

# 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!

What a month we've had! Ten of us had the honor of presenting a 25 year pin to Br. Ken "Porky" Anderson and his wife Beverly at the V.A. in St. Cloud and got to meet several of his family members. We even had a couple of Masons living there that stopped to say hello when they heard we were Masons.



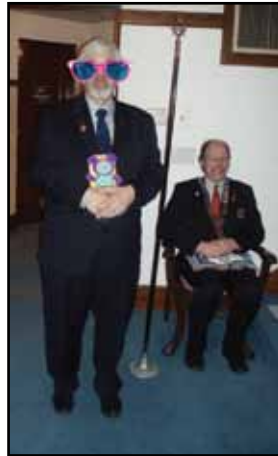
WM Steve Braun presents 25 year certificate to Brother Ken "Porky" Anderson at St. Cloud VA Hospital. Ken's wife Beverly is in background.

We had an very busy night for our stated meeting with a Grand Officer reception and a contingent from Mound lodge coming to claim the BFG traveling trophy as well as the Jobies stealing me away. My apologies to the Jobies for the time being cut so short, but I had a wonderful time getting to know the girls and sharing ice cream. We had over fifty Brothers on the side lines that night (for a stated meeting no less!) a trend that I hope continues the rest of the year.



WM Steve Braun being kidnapped by the Jobies

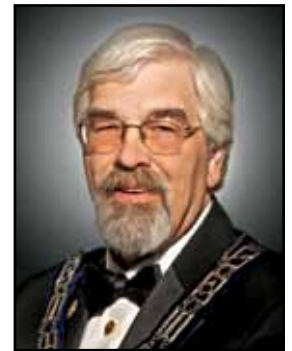
Grand Lodge was very well attended by Anoka Lodge and our hospitaly suite was again an extremely popular destination. My thanks to all the Anoka Brothers who were able to attend the Jobies Masonic honoring and filled the sidelines so well for that



WM Steve Braun upon his return from being kidnapped by the Jobies

event also. I'm sure the Jobies appreciated the great show of support that we and Cass Lodge and Martha Chapter gave them as much as I did.

Lastly, but by no means least, my heartfelt congratulations to our newest Master Masons on completing your degrees and beginning your Masonic lives as part of Anoka Lodge.



Fraternally,  
**Steve Braun**  
 Worshipful Master  
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Above: Some of the brothers who attended the Minnesota Grand Lodge general session on Friday April 8th at the St. Cloud Civic Center. (L-R Jay Lenz, WB Arlan Ross, WM Steve Braun, Lee Kielblock, WB Jordy Stradtman, Chris Berglund, Paul Agustin, Will Siegel, Scott Franz, Kirby Olson, Todd Mayer, WB John Freeburg & WB John Aguilar.)

## GREETINGS FROM THE STAR!

Last month's article was written before Installation of the new officers. YES, it really did go smoothly and was wonderful to see the room so full. The sidelines were all occupied and the balcony was half full. An awesome sight. Our sincere thanks to everyone for the support, assistance, and attendance. The first meeting went GREAT. All the officers were so good about learning their parts. Way to go team. Throughout this term, each time you attend a meeting you may put your name into the drawing box for a drawing at the last meeting of the term to receive the quilt throw. That means the more times you attend a meeting the better your chances are to win. Good Luck to all.

At our second meeting of April, we initiated brother Blake Oelschlager into our Chapter since he will be leaving soon for his tour of duty with the National Guard. We are so proud of our officers for the terrific work they did, some for the very first time. We also honored our Jr. Past Matron and Patron for their good year just completed. Garland and Dave Lundquist were brought to the East, presented with gifts from their officers, and escorted to the Altar to sign the Bible. They were then escorted through a floral arch created by the Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Thank You Lundquists for your years of service to our Chapter.

Please remember that we will NOT have a meeting on May 5th. The Grand Chapter Session in St Cloud will be May 5th through 7th and everyone is encouraged to attend. Come and support Curt Speller as he ascends to the office of Associate Grand Patron. Our Chapter will also have an appointed Grand Officer for next term that will be announced Saturday at the morning session. Those appointments are kept secret until the election of the new Worthy Grand Matron. We have many qualified people, so who could it be?

At the next meeting May 19th we will honor the star points and mothers, then a special event on Sunday, May 22nd. Our daughter Deann and her husband Greg will give a presentation of their work as Hurricane Hunters. Look for the ad in this issue for all of the information.

Enjoy the pictures of the Installation of Officers of Martha Chapter on March 27th.

We are very honored to serve this Chapter as the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

**Denise Emery, Worthy Matron**

**Dave Emery, Worthy Patron**



**2011 Order of the Eastern Star Officers**



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**Bunker Park Stable in Andover**

(550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW Andover)

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## GREETINGS FROM BETHEL 48!

**W**OW! We sure have been busy. On April 4, we initiated 2 more girls ~ Ana R and Stephanie C. That brings the total number of girls up to 6. Way to go!!

We had a fantastic time at Grand Bethel (as usual). A big congrats goes out to Stephanie Heathfield for receiving the Lilly of the Valley award. It was much deserved. Cara, Cheyenne, Kristen, Laura, Marietta, & Nika received ribbons for their work in competition. We held our Masonic Honoring on April 11 and we had well over 30 Masons and Eastern Star members there. It was one of our best turn outs yet. We were very excited to have them there.

We have held two prospect events so far this term. We held a Bunco tournament (dice game) & a fun event at SkyZone (a trampoline place). We had another successful friendship; our theme was "Mad Scientist". Thanks to all of those who came!

Our elections will be held on May 2. We hope to see you around the state!

### Jobie Love, Bethel #48



**Above: Jobies Honor Anoka Mason Jamie Hanson  
Below: Girls enjoying the Mad Scientist friendship  
Bottom: Jobies attend Grand Bethel**



## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

There are many ways we, as Masons, can support our Lodges. We can regularly attend meetings and social functions. We can stand in open Lodge and take part in the discussions relative to our Craft and we can share and encourage wisdom by whispering good and timely counsel in a Brothers ear.

All of these are good, albeit speculative, methods. There are also a few Operative methods of support available to each Mason as well. We can offer out time and effort to the support and upkeep of our Lodge building. We can offer to sit and work on a variety of committees. And, we can offer financial support as well.

In these days of economic strain and hardship, many Lodges are closing the doors of their beloved buildings. Some loss is due to an inability to pay the bills, others due to declining membership. Some have even lost their Masonic Temples to a failure to physically maintain the integrity of the buildings structures

I am pleased to say that Anoka Lodge is well maintained with love and devotion by an excellent team of trustees. However, our beloved Hall is approaching her 100th year and is in constant need of work, great and small. Financially, we are better off than most, but always need to carefully weigh options before any serious task is initiated.

Support your Lodge, even if you cannot always sit within her walls. Each of us has talents and time to share in support of our home Lodge.

Contact an Officer for information on how you can help. Ask how you can help keep our home looking her best. Consider a lifetime membership, it saves you money in the long run and benefits the Lodge. Also, remember Anoka #30 in your Wills. A legacy is a good gift and a great memorial.

Thank you.

**Rob Naeve**  
Senior Warden



## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH!

As I am sitting down to press fingers to keys, I have the new Grand Master of Minnesota's pin in front of me. Before I go any further, the rumor about getting a pin is true, you have to shake his hand in order to get one, so don't ask me, an Area Deputy or anyone else. Gotta get one right from Tom Hendrickson himself. The Grand Master usually has a theme for his year, and this year it is "A Way of Life." Simple, but it rings true.

For myself and I am sure most of you, Freemasonry is something that was a part of us before we even signed our blue petition. In the EA degree, we are told that we were prepared to be a Mason first "in our heart." We did good works, sought out mentors, and tried to enlighten ourselves way before knocking on the preparation door. Freemasonry was a way of life before we gave it an official name.

But going forward, the task is to make it more a part of our lives. Enjoying a Masonic book from our soon-to-be-open library, taking part in a degree, giving to Masonic Charities, or even something as simple as ten men going to see a 25-year member at the VA and making his day. There is no wrong way, just the motivation. We all have the working tools, now get in the quarries.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

**Todd A. Mayer**  
Junior Warden



*"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs — even though checkered by failure than to take rank with these poor spirits who neither enjoy much or suffer much. Be wise, they live in the gray twilight that know not of victory, nor defeat. Nor true sorrow nor true love."*

*Brother Norman Vincent Peale*

## GREETINGS FROM SHEKINAH!

By the time you read this Shekinah Chapter #52 U.D. of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, will have put on the first Mark Master degree at Anoka in 93 years! We are on our way to getting our full Charter back, and have been steadily growing in numbers since we got our dispensation last June.

I am extremely proud of how we have progressed and wish to give special thanks to Companion Chris Berglund, without whose dedication and attention we might not be as well prepared as we are. Any brothers who have questions about Royal Arch and why it is so important to your Masonic education, just ask any member of our Chapter and we will be happy to share what we know with you.

**Steve Braun**  
High Priest



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

## TAKE US OUT TO THE BALLGAME

*Sunday, June 26th*

Our annual Anoka Masonic Family outing at the St. Paul Saints game will be on Sunday, June 26th. All members of Lodge, OES and Jobies (and families) are invited. We will start with tailgating on the far end of the parking lot (as usual) at 11am and then off to see some great outdoor baseball! The Saints will be taking on the Wichita Wingnuts at 1pm. Tickets will be \$15 each, which will not be due until gameday.

RSVP to JW Todd Mayer at [jeditodd@comcast.net](mailto:jeditodd@comcast.net) or (763)-413-0764. I have 50 tickets ordered, so first come, first serve. Should be a great time as always.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,  
**Todd A. Mayer**

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



*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.*

## FROM THE LEO...

We diverted a little from our schedule for the April stated to hear and witness a delightful presentation from the Job's and their advisors regarding how the Bethel is doing and their needs for the future.

For our May stated meeting I will be presenting some of the material that I have found in the pre 1884 records of the Anoka County Union regarding the Activities of Anoka Lodge during that period. Remember, I do not believe that anyone has ever delved into these records before so this should all be new and interesting information.

For the June stated meeting our guest speaker will be WB Dennis Chornenky, a well known leader in the international Masonic community who will give us a presentation on Masonic symbolism.

**Fraternally**

**John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer**

### Anoka #30 Masonic Library

If you have any books of interest that you would like to donate to the Lodge Library, please let me know.

Regards, Ryan Dawson. 612.817.7537



Left: On April 20th we were visited again by WB Ruben Berlinerblau and Brother Peter Nickitas SW of Lake Harriet Lodge #277 and the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to the Grand Lodge of Isreal. (L-R WM Steve Braun, SW Rob Naeve, WB Ruben Berlinerblau, Brother Peter Nickitas & WB John Freeburg.)



On April 22nd Anoka Lodge again held it's Annual Shrimp Dinner.

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## MAY CALENDAR

May 2, 7pm Bethel #48 Meeting/Elections

May 3, 7pm NE Lodge Stated Meeting

May 4, (6pm dinner, 7:30 meeting)

Anoka #30 Stated Meeting & WB John

Freeburg Lodge History Lecture

May 17, 7pm NE Degree Work

May 18, (6pm dinner, 7pm degree)

Anoka #30 Fellowcraft Degree

May 22, 2pm OES Special Presentation,

"Hurricane Hunters", Refreshments

May 22, 11am Bones Brothers Fundraiser  
at Bunker Stable Park (see insert)

May 25-29, 9am-6pm 2nd Annual Anoka  
Lodge Garage Sale (see insert)

June 1, (6pm dinner, 7:30 meeting)

Anoka #30 Stated Meeting w/ WB Dennis  
Chornensky Masonic Symbolism Lecture

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