



A N O K A M A S O N I C L O D G E # 3 0 A . F . & A . M .



## FROM THE MASTER

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:  
 May 2: Stated Meeting  
 May 16th: Fellowcraft Degree

The foundation of Freemasonry is, and must always be, Respect. All other moral and social virtues must be derived from this single point. We must Respect ourselves; we must Respect each other; and we must Respect those outside our Fraternity, even when they oppose us. Respect is similar, but critically different from Tolerance. Tolerance accepts that which is different than itself, but Respect embraces these differences, even when one disagrees with them. We must acknowledge the differences in opinion and belief that distinguish one man or Mason from another and embrace them as equally as valid as our own. These differences, when respected and embraced, can strengthen us as a society and are, I feel, an essential part of our humanity to one another. Ultimately, I have learned that to disrespect the views or opinions of others is un-Masonic, un-American, and inhumane.

There is a great deal of dirt-flinging and name-calling in the media today, all originating from a variety of political and religious sources. All with their own agendas and all with the intent on swaying us to their platforms by means of fear, uncertainty and doubt. All with a complete lack of Respect. There are many Brothers who hold religion, social, or political positions I absolutely disagree with. But, as a Mason and as an American, I would never disrespect them or their opinions. I will love and support them as best I feel comfortable with. As Masons, we must not measure a Brother, or anyone, by the organizations they associate with or the beliefs they hold. We do not care what political views they hold; we care only that they are loyal citizens of our Nation. We do not care what religion they follow; we only care that they have a profound belief in something greater and above themselves. We do not care what social ideal they embrace; we just care that they are involved and invested in their community. Respect is the foundation of our Fraternity. It is the greatest lesson

Freemasonry can inculcate in our daily lives.

One avenue of mutual Respect is why a Brother joins the Lodge. Freemasonry is different things to different people. Each Brother became a Mason for their own personal reasons and many have found new reasons for membership since they joined. We join for Family; to maintain a personal family historical connection to the Craft. We join for the Fellowship; to have friends and events and other social elements. Some join to study the internal transformation our symbols and allegorical lessons can guide us through. Others petition membership because they feel Masonry will bring them closer to their Deity. And some are drawn to the ties of the ancient past our history brings. Many will join for any combination of the above or for some personal reason all their own. In the end, each Brother knocked on that door for personal reasons. Reasons we should all respect and support as we would have our reasons respected and supported.

Finally: We officers have decided to begin holding regular, if not annual, Lodges of Instruction: The Dusty Square and Compass. These events will be held at the Lodge and are designed to aid Brothers who feel they have forgotten the various Words and Passes and therefore are uncomfortable in coming to Lodge meetings. As we are still working out the details, final information on dates and times will be sent out on a later date. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the Lodge.

Fraternally,

**Rob Naeve**  
**Worshipful Master**





## FROM THE WEST

The Masonic Fraternity is known for many things. Our detractors focus on the Morgan Affair. They focus on our secrecy. They point to our symbols and twist and turn them for their own purpose, not what we intend them to be for our own use.

We focus on Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Contributing to the relief of poor, distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans. Passing the hat.

We focus on making men better. Helping out our community and each other. We may not be known for everything that we do philanthropically, because we do not toot our horn. But here are some things that we should be tooting about:

- Minnesota Masons raised \$265,000 that was matched two for one by Masonic Charities (that is \$800,000) for food shelves around the state.

- We fund and support two incredible homes for elderly patients.

- Half a million dollars has been raised in scholarships by Masonic Lodges, Star Chapters and other Masonic Organizations (this also was matched).

- Our \$65 million dollar pledge to the U of M for the Masonic Cancer Center helps fund treatments and research to cure cancer. That is the goal: To cure cancer.

- Minnesota Masons raised over \$40,000 for Special Olympics Minnesota by participating in the Polar Plunge.

Locally, Anoka Lodge raises money for the ACBC Food Shelf, We Can Ride, and Stable Pathways. We support our Jobies going to camp, Grand Bethel, or anytime they need help. One of our Boy Scouts is going to the National Order of the Arrow Conference thanks to us. We give a couple of college scholarships away every year. I know that I am missing many items, and the OES does huge amounts of fundraising and practical charity each year. We have many things to be proud of.

We can do more.

I am not asking you to open your wallet. MN Masonic Charities will gladly take your donation, as last month's speaker talked about. Any of our organizations will also take a check. I am talking about the one-on-one assistance. Getting a widow's house ready for spring. Serving meals at a local

soup kitchen. Painting the halls of the Lodge or anything else that the House Committee may need. Helping the Boy Scouts by signing up to be a Merit Badge Councilor (you do not have to be a registered Scouter). Volunteering at your church or a school.

With that being said, if you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask. We sometimes cannot help because we do not know a need exists. Whether it is chores around the house or help with dues because of a loss of job or cutback of hours, know that your Lodge is here to assist you, just as you have assisted others in the past. It is your turn to know that Brotherly Love and Relief is about.

We are men who have a strong belief that we should give back. Let us get in the quarries, roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

**Todd A. Mayer**  
**Senior Warden**



**SW Todd Mayer displays the BFG (Big Fraternal Gavel) that we recovered from Mound Lodge the day before our stated meeting in April.**



## FROM THE SOUTH

Well, another Grand Lodge has come and gone, leaving us with more great memories and hopefully, renewed perspective for our Lodge and Masonry. One observance I saw in particular is just how solid our reputation has become for having such a strong Lodge,

when many across the state are struggling. It is a sincere and humbling sense of pride to represent Anoka Lodge as we move forward into the years ahead, but I can't help to wonder what we can do to bring these struggling lodges along with us.

At lunch with some of the Brothers on Friday, I posed the question, "When people ask you what makes our Lodge so strong, what do you tell them"? "Can you really put your finger on one single thing that is the basis for our strength"? "Bones Brothers", said one; "our Mentorship Program", said another. "We have strong ritual", mentioned someone. But as we continued to provide singular examples of what makes our Lodge so strong, we all came to the conclusion is that it is the sum of all of these individual aspects which provide the foundation for our strength. Our comprehensive approach to the work of our Lodge and it's success is that "singular aspect" of what makes Anoka Lodge one, if not The premier lodge in the state.

While we are enjoying a time of strength and resiliency as a Lodge, I must caution that we do not rest on our laurels. We are not perfect, as we have all learned and we must continuously strive to create that perfect ashlar in our own lives as well as the health and well being of the Lodge. I know this sounds like a broken record (for you younger guys, records are those round vinyl discs that we used to play music on years ago), but if you have an idea, present it; if you are concerned about a Brother, reach out to him; if you are feeling unfulfilled, find a committee to join or head up. We have fostered a culture of continuous improvement at Anoka Lodge which grows every day.

But as we continue to improve our home lodge, we must not forget about those other lodges around us which may need some assistance as well. What we are doing at

Anoka should not be held secret. We should all be willing to share our stories, successful or otherwise, with other Brothers in our state. I charge us all to reach out to these lodges and offer assistance to them when ever possible. At Grand Lodge this year, I took upon myself to offer out to a few Brothers from other lodges, "What can the Brothers of Anoka Lodge do for you"? Our reputation as a quality lodge should not be stained with feelings of envy and jealousy, but one of helpfulness and Brotherly Love, caring for not only our own but our peers as well.

Let's continue to move forward and strengthen our foundation in the months to come, but lets pull some of these other lodges along with us in the meantime. Take time to travel to other lodges, attend meetings for appendant bodies, drop someone an email or pick up the phone and ask, "What can the Brothers of Anoka Lodge do for you"?

Sincerely,

**Dave Hansel**  
**Junior Warden**



## ROYAL ARCH

Greetings Companions, By the time you read this the paperwork will be in the works for our Chapter Charter request. We are planning to get together anyway (even though unofficially since we must suspend work until Grand Session), in May as a social gathering to discuss the future of our Chapter and enjoy good fellowship. Further details to follow. If anyone has suggestions for our get together, please send them to me. Thank you all to your hard work to get us to this point and with God's blessing we will become the newest full Chartered Chapter in Minnesota.

Fraternally yours in the Craft,

**Steve Braun**  
**High Priest**  
**Shekinah 52 U.D.**



## Traveling Man

Next Road Trip:

**May 17th at 7pm**

Compass Lodge #265

4228 West Broadway

Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Our Road Trip this month will be to see the young gentlemen of Robbinsdale DeMolay. Let's bring a bunch of Brothers to support these young men that have many ties to Anoka Lodge.



We will leave carpool from Anoka Lodge at 5:30.

**Hope to see you there!**

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

[jeditodd@comcast.net](mailto:jeditodd@comcast.net)

763-413-0764

Todd A. Mayer



## Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, May 6** - Pageant of Hope Family Fun Day  
(See flier on the following pages)

**Sunday May 20** - Stable Pathways fundraiser at Bunker Park Stable Open House. Same location (Bunker Park Stable) as the first one. We'll be serving from 11am to 2:00 (I think). \$6 for lunch plus free hay rides, pony leads, demos, and more all free from Bunker Park Stable.

## Take Us Out to the Ballgame!!!



We are going to the St. Paul Saints game again this year. This event is open to all Masonic families and their families.

**When: Sunday, June 24th at 1:05pm**

**Where: Midway Stadium in St. Paul**

Bring your own grillables and we will provide the other fixings and side dishes.

Cost is \$15 for ticket and other food before the game.

RSVPs should be made to SW Todd Mayer.

Payment can be made beforehand or at the game.

Todd A. Mayer  
Senior Warden



# EASTERN STAR

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:  
May 3 - 6 - Grand Chapter

## Calling for all Missing Photos!

I have been up dating our Chapter photo album. And we are still missing some pictures and programs. The list below is missing their pictures and or programs.

Year	Picture	Program	Worthy Matron & Patron
1977 – 1978		X	Betty Leakas & Ernest Leakas
1988 – 1989		X	Nancy Thorson & Del Freel
1989 – 1990	X	X	Janet (Gilbertson) Sanness & Doug Steele
1992 – 1993	X		Arleen Steele & Doug Steele
1995 – 1996	X	X	Sharon Barlow & John Daily
1996 – 1997	X	X	Arleen Steele & Doug Steele
1998 – 1999	X		Julia Tollgaard & David Groth
1999 – 2000		X	Sharon Barlow & John Daily
2003 – 2004	X	X	Peggy Sallese & Aldo Sallese
2009 – 2010		X	Lois Leonard & Kevin Leonard
2010 – 2011	X		Garland Lundquist & David Lundquist

If you have pictures or programs for the years listed, please bring them to one of our meetings or mail them to me so I can get them into the book.

Thank you for all your help.

**Patty Meehl**  
10023 Northwood Lane No.  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

## 2012 Shrimp Dinner Photos





WB Jordy Stradtman and Scott Franz at the Shrine Ceremonial BBQ competition, held Saturday, April 28th. The Bones Brothers competed against 4 other teams in a “People’s Choice” competition, feeding approximately 200 people

## ***Anoka Lodge Tech Committee:***

Have you checked out the new website yet? If not please do! You will find links to the new Google online calendar, Star and Compass issues, Facebook, as well as easy to remember addresses to all the officers!

In our efforts to move Anoka Lodge into the Digital Age, we have created a new officer position, Lodge Media Officer, as well as a new Technology Committee. If you have an interest in being a part of this, please contact Myron Shelton at [LMO@anokamasons.org](mailto:LMO@anokamasons.org). Look for updates and helpful tips in this section throughout the year!



### ***Tips this month:***

\* You can now email any officer of the lodge with @anokamasons.org email address!  
Visit the website’s “Contact Us” section for a listing.

\*Did you know the Lodge has both a public Facebook page and a private Facebook group? If you are on Facebook, look us up! Join the group and “Like” the page! Just type “Anoka Lodge” in the search field.

\*Do you have a Gmail or Google account? If so, you can now add the Anoka Lodge Calendar to your Android or iPhone mobile device! Go to the “Events Calendar” section of the website and scroll down below the calendar for instructional links.

# **The Pageant of Hope Family & Friends Fun Day BBQ**

Bunker Hills Stables  
550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover  
Sunday, May 6th, 2012  
12pm-4pm (Rain or Shine)  
\$20 Tickets    \$10 (kids 10 & under)

## **TICKETS TO INCLUDE:**

BBQ Lunch– Ice Cream  
Hayrides– Face Painting– Caricature Drawings  
Balloon Artist–DJ Music–Crazy Hair Booth  
Cotton Candy– Fresh Baked Cookies  
Raffle Ticket for a Chance to Win an iPad  
Silent Auction Opportunities

**Bring your Family and Friends!!!**

For tickets please call or email Lisa Maslowski  
c) 612-210-7904    e) ltmaslowski@comcast.net

\* Pageant of Hope is a 501c3 Organization.

## FROM THE LEO

At our last stated meeting we had a representative from the Minnesota Masonic Home and the Minnesota Masonic Charities as our guest speaker. He noted that Anoka Lodge is a very active Lodge and has utilized the programs of the Minnesota Masonic Charities to benefit our local community in many ways. If any one has any questions about how to become a resident at the Minnesota Masonic home please see me.

Many of the Brothers of Anoka Lodge remember Bro. Reuben Berlinerblau who has visited us frequently from his home in Israel. Last fall during his visit here Reuben told me that he and his wife Magda were going to try to immigrate to the US. Well, it happened and they are now here and living with their son in Minnetonka. This is a very joyous occasion for us here at Anoka Lodge. Both Reuben and Magda survived the horrors of WW II and the excitement of the establishment of the state of Israel. Both of them will be with us at the May stated meeting to say hello to all of their Fraternal brothers and sisters. I am also inviting the Job's Daughters and De Molay members to join us as well as this is an event of a lifetime. Much work needs to be done to help Reuben and Magda find a suitable home and settle in to their new roles as citizens of the United States of America. Please come and join in on the celebration.

Fraternally

John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer



**LEO John Freeburg kneels before the George Washington Inaugural Bible that was on display at our Grand Lodge session in Brooklyn Park. This Bible is the one that Bro. Washington took his oath of office on and belongs to the Grand Lodge of New York. This is the furthest west that the this bible has ever been.**

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*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.*



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