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Greetings from the East!

As I sit down to write this month's article, I am still trying to catch my breath from the whirlwind of a December I've had so far and I have yet to hold my first meeting as the Master of Anoka lodge #30.

It all started this month for me with the Officer Installation on the 9th. It was so nice to see many familiar faces and meet a few new faces also!

The Order of the Eastern Star Martha Chapter #132 did a wonderful job in the kitchen for us by planning, shopping, cooking, and cleaning the dining hall and everything they did was wonderful and I owe them a great thanks for everything they did for me and the officers.

It was wonderful of the Jobs Daughter's of Bethel #48 for doing an amazing job with the living cross, and the Anoka DeMolay for the Arch of Steel, with the members of Zion #2, Knights of Templar for the flag presentation.

We have an amazing Masonic family here at Anoka Lodge and definitely know how to make a guy feel special on a very nervous day. So thank you all again for your help.

7 days later, we are decorating the trees for Breakfast with Santa. The OES and the Jobies again had our back and did a wonderful job setting up and decorating the winter wonderland for the arrival of Santa.

I was privileged to tend the front table in the dining hall where all the hungry children came to get their pancake breakfast. It was so nice to see so many children all dressed up and ready to tell Santa how good they've been all year.

It was truly a team effort again and we served about 550 and were packed from start to finish. Good job guys and gals!

I'm looking forward to my first meeting as Master at Anoka on January 3rd. Please join us if possible.

Thank you for this humbling experience.



Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master



6th Annual Zombie Apocalypse Survival Party!

“Tidings from the West!”

First and foremost, I wish to thank the members of the Lodge for placing your trust in me to serve as YOUR Senior Warden. I will do my best to serve you and our Lodge with the utmost of respect and integrity.

A special thank you to ALL the Brethren, Ladies, Jobs and DeMolay that helped out at Breakfast with Santa this year. What a marvelous exhibit of dedication from the entire Masonic family to this year’s event. Thanks to all who helped make it a success for our community and some pretty special kids.

In the duties of the Senior Warden, we learn that in the *Officer’s Manual* issued by Grand Lodge, he should be ready to step in whenever called upon, due to the Masters absence. Also, he should be prepared to do a variety of duties and should be prepared at a moment’s notice to assist the Worshipful Master in any duties within the length of his cable toe.

The Senior Warden is also responsible to “pay the craft their wages, ‘if aught be due’, and to see that none go away dissatisfied. Harmony, being the strength and support of all societies, more especially of ours”.

So, what exactly does that mean! It is a reminder that each and every time we are together as a Lodge, the Senior Warden is responsible to see that the “corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy” are available and given to our Brethren.

By *nourishment*, we speak in the sense that Masonry “nourishes” our minds as well as our soul. It gives us tools to live by in our daily lives. It’s what will make us “better men”.

By *refreshment*, we speak in the sense that our work “quenches” our initial thirst, but leaves us always wanting to come back for more.

By *joy*, it’s the pleasure we receive when we are together with our Brethren, in a place where we can meet them on the level, on common ground.

When we speak about “harmony”, the duty of the Senior Warden gets called upon to remind every Mason of the jewel that he wears about his neck - the *LEVEL*. The level reminds us about balance in life, balance in our Fraternity, and balance to all mankind. All things must be equal.

Remember the “twenty-four inch gauge”? It’s amazing how we make the big circle. It’s amazing how when we really study the symbols of Freemasonry, it’s been there all the time. That’s what makes us different from the common man. That’s why we come to Lodge to “learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry”.

That is Masonry in action. That is what makes Anoka great. That is why I am proud to serve you, the members of this Masonic Lodge, to the best that I can do.....

**Jerry Oliver
Senior Warden**



Greetings from the South!

What a year it was, what a year it will be! As I sit down to write this, the first greetings to bring to our Lodge, I wanted to start out wishing you all, and all of your families, the most Happy of Holidays, which ever ones you celebrate. We are all busy, and some more so than others, but here is hoping all of you are blessed with family, friends, and great tidings. And as the new year rings in soon, I wish you all a good view in the rear view as we move on to 2018.

I read through the past issues of the S&C, just to see how “we’ve always done it”. Gain a little inspiration from the past, or see what others have brought to the Lodge in their first message of the new year. Some were profound, some light hearted. I always love looking at the history, how the tone or length of the messages have changed, how they have grown in depth or length. But one thing I was struck by was the common thread – we did a lot, but we still have a lot to do.

Brothers and Sisters, we still have much work to be done. I won’t rehash many of the old messages, but there is so much that goes on here at Anoka that is special. In my travels in the other bodies I belong to, I am struck by the fact that many Lodges, Councils, Chapters, etc. are in decline, or even a death spiral.

How have we been so blessed here at Anoka, where others struggle? It’s because we get involved and, to quote a Past Master, “It’s because we like each other”. We will have bumps in the road, but as a family, we will get through them together. We don’t just leave family by the road side when they struggle, we embrace them, and we help them through it. Let’s continue to do that and be a beacon of Brotherly Love and Affection.

Speaking of struggles, just a brief request. All of us have had Brothers in our “class” that we no longer see at Lodge. It can be for many reasons – life gets in the way at times, they may have a daemon they are dealing with, they just don’t “feel it” any more.

Whatever the reason, I exhort you to reach out to them over the course of the year, even if it’s just to reconnect.

We spend months with these Brothers, in our education, our Degrees, our lives. Don’t let them become “That guy” in Lodge who leaves just because they don’t hear from you any longer. Reach out your hand, and help them back to our Family, or just let them know you are thinking about them and care.

Finally, from the duties of the Junior Warden, I am reminded of one thing I will be saying for the first time in January in Lodge. “To call them on again in due season, that the Worshipful Master may have pleasure and the Craft profit thereby.” Do you hear the phone ringing? Do you see that Email or letter? That’s the call to action. We have been called from refreshment to Labor, and it’s going to be a great time.

A few years ago we worked at the Renaissance Festival, laboring together in real quarries. It was hot, it was dirty, and it was exhausting. But it was the best time, and I got to know so many of you more deeply. This shared bond is something I hope we all experience.

You’re Officers and your Brothers and Sisters need your help to continue to grow our Lodge into a thriving body. Will you answer the call? I hope you all say “Well, of course!” It doesn’t have to be every event, or every meeting, but heed the call and we will see you in the Quarries!

Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden





The Officers of Anoka Lodge are Installed!



WB Tony is made Master of the Lodge!



Your 2018 Officers!



One of two groups of Brothers, Friends and Family attending our Annual Star Wars Nights!



Our Annual Breakfast with Santa!



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.

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



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**



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)

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, Jan 3rd – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Jan 3rd – Anoka Stated Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 10th – 1st School of Instruction

Wednesday, Jan 17th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Jan 17th – EA Degree



Stewards Corner!

Jan 3rd – For our Lodge of Sorrow Stated Meeting we will be having Chicken Alfredo, White rice, Cauliflower and White Cake for the Traditional “White” Meal in honor of our missing Brethren.

Jan 17th – For our EA Degree we will be serving Spaghetti & Meatballs, Green Salad and Chocolate Cake.



**Jon McNeil
Senior Steward**

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Happy New Year 2018!

Martha Chapter again held a New Year's Eve party at the lodge. A good time was had by all who attended, despite the cold night.



The Ball Dropped at 8pm!

Our term is winding down with the majority of our fundraisers in the past. Our last fundraiser will be a soup luncheon on February 9th.

Our first meeting on January 4th is a relaxing pajama/robe/blanket night. No pillows....we don't want anyone falling asleep! It's always a fun night.



Last Year's Fun!

We have initiation on our January 18th meeting. Please join us if you are able. It's nice to show support to the officers and to our new members.

Wishing you all health and happiness in the New Year!

See you along the Masonic trail

**Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron**

**Brody Martin
Worthy Patron**



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The Fall Class is over and one of our own, Brother Tyrone Richards has become a Master of the Royal Secret.



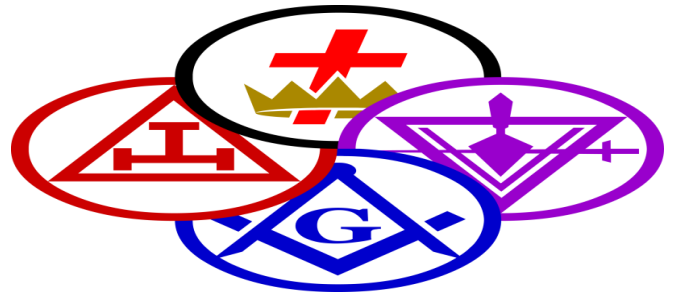
The Brethren of Anoka Lodge there to support Brother Tyrone



WB Jerry's Final class as S.G.I.G.

The Spring class begins January 4th, and if you have any interest, we can still get your petition in and you can begin the Higher Degrees of Masonry!

It all starts with the 4th, 5th & 6th Degree on January 4th. The 4th Degree being one of the 5 Terminal Degrees you must attend to graduate in May.



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

The York Rite bodies will be holding their 2018 Installations and began with the Companions of Anoka Shekinah #104. With Brother Brian Dematteo going in as High Preist!



Anoka Shekinah #104's 2018 Officers!

Beginning in February the York Rite bodies will start a one day cycle for each group. If you have any interest in York Rite, now is the time to sign up.

All will be held at Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite, with the dates for each as follows.

February 3rd. 9am – Royal Arch Degrees

February 17th, 10am – Cryptic Council

March 3rd, 9am – Commandery (Knights Templar)

Check out the Website: MNYORKRITE.ORG or call 952-948-6750

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The Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30!

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