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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!

Summer is winding down, and I know I can hear a collective Moan at even the thought of it, but soon the kids will be heading back to school and we will get into a couple of the busiest months for us here at the lodge. (Though we have not slowed down all year)

Thanks to those Brothers who came out and served up food at Riverfest and the Flea Market next store, we did even better than in the past few years, bringing in around 1k for the lodge after expenses and by all accounts we can do even more next year.

The 3rd Sunday Breakfast are floundering a bit and we could really use some help in getting folks to come out and support it, either just by coming yourselves or by getting friends and family to have a good meal for a reasonable price.

These events are small ways that we raise money not only for ourselves, and believe me the lodge is always in need of funds just to keep the lights on and the building in good running order, but they also allow us the ability to do things like support our Youth groups and other requests that come up during the year without depleting our general funds.

Just a heads up that we will be having a large fall class as usual and we would love to have a good group of Brothers on the sidelines to welcome them as they go through the Degrees.

The EA Class will again be held a week early. (2nd Wednesday) due to the upcoming Table Lodge the 3rd Wednesday in September.

Speaking of the Table Lodge, you need to get your ticket's ASAP as seating is limited and the Grand Master of Minnesota, MWB John Studell will be in attendance. For those who have never attended the Anoka Table Lodge, ours in a closed event and for Brothers only.

Please contact our New Senior Steward, Julio Herrera to pay for your seat and make sure you don't miss on this fun and fraternal event!

Terrance M Schaffer
Worshipful Master



The Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Luncheon!

Greetings from the West!

Summertime is here in full swing!

BBQ with family and friends, going to the lake, family vacations, and just spending time outside while it lasts. We had the pleasure of cooking ribs for the Wayzata Firefighters annual meeting again and every time I participate in this event for Wayzata #205 it gives me a sense of satisfaction, helping other lodges appreciate their local emergency responders. This event renews my obligation we have taken as masons by providing brotherly love.

I try my best to please everyone within this fraternity. With that being said, I will not be able to please all, but most. There are many decisions that need to be made that effect the entire lodge, and as a principal officer/trustee, tough choices need to be made sometimes and the membership has trusted us to make these choices on their behalf.

We have a strong, young, vibrant, and intelligent lodge here at Anoka and I am proud to be a Freemason in the city I grew up in. Many things have change in downtown Anoka and surrounding area in the years but our lodge still stands strong because we are family.

My article this month is about Masonic etiquette since we have so many new Masons at Anoka!

1. WALKING BETWEEN THE ALTAR AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East when the lodge is open. Why? As a courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge should never be in shadow, not even for a millisecond, during the processes of an initiation or degree work.

2. SITTING IN THE EAST:

Brethren do not take a seat in the East without an invitation... even if all other seats are full. Why? While all Brethren within a tiled room are equal to one another, and the officers are servants of the brethren, all lodge officers have worked and studied long and hard for their lodge.

It is, therefore, the Master's prerogative to recognize this devotion and their loyalty by inviting distinguished visitors or a special member whom the Master wishes to honor to sit with him in the East. In other words, if you were in church, synagogue or mosque and the pews were full, would you go up and sit beside the Pastor, Rabbi or Imam (Muslim Priest)?

3. ALWAYS FULLY DRESSED:

Brethren do not enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron...not even the tying of its strings. Why? In respect to the formalities of their Lodge, officers expect that the Brethren will have the courtesy to enter it fully dressed and ready for the labor. They should not have to wait for a member to be fully "dressed", even just tying or adjusting their apron, to salute that member. It is expected that you will be properly and entirely dressed when you pass by the Tiler and enter your lodge room.

4. STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK:

No man sits while speaking in the lodge room, no matter if he addresses an officer or another brother. Why? All lodge activity is based on each man in the lodge as being a servant of the Brethren. This includes the Worshipful Master and his officers. While the man, himself, who has been elected Worshipful Master does not gain any special honor, personally, as the Worshipful Master, it is to the Worshipful Master as the Master of the Lodge that a member stands to address. It is simply a form of respect ...and no different than attending a shareholder's meeting or a City Council meeting. It is expected that if you wish to address the audience, you will stand so all may see who is speaking.

5. TALKING:

"Side" talk while a degree is being conferred is considered bad manners. Why? The lodge room is a Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. The brethren within are working to make the best ashlar (stones) for His spiritual temple. Just as it is impolite to talk in a church, synagogue or mosque service, so it is improper to distract the officers, the workers in the degree or the candidate.

Talking without asking to do so shows irreverence for the proceedings. God's house is not for social conversation within the lodge room. It is for worship and learning the lesson of the day which is being taught.

Unless you have requested of the Master to speak, silence is the rule. This also means no whispering. HOW? If you have something of interest to say, raise your hand. When the Master recognizes you, you must stand up, and be recognized by the Master to speak.

To address the brethren, you should say: "Worshipful Master, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Wardens and Brethren". If the Most Worshipful Master is in attendance, you should say: "Worshipful Master, Most Worshipful, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Wardens and Brethren.

6. SPEAKING:

If you wish to offer a predetermined motion or matter for discussion, advise the Master beforehand. Why? Advising the Master before the meeting that you intend to bring up a specific motion or a matter for discussion is an important courtesy. You may, indeed, do it without advising him in advance, but the Master may have plans of his own for that meeting, for which your proposed motion or discussion may not easily fit into the allotted time frame.

As a courtesy to him, his work, and his dedication to the members, it is best to ask him privately, beforehand, if he will be able to recognize you to speak your purpose. This saves "face" for both of you. You will not publicly be refused and he will not have to seem disagreeable or arrogant in his refusal of your motion. If you wish to speak, (see number 6.), above.

7. OBEY THE GAVEL:

You must immediately obey the gavel. Why? Failure to immediately obey the gavel is a **GRAVE DISCOURTESY** and **VERY** poor Masonic Etiquette. The Master is all powerful in the lodge and his word is final. He can put or refuse to put any motion. He can rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.

He can say what he will, and what he will not, permit to be discussed. Brethren who think him unfair, arbitrary, unjust, or acting illegally have redress. The Grand Lodge can be appealed to on any such matter. However, in the lodge, the Master's gavel, which is his emblem of authority, is supreme.

When a brother is rapped down, he should obey at once, without any further discussion. It is **VERY** bad manners to do otherwise. In fact, it is perilously close to the line between bad manners and a Masonic offense. Masonic etiquette decries anyone who does not obey the gavel.

8. TURNING YOUR BACK:

Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge without first receiving permission from the Master to speak. Why? Any debates that are in motion must be conducted using proper Masonic etiquette. One always stands to order when addressing the chair. Customs differ in various jurisdictions as to the method of salute, however some salute should always be given when addressing the Master. Two brethren, both on their feet, simultaneously arguing a motion, who are facing each other and ignoring the Master is unacceptable.

9. SALUTE:

Some lodges (not all) offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when they enter and when they leave their Masonic Mother lodge room or any other Masonic lodge room. Some lodges offer salutes to the Senior Warden. Why? The Masonic etiquette of saluting the Master is your renewed pledge of fealty and service.

It is your public display of decorum before all other brothers of your obligation. It shows your courteous respect for all that the Master stands for and shows that you acknowledge his authority. Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect for all that for which he stands. The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly shown obligation. A lazy, sloppy or improper salute is to be Masonically impolite and, thus, to exhibit poor Masonic etiquette.

10. BALLOTING:

Do not enter or leave the lodge room during a ballot. Why? It is discourteous to leave the lodge room during a speech, during a degree, etc. There are several natural periods, such as at the end of one section and before the next begins, or when the Master puts the lodge at ease until the sound of the gavel. Then, and only then, you may leave the lodge without being considered rude.

It is Masonic Etiquette that all brethren are expected to vote when requested to do so. Failure to cast your ballot not only results in your failure to share in your duties, but is in direct disobedience of the Master's request.

11. VOTING IS MANDATORY:

When an issue is put to a vote, all brethren should vote. Why? A brother who does not vote is discourteous because he skews the ballot. He becomes the weak link in a strong chain. No matter what the reason of his non-vote, he injures the lodge's ballot, its value and its secrecy. Failure to vote can injure a lodge's feeling of brotherhood, and by that injury, can injure the Masonic fraternity. No matter what reason you may privately hold about voting, it is poor Masonic Etiquette to fail to vote when requested to do so by the Master.

12. SMOKING:

No smoking in the lodge room. Why? While there are lodges who allow smoking during the business meeting (and you must be guided by the customs of your Mother Lodge), the ceremonies you take part in and watch are solemn occasions. In most lodge rooms, it is considered VERY disrespectful to smoke while the ceremonies are taking place. Smoking may take place in other parts of your building or outside and during refreshment.

13. SHOULDERING THE WORK:

It is good Masonic Etiquette to accept a request made in the name of the lodge if it is within your abilities. Why? A lodge is a working "beehive of industry". A request made of you from your lodge acknowledges that the lodge trusts you to competently fulfill such a request based upon your knowledge.

14. CORRECTION OF VERBAL ERRORS:

Lodge customs state that no one except for the Worshipful Master or his prearranged designee, may correct any mistake that may occur during the course of a Ceremony, and even he does so only when the error is a serious one. Why? It is discourteous to point out others mistakes in front of the lodge brethren. If you are in possession of a mind which allows you to be able to perform each and every degree and ceremony, perfectly, please advise the Worshipful Master of such that he may take advantage of your services to mentor others.

15. EXHIBIT GOOD POSTURE:

Why? Good posture is necessary while within the Lodge room. Lounging, leaning and slovenly attitudes should be avoided. Poor posture is considered poor Masonic etiquette.

16. NO PRACTICAL JOKES NOR OFF-COLOR STORIES: Why?

The great lessons of Masonry, which are taught by our ritual, should never be demeaned by levity or pranks. The lodge room is not a proper location for the telling of practical jokes, pranks, horseplay nor off-color stories.

17. USE PROPER MASONIC NAMES: Why? It is common courtesy to be accurate in speaking a brother's name, so it is proper Masonic etiquette to address officers, members, and visitors by their correct Masonic titles and addresses.

18. ENTERING LODGE AFTER THE MEETING HAS BEGUN:

If a brother should enter the Lodge after the opening ceremony is under way, he should go to the Altar to salute the Master. If he must leave before the meeting is over, the correct Masonic etiquette of his departure is that he should salute the Presiding Master at the Altar before he departs. The salute should always be given properly and not in a careless or perfunctory manner.

19. ALL PRAYERS AT LODGE FUNCTIONS ARE NON-SECTARIAN:

Freemasonry is worldwide and holds no sectarian views. Non-sectarian means not sectioned into one, specific religion.

Freemasonry embraces all religions. A Mason may choose the religion of his choice in his private life, but should be aware and open to the fact that others among the brethren do not necessarily share nor were they brought up with the religious dogmas and beliefs that you, personally, embrace. Why? Prayers at lodge functions should be scrupulously in keeping with Masonic teachings.

The Masonic Etiquette of offered prayers is that they should never be an expression of specific sectarian views or dogmatic creeds. It is a matter of courtesy that all prayers, speeches and discussions at Masonic affairs avoid sectarian, controversial or political tones. Prayers are best directed to the Creator, the Master Architect of the Universe and not toward specific religious teachings such as Jesus Christ, Mother Mary, Muhammad, Jehovah, Allah etc. To do so omits the religions of others within the brethren, which can cause conflict and therefore not be harmonious to the whole.

In the spirit of non-sectarianism, we must remember that since the day that our Creator found that Man created the Tower of Babel to glorify themselves; it is HE who changed man's language into the many diverse languages now spoken on Earth. In so doing, our Creator has many names across the world.

20. TURN CELL PHONES OFF:

All cell phones should be turned off before entering the lodge room so as not to disrupt the proceedings.

**Tony Heimer
Senior Warden**



Greetings from the South!



Grotto Clowns at the Delano July 4th Parade!



Gaming Fun Day at the Up/Down Arcade!



Glenwood Waterama Parade!

**Jeremy Hill
Junior Warden**



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Cooking it up at the Flea Market Next Door!



The Brothers working the Anoka Riverfest!



We had a little Pork Chop in us!



Anoka Masonic Family attending the Grand Lodge/Grand Chapter Luncheon



The Grand Officers and their Spouses!

ANOKA MASONIC LODGE #30



"FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY"

Anoka Lodge #30 is happy to present its Annual EA Table Lodge

Date: Wednesday, September 20th, 2017

Time: 6pm Dinner

Place: Anoka Lodge

Cost: \$25 Dollars



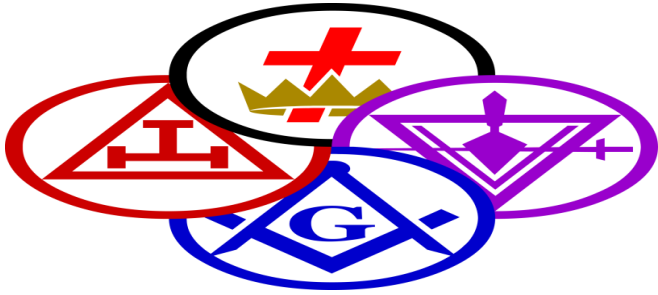
This is a Traditional Table Lodge and so only open to Masons (of Any Degree) and we will observe the 7 Toasts as well as a few select speeches.

A four-course meal will be served as always and Prime Rib is the main course as is our usual custom here at Anoka Lodge #30.

Seating is limited as always and Reservations are required, no walk in's please.

The Grand Master of Minnesota Masons, MWB John Studell is said to be in attendance!

For those New Brothers who have yet to experience a Table Lodge, this is a great opportunity to share a wonderful event done historically for hundreds of years in the Fraternity!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

The Companions of Anoka Shekinah #104 continue to grow as once again we put on the Mark Master Degree and welcome some new members!

The Annual Richard F. Hunt York Rite Memorial Picnic was another Great success, with WB Jerry & Peg Oliver doing the cooking. It was a beautiful night and nearly 50 Brothers and their families came out in attendance!



The Newest Members of Anoka Shekinah #104!



The Combined York Rite bodies at the Richard F. Hunt, York Rite Picnic!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:



It was a sad and yet great day to assist at Bethel #19's last official meeting in Monticello.



Bagging Groceries at Cub Foods for tips!



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



Assisting Wayzeta Lodge #205 as they cook for the local Fire Department!

Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:

Friday, August 25th – We Can Ride Dinner



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!

August 2nd – For our Stated Meeting we will be having Chicken, Potato's and Green Beans! Courtesy of Brother Brent Merritt.



Julio Herrera
Senior Steward

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, August 2nd – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, August 2nd – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Sunday, August 6th – St. Paul Saints Game
- Wednesday, August 16th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Sunday, August 20th – Pancake Brekafest



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

It was another Great Conclave as our own Anoka DeMolay was well represented and had a great time enjoying all the activities!

Conclave



AJ's Last Act as State Master Councilor



Anoka DeMolay receives their Charter!



The S.G.I.G Speaks to our Youth!



WB Al Golder is Chapter Dad of the Year for all his hard work at Robbinsdale Chapter!



Grand Worthy Matron Inspires by reminding us what we can do with a "Smile"



Brother Cody receives the "Honorary" State Master Councilor



The Heads of all three York Rite bodies present a new Travling Sword!



The changing of the guard as AJ Brendel steps down as State Master Councilor and Dane Banks is made the next!



Our own Brother Aaron Brendel is made the Executive Officer for DeMolay!



The Grand Master of Minnesota Masons speaks about his experiences!



A Great Day for the Anoka Masonic Family as later in the evening Gabriella Dimatteo is Crowned State Sweetheart, taking over for Mirand Novack, and with AJ stepping out, we now have Levi Drude-Huff going in the State Line and Brother Aaron Brendel as Executive Officer!



Our own Levi Drude-Huff is sworn in as State Junior Councilor along with Ender Wichlacz as State Senior Councilor

Our Officer Installation will be on Sunday, August 27th at 4pm, and we invite all of the Masonic Family here at Anoka Lodge #30 to attend!

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

**Hard to believe August is here already!
Martha Chapter is dark this month but we
have a couple of things going on.**

**August 10th Past Matron's will be meeting at
the Olive Garden in Coon Rapids.
Gathering at 5:30 and ordering about 6:00.
Please RSVP by August 7th to
Janet Gilbertson at [763-427-3357](tel:763-427-3357).**

**August 19th is Martha Chapter's all Masonic
Family Picnic. Please bring a dish to share.
Brats, dogs & pulled chicken provided.**

It will be held at:

**Vicky & Tim Stroup's home
Social at 3:30. Eating about 4:00
14778 Xkimo St. NW
Ramsey. Ph: [763-237-2315](tel:763-237-2315)**

**We look forward to seeing many of you there.
September 7th we head back to Chapter where
we will be honoring our founder, Rob
Morris. It's also LA night! If you don't know
what that is, come to Chapter to find out!**

**Enjoy the rest of the month and we'll see you in
September.**

**Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron**

**Brody Martin
Worthy Patron**



Working the Anoka Riverfest!

In Memoriom:



Maxine Larson May 27th, 1943 – July 29th, 2017



Widows Sons, Cryptic Master:

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

August 10th – We have our Stated Meeting at the Scottish Rite where will be having a booth set up with more information about joining us. (RSVP's are Mandatory and the cost is \$10.)

August 19th – We will be performing a National Guard Escort beginning at 9:30am at the Anoka Armory. Please RSVP to Tim Galvin if you plan to attend.

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



Taking a break on the "Long Run", 270 miles!



Riding out to the York Rite Picnic

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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