



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 .

There are many ways to identify an officer of a Masonic Lodge. The chair that they sit in, the apron they wear, the jewel that they have around their neck, the pin on their lapel, or the tired look they sometimes have. However, there is one piece of clothing that is with the entire journey. It does not get cleaned, it does not get too small or too big, but it definitely with you during your entire officer journey. This is his story:

He watched as a group of men gather to be installed as officers, some for the first time. Not knowing what lay ahead, but knew that it would be challenging and exciting.

The Cournecopia passed in front of him for the first time and knew that a new chapter had begun. Making dinners for his Brothers, and his first foray into learning lectures during preparation. And getting changed quickly before and after the degree, because no one should cook or clean-up in a tux.

The Square and Compass passed in front of him with the moon and the sun. Being more comfortable in the chairs, guarding the door, welcoming guests, and guiding candidates to Light.

The Plumb passed in front of him, and the cabletow got longer. Sitting in the East for the first time, setting up the Anoka Fair, Halloween Parade and realizing that his Brothers had seen fit to actually elect him to be a leader in the Lodge.

The Level passed in front of him, and planning for next year had begun. Making new friends, planning a calendar and budget, strengthening current relationships, knowing that it would take many Brothers to do what was wanted to be done.

The Square was passed in front of him twelve months ago, with a new gavel, top hat and a whole lot of designs on the tressleboard. Thanks to all of his Brothers, the Lodge has helped improve themselves, their families, and their community.

My bowtie has seen many things over these six years. Grand Lodge Annual Communications where new friendships have been forged, even at 7am at Charities Breakfast after being hospitable all night long. Newly raised Brothers who you can see in their eyes that they “really get” out Gentle Craft. Brothers who gathered to celebrate a life as one of their own pass to the Celestial Lodge above. And many more memories too numerous to put to page.

I want to extend my deepest and heartfelt thanks to all of my Brothers, and members of the Masonic family for an incredible year. It has been truly a once-in-a-lifetime journey, and one that I will treasure all of my days. My journey is not over, by any means, but I know that this chapter is coming to a close. I will be extremely proud to sit on the sidelines, as well as to journey to other Lodges and introduce myself as Past Master of Anoka Lodge.

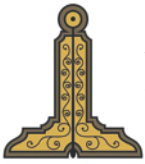
Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer

Master

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





FROM THE WEST

First and foremost, thank you Brothers for placing your trust in me to govern our Lodge for 2014! I am indeed truly humbled and will strive to do my best in the best interest of Anoka Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I believe we will have a great year and I am truly looking forward to what we can get accomplished over the next year.

There are three areas which I would like to maintain primary focus on next year:

1. Enhancement and strengthening of the Mentorship and New Member Committees.
2. Proper and COMPLETE investigations of candidates (this means three investigations).
3. More fundraising events, not only for charity organizations, but for the income of our Lodge. I would also like to see better organization and financial accountability of our events as well.

I will cover these topics throughout the year as we travel on through our labors. However, there is one thing which we must get done as a matter of "housekeeping" as we prepare for the ensuing year and that is communication. For the last several months, many have joked with me about how my phone will ring off the hook for the next year. This is fine, everyone knows I like a good joke. But with those chuckles comes an expectation that the Master must be available to respond to the needs of the Lodge.

As Master of our Lodge, I believe communication is vital to our success. However, we all have our favorite means to reach out to one another. I am no different in this respect. What works for one, does not necessarily work well for another. As you know, every Master of the Lodge has their own style of leadership and I am no exception. This extends to effective communication.

I also believe that, as Master, one needs to be accessible to the workmen who toil in the quarries; it comes with the territory. Therefore, I would like to let everyone know how you can best get hold of me for the ensuing year.

Plain and simple, during standard business hours, email is the most effective way to reach me. I work a

full time job as a Manager for Patterson Companies in Mendota Heights. I spend a great deal of my time in meeting rooms or in a cubicle, so phone calls will not work very well as a means to reach me. Unfortunately, I do not have the liberty to answer my phone and take non work calls. However, I do always have my personal email up and running which I do check frequently throughout the day. I am able to fire off email responses throughout the day, most of the time, very quickly. However, if you prefer to call me, and I do not answer, please leave a message with some reference to what you would like to talk about. That way I can gauge how quickly I should respond to you. If you do not leave a message, I will assume that your message was not important to the governance of the Lodge and I will probably not respond, I apologize.

If you do have an emergency, Chris Berglund knows how to reach me and I have agreed to respond to his calls promptly. However, Chris is not the official call screener of the Master. Please be respectful of his time.

Text messages work well also, except during driving time. I do have a 40 - 60 minute commute each way to work each weekday. Keep that in mind during standard commuting hours.

I use Facebook, primarily to check events and keep my out of state family members up to date. I do have a Twitter account, but hardly ever use it. I would not recommend any of these methods.

Best of all, i always love to see a smiling face! If you have something which can wait until the next stated meeting or degree, feel free to grab me there. However, you can usually find me at the Lodge every Wednesday night as well. I would be glad to meet with you there or somewhere else offsite also, just let me know what works best for you.

Rest assured, I will do my best to serve you and all of the members of our Anoka Masonic Family. However, please keep in mind that with a full time job and a very active family, do not get offended if I do not respond to your message right away. In addition, I am a slave to my organizational system. As a very busy person, I have to be in order to stay sane (although that can be questioned some days!). I prioritize my day according to the importance and urgency of the tasks laid out before me. That means,

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even though your message may be of vital importance to you personally, it may not be as vital to our work in the quarries; please be patient with me.

Dave Hansel
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

As the year 2013 comes to a close, I am reflecting back on the year at Anoka Lodge. What a great year it was. We welcomed many new Brothers to our wonderful Fraternity. We held events honoring worthy Brothers, like the Awards Night and the Hiram Award. We served our fellow man with events for charity, including We Can Ride, Stable Pathways, ACBC food shelf, Polar Plunge, Apocalypse Party, and Hope for Youth. Importantly, we continued reaching out to the Anoka Community through the County Fair, Ribs Bibs and Blues, Kids ID, Riverfest, the Shrimp Dinner, Scouting, and the Grand Day Halloween parade.

As the Junior Warden, I was responsible for organizing some of these events. The others were organized by Brothers who really stepped up their commitment to the Lodge and the Community. I want to give a big THANK YOU to all the Brothers who helped organize and work these events. I want to say a special thanks to the Bones Brothers, who have done an excellent job representing Anoka Lodge and Masonry to the public. It is the dedication to our Lodge and your hard work that makes Anoka Lodge the great place that it is. This dedication also helps the Community see what Masonry is about and the good works that a great fraternity can do.

Another great memory of the year was getting to know our new Brothers, and spending time with and getting to know the Officers of Anoka Lodge. Dedication to the Lodge shines in the Officers, and they set a great example of Masonry in motion. I am looking forward to another great year with the Officers and working to make Anoka Lodge the best that it can be. I know that there are some great things waiting to happen before the end of the year and in 2014. I am really looking forward to the Breakfast with Santa and the Super Bowl Brunch to

finish this year and begin next year.

Finally, looking forward to 2014, I would like to say thank you to the Brothers of Anoka Lodge who have elected me to serve as Senior Warden for 2014. Your confidence in electing me gives me a big boost of energy to help make 2014 another great year for Anoka Lodge. Please join me and all the other Officers as we are installed on Saturday, December 14, 2013. We can welcome our new Master Dave Hansel and start the new year on a good note!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Junior Warden



EASTERN STAR

December is a wonderful time to reflect on how much our family and friends mean to us. Our Masonic connections here in Anoka are very strong and we want to give our thanks to WM Todd Mayer for some really terrific memories. It is a pleasure to work with you and your officers on events and dinners. Thank you for everything you and the Lodge do for us at Martha Chapter and for making us feel appreciated and a part of the family.

December brings the Installation of Officers for the Lodge and we are looking forward to another great year under the leadership of Master-elect Dave Hansel. We will be helping with the appetizers after the ceremony and hope many Martha Chapter members attend to show our support.

Holiday plans require cookies and Martha Chapter members will have their annual Bake & Craft Sale at the Anoka County Courthouse on Friday morning December 13th. This is probably our biggest moneymaker of all the events we do and it depends on contributions from our members. Please consider sending a donation if you don't have time to bake or come to the sale. For our new members: Martha Club has a Holiday potluck the night before at Dottie Lilliquist's to pack and price all the items for the sale. After the work is done, we have a gift

exchange. Everyone is welcome to participate, there is always plenty to eat and there is a sitting area for any gentlemen that do the driving & hauling of our stuff. If you have any questions, please call me (763-757-9274) or Martha Club President Carol Fourre (763-786-6045).

At our meeting on December 5th we will honor line officers, always fun because there are visitors! Then pull out something festive to wear for our meeting on the 19th and we'll celebrate all our December anniversaries and get in the holiday spirit.

Happy Holidays and our wish for all . . .

May you always have –

Love to Share

Health to Spare

And friends who Care

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 Father Thomas (612) 702-4770



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th 2013

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Anoka Masonic Lodge

1900 Third Avenue South, Anoka, MN

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Cost \$5.00 per person Children 5 and under Free

Pancakes, Breakfast Sausages and Scrambled Eggs with Milk, Juice and Coffee

January Stated Meeting Date Change

Brothers, according to our by laws, whenever a Stated Meeting falls upon a legal holiday, then the meeting will be moved to the following week. As it stands today, the January Stated Meeting would fall on Wednesday, January 1st. Since that is a legal holiday, we will be holding the January Stated meeting on the 2nd Wednesday, January 8th. The dinner will be served at the usual time of 6pm. The gavel will fall at the normal time of 7:30 pm. The EA degree will fall on the standard 3rd Wednesday as usual.

Keep in mind, that this means the degree week will sneak up on us a little quicker, so make sure you are prepared. There is an EA School For Instruction on Saturday, January 11th. If you are new to your parts in the degree, this would be even more of a reason why you should plan to attend that event.

Please make note of this change in your personal calendars and see me for any questions.

Thanks,
Dave Hansel
WM Elect 2014

Scottish Rite News



Just wanted to let you know what was coming up at the Minneapolis Valley:

December 5th 6:30 – 30th Degree
 December 12th 6:30 – 31st Degree
 December 19th 4:30 – 32nd Degree

The Spring Class will be convening on January 2nd, 2014 with the 4th, 5th and 6th Degree. If you are interested in joining the class, contact myself and we can get you a petition to begin your journey in the "grad school" of Freemasonry.

Support the Candidates and our Brothers working hard at the Scottish Rite.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,
 Todd A. Mayer
 Double Eagle
 Anoka Lodge #30 A.F.&A.M.



Master Todd Meyer



The International Job's Daughters Bethel 48 are

sponsoring this Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser. Watch for these flocks of tacky pink plastic flamingos on the lawns of your friends and neighbors or on the property of local businesses. Want a flock to land in friend's yard? Call the flamingo flocking hotline at 612-747-4026 to make a reservation. Please support the Anoka Job's Daughters is an international organization which develops girls & young women into leaders through citizenship, leadership, & friendship by means of moral lessons & community involvement in their efforts to raise money.

Suggested donation is \$40 and within a 20 mile radius from the Anoka Masonic Lodge.

Job's Daughters

Upcoming Events:

Dec 2 Meeting Elections/caps and crowns
 Dec 7 Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Party
 Dec 14 Living Cross for Masons Installation 4pm
 Dec 16 Meeting

How Do I Join?

Being a member of Job's Daughters International will bring bright smiles and self-confidence to girls as they learn to run their own organization, plan meetings, events, fund raising activities and take part in community service.

MEETINGS: Each group (called a Bethel) holds two meetings a month, except July and August. Which are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 pm. Daughters learn the correct way to run a business meeting using Robert's Rules and Order (the accepted guide book for corporate and government meetings) and get valuable experience for future years in the work place. Through public speaking, girls become self-assured when presenting their ideas and opinions to others.

Teenage girls need support from their peers and it is here in abundance. More than anything, Job's Daughters spells friendship. Over its 80 plus years, most Job's Daughters have retained contact with, and in many, many cases have made life long friends with other girls in the organization.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS---LOVE IT FOR LIFE!

There's so much more to tell you so why not contact the person shown below:

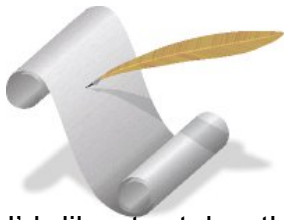
Janet Hansel

Phone number: 763-213-6541

We are so excited to introduce three new members of Bethel 48, Cassie B., Breanna, and Ari.



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From the Desk of the Secretary

I'd like to take this opportunity to address some guidelines regarding the Secretaries involvement with fundraising events.

If your event needs anything mailed, we are more than happy to do whatever you need. That means we will copy, fold, stuff, stamp, label and mail anything you need for the event. We will also let you know the costs so that you can include that amount in your expenses. Speaking of expenses, please keep a record of anything receipts/invoices you give to the secretary to pay. We don't track your expenses. We just bring the invoice to the Treasurer to issue payment.

If your event requires payment to be sent to the office, we will deposit the dollars and give you a timely report of the total amounts deposited. If your event requires payment at the time of the event, please designate someone from your team to collect the funds. Please count and secure the money until the receipts can be given to either Jay or me, for deposit.

If your event qualifies for a matching grant from MMC, we can give you the necessary paperwork. Return the forms to the Secretary's office and we will sign and mail them.

We are happy to assist with any of the Lodges fundraising events. The team creating and running the event are responsible for the accounting and any reports that may be needed.

Thanks and Happy Fundraising!

Chris and Jay



Royal Arch

Our chapter had a wonderful year. I am really proud of what we were able to accomplish. We have a very special chapter with many brothers who really put in some outstanding efforts this year!

We had our first ever fund raiser in the form of a pancake breakfast which was successful. We then held an additional pancake breakfast as a fund raiser for a worthy brother in need, and with the help the O.E.S. was more successful then we could have ever imagined!

We performed the Past Master Allegory in 4 different blue lodges which had not been performed previously in possibly 40 years by any chapter in Minnesota! The Past Master Allegory is the only ritual in the Holy Royal Arch allowed to be performed in the blue lodge and many brothers who observed the ritual seemed to find it interesting and really appreciated our efforts.

In the fall for the first time we took on a Renaissance Festival fund raiser which was very demanding of all our members as it required allot of work, but it was very successful and we also found it to be rewarding and fun!

It has been truly an honor for me to serve as the 2nd High Priest of Anoka-Shekinah #104. I believe we had very successful year, but credit really goes to the members of our chapter who have worked really this year to make it a success.

Thank You All

Trent Gilbertson
Anoka-Shekinah High Priest

Upcoming Events:

We will not have a meeting in December as our stated meeting lands on December 25th.

February 8th: One Day To the Royal Arch! The Royal Arch Festival will be held again at Anoka lodge #30. Anyone interested in joining the York Rite should get their petitions in soon!

Star and Compass Editor Information

If you have an article, a question or would like to advertise in the Star and Compass, please contact Brother Josh Fulwider. Email: sandc.editor@gmail.com or call me at (612) 578-1387

Bethel 48 visited Grace Fellowship Church for Go to Church Sunday.



Stewards Corner

"The DeMolay will be putting on dinner for the December 4th Stated Meeting, they intend to surprise us but I am assured that the young men will put on a wonderful meal whatever it is!"



Traveling Men

For November the Traveling Men got to visit our Brothers at Forest Lake Lodge #344. Once again the Brothers looked sharp in their Tuxedos, we got to spend the evening with the Grand Master of Minnesota, and the Venison Stew for dinner was excellent.

The last go around for the year will be out to Braden Lodge #168 in St. Paul. Dinner at 6pm and lodge to follow at 7:30pm. Let us know if you wish to join us!



With the paranormal investigation of the Lodge complete with evidence forthcoming we need your help. The Anoka Historical Society is willing to document any ghost stories related to the Lodge. If you have a story and would like to put it on the record for the Lodge, please contact Brother Josh Fulwider. We would greatly appreciate your help.

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