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MANKATO LODGE #12, A.F.&A.M.

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## Master's Corner

Mankato Lodge #12, AF & AM



Greetings everybody. March and April have passed and during the past two months we have been busy within the fraternity. Along with our regular meetings, we attended Grand Lodge and raised two worthy brothers.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a spot on one of our degree teams, and I would also like to let everyone know that there is always room for more.

For all brothers interested in some community outreach and charity work, we will be meeting immediately following our May 11<sup>th</sup> stated communication at the temple for a brainstorming session for events and causes to get Mankato Lodge out and active in the community.

The reasons men come to Masonry are as varied as the members of our Lodge. Some are drawn in by the brotherhood, others by the ritual work and education, and some for the community involvement (just to name a few). The more active we become in all areas, the greater the chance is for everyone to find fulfillment in at least one of the many aspects of our gentle craft.

In March, Bro. Nate Smithson, Wor. Bro. Mark Robbins, and I attended Grand Lodge in St. Cloud. As many of you know, Mankato Lodge #12 is one of only a handful of Lodges in the state that experienced growth over the 2009 year. I try not to speak for other people too often, but I am pretty sure that I can speak for all three of us when I say how proud we were to stand up in front of our peers to say that Freemasonry in Mankato is strong and getting stronger.

I would like to congratulate Wor. Bro. Mark Robbins for being named this year's Hiram Award recipient. The Hiram Award is a one-time award given by the Lodge for outstanding service to the Lodge above and beyond the call. Mark is truly deserving of this honor.

That is all for now from the East. More to come...

*Mikel Akers, W.M.*



## Cereal Chapter #2, O.E.S.

Installation of the 2010-2011 officers was held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, with many friends and members in attendance. The following were installed:

WM – Delores Lutterall  
WP – John Wentworth  
AM – Janis St. Onge  
AP – John Hendrickson  
Sec'y – Mary Roed  
Treas – Barbara Spencer  
Cond – Jean Schimmele  
A Cond – Cindy Chadwich  
Chaplain – Nancy Lyn Goettl  
Musician – Nancy Croce  
Adah – Merylyn Arndt  
Ruth – Marie Squires  
Esther – Ellie Cauffman  
Martha – Janet Johnson  
Electa – Mary Lichtenberg  
Warder – Terri Nelson  
Sentinel – Dorothy Anderson

The WM's theme for the year is "COINS FOR CANCER." We have to find a cure for ALL types of cancer. She is asking ALL members, near and far, to save their change in a jar or dish for a year and turn them in March 2011. Your WM will match the amount, \$ for \$. The money will go to the Worthy Grand Matron's "Cancer Project."

Our first meeting was April 14<sup>th</sup>, with good attendance. Can we keep this up? Perhaps get more to come to meetings; let's try.

OES cont'd

May 6-7-8 will be Grand Chapter in St. Cloud.

May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will have Grand Chapter reports – Honor Mothers and have a memorial service for members who have left us this past year.

June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will honor our Flag and Fathers.

July/August – Summer recess.

Watch the next Temple News for the September/October schedule.

Have a relaxing summer and see you in September.

*Delores Lutterall, WM*  
*John Wentworth, WP*

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### Rose Croix Shrine #13

Dear Sojourners,

The Minnesota Spring has been beautiful and we are glad to have heard from all of you around the nation. I wish to sincerely thank all of my officers for accepting their duties for another Shrine year. I will do my very best to make this year and more years to come successful and prosperous.

There has been no word of illness of our Sojourners, but please let me know if you hear of anyone needing cheer.

At the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting we will honor Mothers with a perfect poem and a little "Thank-you- Mom" gift. There will be a Summer Picnic type pot-luck after the meeting.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, the regular stated meeting will include a tribute to Fathers, with a lunch to follow the meeting. We are making plans for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rose Croix Shrine #13, in November and as we prepare, I will keep everyone informed. There are four Shrines in Minnesota, and several in Iowa who would come to this special event.

No one from Rose Croix can attend Supreme Shrine in Florida in May, but the Supreme W.H.P. has set up her Sup. Visit in Minnesota and will see that Rose Croix is active and happy to welcome her.

Please remit 2010-2011 dues of \$17.50 plus \$.52 M.O. to: Soj. Delores Lutterall, 522 Park Lane, Mankato Mn. 56001

Fraternally,

*Janet C. Johnson W.H.P.*

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**Mankato Masonic Benevolence Assn.**

As was mentioned in a previous issue of Temple News, our MMBA commissioned an engineering study of the Temple building. The report was given at the MMBA meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. They report that our building is in fairly good shape for a building as old as it is. There are a couple of structural issues that need to be addressed, but overall our Lodge building is in decent health.

The Eastern Star has asked if anyone has any information about missing padded folding chairs, please contact MMBA.

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### From the Editor

Did you know . . .

That Revolutionary War hero and Masonic Brother Lafayette had dirt from Bunker Hill spread on his grave in Paris, and that the American Flag has flown over his grave every day since his interment, including during Nazi occupation?

That M.W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, despite being a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, was denied a Masonic funeral because he was a "modern," and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (after independence) was an "antient" Grand Lodge?

These and other amazing nuggets are found in a book I recently finished reading, Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the Secrets of Washington, D.C. by W. B. Christopher Hodapp. I highly recommend it; I learned something new in every chapter.

Don't forget to check the web site for Lodge updates: [www.mankatomasons.org](http://www.mankatomasons.org).

*Mark G. Robbins, P.M.*