



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

As we begin our journey into 2014 I am very excited, somewhat overwhelmed and very pleased with the variety of activities and the enthusiasm for our craft that I have witnessed from our Brothers. I know we say this a lot, but we are very fortunate to have such a vibrant and eager group of men at Anoka Lodge. We often say that at Anoka we have a "deep bench". I tend to agree with this statement, but I would like to look at this from a different angle.

When we say that we have a deep bench, what comes to your mind. Most of us would say that this refers to the number of younger Brothers chomping at the bit to jump into the officer line or on a committee of some sorts. I would like to believe that this bench is not made up purely of these younger Brothers, but also extends to our older Brothers as well. If you look on the sidelines on any given meeting or degree night, you will see many of our older Brothers, some of them Past Masters, but not all. Within them hold the treasures of many years of experience and knowledge, which can not be discounted. These Brothers are an invaluable resource for our Lodge.

Along with this knowledge and experience, they also hold a desire to take part in the activities and planning that goes along with them. However, with the overwhelming flood of fresh talent which has been pouring into the lodge, sometimes they may seem to get lost in the shuffle and even worse, forgotten.

I would like to urge all of us to reach out and make sure that our older Brothers are not forgotten or overlooked. Whether it be meeting up with them for coffee or lunch, a phone call or an email, let's be sure to let them know that they are not forgotten and their presence in Lodge or activities is treasured.

On another topic, I would like to issue out a challenge to the Lodge. If you were present at our stated meeting in January, we had a rather lengthy session

voting on candidates for the upcoming EA degree at Anoka and the One Day to Masonry. We could have cast one ballot for all of the candidates at once in order to save time, however, I chose the option to vote on them individually. I understand how challenging this can be to the brevity of the meeting, however, I look at this as an opportunity for us to get better at our work.

Only two of the petitions were accompanied by three positive investigations. The others came with two positive investigations, which were voted on as acceptable by the Brethren. This is fine, but you all know that I think we can do better. Therefore, I would like to create some sort of incentive for the Lodge this year.

In the future, when we get multiple candidates which are ready to be voted upon, and when have three investigations returned on ALL of them, I will entertain a motion to vote on them all at once in order to save time. If we do not get three investigations returned, then we will vote on them all individually, no matter what the number, no exceptions. So now, we have something to shoot for.

So what do you say Brothers? I know we can do this. We have overcome much more difficult challenges before; this one should be a slam dunk!

"Be enthusiastic, stay curious, embrace humility".

WM Dave



From the West

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

As I write this today, the temperature outside is a balmy 25 degrees above zero. Only in a northern state would you hear a statement like this. We, having lived through the -25 degree temperatures, understand how a +25 degree temperature can feel warm. Yet in southern states, +25 degrees is almost as cold as it ever gets, and would feel so cold that someone would never think of it as balmy outside. This made me think of perceptions, and how our experience can affect those perceptions.

What is your perception of Masonry, and the perception of others? My perception of Masonry is positive and good. Being a member of our great Fraternity has allowed me to see the good works done by our Lodge and fellow Masons in Minnesota and the world. I see how the Fraternity of Masonry promotes good fellowship and brings people together. In the philosophies and teachings of Masonry, I see a path to self-improvement that makes us better men, better family members, and better members of society.

Some people have little or no perception of Masonry. They only hear about us through books, articles, or movies. Some perceive us as keepers of secret and esoteric knowledge. Some have a perception of Masonry as part of an evil plot to rule the world, and openly speak against our Fraternity. All of these perceptions may be based on past experience, apathy, a feeling of not being in control, or many other reasons we may never know.

As members of the Masonic Fraternity, I hope you all have a good perception of our organization. But what can we do to change and improve the perception of Masonry outside the Fraternity? In our degrees, we are taught to have faith in the Great Architect of the Universe, to act upon the square, and to keep ourselves within due bounds with all mankind. We also learn about the tenets of our Fraternity, which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Do we practice these tenets and lessons every day?

If we remember the tenets of our Fraternity, and remember what we are taught, and act and walk as such every day, we can present a great perception of Masonry to the world. Perhaps we can make

others think that they want to act the same way in their lives, and make them interested in joining our Fraternity. I urge you my Brothers, to remember and relearn the important lessons taught in our degrees. Apply them every day of your life and let us give the world the experience and perception of Masonry as a great organization that benefits all people of the world.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Senior Warden



Greetings from the South

As we approach the days of February which have been traditionally some of the coldest and snowiest of times. We turn our thoughts and eyes to Crooked Lake as our Polar Bear Plunge team prepares to jump into the frozen waters. This will be my second year as a jumper, and as crazy cold as it was last year to be in that water, I look forward to helping the Special Olympics as well as the social gathering afterwards. If you would like to donate to the team you may still do so at www.polarplungemn.org/anokamasons any little amount will help.

Paul Agustin

Junior Warden





JOBIES

Upcoming Events

- 2/2 Making Dog Treats at Anoka Lodge
- 2/3 Meeting
- 2/8 Serving the Royal Arch Fundraiser
- 2/9 Polar Plunge
- 2/16 Sno Ball
- 2/17 Masonic Honoring
- 2/19 Serving the Mason's Fundraiser

Your Are Invited To our Masonic Honoring

Please come and see how we run our meetings. We are performing a Masonic Honoring for those who to give us heritage.

There will be refreshments after the meeting.

When: February 19
 Time: 7 pm – 9pm
 Location: Anoka Lodge

Famous & Notable Jobies

- Meghan Cary
- Kim Cattrall
- Anita Sue Dennison
- Jacquelynne Fontaine
- Mancy Fleming
- Judy Garland
- Mary Ellen Gilbert
- Christie Hageman
- Jenilee Harrison
- Nannette Hegerty
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The Cub Scouts went on a Go See It activity and met the Mayor of Minneapolis Betsy Hodges.



Worshipful Brother George Washington's birthday was February 22, 1732

FROM THE L.E.O.

When you petitioned the lodge for membership you were asked the most significant question in Masonry: Do you believe in God? Your affirmation of God allowed you to cross a boundary into the degree of an Entered Apprentice. The first question of this degree asks where you are coming from. Why at this point do we venerate the Saints John?

Masonry accepts men who are worthy and well qualified. We may interpret them symbolically as "freestone". By taking an active step to improve, you have freed yourself from the aggregate of the quarry. The first degree tests you for weakness, much as a stone is examined and tested before being accepted for use. John the Baptist was a rough hewn zealot, fervent in his belief and unrestrained in his methods. It is said he wore camel skin clothing and ate locust and honey. He was an uneducated man who applied his strengths without temperance.

So why does John the Baptist figure so prominently in our tradition? "Because he was the forerunner of our Saviour, and laid the first parallel line to the Gospel." (excerpt Dunckerley lectures, ca. 1770) He is well suited as a model of a rough ashlar, having been tested even to his own death after his arrest.

By contrast, John the Evangelist came from a wealthy family, received a higher education, and so appears well groomed for finishing the work laid by the Baptist. The Gospel of John and book of Revelation are both attributed to him. He was the only disciple not executed by the Romans. The message of the Evangelist and Baptist are the same: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) We see that John the Evangelist is much closer to our concept of a perfect ashlar.

To Dunckerley is also ascribed the first introduction of the "lines parallel." His lecture states: "This code [circle] is embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist who were perfect parallels in Christianity as well as in Masonry."

So here we have our answer: God is the catalyst for

change, well exemplified by the parallels of the Saints John. The symbol of the bracketed circumpunct (circle punctuated by a dot in the center bordered by parallel lines) represents the individual Mason surrounded by due bounds in which he is to reign his passions. Within this circle we are to grow and exercise our strengths – filling the void with useful work. The parallel lines reminding of the two Johns.. "before" and "after" the exposure to "light" (meaning both God and knowledge)

This compilation and interpretation by bro Rick Currier, LEO Anoka#30, who urges you to always question and seek your own answers! Continue building Brothers !

Leo's quote pick of the month: "Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle."
– Dr. Robert Anthony

Brother Rick Currier
Lodge Education Officer



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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



From the Editor:

Hello and greetings to all those who read this newsletter. This newsletter is a great way to let the Anoka Lodge group of friends, family and Brothers know what's happening in our Lodge and the community. If you have an article you would like printed in this newsletter please send them to me at sandc.editor@gmail.com. You can also contact me via phone directly if you have any questions.

Brother Josh Fulwider
Star and Compass Editor
Tyler of Anoka Lodge #30



Traveling Man

This past month we had a chance to visit Braden lodge # 168. We had a wonderful presentation from our Grand L.E.O Mike Hill, good camaraderie and great food!

For the month of February we will be traveling to compass lodge # 265 for a stated meeting. The day is February 10th lodge opens at 7:30 and dinner at 6:30 so we should arrive there around 6:00.

Hope you can make it!

Brother, Jamie L Hanson



Our Newest Entered Apprentice!



Eastern Star

One of the perks of being Worth Matron is being able to recognize special achievements of our members and on a frigid New Year's Day it was my privilege to visit our Sister Clarine Wingard to present her 50 year pin. Worthy Patron Wayne, Sisters Audrey Hanson and Carol Furre braved the cold and we had a wonderful visit. Since the winter weather makes it difficult for many to get out & about, this is a good time of year to pick up a pen to drop a note to someone you haven't heard from in a while or even better pick up the phone for a chat. If you don't have a current roster of addresses & numbers, let me (763) 757-9274 or Julia (763) 441-6120 know and we'll get one out to you.

Speaking of cold weather, our first meeting on February 6th is our Official Visit from the Grand Family and it Favorite Sweatshirt/Slippers night. There will be a meal prior to the meeting of chili or turkey noodle soup, everyone is welcome. Food will be ready at 6:00, but come when you can, it will be warm and waiting for you.

Eating our way through the month, come to the Chinese New Year chow mein dinner on Saturday the 8th between 4 and 6 at the Lodge. \$10 for adults \$5 children 3 -10. Tickets are available from our Secretary Julia, give her a call.

Martha Chapter was asked to host the Minnesota Grand Representatives annual meeting lunch & reception again, it is on Sunday February 23, give me a call if you are willing to help out on the planning committee or can help serve & clean up. Everyone is welcome to come to the reception at 1:00 to greet the new appointed Grand Representatives, we are proud to have 5!

Until next month, stay warm

Jane



Worshipful
Brother Stephen
Kesler presents
Brother Don
Sorenson with
his "Trowel" pin
for his work as a
Trustee!



Anoka Lodge #30 Calendar for the Month of February

Sunday February 2, 2014	4:00PM	Venture Crew Native Dance Team
Monday February 3, 2014	6:30PM	Job's Daughters
Monday February 3, 2014	7:00PM	Boy Scouts
Tuesday February 4, 2014	7:00PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday February 4, 2014	7:00PM	Sherburne Stated Meeting
Wednesday February 5, 2014	6:00PM	Anoka Lodge #30 Stated Communication
Thursday February 6, 2014	7:30PM	OES Martha Chapter #132
Friday February 7, 2014	6:00PM	Selim Grotto
Saturday February 8, 2014	All Day	Polar Plunge
Saturday February 8, 2014	7:00AM	RAM One Day Festival
Sunday February 9, 2014	4:00PM	Venture Crew Native Dance Team
Monday February 10, 2014	7:00PM	New Member Committee
Monday February 10, 2014	7:00PM	Boy Scouts
Tuesday February 11, 2014	12:00PM	Quilters
Tuesday February 11, 2014	6:00PM	Sherburne Lodge Degree Rehearsal
Tuesday February 11, 2014	7:00PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday February 12, 2014	6:00PM	Officer's Meeting
Wednesday February 12, 2014	6:30PM	Candidate Class
Wednesday February 12, 2014	7:00PM	Past Master's Committee
Saturday February 15, 2014	9:00AM	Fellowcraft Degree Lodge for Instruction
Sunday February 16, 2014 Plunge Team	8:00AM	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Polar
Sunday February 16, 2014	4:00PM	Venture Crew Native Dance Team
Monday February 17, 2014	6:00PM	Job's Daughters
Monday February 17, 2014	7:00PM	Boy Scouts
Tuesday February 18, 2014	6:00PM	Quilters
Wednesday February 19, 2014	6:00PM	Anoka Lodge #30 Fellowcraft Degree
Thursday February 20, 2014	7:00PM	OES Martha Chapter #132
Friday February 21, 2014	7:00PM	Charitable Committee
Sunday February 23, 2014	8:00AM	OES Grand Representative Meeting
Sunday February 23, 2014	4:00PM	Venture Crew Native Dance Team
Monday February 24, 2014	7:00PM	Boy Scouts
Tuesday February 25, 2014	6:45PM	Cub Scouts
Wednesday February 26, 2014	6:00PM	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday February 26, 2014	6:30PM	Candidate Class
Wednesday February 26, 2014	7:30PM	Anoka-Shekinah #104