



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,

May is upon us, and with it warmer weather and those flowers I mentioned last month. As the flowers bloom, so do does the Masonic knowledge of our newest Entered Apprentices. They continue their journey towards Masonic Light this month during the Fellowcraft degree. My hope is that the flowering of the Masonic knowledge, will lead them to continue their journey toward Masonic Light, and have an active Masonic life. With the help of all the Brothers of the Lodge, I know my hope will be realized.

We had some big events in April, and I wanted to say a big Thank You to all the Brothers who helped with The Master's Good Friday Shrimp dinner! I want to especially thank the newest members of the committee Jay, Josh, and Charles, for stepping up to learn how to run this event. It is great to know that this event will continue into the future. And to all the Brothers who showed up to help, your work in the quarries is what makes this event a success!

Anoka Lodge also hosted a MetroWest Mentorship class in April. This was a great opportunity to learn, or just refresh your memory, about what it means to be

a Mentor, and what has been shown to work. As you continue your Mentorship work, I hope you will find this information useful. Mentorship is a rewarding and useful tool to help maintain our membership, and to build relationships with our newest Brothers. Please contact Brother Ryan Johnson or WB Terrance Schaffer to sign up to be a Mentor.

These events are fun and are a great example of Brothers working together, and helping each other grow and understand what Masonry is about. Knowing that this happens all the time at Anoka Lodge makes me proud to be a part of it all. Keep up the great work Brothers!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Worshipful Master



Greetings and Ramblings from the South!

I know that I am a full month late in talking about the “Due Bounds” topic with March and Grand Lodge now behind us. But being late hasn’t stopped me before and it is not going to stop me now!

Every Master Mason has heard a version of, “... the Compass is dedicated to the Craft, because, by due attention to its use, they are taught to regulate their desires, and keep their passions within due bounds.”

Here we have the concepts of regulating (subduing) passions and keeping our actions within due bounds through the proper use of the Compass. We are taught to circumscribe our actions, keep them in control, to promote peaceful accord and rational thought.

Every Mason has also heard that the actions of a Mason should be prescribed by a dot in the center of a circle contained by two parallel, vertical lines with the Holy Bible at the apex of the circle. The two vertical lines represent Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. And while the educational lecture of this behavioral construct is beautiful and moving, it is also confusing. Many Masons, including me, have asked; “Why these two Saints?”

WARNING! HISTORICAL CONTENT ALERT!

Saint John the Baptist foretold the arrival of Christ. Simply put, his foretelling the coming of divinity including how to become closer to God in deed and action made him a spiritual leader. Saint John the Evangelist was also John the Apostle and the author of the gospels. More simply put, he was the teller of the divine scripture, or recorder of the life of Christ and how to act and behave in accordance with scripture to become closer to God.

END HISTORICAL CONTENT! ALL CLEAR!

The parallels of foretelling and recording the ways to act and behave in accordance with the divine scripture, capped by the Word of God at the apex of the circle provides moral boundaries in which we should interact with one another, namely focusing on Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

“So Tim, how does this impact me?”

It only impacts you as much as you allow it. Masonry helps makes good men better. This behavioral model of keeping ourselves within morally-based Due Bounds makes us better. The vast majority of Masons do this naturally; some of us have to work at it.

In closing, Due Bounds is not just limiting our actions in public settings, or limiting our tendencies to over-indulge, or to limit our passionate discourse with others. Due Bounds is a concept that is designed to help us be more moral, more compassionate, and more caring individuals. Due Bounds helps us to become better men.

As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or comments. Email: timothy_carney@hotmail.com or call 612-801-4843

Fraternally yours,

Tim Carney

Junior Warden





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:

Brethren, the spring class is coming to a close with the 31st Degree, The Inspector Inquisitor, and in my opinion it is the most thought provoking Degree at the Rite, which will be put on the first Thursday of May 5th. This marks the beginning of the Consistory Degrees and culminates with the final Degree, the 32nd, or Master of the Royal Secret on May 9th. Of course this is also the Spring Reunion day and so the other four Terminal Degrees will be put on that day

as well. So If you have missed any before or during this years class you can make them up this day. The 4th Degree will begin at 8am, with the 14th, 18th and 30th to follow throughout the day until the 32nd ending the festivities.

If on time, the 32nd Degree will begin around 5pm, with a large Anoka class coming through it would be great to see some Brothers faces there to support them on this special day. Come down for some or all of the Degrees and reconnect with your Scottish Rite Brethren. Reservations for lunch and dinner should be made with the office if you plan to attend them but it is not required to come down and just share the day!

As always If you have any questions, concerns or want to fill out an application, the one day, as stated, is on May 9th, so this is near your last chance to get signed up, if interested please feel free to contact myself or any Scottish Rite member.

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Martha Chapter #132 - honoring 50 years

It is May, spring is here and that means it is time for Grand Chapter April 30, May 1 & 2. If you haven't already pre-registered you may do so at Grand Chapter.



We are saddened to report the passing of our sister, Betty Arnsdorf on March 30, 2015. Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to the family of our deceased sister.

On March 19, Lois and Roy Downs received their 50-year membership certificate and pin from Goody Vokovan, WM and Greg Vokovan, WP. Lois and Roy were initiated into Arcana Chapter #38 on March 30, 1965 and affiliated with Martha Chapter on April 16, 2009. Congratulations Lois and Roy.

Thank you all for your generous April donations of shampoo and conditioners to Family Promise. We will continue with our May contributions to Family Promise of body wash and lotions for all ages.

May 7th we will honor mothers and sisters. A presentation by the Job's of What the Robe Means to Me and also a presentation by DeMolay of the Rose.

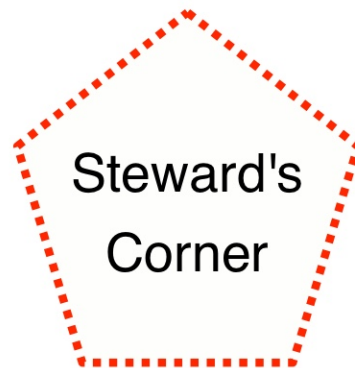
May 21st will be initiation of a new member into Martha Chapter. Also it will be Happy Birthday to Martha Chapter and honor our 25 year members.

Thank you everyone who came to Installation on March 22nd, a beautiful memory that will not be forgotten. It makes us proud to be a member of Martha Chapter and the Masonic Family.

We will see you at our Chapter meetings.

“We're Still Goin' Strong”

Bonnie Miller, WM & Jordy Stradtman, WP



May 6, 2015 Stated Meeting
Country Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatos, Gravy, Corn, Ice Cream

May 20, 2015 FellowCraft Degree
Hot Dog Bar!!
Ballpark franks, buns and all the fixings to build your own masterpiece! Chili, cheese, onions, relish etc. Snack Chips and Cookies

Come on out for dinner and enjoy the company of Brothers!



Job's Daughters Masonic Honoring April 20, 2015

**The Gage Hoy
Fundraiser was a
great success. On
April 1, 2015,
Anoka Lodge #30
presented a
check to Brother
Asher. Gage is
cancer free as of
this day!
Awesome News!**



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

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.

Kitchen Remodeling Project

We had our first meeting for the Kitchen Remodeling Project. PM Goody Vokovan, called the meeting. In attendance were WM Lee Kielblock, WM Bonnie Miller, SS Josh Fulwider, Conductress Sharon Barlow, JS Jeremy Hill, WP Jordan Stradtman (Bones Brothers), PM PP Greg Vokoman and Trustee Wayne LaMusga. As you can see we had a good balance of Star and Lodge with several of the heavy kitchen users. The tone of the meeting was very relaxed, we did not appoint a chair or scribe and we forgot to do formal introductions. Several ideas were brought up; raising the ceiling by the dish sanitizer, replacing the range, maybe moving a couple of walls and trying to get more storage space. Josh pointed out that as the kitchen is the focal point in a home the kitchen at the Lodge is the focal point for our Masonic Family and if we had a better kitchen the Lodge could be busier than it is now.


The conversation broadened to other projects that need to be done around the Lodge. Short term; increasing the size of the garage, the outside security light on the South covering the area by the fire escape and the small flat roof on the front entry. Long term;

after remodeling the kitchen, redo the dining room to update the overall look, put windows back in the Lodge-Chapter room on the North and South and relamp the Lodge-Chapter room with LED .

There is going to be a need for a fund raiser as kitchens are expensive to remodel and ours will be no exception. We have asked RJ Marco (did the water abatement) for a bid and will get other bids as well.

Wayne LaMusga PM PP

Trustee to both Lodge and Star



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Wednesday, May 6th, 9:00 am - 1st Wednesday Coffee
Wednesday, May 6th, 6:00 pm - Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting
Wednesday, May 13th, 6:00 pm - Officer's Meeting / Degree Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 13th, 6:30 pm - Candidate Class
Wednesday, May 13th, 7:00 pm - Past Master Committee
Friday, May 15th, 6:30 pm - Calling Committee
Friday, May 15th, 7:00 pm - Charitable Committee
Sunday, May 17th, 8:00 am - Anoka Lodge Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, May 20th, 6:00 pm - Anoka Lodge Fellowcraft Degree
Wednesday, May 27th, 6:00 pm - Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 27th, 6:30 pm - Candidate Class