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Greetings from the East!

Brethren, all good things must come to an end, and this being my last article as Master of one of the Greatest Lodges in the State. It has been my honor to serve, and though it has not been an easy year, and at times the darkness that can hang over the head of the Brother who sits in the East has been overwhelming, I am proud that I was given this chance to do my part.

I hope that my service has been found adequate and I have not failed those great men who have come before me. We all see things from one's own perspective and we sometimes judge those who have come before us, I know in some cases I have been guilty of the same, and I don't envy and have a better respect for any Brother who has sat in the Oriental Chair here at Anoka Lodge!

No matter the trials and tribulations we have faced as a lodge this year, I am glad to be able to look at all we have done. We have continued so many great traditions, improved or brought back a few, and celebrated some milestones in our history!

I can't thank enough all those Brothers who came together out of love of the craft and this lodge to make all these things possible, from its Officers to the Past Masters, to every single member who came out to be do their part.

Thank you to those who took on the role of Mentors to our new Brothers, for helping to guide them on their Journey and being the Brother who they in turn maybe felt it to be a little easier to reach out to when feeling lost or confused.

To our 12 New Master Masons this year. I hope this is nothing more than a beginning in your journey as a Mason and you have found a home here at Anoka Lodge. I hope we have done our job as Brothers to make you feel welcome and please don't hesitate to call upon us with your questions or if you wish more information on anything, we are here for you.

Again, thank you all for this opportunity to serve and I hope you will welcome me back as the next year commences!



**Terrance M Schaffer
Worshipful Master**



Presenting WB John with the Hiram Award!

Greetings from the West!

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am thankful for so many things in my life. I am thankful for my job, I am thankful for my friends, I am thankful for my family, I am thankful for living in this great country and I am thankful for masonry! This time of year is all about reflecting on the things important in your life. What are you thankful for?

As many of you have probably already heard, at the November stated meeting I was elected to become the next Worshipful Master at Anoka Lodge #30. I am truly humbled to lead this great group of men into 2018. Anoka lodge is a wonderful place to be a part of and I have met so many good and great men within this organization. We have a strong lodge, active chapter, and growing youth groups which makes this a very busy place, and I am proud to be a member of this loving Masonic family.

Going forward, if there is a lodge issue that cannot wait, I can be reached by text, e-mail, Facebook, or Twitter. I do work from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday at the hospital so I will be unable to respond to you by telephone 90% of the time, so please use one of the other methods of social communication if urgent.

I just want to mention a few of the upcoming events in December. The installation of Officers for 2018 is on Saturday, December 9th, and starts at 4pm, with refreshments to follow provided by our own Martha Chapter #132. Breakfast with Santa is on the 17th from 8am-noon.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Tony Heimer
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South!

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the lodge over these past few years. I've learned a lot and met some really amazing people. I'm certain the lodge is in good hands for the upcoming years and I'm glad I was able to do some great works in my time as Junior Warden.

I will still be heavily involved with the lodge as I am needed and I look forward to seeing all the fine work that will be done this upcoming year. I look forward to seeing everyone at stated meetings and degrees it is very important we show the new incoming candidates our support and help them find a place to belong.

I would also like to remind everyone to get involved, "Many hands makes light work" if you have an idea for a fundraiser or project don't hesitate to bring it to an officer's meeting (everyone is welcome they are at the lodge and on the calendar) if you are curious about the workings of the lodge or just like to see some great ritual practice work then I would encourage you to attend a meeting.

I'll wrap it up just saying once again it has been a pleasure and a honor to serve Anoka Lodge #30 in whatever means the Lodge sought fit and I will continue to fill any needs the Lodge will have for me in the future. See you at Lodge.

Jeremy Hill
Junior Warden





**Brother Reggie Greene
Completes the Wayfaring
Man Program!**



**Brother David Lundquist
Receives his 25 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother William Weinard
Receives his 30 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Dale Wucher
Receives his 25 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Marc Blegen
Receives his 25 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother John Puffer
Receives his 35 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Aaron Brendel
Receives his 25 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**WB John Antl
Receives his 25 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother George Beaving
Receives his 45 Year
Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Kent Swedberg
Receives his 50 Year Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Edward Larson
Receives his 60 Year Certificate and Pin!**



**WB John Freeburg
Receives his 50 Year Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Tim Galvin
Receives the Masonic Service Award!**



**Brother August Grosslein
Receives his 55 Year Certificate and Pin!**



**Brother Paul Melanke
Receives the "Rookie" of the Year!**



WB Gary Mohn Receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his service!



Brother Tony Heimer Receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his service!



WB Lee Keilblock Receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his service!



Brother Scott Franz Receives the Workhorse Award!

A Few Highlights From the Hiram Award!







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 vacuuming 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!

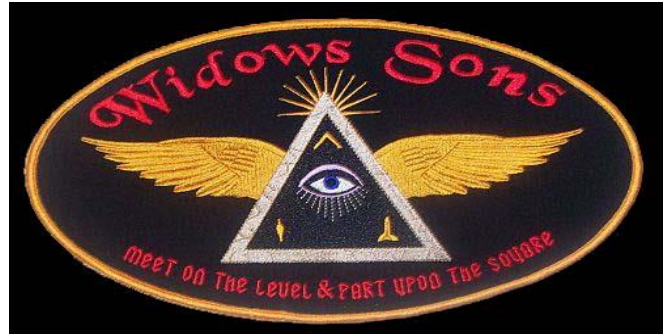
Dec 6th – For our Stated Meeting we will be having chicken Gnocchi in bread bowl soup, Salad & Brownies.



Julio Herrera
Senior Steward

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, Dec 6th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Dec 6th – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Saturday, Dec 9th – Officer Installation
- Wednesday, Dec 13th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Sunday, Dec 17th – Brekafest with Santa
- Wednesday, Dec 20th – Zombie Apocalypse



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!

Dec 15th – We are moving our Stated Meeting for this month and will be having a meal prior to the meeting!

Widows Sons Cryptic Master
President Chop
763-746-6720



There is a drop box downstairs at the Lodge!

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

The holidays are upon us and things have slowed down a little at Martha Chapter.

Our Annual Harvest Dinner was a great success this year. Thank you to all who attended, worked and enjoyed a meal and visiting with friends.



Saturday, December 2, we will again be participating in the Tree Lighting at Anoka City Hall. We, along with other food vendors, will be selling turkey sliders which are always a hit. The event starts at 3:00 pm. Come join us for this fun event.

Martha Club will be meeting in the lodge dining room the evening of Dec 14 for our Christmas potluck and gift exchange.

After, we will be packaging our baked goods for the Bake & Craft sale the next morning, Dec. 15, at the courthouse. Anyone interested in donating Christmas cookies for the sale can drop them off at the lodge Thursday evening.

Martha Chapter will again host the Third Annual All Masonic Family New Year's Eve Pizza Party, on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Social at 5:00

Pizza at 6:00

The ball drops at 8:00 (It's midnight somewhere)

A Donation of \$5 each or \$15 per family

You're welcome to bring a snack item, left over Christmas cookies, cheese & crackers or veggies & dip to share.

Please join us to celebrate the New Year with games, food and friends.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas

See you along the Masonic trail

Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron

Brody Martin
Worthy Patron



Breakfast with Santa

December 2017 will be our fifth year of Breakfast with Santa in its current form, how we got here I think is a tale worth telling.

Back in my year as Master 2009 we tried Breakfast with Santa. WB John Aguilar was our Santa and several Lodge brothers helped out in the kitchen. I do believe we had contacted the merchant's group, Shop Downtown Anoka and I think they were in the process of getting organized and didn't have much money for advertising. So the turnout was very small, maybe twenty kids and adults and having done it for a couple of years before I said that it wasn't worth the effort. So a couple of years passed.

In 2013 Paul Agustin (WM 2016) approached me about doing Breakfast with Santa again, pointing out that we had some young families in the Lodge and they had small children. I approached the Shop Downtown Anoka letting them know we were going to do Breakfast with Santa again and could we get on their Christmas event flier (little did I know). I had hoped we would get a better turnout than past years but I only expected, maybe fifty, max. Again WB John Aguilar was our Santa, Terrance Schaeffer (WM 2017) and I set up to take pictures of the little folks on Santa's knee, all setup downstairs, so we only had 9 tables setup for eating. I don't remember the names of all the brothers that were in the Kitchen but we had several. Now this was a kid friendly breakfast with pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk and orange juice. The event doors opened and mayhem and chaos ensued. We ran out of everything at least twice. The kitchen folks sent out resupply parties and as one party got back another would go out for something else and cell phones were used to try and catch the parties while they were still out. I know my wife Jane went out with John Murray and Jordan Stradman (WM 2003) went out on his own a couple of times. Talking with WB Dave Emery who was on dishwashing detail, he asked someone how long the line was and they informed him it went up the stairs and out the door. Our picture taking process was pretty good for the time but as we do things today it was complicated. We had a USB cable from the camera to the laptop so every so often Terrance had to stop and do a dump to the laptop, than I would select the photo in a photo processing software and tell the system to print and we used a couple of Job's Daughters to chase down the kids to the matching photos. Afterwards the best guess I heard was that we had just under 150 kids. later we found out the Shop Downtown had a group that went out and did door hangings. As I was sitting in the mist of the cleanup trying to comprehend what had hit us Sean Novak came up

to me and said 'That was fun, can we do it again next year'.

2014 We moved Santa up to the Lodge room. Chris Berglund and his mother had made a big deal out of decorating for Christmas, after her passing earlier in the year, Chris brought all his decorations to the Lodge and set them up and made a point of telling us he did not want any them back. I remember after it was all setup Chris telling several of us that it was exactly how he thought it would look and it out did Macys'. This would be the last year that WB John Aguilar was our Santa as his health was failing him. Myron Shelton took over taking the pictures; it is now wireless from camera direct to printer. Brian DiMatteo took over the care and feeding of the kitchen, scrambled eggs were dropped from the menu and we could setup all 12 of the tables. This was also the first year Shop Downtown folks sent out a flier, big 8 ½ by 11 with a listing of all the events going on, in downtown Anoka from Thanksgiving through Christmas and they had a little help with the cost from Pete Turok over at Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. I found out some time later that it was a mailing of 55,000.

For 2015. This was the first year that Seve Kingdon took over as Santa. There is a photo (I think it's some where on Facebook) of Santa sitting on the floor with a little girl and Santa has his head bent to the little girl and you can tell that she is the focus of his attention, that photo was taken in the Lodge room. In 2015 and 2016, the process got fine-tuned with the OES in charge of setting up the winter wonderland and tearing it down and they get help from the DeMolay. The Job's are still on hand to help the small children get the breakfast safely to the table and chase down photos to parents. We have someone at the front door now giving directions that Santa is upstairs and Breakfast is down, again Job's and DeMolay.

Over the past year I've had several Brothers thank me for this event. I don't know that I can take full credit for it, it was after all WB Paul Agustin who had asked if I would do it again. Last year I was standing at the bottom of the stairs and I saw a family that look familiar and I asked the Dad if they had come the year before, he said, yes they had and they would be back next year. I can't tell you how proud I am to be a Mason in Anoka to do this kind of community service and the out pouring of support from the Lodge Brother, OES Sisters, Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

With the most respect to you all.

**Wayne LaMusga
Past Master; Anoka Lodge
Past Patron; Martha OES**

Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

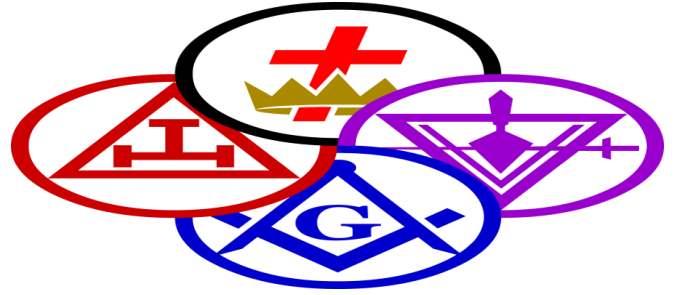
The Fall class is coming to a close and I hope those Scottish rite members can come down for the 32nd Degree on December ? Where our own Tyrone Richards will become a Master of the Royal Secret!

Don't be afraid to get in your petitions for the Spring Class now, and as always if you have any questions or concerns please contact me!

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



Presenting Brother Jeff Agnes with his Certificate as Master of the Royal Secret



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 members of Anoka Shekinah #104 presented a check to Granny's Closet, an organization that provides gifts to the elderly during the holiday season and birthdays!



Making dinner for Anoka Lodge #30 as we raise funds for our Charity Work!



Presenting a check to Granny's Closet!

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