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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!

Only one month into this year and I am amazed at all the work we have done and yet there is so much more to do.

Our cycle of Degrees has begun and we have a couple of new Brothers, so please make yourself known and welcome these Brothers as they begin their journey.

We are working closely with our Ritual Director WB Al Golder to bring some of the newer officers up to speed on the Ritual and are trying to present the best experience we can to those candidates as we put on these degrees. So if things seem a little out of the normal, this is the reason.

As I said, so much work is ahead of us and I will continue to look to all the Brethren to assist with it as we go forward.

We began the Sunday Breakfasts again last month and Brother Brian's crew did a great job again. I am hopeful that we can get more of the Brothers to come out and help with these monthly events and will be asking each of you to take just one month, one 4hr shift in the whole year and come and assist with work. So pick a month and let me know when.

The Mentor Committee, headed by WB Greg Vokovan could use more Brothers to assist with the guidance of those new Brothers as they come into the lodge. Please contact him and give him your contact information if you can or are willing to be put on the list.

There are many other committees and groups that could use a hand or that you can be a part of, just one opportunity would be getting on the list to help with the Annual Shrimp dinner, happening on Friday, April 14th this year. This is one of the few events where we raise money as a lodge for ourselves and for keeping the lights on and the building in good shape.

As I have always said, many hands make the light work and we can use yours, so if within the length of your cable tow, reach out and we will put you to work!

**Terrance M Schaffer
Worshipful Master**



Honored to be asked to attend the Widows Sons dinner by their President, Thomas Senenfelder

Greetings from the West!

I want to thank all of the brethren that made it out to the EA degree this month! We had many visitors on the sidelines from several different lodges to welcome our 2 newest EA's as they start their masonic journey at Anoka lodge. If you see them, please welcome them to our ranks.

I am grateful for all of the kind words of wisdom that I receive every time I am at lodge, so much experience to be shared, so much knowledge to be passed down to the uninformed, and compassion for the craft.

It is sometimes difficult to meet everyone on the level since we all come from different backgrounds, educations, and motivations but I will give you my promise that I will do my best each and every time we meet. Please always try to be respectful to any brothers who don't see things the same as you do since you may learn something important in the process and gain a new perspective.

As always we have a very busy schedule at lodge with activities among ourselves and appendant bodies which is a wonderful problem to have and Anoka is a very special place.

February 4th is the One day to Royal Arch Masonry, February 18th is the One Day to Cryptic Council, and March 4th is the One Day to Knights of Templar. All degrees will be performed at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite temple and I encourage you to attend if possible.

**Tony Heimer
Senior Warden**



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Presenting a check to ACBC Food Shelves!



Brothers from Faribault Lodge #9 take back the Proficiency Sword!



Anoka's Newest Entered Apprentice's!

Greetings from the South!

For this month I wanted to reflect on what the Lodge means to me. I've done some scouring and soul searching and I've found a poem that was written by an anonymous individual.

Utopia Found:

There is a place that you can find
Where everyone is always kind,
Where everything is harmony,
Where every man is always free.
No politics are spoken there,
No arguments to rend the air,
Where smiles glow bright on every face,
A joyful and a friendly place.
A place where men can do good deeds
And share their lot with those with needs,
But still have fun in all they do
While being good and firm and true.
A place where God is still revered
And tyranny is never feared,
A place there virtues still are taught,
Where goodness is not sold or bought.
"A Shangri La?" you say to me,
"Why such a place can never be!"
Untrue, my friend, there's one I know,
A place where good men often go.
And not just one, but many more,
Both here at home, on distant shore,
Thousands and thousands, I would guess;
There might be more, but never less.
They've been around hundreds of years,
These places where men need have no fears,
So now you ask, "Where do I go?"
All right, my friend, I'll let you know.
Look for a sign with compasses and square,
Easily found, they're most everywhere,
Just note the number and the street
To know where Masons go to meet.
Anon.

So to recap brothers, never forget the lodge is a "Shangri La" and so should it ever be treated. Leave the weights of the world on the front steps and join your brothers in lifting their hearts and minds from such worldly problems. Hope to see you soon in our own little slice of "Shangri La".

Jeremy Hill Junior Warden



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



For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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!

February 1st – For our Stated Meeting we will be having Chicken & Rice.

February 15th – For the FC Degree our own Bethel #48 will be making dinner as a Fund Raiser, so even if you can't stay for the Degree, please come and show your support!



**Tim Galvin
Senior Steward**



Martha Chapter OES
Order of the Eastern Star
Fundraiser

Annual Soup Luncheon

Friday, February 10, 2017
11:00am to 1:00pm

\$7.00

Anoka Masonic Lodge
1908 - 3rd Ave. So.



We will be serving:
Loaded Baked Potato
Split Pea & Ham
Turkey Noodle

A portion of the proceeds will go to the
Pat Rasmusson Continuing Education Scholarships



Just a reminder that our Pancake Breakfasts have started up again and we hope you will assist us in getting the word out and lend a hand yourself!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

Thanks to everyone who came to our Installation, it was great to have so much support from our Masonic Family!



Past Honored Queen Bailey Brendel Retires her Robe!



Our New Honored Queen, Grace Shelton!



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

We were glad to be performing the Arch of Steal for the Jobies of Bethel #48 during their Installation in January, as well as for Zabud Council #10.

Our Chili Cook was great and we hope to have more participants next year!

We will be holding our own Installation on Saturday, February 18th and hope to see some of you there.



With the heads of bodies at the Bethel #48 Installation, Stronger Together!

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, Feb 1st – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Feb 1st – Anoka Stated Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 8th – 2nd School of Instruction

Sunday, Feb 18th – Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, Feb 15th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Feb 15th – FC Degree

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Stuck way back in my mind I always have the thought that if I can get through January, I can get through the rest of the year. This year has been a piece of cake with the mild temperature. Hm, I wonder now what the rest of the year will bring!

A big Thank You to the members of the Masonic Family who joined us for the New Year's Eve Pizza Party. It was wonderful to see the room full of people having an enjoyable evening together. We toasted in the New Year at 8:00 (it was midnight in Rio de Janeiro) and I was home by 8:55 and some were off to more parties.

February 2, 7:30, is our first meeting of the month. We will be Celebrating Women's Health, wear something red.

February 10, 11:00 – 1:00, please join us for our Soup Luncheon. We will be serving; Turkey Noodle, Split Pea with Ham, and Peg Oliver will be making a Special Potato Soup for us to sample. All you can eat soup, crackers, bread, bars, and beverage for \$7.00.

February 16, 7:30, is a stated meeting.

The Pampered Chef Event was very successful and there will be some new items showing up in the kitchen within the next couple of weeks. Thank you to all who participated.

The next Crafter & Vendor "Spring Fling" event will be upstairs and downstairs at the Lodge on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 10am –

3pm. We have several spots still open and these will be filled on a first come basis. Contact Julia at 763-257-4041

We are looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Janet Gilbertson
Worthy Matron

Curt Speller
Worthy Patron

Some Pictures from the News Years Eve Party!





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, it shall be our obligation as Widows Sons Motorcycle Association to contribute to the relief of Widows of Master Masons within the boundaries of our jurisdiction. We meet at Anoka Lodge #30 second Thursday of every month. (We are accepting petitions currently), social hour is at 6:00 p.m. A closed meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Our January meeting at Dehn's Country Manor was a big turnout. Thanks to all who came out to what I must say was a great night. The Worshipful Master of Anoka Lodge #30 "WM Terrance Schaffer" and his lovely wife joined us. It's not always about the group, it's about the people in the group. At the end of the night we ended up with two solid petition, and yes there was 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! This month's subject is the common Gavel.

The Gavel is to remind Masons to always remove the rough edges from their own character, to become more like the perfect ashlar. This may take a lifetime to achieve, but always remember you are not alone. Sometimes a Brother may have a different perspective on some of your vices and errors of life.

The Gavel is also an emblem of authority, and is used by the Master in governing the Lodge. The Gavel is also called a Hiram.

As with each month, I will bring subjects of interest and hope you'll enjoy the light I bring to the table.

Thanks for reading LEO's corner, may the light be with you!

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



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

Spring class is in full swing with the 14th Degree or Perfect Elu on February 2nd. This terminal degree teaches how we should strive to be true to ourselves and unto God.

The last Thursday of the month is something special to all of us at Anoka lodge as it is the 20th Degree. The 20th Degree is Anoka Lodges adopted Degree and put on almost exclusively by our members.

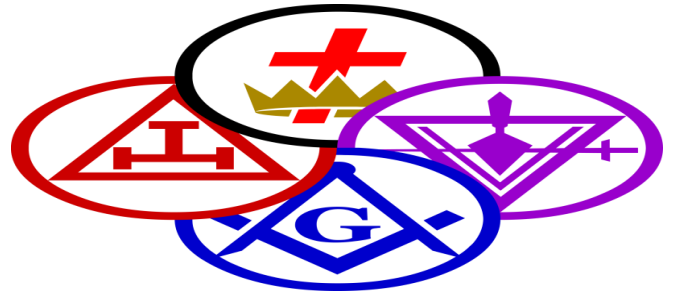
**February 2nd is the 14th (terminal) degree.
February 9th are the 15th and 16th degrees.
February 16th are the 17th and 18th (terminal) degrees.
February 23rd are the 19th and 20th (Anoka's adopted) degrees.**

**The spring reunion 3 day is coming soon:
April 27th , May 11th and 13th**

Come out and see a degree that you missed or really enjoyed all while supporting your brothers.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to fill out a petition for the spring reunion in May please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

Anoka Lodge has 3 Brothers Going Through!

Both of Anoka Lodges York Rite bodies held thirs Installation for 2017 this past month.



The Officers for 2017 of Skehinah #104.



The Officer for 2017 of Zebud Council #10.

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Bethel #48 Jobie Installation, with Grace Shelton going in as Honored Queen!