



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

Greetings Anoka Masonic Family!

Wow, do we have a ton of stuff going on right now! If you are bored right now, you aren't looking in the right place, because right now, we have something for everyone! If you need something to do, come see me. I like to think that Anoka Lodge is in a "golden age" right now. We have so many things clicking on all cylinders at the moment that it can be hard to keep up with any more.

One thing that is not clicking, however, is our actual physical building. Years of poor drainage and sub par repairs have left the NE corner of the building in bad shape. The brick and mortar on the outside of the building is crumbling due to improper drainage from overhead pipes, resulting in water damage to the interior walls. Evidence of how extensive the damage was became apparent when a few of us were rearranging the Past Master photos along that corner of the building downstairs. When we removed some of the frames, we found mold and moisture on the wall and even on the back of the framing. We cleaned all that up and as soon as we get things repaired, we will put those frames back up. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who you believe may be able to help make the repairs, please contact Brother Don Sorenson. He already has someone in mind, but some extra resources might not be a bad thing. Our trustees are also addressing the leak under our front stairs as well.

Some of you may have noticed that our grill has mysteriously disappeared. We have reason to believe that it was removed at the hands of some nefarious scappers, looking for a quick buck. Discussions have been taking place to replace it with a more permanent solution and I have seen some great ideas and collaboration on Facebook.

So, instead of enlightening everyone with the wisdom from the East this month, I thought I would

share a couple of trustee-like items to keep everyone informed. Our trustees have been very busy and have been doing a super job this year. Not to mention, they have had their hands full!

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to the warmer months to come. Before too long, we can wear Hawaiian shirts in Lodge!

Worshipful Master

Dave Hansel

Anoka Lodge #30



From the West

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

June is upon us and with it our outdoor Master Mason degree. This is a great event and experience for our Brothers who will be raised as Master Masons. I encourage all Anoka Brothers to join us for this degree.

After being raised as a Master Mason, there is always the question of what do I do now? There are many paths to follow on the journey to Masonic Light. It is important to attend the Stated Meetings and Degrees of the Lodge. This keeps us in touch with our Brothers and up to date on the many events happening at the Lodge during the year. I highly recommend becoming involved in some of these events. There are many opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities from fundraising, to charitable work, to Masonic education, and just purely social events. This is a great way to get to know our Brothers and the members of the Appendant bodies that meet at the Lodge.

I recommend continuing your Masonic education. Anoka Lodge has a library with some wonderful books to

continue learning more about our great Fraternity. The library is open for all Brothers so take a look at the books, and continue learning about Masonry and its symbols and history. There are also Masonic research societies that publish new information every year to help us learn more about Masonry.

Another path that many Master Masons follow is to join an Appendant body. These bodies include organizations to continue learning about Masonry, some are more social organizations, and some introduce our significant others to Masonry as they can join with us to learn and do great works for the community. I have met some great people through the Appendant bodies and enjoy attending them as an addition to my activities at Anoka Lodge.

My answer to the question of what do I do now, is to become and stay involved with the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity. Study and learn the lessons of Masonry. Join in the events and help the Lodge be a relevant and good member of the community. Learn about the Appendant bodies to see if one is right for your Masonic journey. And above all, learn and enjoy what it means to be a Master Mason.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Senior Warden



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



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

The May meeting was a fun time at Prophet Don Sorenson's home. We held our official meeting in Don's house, and afterwards, retired to his garage for a wine tasting and pot luck event. There were 13 different wines with a variety of reds and whites. It was fun to try the different wines and compare notes with the Prophets and their wives.

The meeting in June will be at Anoka Lodge on June 6th. Dinner will be 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. We

will also be initiating some new Prophets to join in the fun that is Selim Grotto.

In July and August, we do not have official meetings of Selim Grotto, but there are still some events that will happen with pool parties in July, and a special event in August.

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.

House Committee

During the April Lodge's Trustees Meeting our current cleaning company was compared to the great job Dave and Garland Lunquist had done for the Lodge. I'm bringing this up with permission of WM Dave Hansel as it was suggested that maybe another member of our Masonic family would be willing to take this task on. It's felt that the minimum amount of cleaning that the Lodge requires is; bathrooms cleaned once a week and when both the Lodge and Star are active the building should be vacuumed twice a month otherwise in June, July and August it could be once a month. Keep us in paper products (roll hand towels in the rest rooms and above the hand wash station in the kitchens, and toilet paper.) We don't feel that our current cleaning company is giving us that level of services. One last thing, there is money in the Lodge budget so this would be a paid position. If you are interested contact WM Dave Hansel.

With Respect

Wayne LaMusga

Past Master/ Past Patron



Scottish Rite

As I stated at the meeting last week, after five years of service, I will be stepping down as Double Eagle of Anoka Lodge for the Scottish Rite. If you are interested in serving in this capacity and being the membership arm of the Scottish Rite for Anoka Lodge, contact me at jeditodd@comcast.net. Any questions about the position can also be sent to that e-mail. Thank you for considering serving your Valley.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer
Double Eagle
Anoka Lodge #30 A.F.&A.M.

NEWS FROM ANOKA SHEKINAH CHAPTER #104 RAM

At the April 23rd meeting as the High Priest sounded the gavel and announced the meeting was now open there was an alarm at the door of the Chapter room. When the Royal Arch Captain went to ascertain the cause of the alarm the door was flung open, the tyler fell in on the floor writhing in pain (or laughing). A band of kidnapers charged in and announced that they were here to kidnap the High Priest and something terrible could happen to him if their demands were not met.

They then dragged the High Priest to the catacombs of the building and disguised him so even his wife wouldn't recognize him. (or admit she knew him) There was eye shadow, eye brow pencil, lip stick and those horrible neon dots. The dots are still appearing in his car and around the house. They even put them

on his high forehead. (Oh the shame of it all)

The marauding horde then dragged him to Grand Slam where they forced him into a dimly lit room where they repeatedly shot at him with lasers. One vertically challenged kidnapper kept shooting him in the back.

They next took the High Priest to the local DQ and forced him to feed the hoard. All this time they were negotiating with the companions back at the Chapter.


Once all demands were met and a ransom of \$208.00 was paid the High Priest was released just in time to see the Companions leaving the building. Meeting over.

Actually the marauding horde was our own Bethel 48 Jobies and if they had half as much fun as I did, the evening was a big success. I thank the Jobies for what I consider an honor of being kidnapped. You girls are the greatest. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Yours in the faith

Dave Emery

High Priest 2014



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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!

The 8th Annual Anoka Family Lodge Day at the St. Paul Saints will be held Sunday, June 22nd at 1:05. There will be tailgating beforehand, BYOG (Grillables). Everything else will be provided. Tickets are \$17 each and that includes all of the tailgatables. The whole family and friends are invited. RSVP to JPM Todd Mayer. [763-413-0764](tel:763-413-0764) or jeditodd@comcast.net . See you there!

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer

Past Master

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



The Knights Templar did a beautiful presentation of the colors at Anoka Lodge #30 on May 7, 2014.

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



Brother Ross Eichele was proficient in his exam with the help of the Traveling Men to capture the proficiency sword and return it to Anoka Lodge #30. Great work Brothers!



Stewards Corner

June 4th Stated Meeting: Pork Chops in a Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potato's and Green Beans! And Cake for Dessert!

June 21st Outdoor Degree: Giant 6 Foot Subway Subs, Chips, Cold Salads and Cookies!

Brother Terrance M Schaffer

Senior Steward, Anoka Lodge #30



Eastern Star

Upcoming events:

- June 5 – Honoring our Fathers and Brothers
- June 13 – Annual Salad Luncheon fundraiser (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.)
- June 19 – School of Instruction (potluck dinner @ 6:00 p.m.)
- June 21 – 50 (+) Year Member Tea – 1:00 p.m.

It's hard to believe that May is coming to a close and that summer is just around the corner. Get out your calendars, mark the dates, and plan to attend all these fun events.

At our June 5 meeting we will be initiating three new members - Lee and Deanna Kielblock and Brody Martin. We will also honor our Fathers and Brothers.

June 8 is the reception for the newly elected Worthy Grand Matron Tracy Keeling and Worthy Grand Patron Dick McGinnis at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. Reservations need to be made by May 25 to Marilyn Carlson. Congratulations to Peg Oliver. Peg was elected Associate Grand Conductress at Grand Chapter.

Our Annual Salad Luncheon is on Friday, June 13. We will have set up and prep on Thursday, June 12. Bonnie Miller will be chairing this event. This event is open to the public so invite your family and friends.

Our last meeting (June 19), will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by our School of Instruction. Also at that meeting, Bette Wallen and Bev Summerbell will be presented with their 50 year pins.

On June 21 we will be honoring our 50 (+) year members at our annual (tea) luncheon beginning at 1:00 p.m. Ladies, dust off your hats and white gloves and men get ready to enjoy a lovely lunch with lots of women!

Be blessed, life is good!

Goody and Greg Vokovan

From The L.E.O.

Masonic wording of our rituals can be confusing. We can be proud of maintaining their traditional wording, but why do they include so many pairings of words with similar meaning?

Old English arose in the 5th century and was spoken during the bulk of the dark ages until roughly 1200 A.D. So few people were literate that the language was constantly in flux. Regional dialects and lack of a symbolic standard carried our Germanic language into Middle English from 1200-1500. English continued to evolve until two events served to stabilize its form.

The first was the invention by Gutenberg of the movable type press in 1450, which for the first time allowed bulk dissemination of many written works. Early Modern English (Elizabethan era) had appeared by then. The second was the standardization of the Latin alphabet, which served to stem the ongoing fluctuation in the English language in the 17th century. This was the considered the birth of Middle Modern English (Shakespearian era, ca 1700).

Our ritual standardization began to develop by 1725, and continued throughout the next 125 years. Since Mid Modern and Late Modern English were still both around, we understand why our ancestors chose to include words from both forms, so that all men might understand our teachings.

So Mote It Be. The word "mote" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "motan" meaning "to be allowed." Hence, the phrase "So mote it be." These are also the last words in the Regius Poem, which is said to be the earliest known document containing Masonic philosophy and information.

LEO Rick



Brothers, as time goes so fast, it is now time for me to say farewell for awhile. My Lady and I will be departing Minneapolis on June 30th, 2014 for our new home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our present closing date on our new home is July 9th, 2014. We have been working on our new home since September of last year and have finally reach a point where our dream and new adventure are coming true.

I cannot tell you how much Anoka Lodge and all the Brothers mean to me. Your warmest when I first joined the Lodge and how quickly the brothers got me involved. The fun I have had at all our meeting, whether stated or degree and after lodge our liquid lodge. Joining Anoka Lodge has opened a whole new door for me and I am so proud to be one of you and to tell people that I am a member of Anoka Lodge. Your hearts are big as you welcome so many new members to the Lodge; as you help any Brother, person or charity who is in trouble or just needs an arm to hold them up. Your Passion and Brotherly Love for the Masons and especially Anoka Lodge will live in my heart forever.

Your generosity I will never forget or will my family. My Grand Daughter is gone now but the memories you gave her family in Disneyland will live forever in our hearts. You will never know how much you did for her and you can never be thank enough You will forever be remembered as the Brothers who gave their all to help make one Brother and his family happy and forever grateful to you. Additionally, I do want to thank each and everyone of you your kind words and words of sympathy when she passed. It was tough but your strength helped me, as a Brother, to get through this terrible time. All of you have contributed to my life but more especially at this difficult time but I do want to send a special THANKS to WM David Hansel, PM Todd Mayer and his wife, PM Don Nolley and Brothers Terrance Schaffer, Mike Miller, Stan Kowalski and Father Tom Bigelow. They held my heart very close to them when they seen how broken it was and is. YOU SHOULD ALL BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELVES. I know I am proud to call all of you Brother.

Through we are leaving it does not mean I will be leaving Anoka Lodge for another Lodge and that we will not be back. Mary and I have family here and we plan on returning a number of times each year. I will

make a special effort to ensure that when we come back that a Lodge meeting is scheduled and I will attend. I will stay in touch and will be following the progress of Anoka Lodge which I know will only get better as each day passes. Do not hesitate to look me up on Face Book or to send me an email, even if it is just to say HI. For those of you who do not have my email address, it is hansonal2@hotmail.com.

This is not farewell, just a new adventure for me and my Lady Mary.

With Brotherly Love and Affection,

Al Hanson
Past Master



Brother Joseph Alexander captured our traveling LEO award with his presentation May 7, 2014. Nice work Brother!

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The Jobies escorted the winners at the Scotties and looked amazing! Here they are with our very own WB Jerry Oliver!



Two Anoka Brothers become Masters of the Royal Secret. Congrats Brothers Justin and Jeff!



Brother Mike Miller won the "Rite Stuff Award"! Nice work Brother Mike! Escorted by none other than Francesca Dimatteo.



A beautiful evening was had by all!

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