



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,

This month we see the return of Spring, and hopefully the Winter will be behind us. Our Fellowcrafts are ready to be raised as Master Mason's and the annual Grand Lodge of Minnesota meeting will occur. Some fun events are taking place in the next month. Many committees are being started at the Lodge and I hope that you will become a member of at least one committee.

As the Spring brings the regeneration of new growth for the world, so the Master Mason degree also brings new growth in the journey towards Masonic light for our new Master Masons, as well as for all Masons. The Master Mason degree does not finish the journey toward Masonic light, but opens up a path for the continued learning of Masonic knowledge. The growth of new plants in the Spring parallels the growth in Masonic knowledge we learn in the Master Mason degree. The Master Mason degree this month is a special degree, as it is the Past Master's degree. If you want to see some great ritual work, and welcome our new Master Masons, I invite you to come and relive the experience of being raised as a Master Mason, and continue your journey toward Masonic light.

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Grand Lodge is open to all Master Masons in Minnesota, and I invite you to attend if possible. It is a great opportunity to spend time with your Anoka Lodge Brothers and

with Masonic Brethren from all around the State, and neighboring States. You can meet the Grand Lodge Officers and find out what is happening with Masonry in Minnesota. Grand Lodge is in Duluth this year at the Holiday Inn event center. Please go to the Grand Lodge web site for more information and to reserve your room. I hope to see you there.

Some events in March that are not to be missed include the Metro West Master Mason School of Instruction on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Anoka Lodge Pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition, moving into April, remember that Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual Good Friday Shrimp Dinner. The committees are taking shape. The Calling committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month, the House committee and Public Relations committees are starting up, and event committees are forming. I hope you will take advantage of the great things happening at Anoka Lodge and join us for the fun and Brotherhood!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

I am always amazed at the love and support that our Masonic family provides to one another. When you just reach out to another member of our family to see how they are doing, it helps validate that they matter and that we care about them. It's even more impactful that when we hear of someone who is ill or injured that we make sure they hear from us or get our help and support in their time of need. At our last meeting we had quite an extensive list of people who need our prayers and assistance. I'd like to make a personal request that if you can call, write, or even better go visit WB Steve Braun at Abbot-Northwestern hospital it would mean the world to him. WB Steve is stuck there at the hospital unable to leave until he receives a heart transplant. So let's let him feel our love and support, and let him know that we care and miss him.

Our larger Masonic body meets at the end of March in Duluth for our Grand Lodge Communication. The dates are March 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> and hotel reservations are available at the Holiday Inn or the Radisson. It would be fantastic if we could get the largest contingent there for when the Grand Lodge session opens. I apologize that I can't tell you what the resolutions are that are to be voted on as I haven't seen them yet either, but if you would like to know what they are and give input on how we should vote please come to the next stated meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly I'd like to ask again if any of you know a young man from the ages of 8-11 and 12-21 that may be interested in DeMolay to please let myself or Aaron Brendel know. We are growing the Anoka Chapter of DeMolay but it would be great if we could do it a little faster. Remember we are stronger together as this big Masonic family.

Love and Respect,  
Paul Agustin



Greetings from the South!

This month has really tested my mettle in the "subduing my passions" arena at work and in my personal life. During my trials of letting cooler heads

prevail, I thought about my Brothers and Sisters and realized that our Masonic Family attracts **passionate people!** Our passion is what motivates us to gather together in fellowship to improve ourselves and our community! Our passion drives us to do good and great things! Our passion pushes us to help, aid, and assist others in need! Our passion is one of our primary strengths!

**Question:** So if passion is our strength, why then are we inculcated with the virtue of "subduing our passions"? **Answer:** Harmony.

The ironic thing is that the harmony that is being promoted by subduing our passions is **not** harmony with other, but harmony within ourselves. When we can successfully subdue our passions, and believe me this is easier said than done, we think more clearly, communicate more effectively, and frame our points of view more succinctly. All of these valuable traits make us appear more approachable, calmer, and wiser to set us apart as leaders and stalwart champions of our individual causes.

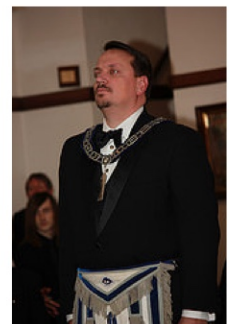
Look around you and will notice that unrestrained passion is exhibited by outbursts of righteous indignation or mocking scorn. Passion, like fire, burns hot and can injure others when not focused or controlled. Likewise, when properly channeled, fire can create lasting, permanent welds, fusing many separate parts into a solid mass. Strive to be the torch, endeavor to subdue your passions build upon your focused strength. Passions run deep in our Brothers and Sisters, and people tend to follow those focused, calm champions that can successfully achieve their inner harmony.

Thanks for letting me pontificate!

Gratefully yours,

Tim Carney

Junior Warden



## FROM THE SECRETARY

Martha Chapter #132

Well, we are at the end of another year and it sure has been a busy one! Congratulations to WM Goody and WP Greg for a fantastic year!

There are still a few of you who have not paid your 2015 dues, please get them in to me as soon as you can! 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.

At the last meeting I read the correspondence from Grand Chapter about this years "Family Heritage" Session. The registration is \$25.00 and it should be sent to me by April 2, 2015 (make checks paid to Martha Chapter #132). They would like everyone to pre-register if possible, this makes the registration process that much smoother when you get there. Also, the meal registration sheets should be sent in by April 10, 2015. If you need copies of any of this information, please let me know and I will make sure you get copies sent to you.

Marge Anderson as moved, her new address is: 640 Monroe Street Apt. 206, Anoka, MN 55303. Her phone number stayed the same.

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 – 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
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### FIRST WEDNESDAY COFFE AND DONUTS

This will be the second month we are having a coffee and donuts at the Lodge at 9:00 AM on the first Wednesday.

If you are unable to come to Lodge because you don't drive at night or just need a ride., This might be for you.

Join your Lodge brothers for a social on the first Wednesday of each month at the Lodge. The price is right. Free.

If you need a ride please call Dave Emery at [763-755-2431](tel:763-755-2431) and we can set one up for you. We could also set up rides on lodge nights also.

Please come and join your brothers for coffee and socializing.



### 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



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Martha Chapter #132 – Order of the Eastern Star

Upcoming events

- March 5 – Annual Meeting
- March 7 – Kitchen & lodge clean-up
- March 8 – All Member Dinner
- March 19 - Farewell

Community Project – “Tie-One-On” Project  
 Twenty-three sisters and brothers from Martha Chapter #132 got together to “tie-one-on.” In two hours, they cut and tied 19 lap robes. Martha Chapter will be donating the robes to Family Promise in Anoka County. Also, through fundraising efforts Martha Chapter raised \$330 of which they applied for matching funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities. They presented the lap robes and money (totaling \$660) to Family Promise in January. Family Promise is a non-profit interfaith hospitality network providing temporary shelter, hospitality and case management for families with dependent children experiencing homelessness.



Stephanie and WM Goody presenting the checks and blankets to Family Promise!

It’s hard to believe that our term as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron will be coming to an end in March. We hope you can make it to our March meetings. On March 5, we will have our annual meeting consisting of the Cheer report, reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Worthy Matron and Patron. On March 19, we will have a memorial service honoring our fallen brothers and sisters.

We will have our annual kitchen and lodge clean-up on March 7. At that time we will clean and organize the kitchen. We have started organizing the Secretaries office. Time to spruce up the room! If you wish to help with the clean-up, please arrive at the lodge by 9:00 a.m.

Attention members of Martha Chapter. You are all invited to the All Member Dinner on March 8. It will be held at the lodge. Social hour begins at 5:00 a.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. We are requesting an RSVP. Please email us at [gvokovan@aol.com](mailto:gvokovan@aol.com) or call us at 763-755-6094.

Reminder...the 2015 Grand Session is on Thursday April 30; Friday, May 1; and Saturday, May 2, at the St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud. Hotel reservations are now available at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud (the MN Grand Chapter headquarters hotel). Call early to reserve your room – mention you are with “Order of the Eastern Star.” Payment for registration is due by April 1 (give to Julia Tollgaard). If you are writing a check, it should be made out to Martha Chapter. Meal reservations are due by April 10.

Remember, .it’s still not too late if you want to donate to the Grand Chapter projects. If anyone would like to donate to the Scottish Rite RiteCare Childhood Language Centers in Minnesota, you can send your donation to Greg and me. Please make your check out to the Minnesota Grand Chapter, OES.

Be blessed, life is good!

Goody and Greg Vokovan



# Steward's Corner



## March 4, 2015 Stated Meeting

It is March and that means St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching. In honor of this enjoyable day, we are having:

*Corned Beef and Cabbage, New Potatoes, Carrots and Bread with Cookies for dessert!*

## March 18, 2015 Master Mason Degree

This is a Past Master Degree so dont miss out! The Jobies are honoring us with their presence and cooking the meal for this evening. Dinner will be:

*Mac n' Cheese with Bacon and Chicken on the side for your choice! A Salad and Brownies for Dessert! Come out and support these fine young women in raising funds for the Jobies!*

Scottish Rite:

Brethren, March begins with one of my Favorite Degrees, The Prussian Knight which reminds us that things are not always what they seem, and it is Directed by our own WM Lee Kielblock. It is accompanied by the 22nd Degree which is truly a "hands on" Degree, in Knight of the Royal Ax. The second Thursday leads into the 23rd and 24th Degrees, Chief of the Tabernacle and

Prince of the Tabernacle. The former being directed by our own WB John Antl.

Sadly due to other events including Grand Lodge they last two Thursdays of the month are dark from other Degrees. These 4 however are filled with great lessons and many other Anoka members who participate in the work, just some of which include Brother Charles Pope, so come down and see the work and support your Brothers!

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.

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Our very own Bones Brothers did it again and made some amazing food!



Anoka Lodge held a benefit for Brother Asher Hoy's son Gage. It was an excellent turn out!



Anoka Lodge # 30 is hosting Janet and Scott Wolter on February 28, 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Their visits are always interesting and should be fun to see.



The silent auction was done well and lots of smiling people were seen coming in and out of the Lodge!

## Newsletter Articles


Remember that you can submit articles for the Star and Compass newsletter and have your upcoming events advertised! Just email your articles to Brother Josh Fulwider at [sandc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:sandc.editor@gmail.com)

Please have them to me by 12 noon on the 15th of every month for the article to be in the following month's newsletter.



There is still time to donate to your Masonic family members that are doing the Polar Plunge on February 28, 2015! Just go to this web page and donate if you're able!

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Wednesday, March 4th: Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting - 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 7th: Lodge Cleanup Day - 8:00 am

Wednesday, March 11th: Officer's Meeting - 6:00 pm / Candidate Class - 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 14th: Metro West Master Mason Lodge of Instruction - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 15th: Anoka Lodge Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 am

Wednesday, March 18th: Anoka Lodge Master Mason Degree - 6:00 pm

Friday, March 20th: Calling Committee - 6:30 pm / Charitable Committee - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25th: Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm / Candidate Class - 6:30 pm

March 26th - 28th: Grand Lodge