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Greetings from the East!

Brethren, what a Special Month June has been, with two new Master Masons at our Annual Outdoor Degree and the celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the forming of the Grand Lodge of England!

How good it is for Brethren to gather together, and our entire Masonic Family! From our OES, Youth Groups, Salim Grotto and other Masonic Appending Bodies, all were proudly represented!

Sadly due to a family issue the Grand Master could not attend, but we had many other Grand Lodge members in attendance.

We heard a little about the History of the forming of UGLE by MWB Neil Nedd Neddermeyer. A message from the Worthy Grand Matron Peg Oliver and Fraternal Greetings RWB Steve Johnson, Senior Grand Warden for the State of Minnesota.

We were blessed to have 128 Brothers and about 50+ other guests from over 25 Lodges in the Metro West Area to come and join us. We had every appending body from Anoka Lodge represented as our Masonic Family here at Anoka Lodge is stronger together and we showed that once again!

The rain held off for the Presentations and speeches, but sadly did force us to retire inside to enjoy the Hot Dogs, Beans and other tasty treats that folks brought to share.

Thank you again to all who were able to come and share this once in a lifetime event in our fraternal history!

Next up we have the Anoka Riverfest and could use some volunteers to come out and help sell Pork Chops on Saturday July 8th, so reach out if you have an hour or two to assist, or at the very least, come by and buy a chop in support of the lodge!

Terrance M Schaffer
Worshipful Master



Our Newest MM's at Anoka Lodge

Greetings from the West!

I can't believe it's already the end of June! Half of 2017 has already passed and we are a busy productive lodge of brothers. Many ask me, what's going on at Anoka lodge these days?

Lots I say! We are in the process of changing our door entry system, updating our dining room area, BBQ's, and our usual avocations that we carry on from year to year. We are a strong, young lodge and have so many brothers with so many talents that helps us with this important work.

I personally love the summer time! We get to where Hawaiian shirts in lodge, it's wonderful to spend time with family and friends outside, gardening, fishing and everyone seems to be in a better mood with the sunshine perking up their spirits.

It was so nice to see so many brothers from the state of Minnesota at the UGLE celebration at Anoka lodge this past weekend. We had every appendant body represented and I always love the thought of a Masonic picnic. I've learned over the years, that you are able to plan an event until every detail has been covered and Mother Nature has other ideas, she will change the entire plan and at moment's notice. We did move the picnic into the lodge cafeteria with the storms approaching and was a good call by the WM.

Here is a little history about the UGLE and America:

The Order of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons was first established in London in 1717. Despite tracing their historical roots to the first mason of the Temple of Solomon, the masons of the eighteenth century had little to do with the profession of architecture or masonry. Founded for the purpose of gathering political, cultural, and intellectual elites within a single fraternity, freemasonry evolved into a prominent organization in the eighteenth century and made its way to Britain's American colonies sometime shortly thereafter.

The all-male organization had rich connections to the British Enlightenment, as its associated chapters, or lodges, became famous for closed meetings that included many of the most prominent thinkers in the British Atlantic world.

Although American elites initially joined the Freemasons with the intention of mimicking English genteel behavior, the organization ultimately contributed to the development of the American Revolution. During the revolutionary era, masons of note included George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Richard Henry Lee, John Hancock, and James Madison. These men and other leading revolutionaries used masonic lodges as gathering places to discuss the relevant issues of the day, network with likeminded individuals, and plan resistance against unpopular British policies.

Washington entered the Order of the Freemasons in October 1752 at the age of 20. Upon joining the Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Washington became a member alongside a number of influential Virginians, including the militia officers Hugh Mercer, George Weedon, and Thomas Posey. Many of Washington's brothers in the Fredericksburg Lodge later served beside him in the Continental Army.

Beginning in 1782 and continuing through the remainder of his life, Washington kept an active correspondence with various other Masonic lodges and brothers. On August 10, 1782, for example, Washington happily received a Masonic apron as a gift from the firm of Watson and Cassoul.

Washington responded with a note of gracious thanks, writing, "For your affectionate Vows, permit me to be grateful and offer mine for true Brothers in all parts of the world." In 1783, at the close of the Revolutionary War, a masonic lodge in Alexandria, Virginia was chartered. The new lodge asked General Washington to be its first Master. Washington, in support of the organization and its proximity to his home at Mount Vernon, accepted the position and became Master of the newly formed Alexandria Lodge No. 22.

After the war, freemasonry remained important to Washington, as evidenced by its prominent role in his first presidential inauguration on April 30, 1789. In taking the oath of office, Washington used the Bible of the St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1 of New York. Robert Livingston, the Chancellor of New York and a prominent mason, administered the oath.

In 1794, Washington agreed to sit for a portrait commissioned by his Alexandria Lodge No. 22 for specific use by his fellow Freemasons. Joseph Williams painted the portrait of Washington dressed in full Masonic regalia.

In 1805, the lodge renamed itself the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in honor of the late president.

The Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 bought a plot of land in Alexandria in 1909 for the purpose of creating a memorial to Washington as a Freemason. In recognition of Freemasonry's connection to the architectural professions, the lodge chose a design similar to the Lighthouse at Alexandria, Egypt, one of the original Seven Wonders of the World.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial houses the Masonic painting of George Washington as well as the Masonic apron that was the subject of his 1782 letter. Today, the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 holds its meetings at the memorial while welcoming visitors and other organizations in the city of Alexandria to use the ornate space.



Pictures from the United Grand Lodge of England



I had the privilege of going to Portsmouth NH lodge 1 and Fredericksburg VA lodge #4 last summer while visiting family on the east coast.



Tony Heimer
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South!

A MASTER'S WAGES

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by: Unknown

“Travel in foreign countries and receive Master’s Wages.” Our Operative brethren received their Master’s Wages in coin of the realm.

Speculatives content themselves with intangible wages - and occasionally some are hard pressed to explain to the wondering initiate just what, in this practical age, a Master’s Wages really are.

The wages of a Master may be classified under two heads; first, those inalienable rights which every Freemason enjoys as a result of fees, initiation and the payment of annual dues to his Lodge; second, those more precious privileges which are his if he will but stretch out his hand to take.

The first right of which any initiate is conscious is that of passing the Tiler and attending his Lodge, instead of being conducted through the West gate as a preliminary step to initiation. For a time this right of mingling with his new brethren is so engrossing that he looks no further for his Master’s Wages.

Later he learns that he also has the right of visitation in other Lodges, even though it is a “right” hedged about with restrictions. He must be in good standing to exercise it. It will be denied him should any brother object to his visit. If he is unaffiliated, in most Jurisdictions, he can exercise it but once in any one Lodge. If private business (such as election of officers or a lodge trial, etc.) is scheduled, the Master of the Lodge he would visit may refuse him entrance. In general this right of visiting other Lodges is a very real part of what may be termed his concrete Master’s Wages, and many are the Freemasons who find in it a sure cure for loneliness in strange places; who think of the opportunity to find welcome and friends where otherwise they would be alone, as wages of substantial character.

The opportunities to see and hear the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry, to take from them again and again a new thought, are wages not to be lightly received. For him with the open ears and the inquiring mind, the degrees lead to a new world, since familiarity with ritual provides the key by which he may read an endless stream of books about Freemasonry.

The Craft has a glorious history; a symbolism the study of which is endless; a curious legal structure of which law-minded men never tire’ is so interwoven with the story of the nation as to make the thoughtful thrill; joins hands with religion in the secret places of the heart in a manner both tender and touching.

These “foreign countries” have neither gate nor guard at the frontier . . . the Master Mason may cross and enter at his will, sure of wages wherever he wanders within their borders. Master’s Wages are paid in acquaintances. Unless a newly-made Master Mason is so shy and retiring that he seeks the farthest corner of his Lodge Room, there to sit and shrink into himself, inevitably he will become acquainted with many men of many minds, always an interesting addition to the joy of life.

What he does with his acquaintances is another story, but at least the wages are there, waiting for him. No honest man insures his house thinking it will burn, but the insurance policy in the safe is a great comfort, well worth all that it costs. It speaks of help should fire destroy his home; it assures that all its owner has saved in material wealth will not be lost should carelessness or accident start a conflagration.

No honest man becomes a Freemason thinking to ask the Craft for relief. Yet the consciousness that poor is the Lodge and sadden the hearts of the brethren thereof from which relief will not be forthcoming if the need is bitter, is wages from which comfort may be taken.

Freemasonry is not, “per se,” a relief organization. It does not exist merely for the purpose of dispensing charity. Nor has it great funds with which to work its gentle ministrations to the poor. Fees are modest; dues are often too small rather than too large.

Yet, for the brother down and out, who has no coal for the fire, no food for his hungry child, whom sudden disaster threatens, the strong arm of the Fraternity stretches forth to push back the danger. The cold are warmed, the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the jobless given work, the discouraged heartened.

Master's Wages, surely far greater than the effort put forth to earn them. Relief is not limited to a brother's own Lodge. In most Jurisdictions there is a Masonic Home, in which, at long last, a brother's weary body may rest, his tired feet cease their wandering. No Freemason who has visited any Masonic Home and there seen old brethren and their widows eased down the last long hill in peace and comfort; the children of Masons under friendly influences which insure safe launching of little ships on the sea of life; comes away thankful that there is such a haven for him, should he need it, even if he hopes never to ask for its aid.

Stranded in a strange place, no Freemason worries about getting aid. In all large centers is a Board of Masonic Relief to hear his story, investigate his credentials and start the machinery by which his Lodge may help him.

In smaller places is almost invariably a Lodge with brethren glad to give a sympathetic hearing to his troubles. To the brother in difficulty in what to him is a "foreign country," ability to prove himself a Freemason is Master's Wages, indeed. Freemasonry is strong in defense of the helpless. The Widow and the orphan need ask but once to receive bounty. All brethren hope to support their own, provide for their loved ones, but misfortune comes to the just and unjust alike.

To be one of a worldwide brotherhood on which widow and child may call is of untold comfort, Master's Wages more precious than the coin of gold. Finally is the right of Masonic burial. At home or abroad no Freemason, know to desire it, but is followed to his last home by sorrowing brethren who lay him away under the apron of the Craft and the Sprig of Acacia of immortal hope.

This, too, is Wages of a Master.

"Pay the Craft their Wages, if any be due . . ."
To some the practical wages briefly mentioned above are the important payments for a Freemason's work. To others, the more intangible but none the less beloved opportunities to give, rather than get, are the Master's Wages which count them.

Great among these is the Craft's opportunity for service. The world is full of chances to do for others, and no man need apply to a Masonic Lodge only because he wants a chance to "do unto others as he would others do unto him." But Freemasonry offer peculiar opportunities to unusual talents which are not always easily found in the profane world.

There is always something to do in a Lodge. There are always committees to be served - and committee work is usually thankless work. He who cannot find his payment in his satisfaction of a task well done will receive no Master's Wages for his labors on Lodge committees. There are brethren to be taught. Learning all the "work" is a man's task, not to be accomplished in a hurry.

Yet it is worth the doing, and in instructing officers and candidates many a Mason has found a quiet joy which is Master's Wages pressed down and running over. Service leads to the possibility of appointment or election to the line of officers.

There is little to speak of the Master's Wages this opportunity pays, because only those who have occupied the Oriental Chair know what they are. The outer evidence of the experience may be told, but the inner spiritual experience is untellable because the words have not been invented.

But Past Masters know! To them is issued a special coinage of Master's Wages which only a Worshipful Master may earn. Ask any of them if they do not pay well for the labor. If practical Master's Wages are acquaintances in Lodge, the enjoyment of fellowship, merged into friendship, is the same payment in larger form.

Difficult to describe, the sense of being one of a group, the solidarity of the circle which is the Lodge, provides a satisfaction and pleasure impossible to describe as it is clearly to be felt.

It is interesting to meet many men of many walks of life; it is heart-warming continually to meet the same group, always with the same feeling of equality. High and low, rich and poor, merchant and money-changer, banker and broom-maker, doctor and ditch-digger all meet on the level, and find it happy - Master's Wages, value untranslatable into money.

Ethereal as a flower scent, dainty as a butterfly's wing, yet to some as strong as any strand of the Mystic Tie all Freemasons know and none describe, is that feeling of being a part of the historic past.

To have knelt at the same Altar before which George Washington prayed; to have taken the same obligation which bound our brethren of the Mother Grand Lodge of 1717; to be spiritually kin with Elias Ashmole; to feel friendly with Oliver, Preston, Krause, Goethe, Sir Christopher Wren, Marshall, Anthony Sayer to mention only a few; to be a brother of Craftsmen who formed the Boston Tea Party; to stand at Bunker Hill with Warren and ride with brother Paul Revere; to be an apprentice at the building of St. Paul's; to learn the Knot from a Comacine Master; to follow the Magister in a Roman "Collegium," aye, even to stand awed before those mysteries of ancient peoples, and perhaps see a priest raise the dead body of Osiris from a dead level to a living perpendicular - these are mental experiences not to be forgotten when counting up Master's Wages.

Finally - and best - is the making of many friends. Thousands of brethren count their nearest and their dearest friends on the rolls of the Lodge they love and serve. The Mystic Tie makes for friendship It attracts man to man and often draws together "those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

The teachings of brotherly love, relief and truth; of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice; the inculcation of patriotism and love of country, are everyday experiences in a Masonic Lodge.

When men speak freely those thoughts which, in the world without, they keep silent, friendships are formed.

Count gain for work well done in what coin seems most valuable; the dearest of the intangibles which come to any Master Mason are those Masonic friendships than which there "are" no greater Master's Wages.

Jeremy Hill
Junior Warden



Selim Grotto Clowns enjoying the Parade Season

Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Presenting our Lodge Scholarships!



Grand Masters of both the Minnesota Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge



The Grand Master Speaks at Unity Dinner!



The Worthy Grand Matron Speaks!



Frani Dimatteo receives her Scholarship Award from the MMC, and Worthy Matron Peg Oliver



Anoka Lodge Members attending the Masonic Unity Festive Board



Anoka Lodge's Annual Outdoor MM Degree!



Zuhrah Pipe and Drum Lead the Procession



Zion Commandry Presents the Flag!



Grand Lodge Officers



WB Jerry, Our S.G.I.G. gives us a Prayer!



Appending Bodies and other Dignitaries!



MWB Neil Neddermeyer give's a Brief History!



The WM Makes Introductions

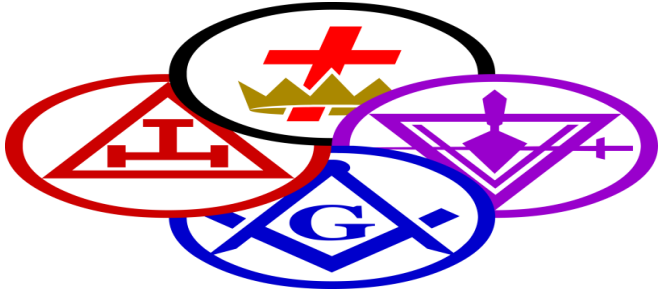


Worthy Grand Matron Peg Oliver Speaks & Senior Grand Warden Steven Johnson brings Greetings!



It was so Great to have the whole Masonic Family here at Anoka Lodge come and represent the 300th Anniversary of the forming of the United Grand Lodge of England!

From Blue Lodge, to OES, All Three York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite, Selim Grotto, Shrine, Jobies & DeMolay, each showing pride in the day and being a part of this Great Lodge!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

It was another wonderful Grand Session for all the York Rite Bodies a many of our own members were installed to various positions in the Grand Lines!



Anoka Shekinah #104 at the Grand Session!



WB Joe Anderson of Anoka Shekinah #104 was Installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest!



**WB Dave Emery was installed as Right Excellent Grand King!
(Also as Illustrious Grand Steward in Council)**



**Brother Brian Dimatteo was installed as Illustrious Grand Sentinel!
Brother Brian also received the prestigious "Knight Templar Cross of Honor" Award!**

Remember, On July 25th there is the Annual Richard F. Hunt, York Rite Picnic at the Minneapolis River Park. This is always a great event and all Masons are invited, so don't think you have to be a York Rite member for you and your family to attend.



Your Grand Royal Arch for 2017-2018



Your Grand Council for 2017-2018



Your Grand Commandery for 2017-2018



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



Cooking up Crab and Crawfish!

Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 8th – Anoka Riverfest



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!

July 5th – For our Stated Meeting we will be having Hot Dogs and other Summer time food!



**Tim Galvin
Senior Steward**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, July 5th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, July 5th – Anoka Stated Meeting

Sunday, July 16th – Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, July 19th – Coffee Clutch 9am



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

It was a great day as Ariana Pope was installed as Honored Queen. It was wonderful to have her family participate and her Mother sang beautifully!



All the Members of Bethel #48!



Great to see many of the heads our own Masonic Family Bodies here at Anoka Lodge Showing their support!



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

DeMolay Conclave will be going on the Weekend of July 27th - 30th, with the Banquet being held on Saturday Night. All are welcome and invited to attend.



Assisting at Memorial Day Service at the Acacia Park Cemetery



Doing the Arch of Steel and assisting the Knights Templar of Zion Commandry #1 as they do the presentation of the Flag for the Job's Daughters Installation of Bethel #48



AJ Brendel receives the Eagle Award!

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

We are currently dark for July and August but still manage to keep active. But first, let me tell you what happened in June.

At our June 1st meeting our Worthy Matron, me, was kidnapped by a group of Jobie's and their guardians! What a fun night that was. After a few demands, the chapter had to answer some questions, and a trip to the Dairy Queen and some other places, I was returned to the lodge and our meeting. It was fun getting to know the lovely young ladies of Bethel 48.



June 15th, our last meeting until September, we initiated one new member. Thank you to the officers for doing an outstanding job! We also honored our flag as Jerry Oliver gave a beautiful tribute. And not to forget the fathers in our chapter who were recognized for Father's Day.

A great turnout was had for our 5th Thursday Social at Mansetti's Pizza in Andover on the 29th.

On Saturday, July 8th, Martha Chapter will have a booth at Riverfest in downtown Anoka selling strawberry shortcake and ice tea. We have been doing this for several years now. It's a great way for the community to get to know us! Please stop by and say hello.

July 16th is the joint reception for Eastern Star Grand Officers, Peg Oliver, WGM and Roger Taylor, WGP, and the Minnesota Grand Lodge Officers. I hope we will see some of you there.

July 28, 29, 30 Martha Chapter will be working at the Brat Stand at Cub in Riverdale, Coon Rapids as a fundraiser. The money earned will go to a Grand Chapter project this year for Rite Care - Give a Child a Voice. Come say hello and have a hot dog or brat and support this great project.

Mark your calendar for August 19th for the Annual Martha Chapter All Masonic Family Picnic. This year it will be held at Vicky & Tim Stroup's home in Ramsey.....about 10 minutes from the lodge on Hwy 47. Gathering time is 4:00pm. Watch for email and/or Facebook updates as the date gets closer.

Enjoy the summer and come join us when you can!

Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron

Brody Martin
Worthy Patron





Widows Sons, Cryptic Master:

We are an appended body, an organization of men that love motorcycles. We meet at Anoka Lodge #30.

July 13th we have our Stated Meeting and then go out for a ride after. You don't have to be a member to go on a ride with us, so break out that bike, your best Pink Helmet and join us!

Saturday July 15th is our "Long Ride" out to Faribault and over to Wisconsin, having lunch before heading back.

There is a \$10 Donation for all rides which goes into the Widows fund to assist those Widows and orphans in need.

Widows Sons Cryptic Master
President Chop
763-746-6720



A little refreshment after visiting the Masonic Childrens Hospital

Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

Though the Scottish Rite is dark for the Summer months, all too soon the "University Of Masonry" will be starting up again.

Before that does occur, there will be our annual open House on Thursday, August 10th at 5pm. The S.G.I.G himself will be making the food so for that reason alone you should attend.

This is your chance to come and see the beautiful facility and hear about what we have to offer. You don't have to be a Mason to attend this event and Family and Friends alike are welcome to come!

If after visiting or even before that, if you are interested in joining the Rite, the Fall Class will begin on Thursday, August 24th, and sadly this will be the last class before our own Illustrious WB Jerry Oliver will be retiring as the S.G.I.G. so don't miss this chance to be a part of his final class and send him off.

As always, if you have any questions or need a petition, please feel free to contact me!

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



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