



STAR AND COMPASS

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

I would like to thank everyone who attended our 155th Installation of Officers. The event went very well and the show of support for the upcoming year was truly remarkable. The sheer fact that we all work together so well is what makes our Lodge so strong, of which I am most grateful.

I would also like to send out special thanks to all who helped out with the ceremony;

Martha Chapter, OES
Bethel 48, IOJD
BSA Pack 518
John and Toni Murray (Official Photographers)



As I am writing this article, I am sitting on the sidelines of the Lodge room watching a Nerf Gun free-for-all during the Zombie Apocalypse Party. Coming up with material for the S and C is tough enough let alone trying to do it while Nerf darts are flying over my head! The proceeds for the event are going to Hope 4 Youth. I am not sure how much we collect yet, but I am sure it will have been a sizable amount. Special thanks to WB Todd Mayer for hosting the event once again and the Bones Brothers for supplying us with fantastic Philly Cheese Steaks and Tots!

Don't forget, our Stated Meeting in January will be on the 2nd Wednesday due to the New Years holiday. This will be our traditional Lodge of Sorrow where we honor our Brothers who have passed on to the Celestial Lodge above.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a very Merry Holiday and Prosperous New Year!

WM Dave



Pictured:

Front Row - Dave Hansel (Worshipful Master)

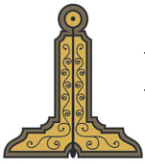
Second Row - Tony Heimer (Junior Steward), Paul Agustin (Junior Warden), Lee Kielblock (Senior Warden), Father Thomas Bigelow (Chaplain)

Third Row - Trent Gilbertson (Junior Deacon), Chris Berglund (Secretary), Josh Fulwider (Tyler), Steven Walker (Marshall)

Fourth Row - Terrance Schafer (Senior Steward),

Fifth Row - Rick Currier (L.E.O.), Don McGuire (Treasurer), Jay Lenz (Assistant Secretary)

Not Pictured - Tim Carney (Senior Deacon)



FROM THE WEST

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to 2014 as a great year for Anoka Lodge. I hope to get to know all of my Anoka Lodge Brethren, better as we work in the quarries together. Our year begins with the Lodge of Sorrow where we remember and honor our brethren who have laid down their working tools and gone to the Celestial Lodge above. I urge all of you to attend the January Stated meeting to participate in the Lodge of Sorrow. The ceremony is beautiful and moving and is a wonderful way to honor our departed Brethren.

The following week, we begin the degree cycle with the Entered Apprentice Degree. Come and welcome our new Brothers at the degree. As the first introduction to Masonic ritual, it is impressive when the candidates can see many Brothers in the Lodge as they are brought to Masonic light. This begins the introduction of our new Brothers into one of our main tenets, Brotherly Love. To show our support and begin to develop the fraternal bonds with the new Brothers, lets them know that they are important to the Lodge and to Masonry. Let us make it a night to remember for our new Brothers, and begin their Masonic journey with Brotherly Love and fellowship.

Masonic ritual and philosophy is what sets us apart from other fraternal organizations. Conducting degrees, and having openings and closings of the Lodge, with good ritual work is important to each Lodge and to our great Masonic fraternity. In order to help us maintain a high level of ritual work, be sure to attend the Grand Lodge Schools of Instruction at Anoka Lodge in January, February, and March. Even if you do not have a part in the degrees, the schools are a great way to learn about why we do certain things during the degrees, and what different parts of the degree mean. I look forward to seeing each of you at the schools of instruction.

Let us start out the New Year with a bang! We have a great tradition of outstanding ritual work at Anoka Lodge. Let us all enjoy the ceremonies and degrees coming this year, and attend the schools of instruction to learn more about the ritual, and make our work even better. I am looking forward to serving you this year as the Senior Warden, and I hope to see all of my Anoka Lodge Brethren to begin the New Year.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Senior Warden



EASTERN STAR

January is upon us and the Holidays are now memories, hope yours were wonderful.

In reflection, our Chapter started the season with our annual turkey and all the trimmings Harvest Dinner in November and it was another successful year for this traditional fundraiser. Thanks to all who helped and all who came to eat.

We were invited to be a food vendor for the first time at the Anoka Tree Lighting festivities held on December 7 and despite a temperature that hovered below the zero mark, we sold enough chili to meet expenses and will be invited back next year. A huge thank you to AP Greg Vokovan for bringing a propane heater to help ward off the cold. Speaking of chili, we made enough to hold in the freezer for the soup lunch on Friday January 10. We have never done chili before and we'll see how our loyal fans like it.

Our annual craft and bake sale at the courthouse went well and put everyone in the spirit for our holiday meeting. We collected mittens and other items for the ACBC Store at our mitten tree at the courthouse, we are thankful for all the support from the people across the street. We also took a box of hand knit hats and all the tied fleece lap robes we made at the "Tie One On" event to the Alexandra House, a local shelter for women and children.

Our Secretary Julia Tollgaard sent all the dues notices out; don't forget to mail your check. Julia also brought our roster up to date and printed it in booklet form, just let he know if you want a copy. It comes in handy with addresses, phone numbers & email to help us all keep in touch.

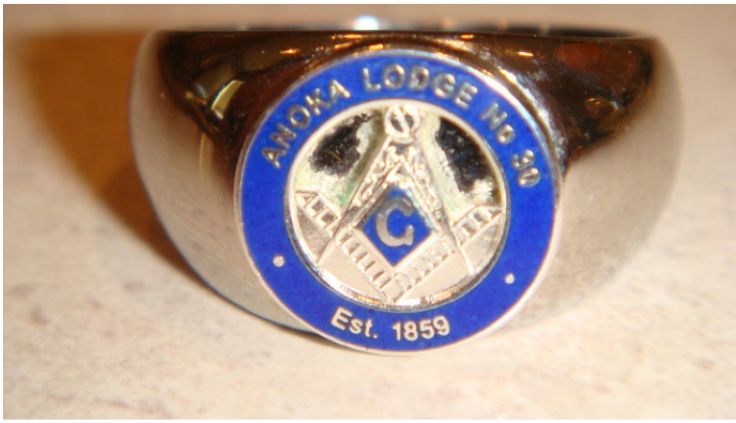
Important schedule change for January, our meetings have flipped. We will hold an initiation and honor January anniversaries on January 2 at the Lodge and go to North Ridge on the 16th where we will connect with members that live there. **The meeting at North Ridge starts at 7:00 pm.**

There are five Thursdays in January so there will be a 5th Thursday Social, postcards will be sent out for RSVP's closer to the event with the location and time. If you have an idea of where you want to go, contact Stephanie Johnson.

Taking a peek at February we start with our Official Visit from the Grand Family at our first meeting and it will be favorite sweatshirt night, not formal, and should be fun. We will have a light dinner before the meeting and final plans will be in the February S&C. Save the date of February 8th for the Chinese New Year dinner, more information about tickets will be in next month's issue.

Until next month, stay warm!

Jane & Wayne



For anybody who is interested (new Brothers or guys who did not get one the first time around), Anoka Lodge has their own ring. You may have seen them on some of the Brothers. If you are interested in purchasing one, you can deal directly with the ring maker. Then name of the Brother who makes them is Gordon Spurlock and his phone number is [912-265-9591](tel:912-265-9591). They are \$105 and made of stainless steel (see picture). You need to get your ring sized correctly before calling him. With the stainless steel, they are not adjustable after they are struck. We do have a ring sizer in the display case if you need to know what size you are.

Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Worshipful Brother
Todd A. Mayer
Anoka Lodge #30 A.F.&A.M.



Uh Oh! Looks like trouble!

From The L.E.O. -

I must've seemed like a deer in the headlights when WB John piled a tall stack of books on me last summer as I began my season of LEO-in-training. On this, my first year as LEO, I look around me in awe at the company I am in. So many great works being done by all and I think, "Am I ready for this?"

The truth is that the purity of our Entered Apprentice apron is still with us all, insomuch as it represents a blank slate on which we will inscribe our own path through Masonry. Although we are admonished to keep our apron spotless as a symbol of our conduct and actions, I am willing to bet our operative brothers soiled theirs to black as they increased in knowledge and took on greater work responsibilities. In a like manner I hope that I wear my apron into rags, symbolically, as I write my story of knowledge (light) and work (brotherhood and charity).

I realize that I can only offer avenues for furthering your education, hopefully revealing "more light in Masonry" along the way. One of my favorite tenets in Masonry is "meeting on the level". No one of us holds the knowledge or authority to do the work by our lonesome, so I will likewise be seeking education from my fellow Masons as often as I am providing it. I will be looking for volunteers who desire to research subjects and/or are willing to present a brief lecture or two.

Brother John Nagy's Building Better Builders series suggests we view the cable-tow in the light of an operative Mason. Our operative Brothers benefitted from their time in the craft, always extending the length of their cable-tow as they worked higher up on a cathedral, where the ornate stonework was more visible and demanding. With this length came greater risk as well. Our task as speculative Masons is to work within the length of our cable-tow while simultaneously searching for ways to increase our contribution to those around us and to the craft.

Ask yourself this: What will you do this year to grow your skills and knowledge and help the Lodge? Continue building, Brothers!!

Brother Rick Currier
Lodge Education Officer

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Anoka Lodge #30 Zombie Survivor Party raised over \$1,000.00 for Hope 4 Youth! Great Work!



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



Thank you very much to the
Installing Officers! They did an
amazing job with the
installation of the 2014 Officers!



Jobe's Daughters

Upcoming Events

- Jan 6 Last meeting of the term
- Jan 17 Installation Practice at 6:30 pm
- Jan 19 Installation at 1 pm
- Jan 30 First meeting of the next term

We are please to announce that Francesca Dematteo is our next Marshal and Bailey Brendel as Guide. The Bethel is very proud of these girls for stepping up and taking charge. We will be having our next installation on Jan 19 at 1 pm at the Anoka Masonic Lodge. Please come join us.

Please help the Job's by Recycling your old phones, toner and in charges. This is a way for them to raise some money to help run the Bethel. The collection box is down stairs.

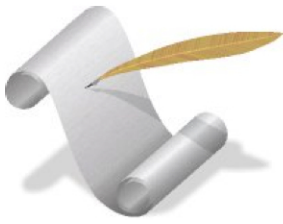
Bethel 48 is known for our fun friendships. It is because our Honor Queen Marietta is willing to have some pie in the face.



We're giving something back.....

***PHILANTHROPIC:** Our girls support HIKE the Hearing Impaired Kids (Equipment/Endowment fund).*

Started in 1986, this charity supplies hearing aids and accessories to children whose families are in financial need HIKE is staffed by volunteer Board of Directors. Ninety-two percent of all money earned goes to helping kids with a mild to severe hearing loss. Kids helping kids to better hear the world around them.



From the Desk of the Secretary

To all those that use Anoka Lodge #30 -
Due to the sale of the mansion, the address to the Lodge has changed. The new lodge address is:
1908 3rd Ave. S.
Anoka, MN 55303



The Jobies of Bethel #48 performed the Living Cross for the Anoka Lodge #30 Officer Installation. Excellent job!!



Great Job Santa! (WB John Aguilar)



Star and Compass Editor Information

If you have an article, a question or would like to advertise in the Star and Compass, please contact Brother Josh Fulwider. Email: sandc.editor@gmail.com or call me at (612) 578-1387



Stewards Corner

January 8th: Lodge Of Sorrow (White Meal)

Garlic Lemon Chicken, Peppered Potato's, Cauliflower and Potato Soup!

January 15th: EA Degree

Lasagna, Garlic Bread and Minestrone Soup!

Lehmann's Power Equipment

Lawn Mowers - Riding Mowers - Weed Trimmers
Snow Blowers - Garden Tractors - Chain Saws



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Traveling Men



This past month we had the chance to visit Montgomery Lodge #258 for their Master Masons Degree, The Brothers did a great job!

For the Month of January we will try again to visit Braden Lodge #168. Thursday, January 16th at 7:30pm, Dinner will be at 6pm!



WB John Freeburg retires his Apron after 21 years!!



Breakfast with Santa was a huge success! We look forward to next year!



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Anoka Lodge #30 Officers looking forward to a great 2014!