



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



*Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.*

That is what Freemasonry is about in a nutshell. The Truth is that we give Relief to show Brotherly Love.

Here at Anoka Lodge, there are numerous examples, many of which have occurred recently. We have rallied to the side of a Brother who needs help for his ailing granddaughter. We have raised over \$4000 as of right now (probably more by the time this goes to press) to send them on a trip to make memories as a final wish. We have sat by the side of an ailing Brother in the hospital (more than one); just talking to him and keeping him company. We have said goodbye to Brothers with a Masonic funeral, and fulfilling a promise that we made at our altar to take care of their widows and orphans.

The only way we can help, aid and assist a Brother in distress is if we know about it. I know for some it is an issue of pride. They have always been the one to give assistance, and asking for it is not in their nature. Know that your Brothers are here for you. I heard from more than one Brother last Stated meeting how happy he was to help out, it is what we do.

So if you need a ride to Lodge, help around the house, help with your dues, the passwords for the meetings in order to show up, or even just an ear to bend or a shoulder to lean or cry on, do not hesitate to call on your Brethren. It is what we do.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

April 3rd, 6 pm: Dinner/Stated Meeting  
 April 17th, 6pm: Entered Apprentice Degree

Truly, I want to thank each and every one of my Brothers for what you do for each other, your Lodge, and your community. I am honored to call myself a Freemason from Anoka Lodge, and every week, you all give me another reason.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,  
**Todd A. Mayer**  
**Master Anoka Lodge #30**



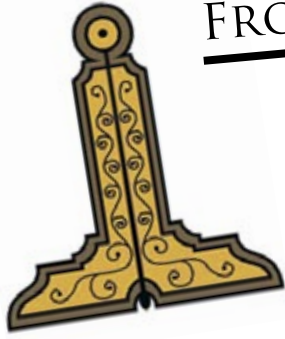
This is our new name badge. We wanted to incorporate our new logo, as well as have the magnetic backing so that they could be worn with both a jacket and a polo shirt. We have started issuing them to our newest EAs in the winter class.

There is no pressure to get one. Your other one has your name, and what Lodge you are from. That is what you want out of a name tag. However, if you do think they are snazzy and want one, you can order them directly from Sterling Trophy. He has the template ready, and can turn them around very quickly. There is even room for a third line if you want Past Master and the year you served. Cost is \$7.

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*Anoka-Shekinah #104 would like to give a big thank you to all the members of the OES and Anoka #30 who assisted in so many ways, and to those who contributed monetarily to the benefit breakfast for W.B. Al Hanson. Thank You All!*



## FROM THE WEST

### *The Anoka Machine*

Growing up in Cincinnati, Ohio in the 70's, there was one aspect of life in that city which was always a welcome topic of conversation which dominated the local pop culture, the Cincinnati Reds, Major League Baseball team. Every young man idolized those big name players and looked forward to seeing them in person every summer. The Reds were bigger than life in my home town, not just because they won most of their games and made several trips to the World Series during that decade, but because they were an accurate representation of the population in the area. They weren't the flashiest, but they came from all walks of life and geographical areas. They were not the best paid players in the league (those were the Yankees and Dodgers), but they were the hardest working. In fact, they worked so hard and had such a good run in the 70's, they became known as the "Big Red Machine". When I hear Brothers describe the make up of Anoka Lodge, I can't help but to draw comparisons to those Reds teams 40 years ago. I have heard comments of, "the Anoka Machine" and "Anoka is a machine". I like these comparisons! Coming from a working class suburb in Cincinnati, I cannot help to take these comments as a sign that we are well on our way to crafting the perfect ashlar.

The Anoka Machine is running at a strong pace right now and we are doing some great work. "We do what we do" and we have fun doing it. Many great ideas from the Brothers are being tested and put to use so that we can support our community and our ranks in new and exciting ways. We all come from a variety of backgrounds which help enrich the quality of our work and make our Lodge as strong as it is.

Let's keep this machine running with the hard work and creativity which have sustained us for the last several years. We are humming along at a good pace, but let us not fall into complacency, for we would risk all we have worked for so far. The Anoka Machine runs on our efforts and I see no signs of it slowing down any time soon, thanks to all of you

**Dave Hansel**  
Senior Warden

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION FOR THE GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA

The Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is coming April 11-13th. Reservations of rooms have been made (hopefully) and everyone is eager to go.

If you are planning on attending, make sure that WM Todd Mayer knows. We want to make sure everyone is informed about all that is going on, and want to keep everyone in the loop for the hospitality suite.



*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.*



## Scottish Rite News

The Scottish Rite is very busy as we ramp up to the 32° (Master of the Royal Secret). There will be breaks for the Annual Communication, as well as the OES Grand Chapter, but on May 11th, the One Day to Scottish Rite is happening.

If you are interested in joining the “Graduate School of Masonry,” and may not have the time to go through the long class, contact your Double Eagle for a petition and any questions, so that you can fill it out and be read in time to get in for this spring.

**Todd A. Mayer**  
Double Eagle for Anoka Lodge #30  
Scottish Rite – Minneapolis Valley

**MAY 11TH**  
**One Day**  
**-to-**  
**Scottish Rite**

# APPENDANT MASONIC BODIES

## Grotto News

Our recent Baked Potato Feed was a rousing success and a great time was had by all! I would like to thank everyone who participated with their time, hard work and money. I think we are off to a good start in getting an annual fundraiser cranked up for our Realm!

We brought on 6 new Prophets in our Alternate Ceremonial on March 1st. It was the first time this generation of Selim Prophets had put on anything but the short form of the ceremonial and things went pretty well for the first time. The groundwork has been laid for us to continue and build upon this tradition and I hope to see us put on at least one more Ceremonial this year.

If you are interested in finding out exactly what is the “Master Mason’s Playground” drop me a line or ask any one of our Anoka Prophets.

Yours in The Realm,

**Dave Hansel,**  
Prophet Monarch



**M.O.V.P.E.R.**

**Selim Grotto meets at Anoka  
Lodge on the 1st Friday of the  
month at 6pm.**





## FROM THE SOUTH

*Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,*

This month we welcome a new Grand Master of Masons for Minnesota. As I look forward to meeting the new Grand Master and the coming year, I also find myself reflecting upon the message of retiring Grand Master Brian Beermann.

MWM Brian had a message that Masonry is a big tent that includes not just the Blue Lodge, but all of the appendant bodies and Masonic organizations in Minnesota.

Here at Anoka Lodge, we are fortunate to have many different Masonic groups that meet at the lodge building. Martha Chapter - Order of the Eastern Star, Bethel 48 - Job's Daughters, Selim Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R., Anoka Area Shrine Club, Anoka-Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter, DeMolay Club, and while not Masonic groups, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Troop 518, and Order of the Arrow Native American Dance Team. All of these groups keep the Anoka Lodge building a busy and vital place.

All of these groups promote fellowship, leading a good life, and contributing to the community. Having all of these groups at the lodge provides opportunities and events that appeal to many different interests. There is something for everyone, from dinners, to charitable events, to stated meetings and degrees, to installations, and more. And the best part about all of these groups meeting at the lodge is the support and friendship we give to each other. No matter what group is meeting at the lodge, I know that I can walk in and be welcome and be greeted by a friendly hello.

The Anoka Lodge family is a shining example of big tent Freemasonry. Through our communication and support of each other, we demonstrate how well many groups can participate with and get along well together. And this in turn shows the community that our groups are an active and vital part of life in Anoka. As we welcome a new Grand Master of Masons this month, let us remember the lessons of the big tent. By our continued work together we make the Anoka Lodge family a fun and welcoming place for all.

Fraternally,  
**Lee E. Kielblock**  
Junior Warden



**Upcoming Events:**  
April 1st will be a Masquerade Party at 6 pm at the Anoka Masonic Lodge. After the meeting, will be having sewer pipe sundaes.  
April 5-7 is Grand Bethel  
April 27 is a Maquerade Ball at the Anoka Masonic Lodge at 7 pm.

Bethel 48 had so much fun flamingoing Master Todd's house. They tried so hard to be quite and not get caught. But Todd decided to walk his baby sitters out to their car. That was when he was meet with a flock of flamingos and Jobies.

On March 16th, Bethel 48 meet at the Anoka Lodge to make blankets to give to the Masonic Cancer Hospital. They were able to make 14 blankets in only 2 hours.

Also on the 16th they flamingoed Jackie N's house, the Grand Honor Queen. They were as quiet as a herd of elephants in the snow. Jackie heard some one outside her window, so she ask her Dad, Al, to go out to find out who was there. That was when he found the giggle of Jobies and flock flamingos.

*They again, were caught!!*

### Steward's Kitchen:

#### April Stated Meal:

Ham, green beans, Gumbo Soup, Rolls, and Cake.

#### April Degree Meal:

Meal provided by the Boy Scouts. Please come and show your support!

by Senior Steward, Trent Gilbertson



# EASTERN STAR

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:**  
April 18th - Honoring JPM Lyla and JPP Donly

April starts a new Martha Chapter year and we hope it will be a fun and productive one. Our theme is "Connections" and will be all about our ties to each other, our past, present and future. The first meeting on April 4th will kick off the year and start the connection to your new Officers and schedule.

April 18th we will be honoring our JPM Lyla and JPP Donly for their year of service and all the laughs we had. No promises of a 'roast' but we certainly will TOAST them as we look back at their term and achievements. At the second meeting each month we will honor all members whose initiation anniversary is that month. Watch for a letter on bright lime paper from us with more details when your anniversary is getting close. We hope to hear from members that we seldom see and read any greetings or notes and reconnect.

A note to our long time members – do you have any items with our OES emblem that you would like to see passed with love to new members? Many lovely things are no longer made and I think it would be fun to have a silent auction of Star items later in the year, perhaps at the 50 Year Member Lunch this summer or on Rob Morris Night. Sister Pat Schwappach gave me the idea as she already has set aside some things to donate. Also it can be a good excuse to take a look for items for the Lodge Garage Sale at the same time.

Grand Chapter will be here before we can blink so let our new Secretary Julia Tollgaard know if you plan to attend so we can send all our registrations in together in April. That is all I can think of today for April so here is a word or two from your Worthy Patron.

By the time you're reading this the Installation of Officers will be history. I'm writing this just after the election of officers. One of the questions I have been asked is how was my experience as Master of the Anoka Masonic Lodge, my answer, it was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I

look forward to being in East with Jane and working with all of the Brothers and Sisters of Martha Chapter. I want to truly thank Martha Chapter for electing Jane as WM and me as WP and giving Jane a chance at having the same great experience that I had. Looking over the calendar for the coming year I know it will pass in the blink of an eye and we will have a great time.

We will be looking for you at Chapter meetings.

- Jane & Wayne

## **GARAGE/YARD SALE COMING**

Anoka Lodge will again be having a sale in May.

**Pick up/Drop off dates to be announced at a later time.**

(no items to be brought to the building until the week before the sale)

**Start rounding up your treasure now.**

**NO** old TV's or computers

**NO** Adult clothing

Items must be **CLEAN**  
and in **working order**











# ROYAL ARCH

I was going to submit this article for February for Presidents Day, but had to push it back so here it is for April in honor of Presidents Day!

We as brothers often talk about famous masons in history, but what we dont often hear about which of our famous brothers were also members of the Royal Arch! So I have assembled a list of four U.S. presidents who were also Royal Arch Masons, one for each degree of the Royal Arch!

**1. ANDREW JACKSON (1767 - 1845)**  
Seventh President. 1829 thru 1837. He received the three Craft degrees in Harmony Lodge No. 1, at Nashville TN. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, October 1822 thru October 1824. Honorary member of Federal Lodge No. 1, at Washington D.C.; he was also a Royal Arch Mason.

**2. ANDREW JOHNSON**  
17th President, born 1808 died 1875; initiated, passed and raised in Greeneville Lodge No. 119 now No. 3

at Greeneville, Tenn. in 1851. Probably a member of Greeneville Chapter No. 82 Royal Arch Masons, since he joined Nashville Commandery of Knights Templar No. 1 in 1859. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the White House in 1867.

**3. JAMES A. GARFIELD**  
20th President, born 1831; died 1881; initiated and passed in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus, Ohio, and raised in Columbus Lodge No.30, 1864. Affiliated with Garrettsville Lodge No. 246 in 1866 Affiliated with Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 Washington, D. C. as charter member in 1869. Exalted in Columbus Royal Arch Chapter, 1866 and Knight Templar, 1866. 14th Degree Scottish Rite, 1872.

**4. WARREN G. HARDING**  
29th President born 1865; died 1923. Initiated in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio, 1901. He received no other degree until after becoming President. He was passed and raised in Marion Lodge in 1920, Royal Arch Chapter degrees in Marion Chapter No. 62 in 1921; Knight Templar in Marion Commandery No. 36, in 1921. Scottish Rite and Shrine in 1921.

**Trent Gilbertson**  
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# ROYAL ARCH

## Upcoming Events:

April 3rd: Anoka-Shekinah will be performing the "Past Master Allegory" during Anoka Lodge #30 stated meeting. This will be the first time this allegory has been performed by a chapter in 40+ years!

May 13th: Anoka-Shekinah will be performing the "Past Master Allegory" again this time at Arcana Lodge #187 during the stated meeting. We will also be providing an informational lecture on the degrees of The Royal Arch! The meeting starts at 7:30. Be there and be square!

June 19th: Anoka-Shekinah Will be performing the "Past Master Allegory" yet again, this time at Minneapolis Lodge #19 during the stated meeting. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

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