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## Master's Musings...

January is often thought as a month of new beginnings. It allows us an opportunity to wipe the slate clean, pledge new efforts, create new visions, and set new goals.

It also brings to mind as the sun rises in the East to open a govern a new day. That is where we are at, my Brothers. A new day, a new year, a new attitude.

North Star 23 has the potential to do great things. Each member of this Lodge represents a piece of that potential. Each and every one of us has different skills, knowledge, and abilities that can be used to work wonders if given the opportunity.

The lost of momentum that North Star experienced represented the failure to tap that potential. We have the people, the resources, and the potential to do great things. We can conceive new ideas, rework old ones that worked, and truly advance North Star 23 into the future.

We have several candidates in waiting to start their Masonic journey as well and bunch that need to finish theirs as well. Our LEO has spelled out a plan to get the degree teams focused.

The financial future of the Lodge is another area that needs to be addressed. Brothers, we don't live in the 70's anymore and have to stop pretending we do. Our Temple Board has started a new path for some financial recover but the rest is going to have to come from us. this means working at fund-raising events or sending a donation. Give us some time and sweat or send a check. Either way, you will doing your part to ensure the future of North Star 23.

It all starts with us having a vision. It begins with you and me pushing each other to make our vision a reality. It takes leaders who have the courage to point the way and give people the opportunity to showcase their talents and abilities and not be afraid or close minded not to listen to others.

We have after meeting programs of some kind planned for every meeting this term. They range from a Ed Halpaus Masonic History lecture to mortgage advice to just plain old fellowship. Join us after the meetings for a refreshment and entertainment.

We have a calender, which will posted both in the Craftsman and on the Lodge website, and will be as accurate as one could want it to be. While everything is not etched in stone, the calendar will give you a really good idea of what is coming up.

I am truly looking forward to being the Master this year. I feel that I am absolutely blessed to have as strong of an officer line that I have. Thank you for the faith in electing me to serve my Lodge as it's Worshipful Master.

Let's just say that it is time "to set the Craft to work giving them good and wholesome instruction for their labor."

Fraternally,  
Wor. Bruce Bowers



# St. Cloud area SHRINE GO KARTS

Great memories were created in 2008, on behalf of our unit I would like to thank Noble Jack McKenna for his dedication and excellent leadership that he has shared with us for the past two years.

It gives me great honor to serve and represent you as Captain of our great and noble St Cloud Area Shrine Go Kart Unit. Thank you.

January 15<sup>th</sup> is our first social for 2009 at Michaels on HWY 10 in St Cloud. All GO Karters are invited to attend as well as anyone who would like to consider joining our unit and riding in a kart. We are proud to be Shriners so please wear your Fez. The social time begins at 6:00 pm and dinner meeting following at 6:30 pm. Dinner is off the menu.

Please join us as we discuss and plan our new parade year.

Es Selamu Aleikum

Mike Yankovec, Captain  
320-493-0776

## Meeting Schedule

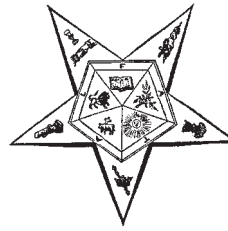
January 15th \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
February 22nd \_\_\_\_\_ Kick Off Brunch  
March 19th \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
April 16th \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
October 15th \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
November 19th \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Meeting



## Meeting Schedule

February 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
May 5th \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
August 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Meeting  
November 3th \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Meeting

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# GRANITE 5 Chapter ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and friends of Eastern Star,

Happy New Year 2009 to everyone with best wishes for good health and blessings in the coming year.

On **Monday, January 5**, Granite Chapter will Celebrate the New Year with fun and games. Wear your favorite sweatshirt for a casual meeting night at 7:30 p.m.

**Chinese New Year** is the celebration for the **Monday, January 19**, meeting. A Chinese dinner at 6:00 p.m. will be provided at a suggested donation of \$5. Members' families and guests are invited to have dinner with us. Our regular meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., and we will honor our sideliners.

**One concern that we sometimes have for winter meetings is the weather.** If the weather seems either stormy or too cold, I will confer with the other elected officers and make a decision about whether to meet or not. Feel free to call me during the afternoon of a meeting at 320-251-9115 if you are wondering if there will be a meeting.

**What better way to have a quick and easy meal in the depth of winter than a hot Pasty!** Again this year Granite Chapter is holding a Pasty Bake and Sale on January 16 and 17. We will need as many willing hands from our chapter or lodge members to prepare the ingredients of Friday, January 16, and to bake the pasties on Saturday, January 17. Pasties are those wonderfully delicious meat and vegetable meals sealed in pastry and baked to golden brown. Call in your orders to Nancy Fischer at 320-252-7710 or NancyF@clearwire.net. Each pasty is \$4.00 with the proceeds going to support Grand Chapter projects. You won't regret placing an order, but you may regret ordering only a couple. They freeze well and easy to reheat in the oven or microwave.

**Other upcoming meetings** are Monday, February 2, when we Celebrate Groundhog Day, meeting at 7:30 p.m.; and Monday, February 16, when we Celebrate Presidents Day, dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to know more about the Order of the Eastern Star, please contact me or any other member for information.

Until next month, remember: "Every day is a day to celebrate!"

For the good of the Order,  
Bobbie Lampi, Worthy Matron  
320-251-9115

# Secretary's CORNER

## New Address

**SSG Jason Voss**  
**Aco STB 4 ID LNO**  
**APO AE 09330**

*Jason says...*

"Well, I have been here for about three weeks now and I am amazed at how much this place has changed since the last time I was here. I have finally have an address so if you want to send a letter or other stuff, its always nice to hear from everyone."

## In Memorium

**Bro. David Peter Sogn Mork**  
**09/25/1942 - 12/07/2008**

## SOCIAL NIGHT!

**North Star 23**

*presents*

**Trivial Pursuit**

and dinner, too!

**Jan. 17th @ The Lodge** Social: **6:00 PM**  
Dinner: **7:00 PM**

**\$15.00 per person** **RSVP** Bruce Bowers - 253-5168  
northstar23@charter.net  
Reserve by **Jan 14th**

Babysitting available - \$5.00/child

BYOB

JOB'S DAUGHTERS  
BETHEL #11

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
*Supreme Supper*  
\$20 PER PERSON  
5 COURSE MEAL

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2009  
SOCIAL - 6:30 PM / DINNER - 7PM  
RESERVATIONS BY FEBRUARY 5, 2009  
BRENDA GERGEN 320-240-8800



**LEO**  
LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Greetings from the LEO. I wanted to write a quick note on some of my objectives as your LEO for 2009.

First, I would like to schedule cipher club and renew it as a social time with emphasis on learning lectures. I am also going to have contests in lodge. Such as a lecture showdown, trivia, perhaps a debate and the winner to receive North Star bucks-coupons that can be applied to dinners, date nights etc. It is my goal also that each time you come to lodge that there is a learning opportunity through which I will call 5-minute topics. Which could include: power of the ballot, what are warrants, landmarks, bylaws, book of Constitutions, what can I expect in an exam when visiting a lodge or how do I do a visitor exam. There will be a question box to add suggestions. I may even do a stump the LEO night with big prizes!

It is also my goal that all Master Masons prove up on the third degree. I will have a certificate and gift award for all who do! As many of you know that I am passionate about the mentor and coaching programs. I will define the difference and my goal is to have 25 new mentors and 35 new coaches!

Finally, I would like to develop a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team. I think we can make the third degree crisper with 15 craftsman and a better understanding of each role. We will dissect the degree for better understanding and have a blast putting it on.

I am looking forward to 2009, I hope you are too!

Mark Timpane  
LEO



Noble:

Per edit from Osman Shrine Temple: that each Club and Unit shall publish an annual list of all stated meetings; the annual stated meetings for the St. Cloud Area Shrine Club are listed below as well as Osman Stated meetings and Osman Club & Unit meetings:

St. Cloud Area Shrine Club	Osman Sated Meetings	Osman Clubs & Units Stated Meetings*
January 7, 2009 @ 6:00 pm	January 6, 2009 @	January 13, 2009
February 3, 2009	March 10, 2009	February 10, 2009
March 3, 2009	June 9, 2009	March 10, 2009
April 7, 2009	September 8, 2009	April 14, 2009
May 5, 2009	December 1, 2009	May 12, 2009
June 2, 2009		June 9, 2009
July 7, 2009		July 14, 2009
August 4, 2009		August 11, 2009
September 1, 2009		September 8, 2009
October 6, 2009		October 13, 2009
November 3, 2009		November 10, 2009
December 1, 2009		December 8, 2009 – annual meeting – Parade to Glory”

Noble please be aware that all elected and appointed officers have the duty to attend each Osman Stated Meeting and each Club & Unit meeting; It is hopeful your elected and appointed officers will attend.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Michaels when we will install Curt Richter, Herb Campbell and the 3<sup>rd</sup> director who I hope to appoint very soon.

Thank you to all who attended the 2008 Holiday Party. If you chose not to attend you missed out on one heck of an event. Our Illustrious Sir Roger was dutifully roasted by many, and he had ample time to retort (thank God I kept my thoughts to myself!). We had over 40 in attendance and the food was great. Sorry that some of you felt this was too expensive of an event, but when you consider all the expenses involved, the community involved and the tribute give St. Cloud's Noble who is Potentate, I would suggest that it was a great deal. I know many of you spend half that much at a fast food place; and, there may one or six of us or more who spend that much at the local watering hole. We all have our individual priorities, and those who attended had a great time. Thanks to all who roasted Roger and thanks to Mike who provide the sound system. A very special thanks to those who sang – my feeling are hurt that I wasn't asked to sing the Sonny & Cher song. Also, you know who you are, so don't worry about being off key. You have one of the neatest, best voices I have heard. I'll never forget when you Jill, Cathy, and Cheryl sang in Alexandria. Bruce, your rendition of Louis "Louie" was awesome, thanks. It all made for a great evening.

The Club will be looking for help with the concessions stand this summer, if we don't sell it. Please help if asked.

Yours in the faith:  
Marv Felderman

\* May change to every other month or quarterly, stay tuned.



# JOB'S DAUGHTERS

*Bethel No. 11*

Season's Greetings to All!

I hope that the Holidays have found each of you full of the Spirit and enjoying the merriment of family and friends.

As always Bethel #11 has remained active during the fall. Many of our members attended the annual fall convention (Fall-In) in November. We are very pleased to announce that many Daughters placed in their competitions of Ritual, Music and other submissions. A very proud mention of our Senior Princess Mariah Benn who was 1<sup>st</sup> runner up at the 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Miss Minnesota Job's Daughter competition, she was very busy all weekend and did a wonderful job.

The upcoming months start a new term for our Bethel. Mariah Benn will be **installed** as Honored Queen along with the core of officers on **Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. It would be wonderful to see each of you there in support of our Bethel.

The members will be holding their **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Supreme Supper** on **Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Again this will be a 5 course dinner complete with entertainment. The cost is \$20.00 per person and reservations are required to Brenda Gergen by February 5<sup>th</sup> with a limit of 50 guests. There will be a choice of three main dishes (finishing touches are still being set) of a chicken, beef and fish dish. The Daughters really love to do this event, so if you are in need of a plan to bring your Sweetie out for Valentines just give me a call.

Many Blessings,

Brenda Gergen  
Bethel Guardian  
320-240-8800

JOB'S DAUGHTERS  
BETHEL #11

*Installation  
of Officers*

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 11, 2009  
2:00PM**

*Mariah Benn*  
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ELECT



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For Donation Information,  
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## Final 2008 Craftsman Donations

The following people and groups were dedicated to the Craftsman for 2008. If you would like your name to appear here or use it as a wonderful opportunity to honor someone in 2009, please send \$10.00 or more to:

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St. Cloud Area Shrine Club

St. Cloud Zagalas

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Robert Kugler

James E. Hooper in memory of Earl T. Hooper, a Master Mason

Dave Mork

John Pederson - Asset Management Foundation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 Bowling Night	5 Granite Chapter O.E.S.	6	7 St. Cloud Shrine Club	8 Installation Team & Officer Rehearsal	9	10 Installation of Officers Dinner
11 Jobs Daughters Bethel 11 INSTALLATION	12 Lodge Meeting	13	14	15 St. Cloud Shrine Go Karts	16	17 Social Night Trivial Pursuit
18 Bowling Night	19 Granite Chapter O.E.S.	20	21	22 Degree Team Rehearsal	23	24
25 Jobs Daughters Bethel 11	26 Lodge Meeting	27	28	29	30 Cypher Club	31
<b>Feb 1</b> Souper Bowl Party Soup/Chili Cook Off	<b>1/12 - Regular Communication</b> Budget Presentation Dinner: 6:30 PM Soup and Sandwiches After Meeting Program Ed Halpaus Masonic Lecture					
<b>1/26 - Regular Communication</b> First Degree (Mike Yankovec in East) Dinner: 6:30 PM Spagnetti / Meat Sauce After Meeting Program Fellowship						
<b>1/10 - Installation of Officers</b> 01/07 - Dinner reservations due 01/08 Rehearsal for Officers and Installing Staff						

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