



FROM THE EAST - WORSHIPFUL MASTER ROSS J. DECENT

Brethren,
February is now over and we are looking forward to the busy month of March.

As usual February 17th saw the Annual Academic bowl at Metea Valley High School, featuring our two sponsored Schools – Naperville North and Naperville Central. Although Naperville North did not advance to the afternoon sessions, Naperville Central did advance and ended the day with a well deserved third place.

On the 19th February, there was a district school instead of the usual lodge practice. This school concentrated on floor work and rod work fundamentals. District Deputy Grand Master Vytenis Kirvelaitis was in attendance for the event.

At the special meeting on the 20th February, Brothers Ivan Velazquez and Stephen Mendola were joined by Brother Shawn Skau from Genoa Lodge no. 288 and were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brother Skau was raised as a courtesy to

Genoa Lodge No. 288. WBro. Paul Cronin, Worshipful Master of Genoa Lodge No. 288 and Wbro. Chuck Slater, Senior Deacon of Genoa Lodge No. 288 were also in attendance.

The 22nd February saw a lodge visit to Hinsdale Lodge. Thanks to everyone that visited.

The stated meeting on March 6th will be content packed – including, but not restricted to,

The official visit by District Deputy Grand Master Vytenis Kirvelaitis.

“More Light In Masonry” written and presented by Brother David Moore.

The date of the next table lodge will be announced. I look forward to seeing you all at the stated meeting on March 6th.

Fraternally,
Ross Decent



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

DEGREE WORK

The Lodge conferred the Master Mason degree on Bros. Stephen Mendola and Ivan Velazquez at our Special Meeting held on February 20. In addition, the Master Mason degree was conferred as a courtesy on Bro. Shawn E. Skau of Genoa Lodge No. 288 on the same night.

ACADEMIC BOWL

The Lodge sponsored Scholastic teams from Naperville Central and Naperville North High Schools again. The regional competition for our two schools was held at Metea Valley High School on Saturday, February 14, 2018. Naperville Central took 3rd place this year and received a plaque and check in the amount of \$200.00. The lodge sponsored a pizza party for the two teams at the lodge on Monday, February 26, 2018.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

I have processed seven Life Memberships so far this year. These members will never have to worry about another dues increase and are providing income to the lodge even after their deaths. We cur-

rently have 216 Master Masons, 69 of whom are Life Members and 10 who are 50 year members. Our current dues are \$92.00 so a Life Membership costs \$1,380.00 if you have less than 35 years good standing.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Alexandre Almeida Mar 4
- Joey Rodriguez-Styles Mar 4
- Calvin E. Nevin Mar 5
- Gustavo Ochoa Mar 8
- Steven L. Sandack Mar 9
- John H. Gelston Mar 12
- Michael J. Molloy Mar 14
- Gerald E. Yingling Mar 15
- Bryan M. Newson Mar 15
- Peter Von Schwedler Mar 19
- Patrick L. Temesvary Mar 19
- Maxwell G. Wright Mar 19
- David J. Carpenter Mar 20
- Peter C. Kulupka Mar 20
- Russell W. Mowry Mar 21
- Fred A. Randazzo II Mar 23
- Steven P. Ross Mar 25
- Philip X. Katz Mar 26
- Kirk L. Madison Mar 27
- Sean P. Curry Mar 29

FEBRUARY RAISING DATES and YEARS SINCE RAISING

- Robert W. Hanley Mar 3 (45)
- Jack D. Chasteen Mar 4 (47)
- Ronald J. Keller Mar 10 (54)
- Daniel L. Krueger Mar 13 (14)
- Ed Steigelmann Mar 14 (61)

- Timothy J. Ory Mar 16 (25)
- Gustavo Ochoa Mar 16 (5)
- Calvin E. Johnson Mar 17 (3)
- Riyas A. Ali Mar 17 (3)
- Walter Hemphill Jr Mar 17 (3)
- Kevin E. Dunn Mar 18 (32)
- Patrick J. McGee Mar 18 (21)
- Frank Spedoske II Mar 18 (10)
- Neville Diamond Mar 19 (13)
- William E. Love Mar 20 (40)
- Calvin E. Nevin Mar 22 (57)
- William O'Connell Mar 25 (60)
- Jonathan S. Wells Mar 27 (39)
- Stephen A. Winz Mar 29 (7)
- Joseph A. Ingraffia Mar 29 (7)
- William A. Kurz Mar 29 (7)
- Peter C. Kulupka Mar 30 (8)
- Lucas H. Park Mar 30 (8)
- John A Cressman Mar 30 (8)
- William Zukauskas Mar 30 (8)
- Human H. Amara Mar 30 (8)
- Joey Nguyen Mar 31 (9)
- Dennis P. Miao Mar 31 (9)
- Matt Van Thyne Mar 31 (9)
- Apurva Saxena Mar 31 (3)
- David J. Carpenter Mar 31 (3)

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





Past High Priest Highlight

William C. Wallace 1931

WALLACE, William C. was born April 3, 1901 in Warrenville, DuPage County, Illinois the son of William A. Wallace and Clara Belle Reed. He was employed as a draftsman for the American Well Works Factory. He was raised a Master Mason February 18, 1927. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason April 12, 1927 and served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1931. He was also a member of Aurora Commandery No. 22. He died August 6, 1962 in Warrenville, DuPage County, Illinois and was buried in the Warrenville Cemetery.



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

OUR NEWEST MASTER MASONS



IVAN VELAZQUEZ



STEPHEN MENDOLA

Brothers Ivan Velazquez and Stephen Mendola were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Tuesday, February 21, 2018.
WELCOME BROTHERS!



Visiting a Distressed Worthy Brother Master Mason

WBros. Jerry Yingling and David Oakes took the time recently to visit a “Distressed Worthy Brother Master Mason.”

Brother William Armel O’Connell is living in Bradenton, Florida and from all appearances is thoroughly enjoying the warm and sunny climate.

Brother O’Connell will celebrate 60 years as a Master Mason on March 25.

Below the tired trio is sitting, resting and refreshing themselves.

L to R: Bill O’Connell, Jerry Yingling, Dave Oakes.





MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL



Naperville Central Scholastic Team and their Coach Hans Muehler. Bro. Felstrup on the far left and Bro. Rosensweig on the far right. Mr. Muehler is holding the 3rd Place Trophy and \$200.00 check. Congratulations to NCHS!!



Naperville North Scholastic Team and their Coach Evonne Johns.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 saw 10 Scholastic Bowl teams from the area meet at Metea Valley High School, hosts to a round robin competition.

The teams were divided into 2pools; Pool A was composed of:

Illinois Math & Science Academy, Wheaton Warrenville South, Naperville North, Waubonsie Valley and Yorkville High School

Pool B consisted of:

Geneva, Benet, Wheaton North, Naperville Central and host Metea Valley High School

Euclid Lodge was represented by: WM Ross Decent, JW George Murray (Co-Chair), SD Paul Felstrup, JD Brian Newson, TY Joe Ingraffia PM, WB Steve Rosensweig, WB Chris Tabb, WB Vinny Kapoor and Committee Co-Chair Bro Mike Lochtefeld.

The morning session ended with IMSA and NCHS undefeated, and with WWSHS and MVHS both with 3-1 records heading into the afternoon semifinal and final matches.

At the end of the day IMSA repeated as Sectional Champs, and won \$400 for their team. WWSHS finished in 2nd place (\$300), NCHS in 3rd place (\$200), with host school MVHS finishing in 4th (\$100).

The wealth of knowledge of these talented young people is absolutely amazing and quite humbling for the lodge brothers who attended...

Paul Felstrup



ORIGINS OF FREEMASONRY

Masonic scholars are not sure of the origins of our Craft. Every Mason knows it goes far beyond written record, and we believe it was not always called Freemasonry.

Some of the ancient mysteries of Egypt, Greece and the Orient influenced the ceremonies Masons use today. These ceremonies were designed to test men, to allow only those who were worthy to be admitted. Our ceremonies are somewhat the same, less physical in nature, and more philosophical in form.

Untold volumes have been written concerning the question of Masonic origin, and much has found its way into print that is pure fancy and with no basis in fact. The earnest Masonic student is therefore cautioned against placing credence in anything that purports to establish a definite place, date, or even a specific era, concerning the beginning of Freemasonry.

The Fraternity, as an Operative Craft, is very old. Beyond that fact we cannot go with assurance. It has an honorable record of noble and

distinctive service to mankind for centuries. A record longer by far than any other fraternal order now in existence. This is beyond dispute and may be a source of pride to every Craftsman.

The Transition from “Operative” to

“Speculative” Masonry Operative Masonry can be traced back to the Middle Ages and beyond. Operative masons back then formed groups with structures similar to ours today. They had officers and stations just like ours. Other men were admitted only after they had served a number of years of apprenticeship. This is the source of the first degree, the Entered Apprentice.

The Difference between “Operative” and “Speculative” Masonry

Operative refers to the time in our history when masons actually did the physical labor of building. They were the best at their craft, and they kept secret their methods of building. Speculative refers to the period of time when men were accepted into the Craft without being physical build-

ers, but rather were seekers of wisdom and truth. Speculative Masons were (are) spiritual or character builders.

Modern or Speculative Freemasonry seems to have begun among the lodges of Scotland, but evolved, as we know it today, into and from the English Grand Lodge which was organized in London, England in 1717.

ON THE THRESHOLD

To commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, the Grand Lodge of Illinois has produced the window decal below. If you would like one, contact Bro. Secretary. They are .50 each or 12 for \$5.00.





March 2018

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				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	6 <i>Euclid Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 p.m. DDGM Official Visit</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Euclid Chapter No. 13 & Adoniram Council No. 95 Mtg. 7:30</i>	14 <i>Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	20 <i>Euclid Lodge Special Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	27 <i>Naperville Masonic Temple Association Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	28 <i>Trinity Commandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	29	30	31 <i>District Workshop at Glen Ellyn Lodge</i>

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PROPER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

Generally, religion and politics should not be discussed in lodge, and there are very good reasons not to discuss these topics. When we meet in lodge, we are all on a common level and are not subject to the classes and distinctions of the outside world. Each Brother is entitled to his own beliefs and may follow his own convictions.

Freemasonry seeks to unite men and not to separate them. Therefore, any subject is barred from discussion in a Masonic lodge which might create friction or contention between men who are otherwise favorably disposed toward each other. This applies with particular force to discussion concerning any specific religion, and also to partisan politics.

Subjects like politics and religion create honest differences of opinion which might well cause friction between brethren.

Harmony in the Lodge

There will be subjects concerning the lodge's business that should and must be discussed. These discussions should be kept within the bounds of propriety, and everyone should show a tolerance for the opinion of other members.

Every Master wants harmony in his lodge, and once a matter has been put to a vote in the lodge and a decision made, the decision should be accepted by all members, regardless of how they voted.

ON THE THRESHOLD