



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!**

The line officers and I just returned from a wonderful planning retreat held in the Wisconsin northwoods courtesy of Secretary Jay Lenz and co-planned by Asst. Secretary Chris Berglund. While my presence there was more in the capacity of an interested observer (since my year is rapidly approaching its conclusion), many topics pertinent to the remainder of my year as well as the future direction of the Lodge were discussed.

It was so successful that I find myself wondering why no one had thought of doing it before. Needless to say I have no doubt that the Lodge will be in good hands for many years to come. The amount of forethought being brought to this meeting by Brothers who won't be Master for two to five years from now is truly inspiring. We will truly be rapidly moving into the future of Masonry and Lodge operations under their future guidance.

One idea that was brought up was the concept of "branding" for Anoka #30. By that I mean a logo and/or a phrase that can be incorporated on all our official correspondence as well as being printed/embroidered on shirts, caps, jackets, pins etc. I am therefore announcing an official contest to achieve that end. The contest begins now and submissions will close on the stated meeting night in October. The top three designs as chosen by the Officers will be voted on by the Lodge at the November stated meeting. Winning designer will receive a polo shirt of their choice with the new logo/brand. Good luck and have fun with it!

**Fraternally,  
Steve Braun  
Worshipful Master**




**EA TABLE LODGE**

**September 21 - 6pm**  
**Dinner will be roast beef, garlic**  
**mashed potatoes, and vegetable.**  
**RSVP required to Todd Mayer**  
**jeditodd@comcast.net**  
**763-413-0764 or Facebook**

**Please note the following date correction!**  
**Apologies from the Editor. ~ Ryan**

*You're invited to:*

**Ribs,  
Bibs,  
& Blues!**




**12 - 4pm**

**SEPTEMBER 10**

**Anoka Masonic Lodge #30**  
**1900 3rd Avenue**  
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 Lodge Tours Available


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## GREETINGS FROM THE STAR!

Holy Cow, where did the summer go? As they say, Time flies when you're having Fun. We have had our share of HEAT and now it is so comfortable. At least it is today as I am writing this. August came and went without many activities. We did have a Strawberry Shortcake stand on the 19th and 20th for the Lyric Arts Celebration of their Paint the Wall event. Drive past the parking lot area of the Theatre and see the wonderful mural that was painted. It was a fun two days and we were able to inform a few people what the Eastern Star organization was all about. A great big THANKS to Jane and Wayne LaMusga who organized and manned the booth and thanks to the others who came to assist.

The next day was our annual picnic. It was a glorious day and a lot of wonderful food. We had a great time visiting and catching up on everyone's activities over the summer months. It was great to see Flossie attend after her hip replacement surgery. We missed a few who were unable to attend. Sharon Barlow in the hospital for possible Pancreatitis, Tim and Cassie Carney with the passing of Tim's mother, and Monica Oelschlager with a new baby boy Jake arriving early. I did not hear about others that may have health issues. I hope all are doing well.

GET READY! SEPTEMBER IS HERE with lot's of things happening.

### Upcoming Star events:

**Sept. 1st** - Honoring Rob Morris, Brothers, and the Marshal's station. **We would love all of our men to attend and be honored.**

**Sept. 15th**- School of Instruction, and honoring the Secretary's station. **Officers, please come early to review your parts with the District Instructor.** A light dinner will be available for those officers arriving early.

**Sept. 17th** -Reception Brunch at 11:00 for the Grand Chaplain, Denise Emery (Reservations to Peg Oliver)

**Sept. 29th**- 5th Thursday Social, Mary Ross will reserve a location

**Sept. 30th** -Soup Luncheon – 11:00 to 1:00. Come and enjoy your choice of two soup options.

## Photos from the OES Picnic



## GREETINGS FROM BETHEL 48!

Hey!

We had a great time at North Pole camp 2011! We did tug of war in the water, and canoe races, Stephanie, Emmie, Sarah and Nika tipped the canoe, and had to swim it back to shore. We played kickball, volleyball, and softball, and had a blast, even if the girls (especially me) don't like things coming at our face.

We participated in skit night, and I found out how hard it was to maintain a cotton ball beard as Santa. We decorated our cabin as Santa's workshop, and got to make new friends from around the state! Next year's Jobie camp theme is Wizard of Oz, and I am super excited!!

### Some upcoming events we have include:

On Aug 27, the adults have planned an all day mystery trip for the girls

Our next meeting is Aug. 29, and we are visiting the Robbinsdale DeMolay meeting on Sept 1 and making them Ice Cream Sundaes.

We are going to the Renaissance Festival on Sept 17, and our go-to-church and HQ mystery trip is on Sept. 25!

**Sara Golder**  
Honored Queen Bethel 48



## WE CAN RIDE



### Upcoming Events:

**Sept 8, 7pm**-Watch a We Can Ride class in action! Leatherdale Equine Center at the U of M St. Paul Campus. Directions can be found on the Anoka Lodge calendar and will be provided to all who RSVP.

**October 13th** - Minnetonka Community Center. A free beer and barbeque dinner (provided by The Bones Brothers) will be available any time between 5:30 and 6:30. Program is from 6:30 to 7:30. RSVP is required. We're looking for brothers to come, bring guests, and be a table captain or host a table if possible.

RSVP Scott Franz @ [franzbqn@gmail.com](mailto:franzbqn@gmail.com), on Facebook, or 612-396-5401.

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH!

Although the calendar does not say it yet, fall is fast approaching. The three-year cycle of acorns is hinting at a bumper crop at my house. Already they have started to drop in the driveway, making driving into the garage a symphony of cracks and pops. My kids are a couple of weeks away from going back to school, and I, like most parents cannot wait. It is not just excitement for getting them out of the house and out of my hair, but excitement for the new things that they are going to learn and the new opportunities that will be presented to them over the school year.

Our Lodge is very similar. We have had our break (or at least a little slower time) and now it is back to work in the quarries for the good of the Lodge. In the slowdown, your officers have been working hard for the last push of the year. We just had a very successful officer retreat where we were able to discuss the focus, direction and future of Anoka Lodge #30.

One of the opportunities that I am very excited about is the roll-out of a new committee structure. We will be discussing it more in Lodge, but briefly, each officer of Anoka Lodge is going to have a program of emphasis that they will oversee. Every event/committee/facet of Lodge has an officer attached to it. This will allow for better communication/updates of projects, allow for more leadership opportunities for the officers as well as the Brethren, and smoother, documented, better projects.

We are looking at this new structure also as a way for more Brothers to get involved. We have a very active Lodge, and our ambition is just as great. We want each Brother of Anoka #30 to think about what they would like to do to improve themselves and the Craft. Heading up a chair position for a community outreach project, running a fundraising dinner, working on the mentoring program, or being on a committee are all ways to serve.

They say that many hands make light work, and I truly believe that if we all find something (trust me when I say that there are a lot of opportunities) that we can best work on, our Lodge will be stronger, our projects will be bigger and better, and it will give you another outlet to spend time with your Brethren, getting to know them and improving yourself in Masonry.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

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



## GREETINGS FROM SHEKINAH!

I hope everyone's summer is going well. As we head into the fall season we will be having a rehearsal/walkthrough for the Most Excellent Master degree at the September meeting with the degree to be performed in October. PHP, WB, AD James McNeely is planning on attending, so let's prepare well for this one.

Let me repeat again that we need the active participation of all the Companions to assure we can grow and get our final charter again. Please plan on attending the upcoming meetings and if you know of any candidates for the degrees, don't forget to mention the one day festival early next year as a possible option. Let's all do what we can to make Shekinah52 the best Chapter we can.

Keep traveling well,

**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.*

## FROM THE SR. DEACON

As summer begins to fade and the kids head back to school, I begin to get fired up for the last and arguably, most busy time of the year at Anoka Lodge. Within the next several months, we have events, such as, a set of degrees, one of them a Table Lodge, Ribs Bibs and Blues, The Anoka Halloween Parade, elections and installation, to name a few. In reflection over the year so far, I would have to say that, as Senior Deacon, I have been blessed to play a large part in the degrees of our newest members by personally guiding them around the lodge and making sure that they are well received.

Part of the duties and responsibilities of the Senior Deacon are "...to welcome and accommodate visiting Brethren and to receive and conduct candidates". These are rewarding aspects of the position, as I get to personally meet and interact with visitors and candidates, as well as prospective members. However, these rewards do not need to be limited to this office. As Brothers of the oldest and largest fraternity in the world, we are all responsible to see that our visitors are all received warmly into our lodge. We do a pretty good job with this at our lodge and I hope that we continue this in the future. At the last Stated Meeting, there was a definite buzz about the dining room before dinner, meeting and greeting our prospective members, candidates and visitors!

Hopefully, by now, you have heard of our Lodge's Mentoring Program. This program has been designed to help guide and assist all candidates through our degrees, help them obtain information and support all the way through the degree program and beyond. Before this program was instituted, most of the support came from WB John's Educational Programs and memory work coaches. If you were lucky, as I was, a Brother may take you under his wing and personally reach out to you and show you what the Lodge has to offer in terms of volunteer and leadership opportunities. I still benefit from my "unofficial Mentor" to this day, which leaves me thinking, "Why can't more of us be like this". "Why can't we all take a larger role in helping to develop and guide our newest Brothers in lodge opportunities?"

We have the luxury of having a "deep bench" at Anoka Lodge. We have Brothers from all walks of life with varying interests and skills, which can add greatly to the

quality of our work and role we play in the community. As leaders of our Lodge (we are all leaders, so don't try and duck this!), we should all be on the lookout for those Brothers who can contribute with their hidden talents. This will help make the Lodge a more fulfilling, rewarding experience for those Brothers seeking more and more light in their personal development. Encourage these Brothers to share their ideas and help them set their plans to motion. Do not discourage, but rather, encourage!

So, make sure you reach out to our newest members and get to know them. Find out what makes them tick. I have discovered that as Masons, we are all nerds at heart and have some very diverse interests! You never know, that nerdy little hobby someone has might act as a great event for the lodge, or even better, a fundraiser!

**Dave Hansel**  
**Senior Deacon**

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**Sunday, Sept 18**  
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# FROM THE LEO

Due to building construction issues we were not able to hold our Honored Ladies night program with Mrs. Dr. Flora Aldrich. I believe that this event will be rescheduled for the near future.

For our "Back to Blue Lodge" program for our stated meeting on Sept. 7th we will again host Mr. Scott Wolter as our after dinner speaker. As you may recall Scott has given us updates in the past regarding his continuing research involving the Kensington Rune Stone the Hooked X and other related topics. This presentation will again provide us with more interesting information on these very intriguing topics. He will have his books available if you wish to obtain one. I am looking forward to a very informative talk!

For our October stated meeting we will be learning more about that expression in the "G" lecture that goes something like this: **"by it we may curiously trace nature through her various windings to her most concealed recesses."** Put your thinking hats on and get ready to learn.

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

## Sept. 7th

Scott Wolter,  
 Author of *The Hooked X* and  
 featured on the  
 History Channel  
 documentary "Holy  
 Grail in America"  
 will be our guest  
 speaker.



# FROM THE EDITOR

**Please send in your submissions,  
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**Thank you**

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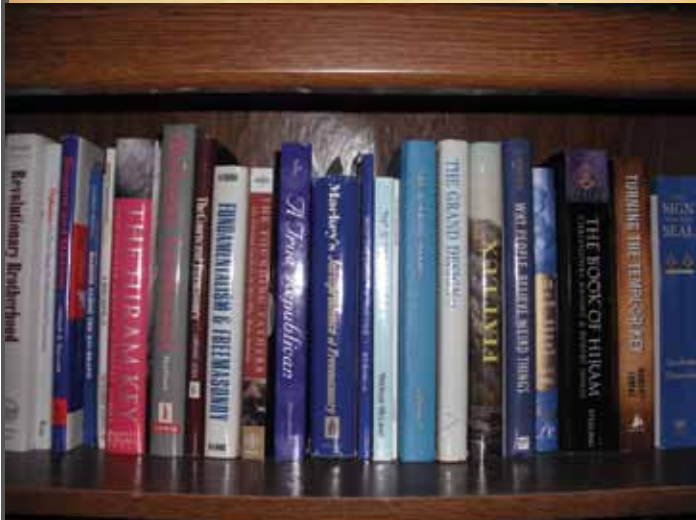
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