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FROM THE MASTER

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:
 January 7th (6:30pm): William F Mann Lecture
 January 18th (7pm): Entered Apprentice Degree

Welcome to 2012.

There is a word I am fond of that touches upon how I see the role of this year in our Lodge. It is a word frequently found in the Hebrew Bible, within the Book of Psalms.

It is 'Selah'

The meaning and function of Selah is not exactly known. It is generally believed to act as a liturgical-musical placeholder that acts much like 'Amen' does for a prayer. It asks the faithful to "Pause and reflect upon what has gone before".

So, to me, this year is a year of Selah. It is a time for us to pause and reflect upon what has gone before and, with a little adjustment of the meaning, to anticipate and prepare for what is to come. As the months roll by, I, and the other Officers, will be rolling out some of the plans we have for Anoka Lodge. Many of these ideas will be, or already have been, discussed in open Lodge before going live. All of these new projects will need Brothers to help out and if you think you can contribute, or have some ideas of your own, please feel free to approach any Office, we will be happy to get you involved.

Here is just one of the new ideas we have for the Lodge: We have created a new officer position; The Lodge Media Officer (LMO). This new role will oversee all media and informational technologies for the Lodge. Our New LMO is Brother Myron Shelton. I think he is going to be fantastic in his new role and I look forward to working with him this year.

The traditional Lodge of Sorrow will be performed at the first Stated Meeting of the year on January 4th. As always, the meeting begins sharply at 7:30, with a dinner beforehand.

Our esteemed LEO, WB John Freeburg has arranged for another fine lecture for us, this time on the evening of January 7th, a Saturday. The Special Guest will be Bro. William F. Mann of Canada. Bro. Mann is a collaborator with our long-time friend Scott Wolter in his research. He will be making a presentation entitled "The 13th Pillar: the real story behind the Lewis and Clark Expedition". The presentation will begin promptly at 6:30.

The first Entered Apprentice Degree will be performed on January 18th, starting at 7:00, also with a dinner before. We have 5 candidates on the books so far with a possible 2 more pending. That is certainly a good start to the year. SW Todd Meyer will be running the degree and I certainly look forward to sitting in the West this time, especially after 2 solid years of being in the East for the EA Degree.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Lodge this coming year. We have loads of fun and fellowship and I know we will have another amazing year.

Thank you.

Rob Naeve
Worshipful Master





FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West!

First, let me wish all of my Masonic Brothers, Sisters, and Sons and Daughters a joyous and prosperous 2012!

With the new year comes the time for resolutions. Losing weight and reading more are always on the top of my list, and, well, one of those gets tossed aside pretty quickly. But, every year blooms new hope. With the treadmill and a slew of new books, I might be able to combine the two and be successful and have the tux hang a little better. But enough about me.

What are your Masonic resolutions for 2012? Is it to learn a new lecture? Join an appendant body? Head up a fundraiser? Is it to help more around the building painting or whatever needs to be done? These are all great ideas. Our new committee structure has lots of opportunities to serve your Lodge. Just pick something that appeals to you, and talk to the officer that is listed for that committee. The more Brothers that work, the more great things we can do this year.

A great resolution is to join the Masonic Light Program. This program from the Grand Lodge covers nine areas of proficiency and will challenge you to become a more well-rounded Mason.

For more information regarding the Masonic Light Program, please visit the MN Grand Lodge Website:

www.mn-masons.org

and select the "Masonic Education" menu option.

If you have not been around for a while, maybe your resolution can be to attend Lodge again. You will find a group of 40 Brothers waiting to greet you, introduce themselves to you, or catch up on things. Anoka Lodge is growing, and we would love to see you and get back to the Craft. Whatever your resolution is, just remember that we use these personal goals to constantly improve ourselves, and is that not the goal of Freemasonry?

See you in the quarries!

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer
Senior Warden



WB Jordy Stradtman received the Dan Crosswell Memorial Apron for the year 2012 from WB Greg Vokovan (Year 2011) on the right with the assistance of WB Don Nolley on the left.



FROM THE SOUTH

As we start 2012, I find myself entering into my role of Junior Warden with great humility and respect for our Lodge and all of the things Masonry has brought into my life. I am honored to be elected

as JW and will do my best to serve this Lodge according to its mission and needs. I look forward to continuing on the pace we have established to encourage growth and participation within our membership and am thrilled that I get to participate in such a laudable pursuit with such a great band of Brothers.

Now that Anoka Lodge has been officially dubbed as a “powerhouse of Minnesota Masonry”, it has become obvious that all eyes are upon us to see just what Anoka Lodge will do next. If you look at some of the things such as the Bones Brothers, the Mentorship Program and our dedication to ritual to name a few, the rest of the state waits to see what will be our next great endeavor.

Brothers, we can not get too comfortable and set our momentum on cruise control just because we are considered to be one the top, if not the top lodge in the state. Now is the time to press forward with those great ideas that have been sitting in the back of our minds. One thing I have learned since joining Anoka 30 is that there is never such thing as a bad idea. If you have an idea and would like to see it come to fruition, then by all means, run with it!

SW Todd Mayer has put forth a rather compelling committee structure which provides many opportunities for those who would like to contribute more to our Lodge, but are just not sure how to do it. If you would like to see what kind of opportunities are available, just hit him up sometime and I am sure he will be glad to sit down with you and discuss the options. But, remember, if there is something you would like to do, which is not on the list, put forth your ideas and see if we can make it happen.

So, as we jump into 2012, ask yourself, “How can I give back to the Lodge this year”? Masonry is certainly an organization that pays huge dividends to those who

contribute, it goes without saying, “you get out of it what you put into it”.



Bro Dave Hansel with wife Janet

I wish you and your families a very happy and prosperous new year in 2012.

Sincerely,

Dave Hansel
Junior Warden

The Anoka County Brotherhood Council received a check from Anoka Lodge for \$10K (with some help from Masonic Charities) as part of the proceeds from Ribs Bibs and Blues. Shown with the check is ACBC manager Jerri Loughry with WM



Steve Braun making the presentation with assistance from WB Jordy Stradtman.

The Bones Brothers made the Ribs Bibs and Blues possible so the lodge presented them with a plaque to

commemorate their good works. Shown from L-R Bro. Chris Berglund, JW Todd Mayer, Bro. Rick Remme, WB Jordy Stradtman, Bro. Don Sorenson & WM Steve Braun





EASTERN STAR

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:
January 5th: Meeting and Fundraising Auction
January 13th (11 am-1 pm): Soup Luncheon
January 19th (7pm): Meeting at Northridge Masonic Home

HAPPY NEW YEAR! One year has past and a new one just beginning with tremendous activities still to come. December was filled with exciting things: initiating four new members and accepting one new member transfer from another Chapter, a very successful Craft and Bake Sale at the Court House, an Official Visit of the OES Grand Family of Minnesota, and anticipating a great time at the Brats, and BINGO for Bucks fund raiser for the state Cancer Project. Also what a privilege it is to honor the birth of Christ as we celebrated with family and friends at Christmas time.

January is still full of fun things. At our Jan 5th meeting we will be honoring the line officers and their counterparts from other chapter. We will also have a bottle auction with the proceeds going to the cancer project. Each person is asked to bring a bottle of something and wrapped so it is not identifiable and these will then be auctioned off to the highest bidder. We had sooooo much fun last time and anticipate this to be just as entertaining. Please come (with bulging wallets) and enjoy the evening.

We will have a Soup Luncheon on Friday, January 13th from 11:00 to 1:00 at a cost of \$6.00. This will be open to everyone and you are encouraged to bring your friends, neighbors and relatives. Martha cooks are the greatest. Ummm, Ummm, Good.

Our January 19th meeting will be held at the Northridge Masonic Home in New Hope at 7:00. It is such a great outreach to the residents of the Masonic Home to allow them to attend an Eastern Star meeting. They do not have the ability to attend their own meetings. Come and spread our star light to others.

Watch for the Chinese Dinner coming February 4th. More information will be available in the near future.

We wish each of you a safe and prosperous New Year. Blessings to all.

Denise Emery, Worthy Matron
Dave Emery, Worthy Patron



Christmas Caroling at the MN Masonic Home



JOB'S DAUGHTERS

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:
January 14th (2pm): Open Installation of Officers

Happy New Year from Bethel 48!

We had a busy December. On the 5th we had elections. Next term we will not have an honored queen. The girls elected Kristen Hansel as Sr. Princess, Nika Kingdon as Jr. Princess, Marietta Herrera as Guide and Sara Golder as Marshal. On the 11th we did the living cross at the Mason's Installation. We had a fantastic tasty progressive dinner and sleep over on the 17th. On the 19th we initiated Bailey Brendel and Jamie Trelstad. We are so excited to grow our Bethel.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our open Installation of Officers on January 14th at 2pm. It's always so fun to have our friends and Masonic family on the sidelines!

Jobie Love
Bethel 48



FROM THE LEO

More good news, not only is the new Anoka Lodge Library now open for lending, we have loaned out our first book. Our first patron was Bro. Father Tom. Any brother can borrow a book from the library, please see Bro. Kirk Nelson or WB John Freeburg for entry into the cabinet. Please see picture attached.

We are very fortunate to have received the library of PGM Rodney M. Larson as a gift from his wife Maxine and family. Most of the books that we have are fairly recently published and are easy readers. We do have some of the older and more complex histories of the fraternity as well. So please brothers stop by and see if our library has something for you.

There is no formal program scheduled for the January stated meeting. Please be sure to watch for a presentation from WB John Aguilar for the February meeting.

Fraternally
John A. Freeburg
Lodge Education Officer

Maxine Larson and her daughter Annette in front of the library that they donated to our Lodge.



Our Lodge Library is now open for lending. Please see WB John Freeburg on the left or Bro. Kirk Nelson on the right to borrow a book.

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Job's Daughter's perform the Living Cross at this years Officer Installation