

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...

To the Anoka Masonic Family,

As I sat in the woods these last few days, I reflected on the last year, and WOW, what an incredible year it has been. I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support throughout our undertakings.



Without the extra help this year, it still would have been a special year, but because of everyone's immense support, we had a *spectacular* year. My last meeting is the December stated on 12/01/2010, so please come and join us- I would like to fill the sidelines one last time.

Brothers, there has been a lot of talk about what will be fixed up next in the lodge building. The trustees will be compiling a list, and the officers will have to prioritize it. We can't fix everything right away, but we can start a list and try to fix what needs the most attention, and hopefully the new master can do some fund raisers to fix the reminder. I am glad that the brothers of Anoka gave me the opportunity to run this wonderful Lodge, and it has been an experience that I will always treasure and never forget. I am already missing it and I wish Steve Braun, the Master elect, the best.



Inside the new elevator L-R Chaplin Father Thomas Knopf-Bigelow, WM Randy Cook, Deputy Grand Master Tom Hendrickson, "Major Donor" Duke Grosslein.

Remember, the past masters and brothers will always help- you just need to ask. I hope that we continue to grow as we have; this is one of best Lodges in Minnesota and I am proud to be a part of it. Thanks again for a wonderful year; Remember: "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted".

Have a great Christmas and a wonderful and safe New Year.

Randy Cook
W. Master



WB All Nemchik receives the Hiram Award from Anoka Lodge. L-R WM Randy Cook puts pin on WB Al Nemchik.

~Special Thanks~

A warm "Thank you" to WM Randy, Officers, and Brothers for the profound honor you bestowed upon me by virtue of the Hiram Award. When the WM advised me, I was shocked and initially resistant. Such a great honor! Thank you all and I will try to the best of my ability to continue to merit it.

Fraternally and humbly,

Al Nemchik, PM 1985

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM OES,

What a month November was! We had many people preparing meals for the Masons and our Harvest Dinner.



We are so pleased to have the elevator completed and the work it saved by not having to walk the steps to reach the kitchen with all our groceries!

Our Harvest Dinner was a success as always; thanks to all our great cooks and helping hands. A great day of fellowship and friendship. This year our craft sale was also very well received.

December is a very busy month again with line officers being honored at our first meeting, and Christmas Carols at the second meeting. We have a 5th Thursday- it is at 6pm on Dec. 30 at the Lodge, so come if you can make it. Have a blessed Christmas season and Happy New Year to everyone.

Season best to you all with a Star Hug and Love,
Garland Lundquist WM
David Lundquist WP



Martha Chapter serving up delicious food as usual at the 2010 Harvest Dinner.



Anoka Masonic Families waving to the crowd from the float at the Anoka Halloween Parade. Special thanks to Ken Martin for all of his hard work on the float repairs.

GREETINGS FROM BETHEL 48

We initiated ANOTHER new member this month- Laura. We are very excited to have her join! Welcome Laura. Our membership is slowly growing, and we are very happy about that.

Here are just a few of the events we have participated in:

- Prospect event with DeMolay
- Presentation at the Scottish Rite
- Halloween Parade
- Held a very successful "Minute-to-Win-It" Friendship.
- Six girls were able to attend Fall in at Craguns this month.

Here are our upcoming events:

- Prospect / fun event with Bethel from Wisc.
- We will be performing the Living Cross at Anoka Lodge's installation of officers on Dec. 11
- We will be having our annual progressive dinner, which is always a great time.
- Elections will be held on December 6.
- We will be meeting with the Eastern Star ladies on Dec. 30 for pizza and games.

We hope to see you at any of our upcoming events & our meetings.

Jobie Love,
Bethel 48

FROM THE STEWARDS

The Boy Scouts will be serving spaghetti and all the fixings at the Stated meeting in December. This is a fundraiser for the troop, so **PLEASE BE GENEROUS**.

Thank you for a wonderful 2010, Brothers, it was certainly our pleasure to serve you this year! Your incoming Stewards, Tim and Paul, will have some great dishes and surprises for us in 2011. Please extend a hearty welcome to them as they begin their Stewarding adventure!

Bring Your Bling!

We are going to try and start a new tradition at Anoka Lodge this year, Masonic Bling Night, at the December Stated. Cram as much of your bling onto your sport coats and jackets as possible and show off your trinkets! Some of you more "seasoned" Brothers may need to bring several jackets to display it all! Show us your bling!

Sincerely,

Dave Hansel

2010 Awards Night

Awards Presented

Pillar of Masonic Families:

LEO WB John Freeburg

Trustee Award:

John Heimkes III

60 Year Certificates:

John McFeters, Clyde Holmbo

50 Year Certificates:

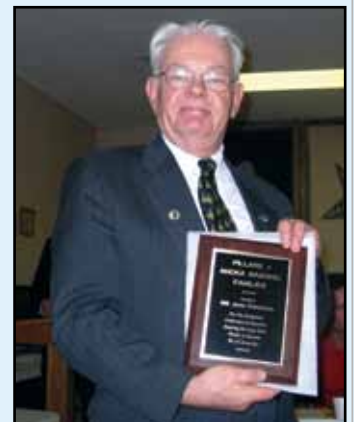
Bert Carlson, Lee Carlson, Ralph Lavendure, Dale Gourley, John Fossum

40 Year Certificates:

Peter Poepke, Ernie Ridens, John Allen Sr., Bob Myers

25 Year Certificates:

Ken Anderson, Tom Frisk, Barry Roose, Joel Nokoleit, Ralph Messer



L.E.O. WB John Freeburg shown displaying the Pillar of Masonic Families Award.



Above: Jobies - Marietta, Kristan, Sarah, Nika, Echo, and Jayna show off their new Barbies from the H.I.K.E. Foundraiser at "Fall In".



Left: Sarah Golder wins 2nd Place in the Instrumental Music Competition. Congrats Sarah!

Below: Jobies attend the luncheon at Craguns for "Fall In" and make Anoka proud as always.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

HAS ANYONE SEEN THE ALTAR KEY?
IF FOUND, PLEASE NOTIFY FATHER
TOM IMMEDIATELY.

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST...

The year is rapidly growing to a close, and what a year it has been! So many new, committed brothers in our ranks, the elevator being finished, all the window covers done, and so many more successes all year long.

Grand Honors to you W.M. Randy!!!

Just a reminder that installation is scheduled for December 11 at 2:00 P.M., with our Jobies doing the Cross Presentation and the Commandry doing the honors as color guard. A spectacle well worth coming to see. I am extremely honored that you have entrusted me with our Lodge for the coming year, and am looking forward to meeting any and all challenges with the assistance of all our Brothers.

We have the best and most active, vital Lodge in the state in my estimation, and I know that I will need all of your help and counsel as the year goes on. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.

**Your obedient servant and future Master,
Steve Braun S.W.**

ROYAL ARCH

**Greetings from the
High Priest,**

Our first calendar year for the new Shekinah Chapter #52 U.D. is almost over and it has been a busy one indeed.

We have added four Companions by affiliation and have petitions for five to six more coming in to join our ranks. Most, if not all of these will hopefully attend the Royal Arch Festival in January so we can hit the ground running in 2011 and build our Degree capabilities and spread the word even more. We have an excellent start going and the support shown for our Chapter bodes very well for the future growth of Shekinah #52.

**Steve Braun
High Priest**



The Temple in the Gospel of Luke

Lk 21:5-19

*By: Rev. Msgr. Thomas D.
Knopf-Bigelow, LOH*

On 14 November I had the opportunity to preach and celebrate Mass, that being the 33rd Sunday in the Church's calendar. It was also the first time that I had the opportunity to pull from Luke the building of the Temple and its significance for us personally. I wanted to share this with you.



There were people looking at the Temple, marveling - "...how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, He said 'all these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another; everything will be destroyed.' (vs. 5-6) I went through two other readings for that morning, but here I want to focus on the Temple. Jesus spoke of the destruction of the Temple. He was referring to Himself.

In God's eye, we were created by Him as Temples for His Holy Spirit. I, though, (patting my stomach) have been working on creating a Cathedral! And - even our Temples of physical form will, also, be destroyed.

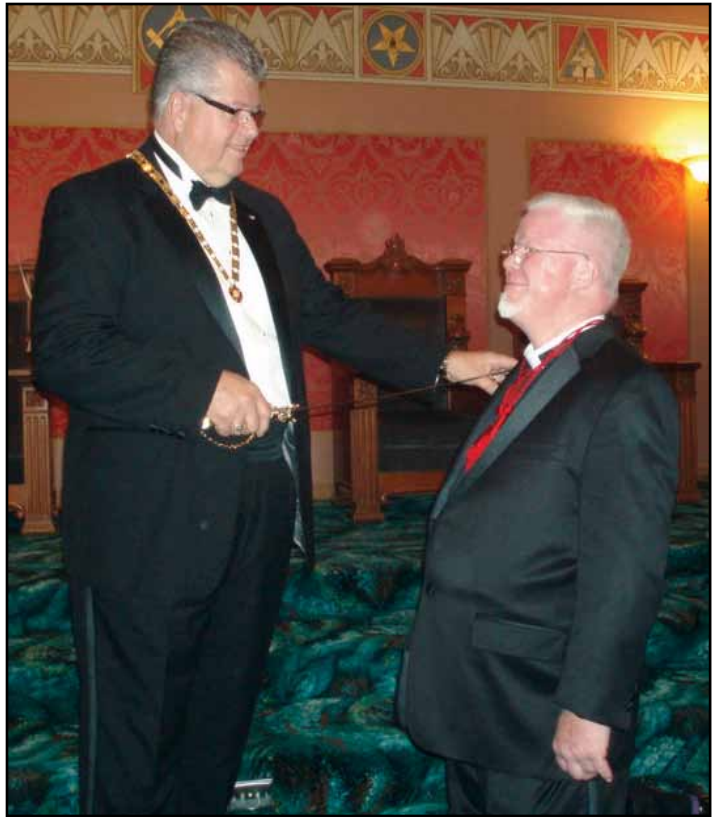
Solomon's Temple was a marvel. Each stone was cut precisely to fit into its designated space. Each stone was made smooth with the simplest of instruments. Each massive stone was transported individually from quarry to the

Temple site for placement. This placement fit so perfectly there was no need for any other tool of workmanship to correct any errors. Each stone slipped into place perfectly. Stones weighing tons!

In God's creation of each one of us, he has done the work perfectly. He has blessed us, in the Christian tradition, with the Holy Spirit at baptism, such that His creation is at perfection. In our earthly temple, God provides for each of us that communion which fills the spaces within our heart and soul needing Him the most.

What we see from our mind's eye is what the world calls imperfection: ravages of disease, birth defects, rough living, mental illness, poverty, addictions, etc. We fail to look at God's creation in us as a whole, 're-marking how it is adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings.' Are you seeing in other people that they are temples of God's creation? Yes, they may be a bit weather worn, tending to lean one way or the other, creak and groan, missing a step or two. But – with all our outward appearances, God asks us to see Him in the building our earthly temples, to recognize that it is He who validates life in others, thus demanding that we receive others and self, with thanksgiving, respect, tolerance, and love. His tools are your hands welcoming Him in others. Your feet are His feet walking alongside a brother or sister needing support. Your voice is His voice reassuring, comforting, lifting, and giving witness to one another.

When our individual earthly temples are destroyed, only then will we truly understand that the Heavenly Architect has led us from the blue print to the reality of His continuous love. Make witness to that in everything you do (vs. 13-15).

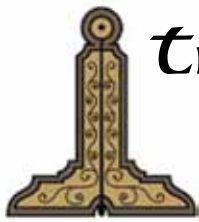


Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee.

If you know of someone in the Masonic Family in need of support, please contact Father Thomas at (612) 702-4770.

Top: Father Thomas Knopf-Bigelow (Chaplain for Anoka Lodge #30) receives the De Molay Legion of Honor Award at Minnehaha Lodge in Minneapolis. L-R WB and LOH Jerry Oliver & Father Tom.

Bottom: Attending the ceremony from Anoka Lodge were (back row L-R) JS Lee Kielblock, WB Jim Naeve, SD Steve Braun, WB Don Nolley, JD Todd Mayer, Bill Emery. (Front row L-R) WB Jerry Oliver, Jamie Hansen, Nick Miller, Chaplain Father Thomas Knopf-Bigelow, WB Dave Emery, WB John Freeburg. Not shown WB Al Golder.



Traveling Man

Last Road Trip:
November 16,
Chippewa Falls, WI



Anoka Masons along with WM Les Paulson
at Chippewa Falls Lodge #176

Our brothers
break from
labor to
refreshment at
"Leinie Lodge"
Cheers!



Our road trip to Chippewa Falls was a huge success! Ten Brothers from Anoka loaded up the convoy and headed over the border for some great fellowship, some tasty craft beers courtesy of the Leinenkugel Brewery, and a chance to see work done in another jurisdiction.

December will not have a trip due to installations and the holidays. Look for more local Lodge visits in the next few months due to our less than ideal driving conditions in Minnesota.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer

Senior Deacon - Anoka Lodge #30 AF&AM

Grand Standard Bearer - Grand Lodge of Minnesota AF&AM

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Mary Lynn Montgomery 763-323-3300

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President - Ken Roush 763-421-9749

DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 1, 6pm - Anoka Lodge #30 Stated Meeting and Boy Scouts Fund Raiser-- Spaghetti Dinner BRING YOUR BLING NIGHT

December 11, 2pm - Anoka #30 Officer Installation Ceremony, with Jobies performing the Living Cross, and the Commandery doing the honors as Color Guard.

December 30, 7:30pm - Martha Chapter's 5th Thursday Social Dinner

**Coming up:
Merry Christmas!!!**



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1st served

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