



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!

As I sit here in beautiful Isla Mujeres, Mexico I ponder what a wonderful lodge we have and how special of a place it has become for me. As Worshipful Master, I have an extremely busy schedule now since almost everything travels through the east and onto my plate for my decision of how to handle each issue that comes before me. It has been a joyful January for me filled with happiness and sorrow. And with a fifth week in January, I chose to escape for a week of R&R.

I held my first meeting as Master and it went a lot smoother than I had initially thought. We had many items to go over from petitions, correspondence, opening and closing of the lodge of sorrow, and other presentations. It was truly magical night for my first meeting in the east and I have personally thanked the brethren for such a memorable experience.

On the 3rd Wednesday of January we held our first cycle of degrees with WB Jerry Oliver sitting in the East as Master for the first degree. We had 3 new Anoka brothers take their first steps in Freemasonry and we had 1 courtesy from Star lodge in Rockford join us as well and I hope they enjoy their journey as much as we all have. It was a wonderful night filled with brotherly love and affection.

I am impressed with WB Jerry's explanations and experience he's gained from his many year's as a Mason and to help the EA's understand what we do and why we do it. Thank you WB Senior Warden Jerry for everything you do for us.

I just want to tell you a small tidbit about a dream I had last night here in Mexico. It was the February stated and all the brethren were assembled in the lodge room to start the meeting. I walked up the east to put on my apron and jewel as always when I noticed that I forgot my top hat case at home. No big deal right? I looked to the bookshelf by the treasurer's desk where the extra top hats were kept and they were all missing...

At first I looked to Father Tom knowing how he likes to joke around but he refused that he had anything to do with it, WB Terrence and WB Don alerted me that it was now 7:10pm and we were late to open the stated meeting and that I needed any hat. I went to my coat and grabbed my Bones Brother's stocking hat and rushed upstairs when WB Lee informed me that wouldn't be proper enough and to find something formal.

7:25 pm and the meeting still not open, WB John F. informed me that the lodge has never been opened this late and I must hurry. I found a gray Fedora on the coat rack downstairs put it onto my head and proceeded upstairs and opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

I'm unsure what this dream meant, maybe Master's anxiety away from lodge, Maybe looking forward to our next meeting, or maybe I enjoyed too many tequila drinks the night before...who knows.

We have many upcoming events that I'd like to put onto your radar. The York Rite one day to Royal Arch will be held on February 3rd, at the Scottish Rite Temple in Minneapolis at 8am.

The Anoka Lodge Stated Meeting is on February 7th, with dinner at 6pm and the meeting opening at 7pm,

February 9th is the OES Soup Luncheon at 11am.

February 10th is Sherburne Lodge's Highland table lodge, which I hope you will join me in attending!

February 18th we will be holding Our first Annual Spaghetti dinner from 4pm- 7pm, with all proceeds going to our furnace and a/c fund,

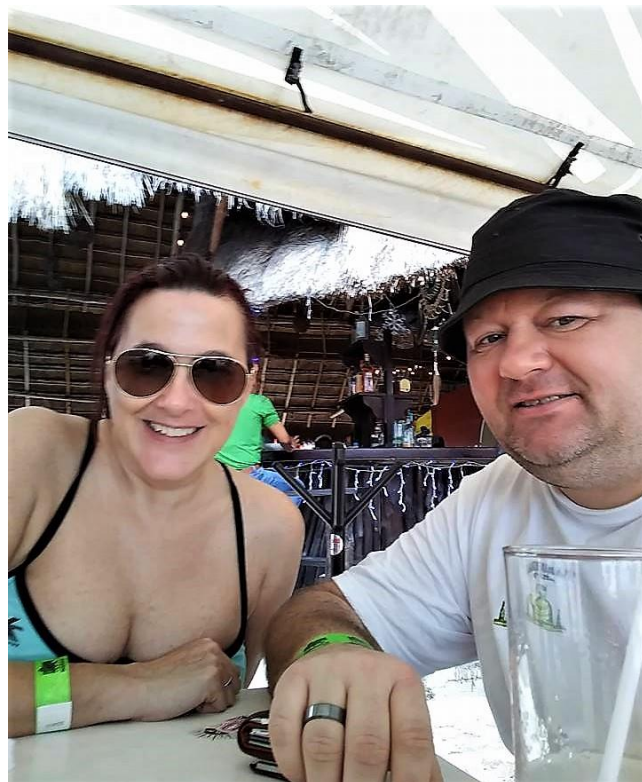
February 21st is the Fellow Craft Degree where JW Brian DiMatteo will preside in the East for the first time ever, so come and show him your support!

And finally on March 18th will hold the first of our Quarterly Pancake Breakfasts this year, beginning with the "Master's Pancake Breakfast" from 8am-12pm.

I hope to see you soon!



**Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master**



Enjoying some R&R on the Beach in Mexico!



Anoka Lodge #30 Participates in the Fraternal Lodge #92 Bowling Tournament!



The Anoka Family Heads of Bodies at the Bethel #48 Installation!

“Tidings from the West!”

What a GREAT January the Lodge has experienced. We started out with our “Lodge of Sorrow” and once again witnessed a beautiful ceremony put on by WB Greg Vokovan. Thanks again Greg for continuing this wonderful tradition at Anoka Lodge, whereby we pay a final tribute to our departed Brothers from the previous year. The meal put on by our Stewards and accompanying brothers was excellent. Thanks also for leaving the kitchen in TIP TOP SHAPE.

The second Wednesday of the month found Anoka Lodge as the host for a 1st Degree Lodge of Instruction. What a nice turnout from the Brethren. Remember that these events are open to ALL. Thanks to all that participated.

Finally, on the 3rd Wednesday we held a 1st Degree for three new Brothers from Anoka and also, we were able to extend a courtesy degree for a new Brother from Star Lodge #62 in Rockford. Thanks to all the Brethren from Rockford that showed up in support. What a GREAT night it was to sit in the East. Let’s welcome these new Brethren into Masonry – the GREATEST FRATERNITY EVER.

Forty years ago that night, I knelt for the first time at the Altar of Masonry. I am continually reminded each day, what a change it has made in my life. We learn as an Entered Apprentice, that we are charged to “stand upright in the world and that we must act accordingly”. Masonry is not a club, it’s a way of life. We take a vow to be better, we take a vow to be kinder, and we take a vow to meet our fellow man on the Level. Remember those vows that we have taken. As I mentioned in last month’s article, I will do my best to serve you and our Lodge with the utmost of respect and integrity.

As many of you may know, we are in need of two new furnaces for our upstairs Lodge room. The Lodge is holding a special “Spaghetti Dinner” to raise funds to replace them. The event will take place on Sunday, February 18th, from 4:00-7:00. First of all, the Lodge can use your help. Second, please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a delicious dinner.

If you want to help, please contact me at 763-639-8813 or at joliver97@comcast.net. We would to have you there. We are looking for a fun day, as we will also have a SILENT AUCTION. If you have an item, or a gift certificate that you would like to donate, please let me know.

We also welcome the two (2) newest members of the Trustees. We’ve added Brother Jason Kuehn and WB Tom Chaklos. I know they will serve to the utmost of their abilities. Also, a couple days a week, WB Dave Emery, WB John Antl, WB Al Nemchik, Brother Reggie Greene and myself are usually at the Lodge.

Also, we get a tremendous amount of help from Martha Chapter #132 OES. You will see WGM Peg Oliver, WM Sharon Barlow, PM Janet Gilbertson and PM Denise Emery just to mention a few. If you want to come down and help or just have a cup of coffee, give us a call or just stop by.

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!

Why are you in the South, Brother Junior Warden? With the weather that we have had of late, I sometimes think I should head to the south, other times, it feels I am already there. But at the end of the day, I woke up to the snow, and the inevitable January thaw that we get at least once a year. But I am brought back to the thought of our openings.

We learn that, the Junior Warden is there to observe the time. And as a dad of two teen age daughters, that time is flying by me at a rate that would make Einstein ponder relativity even more than he did. I have had the opportunity to watch my daughters grow to two very different, but equally beautiful young women. They are filled with passion and wonder, strength and compassion that I sometimes sit in awe of. I have watched one go off to College, and I have missed her terribly. I have watched the other constantly praised for her huge heart. Both things have made my heart swell with pride. Then there is my wife who is, to put it bluntly, a wonder in my life. She has joined this crazy Masonic family and is one of the leaders for our own Jobies. And it's more than just the Masonic life she shares, it is our home, and I am especially grateful that she allows me the time to be a Brother to all of you.

I have also watched the time pass with our Youth organizations. These young men and women have grown to be adults in many cases, or just grown older on their way to adulthood. But that growth and the speeding of time is doubly felt by their parents, as they also watch the growth and change in their children. As a Lodge, we get a chance to interact with them, to help mold them into members of our community, and more importantly, to be members of this great Family of our Fraternity – something that I wish every person could do with their children and family members.

That time has passed for our Lodge as well. I have witnessed Brothers mature and grow as Masons and Leaders. These men have helped me grow too, and helped pass the good times, and the bad times in my own life. They have shown me the compassion to be able to forgive someone who others may think unredeemable. They have shown me the gentleness of our Craft, and only that time spent in their presence has helped me grow in my own love of the Craft. And the time spent absent from them has been felt, wishing I could be among them if just to learn from their wisdom.

Each day, hours pass, time goes by, and I get to observe it. I also get to participate in the passing of time – something that we all should take into consideration. Time is not to be watched, the passing of that time should not just be remarked upon. Our time should be interacted with, it should be embraced, and we should live life to the fullest in that passage. Take the time with your friends and family, and don't just survive. Let us all remember "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of another people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition." Steve Jobs, not only the brain behind Apple Devices, but he has some great thoughts about time...

See you all in the quarries as we can all observe the time.

**Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden**





WB Paul Receives his Gavel from 2016!



Jr. PM Terrance Receives his Gavel & Apron!



How great to see our own Brother Mike Miller become Master of Lake Harriet Lodge #277!



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 for some good fellowship and conversation. All are welcome to come and join us!

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.

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

Feb 8th – We have our Stated Meeting 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, Feb 7th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Feb 7th – Anoka Stated Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 13th – 2nd School of Instruction

Wednesday, Feb 21st – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Feb 21st – FC Degree



Stewards Corner!

Feb 7th – For our Stated Meeting we will be serving Pork Chops, Mashed Potato's & Green Beans, with White Cake for Dessert.

Feb 21st – For our FC Degree we will be serving Ham, Au Gratin Potato's & Corn with Brownies for e Dessert.



**Jon McNeil
Senior Steward**

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Watching outside at a very blustery snowy day! Spring isn't too far away, right?

At our last meeting we were privileged to have initiated three new members! It was a very exciting evening as all the Officers did a fabulous job. We look forward to getting to know our new members, Darlene Hogetvedt, Kaitlyn Braunschweig & Kit Jaroscek

As I mentioned before, we will be having a soup luncheon on Friday, February 9th from 11:00 to 1:00. Please join us for a little cheerful companionship and social enjoyment as we delight in the flavors of the delicious soups our fabulous cooks make!

A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to one of Grand Chapters scholarship projects.

With our term almost over it will soon be our time to be saying so long. The Installation of a new Corp of Officers will be on Saturday, March 24th. I know we are all looking forward to seeing what the new term will bring.

See you along the Masonic trail

**Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron**

**Brody Martin
Worthy Patron**



SOUP LUNCHEON

**Friday, February 9th
11:00 to 1:00**

**Anoka Masonic Center
1908 3rd Ave S
Anoka, Mn 55303**

\$7.00 Per Person

**Sponsored by Martha Chapter #132
Order of the Eastern Star**

**A portion of the profits donated to the
scholarship fund**

Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The Spring Class is in full swing and Anoka Lodge is once again proud to have three members going through. Brothers Travis Cole & David Birkman, as well as WB Vern Chandler.

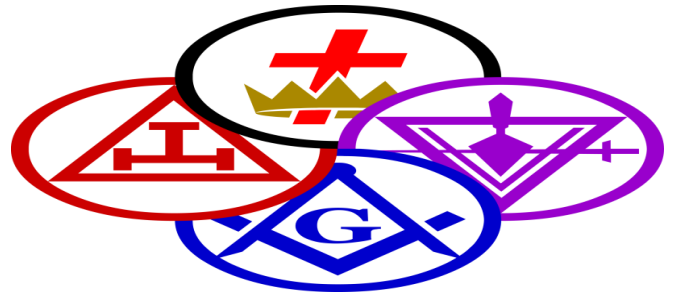
The month begins with the 14th Degree, one of the Terminal Degrees which teaches us to learn to reflect and look into ourselves among other things.

The 15th & 16th Degrees are put on the following week, while on February 15th we have the 17th & 18th Degrees. The 18th once again being one of the Terminal Degrees, all part of the Chapter of the Rose Croix. The 18th Degree teaches that life and its Strength comes from God.

The month ends with Anoka Lodge own 20th Degree, or Master of the Symbolic Lodge, put on by Anoka's own members. (Of course the 19th Degree is this night also) I hope all of the Scottish Rite members will make an effort to come down and support our Degree this night!



Brother Darren receives his Certificate of Appreciation for his Service as Double Eagle!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

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



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:



The Anoka & Robinsdale DeMolay assist with the Installation for Bethel #48



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

To our Uncles of Anoka Lodge-

Bethel 48 began a new term with our Open Installation of Officers on January 7. Miranda Novack was installed as Honored Queen, Gabriella Dimatteo as Senior Princess, and Megan Brendel as Junior Princess. Our Officer line was completed with Audrey Mayer as Guide, and Olivia Shelton entering the line as Marshal.

We have hit the ground running, holding one fundraiser already. We baked up a storm, and headed down to the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center to hold a bake sale at the One Day to Masonry. We succeeded in selling out, and came home with a profit of over \$300. We will be holding bake sales at the three One Day to York Rite events over the next 2 months.

We want to thank our Anoka Uncles for all the support we receive from you. We are truly a lucky Bethel to have such a wonderful support system.

With Jobie Love,
The Jobies of Bethel 48





1st Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser

Sunday, February 18

4 to 7 p.m.

All You Can Eat!

\$10

**7 & under
FREE**

*Spaghetti, marinara sauce, meat sauce,
meat balls, tossed salad w/Olive Garden
dressing, garlic bread, served family style*

Everyone Welcome!

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