

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**CHARTER OF EUCLID LODGE #65  
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS  
175TH ANNIVERSARY  
OCTOBER 2, 2024**

**WHEREAS,** Euclid Lodge No. 65 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons was chartered on October 2, 1849 by seven Charter members including Joseph Naper and has been in continuous operation since its founding and is now the oldest Masonic Lodge in DuPage County; and

**WHEREAS,** for 175 years the Freemasons, members of the Naperville Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. have been contributing to the economic growth and social fabric of Naperville; and

**WHEREAS,** Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. began their charitable work financing the completion of the Naperville Academy in 1852, and continue charitable and philanthropic giving serving as Salvation Army bell ringers, contributing the Masonic Mural to Century Walk, donating the flag pole in the Naperville Cemetery Veteran's section and generously supporting Illinois Masonic Children's Homes, Shriners Hospital, Washington D.C. Honor Flights, Loaves and Fishes, Naperville PADS, providing US flags for Naperville Central High School classrooms providing funding for the Gold Star family memorial, the Judd Kendall VFW Post #3873, and;

**WHEREAS,** Freemasons, members of Euclid Lodge No. 65 A.F. & A.M. have served Naperville in elected office and community leadership positions, including Joseph Naper, Lewis Ellsworth, Robert Naper, Willard Scott, Jr., Francis Kendall, Peter Kroehler, James Nichols and Charles Wellner; and

**WHEREAS,** 2024 marks 175 years of Freemason leadership in Naperville and the 108th Anniversary of its Masonic Temple; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2024 as the **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Euclid Lodge #65 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the City of Naperville.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 1st day of October 2024.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor