

# 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 July we had!

Sara Golder received the scholarship award this year, and her multitude of "Uncles" told her they would be waiting to see her grades ;).



The Bones Brothers presented the Lodge with their First Place trophy for chicken, and Brother Hans Neiss presented the Lodge with a wonderful check as the finale of the "weight loss challenge" This years Riverfest pulled pork sandwich sale was a huge success and considerably easier on all concerned than the rib sale last year. We thankfully got full participation for this years Anoka County Fair, so congratulations go out to Junior Warden Todd for a job well done!



Unfortunately for us our bid to have Northeast Lodge merge with us was unsuccessful and they will be merging with Winslow Lewis. All the Brothers here at Anoka #30 wish all the brothers of Winslow/Northeast the very best as they go forward together. In August we will be having an Honored Ladies night as well as all the other bodies having their events. If you haven't been here for awhile come on back, you will be amazed at all you've been missing.



**Fraternally,  
Steve Braun  
Worshipful Master**

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**AUG 24**

***Honored Ladies Night:***  
featuring a guest speaker portraying the late Dr. Flora Aldrich

- 1: Sara Golder receiving the Lodge Scholarship.
- 2: Hans presenting a check to the Lodge for the weight loss program.
- 3: Bones Brothers dishing it out at Anoka's Riverfest.
- 4: Al Golder returning an Anoka Lodge bible found in a book store.



## GREETINGS FROM THE STAR!

July was HOT, HOT, HOT.

With August ahead of us, I hope everyone is successful in staying cool. Even though we do not have meetings in July and August, we still have things happening. On July 9th we had a booth at Riverfest in Anoka and sold our wonderful Strawberry Shortcake, Krispy Bars on a stick, and Ice Tea. It was good to make people aware that our organization is active in the community. It was fun to hear some customers comment that they remembered their grandmother was in Eastern Star or I was a Job's daughter or my dad was a Mason.

We had a request from the Lyric Arts Theater in Anoka to sell our Strawberry Shortcake at their "Making a Scene" event on August 19th and 20th. On August 18th through August 21st, Lyric Arts is celebrating its 10th anniversary on the Main Street Stage by painting a mural on the parking lot side of the building and the whole community is invited to grab a brush and join in on the fun! All ages and skill levels welcome! Their celebration will include a food booth, beer tent, bands playing, dancing, a mini farmers market, and our booth. This is another opportunity for some positive exposure in the community. We need workers to sign up for helping Friday from 3 to 9:30, and Saturday in time blocks from 12:00 to 9:30. Please call Jane LaMusga at 763-757-9274 to volunteer.

July 23rd was our Summertime Luncheon that honored our 50 year members. What a wonderful time we had renewing friendships of sisters and brothers that we do not get to see on a regular basis. Of the 55 people attending, 17 of them were honored for their years of membership. What a treat to have Opal Pilkington attend with her daughter Jean. Opal will be 102 years old in September. Still able



to get around even though her eyesight is not the best. A special presentation was made to Audrey Hanson for reaching her 50 years of membership on June 12th. A certificate from



Martha Chapter was given to her along with a 50 year pin and a certificate from the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. What an accomplishment.

A reception date has been set for Saturday, September 17th for the Grand Chaplain, Denise Emery (me, how awkward is this). It will be a Brunch at 11:00 A.M. Cost will be \$10:00. Reservation to Peg Oliver with payment. Watch for a notice to be sent.

Upcoming Star events.

### NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

#### **Aug. 19 & 20**

Strawberry Shortcake booth at Lyric Arts.  
Volunteer to Jane LaMusga

#### **Aug. 21**

ALL members, families, & friends  
picnic at the Lodge back yard

#### **Sept. 1**

7:30 meeting (surprise, it's before labor day this year)

#### **Sept. 15**

7:30 meeting School of Instructions – officers early  
6:00 light supper

#### **Sept. 17**

11:00 Brunch Reception for Grand Chaplain

Stay COOL and enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Denise Emery, Worthy Matron**

**Dave Emery, Worthy Patron**

*You're invited to:*

# Ribs, Bibs, & Blues!



**12 - 4pm**

## SEPTEMBER 18

**Anoka Masonic Lodge #30**

**1900 3rd Avenue**

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**Big Walter Smith**



## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH!

I find myself looking into the future as I write these articles. By the time you read this, the Anoka County Fair will have come and gone. Lemonade will be drank, cheese curds chowed down, and rides ridden. Hopefully, there will also be some men who have taken their first steps towards Light. Thank you to all of those who volunteered to work the booth. I am grateful at the time you all took out of your schedules to help Anoka Lodge in the community.

There are many summer blockbusters this year and box office records will be shattered. Am I going to take one of these movies and try and pull some Masonic symbolism out of it? Yep. Is it the link between alchemy, magic and the ancient mysteries of Harry Potter? No. How Masonry transforms us to do good work like the Autobots? No. How about our Masonic beliefs shielding us from intolerance like the shield of Captain America? Eh, kind of a stretch.

I want to talk about the Green Lantern\*. Here is a guy who was a normal man. He led a good life, and then his life was changed when he met someone and a ring was presented to him. He was deemed worthy to wear the ring due to his character. With this ring on his hand he does good deeds, protects and helps the innocent. There is a group of beings who join together with him to keep order in the universe. There are members called guardians who are wise and can help to guide this Green Lantern along his journey. His ring is a symbol across the universe of his power to help those who need him.

Before we knocked at the door of the preparation room, we were regular men. Men of good moral character that were well recommended by someone in the order. We band together to help children with their hospital care, the elderly with nursing home care, the mentally challenged with dental care, scholarships for college, and countless other ways to help those who need assistance. We have more experienced Masons who guide us, whisper good council, and mentor us. Our rings, lapel pins, and auto emblems tell everyone around us that we are in the world's greatest fraternity dedicated to making ourselves, our nation, and mankind better.

Maybe not quite a stretch. Then there is the Oath that the Green Lantern takes to recharge his ring:

*"In brightest day, in blackest night,  
No evil shall escape my sight  
Let those who worship evil's might,  
Beware my power... Green Lantern's light!"*



One more thing. Note the Green Lantern's ring:

Kind of looks like a perfect circle with two adjacent parallel lines.

Providing illumination in the darkest times. Helping out people in need. Upright moral character. Maybe we as Masons are Heroes of History. Enjoy the movies this summer!

\*note: I took a few liberties blending the movie and the comic books. So huge fans of the character, calm down.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

**Todd A. Mayer**  
**Junior Warden**



## GREETINGS FROM SHEKINAH!

In July we had our rehearsal for the Most Excellent Master Degree, with the actual degree coming this month.

We continue to make progress on our journey to being fully chartered next year. We were informed at Grand Chapter that we probably will not be able to keep our original number of #52 since our prior charter was merged.

However, Companion Secretary Chris Berglund came up with a great solution,, Our name will be "Shekinah 52" #(whatever number we get assigned) ! Way to go Chris. Continue to spread the word about York Rite and we can't be anything but a rousing success. .

**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:

**August 11**  
**Scottish Rite Temple**  
**2011 Dupont Avenue South**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55405**

**What:** Pizza Party and Open House

**Where:** Scottish Rite Temple in Minneapolis

**When:** August 11th 5:30-6:30 for Savoy Pizza, open house to follow.

**Who:** Blue Lodge Brothers, Scottish Rite Brothers, potential Blue Lodge Brothers and their significant others. Candidates are encouraged to bring their wives, it seems that the Ladies leave much more interested and understanding of what goes on.

**Why:** To take a tour of our impressive Temple, to learn more about Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and, if you are ready, to fill out a petition and become part of the Fall Class (degrees start August 25th).

A very special visit with Albert Pike follows. This will be taped for YouTube and other areas of distribution within Masonry. There is a nominal \$5.00 charge to active Scottish Rite members, everyone else is free.

**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**



# FROM THE LEO

I have not scheduled a program for the August stated meeting but there will be a presentation from Scott Franz. However on August 24th we will be hosting our Honored Ladies night at the Lodge. The WM asked me to prepare a program for this occasion. After some discussions I was able to secure an appointment for a presentation from one of our more famous and I must say one of our more outspoken Honored Ladies.

We will that evening be hearing from non other than Dr. Flora L. S. Aldrich. Flora lost her Masonic Husband ( Dr. A.G. Aldrich) in 1916, he was only 59 at the time, see attached photo. Despite the lapse of time and the devastations of biology Mrs. Dr. Aldrich is still quite able to deliver a good story regarding her life in the white house now attached to our building and the times in which she was a powerful force in the city of Anoka. This should be a VERY interesting presentation and I urge all of the brothers who can to attend and be sure to bring your wives. They will be able to speak with one of the women who helped bring them the vote a few years back!



**Dr. A.G. Aldrich and Dr. Flora L.S. Aldrich**

For the September stated meeting I have asked Mr. Scott Wolter to stop by and give us an update on his research into the Kensington Rune Stone and other related subjects. Due to an increasingly heavy schedule Scott may or may not be able to be in town on the 7th of Sept. for our stated meeting. Let's hope for the best here. Otherwise I will continue with my research into the early history of Anoka Lodge.

**Fraternally**

**John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer**

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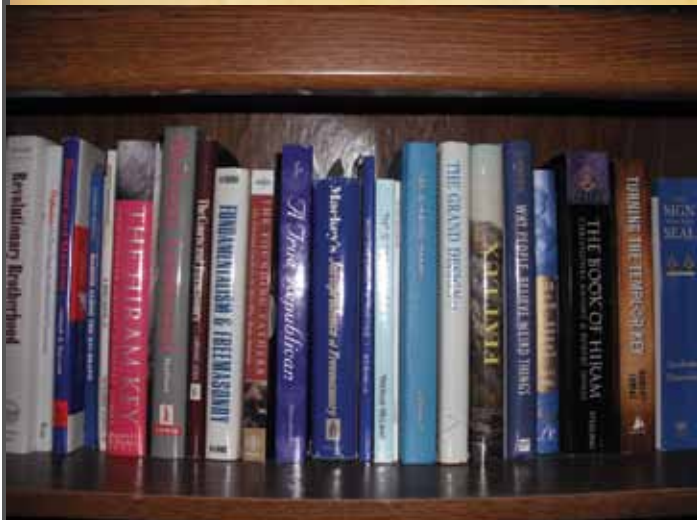
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