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Greetings from the East!

Well the summer has gone and fall is in the air for sure. Leaves are starting to turn and my year in the East is beginning to wane. This past month has been a whirlwind for me with so much going on. We conducted our September stated meeting at the Ames Lodge Room at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center which was a fantastic time. The Lodge room there is beautiful, it was a bit odd to run a meeting in a space that is not our own but it went very well. We also had, from what I've heard because work had me out of town again, a great EA degree.

Ribs, Bibs and Blues was again a crown jewel for our year in community activities. WB Jerry Oliver and his team cooked 91 racks of ribs, 40 pounds of chicken, I'm not sure how many hotdogs, and sides. The Bones Brothers and Jerry did a masterful job of organizing and setting everything up, this year we also saw us with 3 musical acts which had the multitudes rocking in their seats. The donations for the food shelf totaled \$3897 and we are applying for the Masonic Charities match for that before we hand the check over to the ACBC food shelf.

Then we had our annual table lodge and our Stewards hit the meal out of the park, Salad, beef barley soup, bacon wrapped asparagus, mashed potatoes, and prime rib, finishing off with Guinness Chocolate Stout Cake.

We capped off the month with the Honored Ladies Luncheon where we had 9 of our Honored Ladies in attendance. We had a great social hour and then some wonderful food followed by 4 great games of bingo.



Next month we have quite a bit going on as well. I'm sure Tim will be telling us all more about the scholarship event at the Outpost on October 8th, and then we have the Anoka Halloween parade at the end of the month which I'm sure Terrance will be talking about. I can't wait for the Halloween parade, there is something about this time of year and the parade that gets me all ready for the upcoming Holiday season. The stated meeting will also be our awards and recognition night, I'm especially looking forward to this as I get to see some of my mentors honored with years of Masonic service awards.

Love and Respect from the East!

Paul Agustin
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West!

Brothers and Sisters of the Masonic family, I must confess and apologize to the editor for his article was late. I have written and rewritten this article no less than five times. The rewriting is due to some internal struggles in the lodge and also in my mind and heart.

The struggles are summed up by this question a Brother asked me, "What Masonic working tool teaches Humility?"

My immediate reaction was one of disbelief, but as I thought about it there are no tools that overtly teach Humility. Sure, the Compass teaches us to circumscribe our actions and to limit passions; the Level teaches that we are all equal under the eyes of God; and the Square teaches us that virtue should be our rule and guide. But we do not have a working tool for Humility.

When uncertain and in search of more wisdom, I turn to the writings of MWB Harry Truman where I found this quote which he said in the last month of his presidency:

"It is fortunate that I've never taken an attitude that the kudos and kow-tows are made to me as an individual. I knew always that the greatest office in the history of the world was getting them, and Harry S. Truman as an individual was not. I hope I'm still the country man from Missouri."

-MWB Harry S. Truman

Humility allows us as people to make requests and not demands. Requests promote the concept of equality and living upon the Level. Humility allows us to understand that we are not the center of attention and are as deserving of Divine Grace as the next person, which is to say, not at all. Humility allows us to act upon the Square, not for personal accolades or awards, but simply because it is virtuous and good.

There is no one working tool that teaches Humility, however; I do believe the lessons to achieving it are listed in the Book of Scriptures that resides upon the altar in every one of our meetings.

I humbly request that all of my Brothers and Sisters spend some time and reflect on the why we commit ourselves to actions. I also humbly request that we all spend some time practicing Humility prior to conflict or self-promotion. In this way, we can act truly upon the Square and perform good and great work for selfless and thoughtful reasons.

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**Tim Carney
Senior Warden**



Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, October 5th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, October 5th – Anoka Stated Meeting & Awards Night 7pm
Saturday, October 8th – Scholarship Beer Bust at JR's. 6pm – Close.
Sunday, October 16th – Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, October 19th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, October 19th – FC Degree
Saturday, October 30th – Halloween Parade, 1pm till 4pm

Greetings from the South!

Our Fall Cycle of Degrees has begun and we have 5 new candidates who have now become Brothers. Please say hello to them and make them feel welcome as they continue their Masonic Journey.

This also means we are in the final quarter of the year and so much has gone on here at Anoka Lodge as it always does. How have you been a part of it? Did you join an appending body this year? Did you help committee an event or join a club? (We have a few)

We as your officers would like to hear from you the members as to what you enjoyed about the year, what you may have concerns about and what we can do to make our lodge stronger.

We can't fix issues if we don't know they exist, but in the same context, we must do what we feel is best for the lodge as a whole, not just for any one individual.

We are here to serve the lodge and hope that with your help, with good council being whispered in our ears, with the wisdom of the Past Masters, and the support of our membership, that we can do a good job.

I would also challenge each of you to think about what role you can play in these areas, where will the next year find you in helping us do more as a lodge. Will you learn a lecture? Take a larger role in planning events? Create a new one? Or just quietly support whatever you can?

This year isn't over, but it is not too early to think about the future and where we want to be as a lodge next year!

Terrance M Schaffer
Junior Warden



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!





It was another Great Ribs, Bibs & Blues where over \$3500.00 was raised for the local Food Shelves! The Weather was perfect, the three bands great and the food was outstanding!

The Annual EA Table Lodge was as wonderful as always, with the Stewards outdoing themselves again and the Jobies of Bethel #48 serving up all the good eats!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

The Jobs Daughters held their Masonic Honoring at the new Masonic Heritage Center in Bloomington in September. It was great to pay homage to our Masonic Heritage by inviting the Members of Anoka Lodge #30 and Martha Chapter #132 to join us for this special meeting.



Just a reminder that we will be holding our upcoming Butterbraids Fund Raiser!



Who is Selling them: Job's Daughters Bethel of #48 of course!

Sale Dates: October 3rd – November 7th.

Delivery Date: November 21st at Anoka Lodge.

If you have any questions or wish us to come to your meetings, please contact either:

**Wendy Dimatteo at GS48@mnjd.Org
Jen Braunschweig at BG48@mnjd.Org**



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

In September the Anoka DeMolay, along with other chapters in the state, came together to have an L.A.R.P. day. For those who don't know, this is where you dress up as a fantasy character or whatever and use plastic swords and such to fight each other. Nothing more fun than for young men to dream of being knights and fighting for honor!



They also held their Annual "Back to School" Dance at Anoka Lodge. A great event with lots of attendance! (Last Year's Photo below)





August Greetings from Martha Chapter:

We are arriving at my favorite time of the year, well, at least the first half of the season. I have been watching for the beautiful fall colors and they are beginning to appear.

Martha Chapter had a very busy and exciting September. The chapter hosted an Area Conference, followed by the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. A huge feeling of gratitude to those dedicated Masons and their wives for spending the summer working on the kitchen. It is a beautiful place to prepare and serve food. A few minor tasks remain to be completed and some other upgrading to be done in the dining room. It looks wonderful. A big thank you to all those folks who volunteered so much of their time working on the lodge kitchen project.

At our first meeting on October 6th, at 7:30, we will Honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons, special recognition for PM Goody and PP Greg Vokovan. It will be wonderful to see all of their officers dressed in their official dress for that term.

On Friday, October 14th, Martha Chapter will be serving a Soup Luncheon from 11:00 -1:00. Bring your friends and neighbors. Thursday, October 20th, please join us for our Flip Flop Night.

Our Tuesday Quilting group took the summer off but we are back to our regular schedule, the second and third Tuesdays.

Martha Chapter is again hosting a Vendor/Craft show on Saturday, October 22 at the lodge. The vendor tables are upstairs and downstairs. A wonderful opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done!

Janet Gilbertson Curt Speller
Worthy Matron Worthy Patron

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



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



For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

October 1st – DeMolay Paintball Event



For September, the Traveling Man went with Brethren of Sherburne Lodge #95 out to Plymouth Lodge #160, It was there awards night and we got to see Brothers honored for their years of service!

For October we are trying to get at least 5 Brothers to come out and assist Brother Seth Pavlak retrieve the Proficiency Sword from the Brothers of Sherburne Lodge #95.

They are currently meeting at NE Winslow Lewis's Lodge in Osseo. Dinner will be at 6pm and lodge to follow at 7pm.

If you want to car pool or plan to attend dinner, please let Thomas know as soon as possible so the stewards know there will be extra folks!

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



Visiting Plymouth Lodge #160!



Stewards Corner!

October 5th - Stated Meeting meal for our awards night will be Pasta of some sort!

October 19th – For the FC Degree we will be having Chicken & Dumplings!



Brian Dimatteo
Senior Steward



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 vacuving 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

Scottish Rite:



The month of October at the Rite is a big month indeed. It begins with the 17th & 18th degrees on October 6th, thus completing the Chapter of the Rose Croix.

The next week is one of special importance to all Scottish Rite members at Anoka Lodge #30 as we come to the 19th & 20th Degrees. For those we may somehow not know, the 20th Degree is Anoka's own adopted Degree and put on almost entirely by Anoka Lodge members. (One guy is not ours)

It is Directed by WB Larry Jensen and assisted by WB Steve Bernu and is not only a great degree, but one that we should make sure we support it by having a large contingency of Anoka Members on the sideline. I strongly encourage each of you to come down and be a part of this great night!

That weekend on Saturday, December 15th the Rite will be holding its annual Rite Care Gala, with this year's theme being Monte Carlo night! This means break out your Tux and Best Sean Connery accent and join one of the Anoka Tables for a night of fun and helping kids with speech problems with the money raised!

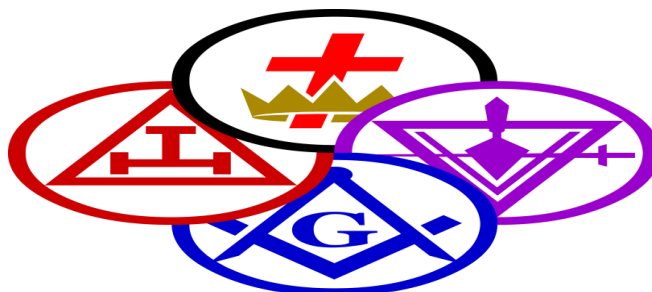
If you have any further questions regarding this event or wish to attend, please let me know by October 6th as we need to make final reservations. Tickets are \$50 each and include dinner and chips for play!

The last two weeks will be the 21st & 22nd Degree, the first of the Chivalric Degrees, and the 21st, "Prussian Knight", being one of my favorites and also with a lot of Anoka Brethren! Followed up next by the 23rd & 24th Degrees to finish off the month!

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



Anoka Lodge members with our Candidates down at the Scottish Rite!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

The York Rite, Royal Arch came out of the darkness and is getting rolling again. They will be donating money to a couple of local charities.

One being Granny's Closet which provides gifts to the local elderly of low income at the Holidays and other times of the year. The other being Autism Speaks, which helps people with Autism in the Anoka and Metro Area receive help and care.

The Commandry of Zion #2, lead by WB Don Nolley spent a weekend in September directing traffic at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival to raise money to send a selected person on a Holy Land Pilgrimage!

ANOKA MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING BASH

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with good food, a live band, door prizes, and a silent auction! And feel great doing it!

Tickets are only \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction go to the Anoka Masonic Scholarship Fund!

Enjoy a full menu of great food and a full bar! Also, enjoy free beer with a paid ticket, while supplies last!



**Saturday October 8th
6:00 – 9:00 PM**

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The Grand Master of Minnesota, MWB Bob Darling visits Anoka Lodge for our EA Degree where 5 new men become Brothers!