



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,

The year has started out well and I am excited for the Lodge in the coming year. We have initiated 7 new Entered Apprentices, and their journey toward Masonic Light has now begun. As we welcome our new Entered Apprentice Brothers into the Lodge, I think about how we can keep them coming and staying involved with Lodge activities. These thoughts also apply to our newest Master Masons from the Fall class, and all the Brothers of the Lodge.

At Anoka Lodge, we are fortunate to have many events that allow us to build the Brotherhood among our members, and to benefit the Community, that occur outside our Stated Meetings and Degree Meetings. In the past, many of these events have been organized by Lodge Officers, and this will continue in the future. During the last few years, the Lodge Officers have discussed the creation of committees or teams to help the Officers organize and manage the many events put on by the Lodge. And this is the year when these committees will be created.

The goals of forming the committees or teams have what I hope will be beneficial outcomes for the Lodge. First, it will give our many active Brothers in the Lodge a chance to be more involved in Lodge activities. All the Lodge Brothers and our new Brothers will be asked to be a member of a committee. This helps reach the second goal of building the Brotherhood between our members. I have met with the Past

Masters of Anoka Lodge and asked them to be a part of these committees. My hope is that this will help our Past Masters, Sideliners, and new Brothers to get to know each other. Another goal is to let the Officers get to know the Brothers and improve communication in the Lodge. Each committee will be the responsibility of one or more of the Lodge Officers, and that Officer will be the Chairman or a member of that committee.

So far, there are too many committees to list in this article. The committees include some existing committees and events, and also some new committees to be created. Some important new committees will be a Calling Committee, a House Committee, and a Public Relations committee. There will be many opportunities to be involved in Lodge activities. In the next few weeks, you may be asked by an Officer or Committee Member to join one of these committees. I hope that you will say yes, and help us all as Brothers, build our relationships and make Anoka Lodge even stronger than it is now.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

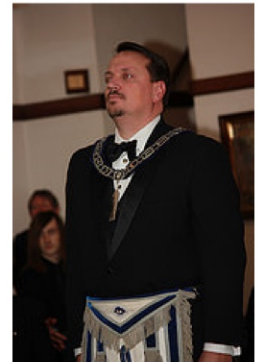
It has been a chaotic start to my time in the West with so many things going on. I apologize for missing last month's deadline and not getting an article into the S&C. Hopefully you all had an enjoyable Holiday and this New Year is treating you well. We had our 4th annual New Year's Eve event at our house which brought quite a few Masonic families together to ring in 2015. That event reminded me of how much the Brothers, Sisters, and Masonic youth mean to me and my family. The mentoring I saw from the DeMolay and Job's Daughters that were present to all the small kids brought a smile to my face. Happy New Year to all and may this year bring you all Happiness and Joy.

This past weekend the Lodge saw the installation of AJ Brendel as the Master Counselor of the Anoka Chapter of DeMolay, and Francesca DiMatteo as the Honored Queen of Bethel #48 Job's Daughters. The DeMolay installation was the first in 33 years at Anoka, it's fantastic to see our youth groups growing again and helping build our community. They are our future and what a bright future there is in Anoka!

I know one thing we would like to work on this year is improved communications. While all of us in the different bodies within the lodge converse quite often, we don't always manage to communicate all the important things or calendar events very well to all who may need them. I'm not sure what we need to do to rectify this but it's something I plan to focus on. If anyone has ideas on how we can improve those lines of communication please reach out to me at SrWarden@anokamasons.org

Love and Respect from the West,

Paul Agustin



Brothers,

It is an honor and a privilege to be afforded this forum for share my thoughts on current events, freemasonry, and fellowship. This column is also a responsibility. So I will start this out by saying, I'm sorry. I apologize for missing the January Star and Compass. I failed in that duty to our esteemed editor, our Worshipful Master, and to you my Masonic Family. I will endeavor to fulfill my obligations to you in a timely and competent manner.

I have always been told that Masonry is a progressive science and I do not believe that to mean the collection of dues cards we seem to gather along our journeys. To me, Masonry provides a framework or foundation on which to base my behavior with all mankind, but more especially, a member of the Masonic Family. We learn to "subdue our passions" and "circumscribe our actions" and refrain from "converting refreshment into intemperance and excess" to the betterment of ourselves and enrichment of others.

Over the course of the year, I plan to use this column to expound upon these lessons and attempt to share my experiences and insights through the application of these tenants in my personal, professional, and Masonic life. Until next month, respect yourself and others enough to continue to act within due bounds!

Tim Carney

Junior Warden

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Saturday, February 21st, 2015

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The cost is \$50 per person

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

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**Mail to: Terry Armstrong
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Martha Chapter #132 – Order of the Eastern Star

Upcoming events

January 29 – 5th Thursday social event (Olive Garden)

February 5 – Honor Organist (Women's Health - wear red)

February 19 – Honor Secretary, Treasurer, and Marshal (Mardi Gras and Bottle Auction)

I had the honor to represent the Chapter at the joint DeMolay and Jobs installation on January 10. What a wonderful event. I was very impressed with the leadership displayed by both parties. The theme was "Stronger Together." How appropriate. As Paul Ryan said, "Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together." That is why it is very important that the Chapter support not only the Masons but also our future Mason and Eastern Star members—the DeMolay and Jobs Daughter. Congratulates to A.J. Brendel, Master Councilor and Francesca Dimatteo, Honored Queen.

On January 29th we will be meeting at the Olive Garden on Coon Rapids Blvd. for our 5th Thursday social event. Members and non-members are invited. This is a great event for members, non-members, and family to come and enjoy a fun evening of food and friendship. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please call Stephanie Johnson at 763.755.2164 or ksjohnson66@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

February is National Wear Red in honor of Women's health (heart disease). We are encouraging members to wear red at our February 5th meeting. Some simple tips to remember regarding heart disease (both men and women):

- Know your heart score
- Live healthy

- Know the signs of a heart attack
- Start walking

The Bottle Auction is scheduled for the February 19 meeting and we will also celebrate Mardi Gras. For the bottle auction, we need lots of bottles to auction off. That means anything, any size, as long as it is in a bottle! Please make sure the bottles are wrapped when you bring them - it makes the auction that much more interesting! The more beautiful the package the more money it will bring! But remember, you never know what you might get inside! So please remember to start bringing those wrapped bottles to the next couple of meetings! It will be a fun night!

The 2015 Grand Session is just around the corner – Thursday, April 30; Friday, May 1; Saturday, May 2, at the St. Cloud Civic Center, 10-4th Avenue South, St. Cloud. Hotel reservations are now available at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud (the MN Grand Chapter headquarters hotel), 100 – 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud; telephone - 320-253-0606. Call early to reserve your room – mention you are with "Order of the Eastern Star." We hope many of you are planning to attend and give support to our own Peg Oliver. For new members, this is a great time to network with other chapters and get familiar with Grand Session.

We hope to see you at these events. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Be blessed, life is good!

Goody and Greg Vokovan



From the L.E.O.

Brotherly love, relief, and truth are the most important part of our obligation. How we put our obligations into practice is what separates a Mason from the rest of the world. When we are an EA, we talk about "improving ourselves through Masonry". One of our five points of fellowship reminds us to bend a knee in supplication for the welfare of a fellow Brother in distress. Recently we have been hearing in lodge the plight of Bretheren's families battling leukemia, and waiting for a new heart. This is our moment, Brothers, you obligations are calling... Walk the talk and visit them, afterall, they are OUR Brothers.

January is a time to reflect on renewing our obligations. Who keeps a list of them and checks regularly that he is improving? Well, certainly not me... yet. But as one of my new year resolutions is to do exactly that. Keep in your breast the needs of your fellows, whether they are secret or not, and

educate yourself in ways you can help. In many cases this is simply by taking that knee - or visiting with your Brothers. You will certainly make their day, and if their need is longer term, borrow a line from Schwarzenegger and say "I'll be baack" as you leave.

Guy R Currier
763 458 4317 personal cell



Scottish Rite:

Brethren, February is upon us and it starts at the rite with the 14th Degree, Perfect Elu, one of the Terminal Degrees, and the completion of the Lodge of Perfection.

Next up is the Chapter of Rose Croix, my personal line, with the 15th & 16th Degree and culminating with the Knight of Rose Croix in the 18th Degree on the third Thursday of the month.

The last week begins the Council of Kadosh and the 19th and 20th Degrees. Of course all Scottish Rite brethren should come down and support our adopted Degree, the 20th, also known as the Master of the Symbolic Lodge!

As always 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.

WB Terrance



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

Don't you come to Lodge because you don't drive at night? Miss the fellowship with your Lodge brothers? Are you free during the day once a month?

How about getting together at Anoka Masonic Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month for coffee and donuts. Fellowship with your brothers. Enjoy a game or two of cribbage or whatever you chose. Just sit around and rag chew. I would suggest meeting at the Lodge at 9:00 AM on the first Wednesday of the month.

This could possibly grow into a Daylight Lodge meeting at Anoka. There are two Daylight Lodges in the Metro area at this time. One is located in Roseville and the other in St Louis Park. There is nothing in the northwest Metro. We could draw from Osseo and Elk River. There are a lot of us older Masons in the area that could use a second home. At this time this is just an idea but the coffee and donuts are real.

If you would be interested in such a group or just meeting for coffee please call me so I have some idea of how many donuts to bring and how much coffee to prepare. If you need a ride don't let that stop you we can set up rides. Your brothers miss you.

Please call me; Dave Emery at [763-755-2431](tel:763-755-2431) and we can get started.

From the Desk of the Trustees

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I started this out the way I did because I'm a Trustee for both the Lodge and Star and because the problem I want to talk about may require the help of both the Lodge and Star. Now that the Holidays are behind us and the Installations of all the bodies are completed we need to address our custodial needs of the building. We've sort of put this on hold while we

were doing construction and fixing our water problems and now that the Lodge is looking pretty good we need to fill this position. Just having a quick conversation with several members we would like to keep this in the Masonic Family. The love and respect for the building is best served by one of our members taking this position on.

The thing we would like to see done on a regular basis.

Vacuum the Lodge room and all of the carpeting (once a month).

Clean the bathrooms (weekly).

Mop the dining room and kitchen (as needed)

Keep us in hand towels in the bathroom and kitchen and toilet paper.

Each appendant body should be emptying the trash after their meetings.

This is a Lodge budgeted item, so this is a paid position. If you want more information, a good person to talk with would be Garland Lundquist as she and Dave did this job for several years. If you want to take this position on contact me: home phone 763 757 9274.

Wayne LaMusga

From the Editor of the Star and Compass


Greetings Masonic Family,

Please feel free to send in an article or let us know if you have an event that you would like to have put out there to let others know. Please email me those items at

sandc.editor@gmail.com

Fraternally,

Brother Josh



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January 25, 2015

Sunday January 25, 2015

2:00pm to 6:00pm

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2817 Brookdale Drive,

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February Stated Meeting

February 4, 2015

French Dip Sandwiches with Aus Jus,
Cole-Slaw, Chips and Brownies

Fellow-Craft Degree

February 18, 2015

Beef Stew, French Bread and Bread
Pudding



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Anoka Lodge #30 February Events

Feb. 4th - Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting - 6:00pm Dinner

Feb. 9th - New Member Committee - 7:00 pm

Feb. 14th - Metrowest Fellowcraft School of Instruction - 9:00 am

Feb. 15th - Anoka Lodge Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 am

Feb. 18th - Anoka Lodge Fellowcraft Degree - 6:00 pm Dinner

Feb. 21st - Gage Hoy Benefit - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Feb. 25th - Trustees Meeting; Candidate Class - 6:00 pm

Feb. 28th - Grand Lodge Membership Mtg. - 8:00 am (not at Anoka Lodge)

Feb. 28th - Polar Plunge Event (All Day)