



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

Greetings from the East!

I hope that the long cold heart of winter finds you well. Unless I am losing my mind, I think I have heard a few songbirds begin their early spring musings, which makes me hopeful of warmer times to come. I know it may be hard to believe that spring is just around the corner, but I for one have faith in nature and her endless cycle of renewal and rebirth.

My article this month will be more business-like in tone, as you know, our Lodge is very active and there is much to do and communicate. So I ask for your indulgence as I need to attend to some business this month.

Trustee Vacancy

As many of you know, WB Al Hanson will be moving this spring to a warmer climate (I know, why would he want to do that?). This means we will have a vacancy at our Trustee position, which needs to be filled by a Past Master. At our stated meeting in March, I would like to entertain a vote for WB Al's seat as a Trustee. If anyone would like to nominate or be nominated to this position, please take notice and be present at that meeting.

Stated Meetings Are Getting Too Lengthy

In our last stated meeting, I attempted to make the meeting shorter by limiting announcements and reports to three minutes. We did not watch that time very closely, but I know that we went over on several occasions. Beginning in March, our Secretary will be watching the clock to enforce this limit. Brothers, this may seem a bit stringent, but we need to do something to limit the length of our meetings; they are simply just too long and we need to be more efficient. I realize that we have a lot going on with our events in the community and appendant bodies, which is great, but we can get these communications out in other methods than in open Lodge.

So to aid in this communication, I would like to suggest and encourage use of the following methods:

- **Square and Compass. Brethren, the S and C goes out to EVERYONE. Use it. That publication is the most effective vehicle to get any communication out about an event or appendant body happening. If you get your information out in that newsletter then you have taken the most effective means of getting your message out.**

- **Lodge Bulletin Board. Use the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs in the club room. I will be moving the calendar over to another location to open up some more real estate. Please only use that board for official events and communications for our various committees and appendant bodies. Please do not use it for solicitation of business and such.**

- **After Dinner Presentations. Consider using that time after dinner to communicate events or even make a presentation. You have a captive audience, why not take advantage of it?**

Brothers, I for one hate having to set up more rules (we have enough already!), but we need to do something to make our meetings more enjoyable for those who cannot spend 2-3 hours in a Lodge meeting. I addition, Grand Lodge suggests that our meetings should be no longer than 1 hour in length. I don't know if we will ever get to that point, nor am I sure I want to, but we should do something to make our meetings more efficient. I ask for your support in these efforts in advance and appreciate your attention in these matters.

WM Dave



From the West

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

We are on the home stretch to warmer weather now. Spring is just around the corner and Winter is coming to an end. Even though so many of us see the end of Winter, we must remember that this ending is also a new beginning. The new beginning of Spring opens up many possibilities in our lives.

Also, this month, we come to the end of our degree cycle and we will raise our newest Master Mason. Including the One-day to Masonry, we have several new Brothers who are new members of our Lodge. Some may see the Master Mason degree as the end of a process, but like the Winter going into Spring, the Master Mason degree is also a new beginning. As Master Masons we begin a journey toward Masonic Light that can lead us down many different paths.

For some Brothers, the journey begins with the ritual work of the degrees. Learning and trying to understand the lessons taught in the degrees is a path to improvement that contains many valuable lessons. For others, study of Masonic history or the esoteric knowledge contained in Masonic writings is a path to be followed. Still others have their lives brightened and gladdened by the fellowship that we enjoy as Master Masons, and they follow this path to improve their lives. Many Brothers also follow a path of giving back to the communities in which we live and work, and this brings them a great knowledge and satisfaction of making the world a better place.

All these paths and many others can lead us on our journey toward Masonic Light. And, these paths are not mutually exclusive, but intersect and support each other. The path toward Masonic Light is not a single aspect of Masonry, but consists of multiple paths. It is the experience of Masonry's different paths or aspects that can lead to a balanced and joyful journey along the way.

Has your journey to Masonic light stalled, or seemed to be blocked? When this happens, perhaps we just need to try another path to find our way. Have dinner with some different Brothers. Check out a book from the Lodge library. Learn a part for one of the degrees. Doing something a little different than normal can remove that road block, and may help us continue our journey and understand how strongly the tenets of our Fraternity, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, affect our journey

toward Masonic Light.

These tenets are found along every path on the journey toward Masonic Light. The Truth of the lessons taught in the degrees, the Brotherly Love and fellowship we feel by attending Lodge and different Lodge events, and the Relief and support of our Brothers when times are tough, or we are feeling down. We should all try to practice these tenets on our journey toward Masonic Light, and assist each other along the way. Each step along our path is a new beginning, and we can be certain, that like the Spring, new experiences are just around the corner.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Senior Warden


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Greetings from the South:

As we approach the 3rd degree in March I'm brought back to my days of being in the winter class only a few years ago. The close camaraderie that was being created with my classmates laid a foundation of tight family friendships that I cherish today. I've been golfing, to the State Fair, super bowl parties, hunting, fishing, but the best outings have been when we could get together with spouses and/or kids as well. Recently my daughter Katherine had her first sleepover, not with a classmate from school but with Worshipful Master Dave Hansel's daughter Kristen, and Brother Brian Dimatteo's daughter Francesca. That's just one example of how this lodge has become part of the fabric of my family. Those short years ago trying to memorize the words for our proficiency exam, worrying I'll never get them right, have now become words that I know in my heart which strengthen me and lift me up when I'm down. So I look to the East and I know that my friend and Brother sitting there will be able to cheer me up when I'm down or lift me even higher when I'm standing tall.

Speaking of lifting me up or at least jumping in with both feet to help me, well to help the Special Olympics, the lodge did a fantastic job. We as a Polar Plunge team raised just under \$6500 for the cause. Brothers Steven Walker and Jamie Hanson supplied a bus for us to be transported to and from our home and the jump site where we all chilled out. OK it was a bit more than chill out it was downright cold but better than last year. Our team consisted of WM Dave Hansel, Tim Carney, Chris Berglund, Terrance Schaffer, Tony Heimer, Ryan Johnson, Josh Fulwider, WB Rob Naeve, Brian Kusie, Myron Shelton, WB Todd Mayer, Kristen Hansel, Francesca Dimatteo, myself, and then a friend of mine Matt Dougherty. Following the frigid outing we came back to our house where Marissa had been keeping the place warm as well as making sure the rental hot tub was also heating up. There were several soups and stews to share and warm us up from the inside as well. People stayed around well into the night reveling and being the extended portion of my family that I just love to have hanging out with me. Now I say look to the South where hopefully soon the warm southern breezes will melt this winter away and yield to the bright sunshine.

Brother Paul Agustin

Junior Warden

Anoka Lodge #30



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Traveling Man -

For the month of February we took a trip back to Compass Lodge #265. We enjoyed a taco bar for dinner and had a very informative presentation from their L.E.O about fact and fiction of George Washington that I found very interesting.

On March 11th we will be traveling to Lindstrom Lodge # 287 for a Fellowcraft Degree. Lodge opens at 8:00 so we should arrive around 7:30. If anyone would like to ride share please let me know.

Brother, Jamie Lloyd Hanson

FROM THE L.E.O.

Mark Maser Mason Philosophy

King David, the great warrior king, was also a great poet, musician, and writer of prophetic visions. The Book of Psalms, written by him some 3000 years ago, contains many allegorical visions and serves as a moral guide, even in this advanced civilization of our modern day.

The 4th degree of the York Rite refers to Psalm 118v22: "The stone which the builders refused has become the headstone of the corner". The ritual alludes to the stone as placed in the building of King Solomon's Temple. What is the meaning of this in a moral sense?

We find in history many cases of persons, who like the "stone rejected" were outcast for their differences, only to become martyrs of prejudice and intolerance, bigotry, legalized murder, enslavement, apartheid, etc. These men were rejected because their ideologies did not conform to the then accepted rules. In Masonic terms they did not match the plans on the trestle board; they were not properly hewn, marked, and numbered for our understanding and did not pass the sensor, examiner, or overseer. In spite of enduring cruel treatment under intolerable conditions they found the strength to shape the history of world affairs in religion and politics. These men were catalysts of remarkable changes in thought, bringing about social justice and the righting of wrongs.

Dr. Pasteur was laughed at, persecuted, and even physically attacked for daring to tell the world that germs really did exist and are harmful. How could we believe in the harm of microscopic life forms we could not see? It was OUR failure to comprehend the real shape of things, not his. The washing of hands was considered useless and rejected. Today his name is memorable for pasteurized milk and by his system of curing many diseases the world over.

This degree teaches us above all, tolerance, to be

patient with our fellows and not condemn simply because his ideas clash with ours (after all, our ideas likewise clash with his). Learn to travel great lengths to understand, and when you can't reach his understanding, live in peace. Only the Great Architect has the right to decide who to accept or reject, reward or punish, and orchestrate the true order of life. One day He may decide to raise any one of us for our precocious understanding, after all, there is always a first for everything.

Brother Rick Currier

Lodge Education Officer

Anoka Lodge #30



First Annual ACBC Chili Cook-off

Friday March 7th from 5 - 7 PM

\$10.00 per person for All-You-Can-Eat Chili

Kids under 10 eat free

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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



Stewards Corner

March 4th - It is the month of St. Patrick's Day and so we will once again be having Shepard's Pie for dinner, Soda Bread, and some sort of tasty desert for our Stated meeting.

March 18th - Ah, the Past Masters, Master Mason Degree will be done by none other than our own Order of the Eastern Star. They are going to be serving up Martha's Famous Split Pea Soup, Ham and Cheesy Potatoes! :)

***Brother Terrance M Schaffer
Senior Steward, Anoka Lodge #30***



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

Greetings from Selim Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.,

Do you wonder what happens at Anoka Lodge every 1st Friday of the month? Do you ask yourself, who are those Masons wearing the black fez?

Those Masons wearing the black fez are called Prophets. They are members of Selim Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. The Grotto is the Master Mason's playground, and is open to Master Masons of all lodges. The Grotto is a great opportunity to introduce your families to other Masonic families. Selim Grotto meets the 1st Friday of each month at Anoka Lodge, and you do not have to be a member of the Grotto to come and enjoy the fellowship. We meet to have dinner and hospitality with our entire family, to have some fun and enjoy each other's company.

A few times a year, we do schedule events for the adults only, so leave the kids at home for these events. On Friday, March 7th, we have our 1st adult only event of the year. We are meeting at the restaurant Claddagh in Maple Grove at 6:30 pm for dinner with our wives / significant others, and a short meeting of the Grotto. This promises to be a fun time and will be a great opportunity to meet the Prophets of Selim Grotto. Contact me at Monarch@selimgrotto.com if you are interested in attending this event.

If you want more information about Selim Grotto, please visit our website at www.selimgrotto.com. We would love to have you join us as a Prophet of the Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. I look forward to sharing the good fellowship of the Grotto with you and your families.

All for the Realm!

Prophet Monarch Lee Kielblock
Selim Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.



Eastern Star

March? It can't be March already! Our year in the East for Martha Chapter has flown by and Wayne & I want to thank all our members for their love and support. We are so blessed to have such caring and giving friends.

We have the usual March activities planned, elections & an initiation at our first meeting on the 6th with a morning clean-up event on Saturday March 8.

The No Cleaning Clean Up. This year I would like to take stock of what we have stashed in cupboards and move out the seldom used items to make room for what we do use. Let's spend a couple of hours weeding out stuff that is just taking up space. Come at 9:00 am on Saturday the 8th and we'll break by 11:00. No rubber gloves required!

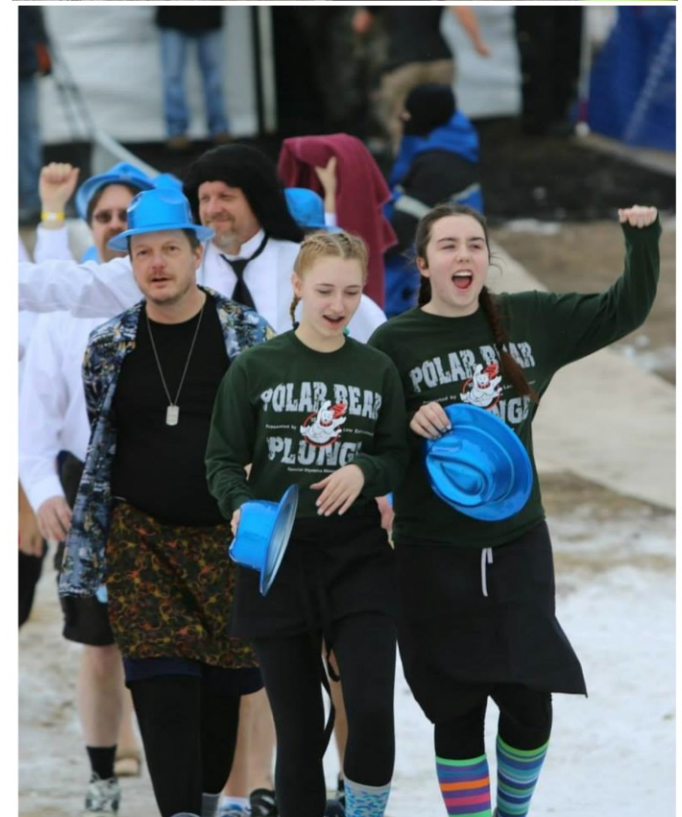
To finish our term with a celebration, we are hosting an All Member Dinner on Saturday March 15 at the Lodge. Plan to come at 5:30 and we'll eat at 6:00. RSVP please if you can come. 763-757-9274 We want to thank our officers and faithful sideliners, this party is for you.

At the March 20 meeting we will honor all the March Anniversaries and pretend we are Irish by wearing green. Maybe old man winter will be done with us by then and the green will be a sign of spring! Then out with old and in with the new, we will be off on another great year at Martha Chapter.

It has been a joy to lead the Chapter and really brought home to us how much Eastern Star has enriched our lives.

So long from the soon to be Jr Past Matron & Patron,
Jane & Wayne

POLAR PLUNGE





JOBIES

Upcoming Events

- March 2 – Go to Church
- March 8 – Bowling and sleep over
- March 3 – Meeting Mother Mick
- March 17 – Meeting Initiation
- March 28-30 Grand Bethel

Please welcome our bethel in their new positions.

- HQ/Presiding Officers
Marietta Herrera/Kristen Hansel/Sara Golder
- Guide Bailey Brendel
- Marshal Franie Dimatteo
- Chaplin Marietta Herrera
- Treasurer Grace Shelton
- Recorder Cara Hansel
- Librarian Arianna Pope
- 3rd messenger Kristen Hansel
- 4th messenger Rosangela Sallese
- 5th messenger Miranda Novack
- Choir Anna Trombley and Stephanie Capman

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL

2014 Supreme Scholarships

Scholarships are available to aid Job's Daughters of outstanding ability who have a sincere desire to further their education. High school seniors or graduates, junior college, technical or vocational students or college students and those in early graduation programs who are Job's Daughters in good standing in their Bethels may apply for these scholarships.

<http://www.jobsgirlsinternational.org/Scholarships/Scholarships-2013-2014.pdf>

Application Deadline: April 30, 2014

What is a Jobie-to-Bee? Ma ybe we should ask WHO is a Jobie-to-Bee?

She is a young girl (suggested age of eight or nine) who is not quite eligible to be a member of Job's Daughters, who would like to make new friends and participate in new experiences. She can build self-confidence, be of service to others, enjoy fun activities, travel, and participate in local, state, and international functions. Have we mentioned fun activities?

As a "Jobie-To-Bee," the girl will get to know the other members who are looking forward to joining, or have already had the opportunity to join Job's Daughters.

They will also meet the adults, who volunteer with the local group called a "Bethel".

Jobies-To-Bee are presented with a sash and special pin they can wear to Bethel activities, so that everyone will know who they are. When she finally reaches the age of 10 and is old enough to join Job's Daughters, she will already know most of the members of the group and will feel comfortable with attending the meetings, events and activities.

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Brother Stan Kowalski receiving his FIFTY year pin.