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Greetings from the East!

With the snow now melted, I can officially say... Happy Spring! It is so nice to hear the birds chirping and to have the windows in my home finally open. I think we've been spoiled with the mild winter's we have had the past few years since this one seemed to drag on longer than usual.

It was a very busy and productive April for me and I was honored to attend so many masonic functions and represent masonry from Anoka. Masonry is still strong in Minnesota and after traveling around to other places, it reaffirms my belief that the Anoka masonic family is among the best around and we should all be proud of our lodge and family no matter what conflicts arise. We are very strong and wise and have built the foundation for our good works on stone and not sand.

We still have many things on my radar this month and I would like to share a few with you as a gentle reminder of events that are upcoming to our lodge near you. May 2nd is the stated meeting, May 12th is the Bones Brothers BBQ Sampler, May 14th is the charitable activities meeting, May 16th is the FC degree, May 19th is the RAM school is instruction, May 21st is the Traveling Man group to visit WB Mike Miller at Lake Harriet lodge, May 23rd is the RAM stated meeting, May 28th is Memorial Day.

On April 18th we welcomed 7 new Entered Apprentices into Freemasonry! 5 for Anoka and 2 for Northeast Winslow Lewis lodge. WB Jerry presided in the east and the degree was done very well by all that had a part that evening.

This had to be an amazing evening for Aaron Brendel, seeing his son begin his journey into masonry. I will never get this opportunity since I don't have a son, so I will rejoice for others. To unloosen one's shoe and give it to another was the way of confirming a contract in ancient times.

In the First Degree: The Shoe Denotes a Promise
In the Book of Ruth in the Christian Bible, we read that Boaz, (a wealthy land owner and Solomon's Great Great Grandfather,) having proposed to the nearest kinsman of Ruth to exercise his legal right by redeeming the land of Naomi, which was offered for sale, and marrying her daughter-in-law. The kinsman being unable to do so, resigned his right of purchase to Boaz. The scriptures go on to say: Ruth 4: 7-8:

"Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel."

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master

“Tidings from the West!”

April showers bring May flowers?? That must mean that April snow brings more candidates to Anoka Lodge. Because that’s exactly what happened. On Wednesday, April 18th, we initiated seven (7) new candidates – five (5) from Anoka Lodge and two (2) from NE Winslow Lewis Lodge. What a GREAT night for Minnesota Masonry.

In Masonry, we learn about being moral and upright before God and Man. We take a vow about being a better man, and we promise to make ourselves better. These new men who joined our Craft must realize this. This promise is NOT for one day, it’s for a lifetime. Masonry is what we are, not who we think we are.

Congratulations to Bethel #48 for a remarkable job they did at their Honoring for Order of the Eastern Star and for the members of Anoka Lodge. As a Past Associate Bethel Guardian, the work was excellent, and you make us ALL proud of the work you are doing.

Also, congratulations to WGM Peg Oliver, on a marvelous term leading the Order of the Eastern Star in Minnesota. I am so proud you, as well as the Brothers of Anoka Lodge. Thanks for all you do for us.

April also brought us to Grand Lodge at the new Masonic Heritage Center. What a nice turnout from the Lodge Officers. Thanks to all who could make it. Congratulations to our new Grand Master, MWB Ed Halpus. Best wishes for a productive and successful term for Minnesota Masonry. Our Grand Masters theme this year is CIVILITY.

Being a Mason is not being part of a “Club”, but it’s a way of life. We need to work daily at improving ourselves to be better men, better fathers, better husbands, better servants to our God. We need to strive each and every day to give of ourselves what our Fraternity has taught us. accounted for before God and mankind. Being a Mason does not excuse us from actions which we ashamed of.

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.

Just a reminder, a couple days a week, WB Dave Emery, WB John Antl, WB Al Nemchik, Brother Reggie Greene and myself are usually at the Lodge doing some miscellaneous jobs. Also, we get a tremendous amount of help from Martha Chapter #132 OES. You will see PGM Peg Oliver, PM’s Sharon Barlow, Janet Gilbertson and 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**



Playing at the Grand Lodge Banquet!

Greetings from the South!

OK, so my life is totally glamorous. It's 10:00 on a Saturday night. I spent the day running around, like most of us, doing something Masonic in nature. Starting at the mid-day, Bethel 39 had our Open Meeting with the Bethel in Duluth, as well as a friendship. From there, we ran across town to the Masonic Center, where we served the dinner for the Red Cross of Constantine. Then I had to run back to the Scottish Rite to spend a little time at Jobie Jamboree with the Fairest in all the land. Finally, back home to the glory of sitting around with three Jobies as they talk about life, about their Dairy Queen, and what they have been up to.

You see, our house turned into the main gathering place for many Jobies about three years ago. It didn't happen all at once - there were girls from Bethel 48 who were over now and again. It started to increase as summer came, and they were all out of school for the year. As the summer wore on, they were over almost daily, were coming and going at any time, whether my girls were home or not. The funny thing was, it didn't seem strange to me in the least, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

I got introduced to the Jobs Daughters Six years ago. Frani had come to an event at the Lodge, and from there, she met Kiki. From that moment on, they were, in their own words "A brunette and a blonde with an inseparable bond" They were thicker than thieves that year, and that was the reason I was told that I would join the Grotto. "What if I don't want to?" She told me that I really didn't have a choice, and since then, I have grown to love my Grotto family just like my Lodge family. But it was something that helped me to get closer with the Order of Job's Daughters too.

Brothers, a couple years ago, my wife told me this story of three meetings. She even wrote an article for the S&C about it - the idea that if you come to three meetings, you will love it and you will always want to keep coming back. I have to admit, it does happen that way. Right now, however, we are suffering mightily.

Our Bethels across the state are dying off, and they are suffering from something that we, all of us, can fix very easily.

They want us to show up, that's it. These young ladies all need us for their order. Bethels have an adult leader, the Associate Bethel Guardian. The ABG is a Master Mason, and is responsible for helping to pass on our Masonic heritage to the Daughters. If you have been to a meeting (and if you have not - you should go... 1st & 3rd Mondays here at Lodge, or the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Robbinsdale, both at 7:00) you have seen a very visual representation during the opening.

The ABG, when he gets to the East, hands the gavel to the Bethel Guardian, the adult female leader. The Bethel Guardian then hands it to the Honored Queen. And in that small ceremony, we pass our heritage to the Jobies.

If you have listened and heard the words of WB Todd, Myron, Steve, you all have heard it. The girls sit up a little taller, speak a little louder, remember their lines a little better when we are there. They smile broader, they interact more clearly, when we are in the Bethel Room, and they love to see their Uncles. They have great memories of when they Kidnapped WB Dave, or WB Todd, WB Paul or WB Terrance, and they have plans for WB Tony as well.

Brothers, I implore you to spend some time with these beautiful, talented and amazing young women. They actually stand taller when we come to the room. Not that the ABG, or the other "regulars" aren't important to them - they truly are - they just love the visitors even more. And it doesn't just have to be our Bethel 48 either - if you have time, or the inclination to, you can spend time with Robbinsdale, with Minnehaha, with other Bethels around the state.

You can come to Camp, to Friendships or Installations. Even if you don't know the girls, you would be amazed at the fact that some Bethels don't even know their Worshipful Master's name, and the Master may not even know, or worse, refuses to visit the Bethel.

This month, I challenge you all to spend time with the Daughters. Pick a night that the Bethel meets, and just show up. Wear a suit or shirt and tie. You want to look your best when you show up. Introduce yourself to the Bethel Guardian or ABG, let them know you are there to support the Daughters. And take part in the meeting - see how closely it mirrors our own meetings.

Ask them what you can do, how you can help them, and bring a couple of dollars to throw into the plate during the coin march. Be prepared to see some of the best ritual work you can imagine and remember, these young women are under 20 - some are only 10 years old and know their ritual PERFECTLY.

In all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. Come see why that is so central to our Fraternity, and how their smiles can lead to your own smile.

Jobie Love

**Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden**



Our Masonic Youth at Grand Lodge!



Honored Ladies Luncheon



Anoka's Masonic Family Leaders as well as the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Master of Minnesota Masons at the Masonic Honoring!



Anoka Lodge attends Grand Lodge!



WB Al Becomes Metro East Custodian!



The Worth Grand Matron Speaks!



The Two Grand Masters!



Anoka Lodge at the Grand Banquet!



Our New Grand Lodge Officers



The Grand Master at the Lynnhurst Dinner!



Anoka Lodge at the Lynnhurst Dinner



Anoka Lodge Past Masters Table!



Our Newest Entered Apprentices

BBQ SAMPLER

All You Can Eat !!



May 20

ADULTS - \$25
KIDS 6 TO 12 - \$15
5 & UNDER - FREE



BBQ Dinner
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 ANOKA MASONIC LODGE
 1908 3RD AVE, ANOKA



For tickets and information:
E-mail Sampler@bonesbrothers.org or call 612-587-2663

DINNER

- Brisket
- Ribs
- Chicken
- Pulled Pork
- Beans
- Slaw
- Mac 'n' Cheese
- Cornbread
- Cobbler



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 help and assist our Masonic Widows, Orphans or just Brothers in need.

May 10th – We have our Stated Meeting and will be having a meal prior to the meeting!

May 19th – We will have our first official ride of the year. Beginning at 10am you can come out and take a turn with us, even if not a member yet, get the dust off your bike and join us!



Assisting at the Widows Luncheon



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:

- Tuesday, May 1st – Travel to Take Sword at #67
- Wednesday, May 2nd – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, May 2nd – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Saturday, May 12th – Food Stand at Flea Market
- Wednesday, May 16th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, May 16th – EA Degree
- Monday, May 21st – Traveling Man to LHL #277



Stewards Corner!

May 2nd – For our Stated Meeting we will be serving Chicken & Beef Enchiladas, Spanish and Beans & Chiros!

May 16th – For our EA Degree we will be having the Anoka DeMolay making us dinner!



**Jon McNeil
Senior Steward**

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #132



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

It's wonderful to see the sun out (finally) and the green grass popping out! May brings me back to a tradition that my childhood friends and I shared: May Day baskets. I would bring a homemade basket filled with a marigold or petunia, ring the bell and run. I still to this day don't remember what I was running from!

Even though it snowed on April 14th, we still had many that braved the storm and came to the vendor show. Thank you to everyone that showed up and helped us out. The next vendor show will be held on Saturday, October 13th. Let's hope for green grass!

We had a wonderful time attending the Bethel #48 Jobie meeting in April, where they did a fantastic job with the Masonic honoring as well as with their memory work.

As a reminder, we will be dark May 3, as many of the Sisters & Brothers will be at Grand Chapter in St. Cloud.

At our May 17th Stated Meeting we will be honoring our Mothers and Sisters, and we hope to see many of you there!

Mark your Calendars: Our salad luncheon will be Friday, June 15th, from 11 am – 1 pm. The cost is only \$10 for a wide variety of salads. This is a great event!

Live Everyday Like It's Spring,

**Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron**

**Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron**



***Come join Martha Chapter #132
For their Salad Luncheon***



Friday, June 15th, 2018

11am – 1pm

Cost is \$10 for a Wide Variety of Salads

At Anoka Lodge #30

(1908 3rd Ave. South, Anoka, MN)



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

Hello All,

Uncles of Anoka Lodge-

April has been a VERY busy month for the Daughters of Bethel 48!

We started the month with an amazingly successful Grand Bethel. Girls from all over the state gathered at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, April 6-8.

The weekend was packed with sisterhood and competitions. Bethel 48 did extremely well, and came home with many ribbons and awards, but more importantly great memories of work well done!

Ritual

1st Messenger - Alyssa Brendel (2nd), [Olivia Shelton](#) (2nd)

2nd Messenger - Molly Mayer (1st) Award for 98.5%, [Megan Brendel](#) (2nd)

3rd Messenger - [Audrey Mayer](#) (2nd)

4th Messenger - [Bailey Brendel](#) (1st) Award for 100.0%

5th Messenger - [Miranda Novack](#) (1st) Award for 100.0%

New Member - Molly Mayer (2nd) Award for 98.5%

Messenger Team - Alyssa Brendel, [Megan Brendel](#), Audrey Mayer, [Bailey Brendel](#), [Miranda Novack](#) (1st)

Mixed Messenger team-[Olivia Shelton](#), Kasia Holloway, (3rd)

Performance -

[Olivia Shelton](#) (2nd) Instr Solo 10-14

[Audrey Mayer](#) (3rd) Instr Solo 10-14

Molly Mayer (3rd) Instr Solo 10-14

[Grace Shelton](#) (1st) Instr Solo 15-19

Maddie Potts (1st) Vocal Solo 10-14

Writing -

Molly Mayer (1st) Essay 10-14

[Olivia Shelton](#) (2nd) Short Story 10-14

Arts and Crafts -

[Megan Brendel](#) (2nd) Drawing 10-14

[Olivia Shelton](#) (3rd) Painting 10-14

[Megan Brendel](#) (2nd) Color Photo 10-14

Molly Mayer (1st) Woodworking 10-14

[Samantha Soderstrom](#) (1st and 3rd) : Pottery 10-14

Sign Language - [Bailey Brendel](#) (2nd); [Miranda Novack](#) (2nd)

Baking - [Marietta Herrera](#) (2nd) Drop Ball

Cookies; [Teresa Jensen](#) (2nd) Adults

Supreme Messenger Team - [Megan](#)

[Brendel](#) (2nd), [Bailey Brendel](#) (4th), [Miranda Novack](#) (5th)

-Gabbi was 2nd runner up for MissMNJD.

-Bailey Brendel was selected as Grand Bethel Guide

-Alyssa Brendel was selected as Grand Bethel Outer Guard

-Molly Mayer was selected as Grand Bethel Choir

-Audrey and Molly Mayer were selected as Grand Bethel Reps to 6 states between the two of them.

The adults to attend with them were SO impressed with how supportive they were of each other-all of the girls were together in the music competition room watching Maddie perform at 11 p.m. Friday night!

We also held an Honoring of Masonic family on Monday April 16, and had nearly 40 visitors, including members of Anoka Lodge, Sherburne Lodge, Martha Chapter OES, Whittemore Chapter OES, and Grand Worthy matron Peg Oliver.

We were also honored to be the first stop for the newly installed most Worshipful Grand Master Ed Halphaus as well! The girls performed a double honoring- forming both the square and compass and the 5 points of the star, finishing it off by performing the Story of Job almost word perfect. Very impressive considering they didn't learn about it until Sunday night!

To round out our month, we helped vendors carry in their wares at the Martha Chapter Spring Fling craft fair on the 14th, and on the 21st, we bagged Groceries at the Coon Rapids Cub Foods as a fundraiser.

Once again, the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48 want to thank their Uncles of Anoka Lodge (and the members of Martha Chapter) for all the support and love they receive. Life is GREAT with 48!!

Jobie Love,
Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

If you missed the “Beyond the Blue Lodge” open house, you missed a powerful night as WB Jerry Oliver’s performance in the 27 Degree was most inspiring.

We are dark the 1st Thursday of the month as we prepare for the One Day to Scottish Rite Masonry. (A Two Day Event)

This Spring Reunion will begin on Thursday May 10th with the 4th & 14th Degrees. These are the first two of the 5 Terminal Degrees which must be conferred before becoming a Master of the Royal Secret.

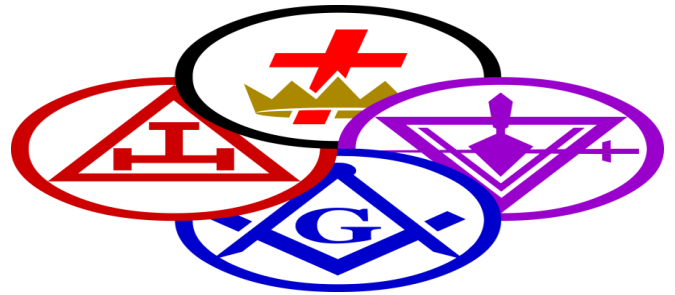
The Reunion continues on Saturday May 12th with the 18th, 30th & 32nd Degrees. After which in the evening a reception will be held to celebrate the Candidates coming through.

The reception is an open event and wive’s and family are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

There is still time to get in your petitions and join the other 3 Anoka members as they complete the cycle of Degrees If you wish. Feel free to make contact with any Scottish Rite member or WB Terrance M Schaffer with any questions you may have.



Traveling back in time for the 31st Degree!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

The York Rite will be having their Annual Grand York Rite Session on June 21st, 22nd & 23rd. With RAM being on Thursday, Cryptic on Friday and Commandry on Saturday!

The Session will again be in St. Cloud at the Courtyard Merriott. The Sessions begin each day at 8:30am, with a dinner in the evening.

For more info go to:
<http://www.mnyorkrite.org/grand-session.html>

We hope you can all come out for the Installation of the Grand Officers, Including our own WB Dave Emery as Grand High Priest!



We took a long road trip up to Duluth to Ionic Lodge #186 Last month, A special outing and got to see the Temple up there. Several Lodges meet in that facility as well as the Duluth Valley of the Scottish Rite. We even got to spend time with the new Grand Master, MWB Ed Halpaus again as he was up visiting as well!

Our regularly planned Second Quarter outing will be to visit our Duel Member Brother who is Master this year at Lake Harriet Lodge #277.

Monday, May 21st – Lake Harriet Lodge #277 in Minneapolis. Dinner is at 6pm and Lodge begins at 7pm.

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