



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

Well Brothers, it is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close. Just this morning, I saw where the temps up in the Arrowhead overnight were in the 30's already. Soon enough, it will be here too, but enough of this depressing stuff! Fall is nearly here which means our Lodge will be getting busy again!

First off, there is Ren Fest. Brothers, if you have not yet signed up for a shift or two, please do so right now. Our Lodge needs the cash! Next is Ribs, Bibs and Blues. This has become a wonderful event for us to get out in the community and have some good food and fun in the process. The Halloween parade is right around the corner as well, so keep that on your radar too.

The most important thing we have coming up though is investigations. We have the potential to have a VERY large class, which means many investigations. Brothers, you know how I feel about this topic. Let's get those done right away! If you are having trouble, please let our secretaries know as soon as possible, so they can make other arrangements.

Lastly, as my year as Master is drawing to a close, I would like to charge all of you to maintain the best interest of the Lodge in your hearts. If you are here for personal gain or to stroke your ego, you are in the wrong place. The reason we are so successful is due to the selfless acts of many Brothers working together for a common cause. Personal agendas have no place here, so please leave them at home or at work.

OK, so are you ready to gear up for the final push of the year? I sure am and I am thrilled to be able

to share the experience with all of you, my fellow Brothers of Anoka Lodge.

Dave Hansel
Worshipful Master
Anoka Lodge #30



From the West

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

September is upon us and even though the summer is ending, as with all endings, it is also a new beginning. That new beginning is the fall set of degrees for our new Entered Apprentices at Anoka Lodge. It is also the end of shorts and Hawaiian shirts for Lodge, and the beginning of more formal attire for our meetings.

As we go forward into the fall, things can get busy as the kids go off to school and the different Masonic organizations that were dark during the summer begin to have meetings again. It is easy to think that we do not have time to attend Lodge. I urge you to make the attendance at Lodge a top priority. As our new Entered Apprentices enter our fraternity, it is important to meet them and make them feel welcome. Our new Brothers should feel comfortable and want to come back to the Lodge for every meeting.

Our Entered Apprentice degree is our annual table lodge, and this year is even more special than usual. I am again looking forward to the fantastic meal from our Stewards, and the fellowship of my Brethren. In addition, we will have Brothers from other Lodges in attendance

who will try to claim the travelling trophy that Anoka Lodge got from Compass Lodge earlier in the year. I know that the Grand Master of Minnesota Masons has also been invited, so this could be a really big event. Please remember to RSVP the Stewards as there will not be any extra room or extra meals for the table lodge.

For our new Entered Apprentices, this is a beginning of their Masonic journey. If you are a Mentor, be sure that you stay in contact with your Entered Apprentice Mentee on a regular basis. Answer their questions, encourage them to attend the education sessions each week, and be sure you greet them and spend time with them while they are at Lodge. They will meet many new Brothers and having a familiar face and friend at Lodge will help make them feel welcome and comfortable. This will help to keep them coming back for each meeting and degree and will help make Anoka Lodge a stronger and better Lodge.

I look forward to seeing all my Brothers again after the summer fun and vacations. We have a new beginning this fall for our Entered Apprentices and for ourselves. Let us all make this beginning the start of a wonderful journey.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Senior Warden



Greetings from the South:

Summer is in full swing and it has been a beautiful summer to boot. With the wonderful weather we had a good turnout at the Masonic booth at the Anoka County Fair. The building was hot as usual and that seemed to be good for us as one of the vendors next to our booth was interested in the craft.

This summer has also been great for other

interested parties to check out our lodge and turn in petitions. We are currently working through 11-12 petitions for membership this fall. So please if you receive an investigation request do your best to complete it in a timely manner and turn it back in to the secretary as soon as possible.

We also had a meeting with the new Anoka DeMolay advisors and are in the process of getting our letters temporary which will allow us to recruit and begin to meet as the newly rekindled Anoka Chapter of DeMolay. With that in mind please let any young men you may know, from the ages of 12-21, about this organization. Even younger men from 8-12 can be a part of the group as a squire then become full knights at 12 years of age. So please assist us in bringing this group back to Anoka. If you have any questions about the DeMolay chapter here in Anoka please contact either Aaron Brendel or myself. I hope to see many of you at the September stated meeting on 9/3.

Love and Respect,
Paul Agustin



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





Upcoming events:

- August 16 – Martha Chapter Picnic at the Vokovan's
- Bakeless Sale Fundraiser
- September 4 – Honor Rob Morris
- September 13 – Mystery Trip
- September 18 – Honor Martha Club



50+ members honored on June 21st

Martha Chapter Family Picnic

On Saturday, August 16, we are hosting a potluck picnic at our house for all the members of Martha Chapter #132. The picnic will begin with social hour at 3:30 p.m.; dinner at 4:00 p.m. We will provide hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, buns, and condiments. Please bring a dish to share. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Chapter, please feel free to invite them. RSVP at 763-755-6094 or gvokovan@aol.com. Hope to see you and your family at the picnic.

Bakeless Sale Fundraiser

Our easiest fundraiser yet! You do **NOT** bake a cake, pie, cookies, or brownies. You do **NOT** have to shop for the ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to stand in the heat/cold/rain to sell the baked product. However, you **DO** need to mail your donation to Julia Tollgaard!

September events


Summer vacation is over and it's back to work! On September 4, we will be honoring Rob Morris, the founder of The Order of the Eastern Star, a mystery trip is planned for September 13, and on September 18 we will be initiating Paul Agustin and honoring the members of Martha Club.

Other

It's not too early to start thinking about making crafts to sell at our soup luncheon on October 10 and our harvest dinner on November 9. I recently heard we received a request to make clam chowder for our soup luncheon!!! I guess you will have to come to the soup luncheon and see if it's there.

Just a thought....We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the fall or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives.

Be blessed, life is good!
Goody and Greg Vokovan



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Stewards Corner

No more Hawaiian Shirts and the start of our degree cycle means the meals will be back on the formal side, more so because we will hold our annual EA Table Lodge. (Reservations Required)

September 3rd Stated Meeting:

Back by popular demand we will be serving my Camarones Al Ajo on Rice (Some Pollo Available), with Salad and Cake for Dessert.

September 17th EA Table Lodge:

Our Traditional Table will be Prime Rib as always, but starting off with a Strawberry Spinach Salad with a Raspberry Vinaigrette, French Onion Soup, A cleansing Lemon Sorbet and then the Prime Rib served with Garlic Mashed Potato's and mixed vegetables. All for the low price of \$20. Reservations for this meal MUST be made prior to September 13th, with only a small amount of off count being made. To assure your spot, please contact one of us before the September deadline. You can also reserve your spot via:

<http://www.anokalodge.com/payments>

Golf Fundraiser

We're all set to go for our 1st annual Anoka Masonic Lodge # 30 Golf Fundraiser. It will be held Oct. 4th at Green Haven golf course in Anoka. It's a 1 O'clock shotgun start. Tickets are 100 bucks. Includes the round of golf of course, carts, shirt, bag lunch, and all that jazz. We are still looking for hole sponsors, so any company you work for has some 4th quarter charity money to spend send them my way! Also we will need Items for a silent auction. All the money raised will go to the building fund to repair our "North East" wall. It is open to all Masons and Non-Masons. So this is a good opportunity to invite you non-member friends that might be curious about our Fraternity for more information or just a plan ol' good time! For tickets. Get ahold of me Ryan Johnson by email at johnson.ryan.50@gmail.com or give me a call. [612-240-7858](tel:612-240-7858).

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser.

On Sept. 8th, there is an Anoka Masonic Lodge # 30 fundraiser. Hosted at Buffalo Wild Wings in Champlin. 11580 Theatre drive, Champlin MN. How it works is this. You take your family out to eat, get some wings. Tell the server or barmaid that your there for the Anoka fundraiser. Have a good time. That's it. Then BWW figures out how much of the bill goes to the fundraiser, then cuts The Lodge a check. On this one no one will be doing dishes, or extensive prep work. Super simple, Super easy. All people have to do is say "I'm here for Anoka's fundraiser." So, it could be any one. Tell your friends, family, neighbors, Or just stand out side the door and tell random people going in to mention the Lodge!

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

The summer was officially dark for Selim Grotto. This does not mean that the fun stopped in the Enchanted Realm. In July there were two pool parties for the Grotto. One was the annual party at Past Monarch Stephen Kesler's residence, and the other was the Kids' Club pool party at the residence of Prophet Brian DiMatteo. Both were a fun time and a great way to keep in contact with our Prophets and their families.

In addition to the pool parties, the Selim Grotto Clown Club marched in the Waterama Days parade, and several Prophets and their wives took a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi river, with dinner following at the Eagle Street Grill in St. Paul. This was a great event and one that I hope will be repeated.

The regular meetings of Selim Grotto start again in September on the first Friday of the month. All are welcome to come to the dinner after the meeting. If you feel that you do not want to spend another night away from your families, bring them along! Grotto is a place where families of our Prophets meet and have fun together in the Master Masons Playground. We are trying to arrange a joint initiation with Ela Ala Grotto in

Duluth at the end of September, so if you are interested in joining the Grotto, please contact us.

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.

Hope For Youth

A few parents for scout troop 518 are getting together to help Hope for Youth. We are partnering with the lodge to fill up the container already in place in the lobby. Please keep an eye open for updates in the newsletter regarding items we are looking for.

Thank You
Celine Hofstede

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Scottish Rite:

The Fall Degrees are in full swing with the 10 - 16th Degrees being performed this month. We also have an open event for anyone wishing to attend, all Scottish Rite Masons, Master Mason or whomever.

The Feast of Tishri will be held on Saturday, September 20th at 6:15pm Social Hour and Dinner at 7pm with the Ceremony to follow, the cost being only \$25.00 per person. This feast is put on by the Lodge of Perfection Line and it is where past graduates of the Master of the Royal Secret as well as the current class obtain their ring from the 14th Degree. It is a great opportunity to see the Rite and learn more or for those who are already members to spend time with their Brothers.

As always if you have any questions about the Rite, feel free to ask either myself or any other Brothers of the Scottish Rite.

**Brother Terrance M Schaffer
Double Eagle – Anoka Lodge #30
Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite**



Anoka Area Shrine Club News

We got good response back from the Lodge and Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge matched the funds raised at the Culvers in Anoka. The total of the checks to the ACBC store was \$398 in addition to 126 pounds of food. The food stuffs alone, according to the ACBC store, works out to 95 meals. The cash donations go farther because they purchase in bulk quantities. Our clubs support of this program was appreciated.

Our August meeting was at the Coyote Sands, the old Friskie's in Anoka. It was a good gathering. Mary Ross made it down for the meeting and indicated Arlan was not well enough to make the trip at this time. The buffet meal at CS was good, but not a place to hold any kind of meeting so... not sure the September FISHFRY meeting will be much different, but get all the details in this issue of Arabian and from our ½ page ad.

September equals FISH FRY! It is requested that members of our club who are attending the Fish Fry also bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to pass. We are going back to the ORIGINAL Walleye fillets and sweet corn. Tickets and a copy of the ad will be sent out to all members. Please send your checks in, we don't want to have a whole school of fish left over.

Because of the Fish Fry details a copy of ad in the Shrine newspaper, the Arabian, will be posted on the Lodge bulletin board. Or call Ernie and it will be mailed to you promptly.

The untrainable Scribe,
Ernie Ridens, President (763-755-9699)
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From the LEO:

Mother Kilwinning Lodge

The Mother Lodge of Scotland is situated in the Ayrshire town of Kilwinning. This ancient lodge of Freemasons dates back to the building of the Kilwinning Abby in 1140AD and has the unique distinction of laying claim to being the oldest extant lodge worldwide, thus holding the unique lodge number Zero. Before the forming of the Scottish Grand Lodge in 1736 Mother Kilwinning was a Grand Lodge in her own right and issued charters to Lodges as they formed.

The ruins of Kilwinning Abby lie to the rear of the present lodge, which was originally formed as a chapter house within the Abby and remained so until in 1560 the Earl of Glencairn sacked the Abby. Masons continued to meet in the Kilwinning area in various locations until a new lodge was erected in 1779 at the entrance of the Old Abby. One Hundred years later the building was in decay and was torn down and rebuilt 30 yards from the former site, where it stands today.

'If you know whence you came, there are absolutely no limitations to where you can go.'
 -- James Baldwin, American Author and Playwright

Brother Guy R Currier

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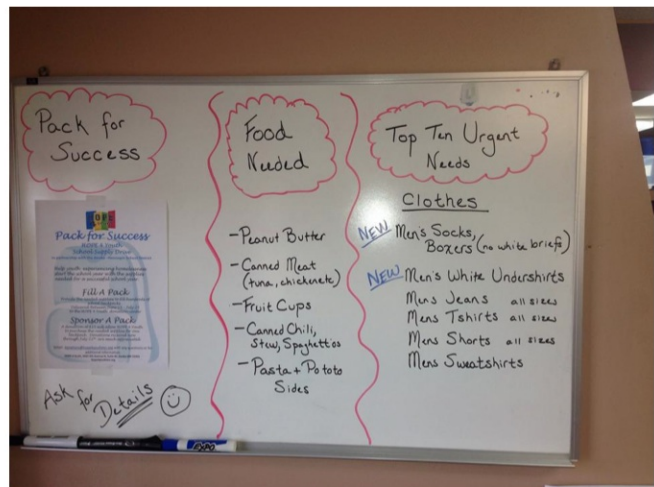
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