



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

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Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Holiday season. The Anoka Lodge Installation of Officers was held on December 7th, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year serving Anoka Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2015. Plans are starting up to try and get more Brothers involved in Lodge events, and to help improve communication between the Brethren. Stay tuned for more information.

The beginning of a new year always makes me think about new beginnings. The beginning of a New Year brings more light to the world as the days begin to get longer (at least in the Northern hemisphere). This concept of more light and new beginnings is found in many cultures and religions around the world. Celebrations are held during this time of year to commemorate the end of darkness and the beginning of more light. One of the days for celebration is on December 27th, St. John the Evangelist Day. St. John the Evangelist is one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry. The other is St. John the Baptist. These Saints are represented as part of a symbol of Masonry with which we are all familiar. This symbol is the point within a circle, bordered by 2 parallel lines, with a book of Holy Law at the top.

A common interpretation of this symbol is that the point is a man, and the circle is the limit beyond which our passions and actions should never extend. The book of Holy Law is a guide of faith, and the 2 parallel lines represent St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist. As we travel around the circle we touch the book of

Holy Law and the teachings of both Saints. This symbol also has other interpretations, and I recommend beginning an investigation into the symbol to learn about these other interpretations. These teachings and interpretations can bring us to more Masonic light, just as the New Year brings more light to the world.

In January, we also begin a new cycle of degrees for our new group of candidates. I encourage all of you to attend the Entered Apprentice School of Instruction on Saturday, January 10th at 9:00 am at Anoka Lodge. Come and learn about the degree and why things are done in the degree in a certain way. This will not only help us in our Masonic journey to learn about our ritual, it will also help us learn how to bring more light to our new candidates as they begin their Masonic journey in the New Year.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Worshipful Master



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



Scottish Rite:

January brings the beginning of the Spring Class at the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite and though the hour is late, there is still time to join us and gain more light in Masonry but taking the degrees at the rite. Classes begin on January 8th with the 4th, 5th & 6th Degrees and run through May 9th.

If you are not a Scottish Rite member consider continuing your Masonic education and if already a member, come down and refresh yourself to the lessons learned and support those brothers going through as well as those who week after week come down and put on those degrees.

If you have any questions, concerns or want to fill out an application, either for the long class or the one day being held in May, please feel free to contact myself or any Scottish Rite member.

Brother Terrance M Schaffer



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Anoka Lodge #30 2015 Officer Installation



Martha Chapter #132 – Order of the Eastern Star

Upcoming events

- December 25 – Merry Christmas
- January 1, 2015 – No meeting (Happy New Year!)
- January 9 – Soup luncheon fundraiser
- January 15 – Honor Sideliners
- January 29 – 5th Thursday social event

As 2014 comes to a close, it is time to reflect on what we, as a chapter, have accomplished and what we have left to do.

Community Projects and Giving

- The chapter had a booth and sold strawberry short cake at Riverfest in Anoka.
- We hosted a salad luncheon in June (supporting the Masonic Home Project) and a soup luncheon in October (supporting the M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship project).
- We hosted our annual Harvest Dinner in October (supporting the Scottish Rite RiteCare Childhood Language Program).
- As co-chairs of the RiteCare project, a fundraiser was held in October at the Scottish Rite in Minneapolis, raising funds supporting the three RiteCare childhood language centers in Minnesota. Martha Chapter provided cupcakes for dessert. Our own Jerry Oliver, Greg Vokovan, and Charlie (grandson to Bonnie Miller) starred in a video promoting RiteCare.
- We were busy baking treats for our December craft and bake sale (supporting the Masonic Cancer Project).
- A *Tastefully Simple* fundraiser party raised funds for our community project - Family Promise.
- In December, we were invited by the Anoka Chamber of Commerce to have a booth at the City of Anoka Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Yet, we still had time for:
 Our school of instruction in June where our District Instructor, Becky Madson, came to remind us of what we forgot and what to do better.
 In May, we honored our 50+ members with a tea and a time to reflect.
 In June, we hosted a Martha family picnic at our

house.
 September, members went on a “Mystery Trip” to a local winery and took time to celebrate Secretary Julia’s Tollgaard’s birthday!
 We honored our Grand Family in December.
 Sang Christmas carols at our December 18 meeting, celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Most importantly, we:
 Remembered our brothers and sisters who have passed away.
 Initiated eight new members to our Chapter.

So, what is left to do?
 The Chapter is hosting a soup luncheon January 9 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; cost \$7.00 (a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Pat Rasmussen Education Fund).
 Tie lap robes for the Masonic Cancer Center, Masonic Home, or any charity in our community.
 Host the annual meeting and luncheon of the Minnesota Grand Representative’s Association in March.
 Increase visibility in our community.
 Membership - continue to recruit, retain, and reinstate!

You should be proud as members of Martha Chapter #132 and what we do for our Chapter and community. I am proud of all of you!

Have a joyful Christmas and a blessed new year. We have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship him. Matthew 2:2.

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on the pages. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

Be blessed, life is good!

Goody and Greg Vokovan



FROM THE SECRETARY
Martha Chapter #132

Happy New Year!

Dues payments for 2015 have been coming in, but there are still some who have not send theirs. If you have any questions about your dues please contact me. The dues (and per capita) are \$27.50 and can be sent to me at the address below.

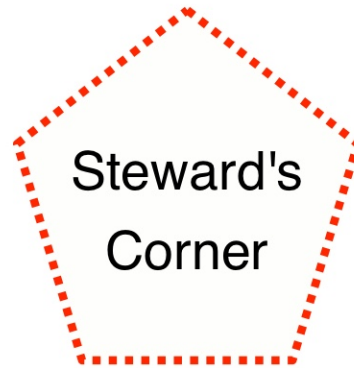
I do have a couple of requests:

If you are chair/co-chair of an event please have a written report of the event ready for the Secretary to include in the minutes.

If you receive correspondence pertaining to the chapter (a request to participate in an event, etc.) make sure that you bring the correspondence to chapter for it to be read. I know that members may be the contact person for the event, but it still needs to be read at chapter and included in correspondence.

If you have an address, phone number or email change, please make sure to let me know as soon as possible. I want to make sure I have the most current information to work with.

Until next month –
Julia Tollgaard, Secretary
2938 – 126th Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448
(763-567-9877)



Lodge of Sorrow - January 7, 2015

The White Meal -

Chicken Stroganoff with Cauliflower in a White Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Italian Dinner Rolls and White Cake with White Frosting.

EA Degree - January 21, 2015

Stir Fry -

Beef and Vegetable Stir Fry with Pork Fried Rice and Egg Rolls and Eclairs.





Our January Plans

Our December meeting was held at Dehn's and everything went well. No snow storm, no icy roads, no fog, even the temperatures were reasonable for the season.

At the meeting a little business was conducted. The upcoming 2015 Potentate, Ross Hjermsstad (and his Lady, Deb) and our club's divan representative, Verl Raap, were in attendance. Ross and Verl installed our new officers as President (Curt Speller), Treasurer (Don Nolley), Secretary (Wayne Lamusga) and Chaplin (John Puffer). On the club side Bill and June Saxton were the first to arrive, right around 4 PM just to enjoy a glass of wine and get good seats. Dehn's had us in the northwest corner where there was seating for 26 and one of their folding walls was opened when additional space was needed. It was explained the club has a solid saving/checking account balance and arrangements to change signers on the account is taking place. Several of the members brought toys for the Ladies Auxiliary to deliver to the Shrine Hospital. Ross gave a rundown on the 2015 installation of the new Divan to be held at the January meeting, plans for the BALL and his spring River Boat trip. There are very few limited spots left, check this issue for full details. Lady Deb covered her upcoming efforts to support the Ladies Auxiliary efforts at the Shrine Hospital.

Basic Ball Details:

The upcoming Potentate's Ball will be held on February 6, 7, & 8, 2015. Zuhrah is now accepting reservations for tables, club rooms and sleeping rooms. As a club we should make our desires known promptly and finalize at our January meeting.

Our January meeting will be held at a newly opened **Willie McCoys in Champlin on January 13th**. For those who drive by the seat of their pants....it is the old American Legion on 169, they may still have the TANK out front. There is plenty of parking and we will be ordering off the menu.

GPS Friendly Address:

**12450 Business Park Blvd N,
(Best entrance is via Hayden Lake Rd)
Champlin, MN**

Phone 763-422-5020

**AASC MEETINGS ARE - SOCIAL AT 6:00 PM,
ORDER ABOUT 6:30,
DINNER BY 7:00
2nd Tuesday of each month.**

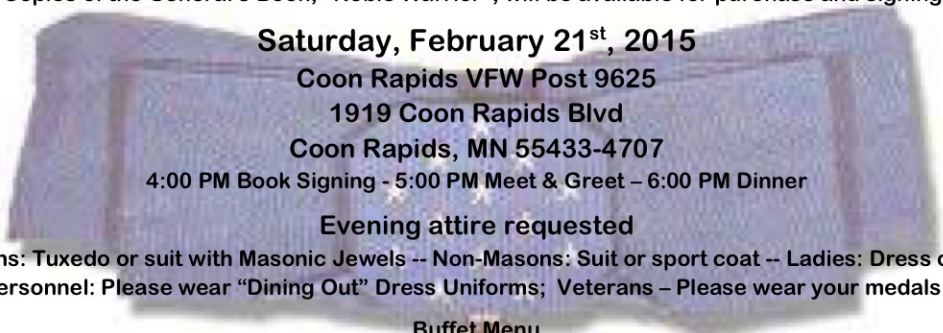
AASC is now using the two Zuhrah methods of communicating on a continuous basis: the Arabian for monthly functions and the eRABIAN (on the Zuhrah.org website) for weekly announcements and updates.

The retiring Scribe,
Ernie Ridens, President (763-755-9699)
ernie@50plusinc.net

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER
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Featured Speaker: Major General James E. Livingston, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)
Congressional MEDAL OF HONOR Recipient and many other awards
including Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat V, Three Purple Hearts

John Aguilar, Master of Ceremonies and the Brothers of Cass Masonic Lodge request the pleasure of your company at the celebration of the 11th Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner. This Dinner is open to all: including Masonic Families, their guests, non-Masons, Veterans, non-Veterans, and Widows
This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet a MEDAL OF HONOR recipient with these awards.
Copies of the General's Book, "Noble Warrior", will be available for purchase and signing.



Saturday, February 21st, 2015

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Coon Rapids, MN 55433-4707

4:00 PM Book Signing - 5:00 PM Meet & Greet – 6:00 PM Dinner

Evening attire requested

Masons: Tuxedo or suit with Masonic Jewels -- Non-Masons: Suit or sport coat -- Ladies: Dress or Skirt
Military Personnel: Please wear "Dining Out" Dress Uniforms; Veterans – Please wear your medals or ribbons

Buffet Menu

House salad, prime rib or baked chicken, garlic mashed potatoes and gravy/au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetable, rolls, tea/coffee, toasting wine/apple cider, cherry cheesecake au George

The cost is \$50 per person

Seating is limited -- reservations are on a first come first served basis

Your check is your reservation and must be received by January 31st

Please make your check payable to "Cass Lodge No 243" w/memo "GW B-day"

**Mail to: Terry Armstrong
329 97th LN NW**

Coon Rapids MN 55433-5610

If you have any questions please call: Terry Armstrong 763-208-7481 or John Aguilar 763-780-9595

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January Events

- Jan. 7 - Stated Meeting /Lodge of Sorrow - 6:00pm
- Jan. 10 - EA School of Instruction - 9:00am
- Jan. 14 - Officer's Meeting/Deg. Rehearsal - 6:00pm
- Jan. 16 - Past Masters Meeting - 6:30pm
- Jan. 18 - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00am
- Jan 17 - One day to Masonry - Scottish Rite Temple
- Jan. 21- EA Degree - 6:00pm
- Jan. 28 - Candidate Class - 6:30pm
- Jan. 28 - Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm