

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

We are now just over two months into this Masonic year and we have already conferred the first degree on three candidates and passed two brothers to the second degree.

I am very impressed by the work of the officers and I look forward to the next opportunity which will be raising at least two brothers to the sublime degree of master mason on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

This is a reminder that practice takes place every week at 7pm on Monday evening. It is not only for the officers – every brother is welcome. This is not only an opportunity to learn, but also to impart knowledge that you may have.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January there was a grand lodge officers school at Grove lodge. This was a type 3 class which is the second section of the third degree. (very helpful for the com-

ing degrees in February). Attendance would afford us another plank in the Grand Masters award of excellence. To qualify we needed at least four lodge members (including at least one elected officer). I am very pleased to say that we had 10 Brothers attending . Bros Decent, Hopf, Felstrup, Ingraffia, Yingling, Buvelot, Rosen-sweig, Ross, Carlson and Sullens. Thank you all for attending.

On Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> we will once again have the opportunity to get together at “Shrimpy’s” to watch the Super bowl. Festivities begin at 3:30 and end when everyone has left the party.

Spouses and guests are also welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass or beverage or both!  
 Home of WB John Will  
 3094 Fairfield Lane  
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## SUPER BOWL PARTY



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO: EUCLID LODGE  
SHRIMPY'S SUPER  
BOWL PARTY**

**Hosted by John  
'Shrimpy Will'**

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**WHEN: SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
TIME: 3.30 - ?  
SPOUSES /GUEST  
ARE WELCOME  
PLEASE BRING A  
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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

**DEGREE WORK**

The Lodge will be conferring the Master Mason degree on multiple candidates on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., gavel at 7:30 p.m.

**ACADEMIC BOWL**

Euclid Lodge is once again sponsoring the Academic Teams from Naperville Central and North High Schools in the upcoming Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl.

Our teams will compete in the sectional tournament to be held at Metea Valley High School on February 17, 2018. Competition begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day. The Lodge sponsors lunch for the contestants during the competition, provides funds for team shirts and also hosts a celebration dinner at a later date at the Lodge.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Patrick J. McGee	Feb 6
Roger W. Webb	Feb 8
Brady D. McDaniel	Feb 10
Lloyd G. VanBergen	Feb 16
Charles E. Kreps	Feb 16
William A. Kurz	Feb 17
Edward Steigelmann	Feb 19
William A. O'Connell	Feb 20
Kyle P. O'Mara	Feb 22
Thomas J. Moylan III	Feb 22
Thomas C. Behr	Feb 23

Ronald J. Keller	Feb 24
Gary W. Theis	Feb 24

**FEBRUARY RAISING  
DATES and YEARS SINCE  
RAISING**

Frank R. Fryer	Feb 7 (12)
Robert B. Cash	Feb 9 (19)
Elmer Koldoff	Feb 11 (54)
Harold L. Olson	Feb 18 (49)
Robert Hudlow	Feb 18 (43)
Michael Norwood	Feb 18 (4)
Jack M. Payne	Feb 18 (4)
Phillip A. Ward	Feb 19 (38)
Kevin Cassidy	Feb 20 (11)
Roy Pedersen	Feb 21 (12)
Jason Jeffers	Feb 21 (6)
Joseph Schofield	Feb 21 (6)
Wayne Brazinski	Feb 21 (6)
Alexandre D'Avila	Feb 22 (8)
Jon Erlenbush	Feb 23 (30)
Michael Lochtefeld	Feb 25 (3)
Ilani S. Valero	Feb 28 (42)

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





## Past High Priest Highlight

### Milton Cyrus Eichelberger 1929-1937-1938-1941

**EICHELBERGER, Milton Cyrus** was born January 30, 1883 in Wheatland Township, Will County, Illinois the son of John E. Eichelberger and Fannie D. Bomberger. He married Maria Royce November 1, 1906 and they were the parents of four children, Mary Mather, Elizabeth Maria (Leroy Ellsworth Lindsay), John Milton and Cyrus Emory. Maria died

February 2, 1919. Milton married Ida Mildred Gamble about 1924 and they had one daughter, Carol Jane (Arnold Glenn Ettenhofer). He was a farmer in Wheatland Township. He was raised a Master Mason June 9, 1917 and exalted a Royal Arch Mason October 9, 1917. He served as High Priest of the Chapter in 1929, 1937, 1938 and 1941. He died April 10,



1957 in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois and was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.

## OUT OF THE ARCHIVES

### From the Cleveland Ohio Advertiser - June 20, 1832 DREADFUL INDIAN MASSACRE!!!

The Steam-boat Niagara, arrived here this morning, (Thursday) brings intelligence that expresses had arrived at Detroit, and stating that Captain Joseph Naper, well known in this section of the country, had been massacred with all his family, consisting of his wife, wife's sister, and four children, near Fort Chicago. Naper, who was a bold, daring man, had been in the fort some time; when believing that the people were more scared than hurt, had betaken himself to his log cabin again. NINE of the Indians were found dead near his house, who unquestionably fell before his intrepid arm.

This story ran in most of the Eastern Newspapers and was finally debunked as "fake news" by the Sangamon Journal (Springfield, IL) in their August 11, 1832 issue. Joseph Naper of course became a Charter Member of Euclid Lodge and it's second Master.

## 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



## Douglass Eric Seifried - 50 Years a Mason



At our stated meeting of January 2, 2018, Worshipful Master Ross Decent presented Brother Douglass Eric Seifried his 50 year Pin and Certificate from the Grand Lodge. Brother Seifried was raised a Master Mason October 14, 1967 in Rantoul Lodge No. 470, Rantoul, Illinois. He affiliated with Euclid Lodge No. 65 on February 9, 1977. Congratulations Brother Seifried!

## ILLINOIS MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL

The Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl is an academic knowledge competition between Illinois high school scholastic bowl teams. The goal is to *provide positive recognition for academic excellence*.

This years Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl sectional tournament will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2018. 329 schools from all over the state will be competing.

Euclid Lodge No. 65 is sponsoring two schools academic teams, Naperville Central and Naperville North. They will be competing at Metea Valley High School, 1801 N. Eola Rd., Aurora, IL. Members are encouraged to show our support of the students by attending this event.

Competition begins at 8:30 a.m. The Lodge sponsors lunch for the attendees and also hosts a pizza party at the lodge at a later date. We also underwrite the cost of team shirts for the teams.



## THE MENTOR'S GAVEL

In the First Degree of Masonry, the Common Gavel is used “to break off the corners of rough stones,” or by the speculative Mason, to divest “our minds and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life.” In this degree, we are taught that the “rough ashlar” symbolically alludes to ourselves, as imperfect stones to be shaped into that perfect ashlar we hope to become.

This would make ourselves better suited for the plan the Grand Architect has written down in our Book of Life. These metaphors are outstanding concepts we should all hold dear to our heart, as we will not travel very far on our Masonic journey without them.

However, there is an additional perspective on the Gavel not often considered that is equally important. We will never traverse the road of life, and find joy in doing so, without the helping hand and guidance of those around us. Our Brothers are specifically suited for this purpose, as they have obligated themselves to a lifetime endeavor to do so. Deep consideration of this concept reveals the Gavel we each hold has a dual purpose. The first is to our own “rough ashlar,” but

the second is to those all around us whom we call family, friends, and Brothers.

For Brothers, who take our obligations seriously and live in the manner our Fraternity teaches through its several lectures and ceremonies, it is important to understand that we have a profound effect on those around us: intentional and unintentional. The latter will result if proper thought is not invested into relationships, and the results will be unknown. That is the goal.

Instead, the prize is positive, successful relationships that witness the personal and fraternal success of Brothers that occur because of insightful, intentional interactions which place others first. We accomplish this by using that Gavel we have come to know so well through the introspection and improvement of ourselves.

Remember, to be a mentor we must be intimately familiar with our own positive and negative attributes, and only the experience this process affords will enable us to effectively mentor those around us. A slight tap here and a calculated strike there with that Gavel begins the work that will form a stone into a square, in ourselves, as well as others. It

is no accident that this working tool is introduced in the Entered Apprentice degree, since that is the beginning of our Masonic journey that will offer spiritual and moral growth.

If we don't consider the consequences of our actions, a wrong word or an unintentional action will cause that stone to fracture and break, thereby losing a potentially contributing member of our great Fraternity.

This is indeed a weighty responsibility, as the skill required to make those calculated strikes is considerable. To do so, it is important to understand the Gavel's use and how it is wielded by the Craftsman's hand.

Depending on the task, our Brethren have utilized a few different types of Gavels. We have seen the type of Gavels used in our Lodges that resemble those used by judges. This type of Gavel has two flat surfaces and represents authority. There is also the maul, which is flat on its top and is used to strike the chisel that forms the rough ashlar into a perfect ashlar. Then, there is the Gavel that has one surface, with the other side being a pyramid-shaped cone used to strike and form a stone. That is the



## THE MENTOR'S GAVEL

Gavel we use to hone men who want to enter our Lodge into that rough ashlar that will eventually support our Fraternity.

While a Mentor is not restricted to the exclusive use of this Gavel, it is the working tool used on candidates at the beginning of their Masonic journey. After all, it is not even known yet if they are a good fit or are willing to invest the time necessary to gain proficiency in our degrees. This determination should have occurred through the investigation process, yet it is not always clear until the degree work.

To exemplify this in the analogous perspective of our ancient Brethren, the operative Mason had to know the type of stone he was working with to determine the proper skills, techniques, and processes to shape that ashlar into the necessary building block. To accomplish this, the Mason must understand how the different types of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic stones are formed and the unique consideration each requires to determine how hard to strike that stone and at what angle.

The same can be said of the present day speculative Mason

who mentors candidates; he does not know what type of person he is dealing with until he begins the mentoring process. As that relationship grows, the Mentor will grasp the proper techniques and skills required to successfully mentor.

This perspective is not readily visible in the everyday consideration of our lectures. In fact, one must look specifically at the types of gavels employed in antiquity, as mentioned previously.

The Common Gavel is not designed for the precision necessary to make those stones perfect. It has a conical shape at one end that is unable to make perfect strikes that flake off rough areas and make them smooth. It is unwieldy and is the first tool used by the operative Mason to begin the formation of a rough ashlar. After which, the craftsman will use the chisel and maul to smooth that stone.

The Common Gavel of the Entered Apprentice degree is no different. It is introduced at a time when we are rough, and young in our Masonic journey. We are just not simply rough ashlar ready to be molded. The rough ashlar must be formed, just as that perfect

ashlar is worked over a lifetime. The Mentor is there to help the candidate understand this process - to help him understand this process - to help him understand what type of stone he is and how best to mentor him to learn and utilize the proper skills and techniques to grow spiritually and morally. That is how the Mentor's Gavel is employed.

The next time you look at that gavel and consider its use, please take a moment to ponder what your action, or inaction, does to others.

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ADGM  
Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.  
Kansas



# February 2018

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4 <i>Super Bowl Party at Shrimpy's</i>	5 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	6 <i>Euclid Lodge Stated Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Grand Lectur- ers School at Princeton</i>
11	12 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Euclid Chap- ter No. 13 &amp; Adoniram Council No. 95 Mtg. 7:30</i>	14 <i>Trinity Com- mandery No. 80 Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	15	16	17 <i>Illinois Ma- sonic Aca- demic Bowl Meteca Valley H.S. 8:30 a.m.</i>
18	19 <i>N. E. District Type 4 School at Euclid Lodge 7 to 9</i>	20 <i>Euclid Lodge Special Mtg. 7:30 p.m. <b>3rd Degree Conferral</b></i>	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Officer Ritual Practice 7:00 p.m.</i>	27 <i>Naperville Masonic Tem- ple Associa- tion Mtg. 7:30 p.m.</i>	28			

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## **PURPOSE OF FREEMASONRY**

The basic purpose of Freemasonry is to make “better men out of good men.” There is an emphasis placed on the individual man by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons.

Masonry tries to educate its members about:

- The principles of personal responsibility and righteousness
- Understanding of and feeling for Freemasonry’s character, and ,
- Applying these lessons in practice in daily life

This is how we try to build a better world. We endeavor to build better men that will work in and improve their own communities. Freemasonry promotes universal peace through the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

Freemasonry also seeks to enlighten the mind, promote peace and understanding and whatever may enhance and adorn man’s contacts with man, and stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart to practice the basic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

**ON THE THRESHOLD**