



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 from the East!

Well we are rolling right along into the year. This past month I attended the first meeting of Franni Dimatteo Honored Queen of Job's Daughter's Bethel #48, and was honored to speak to them about what Masonry is. As the girls all have some sort of Masonic affiliation they may have had an inkling of what we are and what we do but I gave them a more heartfelt version rather than an elevator speech. It was very special for me to be there as I there when she was introduced to some of the young women from our Bethel, and now I have gotten to see what a leader she has become. If you have never been to a Job's Daughter's meeting you should really consider going it will not only make you happier, but they really love to see us on the sidelines.

Some things to start thinking about are the upcoming events. There is a second school of instruction on Saturday the 13th of February with donuts and coffee at 8 and the school starting at 9am and going until noon. We have a Fellow Craft degree on Wednesday February 17th with dinner at 6pm and the degree starting promptly at 7pm. We are going to start up the calling committee again on the 3rd Friday of February at 6 pm and then continuing on each 3rd Friday throughout the year, with some exceptions of course. The 3rd school of instruction will be in March on the 12th with the same timing etc as the February one. One that's quite a ways out at the moment but we should all be thinking about is the Grand Lodge Communication coming up April 7th-9th.

Brethren do you remember when you petitioned the lodge for membership? Do you remember the excitement and joy when you were contacted by a few men from the Lodge to have a conversation about Masonry and your potential addition to our ranks? Well we have to make sure that when we are asked to perform those investigations, that we answer that call and get in touch with these potential candidates. I am saddened to hear that we failed to have someone in the One Day to Masonry because we failed to get our investigations completed. Think about how that affects this man's opinion of us, our Lodge, and our Craft. Think about how you would have felt. Please take these investigation requests seriously, and if you cannot perform it please let the secretary know so he can send it to someone else.

Love & Respect,

Paul Agustin
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

Happy New Year!

February is a great month. It is the month of Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day. On the surface, these three occurrences are only related by the month in which they fall. After all, what can a holiday commemorating a rodent, an occasion to buy flowers and candy to your better half, and a day dedicated to a bunch of dead presidents have in common? I believe that they have more in common than people may believe.

Groundhog's Day is a tradition where Puxsutawney Phil, the famous Groundhog of honor, is coaxed out of his den from comfortable nap. If he stays out of his den, then spring is on its way, otherwise, winter hangs around for six more weeks. Puxsutawney Phil scurries back into his little hole and winter lingers on when he sees his shadow. Phil runs from darkness, back into the dark. When Spring, or rebirth and growth, is near, Puxsutawney is brought from the Darkness of his den to the Light of day, without fear of the dark.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in the name of Saint Valentine. Saint Valentine was a priest who lived by the tenets of Relief and Charity. His works to assist the people in foreign lands, minister and succor the needy, and teach and minister his faith changed the lives of many thousands of people. Saint Valentine's belief in his mission was so strong that he was martyred and canonized for his steadfast work.

President's Day originally was the celebration of the birthday of George Washington and later the birthday of Abe Lincoln. Besides being the first President of the United States, George Washington was also instrumental in the Masonic movement in the United States. Due to MWB George Washington, Masonry in America became a shaping force for our country. The tenets on Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are strong and good for the world and millions of

lives have been changed by these tenets and our Masonic Labors.

In every occasion, we can glean a Masonic lesson or an honoring a Masonic Brother's accomplishments. I, therefore, propose that we rebrand February from the month of groundhogs, candy and cards, and huge furniture sales to one celebrating Masonic Service. February is a great month, let's make it better by remembering the Masonic Truths and displaying the beauties of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

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**Tim Carney
Senior Warden**



Our 4 New Entered Apprentices, please make sure to say hello and make them feel welcome at the lodge!

Greetings from the South!

The first Degree cycle for the year has begun and as always I am reminded why ritual is so important to us. As it has been said before, it is what separates us from the other fraternal organizations. It is what makes us who we are and teaches us those most important lessons.

No matter how many times I see a degree I always find something new I may not have noticed or perhaps some passage holds more meaning, either because of something that has occurred in my life or maybe just at that time I see with more clarity those messages our ancient Brethren were trying to convey.

For me there also comes better understanding from the learning and study of those words we hear spoken but rarely take the time to understand. My appreciation grows as I find the points of connection between myself and watching those candidates take those same steps I did such a short time ago.

Our Masonic education doesn't end with the Master Masons Degree Brothers. There are so many ways to expand your knowledge, to go beyond yourself. Either by independent study, with groups such as the Philalethes Society, or Appending Bodies like the York and Scottish Rites.

Avail yourself of these opportunities to grow, come to the Degrees and see what you may have missed or in the end just to support those Brothers putting them on or going through them. Share in that experience we have all shared for hundreds of years, be a part of their journey.

Terrance M Schaffer
Junior Warden



The Traveling Man group went over to Stillwater Lodge #1. A neat lodge situated on the 3rd floor of their own building in downtown Stillwater. A long climb up stairs to reach but worth the effort to meet the Brothers!

On Feb 10th, we will be heading up to Fraternal Lodge #92 in Princeton. Dinner is at 6:30pm and we plan to attend, so if you do let me know ASAP so we can tell their Stewards. If you want to car pool, meet at the lodge around 5:15pm.

Thomas Senenfelder
Traveling Man Coordinator
For more info call: 763-746-6720



Visiting Stillwater Lodge #1!

Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Lucas Kielblock receives his Masonic Bible for Proving up in his Master masons degree!



The Anoka Masonic Family Banquet!



Some of the Award Winners!





Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

To end my term as Honored Queen I wanted to write the last six months in review. To start off the term we had a pool party at the Dimatteo's house where we swam, ate a potluck, and had an overall great time. Next we all yee hawed our way to to down on the farm camp where Bethel 48 dominated in events like canoe racing with and without paddles, costume contest, water weenie, and more. We also participated in skit night where Myron AKA. Myrisha danced the hoedown throw down with us, and chapel when we put Toni Murray to tears with the song Count On Me by Bruno Mars.

After the craziness of camp we had our Mystery Trip where we went to Fawn DeRosa which is kind of like a petting zoo, but most of the animals are not in cages. At Fawn DeRosa I saw most of if not all of the girls and adults having a lot of fun. Later that night was the Back To School Dance hosted by Anoka DeMolay. This dance was a really great dance it was well attended, people were actually dancing, and everyone looked like they were having a great time. Next we had our 60s themed friendship we ate sewer pipe sundaes with some girls from other bethels, and it was a fun time. After that we had our Go To Church Sunday at Lord Of Life Church we all got up bright and early and went to their service, and their service was all about their pianist Malcolm who was leaving the church. It was an beautiful service. After that we had serve the Masons and Kidnap the master. We fed our Masons mac n cheese, and then after we cleaned up we snuck upstairs and surprised Lee, kidnapped him; turned him into Leisha; took him to Lowes; and taught him how to do the hoedown throw down with Myrisha. After that eventful night we had the cotton candy making for the Halloween parade. Anoka DeMolay came and helped us out with it, and with them we got the work done in half the time. The next morning was the Halloween Parade. At the parade we had 2 girls on the float representing Job's daughters and a bunch

of girls out selling the cotton candy. It was a little cold but that's alright. Next we had the Anoka Masonic Youth Day of Thanks with the DeMolay where we collected 700+ pounds of food for the ACBC food shelf and then had a game night afterwards.

Then we had our progressive dinner where we went from one house to another eating one course at a time and then ended up at the Jenson's house to make tie blankets and have a sleepover. At the sleepover we all learned how to play new Jobie games for sleepovers. It is amazing how fast time goes by when you're having fun with amazing people. I want to thank all the masonic bodies for supporting Bethel 48, and we are very excited to work with all of you in the years to come.

Jobie Love,

Bailey Brendel
Jr. PHQ, Bethel #48



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

First off we would like to thank everyone who participated in the 1st ever Anoka Masonic Family Banquet. It was a great night and we hope it will continue in the future and grow.

We will be having our Installation of Officers on Saturday, February 6th at 1pm. Connor Talbert will be going in as Master Councilor and we hope you can all come out and show your support for the Anoka Chapter of the DeMolay.

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Our last meeting on January 21st was Casino Night and so much fun. We had many laughs and giggles with many games and prizes. Our next meeting on February 4th is Women's Health – Wear Red.

We had the privilege to attend the Anoka Masonic Family Banquet on Saturday the 9th in Otsego and what a wonderful success it was. The Jobies and DeMolay demonstrated their ability to honor all the Masonic bodies. We couldn't have been more proud of them.

Remember those applying for scholarships, the applications must be in by February 15th, the Pat Rasmussen Continuing Education Scholarship, M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship and ESTARL.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 4th - is Women's Health (*heart health information for both men and women*) and we are encouraging members wear RED.

February 18th – Martha Chapter was asked again to host the Minnesota Grand Representatives Annual Meeting Lunch and Reception. Everyone is welcome to come and greet the Grand Representatives. If you would like to help with the reception please give us a call. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

During the month of February we will be collecting Dishwasher and Dish Soap for Family Promise.

Grand Chapter will soon upon us, May 5, May 6 and May 7, 2016 at the River's Edge

Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

Bakeless Bake Sale (ongoing) - fundraiser for future kitchen remodeling project

Happiness is believing in peace on earth and good will to all mankind, wishing you more happiness than you thought you could find!

See you at our Chapter meetings.

We're "Still Goin' Strong"

Bonnie Miller
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Worthy Patron
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Anoka Coffee Clutch:

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month for coffee, donuts and fellowship at the lodge. We will be meeting at 9am and stay till the last one leaves.

It is our hope to meet up and perhaps take care of some of those lodge duties that need to get done, including vacuming and dusting upstairs.

Since we no longer have offical cleaners, it's up to us, it's members to pitch in and keep our home clean. Please come join us for some morning fun.

Please contact WB Dave Emery at 763-755-2431

Stewards Corner!



February 3rd Stated Meeting will consist of Lettuce Wrap Sandwiches, Sides and Dessert.

February 17th for the FC Degree we will be having Turkey Sausage Meatballs and “Zoodles” with assorted Sides and Dessert.

**Brett Hall
Senior Steward**



Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family is in need of support, please contact him at (612) 702-4770



Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

On Saturday, February 13th, the Bones Brothers will be providing food for the “Guns & Roses” event being held at the Osseo Gun Club.

The event runs from 10am till 9pm at night with Terri Traen from the KQRS Morning show being there from 11am – 2pm.

The Gun Club is owned by a Brother and Proceeds from the event will be going to charity.

Remember, you can always buy some Swag to help support them!



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Scottish Rite:



Brothers, The Spring Class of the Scottish Rite is in full gear as we begin the month with one of the Terminal Degrees and the last in the Lodge of Perfection. The 14th Degree or Perfect Elu teaches how we should strive to be true to ourselves and God.

The second week starts the Degrees for the Chapter of the Rose Croix. (My line) Beginning with the 14th & 15th Degrees and ending all too quickly on the 3rd Thursday with the 17th & 18th Degrees, the 18th being another Terminal Degree called Knight of the Rose Croix.

The last Thursday of the month is something special to all of us at Anoka lodge as it is the night of the 19th & 20th Degrees. I hope by now you all know that the 20th Degree is Anoka Lodges adopted Degree and put on almost exclusively by our members.

It would be great to have as many of you Brothers who are members of the Rite from Anoka to come down and show your support for those putting on this Degree.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to still fill out a petition for the spring reunion in May please don't hesitate to contact me.

WB Terrance M Schaffer
Double Eagle, Anoka Lodge #30
Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite



Upcoming Lodge Events:

Wednesday, Feb 3rd – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, Feb 3rd – Anoka Stated 6pm
Saturday, Feb 13th – 2nd School of Instruction
Wednesday, Feb 17th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, Feb 17th – FC Degree
Sunday, Feb 21st – Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, Feb 24th – Trustees Meeting 6pm

For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

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The Head Table for the 1st Annual Anoka Masonic Family Banquet!