



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 Independence Day!! Summer is now in full swing, and the joy of warm weather is here. While we do not have degrees during July and August, I hope that you will still join us for the State meetings the first Wednesday of the month. There are also some fun events happening during July, and I encourage you to take part in them to help spread the word about the good works that Anoka Lodge the Anoka Masonic Family does for our community.

The first big event is Anoka Riverfest. The Bones Brothers will be representing Anoka Lodge with a food booth serving some tasty treats. It is always fun to hang out at the food booth for a while. Starting in the morning and through the afternoon, join your Brothers and help represent Anoka Lodge with the Anoka community. The second big event in July is the Anoka County Fair. The fair runs from July 21st to the 26th. Anoka Lodge has a new location with an outdoor booth this year. It is bigger than the booth we had inside a building the last few years, and will make us more visible to the fair goers. Please sign up with the Junior Steward for one or more shifts at the fair. It is a great time to get to know your Brothers, and people in the community.

One of the tenets of the Masonic institution is Relief, or Charity. While the summer is a time for fun at the lake or cabin, or to take a vacation from work, let us not forget that the many charitable organizations still need our help during the warm seasons of spring and summer. Charity is a year round effort that helps make the community and the world a better place for all. Please be sure the check the bins in the Lodge for the different needs of charities that are supported by the Anoka Masonic Family. And if you really want to help and find out about more opportunities, come and talk to the Charitable Activities Committee on the third Friday of the month at the Lodge.

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 July, and August meetings at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock

Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

Here we are at Summer again. Another year has passed since we last had the longest day and enjoyed the sunny warm weather, ok and suffered the bugs. We have quite a few gatherings coming up from River Fest to the Anoka County Fair as well as our appendant bodies involvement in summer parades. I hope everyone is planning on attending and having fun while showing our existence and support to our community. The Anoka DeMolay and Lodge T-shirts (that are available by the way for \$20) which have the line on them of "Stronger Together" is true not only of that relationship but of all our appendant bodies and the community. Our strength lies in us working together and communicating our presence while building the community we live in.

Again I hope you all are enjoying the weather. Take care of your selves and stay safe.

With Love and Respect,
Paul Agustin



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



Anoka Lodge #30 Outdoor Master Mason Degree



Greetings from the South!

July is already upon us and while we are celebrating the birth of our great nation, we should also reflect on the tools that our founding fathers relied on to provide guidance during the tumultuous period of the revolution. When the independent colonies joined together to create the First Continental Congress, they were thirteen independent nations, each with their own ideas of government and moral virtues. General George Washington faced a most difficult task of forging a single Colonial Army out of thirteen state militias, each with a different state religion, different values, and different objectives.

Enter Freemasonry.

General George Washington had all of his sub-generals and command officers join Freemasonry to build a level of trust and fraternal bonds that would unite the state militias into a common fighting force. This Colonial Army was the exact opposite of what England expected. The Red Coats fully expected to roll over the individual state militias and after three or four one-sided battles accept the unconditional surrender of the revolting colonies. They were wrong and unprepared.

Through the Colonial Army's use of subduing their passions and accepting others of differing religious practices as Brothers, they formed a cohesive, effective fighting force. As a result, when we celebrate the founding of our nation this summer, never forget the important role Freemasonry played in gaining our Independence and securing our Freedoms.

As usual, feel free to reach out to me directly at timothy_carney@hotmail.com or at 612-801-4843.

Thank you!

Tim Carney

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As energy costs keep going up the expense that the Lodge must pay out for heat, lighting and repairs keeps going up as well. We have been trying to get a handle on our expenses by asking the other organizations that use the building to turn off the lights and turn down the thermostat. To keep from going to everyone with our Masters Hat in his hands we have started to make some changes on our own. The Lodge room has now been changed from Incandescent lights to LED's. I'm not sure how much of a change we'll see now that we are in summer mode but come September we should see something. If you haven't been to Lodge or Chapter for a while you may want to come and see the change in lighting.

We need to keep our eye on technology to help us with our energy costs and along that line if you never ask the question the answer is always No. With that in mind on a Monday afternoon this June I met with a Solar Consultant at the Lodge to see if Solar Panels are options for us. If you're interested in what the answer was... let's meet with the Consultant on Thursday July 2nd at 7:00 PM. I would ask that the Trustees for both Lodge and Star try and attend.

Wayne LaMusga

Trustee for both Lodge and Star

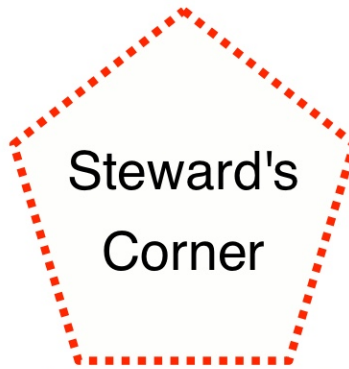



Table Lodge is coming up soon! As you know we have our Table Lodge in September. This is an excellent event with great food. We are going to be serving PRIME RIB as usual so please look and listen for more information to follow soon! Due to the limited seating of this event, dinner will need to be paid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

Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting

Wednesday July 1, 2015

PIZZA!!!



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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.



**Job's Daughters
Installation for
Bethel # 48.**

June 14, 2015

This term was crazy. Crazy fun, crazy busy and crazy productive. Job's Daughters' Bethel 48 initiated 6 new members, had 18 Masons come to our Masonic honoring where we formed the square and compass formation to close the meeting and took a self-defense class. This term, the daughters of Bethel #48 grew and blossomed. I would like to share with you the craziness that has taken place during this last 6 months.

To begin our term, the newly formed chapter of the Anoka DeMolay allowed us to share their first installation day. During his installation, Master Councilor AJ Brendel proposed the membership challenge; the head of the body which initiates the most members would get to pie the other in the face. While both groups experienced amazing growth, we won this challenge by initiating 6 new members. This allowed us to have enough members to form a square and compass at our Masonic Honoring.

We also took a self-defense class at Professional Karate Studios for our mystery trip. We made 6 blankets at our friendship in March, for this term's service project, making blankets for Hope 4 Youth. Later that month we took on Grand Bethel 2015, where 4 of our daughters were installed into the Grand Bethel of Minnesota. Masonic youth weekend started with Sweetheart formal on Lady of the Lake on Lake Minnetonka, then we went to Valley Fair the following day, and then joined Jobies from all over the state, Demolay, and members of the Grand Commandry of Minnesota in the Acacia Memorial service on Memorial day. We

finished our term up with the installation of Bailey Brendel as honored Queen for the coming term.

This is only a snapshot of the amazing things that we experienced this term. I have learned so much from being in this beautiful order and I continue to learn new things every day. This term would not have been so successful without the help of every single daughter, majority member and adult in this Bethel, as well as the unbelievable support we receive from the Masons of Anoka Lodge #30, and all the other bodies. We meet every first and third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Anoka Masonic Lodge, and are dark during the months of July and August. If you have any questions about us or what we do, please visit our website at www.mnjd.org.

Jobie Love,
Francesca Dimatteo, PHQ 48



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 18 – Martha Chapter meeting (honoring Brothers and Fathers)
- July 11 - Riverfest
- July 17-19 – Brat Stand – Riverside Cub
- July 21-26 - Anoka County Fair
- August 1 - Martha Chapter Picnic at Charlie's

Summer is here now and our busy spring is a thing of the past. June 4th was School of Instruction with Sister Joyce McCurdy, Past Grand Matron, refreshing our memories of things we can't believe we forgot. Thanks so much Sister Joyce, we were so honored to have you with us. We honored Fathers and Brothers on June 18th. The Salad Luncheon was very successful thanks to Sister Janet and her committee of very hard workers. As of this writing we have not honored our 50+ year members but will do so with a luncheon on the 27th.

We are saddened by the loss of two of our Martha Chapter members, Sister, Dianne Lennon on May 11th and Sister, Jeanne Reitan on May 31st. Please keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this time of sorrow.

July and August the Chapter will be dark.

July 11th is Riverfest where we will offer our traditional Strawberry Shortcake and iced tea.

July 17-19 we are taking on a new fundraiser working at Riverdale Cub at the Brat Stand. July 21-26 is the Anoka County Fair.

Thanks to these summertime activities we will be able to communicate to the public that Anoka OES is "Still Goin' Strong".

Save the Date: August 1st at 2:00 is the Martha Chapter Picnic at Charlie's home.

Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy will provide the burgers, brats and beverages. If members would care to bring a dish to share that would be welcome, but if you don't have the opportunity to prepare something please come anyway as there will be plenty of food for all. Please bring your family and "prospective members" for a fun time and great fellowship. Charlie's address: 11911 Isanti Street NE, Blaine, MN 55449 – 612-789-2527.

Hope to see you at our Chapter meeting in September,

We're "Still Goin' Strong" and we wish you a wonderful summer.

Bonnie Miller, WM & Jordy Stradtman, WP

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Wednesday, July 1st - 1st Wednesday Coffee 9:00 am
Wednesday, July 1st - Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 8th - Officer's Meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday, July 9th - Solar Panel Presentation 7:00 pm
Friday, July 10th - Riverfest Prep 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 11th - Anoka Riverfest 9:00 am
Friday, July 17th - Calling Committee 6:30 pm
Friday, July 17th - Charitable Activities Committee 7:00 pm
Friday, July 17th - Ribs Bibs & Blues Committee 7:00 pm
Sunday, July 19th - Anoka Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am
Tuesday, July 21st - 26th Anoka County Fair
Wednesday, July 22nd - Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm