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Greetings from the East!

Well I can't believe that this is my last article as Master of the Lodge. This past year has just flown by in a hurry. There have been some challenges throughout the year, but with the support of all of you and a lot of hard work we've had an amazing time.

I want to thank all of you for the fantastic experience of being the Master of Anoka Lodge. I truly believe that our Masonic Family is what makes our Lodge so special and successful. The support of the OES, York Rite bodies, Jobies, DeMolay, Anoka area Shrine club, Widow's Sons, and everyone has been overwhelming. I look forward to being able to be on the sidelines as well as continue in the journeys of the appendant bodies.

This December will be our bling night so wear it if you've got it. We will also be having another election night as our WME (Worshipful Master Elect) has had to decline his position. So please show up and help us elect a new Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.

Love and Respect from the East!

Paul Agustin
Worshipful Master



Some Highlights from earlier in my year!



Greetings from the South!

Brethren, what can I say, it's the end of the year and it seems we must once again vote for the future of the lodge. I don't know what the will and pleasure of the lodge will be, but I can assure you that the officers of the lodge will continue to strive to make this lodge a better place.

We are working hard to make sure we overcome this and any obstacle we may face in the coming year by leaning on each other, our Past Masters and all those Brothers who are willing and able to assist us in the work to come.

2017 will be a busy year as always, and now more than ever we need every member of the lodge to play a part of the success of the lodge and where we are by the end of it.

I know the struggles we go through in life as with here at the lodge will only make us stronger in the end, but I ask you to remember your obligation and to be humble and respectful in all your dealings, always meeting on the level and parting on the square as we should all do.

I am certain that you all love this lodge and this fraternity as I do and I want to invite each of you (I will be contacting each of you) about attending our first meeting in January, traditionally our Lodge of Sorrow and as a sign of unity and support, come out for what I hope will be a short business meeting, and just spend some time with your Brothers and this great lodge. As I contact each of you I hope to get a firm answer for our Stewards, as I hope to fill the lodge with more Masons then it has seen in maybe it's entire existence, and I hope you will be a part of it and make it happen!

Terrance M Schaffer
Junior Warden



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Michelle Jensen is Honored at the Scottish Rite for her service to our Youth groups!



Our Newest Master Masons at Anoka Lodge!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

To our Uncles of Anoka Lodge-

Bethel 48 was busy during the month of November!

We started off with Jobie Jamboree-our statewide prospect overnight event Nov. 5-6, starting at the Savage Masonic Lodge. Our overnight included a presentation by Miss MNJD and our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, who did the robe talk. We traveled to a self defense class in Prior Lake, then to the Chaska Community Center, for a night of swimming, skating, racquetball, basketball, hair braiding, palm reading and hanging out.

Right away on Nov. 7th, we initiated Lilly into our Bethel. We are SSOOOOOO excited to have her join us!

On Nov. 10th, we were asked to serve at the Scottish Rite, for the Feast of Kadosh. During this dinner, Michelle Jensen was presented with one of the Adult Youth Leadership awards. We, along with a group of our Uncles from Anoka, were there to support one of our favorite people! We finished off the night with our tradition of walking to Sebastian Joe's Ice Cream Parlor. Larry is the Greatest!

On Sunday the 13th, 5 of our girls travelled to Owatonna for their friendship. I saw some interesting photos of some interesting antics!

Nov. 19th was twice as busy-a CAV class (Certified Adult Volunteer) was held at Anoka Lodge, offering a day of training required of any adult who wants to work in any official capacity with the Job's Daughters. We had 7 adults from our Lodge family registered for this training. We are so lucky to have this many adults who want to work with our girls! We all very much appreciate you taking time to do this!

The 19th was also the day that a group of us drove up to the Fargo/Moorhead area to attend Bethel 32's overnight Midnight Madness friendship. It included a midnight meeting, movies, games and, well, friendship! The only thing that was missing was sewer pipe sundaes!

We also wrapped up our Butterbraid sales campaign with a BANG! The girls had 2 goals-the first was to hit the \$1,000 profit mark (selling 208 Butterbraids) , to beat last year's total. Their second goal-which was a stretch-was to make \$1,500 profit (313 Butterbraids sold). They were promised an encore presentation by the Old Spice Guys if they made this goal. I'm pretty sure the guys did not expect to have to follow through. However, the girls blew it out of the water by selling 334 Butterbraid, *for a total profit of \$1,603.20*. The Old Spice Guys had better start stretching!

Coming up on Dec. 3rd, the girls of Bethel 48 will spend the morning down at the Masonic Home, presenting the Cross Talk and the Robe talk for the gentlemen down there; then we will spend the evening preparing and serving the Grand Guardian's holiday dinner at our own Lodge.

We will also be holding a gift wrapping fundraiser on Friday Dec 9th, from 5-9 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted, and we have two exceptional gift wrappers (adults) who will be accepting free will donations. Watch for more details on this! Jobie love!

Wendy Dimatteo
Guardian Secretary, Bethel 48



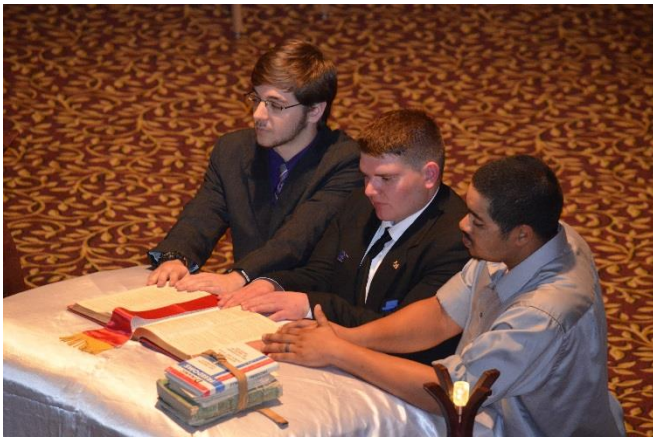
Serving at the Council Fest at the Scottish Rite!



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

On November 6th we held the Annual Grand Masters Class at the Scottish Rite, where some of the best DeMolay Ritual is put on as we brought in 7 new DeMolay!

Also, After Dinner we honored three young men by presenting the Chevalier Award, the highest honor an active DeMolay can receive. Our own State Master Councilor and all the Anoka DeMolay were in attendance!



Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, Dec 7th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Dec 7th – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Friday, Dec 9th – Heads of Bodies Meeting
- Wednesday, Dec 16th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Dec 16th – Zombie Apocalypse
- Sunday, Dec 18th – Breakfast with Santa



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**



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

This year has flown by so quickly and now we find ourselves thinking about all of the good things that happened in 2016! We need to count our blessings and not dwell on the negatives in life.

The Harvest Turkey Dinner is now in the history book and it was a wonderful success. We want to extend a sincere thank you to all of the hungry folks eager to join us. We appreciate the support of our Masonic Family and community. It takes many dedicated workers to pull off this dinner and we want to say “thank you” for your help.

At our December 1st meeting we will be Honoring our Organist, Kathy Downs. She has been so dedicated and a very important part of every meeting. The meetings are not the same without music. We will also be voting to move the next meeting date to December 29th. This meeting will include Initiation for 5 or 7 new members. We are excited about this and look forward to this special day.

On December 3rd, Martha Chapter will have a food booth at Anoka Tree Lighting from 3-7pm. On Friday, December 9, Martha Club will be at Anoka County Court House for the Annual Craft and Bake Sale.

On Saturday, December 17, at 9:00 Martha Chapter has been invited to help the Masons decorate Christmas trees in preparation for the Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18.

December 31, New Years Eve. Last year Martha Chapter had a Pizza Party. We ate, played some games, rang in the New Year, and most of us were on our way by 9:00! Some of us stayed home and snuggled into warm jammies while others continued on to more parties.

This year we are extending an invitation to the Entire Masonic Family to join us. Bring your family and friends. We are suggesting a \$5.00 per person donation and a \$15.00 per family donation. To plan on food quantity we will need an RSVP to: Janet Gilbertson, 763-427-3357. Things to bring: Fun Games, Leftover Christmas cookies or dessert to share.

A Masonic Family Opportunity: Date for your calendar: Tuesday, January 17, 7:00. A Pampered Chef Cooking Show.

The newly renovated kitchen at the Lodge is in need of items. Please come and order something for yourself and/or something for the kitchen. During the month of January the dollar amount for free items doubles. Invite your family and friends.

Please RSVP by January 10, to Janet Gilbertson, 763-427-3357. This count will help the consultants with their grocery shopping; they will be preparing our snacks! If space is available, look for more information in this newsletter!

Merry Christmas to all!

Janet Gilbertson
Worthy Matron

Curt Speller
Worthy Patron

What is an Eastern Star Grand Representative:

A Grand Representative to other state jurisdictions is appointed by that Worthy Grand Matron from recommendation by our Worthy Grand Matron. Most appointments are for a period of two years. This is the best honor that you could get because there are NO duties assigned to them. The hope is that you would visit and attend their Grand Chapter Sessions as an ambassador of Minnesota. Just go and enjoy the hospitality of new friends across the country. You usually have a counterpart from that other jurisdiction that you may correspond with and possibly build a lifelong friendship. (ask Beth Brown about her New Hampshire buddies) Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions are also invited to attend Minnesota's Grand Chapter Session and enjoy our state. This year Martha Chapter has two current Grand Representatives. Jordy Stradtman – Massachusetts, and Denise Emery – New Mexico.

In October, Dave and I set off on a week's road trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend their grand session. Long first day travel with overnight stop in Wichita, Kansas. The next day we continued down Hwy 35 to Guthrie, Oklahoma in hopes of touring the historic Scottish Rite Temple. Unfortunately, no tours were given at the time because the Oklahoma Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session was in progress. We followed 35 to Oklahoma City to tour the National Cowboy and Western Historic Museum. Such a thrill to see my uncle Duane Bryers' painting of "Two's Company" on display in their museum. Then headed west on 40 to overnight in Amarillo.

Day 3 was west bound on 40 again. A long, straight, barren interstate that arrived at Albuquerque's Marriott Pyramid Hotel. I attended the afternoon practice for the cavalcade of flags and the evening session where they introduced almost everyone in the room.

At the Thursday morning session, I was introduced as one of the visiting Grand Representatives. At the Grand Representative Luncheon, we were seated with a great couple from California. The afternoon session started off with the cavalcade of flags. I was honored to carry the Minnesota Flag for this event.

Friday's meetings were business items, therefore they arranged a trolley bus tour of the city for the visiting dignitaries. An enjoyable day of viewing the Old Town shops, and all the other points of interest. The Friday night banquet food was good with an interesting trivia game as a great mixer. Of course Dave found some new friends with common interests, backgrounds, and friends. We may have to return to New Mexico and Arizona to support the new friends on their journey to the Grand East. My term ends on January 1st and I am so blessed to have could fulfill this journey.

To future appointees, grab the opportunity and run with it. The more you put into things, the more you get out of it. Enjoy every moment.

Thanks for the opportunity to share these thought.



Denise Emery

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**Please Join Martha Chapter #132 - Order of Eastern Star
For their Pampered Chef Party!**

Where: Anoka Masonic Lodge #30

(1908 3rd Ave. Anoka, MN, 55303)

When: Tuesday, January 17th, 2017, 7pm till 9pm

Come make a dessert item and munch on appetizers while purchasing products for yourselves or feel free to donate some to our newly renovated kitchen. Pampered Chef has tons of cooking utensils, entertaining items, cookbooks, and tasty spices, rubs & sauces too!

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY: January 24, 2017

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marlee Kivens directly.

Cell: 612-701-4805 or Email: mbkivens@gmail.com

Thanks, and Happy Shopping!



For November we made our way out to Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351. This is a Traveling Lodge and was held at our own Dual Members home, Brother Rick Carrier who graciously welcomed us.

It was a wonderful evening with a great LEO Presentation, Food and Fellowship and we can't thank them enough for having us all!

Next month we will attend WM Steven Walkers last meeting as Master of Sherburne Lodge #95 at the Masonic Heritage Center. A special treat is the members of Shekinah #104 will be putting on a show as well, so we hope you can come out for the night.

We are thinking of cutting down the traveling dates for next year. I hope by having less outings that more of you will be able to come out and spread the fraternal love we have here at Anoka Lodge!

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



Visiting Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351!



Stewards Corner!

December 7th – For our annual Communication (and Second Elections Night) The Companions of Shekinah #104 will be making dinner. It is a fund raiser for “Grandma’s Closet”



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 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

Scottish Rite:



The beginning of December means the end of the Fall Class, and on the first Thursday will start off with the 28th & 29th Degrees, known as Prince Adept and the Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. A Great Degree with Men in Kilts, can you ask for more?

The next week we begin the final few Degrees, ending the Council of Kadosh with the 30th Degree, we then head into the Consistory Degrees 31st Degrees. The 31st Degree being one of the most introspective in my opinion Known as the Inspector Inquisitor.

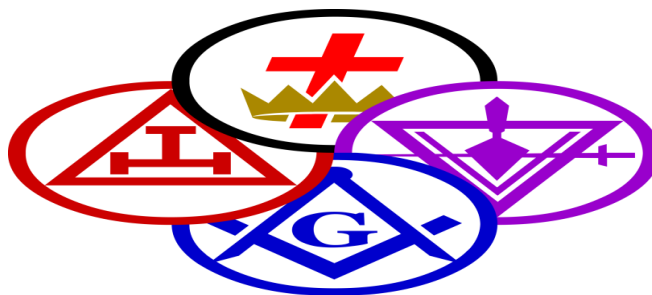
The 3rd Thursday brings this class to a close as three Anoka Brethren become Masters of the Royal Secret in the 32nd Degree! As I just said, we have three of our own coming through and so if you are a Scottish Rite member from Anoka, I hope you will seriously consider making it down this night to support your Brothers as they come through.

Remember there is still time to get in your petition for the Spring Class beginning in January. We already have a couple of Anoka Brothers going through and you can too. 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 Grand Master of Minnesota visits 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

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Michelle Jensen receives The Adult Leadership Award at the Scottish Rite for all her hard work with Job's Daughters, a most deserved award, and the whole Anoka Family was there in Support!