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FROM THE MASTER
UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:
 June 15th : Charitable Committee Meeting
 June 23rd: Outdoor Degree

Summer is here and it is calling me to get outside and finish that landscaping. I hope each and every one of you gets some good time in the sun this summer, ideally with less work involved. So, I will keep this one quick.

In Masonry, we talk about being in the Light. We speak about bringing Light to Darkness. And yet, we quite often still exist in the shadowy edges of our lives. We are quiet and circumspective regarding our Fraternity and many of us are hesitant to publicly state we are Masons. The fact that the average member of society has little to no idea what exactly masons are and do, and the majority of what they know is often radically wrong.

Why is this?



Our newest Master Masons prove up.

In generations past, it was considered uncouth to speak about the Fraternity in any public forum. Many held the idea of “Masonic Secrets” too close to their chests and held every little concept or idea of Masonry to be something to never reveal, under penalty of Obligation. The young men who sought out membership were often required to ask someone they thought to be a Mason three times before the Brother would even acknowledge they were in the Lodge. Family members were left in the darkness about what their men were doing up at the Lodge. In the absence of knowledge, this darkness was often replaced with ignorance and superstition.

Thankfully, this need for silent obfuscation has faded with time and the Fraternity is embracing the open nature of the modern world. As we say: “We are not a Secret Society as much as we are a Society with Secrets”. Let this be our guide. The Secrets of our Society are ours to keep, but the beauties of Masonry are ones to share with those in our lives. Embrace this idea. Embrace our place in this modern age and the role Freemasonry can have in it. The Light calls.

Now go outside and enjoy the summer sun.

Fraternally,

Rob Naeve
Worshipful Master





FROM THE WEST

This article will find us in Hawaiian shirts and shorts for meetings. Ahhh, summer Lodge meetings. Truly, it takes away some of the formality and ushers in a little more fellowship. The openings and closings are a little more relaxed (not too relaxed, Grand Lodge), the impending degree is gone for three months, and we see a few men that we have not seen due to some freeing up at work. The Outdoor MM Degree will be this month, and it is among my favorites. Being out in the open really connects me with our operative Brethren many years ago. They did not have fancy buildings, and the Tyler had to work harder to keep off cowans and eavesdroppers. But more especially, there is the fellowship. We are all out there in a field performing the work, and being outside, it really allows us to take it all in. No other distractions.

There is still many opportunities in the quarries, though. There are some Lodge-improvement projects to be done. Look for a workday or two this summer to spruce up and repair a few things at 1900 3rd Ave. Our Trustees are amazing, but they cannot do it all. Just pitching in a bit really helps out. Our 6th annual Saints game will be June 24th. Family and friends are invited, just let me know how many. If you have someone who is interested in the Craft, invite him along to meet some of the guys and have a good time at the ballgame. The details on the game are later on in the newsletter. I will leave the County Fair for our JW Dave.

There are plenty of opportunities in the quarry for next year as well. Tradition prevailing, I move to the East. I am starting to assemble (not unlike the Avengers) our team for 2013. Take some time this summer to think about how you would like to serve your Lodge. I have handed out the new Committee Structure at meetings (if you need one, let me know) with a bunch of ideas. If you have a particular position, whether it be in a committee, or as an officer, that you are interested in, contact me. We can go out for a beer or whatever and talk about it. The Help Wanted sign is out, and I am taking figurative applications. With that,

summer will also be a time for me to start planning 2013. If you have any suggestions, feel free to let me know. This may seem early for some that I am talking about this, but I have been assured by the W Brothers that it is not the case.

See you around the Lodge and in the quarries!

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer
Senior Warden

**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



FROM THE SOUTH

As our cool cloudy days finally turn to sunshine and warmth for a few months, it can only mean one thing; the Anoka County Fair is just around the corner. And as tradition holds true here at Anoka Lodge, the task of rounding up a crack volunteer staff to “man” the booth, falls

to the Junior Warden. So, here begins my first official pitch for the fair, at least in printed form.

Since I joined the Lodge, I have always enjoyed working the fair, but I have to be honest, I did not always feel this way. The first time I volunteered I was a bit nervous and uneasy with the whole idea. Just the thought of attempting to answer questions about the Lodge, or Freemasonry in general, put butterflies in my stomach. Not to mention, what if I encountered someone who was not very friendly to the whole idea of Freemasonry and was looking to start some trouble, I worried. Well, thankfully, those fears were unfounded and I am happy to say that I do not have those butterflies any longer. In fact, I have come to enjoy the event and now view it as a rite of summer every year.

Where else can you get to know another Brother a little better while sipping lemonade, chowing down on fair food and watching the crowds? Last year, I worked the booth with my daughter, Kristen, and was able to witness her explain Job’s Daughters to a total stranger with the utmost poise and confidence; skills she learned as a Jobie (little “plug” there for Job’s). That was the first time I got to see her use those new skills and I was very impressed. The year before that, I got to man the booth with a PM whom I did not know very well at the time and really had a very enjoyable conversation as we got to know each other better.

Despite all of these benefits, the main thing is that we get to put our face out there in the county and let people know that we are still here and active in the community. And, if we get lucky, we might even get a few petitions along the way!

We are going to try and change up the booth a little bit this year and open things up somewhat to give it a more inviting atmosphere. Also, I am bringing in a better fan or two from home as well as a newer TV/DVD combo to build upon our previous efforts.

We will be setting things up the evening of Monday July 23rd from 6pm to 9pm, then the normal schedule runs through to Sunday evening the 29th, when we tear everything down after the 6pm – 10pm shift. We will run shifts the same as last year with three sets every day; 10am – 2pm, 2pm – 6pm and 6pm – 10pm, two people per shift.

So please make a point to volunteer for a shift (or two if you are ambitious!) at the fair this year. I do have the schedules for the past two years, so if you need to know when you worked in the past, I have that information. As soon as the fair puts out their schedule of events, I will have that with me also (as of the date of this article, 5/14, they have not posted it yet).

To volunteer, please contact me by email, preferably, so I will have a record to fall back on if things get lost, at cincyexpat@yahoo.com. Not to mention, email is just so much easier to manage. If you are not able to send an email, feel free to call my home phone at 763-862-5352. Otherwise, I will try and catch as many as possible during other Lodge events.

Sincerely,

Dave Hansel
Junior Warden



ROYAL ARCH

Greetings Companions, By the time you read this we will have completed our mini proficiency exam and, God willing, we have passed and are ready to receive our full Charter at Grand Sessions this month. Thanks to all of you for your hard work getting us to this moment! Please, as many of you are able, attend the Grand Session of Royal Arch of Minnesota on June 23rd. registration forms are available on the Mn RAM website. See you there!

Fraternally yours in the Craft,

Steve Braun
High Priest
Shekinah 52 U.D.



JOB'S DAUGHTERS

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

June 10th - Installation
June 22nd - Relay for Life

The Jobies have been busy as usual! At Grand Bethel in March Sara Golder was elected Grand Bethel Sr. Princess and Marietta Herrera was elected Grand Bethel treasurer! At our Bethel elections in May, Kristen Hansel was elected as Honored Queen, Nika Kingdon as Sr Princess and Marietta Herrera as Jr Princess. Our installation will be June 10 and we invite our entire Mason family to attend.

May 12 we had a mystery overnight. The girls had no idea that they would be picked up for an overnight event. The moms (thank you) had their bags packed and sleeping bags ready and when the girls answered the door to see all their jobie friends their expressions were hilarious!

Hope to see you on the 10th!
Jobie Love
Bethel 48



Jobies at this year's Grand Bethel



Please join the
Job's Daughters Bethel 48
in participating in the:

Anoka County Relay for Life

Friday, June 22nd
5:00PM – 7:00AM

How can you help?

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http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=38793&team_id=1083586

*Join the Team or Donate and support our
Bethel in raising funds to fight cancer!*



EASTERN STAR

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

June 21st - Honoring Masons and Fathers
June 22nd - Annual Salad Luncheon

Greetings from the East! Our Installation has been completed and we've got a few meetings under our belt. Just like Spring, we have grown anew! What a marvelous corp of officers we have this year, full of life and song! I am blessed to serve the officers and members of Martha Chapter. Our theme this year is "Through the Eyes of a Child" and we will be celebrating that youthful spirit throughout the coming year.

Many of us just returned from Grand Chapter in St. Cloud where we were honored to support our very own brother Curt Speller as he was installed as Worthy Grand Patron of Minnesota, along with Cynthia McDonald as Worthy Grand Matron (Robbinsdale Chapter). A reception in honor of Cynthia and Curt will be held on June 3rd at Edinborough USA. At our last meeting we honored sister Denise Emery and brother Dave Emery, our junior Past Matron and Patron. We are all so grateful to them for giving us a strong stepping stone into our new year.

June will be busy as we initiate a new member, and prepare for our Annual Salad Luncheon on June 22rd from 11AM to 1PM. We welcome you and your friends to please join us!! The salads are always delicious and we always have such a nice time. Also in June, our first meeting on the 7th will honor past Matron and Patron Garland and David Lunquist. At our June 21st meeting we will honor our Masons and Fathers. Please wear your ugliest tie!

What a lovely Spring we are enjoying. Remember when you couldn't wait to get your bike out for the first time? Do you remember when you last flew a kite so high it was just a little dot up in the sky? What about that new rubber ball in the springtime; the one you played Russian handball with on the sidewalk while mom made dinner? Come join us as we rediscover that kid in all of us. As Art Linkletter said back in 1957, "Kids Say the Darndest Things!" And just maybe we do too! See you at Chapter!

Regards;
Lyla Aaland
Worthy Matron

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**.

Look for updates and helpful tips in this section throughout the year!

FROM THE LEO

Please see attached picture of our newest brother WB Reuben Berlinerblau with his wife Magda and of course me. As I mentioned last month we had a welcome to the USA/Minnesota/Anoka/Anoka Lodge #30 party for Reuben and his extended family including his son Joe and several grandchildren. Reuben became an official member of our lodge on Wed. May 16th. We are truly a blessed Lodge.

For the June stated I will be discussing several new Masonic books that have recently been released. And of course they support my view of the fraternity.

Fraternally,
John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer



Above: WB Freeburg and WB Reuben Berlinerblau with wife Magda Bottom left: WB Wayne Lamusga's new flower bed Bottom right: Summer time means BBQ time for the Bones Brothers



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