

# STAR AND COMPASS

A N O K A M A S O N I C L O D G E # 3 0 A . F . & A . M .

## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST!

February has come and gone with a few occasions of note- so sorry if you weren't able to attend.

First, let me congratulate Br.s Tom LaTourelle and Paul Medenwaldt on being passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft. They both did an excellent job on their proving up and Brother Todd did an especially good first go as Master in the East!

We had a wonderful presentation on the making of an operative mason by Mark Wickstrom, complete with a bit of demonstration and many slides. For the George Washington dinner we set a new record of 180 attendees and a great time was had by all.

The Jobies Masonic Honoring was postponed, but I hope many of you were able to attend the Grand Lodge program featuring Chris Hodapp that was held in St Paul on the 26th. This year is certainly starting off busy and promises to just keep on rolling all year. Be sure to check the calendar at Lodge or in the S&C so you won't miss out on anything coming up later this year, I especially want to encourage you to consider attending Grand Lodge.

Our newer Brothers seem to be particularly excited about adding new events to our calendar, much to the benefit of us all and our Lodge. Fraternally yours always,

**Steve Braun**  
**Worshipful Master**  
**2B1ASK1**



**Our newest brothers, now Fellowcrafts, Tom La Tourelle and Paul Medenwaldt.**



**Jan. one day to Masonry class at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. L-R WB Jerry Oliver, Todd Mayer, new Brother Ian McClosky, Nate Norgaard, new Brother Kiel Ruberg, Rick Remme, Kirby Olson, WB Don Nolley, Jay Lenz & WB Steve Bernu.**

**MASTER MASON DEGREE**  
**March 16th, 2011**  
**Dinner at 6pm, Degree starts at 7pm**

## GREETINGS FROM THE STAR!

*Hello from Martha Chapter,*

Feb. is behind us and the worst of winter is over, so is March going to come roaring in, or soft and meek? Whatever it is, that makes it our election time and change of officer with annual reports.

We have kitchen clean up March 5 with the all member dinner that evening. We have another petition so we are having initiation March 17 with annual reports that night.

I thank you very much for a great year it was work with a lot of fun, it was a great privilege and honor to to serve you and Martha Chapter.

Congratulations to the next group of officer and star points.

Star Love to you all,

Garland Lundquist Worthy Matron  
David Lundquist Worthy Matron



**Lovebirds  
Tim and  
Cassie  
Carney at  
the George  
Washington  
Dinner**

**Senior  
Deacon  
Dave  
Hansel  
with wife  
Janet**



## THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING THE 7TH ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON DINNER



**Host and  
Marine  
John  
Aguilar  
kept the  
Spirits  
High**

**Fr. Thomas  
Knopf-  
Bigelow  
makes a Toast  
as WM Jordy  
Stradtman  
observes**



**Grand  
Lodge  
District  
Rep.,  
our WB  
Don Nolley**

**Bro. Kirk  
Nelson  
and his  
wife  
Lynn  
McGuire  
Nelson**



## GREETINGS FROM BETHEL 48!



Jobies with new member Cara at Initiation

Welcome to our newest member, Cara H. She joined on her 10th birthday on Feb. 7. We are very excited to have her as an official member.

We had a great time at our formal dance, Snowball! We danced half the night away & then we went to Perkins for our annual late night/morning feast!

Some of our upcoming events are:

Go to church Sunday on Feb. 27

Bethel 11 friendship in St. Cloud

Multi State meeting March 12-13. Jobies from Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan & Illinois will be coming to the Scottish Rite for a 2 day event. It should be a lot of fun!

We hope to see you all soon.

Jobie Love,  
Bethel #48

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Jobies served up heaps of yummy flapjacks at this year's annual pancake breakfast.

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

Recently, the Anoka Officers held a meeting with a few of the Past Masters most illustrious members. We had a great evening discussing the future of Anoka Lodge and what the Officers must do to set us all on the road to the Future of Masonry. A great measure of these talks revolved around what I call being an Operative Officer.

In the days of our forefathers, being 'Operative' meant being a true Stonemason, a builder with stone. A man who works with their hands; getting them dirty, as the parlance goes. It is in that same light that we modern Masons must get our "hands dirty". We must engage ourselves in the actual working of our Lodge.

As Officers, this means doing more than our memorized lines; more than our roles at our places and stations while sitting in the Lodge. This means we need to be prepared to look at our Fraternity as what it is; a business. While one important aspect of our Lodge is the business of Making Good Men Better, there is also the practical business of being a non-profit organization. The oldest in the State of Minnesota in fact! Far too often has the Secretaries and Treasurers of Anoka bore the burden of running the business side of the Lodge.

So, we Officers need to lift some of this burden from our Secretaries and Treasurers and learn to shoulder our share. This must start with the youngest Junior Stewards in the South up to the Worshipful Master in the East, who are often thrust rather quickly into a heavy role. We must each do our parts.

This means a lot of rethinking how and what we as a Lodge do. How we bring in and spend resources. How we treat ourselves and our communities. And most importantly of all; how we meet, act and part as Masons in these changing days.

Next Month...

**Rob Naeve  
Senior Warden**



**Senior Warden  
Rob Naeve  
and  
Donna Naeve**

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH!

I first want to welcome our newest Fellowcrafts: Paul and Tom. It was my first time presiding in the East, and I hope you enjoyed yourselves and learned something.

I want to take this opportunity to talk about your cabletow. We are taught in our degree work about the cabletow and how it pertains to what we do around Lodge. Our experiences and abilities determine its "length." I want to challenge you all to increase the length of yours.

This last Wednesday, I had an opportunity to lengthen mine. I have done ritual in the other chairs, but nothing does compare to sitting in the Oriental Chair. I practiced like no other time in my Masonic career and was very nervous. When it was all over, the sense of accomplishment was awesome, and I know that it is something that I can do again. There are numerous opportunities like that all around Lodge. The officers have been working on bringing back more committees to get more Brothers involved, to do more community outreach programs, and to make the Lodge run smoother.

By serving on a committee or heading one up, you can increase your cabletow. Taking on a new or different degree lecture, taking on a new Brother to mentor, or talking to a Brother you have not seen in Lodge for a while into coming by are all ways to increase your cabletow. Taking part in the Masonic Light Program, getting involved in a concordant or appendant body, or talking to WB John about putting on a LEO presentation will, well, you get the idea. We often say that Masonry is about taking good men and making them better. Increasing your cabletow is a way to improve yourself and also the Lodge as a whole.

Masonry is a dynamic endeavor. We are builders, and the building not made with hands is never finished. Increase your cabletow to make your personal building better.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

**Todd A. Mayer**

**Junior Warden - Anoka Lodge #30 AF&AM**

**Grand Standard Bearer - Grand Lodge of Minnesota**



**Junior  
Warden/  
Grand Lodge  
Grand  
Standard  
Bearer  
Todd Mayer**

## GREETINGS FROM SHEKINAH!

Greetings Companions,

Shekinah #52 U.D. had our first walk through rehearsal of the Mark Master degree in February and we also aquired several new supplies for degree work courtesy of Companion Joe Anderson and the generous offering from the archives of St. John's Lake Harriet Chapter.

Time is passing quickly for us to show proficiency and receive our full Charter so please plan on attending as many meetings as you can and help us keep the momentum going to grow both in numbers and in Masonic wisdom.

Steve Braun  
High Priest



## Chaplain's Corner



*Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee.*

*If you know of someone in the Masonic Family in need of support, please contact Father Thomas at (612) 702-4770.*

## 2011 ICE FISHING CONTEST

Feb 26  
10am-3pm

Lake  
Sarah



## Change of Plans!!

**This event has been moved to Lake Sarah-Take Hwy 55 West of 494 to County Road 19. Go South on County Road 19 to County Road 11. Go West on County Road 11 to Lake Sarah Drive. Turn right on Lake Sarah Drive until the Public Boat Access. We will be set up to the left of the boat launch.**

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Tim Carney- 612-801-4843

Paul Agustin- 612-810-1018



## Traveling Man

Next Road Trip:

No road trip  
scheduled for this month

Feel free to contact me for inquires  
or requests regarding future road trips:

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## FROM THE LEO...

We had a wonderful turnout for the presentation by Mr. Mark Wickstrom, our local European trained operative Mason. This is a least his third appearance at Anoka Lodge but we always learn something new from him. I am sure we will invite him back again at some future time.

For the upcoming meeting we will be hearing from the new Anoka County Sheriff Mr. James Stuart. As the new sheriff in town he will be telling us about how his department will be operated under him and what he sees as areas in the county that need his attention. His presentation will begin about 6:30 in the dining room. WB Al Nemchik will act as host for this meeting.

As we have often heard that due to the great Anoka fire of Aug. 1884 our lodge meeting place and all its records and effects were lost. There is however a small amount of recorded material available to us in the pages of the Anoka County Union, one of the several newspapers operating in Anoka in the mid 1800's. I have been spending a lot of time at the current office of the Anoka County Union going over the back issues that cover this period. As it turns out there is a fair amount of very interesting information regarding the activities of our lodge that made it into the paper. I will present some of this material at the April meeting.

I will not be at the March stated meeting but will instead be attending the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Triune Temple building in St. Paul. As you may know we will be doing the same thing in 2022. I thought it might be informative to see how they do this down in the big city! I do not believe that any other such celebrations are planned between now and 2022 so I thought here is our one and only chance to see what we might want to plan for.

**Fraternally**

**John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer**



Above: Mr. Mark Wickstrom demonstrating how to use the tools of his trade. Right: Some of the stone carving tools that Mark brought with him.



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## MARCH CALENDAR

March 2, 6pm

Anoka #30 Stated Meeting  
and guest Sheriff James Stuart

March 5,

OES Kitchen Clean-up and  
All Member Dinner

March 12-13, 6pm

Jobies Multi-State Meeting at  
the Scottish Rite Temple

March 16, 6pm

Master Masons Degree

March 17, 6pm

OES Initiation

### Didn't get the Newsletter?

If you are having problems receiving emails or regular mail from the Lodge, please contact Jay Lenz or Wayne LaMusga. We are always working to update our Lodge records to ensure that we have the most current information.

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