



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!**

Congratulations to our two newest Master Masons, Br. Tom LaTourelle and Br. Paul Medenwaldt. May their Masonic journey to the east never end. A special thanks also to Martha Chapter for the delicious dinner we had for the Third Degree.

We had a very informative talk by the new Anoka county Sheriff in March and plans are already being implemented for the re-do of the secretaries office. Thank you so much to all the brothers who contributed so liberally to the project.

We also had a challenge issued by Brother Hans Neisz, he is offering to pay the Lodge \$20 per pound lost on a diet contest and you can still sign up at the April stated meeting. Let's all get behind this and raise \$5000 for the Lodge!

Upcoming in April is the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota on the 7th, 8th and 9th, as well as the Grand Chapter of O.E.S. and Anoka's own World Famous Shrimp Dinner on Good Friday, an event not to be missed even though the Dixie Cats will not be here this year.

Unfortunately the last note must be a sad one, on March 19 we lost a brother to the Celestial Lodge. His name is Jim Swisher and our condolences and best wishes go to his family at this time of great loss. Brothers, please keep them in your prayers.



**Fraternally,  
Steve Braun  
Worshipful Master  
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**Brew Pub Dinner at Grand Lodge  
Brothers!**

I am organizing the traditional Thursday night Grand Lodge dinner trip to McCann's Brew Pub on Thursday the 7th for 6 PM. I need to get a head count before we go, no later than Sunday the 3rd!!

Fraternally,  
Dave Hansel



**McCanns Food & Brew**  
3308 3rd St S, St Cloud  
Thursday April 7th, 6 PM

**RSVP Dave Hansel NLT Sunday April 3rd**  
763-862-5352 or [cincyexpat@yahoo.com](mailto:cincyexpat@yahoo.com)



**Past Masters Degree Mar. 16th. L-R WB John Augilar, new brother Paul Mendenwaldt, WB Don Nolley, new brother Tom La Tourelle, WM Steve Braun & WB Larry Jensen.**

## GREETINGS FROM THE STAR!

WOW! A new Eastern Star term is here already. You should receive this after the Installation has happened, but as I am writing this, I am still in the preparation mode. We will pretend that all activities have gone well and the new core of officers are in place, some brand new faces along with some long time members. We did have an Initiation on March 17th of Greg Lufkin who has now joined our Star family.

Our theme for the year is "Quilting Friendship Flights" with quilts and airplanes as our fun symbols. We have most of the standard events scheduled with a couple of new items to interest you. One of which will be a Hurricane Hunter presentation by our daughter and son-in-law who are both in that Air Force Reserve unit. This will be May 22 and open to everyone. More information will come next month.

Please come to our meetings to enjoy wonderful ritual work, lifetime friendships, and a little bit (or a lot) of laughter thrown in for good measure. April 7th is our first meeting of the term so we will be winging our way through the meeting. The meeting on April 21st will be honoring our Junior Past Matron and Patron, Garland and Dave Lundquist for the great year just completed. We hope to see all of you often and whenever you can attend.

**Denise Emery, Worthy Matron**  
**Dave Emery, Worthy Patron**

*Hello from the Jr Past Matron,*

*I would like to thank everyone who made the past year so special for myself and David with the honor of serving you as Matron and Patron. Much success to Denise and Dave for the coming year.*

*Star Love Garland and David Lundquist*



## Bones Brothers Upcoming Fund Raisers

[www.bonesbrothers.org](http://www.bonesbrothers.org)

**Saturday, April 30 - NOON- 4:00pm**

**Pageant of Hope Fundraiser**

**Bunker Park Stable in Andover**

(550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW Andover)

Hay rides, bonfire, ballon animals, and face painting

**Sunday, May 22nd - 11:00am - 2:00pm**

**Stable Pathways**

**Bunker Park Stable in Andover**

(550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW Andover)

There will be free hay rides, free pony leads, demonstrations, etc. All of the activities are free. Lunch (pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and cookies) will be \$5, all proceeds going to Stable Pathways. There will also be a donation box for free will donations.

**[www.bunkerparkstable.com](http://www.bunkerparkstable.com)**

**For more info, contact Scott Franz:**  
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## The Race for Research

*What: 5k for Cancer Research*

**When: Sunday, May. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011**

**Where: French Park, Plymouth MN**

Registration Fee: \$20 before April 30<sup>th</sup>, \$30 after

Registration begins at 7:00a.m.

Race starts at 8:00a.m.

Walkers start at 8:15a.m.

All proceeds to go to the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center

All participants will receive a t-shirt, light breakfast during registration, and a complimentary lunch after the race.

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## GREETINGS FROM BETHEL 48!

March has been a busy month for Bethel #48. We honored Mother Mick (our founder), helped Bethel #41 perform a cross, attended Bethel #39's friendship meeting and held a bunco tournament.

The highlight of the month was attending Multi-state, which was held at the Scottish Rite in Minneapolis. Over 365 people attended from at least 6 different jurisdictions, in addition to our Supreme family. In the afternoon there was a ceremony where Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois each performed a ceremony that is unique to their jurisdiction.

Congratulations to Sara G, Sarah J, and Cheyenne N. who took part in Minnesota's ceremony and represented us well. After the ceremony there was a carnival with all sorts of fun games. It was a great event and it was fun meeting people from all the other jurisdictions.

April will be a busy month for us as well. We will be welcoming a new member, Anna, on April 4th, attending Grand Bethel on April 1-3, and having a fun event on April 16.

Please join us on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 for our Masonic/OES Honoring meeting and on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 for our Mad Scientist friendship meeting!

We hope to see you all soon.  
**Jobie Love, Bethel #48**



**April 11 @ 7:00pm**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
MASONIC & OES HONORING  
MEETING AT ANOKA LODGE!**



## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

### *How we can each do our part? We are the voice of Masonry*

One of the things I have encountered recently is having to explain what Freemasonry is and, and more importantly, what it is not. In some cases, the questions were merely curious about this one aspect of my life. From others, it was a fervent accusation of belonging to a cult of devil worshippers. In each case, I think I made a good case for what we really are about. But, there was so much downright ignorance to work through, it felt like a Herculean task.

This veil of misconceptions stems, in part, by our “traditional” habit of remaining silent against those who speak ill of us. Our forbearers refused to speak of their Masonic lives to anyone outside the Fraternity; even family. While this may have been a wise idea in the past, in today’s world of instant information, we cannot allow our voice to remain silent. We must be open and willing to defend the virtues and beauties of our Gentle Craft to all those who ask and to those who seek to spread ill words.

So, when next out and about, be proud to wear that pin or ring. If asked about it, do not dismiss the questioner so lightly. Answer their questions with open honesty and a smile. When you hear or read of another mistruth regarding Freemasonry, be willing to speak good counsel in the ear of those who are learning the wrong things about the Fraternity

Be the Voice of Masonry

**Rob Naeve**  
**Senior Warden**



## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH!

As of the reading of this article, two more men will have obtained the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Congratulations to Tom and Paul and welcome to Anoka Lodge!

One of the great things about being a Master Mason is that you may “travel into foreign countries and work as such.” This of course is symbolic, and means that you can visit any Lodge that is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Traveling is a right, and would encourage all to take advantage of this privilege. In days of yore, a Mason who was a salesman would find a Lodge near where he was staying for the night or the week and know that he had a place for a hot meal and some company of like-minded men. If there was some problem with his car, there really was not a problem, as he had someone to help him. Although we do not use our Masonic connections for monetary gain, I am sure that there might have been a couple of sales made, as those men in other towns knew that the salesman was giving them a “square deal” “on the level.”

In this new century, the idea of the traveling salesman peddling his wares from town to town is a quaint notion, although many still do travel for business. If you find yourself on a trip, use your resources to find a Lodge. The Grand Lodge of every state has a website and you can find when and where Lodges meet. Of course, there is an app for that, and Traveler US is a great program for the iPhone to find a Lodge based on your GPS coordinates. Lastly, come along on one of Anoka’s road trips. We try and visit a different Lodge each month. By traveling to another Lodge, you are meeting new Brothers, seeing the work done slightly to dramatically different from what you are used to, which can be very enlightening, and really experiencing the universality of Ancient Craft Masonry. So pack up your trowel and spread some Brotherly love!

On a side note, as of the reading of this article, I will be on the last few days of my term as Grand Standard Bearer for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I want to thank the Brothers of Anoka Lodge for supporting me and guiding me this year in this position. I have learned a lot on how the Grand Lodge operates and how other Lodges are run (by traveling). I hope some of what I have seen and learned I can bring back and apply to our Lodge to make it even better.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

**Todd A. Mayer**  
**Junior Warden**  
**Anoka Lodge #30 AF&AM**



If you have any photos from the George Washington Dinner, please email them to John Aguilar:  
[johnaguilar@comcast.net](mailto:johnaguilar@comcast.net)

## GREETINGS FROM SHEKINAH!

Greetings Companions,

We had a first walk through of the Mark Master degree in February and a school of instruction for the Mark Master degree in March. We are looking forward to putting on the degree at our meeting the fourth Wednesday in April with Brothers Nate Norrgard and Brian Dematteo as our newest Companions.

The more Companions we can have present the better for our first ever degree, so pass the word and I will see you on the fourth Wednesday.

**Steve Braun**  
High Priest



*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.*



## Traveling Man

**Next Road Trip:**  
Tuesday, April 26th - 4:30pm  
Minnesota History Center

This month we will not be going to a Lodge (well, Grand Lodge Annual Communication does count I guess), but we will be traveling to the Minnesota History Center to view the exhibit on Brother George Washington.

Learn about George Washington as a young surveyor, dauntless warrior, entrepreneur and presidential first. This new, traveling exhibit from Mount Vernon features forensic models of Washington at various ages; short films by the History Channel and computer interactives; portraits and decorative arts; period weapons; and personal artifacts, including the only surviving full set of Washington's dentures.

The exhibit also features three forensically reconstructed, wax figures of George Washington at three stages in his life, ages 19, 45 and 57.

We will be going on Tuesday, April 26th. Tuesday is the free day for the exhibit. Plan to meet at Lodge at 4:30 to carpool over to St. Paul or meet us there. Let JW Todd Mayer know if you are planning on going so we know who to expect or look out for. Wear a pin or two or a Masonic shirt. Might get some looks from other of Masons looking at Brother Washington's Masonic apron.

The link is below for more information:

<http://www.minnesotahistorycenter.org/exhibits/discover-real-george-washington-new-views-mount-vernon>

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

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**Todd A. Mayer**  
Junior Warden  
Anoka Lodge #30 AF&AM

## FROM THE LEO...

For the May stated meeting I will continue to read from the articles and notices that I have recently obtained from the Anoka County Union regarding the events occurring in Anoka Lodge and other Fraternal organizations in the city of Anoka prior to the great fire of Aug. 1884. As I mentioned last month this is new information that we have never had a chance to hear about before this time. So come on in and enjoy the history lesson.

Our guest speaker for the June stated meeting will be WB Dennis Chornenky. Dennis is Russian by birth but has spent over ten years in the US. He is Past Master of two lodges in California as well as a member of several other Masonic organizations in that same state. He also has membership in several Minnesota Masonic appendent bodies as well as St. Paul Lodge #3. He is an internationally known Masonic speaker as well as a driving force in the Traditional Observance movement. He will speak to us about Masonic Symbolism.

**Fraternally**  
**John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer**



Above: Grand Lodge Membership Seminar Sat. Feb. 26th at St. Paul Masonic Center. Main guest speaker WB Chris Hodapp , author of Freemasons for Dummies and several other books. L-R Todd Mayer, Nate Norrgard, WB Don Nolley, WB Chris Hodapp, WB John Freeburg, Lee Kielblock, WM Steve Braun.

### Anoka #30 Masonic Library

For months now we have been preparing and planning to formally install our Lodge library. I have been entrusted with the noble and glorious duty of Lodge Librarian, and so I have a collection of books that are in the process of being cataloged and labeled. If you have any books of interest that you would like to donate to the Lodge Library, please let me know.

Regards,  
 Ryan Dawson

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## MARCH CALENDAR

April 6, 6pm

Anoka #30 Stated Meeting

April 7, 7:30

OES Meeting

April 7-9

MN Grand Lodge Weekend

April 11, 7pm

Jobies Masonic/OES

Honoring Meeting

April 20, 6pm

Entered Apprentice Degree

April 22nd, 6pm

Shrimp Dinner

April 26, 4:30pm

Road Trip: MN History Center

April 27nd, 7:30pm

Shekinah Mark Master Degree

### Need to make an address change?

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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