



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

As Easter is approaching and hopefully warmer weather as well, many of my thoughts turn to family. Most of us here in the Northland have been cooped up for months and the thought of getting out to visit family and friends in far away places comes to my mind quite often now days. However, on the other hand I am also thankful for the other family in my life, which we all share, our Masonic family.

Charles R. Swindle once stated, "A family is a place where principles are hammered out and honed on the anvil of everyday living". During this age where families are split apart and rarely sit down to dinner together, never was this statement more relevant to Masonry than ever.

The experience of an additional family in my life, the Masonic family, more especially our Anoka Masonic family, is one of the best things which have ever happened in my life. And, since I have been sitting in the East, this has been an even more enriching experience. Where else can you sit down with a group of like minded individuals, on the level?

Our Lodge is a place where we can go to forget about the strife and strain of everyday life. And despite all these stresses in our lives, we can come to Lodge and reshape our character and our minds. I like to think of Lodge as a dry dock or safe harbor. Being around my Brothers brings a sense of healing and renewal. I feel safe in our Lodge. I am not just talking about the actual building, but when we come together as Brothers anywhere in the world.

If the long winter has kept you away from Lodge, then you need to come by and share this experience with me. Being around our Masonic family will not only warm up your physical being but your emotional and spiritual being as well.

So what is stopping you from joining us?

Transportation issues? Call me. I will find you a ride. Tight on cash? Now worries, someone will spot you. Too busy? Hey we have a lot of activities coming up with plenty of opportunity to come out. Whatever the reason may be, see if you can squeeze an event in. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Dave Hansel

Worshipful Master

Anoka Lodge #30



From the West

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

In April, we initiated four new Brothers into our Masonic Fraternity as Entered Apprentices. This is the beginning of a journey toward Masonic Light for our new Brothers. There is much information and instruction to be gained from the ritual of the degree and the obligations we take as Entered Apprentices. Another source of information that sometimes does not seem as prominent is the Charge read at the end of the ritual portion of the degree.

The Charge is read after the ritual of the degree is finished and before the lecture is presented. The Charge at Initiation for our new Entered Apprentices, presents many instructions, duties, and advice on how to act as a just and upright Mason. It sometimes seems that this advice and these instructions get lost in all the information received by an Entered Apprentice on the day of the degree. After the degree, the new Brothers spend time learning their proficiency and learning more about the information presented in the lecture. But not much time is spent on reviewing the Charge of the degree. Continued on next page.....

In May, our new Brothers will become Fellowcrafts, and in June Master Masons, and they will hear the Charge for those degrees. How long has it been since you read the Charge for each degree? They are printed out in full toward the back of our code book. They can be read at any time, and contain advice on not only how to act toward our Brothers of the Fraternity, but also on how to act outside the confines of the Lodge. It is not always easy to follow the advice and instruction found in the Charges of each degree. And we may never fully be able to achieve the expectations found in the Charges. The journey toward Masonic Light is not an easy or straight path. There are many twists and turns and obstacles that we meet along the way. The Charges help us overcome these obstacles and to learn from our mistakes.

I urge each of you to read the Charges of each degree. Then try to apply them to yourself every day. If each of us can consistently strive to follow the instruction and advice of the Charges, we can present to the public a view of who we are as Masons, and what Masonry is as the oldest and greatest Fraternity in the world. If we follow the Charges, that public view should be a good one.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Senior Warden




From the South

Greetings from the South.

We've had a busy time the last month with Grand Lodge earlier this month and the Job's Daughters Spring Fling this past weekend. It has been fun spending more time with the extended Masonic family in Anoka and around the state. The Grand Lodge session allowed us to meet and rub elbows with our contemporaries from other Lodges and exchange ideas. I even met and have now Facebook friended the Grand Master of North Dakota as a result of the hospitality suite, kind of cool if you ask me. Another result of the hospitality suite

is our Anoka Masonic family, specifically Selim Grotto received 2 petitions for membership. The suite was a lot of fun and promoted Masonic fellowship to so many. The Jobie dance brought me out of retirement in my DJ duties and it was well attended by quite a few Job's Daughters and DeMolay. These, our Masonic youth are stronger together and are so much fun to interact with. My own children are so excited to be a part of this Masonic family as two DeMolay and a Job's Daughter, and they can't wait to be more than just "on the sidelines". This excitement is something we need to cultivate in all our Masonic bodies but I know that is easier said than done. Our new Grand Master of Minnesota Masons believes we should wear Masonry on our sleeves, and I agree. I hope to see as many of you as I can at the annual shrimp dinner, and have a Happy Easter.

As always Love and Respect,
Paul Agustin your JW.

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Scottish Rite

NOW IS THE TIME, AND THE SCOTTISH RITE IS THE PLACE!

MyBrothers,

As you have heard me at Lodge, the spring One-Day to Scottish Rite Masonry is set to convene. The date is May 10th and runs all day. The question is, will you be part of it? The Scottish Rite, as you know, is the "Graduate School" for receiving "further light in Masonry." The Scottish Rite is a series of 29 degrees put on in full costume, lighting and education before and after at the Minneapolis Valley over 16 Thursday nights. I am understating the fact that they are impressive and moving.

The One Day will consist of the "terminal degrees", the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd. This will make you Master of the Royal Secret and a member of the Scottish Rite. The day is long, but for those who cannot attend every Thursday for the fall or spring, it is a good option. At this time, I would be remiss in not encouraging you if you take this opportunity, to make sure you go back when you can and see the Degrees that you have missed.

If you have contemplated joining, I would personally invite you to print off a petition and bring it to Lodge to have two Scottish Rite members endorse your petition. There are a bunch of us around, and we would love to sign it. The cost is \$125. This will include a copy of "Morals and Dogma", and a copy of "A Bridge to Light." This is a limited-time price, and it should be noted that it does not include a ring or the cap; those are left to your own choice. Very few valleys offer this to their members. As in the

Blue Lodge, petitions must be read and then voted on. That vote occurs the beginning of May.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I hope you will consider the offer, and join the Scottish Rite.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer

Double Eagle – Anoka Lodge #30

Scottish Rite – SJ

Valley of Minneapolis - Orient of Minnesota

Anoka Shekinah Chapter 104 Royal Arch Masons

Anoka Shekinah Chapter 104 RAM met on 26 March at Anoka Masonic Lodge. Visiting us were Past Grand High Priest Hugh Swift and Past Grand High Priest James Turner and Right Grand King of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota Marvin Schendel. Our area representative Past High Priest Joe Anderson made his official visit. Joe is also our King. A warm welcome was given to all.

We discussed purchasing a uniform for the Chapter. Should be fun. This is something we could wear when visiting other chapters as a group. It will also be used at the Ren Fest. Order forms will be sent out.

Anoka Shekinah is looking for a few good men who are interested in furthering their Masonic education. All lodges in Minnesota are York Rite Lodges. The degrees of the Your Rite dovetail with the Blue Lodge degrees. Please consider joining the newest RAM Chapter in Minnesota. See any of the companions of Anoka Shekinah for more info and a petition.

There will be an informational "King's Breakfast" held at Anoka Lodge on Saturday April 12th from 8:00 to 12:00. Come and join us for a breakfast and informational session. There will be no strong arming to sign up.

Yours in the faith

Dave Emery

High Priest

ANOKA LODGE GARAGE SALE!

Start getting your good usable , clean , working items together for our annual garage sale. Date to be announced next month. Sale will be in May.

Be A Mentor!

Brothers, how was your start into the great Masonic journey? I was able to have many new brothers aiding me through the use of mentorship. I have cherished that experience, and that is why I am writing. My job here at the lodge is make sure our new candidates are assigned mentors, and can receive the same experience I was able to. If any feel they would be able to be one of our mentors please notify me at anokalodgementor357@gmail.com
Sincerely,

Brother Julio Herrera

House Committee

First I want to thank the Brothers of the Lodge for electing me to the position of Trustee, I'm sorry to see WB Al Hason leave us. Being a Trustee is something I thought I would do someday, I just thought I would wait till I was retired but in talking with Brothers Don and Ralph who are both retired it was thought the three of us could make it work. In sitting in on my first Trustees meeting there were several idea of repairs and improvements that need to be made to the Lodge Building. And in my capacity as Trustee of the Star I've had several Sisters ask 'Why can't we

So before the Masons (my Brothers) and the Star (my Sisters) start running in different directions I talked with the Worshipful Master Dave Hansel and Worthy Matron Goody Vokovan about getting the House Committee started again and they both said the same thing 'good idea, go for it'.

It has been several years since the last meeting of the House Committee, I know at that time they had a list of repairs and improvements to be made to the Lodge Building. With that in mind I'm asking for a meeting to revive the House Committee on May 27th at the Lodge, 6:30PM. The House Committee is open to all of the apendent bodies that use the Lodge Building. I see the House Committee taking on two main roles. Review the list of repairs and

improvements from the last House Committee, put it in some order of priority and come up with ideas for fund raisers to do the repairs and improvements.

The second Item coming up with ideas for fund raisers will be the harder of the two. Neither of our fraternities (Masons and Star) have deep pockets and as some of the repairs are going to be of capital expense, we need some long term fund raisers that both fraternities can support.

With Respect

Wayne LaMusga

Past Master/ Past Patron

Chaplain's Corner

Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. If you ir someone you know in the Masonic Family are in need of support, please contact Father Thomas (612) 702-4770



Stewards Corner

May 7th Stated Meeting -

In honor of Cinco de Mayo we will be feasting on Brother Tony's... Chicken and Beef Burritos Spanish Rice, Refried Beans and Chips and Salsa!

May 21st Fellow Craft Degree -

The Young Men of the Robbinsdale DeMolay will be making the meal this night! So come out and support them and enjoy DeMolay Surprise!

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.,

The month of April was an exciting time for Selim Grotto. Our meeting was the second Friday in April because of the Grand Lodge dates. We had a short business meeting and then enjoyed a great dinner of jambalaya and cornbread cooked by Past Monarch Todd Mayer, along with homemade desserts cooked by Todd's wife Laura. After dinner, we had the Great Root Beer Tasting event which feature 18 different brands of root beer, from the old familiar A&W to lesser known brands such as Capone's and Sprecher. It was a fun time to compare all the different flavors of root beer. The overall favorite was 1919 root beer, followed closely by Capone's.

The following day, the Kid's Club was scheduled to visit the Como Zoo. And earlier in the month, Selim Grotto hosted hospitality room at Grand Lodge. This generated petitions for both Selim Grotto, and also for Ela Ala grotto in Duluth. If all goes to plans, we will have an initiation and ceremonial for new Prophets at the June meeting before the annual Steak Fry dinner. All Masons and their families are welcome to attend the steak fry to meet the Grotto and have some fun.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2nd. Selim Grotto will be having a wine tasting event at Prophet Don Sorenson's house. This is for adults only, and is an event that was great fun last year. Join us to enjoy some fellowship, food, and wine.

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 of 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

Upcoming events:

- May 1 – (Dark – Grand Chapter)
- May 15 – Honoring our Mothers and Sisters
- May 29 – 5th Thursday Social
- June 5 – Honoring our Fathers and Brothers
- June 13 – Salad luncheon
- June 19 – School of Instruction (dinner @ 6:00 p.m.)
- June 21 – 50 (+) Year Member Tea – 1:00 p.m.

Finally, spring is in full bloom! Blossoms, flowers and birds have come alive....life is good!

Spring Activities

Our 137th Grand Chapter Session will be held May 1-3 in St. Cloud, .giving us just one stated meeting in May. Many activities will be going on at the Grand Chapter including installing our new Grand Worthy Matron-Elect Tracy Keeling and our new Grand Worthy Patron-Elect Dick McGinnis. Our biggest news was announced at our first stated meeting in April when we received notice that Peg Oliver filed for the position of Associate Grand Conductress. The Chapter is happy for Peg and supports her decision. The chapter was honored to have our own Lois Leonard as the 2013-2014 Grand Martha. Lois did a great job and had fun travelling round Minnesota.

At the May15 meeting, we will be honoring Mothers and Martha Chapter Sisters. Be sure to attend!

Our 5th Thursday Social will be held on May 29. This event is open to all members and their family. It is also a perfect opportunity to invite prospective members interested in joining. Notice of the time and location will be emailed/mailed to the members. If you have not done so already, please let Julia Tollgaard martha132anoka@gmail.com know what your email address is!

Invitations will be mailed (later in May) to all members in honor of the 50 (+) member tea. This is a great time to visit and reminisce with our long-standing members. It's hard to believe that after all these spring activities are over, summer will be here!

Enjoy the blossoms,
Goody and Greg Vokovan

Why Anoka Lodge is a Special Place

In the past few years, I have had the privilege of visiting many Lodges throughout Minnesota and around the country. This experience has reminded me that our Lodge is a very special place. It starts with the ritual work. Each of us has seen and heard the lessons taught in our ritual, but it takes on a new and fresh meaning when you see the work being done by great new Brothers, and you see the enthusiasm and excitement on the faces of the candidates. It is truly a joy to see.

One of the key reasons this works is due to the special relationships that exist between the Brothers. At every meeting, there are numerous Past Masters sitting along with many newer Brothers and they genuinely love and care for each other. In addition, when a Brother is in need, the Lodge has been there to provide support on countless occasions. As with most Masonic charity, much of what is done is never known by those not directly involved.

In recent years, community involvement and charitable activities have also increased and the relevance of the Lodge in our Community continues to grow. Along with the work of the Bones Brothers, the Lodge provides regular support for Hope for Youth, local food shelves, We Can Ride, among other charities.

This is all made even more special by the incredible women of Martha Chapter and all the amazing things they do to support our Masonic family. If you have had a bad day and need cheering up, just stop by a Jobie meeting or event. They will definitely make you smile. The Royal Arch Chapter continues to grow and flourish, while the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are going strong.

We are truly blessed at Anoka Lodge to be a part of a wonderful Masonic family. In the words of a Past Master last month, "I came here tonight feeling like a stranger, and am leaving feeling like a Brother". If you haven't been around for awhile, consider stopping by to see what is going on.

You won't be disappointed!

See you at the Lodge

Don Nolley
Past Master, Anoka Lodge No. 30
Metrowest Area Deputy

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.F.& A.M.

Chili Cookoff

May 4, 11:30am - 2pm (Judging goes until 12:30) First Annual Chili Cookoff Championship. Everyone who attends is a judge! Only \$10 All You Can Eat Chili, Hot

Dogs, and all the fixin's. (\$5 for 12 and under). Think your chili has what it takes to win? We need lots of competitors! There is no charge to enter and each entry includes a complimentary Judge entry (\$10 value) for the chef. The rules are simple: Register your entry by April 30th by emailing the name of your chili (example: My Grandma's Hot...Chili) to the competition chair Aaron Brendel (aaron@brendel.org). Then on the day of the competition bring a crock pot of your chili (at least 5 quarts) to the lodge at 11am. All money raised will go to support the building fund (to repair things like the furnace, AC, plumbing, and other important thibgs) so please bring your family, friends and neighbors to come enjoy the chili, comradeship, and competition. The winner will receive a 2014 Anoka Lodge Chili Champion apron and the always valuable "bragging rights" at next year's competition. We need a few volunteers to help out the day of the competition. Please let Aaron know if you are willing to help.

Anoka Lodge Ghost Hunt Results

So..... Does Anoka Lodge #30 have spirits walking the halls and Lodge room? Are you curious to find out? Did you know that at the May 7, 2014 Stated Meeting, Brother Josh Fulwider will be giving a presentation to the Lodge after dinner regarding the very answers you may be looking for. Come on out and enjoy dinner with the Brothers of Anoka Lodge and then sit back and open your minds to a video and audio presentation that is sure to make you wonder if the noises you've heard in the Lodge are what you have told yourself they are!

Brother Josh Fulwider - Tyler of Anoka Lodge #30

Founder of P.R.I.M.E.



Renaissance Festival is coming

For those who haven't been in Lodge lately, or even if you have, here is a bit of information on the Minnesota Renaissance Festival Fundraiser that we are doing this year. We have the opportunity to make a significant amount of money through the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Last year, our Royal Arch Chapter was able to start with two booths, Onion Rings and Lemonade. Over the course of seven weekends, they were able to not only raise a good deal of money, but also have a great time doing the same.

This year, we have procured three additional booths in the same area. The same booth managers will be setting up and running things, but we need your help! In order to meet our commitments, we need to have Brothers to share the work. Our sign up forms are live, and you can go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.SignupLogin&urlid=10C0D4DA5A82FA3FD0-2014> to sign up. You will need a password (CRAFTSMAN) to be able to sign up. We are asking that you commit to two shifts – these are half day shifts, either Morning or Afternoon.

What do you get out of it? Well, besides the ability to work next to your Brothers in the quarries, and raise money for the Lodge, you get to:

- Meet new Brothers from other Lodges – We found a ton of Brothers who work out there
- Meet non-Brothers – This would be a chance to people watch like you never have before
- Try on a new personality – Remember, what happens at the Fest, stays at the Fest
- If you work two shifts – you get into the Fest for the rest of the year FREE! That saves you \$22 per time that you visit. And if your wife/child/girlfriend wants to do the same, we will extend it to them as well. (Please, no signing up the girlfriend and wife for the same shift, it's just poor taste)B

Brothers, you have a chance. Our Lodge is calling on you to remember your Obligation. Won't you help us to raise funds that will go so far to better our Lodge, and our Craft? If you have questions, please contact Brian Dimatteo, Chris Berglund or Dave Emery, our Booth Managers.

Brother Brian Dimatteo

I bring you greetings from the Daughters of Bethel 48!

The Bethel has been busy! In March the Daughters attended Grand Bethel at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. Many of the girls competed in and won awards in ritual competitions, baking as well as arts & crafts. Daughters Marietta Herrera and Francesca Dimatteo also competed in the Miss and Junior Miss Minnesota Job's Daughters Pageants. It was also a very special to see our own Sara Golder act as installing officer for the Installation of all the new Grand Bethel Officers and retire as Grand Bethel Honored Queen. A truly great weekend was had by all!

On April 12th, Bethel 48 held their annual Spring Fling dance at the Lodge. A special thanks to Brother Paul Agustin for being our "DJ" for the evening, and to all the adults who came to help out.

Upcoming Events:

April 25th – April 26: SIDS walk (Walk to End Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) and sleep over in Duluth
 May 9th: "Mystery" Trip!
 June 7th: Installation of Officers – 2PM at Anoka Lodge

48 continues to grow and remains a very strong part of our Masonic Family here at Anoka. In June we will be initiating 3 new girls into the Bethel! We have a great young group of girls, with a lot of spirit and yes full of "giggles" J. If you or a family member have a daughter who is between the ages of 10 and 20 and would like to become a part of Job's Daughters, please inquire with one of the Bethel Guardian Officers or join us at a meeting or fun event. Bethel 48 meets at Anoka Lodge on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month at 7PM. All members of the Masonic Family are welcome to attend and we would love to see you!

Myron Shelton

Associate Bethel Guardian – Bethel 48





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