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## **Greetings from the East!**

November brings the beginning of the Holiday Season, the turning of the weather from the cold and rain, to dare I say it, possibly Snow? I personally love the Fall and Winter, (Spring too sometimes) as the days grow short and the nights are long and I find a sense of calm by standing below them.

The Celestial Sphere and the Stars that inhabit it seem brighter at this time of year and if you haven't taken the time to look up at them and bask in the wonder that is our Universe, I encourage you to do so.

You may find yourself feeling small and insignificant as you scan the night sky, but perhaps if you are lucky, you may also see those problems that seem overwhelming in your life also look a little smaller, that something so infinite and beautiful holds peace within it.

We move into this month with our Fall Class taking their final step in their Initial Journey into the Craft. We hope their experiences will be memorable and that they find the home that we have found in the Fraternity.

As in the recent few years, I look on with a sense of envy and joy as a Father will raise his son to the Sublime Degree. As with WB Al Golder and WB Lee Kielblock, I wish I could someday have this experience and I can't imagine how special it must feel to be able to do so. Alas It is not my lot in life to do so, but I still share in their happiness and hope that someday, Like WB "Doc" Naeve, they too get to see their Son's become Masters of the lodge and complete that circle.

I also look forward to honoring those Brothers for their service to the Craft, for those who have made this year what it has been and for all those years of showing a true spirit of Masonry.

I hope you will join me as we show them our love and appreciation, at our November 1<sup>st</sup> Awards Night, the Hiram Award Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup> and the Pillars Award on November 30<sup>th</sup>.



Terrance M Schaffer Worshipful Master



Enjoying a great tradition by being Kidnapped by the Fairest in the land of Bethel #48!

#### **Greetings from the West!**

Fall is a wonderful time of year which must be celebrated by all! The colors of the leaves are magnificent, taking the children to the pumpkin patch, Halloween celebrations, and the cooling of the summer temps. It is a wonderful time of year so try to get outside to enjoy it before that white stuff hits the ground and we begin to hibernate for the winter. November is elections at Anoka Lodge #30 and we have 2 sets of Master Masons degrees so please attend, it would be great to see you!

Anoka, Minnesota is believed to be the first city in the United States to put on a Halloween celebration to divert its youngsters from Halloween pranks. When Anokans awoke to find their cows roaming Main Street, their windows soaped and their outhouses tipped over, they decided something had to be done. In 1920, George Green and other Anoka civic leaders suggested the idea of a giant celebration.

The idea was adopted by the Anoka Commercial Club and the Anoka Kiwanis Club; both giving their full support. In September of that year, a Halloween committee was organized. Working hand in hand were businessmen, teachers from the Anoka public and parochial schools, parents, and students. For weeks before the big event, more than a thousand Anoka school children made plans and costumes for the big event. A parade was scheduled for the evening.

Participants included local and neighboring bands, drum corps, the Anoka police and fire departments, the Kiwanis club, the Commercial Club, and the Anoka National Guard; all working together to make the evening a success. Afterward, hundreds of bags of popcorn, candy, peanuts and other treats were given away to the children who marched in the parade. And, everyone was invited to a large bonfire that was staged at Bridge Square. Celebrations have been held every year since 1920 with the exception of 1942 and 1943 when the festivities were cancelled because of World War II.By the 1930s, the festivities had expanded as had the attendance at the parades.

There were over 2,000 costumed children marching down Main Street. It was estimated that 20,000 spectators lined the streets to watch this night-time spectacle. In 1937, 12-year-old, Harold Blair, donning a sweater embellished with a Halloween Capital insignia, carried with him to Washington, D.C. a proclamation naming Anoka the Halloween Capital of the World!

Anoka has always worked to keep a family spirit alive in its Halloween festivities. Activities have included pillow fights, a kangaroo court, fireworks displays, royalty coronations, concerts, dances, window painting contests, house decorating contests, celebrity appearances, costume contests, style shows, story-telling, races and, in the 1960s, a snake dance that took long lines of participants in and out of area businesses and homes.

Anoka's Halloween celebration continues to be world class. Participation in the night parade and Grand Day parade has grown to include units from all over the Midwest. The original concept of having costumed student's parade down Main Street continues on as well on the Friday preceding the Grand Day parade. Anoka residents can watch their grandchildren or great grandchildren continue the tradition they started so many years ago.

Source: http://anokahalloween.com

**Trick or Treat?** 

**Tony Heimer Senior Warden** 



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Victor Flores & William Sandoval receive their Certificates as Masters of the Royal Secret!



Presenting Brother Frank Smith With his 40 Year Certificate and Pin!



Giving a check to Janet Hegland from We Can Ride with money raised by the Bones Brothers on behalf of the Lodge!



The Jobies of Bethel #48 kidnap the WM!



Bringing him back a shattered man!





A tribute to Brother Stan's Kowalski's Funeral



The Crew was all set to sell food at the Anoka Halloween Parade!



The Fairest in the Land had their Cotton Candy and other items!



Almost all our Masonic Family sent a Representative for the Float!



The Grotto Clowns were kind enough to let the Rest of the "Family" piggy-back on their Float!



The Scouts came and passed out candy again!



Though Cold, we all had a great time!



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

#### Uncles of Anoka Lodge-

Visits from the Job's Daughters International Supreme team are not something that Minnesota gets very often. We haven't had one in yearssince our own Jenna Larson was Supreme Bethel Honored Queen.

This year, Minnesota was lucky enough to be on the travel schedule for the Supreme Team. There were not 1 but 2 events planned for them. Bethel 1 Minneapolis planned an 80's themed open meeting at the Masonic Heritage Center, and Bethel 48 had the honor of being asked by the Grand Guardian to plan and host a fun event for them.

On Thursday September 28, Martha Club was kind enough to rearrange their meeting to allow us the use of the dining room and kitchen. For this we will be forever grateful, because it allowed us to invite girls from all over the state to come for an evening of low key (but LOUD) fun, games, sisterhood with our Supreme Team, and of course-SEWER PIPE SUNDAES!

Our Supreme Bethel Honored Queen Aimee, and Miss International Job's Daughter Hannah were excited to be able to have an evening where they could leave their crowns and sashes at home, and just come and hang out, have fun, and get to know their Jobie sisters. We had about 50 visitors, including MissMNJD Olivia Taylor, and Previous MIJD Amanda Leblanc.

Our evening started off with a circle of sisterhood and introductions, followed by some very goofy games planned by Bailey and Miranda, and ended with the all-important sewer pipe sundaes-which our Supreme Team LOVED!



Circle of Sisterhood!



**Enjoying the Sewer Pipe Sundaes** 

Bethel 48 would like to thank all the members of the Lodge, and Martha Chapter for making this event possible, and thank you to the members of Martha Chapter who helped us with the clean up afterwards.

We know we accomplished our goal of planning a FUN event, and of showing our Supreme Team what a tight-knit family the Anoka Masonic Family is! TOGETHER WE ARE FAMILY!

Wendy Dimatteo Bethel Guardian, Bethel #48



A wonderful gathering!



### **Anoka Chapter DeMolay:**

It was great to once again put on a Scavenger Hunt to bring in food for Hope for Youth.

Along with the young ladies of Bethel #48, our partners in crime, we went out and collected a whole bunch to help those people who really need it, and at the same time had fun!



**Collecting Food for Hope for Youth!** 



#### **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. It's up to us, it's members to pitch in and keep our home clean.

Please contact WB Dave Emery at 763-755-2431



Father Thomas and WB Gary Mohn will be heading up the Sunshine Committee.

If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family in need of support, please contact them at (612) 702-4770 (Father Tom) & (612) 598-8682. (WB Gary Mohn)



**Stewards Corner!** 

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – For our Stated Meeting we will be having the Traditional Oyster & Beef Stew for others, with Caesar Salad, Rolls and Cake, all put on by the Widows Sons.

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – For our 1<sup>st</sup> MM Degree we will be having Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad & Desert as a Fund Raiser for Anoka Shekinah #104.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – The 2<sup>nd</sup> MM Degree Dinner will be



Julio Herrera Senior Steward

### **Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:**

Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9am Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Anoka Stated Meeting Saturday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Hiram Award Dinner Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9am Wednesday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – MM Degree Friday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – MM Degree Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Brekafest Thursday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – Masonic Pillars Award

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



**Greetings from Martha Chapter:** 

Welcome to fall! Can you believe we're in November already.

Martha Chapter honored our Worthy Grand Matron, Peg Oliver in October. It was a grand night with the chapter room so full people were sitting in the balcony! A bottle auction was held after the meeting with a portion of the profits going to one of WGM Peg's projects. A late night but a great time by all.

Our Vendor/Craft fair was held October 21st. If you missed it you missed great shopping! Lots of great fall and holiday items for your shopping pleasure! And we had great Cannonbelles Cheeses for sale. Owner and maker (with a couple of friends) Deeann Emery Lufkin. Best cheese in town!

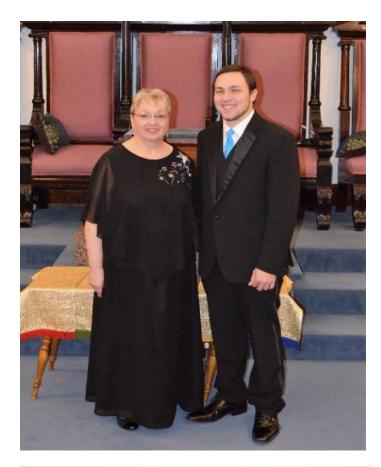
Our Annual Harvest Dinner is coming up on Sunday, November 12th. We will be serving a full turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, in the lodge dining room from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The cost is only \$10.00! Please join us for a great meal and social enjoyment.



Harvest Dinner 2016, this could be you!

See you along the Masonic trail

Sharon Barlow Brody Martin
Worthy Matron Worthy Patron





Worthy Grand Matron Peg along with Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite, working the Hurricane Releif BBQ!



It was a wonderful event & the food was great!



Widows Sons, Cryptic Master:

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

Our mission is to provide help and assistance to Masonic Widows, Orphans or just Brothers in need, all while have a love of Motorcycles!

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – We have our Stated Meeting and will be having a meal prior to the meal!

Widows Sons Cryptic Master President Chop 763-746-6720



Taking in the Farewell to Summer Motorcycle Show at Norseman Distillery!



There is a drop box downstairs at the Lodge!



**Anoka York Rite Bodies:** 

The York Rite bodies are up and in motion as a few degrees are being done and Companions learn those lessons taught within the York Rite Bodies.

The Companions of Anoka Shekinah #104 will be presenting checks this next month to two local charities they have decided to support. One being Granny's Closet which provides gifts to elderly folks during the holiday season. It is too often these folks are forgetton or put aside and it is great to have an organization that looks out for them.

In accordance with making sure they can continue to support these charities they will be making dinner for the lodge during the Master Masons Degree on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. So if you don't want to come to the degree, at least come down to dinner at 6pm and help support those elderly folks who will benafit from your generoisity!



Putting on the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees at Anoka Lodge!

#### **Scottish Rite:**



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

First off thanks to all those who came down for our Adopted 20<sup>th</sup> Degree last month. The Cast was great as always and I am honored to have been a part of it these past couple of times!



The Cast of Brothers for the 20<sup>th</sup> Degree!

We also got to have the S.G.I.G. do a Red Room Presentation about all those upcoming changes coming next year. Including his retirment and other open S.G.I.G. Chairs and the Soverign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, stepping down in 2018.



S.G.I.G. Jerry speaks to the class and Brethren!

Going forward into November we not only have some great Degrees with the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Degrees that first Thursday. Followed the next week by the last of the 4 feasts for 2017. The Council Feast honors those leaders who have worked so diligently our youth organizations.

Where if you remember our own Michelle Jensen was honored last year for her work with the Job's Daughters. The Date is Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is \$30 as are all Feast this year. For reservations call Jackie at 612-871-1500 or email at Jackie@aasrms.Org

We also have a special the upcoming open house for all Men 18+ to come down and see a little of what we do. (See Flyer) We encourage all Scottish Rite members to bring non-Members and non-Masons down for "Dinner & a Show" and see most of the 27<sup>th</sup> Degree!

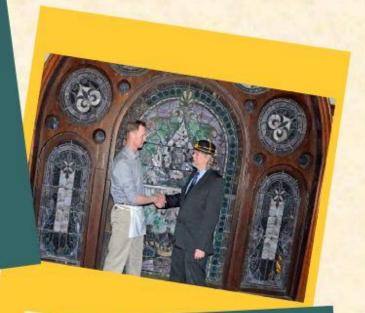
We end the month with the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Degrees or Prince Adept and Knight of St. Andrew. They teach the lessons of how our love for God manifests itself in Truth, Justice and Nobility of the Soul, and Love of God, Loyalty and Faithful adherence to our promises respectively.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Degree is also the Adopted Degree of the Organization within Scottish Rite Masonry known as the Knights of Saint Andrew and they along with the Cast will be in Traditional Kilts!

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



Minneapolis Valley Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Fall 2017— Membership Event



All Masons and those Interested in joining a Masonic Lodge are invited to attend this men's only celebration.

At the conclusion of the Scottish Rite Performance a reception will be held in the Valley's lower level lounge.

RSVP by-November 14th

Check In Starting @ 4:30pm

Dinner: 5:00 pm

Thursday—November 16th, 2017

Special Price to Non-Scottish Rite Masons and Non-Masons-\$6.00

Minneapolis Scottish Rite 2011 Dupont Ave S. Minneapolis, Mn

# Highlights:

- Dinner
- Presentation—"My Grandpa Was A Mason"
- Scottish Rite Performance "Knight Commander of the Temple"
- · Hors D'oeuvres
- · Cash bar

RSVP To:

Scottish Rite Office: 612-871-1500

Email: jackie@aasrmn.org

# The Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30 are honoring our own WB John Antl with the Hiram Award!

When: Saturday, November 11th, 2017, 6pm Social, 7pm Dinner Where: Kraus-Hartig VFW, 8100 Pleasant View Dr. NE, Spring Lake Park Cost: \$20 Dollars



Please join us as we pay homage to WB John for his dedication and service not only to Anoka Lodge though these many years, but to the craft in general.

There will many prolific speakers who will regale us with stories and thoughts prior to the presentation of the award by the Grand Master of Minnesota Masons, MWB John Studell as well as other dignitaries who will be in attendance.

This is an open event to all so please make reservations by contacting WB Terrance M Schaffer at Sweetidiot@Aol.Com

If you have yet to make your reservations please do so by November 2<sup>nd</sup> as we must have them in at that time!

# The Anoka Masonic Family are awarding this year's Masonic Pillars Award to WB Dave & Denise Emery!

When: Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:30pm Social, 6pm Dinner Where: Pappy's Café & Tavern, 13827 Round Lake Blvd, Andover Cost: \$12 Dollar Buffet (Drink not Included, Pay Separately)



The Emery Family, Dave & Denise

Are this year's recipients
Of the Masonic Pillars Award

For all their Service to Lodge!



Each year it is the Masters prerogative to possibly chose a Family or Individual who has gone out of their way to assist the lodge in so many ways!

This year the Brothers of Anoka Lodge along with the members of the OES wish to join as one in honoring one such family who has done so much for us.

Please join us as we honor and thank the Emery's for all they have done as a family, for our Masonic Family here at Anoka Lodge!

This is an open event to all, but seating is Limited, and we have 30 Seats for Masons and 30 for OES Members.

Please make reservations by November 28th by contacting either Stephanie Johnson at <a href="mailto:ksjohnson66@Gmail.Com">ksjohnson66@Gmail.Com</a> or WB Terrance M Schaffer at <a href="mailto:Sweetidiot@Aol.Com">Sweetidiot@Aol.Com</a> respectively!

Please email your Reservations to your respective group, and remember, seating is limited so sign up early!

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