



# STAR AND COMPASS

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



Hello and Welcome to the new Star and Compass!!!

I want to first start out by thanking Brother Ryan Dawson for all of the work that he has done over the years producing this fine publication. Next, I want to thank Brother Josh Fulwider in taking over editing duties. There are many thankless jobs in the Lodge, and this is one of them. So, thank you again.

At this point of the year, I am supposed to write how the year has flown by, and how I am counting down the days until I take off the hat. I cannot. This year, so far, has been great, thanks to all of you! We have many things still in the works, and I would invite you to take advantage of them all. We had a good time at Anoka Riverfest and the County Fair (I

assume, as this was written beforehand). In August, we have the joint picnic with OES (see another article) and the St. Paul Saints game. Please come, bring your family and friends and enjoy a great time at the ballpark. Even if you do not like baseball, the Saints are not about the game, believe me. In September, we have Ribs, Bibs and Blues, the Wild Game feed and the Honored Ladies Luncheon.

Every year when I plan the Saints game, it makes me realize how great our Lodge is. This was the first event that I organized. I was raised less than a year, and asked the officers if we could consider doing this, as I had done it in the past for another organization. They welcomed it, and set me to work. This is one of the strengths of our Lodge, the ability to try new things. If it works, awesome, we have a new tradition. If it does not, we either will try to tweek it, or say that we gave it the old college try.

What events or ideas do you have for your Lodge? I won't say that it is too late this year, but if it is, talk to the guy in the West, he might need some great ideas. Remember that this is your Lodge, it functions best when we are all working in the quarries for ourselves, our families and our community.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

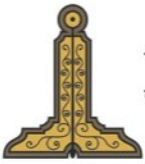
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Master  
Anoka Lodge #30 A.F.&A.M.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!

The 7th Annual Anoka Lodge Day at the St. Paul Saints will be held Sunday, August 11th at 1:05. There will be tailgating beforehand, BYOG (Grillables). Everything else will be provided. Tickets are \$16 each and that includes all of the tailgatables. The whole family and friends are invited. RSVP to WM Todd Mayer. [763-413-0764](tel:763-413-0764) or [master@anokamasons.org](mailto:master@anokamasons.org)

See you there!



## FROM THE WEST

At the time of writing this article. I was fresh off the heels of a terrific vacation to visit my family back east and get in some whitewater rafting along the Lower New River in West Virginia. (For those of you who like a little thrill in your life, I can recommend a trustworthy outfitter to help you with everything you need for such an adventure, along with a trusty guide or two.) If you recall, I went rafting last year for the first time and immediately got hooked. But last year, the river was 4 feet below normal summer pool. This year the river was at 12+ feet ABOVE normal summer pool. They do not run that stretch of the river at 14 feet above pool, or at a volume at or above 32,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). This year it was running at 30,000 cfs! To put this all into perspective, a cubic foot of water is similar in size to a basketball. Now, the river is roughly 162 feet across on average at this level. Imagine 162 basketballs times 30,000! Now that was how much water was running past us per second! I new that this was going to be a wild ride and to top it off, I had my immediate family along with me this time in addition to my sister and various cousins and in-laws! I knew that we needed to trust, not only our guide, but something greater than all of us to get us down river safely! All I could think of was a familiar line I had heard once before, "Trust in your guide and fear no danger".

We had two rafts to accommodate all of us in our party. We requested our guides ahead of time, Matt and Koreen, ahead of time. My sister requested Matt in her raft (ladies, imagine Captain Jack Sparrow) because of his dapper looks, oh and by the way, adept guide skills. I requested Koreen for our raft, since she is very funny and for a woman, very strong (darn near a body builder, but not quite). If my family was going to "go for a swim" (involuntarily) as they say down there, I wanted Koreen to be there to pull us back in to the raft. She also has 12 years of experience under her belt.

"Trust in your guide and fear no danger".

Now my daughter Cara, as most of you know, is what I would call "fun sized". She only weighs about 100lbs and is just..... "From the West" continued..... under 5 feet tall. The minimum age for someone to ride the "Lower New" is 12 years old, under normal conditions. With the river running this high, I was a little apprehensive. When we arrived at the put-in spot, we asked Koreen if Cara could ride, not along the side tubes of the raft, but in the middle where we thought there would be less chance of her "going for a swim". (Did I mention that Cara is not a strong swimmer?) Koreen took one look at her and said, "No one sits in the middle on my raft". "Besides", she exclaimed, "you have a better chance of staying in if you paddle along with the rest of the group".

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Well, with much apprehension, (especially when we saw the first wave) Cara trusted Koreen and rode up on the tubes with everyone else. Koreen made sure to offer lots of encouragement to Cara along the way. To make a long story short, Cara stayed

in the raft the whole way, despite the onslaught of countless "wave trains" and nasty "hydraulics". Koreen made sure that along the way, we were all aware of the dangers at every rapid and where we should go if we went for a swim. In addition, she made sure that we got lots of practice in with different paddling maneuvers during the calm pools and were able to respond to her commands as we traversed the very fast and angry ancient New River.

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At the end of the day, we all gathered in the pub back at The Rivermen campus, our outfitters for the journey. They like to display our trip's rafting video (there are half baked "video boaters" who kayak alongside our trip who take pics and shoot video). The guides clean themselves up and meet us at the pub and share laughs with us as we recall our adventure. We also take this time to thank them profusely for watching over us and ensuring that we have a fun and safe voyage along the way. As tradition prevails, we also take this time to tip them and share a bevvvy or two. (In true Anoka Lodge fashion, I tipped Koreen very well for her expertise and wisdom!)

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This experience was one which held several lessons. The most important was to learn to trust someone who has more wisdom than yourself, especially in the face of uncertainty and danger. And, the second, never to leave your mouth open when you crash into a wave, unless you happen to like the taste of muddy river water! But most of all, I learned that life can be like a river. One day, it can be calm and tranquil, but around the bend can lie uncertainty and danger. It is ever changing and unpredictable. We need to rely upon those guides (a.k.a. those Brothers around us) to help us through those good times and bad. But most of all, we need to make sure that we are acting as guides to our less experienced Brothers. They rely upon us to help guide them along the river of life to arrive at their destination, whatever that may be, safely.

So, I ask you, have you been able to help guide someone through the river we call "Masonry"? When someone calls upon you, can you be trusted to be there for a worthy Brother in distress? Do you have another Brother you can look up to as a guide? I know that I have many Brothers I can call guides and I am very thankful for their wisdom and expertise. Now as far as tipping them, well, that is a different story....

Stay well my Brothers. Follow your guides and fear no danger.

Dave Hansel, Senior Warden



Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

As I write this article tonight, I am thinking of our newest Entered Apprentice Brothers who will join the Lodge in September, and their introduction to Masonry and Anoka Lodge#30. The Entered Apprentice degree is the first impression of Masonic ritual, and is a night no Brother ever forgets. But what about the first introduction to Masonry and the Lodge through the process of petitioning and interviews that lead up to the Entered Apprentice degree.

When I decided to become a Mason, I contacted the Lodge, and within two days, I had received an e-mail from the Worshipful Master inviting me to dinner at the Lodge. When I showed up for dinner, I was introduced to many Masons, toured the Lodge, and had dinner with the Brethren. It was a little overwhelming going to a place where I knew no one, trying to remember names and faces that went together, and not knowing what questions to ask or what to talk about. But I went home with a good feeling of being welcome. I signed my petition and waited for the petitioning process to take place.

The next part of the process was me receiving a call from three Masons of the Lodge wanting to meet with and interview me (later I learned that these were called investigations). While the visit to the Lodge was a good experience, I feel that my first real introduction to Masonry came during the investigations. It was a chance to sit down with a Brother of the Lodge and ask questions, listen to information about how the Lodge worked, and meet someone I might recognize when I next visited the Lodge.

I cannot emphasize enough how important these investigations were to me, and how important they are to our new candidates. It really is their first introduction to Anoka Lodge #30 and to Masonry. One thing that impressed me, and made me feel as if



## FROM THE SOUTH

the Lodge wanted me to join, was how soon I was contacted for the investigations after submitting my petition. I was also impressed with how friendly the Brothers were, and how they were ready to answer any questions I had about the Lodge and Masonry.

The Brothers who conduct the investigations are selected randomly from the membership of the Lodge. If you receive a letter requesting that

you investigate a candidate, I urge you to take action and set up a time for the investigation as soon as possible. This will show the candidate that they are important. Meet with them and talk to them about why they want to join the Lodge. Answer the questions that they have about Masonry and the Lodge. Be friendly and cheerful, and be sure to invite them to visit the Lodge for dinner on meeting nights.

After the investigation, please return the investigation report to the Lodge Secretary as soon as possible. This allows the Lodge to vote upon the petitions in a timely manner. Also very important in this investigation process is your time. If you receive a request from the Lodge, and do not have the time, or are not able to set up a time to investigate the candidate, please notify the Lodge Secretary as soon as you can, so that they can then notify a different Brother to request the investigation.

Let us all work together to make our new candidate's introduction to Masonry and the Lodge a great experience, from that first visit to the Lodge through the Entered Apprentice degree.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Junior Warden

## **FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD!**

*Table Lodge is September 19th. Reservations are \$18 or \$25 at the door and if paying at the door you are also not guaranteed a seat as there are limited spots.*

*For your convenience, this year we are offering online payment for Table Lodge reservations through the Anoka Lodge #30 website. This is the easiest way to pay, however you are still able to purchase tickets from Terrance or myself.*

*Get your reservations now as spots are filling up fast and are very limited due to the extremely large fall class.*



**Anoka Lodge Stated  
Communication**

**August 7, 2013**

**The meal for this evening will  
be Sub Sandwiches, Coleslaw  
and Chips!**



## EASTERN STAR

Summer is flying by now that it finally is here. It is hard to believe these notes are for the August S&C!

Unfortunately there was not a July newsletter but our Chapter has been busy. A quick recap: our June Salad Lunch was very well attended, hats off to AM Goody Vokovan and all the helpers for a job well done. If you missed our last meeting in June, we held an initiation for two new members, welcome to Vicky and Emma. We also balloted on another petition and will have another initiation in the fall for two more. Members that were initiated in June or July were honored, thanks to all that turned out in the heat for this special night.

July had several events and we were able to connect with each other. Our Riverfest food booth went well, for the first time we sold out of strawberry shortcake! We would love to see this continue to grow, suggestions for additional items we could sell to increase revenue are welcome. Just give it some thought and let me have them.

We also held an all member luncheon on July 20 and honored our members with 50 or more years of service. This is always a special time to get together and remember the past. Speaking of past, the next day many of us dropped in to wish Hope Buck a Happy 90th Birthday and served the ice cream & cake to family & friends.

The Anoka County Fair has also come & gone, another opportunity to let the community know we are alive & well in Anoka. Thanks to all our members who helped or attended any of these fun events.

**Coming up...** don't miss the joint picnic with the Lodge on August 29<sup>th</sup>. An invitation appears elsewhere but the

details are: 5pm at the Lodge rain or shine on Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and any prospective members and enjoy some relaxing fellowship. Picnic fare provided so a quick call with a possible head count of your group would be appreciated, we don't want to run out of food!

Hope to see many of you in September when we'll connect with our roots and honor Rob Morris at our first meeting.

Until then,

Star Love from Jane & Wayne

### *Chaplain's Corner*

*Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. If you or someone you know in the Masonic Family are in need of support, please contact*

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# Scottish Rite News

As the summer rolls on, the Fall Class of the Scottish Rite is slowly coming together. Brothers from Anoka Lodge and others are getting together, working on their lines, making sure costumes are clean, props are ready, and the education program is there to answer questions from Brothers wanting more light. Will you be a part of it?

Degrees start Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Petitions can be obtained at Anoka Lodge, signed and turned in before that time. Fees will now be \$150, and that does not include the optional 14<sup>th</sup> Degree Ring. It does include 29 Degrees all performed in full costume, settings, and lights. It includes meals for every Thursday in the fall (a deal in itself), and an educational program after each Degree to discuss what you have just witnessed. If you are interested, contact me and we can get a petition to you and answer any questions you may have.

I would be remiss in saying that if you have not been back in a while, come on down and support your Brethren, and ride in the new elevator.

Todd A. Mayer  
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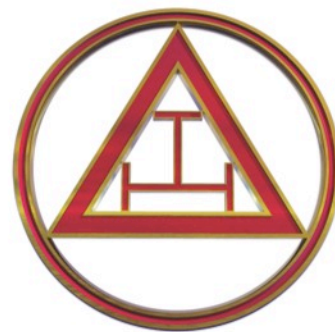
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# ROYAL ARCH



### Origins & History

In January's Royal Arch article I included this excerpt from the Grand Lodge of Mn.

*"Pure Ancient Freemasonry*

*consists of but three degrees, viz. , that of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. Including The Supreme Order Of The Holy Royal Arch"*

But Is there any real evidence though that The Holy Royal Arch was originally part of the degrees of a Master Mason?

Here is a very interesting excerpt from an article by: E. Comp. G.S. Jassar, PGStB, P2ndProvGPrin.

"in the "Book of Constitutions" written by Anderson in 1723, in which he says: "The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of congregating the members of his Lodge into a Chapter". This would suggest that the so-called Chapter must have practiced some rite or ceremony, which differed from the ceremonies normally performed in the Lodge. If this work was connected with the Royal Arch, such as something similar to the "passing of the veils", it must have been regarded as a part of Craft Masonry yet differing from the normal Degrees. As this regulation was incorporated by Anderson in his "Constitutions" and worded in such a fashion, it shows that whatever was meant by a "Chapter" was already in common practice and accepted by 1723.

The first Premier Grand lodge, or "Moderns" as they later became known was founded in 1717. It initially concentrated on regularizing the First, Second and Third Degrees. Although it realized that some of its adherent Lodges worked the Royal Arch, it gave no official recognition or support to the ceremony. It is interesting to note that although the ceremony was not regarded as an integral part of the three Craft Degrees, (Next Page)

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it was nevertheless worked in ordinary Craft Lodges at that time.

On the other hand, the "Antients" Grand Lodge, which broke away in 1751, acknowledged the Royal Arch with enthusiasm. Laurence Dermott, its second Grand Secretary, described the Royal Arch as "...the root, heart and marrow of Freemasonry". It was openly conferred as a Fourth Degree in its Lodges with the consent and approval of the "Antients", who became known as the Royal Arch Continued....."Grand Lodge of the Four Degrees". Indeed, their first set of Rules and Regulations states that "Ancient Masonry consists of Four Degrees - the Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Sublime Degree of Master" and goes on to provide that "... a Brother well versed in these Degrees and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of Master, is eligible to be admitted to the Fourth Degree, the Holy Royal Arch". The Rules also state that "Every Regular Warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of its several Degrees, the last of which, from its pre-eminence, is denominated among Masons, a Chapter". At that time, separate Chapters still did not exist and so one was opened in the Craft Lodge under the authority of its Warrant in order to confer the Degree."

### Upcoming Events:

Anoka-Shekinah has secured food and drink booths to work at the Renaissance Festival this year which is a great fund raising opportunity for the Chapter. All Anoka-shekinah members are encouraged to sign up for shifts, but the opportunity open to everyone.

Adult General admission to the Renaissance Festival this year is \$21.95. WHY PAY???

If your already planning on going to the Festival you might as well sign up for a shift which gets you in for free and after your done working, you can have fun at the festival! This opportunity is open to all Masons and families.

Anyone..which includes your wife, girl friend or significant other and kids 14-16 are welcome to sign up!!! Contact Brother Brian Dimatteo or me if interested!

Trent Gilbertson

Anoka-Shekinah #104 H.P.

## Selim Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.



The Grotto is dark for the summer, but not inactive! We recently held our annual pool party at Past Monarch Stephen Kesler's house and have another pool party in the works. Not to mention, a family day at Canterbury Park is also in the works.

Come see what you have been missing!

Dave Hansel

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## Sportsman's Club

The Sportsman's Club would like to invite you the first ever Wild Game Feed. The event will be held at the Woodsman's Grill in Anoka - 1918 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue on

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm for social hour and then dinner to follow at 6pm. Tickets will be \$35 and are available from Paul Agustin please contact Paul by either email [agustin.paul@gmail.com](mailto:agustin.paul@gmail.com) or calling [612-810-1018](tel:612-810-1018) to reserve your tickets. This event is open to spouses and significant others, there will be wine and beer available for purchase or you may bring your own bottle of wine with no corkage fees.

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## This is your invitation to the joint Martha Chapter and Anoka Lodge Picnic!

Come celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of August and join us for traditional picnic fare.

**Who:** All members, family and prospective members

**When:** 5:00pm, Thursday August 29

**What to bring:** an appetite for food and friendship

**Where:** Anoka Lodge Building

RSVP appreciated so we have plenty of food. Call Worthy Matron Jane LaMusga 763-757-9274 with a head count of your family party



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**Anoka Lodge #30 AF &AM**  
 Honors  
**W. David Emery**

### Hiram Award Dinner

October 19th 2013

Social Hour at 6:00pm  
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Traveling Men visit Chippewa Lodge #176 on June 18, 2013! Traveling Man is dark for the month of August, but you can join in the travels when they resume September 16, 2013. The destination for that night is Plymouth Lodge #160. Contact Brother Terrance Schaffer