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Greetings from the East!

Here we are nearing election time in the Lodge. I can't believe how rapidly this year has passed. It has been an interesting year with all that has transpired, with the kitchen remodel and some officer shuffle. Past Masters all said that "Your year will have some twists and turns that you just won't see coming." I knew they were right but I just didn't understand the magnitude and multitude of various things. As members we all realize that Anoka does what it does because of you all the Brothers, Sisters, and our youth groups. The Master and the Officers just try and keep the ship pointed in the right direction, so I want to start thanking you all for helping out whenever and wherever you could. With those hiccups we've had this year you all helped so again thank you.

We had our awards night at dinner this past month and we still have some years of service to Masonry awards to give out, but we saw quite a few Brothers receive their awards. A lot of the men that had years of service awards this year have been mentors to me, and mean more to me than I can possibly convey. Thank you Brothers for your years of service and for the years to come!

Love and Respect from the East!

Paul Agustin
Worshipful Master



Anoka Lodge Presents Year Pins to many of its members and thanks them for their dedication to the craft!

Greetings from the West!

So the Holiday season begins, again. November is a month of remembering our Veterans, giving thanks for our many blessings, and preparing for Winter.

As an organization we have a very high number of Veterans as members, and I would like to thank all of you for your honorable, selfless service to our country and our neighbors. I would also like to thank the military spouses, for without you standing by your partner and lending your strength and support, many of us would not have endured the military experience. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my gratitude to you, my Masonic Family.

To my Brothers, thank you for being there to kick me in the tail and hold me accountable, for whispering good and timely counsel, and for assisting in my reformation. Thank you!

To my OES Sisters, thank you for everything you do for me, personally, and the Lodge. You are always willing and able to lend a helping hand and keep us on task with the occasion requires it. Thank you!

To the Masonic Youth Groups, Jobs Daughter's and DeMolay, your energy, fresh perspectives, and eternal optimism are like rays of sunshine providing joy and excitement whenever you around. Thank you!

I am truly grateful and fortunate to be a part of this wonderful Society of Friends and Brothers. Lastly, Winter is on the way and with it snow and icy weather, if you happen to be the first person to the Lodge on bad weather days and the walk needs to be cleared, please grab the snow shovel and clear the front walk, if you are able. Remember, safety first!

I hope to see you all over the holidays, at the Harvest Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, or at the Lodge for our Elections!

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**Tim Carney
Senior Warden**



Anoka Halloween Parade Activities!

Greetings from the South!

It's Election Time, no; I am not referring to the debacle that is our Presidential Campaign, but here at the lodge we will be holding our annual elections.

I hope each of you will come and make your voice heard and use that right that is yours as a Master Mason. As I mentioned last month, we have a lot of work to do in the upcoming year and we want each of you do be a part, however big or small it may be, your help is needed and wanted!

I also want to remind you that our whole Masonic Family is here to be a part of your family. From the Martha Chapter of the OES, a great Organization for either you or your wife, to the Job's Daughters or DeMolay who support and teach great lessons to our young Men & Women. To the Selim Grotto, which is a fun way to bring out the whole family and get to know our Masonic Family.

These groups are here to serve and help us grow together and support one another in our lives. Even if you are not a member you can help and support these groups in a variety of ways. I encourage each of you to take the time to find out more and if interested, to reach out and perhaps you or someone you know become a member.

Lastly I hope you will all remember those of a less fortunate nature as we enter into this Holiday Season. Those of us have much should try and share with those who have little or none. Money is not always the need, your time is more valuable than money and if you have it to give I hope you will.

Terrance M Schaffer
Junior Warden



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!





The 1st Annual Beer Bash & Band event, raising funds for our Scholarship was able to make over 2k and was a great success.



We had two presentations, one for the Proficiency Sword captured by Seth Pavlak and the other, the Widows Sons official charter.



Anoka Brothers at the Rite Care Gala!



We held our fall Fellow Craft Degree with 4 Brothers receiving more light!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

The Jobs Daughters once again Broke into the Masonic Hall (Lazy Tyler) and captured the Worshipful Master of Anoka Lodge #30.

WM Paul Agustin was taken and subjected to all forms of abuse until their demands were met and he was returned to the lodge, though slightly changed.



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

On October 1st we held the Paintball Tournament for all the DeMolay in the state. It was a fun day with the three teams taking each other on and having fun with everyone!

The Bones Brothers made lunch and it was great as always. The Job's Daughters came out too and sold treats to raise money as well!





Greetings from Martha Chapter:

October was a busy month for Martha Chapter and it went by quickly! We have just completed our second Vendor/Craft show and by all reports it was a very successful event.

November 4, we will be honoring Line Officers and after the meeting we will be having our Bottle Auction. Come and join us. I love to see the creativity in selecting bottles.

Our Harvest dinner is on Sunday, November 13 with serving from 11:00 – 1:00. Saturday will be a busy day with food preparation and dining room setup.

This event takes a lot of work and if you are able to help in any way please give Sharon Barlow a call. If you are not able to work on either of the days but would like to make a monetary donation to help with the grocery expenses, that would be most grateful.

At our meeting on November 17th, we will be honoring Veterans. We are tentatively planning to have an Initiation on that evening.

The dues notices have been sent out and this is a gentle reminder to get your money sent into our Secretary, Julia Tollgaard as soon as possible.

We extend a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Janet Gilbertson Curt Speller
Worthy Matron Worthy Patron

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, Nov 2nd – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Nov 2nd – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Wednesday, Nov 16th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Nov 16th – FC Degree
- Sunday, Nov 20th – Pancake Breakfast



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:

Dec 21st - **Zombie Apocalypse Survivor Party**



For October we had a special outing to Sherburne Lodge #95 where Brother Seth Pavlak Proved up in the 3rd Degree and stole the Proficiency Sword.

For November, this will be our last outing of the year. We are hoping to visit our Brethren at Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351. This is a Traveling Lodge and will be held at Brother Rick Carrier's house this month, even more reason for Brothers to attend.

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 Sherburne Lodge #95!



Stewards Corner!

November 2nd – For our Election Night and Stated Meeting we will be having Corn Chowder, as well as a small batch of the traditional Oyster Stew for those who like it.

November 16th – For the MM Degree, the OES have graciously agreed to provide dinner and no matter what it is. (Perhaps Meatloaf) We know it will be good!



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 25th & 26th Degrees start off the month of November, with the Knight of the Brazen Serpent and Prince of Mercy.

The following week we hold the Council Feast, put on by the reigning body of the Council of Kadosh. This event honors those adult leaders of our Youth Organizations and all the hard work they do. Cost for the fest is \$30 each and is open to all. Please make your reservations by contacting the Scottish Rite office.

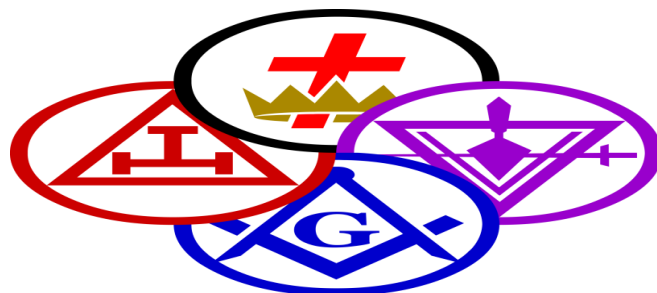
The last Thursday of Degrees due to the Thanksgiving Holiday is the 27th Degree or Knight Commander of the Temple. It is a wonderful Degree about the “Love of God” and full of Anoka Lodge members in the Degree.

Remember that now is a good time to get in a petition for the Spring Class beginning in January. If you have any interest or want more information, please feel free to reach out to myself or any Scottish Rite member.

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



The 20th Degree, Anoka Lodge's Adopted Degree at the Scottish Rite!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

The York Rite bodies will be holding their One Day events beginning in February, with the Royal Arch being held on Saturday the 4th.

Two weeks later, the Cryptic Council will hold their event on Saturday, February 18th and lastly the Commandry or knights Templar will be holding theirs on Saturday, March 4th.

And remember that in order to join Cryptic or Commandry, you must first being a Royal Arch member and so on.

If you have any interest or just want more information please contact these respective heads of our local groups.

WB Jordy Stradtman – Royal Arch
Brother Brain Dimatteo – Cryptic Council
WB Don Nolley – Commandry

Our First “First Day Cover”

As some of you may know there has been an effort within the lodge to produce what is known as a first day cover commemorating the unveiling of the new series of four different Jack-O-Lantern forever stamps in Anoka on Sept. 29th. A first day cover (FDC) is an envelope with an image on the left side (called a cachet) that relates in some way to the postage stamp that is on the envelope (cover). These are usually produced in connection with the release of a new postage stamp. They can be from the United States Postal Service (USPS) or anyone else who wants to make one up. These covers are then usually cancelled with a special cancellation from the issuing post office (in this case Anoka) that says “First Day of Issue”. Other forms of commemorative cancellations may also appear on the cover. Once suitably cancelled these covers become a collectable item especially for stamp collectors. However anyone who wants to have a piece of local or lodge history can also obtain one. These first day covers are generally only produced once and are then in limited supply.

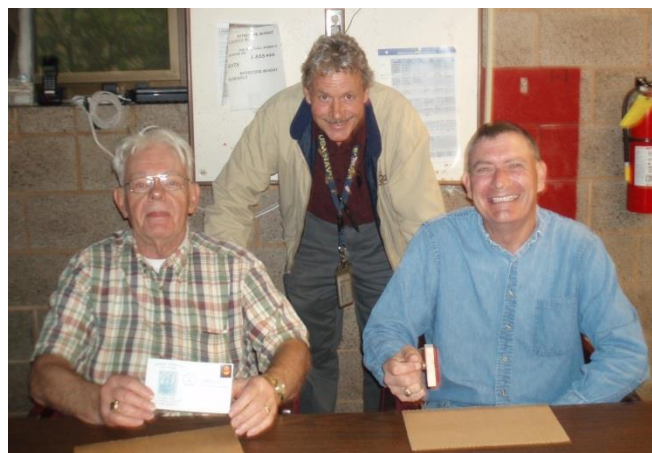
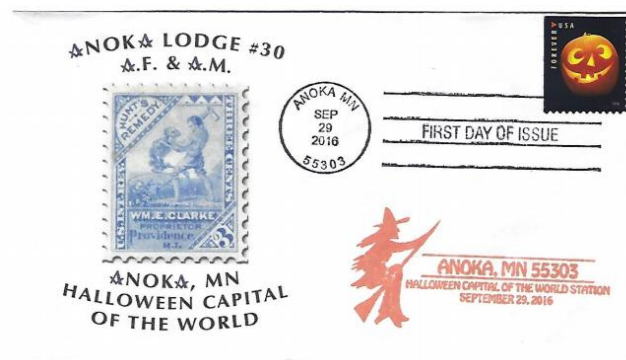
Our project to produce an Anoka Lodge FDC is now complete and is for sale in lodge as well as on the website. In lodge the price is \$5.00 with a single stamp or \$9.00 for a cover with all four different stamps on it. The website prices are \$6.00 and \$10.00 to cover the costs of shipping and handling.

I would like to thank Bro. Scott Franz and his daughter for their help in making the graphic image used to produce the cachet. I would also like to thank Bro. Thomas Senenfelder and his wife Michelle for helping in applying the stamps to the covers and to WB Jordy Stradtman for helping with the cancellation process at the Anoka post office and to Bro. Myron Shelton for his work in putting it on our website. And of course all the Officers for their support in this effort.

I would also like to draw your attention to the image (cachet) that appears on the left side of the cover. It is what is known as a revenue stamp. These stamps were issued in the past as a sort of country wide sales tax. Two items that used to be taxed in such a way were matches and over the counter medicines. This particular stamp was issued in the mid -1880s by Wm. E. Clarke for his product known as “Hunts Remedy”. For our purposes the stamp provides three different levels of meaning. First the obvious relationship to a typical Halloween scene. Second is that of a man fighting off death by the use of Hunts Remedy. The third is for those who have eyes to see the many images and symbols of the MM degree to be found in the stamp. I believe the last two were intended by Wm. E. Clarke who no doubt was a brother. For more info on this stamp search “Hunts Remedy”.

Fraternally,

WB John A. Freeburg



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