr.	Oct 30 (14)
Scott D. Anderson	Oct 30 (11)

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





Past High Priest Highlight George Frederick Brown 1956

BROWN, George Frederick was born April 9, 1887 in Sabula, Jackson County, Iowa the son of David Alonzo Brown and Anna Connelly. He married Glen Ada Stevenson August 29, 1906 in Chicago and they were the parents of five sons, Harry Sylvester, Kenneth A., Frederick George, Robert Louis and Ralph Dale. He was employed by the Chicago Transit Authority as a carpenter and later as a stockman. He was raised a Master Mason August 3,

1948. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason March 22, 1949 and served as High Priest in 1956. He died December 7, 1967 in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2 - Masonic Funeral at Grace For Life Bible Church, 7S201 River Rd., Naperville, IL. 12 p.m. Please arrive 30 minutes early.

October 2 - Euclid Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

October 16 - Euclid Lodge Special Meeting at Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 90, 710 N. Highland Ave., Aurora, IL. We will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on one of our candidates. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:00 p.m.

October 17 - Annual Past Masters Dinner at White Eagle Golf Club, 3400 Club Drive, Naperville, IL.

MASONIC QUOTE

“To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

George Washington

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



“Once a Mason, Always a Mason”

Many inquire about the old saying, “Once a Mason Always a Mason,” and wonder as to its meaning. I do not know how, or when, or under what circumstances this old saying came to have being. I find no authority for it in the Ancient Landmarks, or Ancient Charges, or Old Regulations, or the Old Constitutions, or elsewhere in Masonic lore. Nevertheless, I believe the old saying may be true under certain circumstances and conditions, but to me it doesn’t mean what a few contend that it means, that is, that one, once a member of a Masonic lodge can’t, without violation of his Masonic rights, have that membership taken from him. What that old saying means to me is that one can’t have his Masonry taken from him. There is a vast difference between Freemasonry and mere lodge membership.

If membership in a Masonic lodge were the mark of a Mason, then the old saying, “Once a Mason Always a Mason” would be wholly untrue. One doesn’t remain a member of a Masonic lodge unless he meets certain financial requirements which he is morally obligated to meet, or is relieved of those requirements by vote of his Brethren. It would be ridiculous to let one take advantage of the old saying, “Once a Mason Always a Mason” as an excuse for not paying the small dues that are necessary if there is to be a Lodge of which he may be a member. The question then is, “May one be a Mason without being a member of a Masonic Lodge?” I am willing to concede that he may, but the responsibility is not Freemasonry’s. That responsibility rests entirely upon the one who has assumed our obligations.

One who becomes a member of a Masonic Lodge voluntarily assumes weighty vows, vows

by which he is obligated upon his voluntary petition to be permitted to assume them. Those vows and obligations cannot be repudiated or laid aside by a Brother through the excuse that he has become delinquent in his financial obligations to his Lodge, nor even with expulsion as the excuse. The Lodge cannot relieve him of his vow of secrecy, and the secrets revealed to him cannot be taken from him. If a Brother ever was a Mason in his heart, his vows and obligations will remain inviolate regardless of whether he retains lodge membership. He is not privileged to unmake himself as a Mason any more than the Lodge can retrieve its secrets. In this sense, “Once a Mason Always a Mason” is true.

Freemasonry has taken eternal truths and embellished them. It teaches them in new ways. It puts them into the hearts of men who might not otherwise have understood them. One who has had the benefit of this instruction, who once has been privileged to sit within the Mystic Circle, if he were worthy of this honor, will ever remain a Mason in his heart, regardless of lodge membership.

“Once a Mason Always a Mason.” This may be true, but the Lodge has little to do with whether the Brother remains such. That responsibility rests entirely upon the one who knocked on our door, sought admission, solemnly assumed obligations from which Freemasonry cannot release him, and learned lessons that ever should be a rule and guide of his faith.

Elbert Bede



2018 Past Masters Dinner

**White Eagle Country Club
3400 Club Drive
Naperville, IL 60564
(630)355-6000**

Wednesday October 17, 2018

**Cash Bar Cocktail Hour 6:00 - 7:00
Buffet Dinner and Dessert 7:00 - 10:00**

Entertainment via Live Quartet Ensemble

**\$35.00 per person Buffet & Dessert
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OUT OF THE ARCHIVES - EDWARD WILLIAM BONNEY

Edward William Bonney was born August 26, 1807 in Hittsboro, Essex County, New York the son of Jethro May Bonney and Lucinda Luran Webster. He married Maria L. Van Frank January 17, 1832 in Homer, Cortland County New York. He was a 19th century adventurer, private detective and later author. He is best known for his undercover work exposing the "Banditti of the Prairie" resulting from his investigation of the torture-murder of noted Illinois pioneer and frontiersman George Davenport. He moved to Indiana in 1843. He eventually moved to Nauvoo, a Mormon community on the Mississippi River, where he and his wife decided to settle. During this time, he witnessed early theological arguments over issues such as plural marriage as well as attacks against Mormon newspapers. After the murders of Joseph and Hyrum Smith in Carthage, Illinois in 1844, he became involved in fighting against criminal elements both outside and within the Mormon community. He was also particularly antagonistic of the Mormon Danites. In 1845, he moved to Montrose, Lee County, Iowa where he operated a livery stable. During the next several years, Bonney worked with law enforcement agencies to hunt down various criminals in the area as a sort of freelance bounty hunter. Bonney gradually attained a reputation as a skilled detective, adept at "*piecing together odd bits of information and rumor*", although he was often subject to suspicion and persecution for his membership in the Mormons. His investigations into the criminal activity occurring along the vast mid-river area of the Mississippi between 1843 and 1848, attributed to the organization known as the "Banditti of the Prairie", were claimed by Bonney to being carried out by fellow Mormons seeking refuge in Nauvoo and



from which they based their criminal activities unhindered by law enforcement. It was not until going undercover within the organization, posing as a counterfeiter, that he was able to connect the gang to the torture-murder of George Davenport. After a four month chase through Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio, he finally brought most of his murderers to justice. Of the eight men taken into custody, three of the four men involved in Davenport's murder, Granville Young and brothers John and Aaron Long, were convicted and hanged. The fourth man, Robert H. Birch, agreed to turn state's evidence and later escaped from jail. Birch later became one of the founders of the Pinos Altos gold mining camp in the New Mexico Territory. Returning to Lee County the following year, he was indicted by the local district court for murder and later acquitted. He lived in Rock Island, Illinois for a time and in Prospect Park in DuPage County where he was appointed as the second postmaster before settling in Aurora, Illinois around 1852. Prior to this, Bonney published a sensational account of the Banditti of the Prairie. Originally published in 1850, *Banditti of the Prairies, or the Murderer's Doom!!* was an immediate success and ran through between six and eight editions until 1858. Although it is thought Bonney may have been assisted by a ghost writer, most likely Henry A. Clark, the book is considered remarkably accurate when compared with official court records and other evidence. Although not specifically anti-Mormon, the book reflected Bonney's criticism towards organized religion. He continued working as a detective until his death. He served in Company G, 127th Regiment, Illinois Infantry during the Civil War.

He affiliated with **Euclid Lodge No. 65** on July 3, 1849 from Rising Sun Lodge No. 12, Montrose, Iowa and dimitted to Galesburg, Illinois, October 21, 1856. He died in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois on February 4, 1864 and was buried in the Bonneyville Cemetery, Bristol, Elkhart County, Indiana.



October 2018

Sun

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Fri

Sat

30	1 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	2 <i>Euclid Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	9 <i>Euclid Chap- ter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Mtg. 7:30</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	16 <i>Euclid Lodge Special Mtg. 7:30 p.m. 2nd Degree Conferral</i>	17 <i>Past Masters Dinner</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <i>N. E. District Type 4 School at Euclid Lodge 7 to 9</i>	23 <i>Naperville Masonic Tem- ple Associa- tion Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Stay Away From Rope Tricks

Undoubtedly all of you have seen or heard of the Hindu fakir's rope trick. The fakir takes a long rope and whirls it around in the air in much the same manner that a cowboy whirls a lariat. Higher and higher the rope goes until at length it stands in the air straight and rigid as a pole. Then comes the second half of the trick. A little Hindu boy climbs the rope and keeps climbing until he disappears in the air, after which the rope falls loosely to the ground. Nothing is seen of the boy.

There are some who believe the ladder of Masonry is to be climbed in much the same manner. In fact, some climb to the top, after which we see no more of them. Apparently they have gone to join the little Hindu boy. Freemasonry is a progressive science, all right, but Masons should stay away from these rope tricks or they may find their support dropping from beneath them, leaving them suspended in the atmosphere.
Elbert Bede