



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!

Brothers, I have yet to sit in the East as your Master as I write this article, and yet many things weigh on my mind.

First I would like to thank for all for allowing me to serve the lodge as Master, it is something I had hoped to be able to do, to try and assist the lodge to become an even better place than it already was.

I knew this year would be the toughest of my Masonic life, but I also hope that in the end it is the most rewarding. For me this means leaving the lodge stronger then it was when I first sat in the oriental chair.

To do this I need assistance from everyone, I need Patience for my inadequacies. Forgiveness for my transgressions, either perceived or real, and Understanding as I fumble through the year. Whispering good council in my ear and knowing that though I can't follow everyone's advice, I truly appreciate the guidance given.

This year will bring many challenges for the lodge but I know if we continue to love each other and this lodge, and always act like Masons, using the trowel and other working tools to show us the way, we can have the year we all hope to have.

As I stated at my Installation, I ask that you all communicate with me, share your thoughts and concerns, and know that if I fail, I do so while trying to do my best, that I am not perfect, but

merely a Brother who hopes he doesn't let you all down.

Thanks to all those who came out to my Installation, including my Installation Team, our whole Masonic family who assisted, Daughters of Bethel #48, Anoka DeMolay, Brothers of Zion #2, and the members of Martha Chapter, who so graciously helped with serving food and cleaning up. It all meant the world to me!

Terrance M Schaffer  
Worshipful Master



My Brothers and Classmates join me at my Installation as Master of Anoka Lodge #30

**Greetings from the West!**

**I would like to thank everyone for the vote of confidence by putting me into the west in 2017! Since this is my very first Star and Compass article, I would like to introduce myself and let everyone out there know a few things about me.**

**I was born in Coon Rapids at Mercy Hospital, grew up in Ramsey, MN. I graduated from Anoka High School, attending college at Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Hi-Tech Institute, then working at Unity Hospital in Fridley, MN as a MPA for 10 years now. I have been married to my wife Tania for 4 years, and I have 1 daughter named Kelly who's 15 years old.**

**I have been a Mason since September 2011 and have spent almost my entire Masonic career in the Anoka officer line, enjoying every minute of it!**

**December was a very busy month for most of us with the Election, Star Wars movie party, Breakfast with Santa, Zombie Nerf party, and of course all of our own usual holiday traditions with family.**

**January we will kick off the year by having the lodge of sorrow on the 4<sup>th</sup> which is a wonderful ceremony and shouldn't be missed as we say goodbye to our departed brethren. The EA degree will be next to follow on the 18<sup>th</sup> and I look forward to seeing more folks on the charitable activities committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**I hope to see all of you at our next meeting and if I don't, Happy New Year and god bless!**

**Tony Heimer  
Senior Warden**



**Greetings from the South!**

**I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to 2017 we finished off 2016 with a bang.**

**There were several events in December that show just how strong of a lodge we really are.**

**Brothers coming together not necessarily for Masonic reasons but for the love of Star Wars to all watch an amazing movie together, thanks again WB Todd for planning and facilitating this, a good time was had by all (pics from Star Wars Movie night I know you have them Worshipful lol)**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> annual delivery of widow's poinsettias was a roaring success and the ladies' loved spending time with the men their husband's had called brother and we reassured them we were there for them no matter what they need. I would like to personally thank all the brothers who came out and made this event a roaring success for its first (and hopefully not last) year (pics of poinsettia delivery)**

**Breakfast with Santa went incredibly well, we came together once again and showed the community that we are here and we are a special place, thanks to "The Big Man in Red" for his appearance. (pics of breakfast with Santa)**

**In closing I would like to invite every member of the Lodge to come to a meeting, I don't care which meeting or even if you have to leave early. It would just be nice to see you in lodge again because Anoka Lodge would not be the special place it is without all of its members, this includes everyone, WE make our lodge a place of Brotherly love and friendship.**

**Jeremy Hill  
Junior Warden**



## Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Presenting a check to Stable Pathways!



Anoka Brothers head to "Rogue One!"



Another Great Breakfast with Santa Event!



**Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:**

Thanks to everyone who came out to have us wrap their gifts, we raised \$125.00



We also helped with the Anoka Lodge Officers Installation by performing the living cross once again.



**Attending the Zombie Apocalypse Party!**

We would like to invite the entire masonic Family to come to our upcoming Installation to be held on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm here at the lodge. Honored Queen Elect Grace Shelton will be Crowned, and Outgoing Queen Bailey Brendel will be retired.



**Anoka Chapter DeMolay:**



We assisted the lodge by performing the Arch of Steel at for the Jobies of Bethel #48 during the Installation of the Officers at Anoka Lodge #30 for the 2017 Year!

We are having our Decades Dance on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at Anoka Lodge. This event is a lot of fun as each hour we play music from different decades!

Later in the month we will be holding out Annual Chili Feed at the lodge on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.



For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

**Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:**

**Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:**

- Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Wednesday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> School of Instruction
- Sunday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast
- Wednesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – EA Degree



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



**Stewards Corner!**

January 4<sup>th</sup> – For our Lodge of Sorrow we will be having a Traditional “White Meal”, consisting of Chicken Alfrado w/Garlic Bread and White Cake.

January 18<sup>th</sup> – For the EA Degree we will be serving Chicken Corn Chowder, Caesar Salad, and Rustic Bread.



**Tim Galvin**  
Senior Steward



**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

## Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We are beginning a new year again and in reality time, it does not seem very long ago, we were all so concerned about Y2K. We are still all connected and moving forward! By the time this newsletter is distributed we will have put the final touches on 2016. Christmas is in the history books and I hope everyone shared the blessings of this joyous season.

As I am writing this, Martha Chapter has one more meeting for December. We received a dispensation to change our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. This change makes it possible to have an Initiation for seven new members. We look forward to this event with anticipation and excitement to welcome Angie and Mike Miller, Brian Dimatteo, Francesca Dimatteo, Tammy and Jeremy Hill, and Tim Galvin.

January 5<sup>th</sup>, At our first meeting, is our Pajama/Robe/Blanket night.

January 19<sup>th</sup>, Our meeting will take us again on a visit to a hometown. I wonder who will be our winner of the Spring Grove Soda!

January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00. Martha Chapter is hosting a PAMPERED CHEF party at the Lodge for all Masonic Bodies and friends. You will have an opportunity to make purchases for your own home and purchase items for the newly updated lodge kitchen.

The Pampered Chef consultants will be preparing our snack for the evening so I do need to give them a headcount, so let me know if you are attending.

Call: 763-427-3357 or send an e-mail:  
[gilbertsonjanet@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertsonjanet@gmail.com)

Looking ahead to February: We will be having our Soup Luncheon on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Janet Gilbertson  
Worthy Matron

Curt Speller  
Worthy Patron



Attending the Installation of Anoka's Officers

**The Pampered Chef**<sup>®</sup>  
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**Please Join Martha Chapter #132 - Order of Eastern Star  
For their Pampered Chef Party!**

**Where: Anoka Masonic Lodge #30**

(1908 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Anoka, MN, 55303)

**When: Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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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**(YES! We "get something" for this too!)**

**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!**



**Widows Sons, Cryptic Master:**

**Hello from Chop, President of the Cryptic Master Chapter of the Widows Sons.**

**We are an appended body, an organization of men that love motorcycles, and as such it shall be our obligation as Widows Sons Motorcycle Association to contribute to the relief to the Widows of those Master Masons within the boundaries of our jurisdiction.**

**We meet at Anoka Lodge #30 on the second Thursday of every month. We are currently accepting petitions now and will welcome new members in February. Social hour for our meeting nights is at 6pm, and a closed meeting to follow at 7:00pm.**

**We are hosting an upcoming social gathering open to all Widows Sons, their families, and friends on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2017, at 6pm, at Dehn's Country Manor, located at 11281 Fernbrook Lane Maple Grove, MN 55369, and we would love to see you all there! We will be ordering off the menu, and you must RSVP to Chop by January 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan on attending, and yes there will be cake!**

**Widows Sons Cryptic Master  
President Chop  
763-746-6720**



**Light from the L.E.O.**

**Hello from LEO's Corner, this is Chop.**

**My job is to provide light to the lodge and what better way to introduce this month's subject matter then to discuss light!**

**What is the symbolism of light? Light is the symbol of knowledge. May every Mason strive for more light, and especially for the light that's inside us! When a society is assembled anywhere to do good, they require an influential person to communicate the light of experience, instruct them, and point out the way they should go, or bring light to them. This may be done symbolically or by suddenly lighting up a dark room with the flip of a switch. He who thus introduces the light into the lodge, must be a worthy man, and experienced in the Craft.**

**I may not have the most experience but each month I will try to touch on subjects that I'm interested in. I hope you'll enjoy the light I bring to the table.**

**Thomas Senenfelder II  
L.E.O.  
763-746-6720**





**Scottish Rite:**



**Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.**

**Remember Thursday night is Rite Night!  
January 5th begins the next cycle of degrees at  
the Scottish Rite.**

**January 5<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degrees  
January 12<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> degrees  
January 19<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> degrees  
January 26<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> degrees**

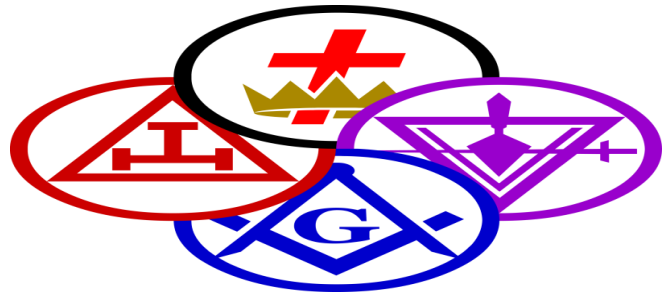
**Now is a good time to look at the calendar and  
mark down those Degrees you maybe haven't  
seen yet or perhaps not in a while and make  
sure you find the time to come down during  
this class session. With so many great lessons to  
be learned or refreshed by these Degrees, they  
will help you to keep your life on the level.**

**As always, if you have any questions or wish to  
still fill out a petition for the spring class,  
(There is still time) please don't hesitate to  
contact me.**

**Darren Swenson  
Double Eagle, Anoka Lodge #30  
Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.**



**Our Newest Masters of the Royal Secret!**



**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 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Two weeks later, the Cryptic Council will hold  
their event on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and  
lastly the Commandry or Knights Templar will  
be holding theirs on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you have any interest or just want more  
information please contact any York Rite  
member!**



**Visiting Sherburne Lodge #95, the members of  
Shekinah #104 put on the Past Masters  
Allegory.**

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