



A N O K A M A S O N I C L O D G E # 3 0 A . F . & A . M .



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

October 1st, 7pm: Jobies Masonic Honoring
 October 3rd, 6pm: Stated Meeting Dinner/Demolay Presentation
 October 17th, 6pm: Fellowcraft Degree

There are days you have perfect clarity, and there are days you live in a fog. Other days, you stand on the edge of both, waiting for the world to move you.

I said this recently in regards to how I feel about Life sometimes. Life is short and it can be brutal to some and a bountiful gift to others. Most of us live somewhere between these two, but never seems to fully avoid one or achieve the other. Either way, Life is a gift and should be embraced as such, good or ill.

As I get older and watch my children grow from toddlers to little men, I am more and more aware of the turning of the years and what I have done with the allotment I was given. I hope I have done good things, more so than bad, and I hope I can do more. I have learned from being a Mason that the path I take and the choices I make, when it comes to serving others, is mine to make. I am my own Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and certainly my own Master. I have something to share and something to give

Get involved. If there is something you love or support, get involved. Find a way to turn something you know and love into something to share and contribute to those around you. Love animals? Care for the abandoned and sick creatures out there. Love motorcycles? Teach others to ride and how to do so safely. Want to share knowledge? Teach. Want to share your success? Give. There is no-one and nothing that holds you back, other than you. And if you worry about whether or not you have something to share or give? You do. You have yourself. There is

always need to a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. We all need comfort, we all need love, and we all need to be accepted for who we are.

Get involved. Share. Give. Listen. Nurture. Love

A great deal about being a Mason is looking inward as a means of self-improvement and reflection. A greater part is taking what you have learned and sharing it.

Robert Naeve
WM, Anoka 30



WM Rob Naeve presents a toast for Table Lodge



FROM THE WEST

I am writing this after attending the funeral of a Brother. He was not a member of Anoka Lodge, but his grandson was. I thought it important to attend and lend some support from his home Lodge.

There were not many Masons in there. It was during the week and during the day, so there were many reasons for the low attendance.

As I was talking to a couple of the Brothers there, I found out that they were from his home Lodge, but they also did not know him very well. They had been in the Lodge since the mid-1960s, and did not recall seeing him much. But, as a member of his Lodge, they also felt a duty to pay his respects to a Brother who had moved onto the Celestial Lodge.

As it turns out, the deceased Brother was active in the Shrine. He came through the Blue Lodge, went through the Scottish Rite (as this used to be a prerequisite to join the Shrine), got his fez and became a Noble. He never really attended Blue Lodge much after that.

Now I do not have his attendance record, so I cannot say for sure how often he attended his Blue Lodge. Also, I am not knocking the Shrine. I sure am not speaking ill of a Brother, more especially one who has passed on. It just made me think about all of the Brethren in our Lodge. We have about 250 members on our rolls, and usually we have about 40-50 Brothers in attendance on a given night (I like to count when the Deacons are collecting the

word). That is about 20% attendance. For any organization, that is phenomenal. But what about the other 80%? I realize that for some, their usual avocations do not allow them to attend, some are elderly and it is

difficult (we do have an elevator), and some come when they can.

But for those who joined Masonry to join an appendant body and never returned, I invite you back. You enjoy piping, or riding in a little car in a parade, or performing at the Scottish Rite, or working on your drills with the Knights Templar. We have many things going on at Anoka Lodge. Community outreach with the KidsID program, ritual work that is superb, any event for fun or fundraising with the Bones Brothers, the Zombie Apocalypse/Mayan Calendar/Polar Reversal party, Polar Plunge for Special Olympics or anything that you want to bring up in Lodge and run as an event. Also, members from your own community that are your Brothers. There is a lot of excitement and Brotherhood at 1900 3rd Ave.

You now wear a black or red fez, a chapeau, a different colored bellboy cap, or a fancy apron. But the first clothing you were given as a Mason was a simple, white lambskin apron. There is nothing more important than that apron. One is waiting for you at the top of the stairs.

You knocked on the door once to gain admission into the Lodge. Now all you have to do is walk back in. You will find a warm handshake and answers about the form if it has been a while. Get back to your Blue Lodge, your first Masonic home. Let us get to know you, and get to know many of the Brothers that are in your Mother Lodge. Don't just be a name on the rolls that many do not know, be a member of Anoka Lodge.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer
Senior Warden

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ROYAL ARCH

Greetings from the East.

OPEN LETTER TO ANOKA LODGE #30.....

We, the Companions of Anoka-Shekinah Chapter #104, are extending an invitation to all the Brothers of Anoka Lodge and any other Master Masons who have ever considered joining York Rite Masonry to join us on February 2, 2013 for the One Day festival for Royal Arch. All four degrees of the Royal Arch will be conferred in one day!

During the Royal Arch degree, your Masonic education will finally be complete as you will receive the Master's

Word you were promised in the Master Mason degree. Here in Minnesota we are all York Rite Masons as our first three degrees are York Rite degrees. It makes sense to continue your Masonic education as a York Rite Mason. The R.A One-Day is about two weeks after the G.L. One Day to Masonry and two weeks after the R.A. one day is the Council One-Day and two weeks after that will be the Commandry (Knights Templar) One-Day. Feel free to contact me or our secretary Chris Berglund, or any Companion of Anoka-Shekinah #104 for a petition and help us to grow our new Chapter!

Fraternally yours,

Steve Braun
High Priest
Anoka-Shekinah #104

Appendant Masonic Bodies

Grotto News

Our Annual Selim Grotto Fondue Party is October 5th! With that, if there is anyone who has fondue pots that they would like to donate to replace the fifteen that were thrown away last year, drop them by the Lodge. We could really use them.

Also, we are having our Kids Club go to Jam Hops Gymnastics for an open gym event. It will be on October 28th at 3pm.

If you are interested in joining the family-friendly Master Masons' playground, contact me for a petition to join. We will be having a ceremonial soon, so any questions, feel free to ask.

All for the Realm,

Todd A. Mayer
Monarch
Selim Grotto





FROM THE SOUTH

In 1920, George Green and other Anoka civic leaders suggested the idea of a giant celebration. The idea was adopted by the Anoka Commercial Club and the Anoka Kiwanis Club; both giving their full support. In September of that year, a Halloween committee was organized.

Working hand in hand were businessmen, teachers from the Anoka public and parochial schools, parents, and students. For weeks before the big event, more than a thousand Anoka school children made plans and costumes for the big event. A parade was scheduled and the Anoka Halloween Parade was born, transforming the small lumber town of Anoka into the Halloween Capital of The World!

As Freemasons, we revel in tradition and history. We are proud of our roots, proudly proclaiming the names of those famous Masons to the world. Tradition is a huge part of what we are all about and define what our roles in today's topsy turvy society. The Anoka Halloween Parade provides us with an opportunity to display some of those traditions and take part in community tradition simultaneously. Although the "Weenie World" booth is an important fund raiser for our Lodge, it is also an awareness raiser as well. People stop by, pick up a tasty Nathan's dog and occasionally, ask a few questions about what we are all about and how we contribute to the community. The Masonic Family Float extends our visibility to those who do not come by the booth, further enhancing our visibility to everyone along the parade route. An organization could not ask for a better venue to raise a few bucks and put on a good face to the public.

This month I celebrated my 5th year as a Mason and member of Anoka Lodge. Every year since then, I have enjoyed spending the entire day of the parade getting to know my fellow Brothers, watching some pretty creative costumes and selling hot dogs. It is a long day, but very entertaining and fulfilling for me, as I enjoy representing our Craft and sharing some laughs with the Brothers. I have always considered this event to be my favorite Lodge event of the year, which I am sure will remain for years to come. Now that I am JW and am responsible for running the event, I guess you could say that I am at the apex of my enjoyment, as I have the opportunity to serve the Lodge

and take a crack at putting my organizational skills to the test for our common good.

But this event is not all about me, it is about our entire Lodge. The success of this event rests upon the faithful participation of our members. For those of you who have assisted in years past, I would ask that you return once again to share your experience and know how in putting this on. Whether it be cooking brats and dogs in the kitchen, helping with set up, riding on the float, or pimping brats and weenies on the street, your involvement has made this event the triumph that it is today. For those of you new to the Lodge, or who have not had the opportunity to serve yet, I ask you to join us. You will not find a better way to serve the Lodge and get to know a variety of Brothers who call Anoka Lodge their home.

So, Brothers of Anoka Lodge, I would like to invite you all in joining me in this fun filled day! Bring the family, grab a small plot of land to set up some folding chairs along the route and hang out with me, won't you?

At the October Stated I will present some more details on the event on how you can participate. In the meantime, check out the parade web site for parade route information and all of the associated events.

<http://anokahalloween.com/pages/Welcome/>

Sincerely,

Dave Hansel
Junior Warden

PLEASE BRING CANDY!
As always, we will be in need of LOTS and LOTS of candy for all the kiddies at the Anoka Parade, so bring down a bag (or ten) next time you visit the Lodge!



JOB'S DAUGHTERS

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

October 1st: Masonic Honoring
October 20th : Halloween Party

Upcoming Events:

Oct 1- Masonic Honoring

Oct 6- Grand Sleep over in St Cloud. Details at next meeting,

Oct 13 JDU 9-4:30 Cost \$10 Leave from the lodge at 8:15. There is a spaghetti dinner afterwards(cost of \$8) and a dance and sleepover following that. Dance is casual and free if you attended JDU. It' \$5 if you don't attend JDU.

Oct 17 Serve the Masons. Wear black pants, white shirt, and closed toed shoes. Arrive at 5:45.

Oct 20 Bethel 48/Demolay Halloween party from 4-7. Anoka's moonlight parade is right after the party at 7 so stay and watch if you want!

Oct 25- Cotton candy making at the lodge. Come as early as you can and bring your friends! I will be there at 5.

Oct 26- Anoka parade and HUGE fundraiser which we are in serious need of! Plan to come early and stay until mid afternoon. Again, bring you friends! We will be planning who is bringing what in the next couple weeks.

Bethel 48



EASTERN STAR

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

October 12th, 11am: Soup Luncheon
October 18th, 7pm: Halloween Costume Party

Hello again to all of our Eastern Star members and friends. We have had a wonderful September and anticipate a beautiful fall season. Our September meetings were fun and exciting. The Rob Morris honoring was very good and the "Back to School Night" was fun to guess and match those old photos. Good Times!

- Oct. 4th Star meeting, we have an initiation scheduled. Come to see the wonderful ritual work that our officers do and greet our new member. To all of our Martha Club members, be sure to attend this meeting to be recognized and honored.

- We will next be gearing up for our fall Soup Luncheon on Friday the 12th from 11:00 to 1:00. Rachel will be heading up that committee so be ready to lend a hand or just come and enjoy the delicious soups.

- The October 18th meeting will be a Halloween Costume Party. Be creative and come with the best

costume of the evening. FUN TIMES!

- Saturday October 27th is the annual Halloween Parade. Martha Club will again be selling Krispy Treats on a stick and possibly adding cinnamon rolls in the morning. Volunteers are needed to help with the food sales.

- November 1st meeting is our School of Instruction where we always learn something new and exemplify the great work our officers do.

Watch for the upcoming Harvest Dinner and Craft Sale on November 11th. Crafters, get those fingers busy and finish up those projects.

See you all soon.

**For Worthy Matron Lyla Aaland,
Denise Emery signing off.**

Job's Daughters Bethel 48 and Robbinsdale Chapter DeMolay are having a

Halloween Party!!

October 20

from 4 to 7

Afterwards, you can join us in watching the

Anoka Light up the Night Parade.

We are going to have games, a haunted house,

snacks, a costume contest and more!

Bring your friends! Wear a costume!

It's going to be held at Anoka Lodge

1900 3rd Ave. Anoka MN

Questions? Call Sara Golder at 763-567-3303

Anoka Lodge Tech Committee:

The tech committee is dedicated to exploring ways in which our Lodge can benefit from some of the working tools of the modern world. As more and more of our Brothers are using these tools on a regular basis (as well as the rest of the world), it only makes sense that we find ways to integrate them into our activities. The tech committee has had its fall meeting, and following are some of the key points that were discussed as we prepare for 2013.

*** Electronic Payments**

*** Websites Updates**

*** Online calendar updates**

*** Cloud storage file sharing**

We are currently seeking a reliable and tech savvy individual to coordinate the online calendar. This position reports to LMO Myron Shelton and entails coordinating with the Lodge officers as well as appending bodies to keep the online calendar accurate and with as much detail as possible. If you have an interest in this, please contact **Myron Shelton** at LMO@anokamasons.org.

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FROM THE LEO

At the October stated, our after dinner presentation will be a video on the Order of the de Molay.

Fraternally,

John A. Freeburg Lodge Education Officer



Senior Warden Todd Mayer sat in the East for Table Lodge, with LEO WB John Freeburg (right) and Msgr. Thomas Knopf-Bigelow (left)



Anoka travelling men seize the "Proficiency Sword" from Montgomery Lodge #258

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