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**Greetings from the East!** 

March has come in like a Lion whipping everything around and filling our schedules with events! As I write this I look back and see that my cable tow and my 24 inch gauge has been really short and skewed this past month, but with the help of the Brethren things seem to be rolling along smoothly Thank You. I'm looking forward to Grand Lodge coming up and attending as many sessions as I can go to and improve myself and our Lodge. If you have never been to a Grand Lodge it is an amazing time meeting and exchanging ideas with Brothers from across our state, and perhaps breaking bread and having a drink with them as well. Grand Lodge is April 7-9 at the Double Tree in Bloomington off of Hwy 100 and 494, I hope to see many of you there.

I spent most of this past month travelling and I always wore on of my Masonic pins or rings wherever I went. A few people noticed and commented on it, and even one asked about it. While we may not recruit members and ask them to join our Fraternity we can certainly shout that we're here and the great things we do for our communities and each other.

I encourage you all to wear lapel pins or get some Masonic logo things and just put the craft out there. Also on this trip, like I normally do, I speak about what the Shrine Hospital's do and can do. There was a woman at Holloman AFB who was very effusive in her thanking of me and I didn't understand exactly, until I found out she is taking her son to the Chicago Shrine Hospital to have his cleft pallet repaired. You never know when, where, or how we can help people just

keep spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and our light will shine.

I'd like to challenge all of us and see if we can't reach out to some Brothers we haven't seen. I know there's the calling committee but let's try and be our own sphere of influence and call people from our pledge class and perhaps those around ours. Also if there are people that you know who are interested please invite them to dinner at the Lodge and we'll give them a tour and fill their stomachs.

Love & Respect,

Paul Agustin Worshipful Master





NOW WERE COOKING KITCHEN PROJECT!

Goal: \$37,000.00 Total So Far: \$21,600.00

**Greetings from the West!** 

We just completed our first degree cycle of the year, congratulations to our newest Master Masons: Tim, Jeremy, and Tyrone!

We have several events that are planned for this month. First we have our Grand Lodge Annual Communication from April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Next we are starting a new round of Degrees with at least four new candidates taking the First Degree on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Last, but not least, we are opening the Anoka Scholarship application process the first week of April!

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is open for all Master Masons and we highly encourage you to attend if you are able. We will be voting on and installing our new Grand Line and meeting Brother Masons from all over the state.

Please join us at the Lodge on April 20<sup>th</sup> for the First Degree to initiate and welcome our candidates into the Mysteries of Masonry! Having a good turn-out will impress upon our new brothers the strength and fidelity of our Fraternity!

Lastly, the Anoka Scholarship applications will be available by the Stated Meeting on April 6th! This year we will be offering two new awards in addition to our regular high school graduate award. The two new awards are a Vocational Technical Award for people going into a Vo-Tech school and another award for Fraternal Brothers who are going back to school. The details of the criteria and amount for these two new awards will also be available by April 6<sup>th</sup>. We plan to announce the awardees during our June 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting.

Contact me any time: 612-801-4843 timothy\_carney@hotmail.com

Tim Carney Senior Warden





The Traveling Man finally made it out to Fraternal Lodge #92 last month. The Chop was solo but enjoyed his visit with the Brethren out there as you see below!



On April 26<sup>th</sup>, I will be joining WB Terrance as he goes to Cataract Lodge #2 to attend their MM Degree. The 1<sup>st</sup> Section Begins at 5pm and will break for Dinner by 6:30pm and we plan to attend, so if you do let me know ASAP so we can tell their Stewards.

If you can't make the 1<sup>st</sup> Section, come for dinner and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section which is sure to be some fun work!

Thomas Senenfelder Traveling Man Coordinator For more info call: 763-746-6720 **Greetings from the South!** 

Brethren, the first quarter of the year is behind us and as we move forward and gear up for an early spring I hope you will continue to assist and support our Newest Master Masons and those new Brothers who will be coming through their first degree.

Think back to those days when you first came to the lodge, be it just to visit for the first time or as you went through the degrees. It's not an easy thing to make that choice and walk through our doors and begin that journey and we all know how much easier it is when Brothers come up and say hello and take the time to get to know us.

It's during times like events and dinners that we get to know each other as Brothers. We speak about our lives, our families, and what drew us to the craft. These are the ties that bind us, cause let's face it, a meeting is just a meeting, a necessity but not the place to know one another.

As new members I challenge you also to get involved in the lodge. Help and or attend those events and get to know your Brethren. You have more than likely heard that you get more out of Masonry when you put more into it and I can assure you that this is very true.

Another great way of getting to know Brethren from all over is to try and attend the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in April. The workshops on Friday will expand your knowledge, the vendors will increase your "Bling" and the Banquet and Suits will increase the many Brothers you get to know and love.

Terrance M Schaffer Junior Warden



## Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



**Our Special FC Degree!** 



The Newest Master Masons at Anoka Lodge!



Anoka Lodge at the Leadership Seminar!



**Anoka Brothers at the Corner Stone Ceremony!** 



The Procession around the Building!



The Grand Lodge Officers!



**The Grand Master!** 



The Anoka Brothers!



The Dedication!



**Anoka Lodges 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Shrimp Dinner!** 



The Committee did a great job as always!



The Grand Master, WM and Committee Head!



## **Anoka Chapter DeMolay:**

### **Upcoming Events:**

April - 7-10 - Frank Marshall Trip

April 16 - Hiawatha Taco Dinner (Movie After?)

April 17 - Degrees at Hiawatha - Awaiting parts?

April 23 - Marvel Movie Day Part 2

April 30 - Camp Work Day?

April 30 - Anoka Under the Sea Dance

## So busy this past month, below are just some of the events we did!



Presenting Ritual work for Sherburne Lodge #95



Presenting our Ritual work to Anoka Lodge!



**Board Game Night!** 



**Serving Dinner for the Scottish Rite!** 



Presenting the Flag at Grand Lodge Seminar!



At United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday!

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



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:** 

April  $2^{nd}$  – 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

We're "Still Goin' Strong"

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





Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:



**Grand Bethel Installation!** 

Jobie Love,

Francesca Dimatteo Honored Queen, Bethel #48





**Anoka Coffee Clutch:** 

Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!** 



**April 6<sup>th</sup> - Stated Meeting will be Sloppy Joes and Sweet Potato Fries!.** 

April 20<sup>th</sup> - For the EA Degree our own Anoka DeMolay will be providing dinner. So even if you can't come or stay for the degree, make sure you come down for dinner and support these young men!

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:** 

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Anoka Shekinah #104 will be hosting it's May Day Double Feature! This will include a Family evening of Clowns, Food and Movies.

We will be showing Willy Wonka and The Wizard of Oz and serve Hot Dogs, Pop Corn & Candy (Pop Too) Bring your comfy Lawn Chairs as we watch them on the projector screen in the dinning hall.

Clowns will be there making Balloon Animals before them movies start, so come early!

Date: Sunday, May 1st

Time: 4pm Clowns, 5pm 1st Movie

Place: Anoka Lodge #30

#### **Scottish Rite:**



Brothers, like the Blue Lodges, the beginning of April finds the Rite dark as the Brothers attend our Annual Communication for Grand Lodge, but will head right into another great degree on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Degree or Knight Commander of the Temple is not a only a wonderful degree but the lecture at its finish is not to be missed as Illustrious Brother Mike Wahl continues to grace us by putting it on.

The week after that we have the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Degrees, otherwise known as Prince Adept and Knight of St. Andrew. I mean what more can you ask for then Men in kilts for the 29<sup>th</sup> Degree.

The last Thursday of April begins the start of the Scottish Rite Reunion or "One" Day. We will be putting on two of the Terminal Degrees in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Degrees.

Time remains to get in your petition if you wish to be part of the Reunion on May 12<sup>th</sup> with the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree and finish things up on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> with the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. Of course if you wish you can also sign up for the Fall Class beginning in August too.

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



### **Upcoming Lodge Events:**

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Anoka Stated 6pm
Thurs, Fri & Sat, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Grand
Lodge Communication
Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Lynnhurst Turkey
Dinner 6pm
Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Special MM Degree 5pm
Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – EA Degree
Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Trustees Meet 6pm

For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

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## Scouting at Anoka Lodge:

The "Wood Badge" in the Boy Scouts of America is the highest level of adult Scout leader training available. It was first presented in England by the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell, and he introduced the program into the United States during a visit in 1936 - but Americans did not fully adopt Wood Badge until 1948. The National BSA Council staff provided direct leadership to the program through 1958, when the increased demand encouraged them to permit local councils to deliver the training.

The program originally focused almost exclusively on Scoutcraft skills, some elements of the Patrol Method, and First Class Boy Scout requirements. In a major cultural shift during the 1970s, Wood Badge was modified to train Scouters in eleven specific leadership competencies: Communicating, Knowing and Using Resources, Understanding the Characteristics and Needs of the Group and Its Members, Planning, Controlling Group Performance, Effective Teaching, Representing the Group, Evaluating, Sharing Leadership, Counseling, and Setting the Example. The training is delivered through a lecture classroom environment and a short outdoor camping experience. It is a key element of the overall leadership training program.

Congratulations to Brother John Austin for completing this distinguished course and being awarded his beads at the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet on February 23rd!



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