



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!

As I sit and think about the various tools and items of a Mason I realize that two very important ones are a bit contradictory. The cable tow and the 24 inch gauge, because at times you know you should be able to do something but because of time constraints and other time dependent obligations it is simply not possible. When we become Master Masons we are held to a higher standard than when we were Fellow Crafts or Entered Apprentices and even more so as one progresses through the officer line. We suddenly fall prey to the little joke of; we as Masons believe there are 26 hours in the day and only 24 letters in the alphabet, and then it's no longer a joke. Trying to balance the Masonic with work and Family is not an easy task for anyone, which is why we are reminded by the 24 inch gauge of its importance.

We have Brethren among us who, for whatever reason, could not go through our long form classes and have become Brothers through the One Day to Masonry program. These Brothers were making use of the 24 inch gauge before they realized it. There is a perception that if one isn't available, or attending things that they are less committed, but let's remember to meet upon the level and subdue our passions as these Brothers may have conflicts. I am unable, due to work this coming month, to be able to attend the Stated meeting, the special degree night, or our actual degree night. So I ask of you please help me and attend these events, especially the special degree night on March 11th so we can give our new Brother a warm welcome as he is passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, I believe we will start the degree at 7pm sharp.

The annual shrimp dinner is coming up on March 25th look for tickets in the mail they are \$15 each or 4 for \$50. This event is a fantastic event with great food and brings in the community so please come and celebrate Good Friday with us at the Lodge.

Our third school of instruction is coming up on Saturday March 12th starting at 8am with some coffee and light breakfast and the school itself beginning at 9am and going until noon. March 29th which is the 5th Tuesday is the Osseo Gun Clubs Masonic shoot where each lodge competes for a travelling trophy and has some fun fellowship, this event is always the 5th Tuesday of a month so look for this to be coming around just before the Metro West meetings. Speaking of the Metro West meeting we will be meeting Wednesday March 30th and it will be held at Anoka, you do not need to be an officer to attend this meeting.

Love & Respect,

Paul Agustin
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

Are you ready to set your clocks forward an hour this month on Sunday, March 13th? We get to borrow an hour of daylight in the morning to tack on to the end of the day.

Many people, especially Masons, believe that Brother Ben Franklin came up with the idea. Yet, however natural that supposition is, it is erroneous. Ben Franklin did write a satire that was published in France claiming that in order to save on candles and lamp oil, the French people should adopt a much early schedule. He was railing against the general laissez-faire attitude of the French aristocrats who partied unto the wee hours of the morning and did not begin work until the day was more than half over.

At that point in history, there was no synchronization of a national clock and each region kept its own time. It was not until the invention and wide scale use of the railroad and telegraph did the need for national timekeeping become evident enough to even suggest the idea of a daylight saving program.

This minor mistake in perception of Ben Franklin's contributions to the world in no way diminishes the wisdom he was trying to convey, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Brother Franklin was reminding us that a man can waste a lot of productive time and money cavorting late into the evening while sacrificing daylight attempting to catch up on sleep.

We also have a very special Third Degree coming up, where our Past Masters demonstrate to the rest of the craft, just how a degree should be conducted! If you are a brother that has not been to lodge in a while, please consider joining us on March 16th for a terrific night of Brotherhood and assist us in raising our newest Master Masons.

Regardless of how daylight saving time came about, I for one, am happy to steal the morning light and put it to better use.

**Contact me any time: 612-801-4843
timothy_carney@hotmail.com**

**Tim Carney
Senior Warden**



The Traveling Man had to cancel its visit to Fraternal Lodge #92 last month.

On March 9th, we are rescheduling our visit 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.

I would love to get some other Brothers to join Reggie and I in our Travels, and I know there are more of you signed up for the Wayfaring Man Program, so take advantage of these opportunities to get your stamps done!

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

Greetings from the South!

It was quite the experience to sit in the East for the first time as a member of Anoka Lodge. It is always humbling to sit before Brothers and perform the ritual. We feel a variety of emotions as we find ourselves in the Oriental Chair, where so many of the men we look up to having sat before and whom we ourselves have marveled at the work as they did it.

We fear that we may fail in our efforts to convey the work well. We hope that we can get through it without too many mistakes and that the candidates take something from the words of our ancient Brethren. We rejoice when it is all over and we can breathe a sigh of relief and perhaps smile in what we have accomplished.

You can't really appreciate how difficult it is to sit as Master, even just for something like a Degree, to try and fill those shoes, is something you have to go through to understand and empathize. I truly have respect for all those who have taken the risk of putting themselves out there and doing the work.

This is not to say that we all can't do it, don't be so afraid or intimidated to the point that you let your anxiety prevent you from stepping forward and joining the Progressive Line or even just taking on the role of doing a Lecture or other role in the Degrees.

If you have interest, don't hesitate to inquire about learning one of the parts. WB Al Golder is our Ritual Director and would be more than happy to help in your growth and the assistance to the lodge by making us stronger in depth when putting on the ritual.

Terrance M Schaffer
Junior Warden



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Anoka Lodge Brothers attend the Sherburne Lodge #95, Highland Table Lodge!



Our Special EA Degree!



The Newest Fellow Crafts at Anoka Lodge!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:



Serving Dinner at the Highland Table Lodge!

Jobie Love,

**Francesca Dimatteo
Honored Queen, Bethel #48**



ANOKA LODGE SHRIMP DINNER:

Just a reminder that we will be having the Annual Anoka Shrimp Dinner on March 25th, Good Friday, and runs from 4:30pm till 7pm. The Cost is still \$15 per person or 4 for \$50.

As always there will be Shrimp, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and Bread. I am sure WB Jerry will be making up some tasty special shrimp in the kitchen as always. Tickets for the event should be coming out soon, so look for them in the mail.



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

Thanks to all those who came out for our Installation in February where Connor Talbert was installed as Master Councilor for the Anoka Chapter of DeMolay.

It was a great day and wonderful to see the chapter continue to progress and grow with it's second new Master in place.

We dropped off Flowers to the young ladies of Bethel #48 for Valentines and it was well received, after which we went bowling!

We also traveled to Wisconsin for the DeMolay Winter Retreat with members of the Robbinsdale DeMolay.

Next month we will be serving dinner at the Feast of Remembrance & Renewal at the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.



Installation of Officers!



Our year as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron is nearing an end and we would like to thank all our members for their support and approval of our activities. We thoroughly enjoyed the time we have spent with our Sisters and Brothers and hope that you enjoyed it also. Thanks to our Officers, you all have done a fantastic job, we could not ask for anything more. Again, thanks for your confidence in us at Martha Chapter. Sideliners, thank you for being there for us, we appreciate all you do for our Chapter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 3rd – Annual Meeting – Election of Officers and Reports

March 5th – We **cancelled** this activity as we will be doing kitchen remodeling in a couple of months. We will save our efforts until that time when we will assist with moving kitchen items out of the way.

Marth 6th – All Member Dinner – All members and their families are invited. Social time 5:30 and Dinner at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to Bonnie Miller at Bonmike37@msn.com or the number listed below.

March 17th – Farewell

April 2nd – Installation of Officers – 4:00 pm

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

Again thank you for the wonderful memories, we will always treasure our time together. See you at our Chapter meetings.

We're "Still Goin' Strong"

Bonnie Miller	Jordy Stradtman
Worthy Matron	Worthy Patron
763-784-8943	763-300-0884



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 vacuuming and dusting upstairs.

Since we no longer have official 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!



March 2nd - Stated Meeting will be Stuffed Pork Chops, Cranberry Dressing and Green Beans.

March 16th - For the Past Masters, MM Degree the lovely ladies of the Martha Chapter OES will be making a special secret meal! Since there food is always so good, if you can't make the Degree, at least come for dinner!

Brett Hall
Senior Steward

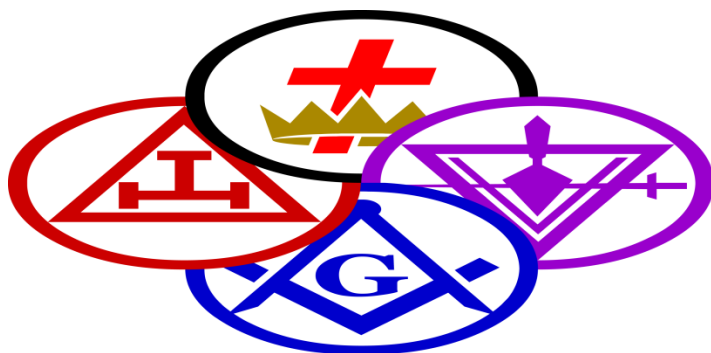


Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family is in need of support, please contact him at (612) 702-4770



Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

Just a few upcoming events will include the Bones Brothers Sampler and the Odd Couple Show... Make sure you stay Tuned for more details to follow soon!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

Both Anoka Shekinah #104 and Zabud Council #10 of Anoka have 5 new members completing all three York Rite bodies this next weekend. Within the class are our own Brother Thomas Senenfelder and Reggie Greene.



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, we will be beginning the month of March with the 21st & 22nd Degrees at the Scottish Rite. The 21st Degree being the Prussian Knight and teaches us not to judge things too quickly in life.

We then move on into the 23rd & 24th Degrees, the Prince of the Tabernacle and Knight of the Blazing Serpent. The 23rd Degree directed by our own WB John Antl and having other Anoka Lodge members in it.

March 17th will be twice as special as normal this year, as not only is it the Greatest Holiday in existence, St. Patrick's Day, but will also be the Night of the Feast of Remembrance and Renewal.

On this night we pay homage to those Scottish Rite Brethren who have passed into the celestial lodge above. This event is open to Masons and non masons alike, so please join us for the dinner at 6pm and the ceremony at 7pm, with celebrations to follow after. Reservations can be made with the Scottish Rite office.

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



Anoka Lodges Adopted 20th Degree at the Rite!

Upcoming Lodge Events:

Wednesday, March 2nd – Coffee Clutch 9am
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Friday, March 11th – Special FC Degree 6pm
Saturday, March 12th – 3rd School Instruction
Wednesday, March 16th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, March 16th – FC Degree
Sunday, March 20th – Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, March 23rd – Trustees Meet 6pm

For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

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“Now Were Cooking!”

Our Masonic home in Anoka is showing its age. In the 1950's the lower level of our building was used as a half-court school basketball gymnasium/stage for school plays, then it became a locker room complete with showers. Finally it was converted to a dining hall with a modern kitchen. The equipment has aged and is requiring costly repairs. In the last year repair bills in the in the kitchen totaled \$3223.08.

Both our Blue Lodge and Martha Chapter OES have joined forces to start a BUILDING KITCHEN REPLACEMENT PROJECT. Basically it means going from the floor to ceiling and wall to wall. Almost everything will be replaced – new flooring, dishwasher, stove, cabinets and counters. The replacements will all be in high quality stainless steel, including the related permanent items. Basically if you can see the fixture now and is not stainless steel it will be when we're finished in June. We will keep the refrigerator (it is stainless steel and it has been trouble free), silverware, dishware, pots & pans and other items of that nature. The estimate for this job is based on today's cost and the hard bargaining begins when the Lodge has the cash in hand. Yes, there are always items we can't project but they are expected to stay within the current estimate.

\$32,334.00 (not including sales tax & freight)

\$37,000 is our goal!

Martha Chapter #132, OES, received a generous bequest last year and volunteered to put up \$20,000.00 toward the cost of this kitchen modernization. All of the bodies and members using this building are asked to contribute, making it an attainable goal. On top of the cash outlay we expect a great amount of sweat equity in those jobs we can handle.

This fund drive starts from the time you read this until April 30th. Borrowing is not an option! This project benefits everybody as we all use the kitchen & dining room in one way or another.

Anything collected over and above the actual final cost goes to the BUILDING FUND, period.

Please send a check to: Anoka Lodge, Kitchen Fund
 1908 S 3rd Ave
 Anoka, MN 55303-2421

Thank You,

Paul Agustin
Worshipful Master
Anoka Lodge #30

2016 Masonic Lodge Kitchen Project:

<u>#Of Items:</u>	<u>Description of Items – All Stainless Steel</u>	<u>Cost Each:</u>	<u>Total Cost:</u>	<u>Paid For:</u>
(Both)	Epoxy Floors, in both Kitchen Areas	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
(All)	Walls – Epoxy Paint	\$200.00	\$200.00	
1	Install New Dropped Kitchen Ceiling by 4”	\$750.00	\$750.00	
16	New LED Kitchen Light Tubes	\$23.00	\$368.00	
3	Add Electrical Drops – Center Island	\$75.00	\$225.00	
1	Fire Suppression Hood	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	
1	Dishwasher w/Dispenser (Chemical)	\$3,744.00	\$3,744.00	
1	Dishwasher Soup/Sanitizer Dispenser	\$350.00	\$350.00	
1	Gas Range Oven w/6-8 Burners and Grill	\$2,709.00	\$2,709.00	
1	Pots & Pan Solution Dispenser, Back 3 Sinks	\$345.00	\$345.00	
11	Cupboards – Two Upper Rows (East Wall)	\$630.00	\$6,930.00	
1	Pots/Pans/Utensil Rack for Center Island	\$300.00	\$300.00	
1	Counter Top 42”L x 24”W, W/Drawers (North)	\$658.36	\$658.36	
1	Counter Top 90”L x 24”W, Open Front (East)	\$1,220.40	\$1,220.40	
2	Counter Top 48”L x 24”W, Open Front (East)	\$650.88	\$1,301.76	
1	Counter Top 108”L x 36”W, Open Front (East)	\$1,464.48	\$1,464.48	
1	Counter Backsplash	\$200.00	\$200.00	
1	Sound Deadening Serving Roll Up Window	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	
1	Sound Deadening Dishwasher Roll Up Window	\$800.00	\$800.00	
1	Coffee Center Cupboard	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
1	Coffee Center Cabinet	\$600.00	\$600.00	
15	Coffee Cup Storage Trays (20 per tray)	\$15.00	\$225.00	
1	Coffee Cup Tray Cart	\$36.00	\$36.00	
5	Knife, Fork & Spoon Holders	\$5.00	\$25.00	
1	Plate Holders – 10”	\$596.00	\$596.00	
1	Plate Holders – 8”	\$596.00	\$596.00	
1	Plate Holders – 6”	\$596.00	\$596.00	
3	Caddy Cart Covers	\$58.00	\$174.00	
2	Commercial 3 Shelf Carts	\$60.00	\$120.00	
Grand Total:			\$32,334.00	

Buy Direct – Sales Tax, Freight, Ect... Target Goal: \$37,000.00

Donations Received as of 2/11/16: \$20,100.00

Manual Labor Requirments

Members from all bodies functioning out of Anoka Lodge will be needed for about two weeks of labor.

**For Emptying Current Kitchen (Including Center Island & Refrigerator), Removal of Ceiling Tiles,
Removal of Old Cabinets & Cupboards (For Sale), Dishwasher & Stove (For Sale)**

**Then to Make ready and Install New Features after Floor is done, all to be done in June after the
Master Masones Degree. After that we Celebrate!**

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MWB Kymphus Muhammed, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Minnesota visited us and gave a wonderful presentation about Brotherhood!