



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,

June has arrived, and with it Labor Day, the unofficial start of summer is just past. As we move into the summer, many of the organizations of the Anoka Masonic family go dark. They do not have official stated meetings, but there are still fun activities happening during the summer. Keep your eye on the Lodge calendar for some of these events. It is a great way to meet and experience what all the Masonic organizations have to offer.

For Anoka Lodge #30, June is still a busy month. We have our stated meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a special visit from Anoka Police Officer Paul Schley. He will be making a presentation about cardiac arrest, and give free training in bystander CPR. On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Anoka Lodge Outdoor Master Mason Degree. The first part of the degree will be at the Lodge, and the second part at the home of WB Jacob Geer in Oak Grove. Directions will be provided at the stated meeting. In addition, we have the monthly Pancake Breakfast on Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Bring your families in for a great pancake breakfast to start the day!

One important thing that will be started this month is a Capital Fundraising committee, to

start raising funds for some needed repairs and updates to our wonderful Lodge building. I encourage anyone interested in helping to raise the funds, through serving on the committee, or with ideas of how to raise funds, to contact the committee.

It is hard to believe that I am halfway through my term serving Anoka Lodge as Worshipful Master. It has been a great year so far, and I want to thank all of the Brothers for being so willing to help, and for all the hard work in the quarries. There are some fun events coming up in the second half of the year, and I am looking forward to more great times with my Brothers!

There is one final message for the summer meetings. As there is no air conditioning in the Lodge room, the tradition will continue that Hawaiian shirts and shorts are the official attire for the June, July, and August meetings at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

This has become a difficult year for quite a few members of our Masonic Family. There have been several Brothers who have gone on to the celestial lodge, and several Sisters too have passed through the veil. There have also been those who have been sick or had surgeries. Our prayers and thoughts are an amazing thing, the healing power and coping mechanism that grows out of our love for our Masonic community is a blessing. As quite a few of you know my step father Jim Ardito a member of Valley City Lodge #7 of North Dakota, has been battling broken hips, a stroke, Alzheimer's and Dementia. I personally have felt the support of our community, you have been the cornerstone for me the "pillar of strength" giving me quite a bit of power to keep my attitude high. My Mother who is not a member herself of any Masonic organization has felt the love and support and we both would like to thank you for your prayers.

Our continued support for our youth organizations is also AMAZING! Our Job's Daughters Bethel is going to have over 20 member I believe very shortly, and our DeMolay Chapter is at 18 on the books right now (we haven't even finished a single term for the officers yet). The Cryptic Counsel which recently reformed at Anoka has pledged to have at least one member at each DeMolay event, what a great show of support.

Keep up the great work of supporting one another and our Masonic organizations you are what make us all great!

Love and Respect,  
Paul Agustin



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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

Greetings and musings from the South!

These rambling articles eventually will go someplace, I am not sure exactly where, but there will be an eventual conclusion. This month I want to share some of my observations about one of our first working tools, the Common Gavel, and how it relates to the previous topics of self-control and self-improvement.

One of the core ideas of Masonry is the "Self-made Man" which when illustrated depicts a man chipping away at a block of stone to reveal himself hidden from within. This idea of removing the detritus of what is not the core of man from that which is, lies at the heart of the lesson of the Common Gavel. The Common Gavel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to chip away the rough edges of stone to make them fit for the builder's use, but speculative Masons are taught to use the emblematical Common Gavel to "divest our minds and consciousnesses of the vices and superfluities of life" in an effort to achieve a more perfect spiritual state.

What is superfluous in life? What the heck does that even mean?! Quick! To the Internets!!

According to dictionary.com, superfluous means:

Adjective:

1. Being more than is sufficient or required: excessive.
2. Unnecessary or needless.

Well, crap. There goes my hobby of collecting dryer lint....

Actually, this is not too far from the truth. We Masons should spend our time and efforts enriching our lives and the lives of those around us. This does not mean that we can't have hobbies, or fun, or even be frivolous. It does mean that we shouldn't be self-destructive and chip away at our vital parts instead of the chaff that

does not make us who we are. Superfluous, meaningless, and valueless activities and habits do not add to our sum total and destructive behavior and vices detract from us and our loved ones making us less than we could be otherwise.

To be clear, I am not talking about the social drink or the cigar with friends and brothers that some of us enjoy, as these activities build fellowship and add to the richness of our Masonic society and wealth of memories. I am talking about self-imposed isolation and destructive vices we sometimes choose to engage. In both instances, we can hurt ourselves and loved ones and can fall into a spiral of self-destruction. The Common Gavel teaches us to limit those behaviors and remove them from our lives.

Also, we are a Family and if you find yourself in a position where you need help with the divestiture of these vices and demons, please contact me, or any other Brother or Sister for help. We will keep your confidence and assist you in any way we can. You are not alone and never far from aid.

If we spend our time enriching our lives and the lives of others, we will eventually emerge from that block of stone, whole, wholesome, and complete as living blocks, for that house not made of hands; eternal in the heavens!

Thank you for reading, and as usual, if you have any questions, or require any assistance, please contact me at [timothy\\_carney@hotmail.com](mailto:timothy_carney@hotmail.com) or on my cell at 612-801-4843.

Tim Carney

Junior Warden



Scottish Rite:

Brethren, the summer leaves the Scottish Rite pretty dark until the Fall Class which begins on August 22nd. There will be another open house to learn more about the Rite on Thursday, August 6th, which I will remind you of when it get's closer.

For those we were unable to do the One Day to Scottish Rite in May, there is a strong indication that in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Minneapolis Valley we will hold a second One Day in December. I will post more details as I get them, so if you don't want to wait till May of 2016 or go through the long class, please avail yourself of this great opportunity to be part of the 100th anniversary year.

As always If you have any questions, concerns or want to fill out an application, please feel free to contact myself or any Scottish Rite member.

WB Terrance M Schaffer  
Anoka Double Eagle  
Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite

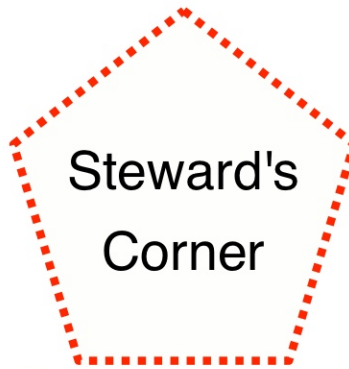


Table Lodge is coming up soon! As you know we have our Table Lodge in September. This is an excellent event with great food. We are going to be serving PRIME RIB as usual so please look and listen for more information to follow soon! Due to the limeted seating of this event, dinner will need to be paid for in advance. More information will follow soon.

**Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting**

**Wednesday June 3, 2015**


Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Cake

**Anoka Lodge Master Mason Degree**

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BBQ Ribs, Bean Hotdish, Chips and Bownies





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**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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4<sup>th</sup> – School of Instruction with Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Salad Luncheon

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Honor Fathers and Brothers

June 27<sup>th</sup> – 50 (+) Year Member Tea – 11:00 p.m.

Grand Chapter of Minnesota is over and we are honored to have two members from Martha Chapter installed as Grand Chapter officers. Peg Oliver was installed as Grand Conductress and Beth Brown as Grand Esther. We will do our best to support them in every way we can.

An update on our Family Promise giving for April included shampoo and conditioners for all ages. Family Promise was delighted to receive the donations as there is always a great need for these products. We also delivered products that were not used from the Grand Chapter Hospitality Room which they were also pleased to receive. Thank you to all who so generously donated these items.

In May we will be collecting body wash and lotions for Family Promise as we continue to support those in need. Bring your items to the Chapter meetings and we will again deliver them at the end of the month. Worthy Patron Jordy wants to remind all the Brothers that this isn't just an "Eastern Star thing"; we'd be more than happy to accept donations of these items by Brothers of the Lodge.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> Job's Daughters and DeMolay visited our Chapter and gave lectures from their ritual work. The Jobies spoke on "What the Robe Means to Me" with 4 of the girls demonstrating the symbolism associated with the robe as Bethel Guardian Toni Murray presented the lecture. We learned much about the robe and its meaning and symbolism that we never would have known.

The DeMolay gave a very touching presentation of the Rose Talk for mothers. If you haven't had a chance to hear this lecture, I would highly recommend it. It is very moving and the excellent jobs done by the boys didn't fail in touching our hearts. We want to thank the Job's Daughters and DeMolay for giving of their time to enlighten us.

Additionally, we honored Mothers and Sisters during the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. As you can tell, it was a Mother's Day Theme and a fun time was had by everyone.

May 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a Happy Birthday Martha Chapter and also honor our 25 year members. On this same date will also be initiating a new member.

We are again saddened that our Golden Chain was again broken by the passing of Sister Ruth Mary Brunsell who passed away on April 21<sup>st</sup> and Sister Dianne Lennon who passed away on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our hearts go out to their families as we hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

We are "Still Goin' Strong"

Hope to see you at our Chapter meetings,  
Bonnie Miller, WM & Jordy Stradtman, WP  
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Wednesday, June 3rd - 1st Wednesday Coffee 9:00 am  
Wednesday, June 3rd - Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 10th - Officer's Meeting / Degree Rehearsal 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 10th - Candidate Class 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, June 10th - Past Masters Meeting 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 17th - Candidate Class 6:30 pm  
Friday, June 19th - Calling committee 6:30 pm  
Friday, June 19th - Charitable Committee 7:00 pm  
Saturday, June 20th - Master Mason Outdoor Degree 9:00 am  
Sunday, June 21st - Anoka Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am  
Wednesday, June 24th - Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 24th - Candidate Class 6:30 pm