

# 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 have had. Jobies installation, and Grand Guardian Council, the OES luncheon, the Anoka #30 outdoor degree, not to mention the hurricane hunter presentation. It seems there is always something of interest going on here, even in the summer.

The outdoor degree looked as though it may have needed to be moved indoors yet again, but we took the gamble and God smiled on us and let us finish and get packed up before the rains reached the farm in Ramsey! Congratulations to our three newest Master Masons!

For July we have Rverfest coming up as well as the great Anoka County Fair! Be sure to sign up early if you want to get your favorite time slot for the Fair booth, I'm told we will have a new and exciting display there this year. If you haven't been before you should definitely plan on joining us this year. See you in hawaiian shirts and shorts for July and August!



Getting ready for the Outdoor Degree , looking to the West.

Fraternally,

Steve Braun  
Worshipful Master  
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**ENTERED APPRENTICE**  
**DEGREE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 20**  
 Dinner - 6pm  
 Degree - 7pm



Our Stewards provided a wonderful lunch for the Outdoor Degree with a little help from the Bones Brothers.

## GREETINGS FROM THE STAR!

Summer has finally arrived, at least for a couple of days.

Our Salad Luncheon on Friday June 17th was a great time with some unusual happenings. The elevator stopped working Thursday evening before our Star meeting and it still was not operating Friday morning. Chris Berglund from the Lodge was our savior and came to make the necessary calls and figured out how to start the elevator up again. As we were flipping switches all the power went off to the entire building. What had we done? Not our fault, the entire city of Anoka was in a black out. We brought out the candles and began serving in the semi-lit room. Power came back after a half hour and everyone continued with their meal. It is so nice to have all the help to make this event always successful. Thank you to all who worked and all who brought the variety of salads. We give special thanks to Rachel for all her shopping, organizing, and kitchen work.

Some of our members did participate in an Eastern Star Memorial service for sister Josephine Hedren. She passed away last winter and the family arranged a memorial service at the Cremation Society of Minnesota for family and friends in our area. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family at this time of sorrow.

There are no scheduled Eastern Star meetings in July and August but we do have a few activities upcoming. July 9th we will again have a booth at Riverfest selling strawberry shortcake, ice tea, and crispy treats. This is a great time to get our name out in the community.

**July 23rd will be a luncheon at noon to honor our 50 year and longer members.** What a privilege to recognize the dedication and longevity of these members. This is open to every one at a nominal charge and our honored guests at no charge. Please come and congratulate these sisters and brothers.

We hope every one enjoys their summertime activities and vacations.

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

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST!

I have appeared to have missed an article or two. I would like to blame the baby and his incredibly thoughtful sharing of his sniffles and coughs with Daddy, but I expect it is more of my ability to make deadlines.

Regardless, I have also appeared to have lost my previous train of thought. Swell... Can I blame the inability of my sons to get the heck to sleep? No? Hmm... well, at least I can use them as a segue into my topic: Family.

Freemasonry is about a wide range of philosophical and esoteric concepts. And, it is about common, everyday things as well. Like Family. We are, in many ways, a family. We have our Brothers who range from being siblings to our beloved and wise grandfathers. We have our weird Cousins and funny Uncles. In the larger context of our extended Masonic family, we have the Ladies of the OES. They certainly fill a number of the women in our lives. The DeMolay and Jobe's Daughters share the roles of the children.

And like families do, we sometimes disagree and bicker, sometimes we don't see each other for long periods of times. However, like most families, we also come together when times are hard. We love and support one another, even when personal differences might seem to keep us apart. One of the greatest aspects of our Fraternity is how we are simply there for each other. I know, if the need should ever arise, that all of my Brothers would be there for me. Not because it is the part of an obligation, but because that is who they are. Who we are.

My point here is to remind all of those Brothers who are distant and who we rarely see, that we are your Family. And you are ours. We would love to see you at meetings and get-togethers, but we also stand ready to hold out our hand with Brotherly Love and Support, if your need should ever arise.

Enough soapbox!  
It's summertime! Let's have a reunion.

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





# ANOKA MASONIC LODGE #30

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

### **Objective:**

The purpose of this committee will be to enhance public relations of the Lodge to increase the effectiveness of fundraising and membership for all bodies within the Anoka Lodge. The focus of the committee could be broken down into three divisions to serve three distinct target audiences. Each division would function somewhat independently, but would still be a part of this proposed committee and its actions subject to committee approval. For each division, a liaison and team could be assembled to manage specific marketing efforts for each of the following markets:

- Masonic Bodies and their members
- Local Community Businesses and Organizations
- General Public

### **Masonic Bodies and their Members**

The goal of this division would be to increase effective communication and event planning within all Anoka Lodge organizations, and utilize the strengths of each group for the good of all Masonry. A list of contacts for each body would be assembled for the liaison or team members of this group to stay informed about the details of upcoming events, and how these details can best be communicated to other Masonic bodies and Lodges. The Star and Compass newsletter, the Anoka Lodge website, and social networking would be excellent tools for this committee.

### **Local Community Businesses and Organizations**

The goal of this division would be to increase communication and networking within our community to raise awareness about Masonry, our Lodge, and its appending bodies, in order to increase effectiveness of fundraisers and membership. This division could also consist of a liaison and/or team of individuals whose duty would be to make direct contact with other businesses and organizations to help strengthen our community network and image. Some ideas for this division might be to attend City Council meetings, meet business owners personally and invite them to Lodge events, and compile a list of locations to post fliers for promoting upcoming events.

### **General Public**

The goal of this division would be to enhance the 'visibility' of our Lodge and events within the general public to maximize fundraising efforts and membership drives. This division could also consist of a liaison and team of individuals whose duty would be to inform the general public about upcoming events and make contact with parties interested in Masonry. Some ideas for this division could be sending out a monthly press release to Local Newspapers about upcoming events and opportunities, help plan special events to introduce the public to Masonry, and assist in the training/preparation of individuals volunteering to work at public events so they know how best to make contact with the public.

**If you are interested in joining this committee or if you have any feedback to share, please contact Ryan Dawson by phone: (612) 817-7537 or email: [RyanWDawson@gmail.com](mailto:RyanWDawson@gmail.com)**

# Anoka County Fair

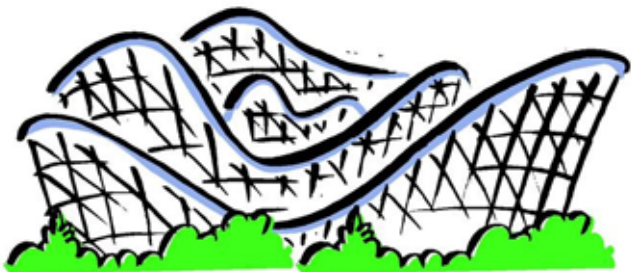


The Fair this year is  
July 26th - July 31st.

We will again have a booth to let everyone know in Anoka County that we are in the community, here to help, and here as a way to make good men better.

Sign- up for a four-hour shift (or two or three) during these dates. Get to know your community as well as another Brother or two working the booth.

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763-413-0764



## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH

Hope everyone's summer is going well. As I write this the Saints game is on the horizon. A great time will have been had, I can write that as a prediction, based on history. Glad so many could come out as the Anoka Masonic Family. The outdoor Third Degree was memorable as well, and now the summer is finally upon us. However, there are still opportunities this summer for us to serve.

The opportunity that I want to write about is the Anoka County Fair. It is July 26th-31st this year. We need a lot of Brothers (and Sisters of the OES) to work the booth in four hour shifts. We will also need people to set up and take down. It is a great opportunity to be seen by our community and allow our community to ask questions about what we do and maybe, just maybe, some will take their first steps toward light with our help. Plus, you get a ticket to the fair, and after your shift is done, enjoy the rest of the day with rides, cheese curds and animal exhibits. Contact me at [jeditodd@comcast.net](mailto:jeditodd@comcast.net) or 763-413-0764 and let me know what shift (or shifts) you want to work. Thank you in advance for serving your Lodge in this way.

See you around the town this summer and even if our labors are a little slow these months, keep working for the Craft.

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



*"(T)he foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality; ...the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained..."*

*George Washington,  
First Inaugural, April 30 1789*



## GREETINGS FROM SHEKINAH!

First off, let me correct something I wrote last month. When I wrote about Nate Norrgard joining us for the degree series I made it sound like he was the only one. I in no way meant to leave out Companion Brian Dematteo, just that Nate would be joining him as our degrees go forward. My sincere apologies Comp. Brian.

By the time you read this Shekinah #52 will have conferred the Virtual Past Master degree on Brian and Nate and we will be making plans for the next degree. For those who were able to attend the Grand Chapter Session in Bloomington in June my heartfelt thanks for making our Chapter far more visible to the Grand Chapter and the other Chapters around the state!

Let's make sure we can get off dispensation by next session! I know we can do it with the growth we are having.

**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:

**July 12th**  
**Cataract Lodge #2**  
**5149 Bloomington Ave S.**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55417**

Our Road Trip for the month of July will be to Cataract Lodge #2 for their July 12th meeting. It is a joint meeting with Minnehaha Lodge #165.

The Bones Brothers will be cooking for the event, so we might as well go on down to support them and visit a Lodge we have not been to in a while. The start time is 6:30 with the meeting after the meal.



Contact JW Todd Mayer if you are interesting in attending so we can RSVP for food and work out some carpooling.

**Hope to see you there!**

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**

# 2011 Master Mason Degree



We had no Cowans or eavesdroppers due to the vigilance of our Tyler Ryan Dawson.



Getting ready for the Outdoor Degree, looking to the East.

*Thank you to everyone who came and helped out!!!*

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## JULY CALENDAR

July 1, 7pm Grotto Meeting  
July 5, 7pm Northeast Lodge  
Stated Meeting  
July 6, 7pm  
Anoka #30 Stated Meeting  
July 9, Anoka Riverfest  
July 12, 6:30pm Road Trip to  
Cataract Lodge #2  
July 20, 7pm Anoka Lodge Entered  
Apprentice Degree  
July 21, 7:30pm OES Meeting  
July 23, OES Luncheon Honoring  
50 year members  
July 26-31, Anoka County Fair

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