



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!

Summertime is here and the weather is really nice. With that, we will cease degree work until the table lodge in September. It's a great time to be outside in the water, BBQing, and hanging out with family and friends. I love this time of year and only wish it could last longer.

It's been a fast-paced year and we are already at the half way mark to term as Master of Anoka Lodge #30. Recently I had the honor of attending HQ Gabriella Dimatteo's installation for Job's Daughters Bethel #48. It was a wonderful time and nice to see the girls take on their new roles in the Bethel, and I am very proud to be the uncle to so many jobs daughters.

I had the privilege of attending the installation of WB Dave Emery last weekend as he was Installed as the Most Excellent High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota! What a great honor and privilege it is to have WB Dave with us at Anoka. Please join me in congratulating them as both for their Achievements.

On June 16th we raised 6 new Master Masons, with 4 for Anoka, 1 for NEWL, and 1 for Minnehaha Lodge. It was a hot sticky mess of a degree inside the lodge in the morning and then we traveled outside to the site to have lunch and continue the 2nd portion of the degree. We had sprinkles of rain around us but still finished the degree before the heavy rains started. This class of new Master Masons was a special one, already exhibiting leadership and doing fine work as the newest members of our beloved lodge. Welcome Rodolfo Landeros, Dustin Loosbrock, Reed Becher, and AJ Brendel!

I want to raise toast to the "Masonic Movers" that helped Father Thomas move to an assisted living center, with the Humbling name of "The Sanctuary", for a deserving Brother like Father Tom. Thanks Jason Mevissen, Kirk Nelson, Patrick Burdette, and Nico Jacquez. Also, WB Gary Moen for organizing this with me and being an advocate for a worthy Brother in distress. Cheers to my Brothers!

Way to go Anoka Lodge #30 and The Bones Brothers BBQ! At the last meeting the Bones Brothers became an Official Masonic Association with blessings of The Minnesota Grand Lodge and MWB Ed Halpaus. There was a lot of discussion around this topic and I know there will be more to come but I know in my heart that this was the proper time and place to do so if the Brothers want to grow this thing throughout the nation. Congratulations to all The Bones Brothers and continue with all of the many successes in the future. T-Bone

PLEASE NOTE! *Due to the 4th of July Holiday, we have moved the Stated Meeting to July 11th 2018. (6pm dinner and 7pm meeting)

Look forward to seeing all of you in the quarries.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master**

“Tidings from the West!”

Having just entered into the summer months, it reminds me of change. This past week, WB Dave Emery was just installed as the Grand High Priest for York Rite Masonry in Minnesota. With that change in leadership, one might think that Dave’s commitment to the Lodge has changed as well. Knowing Dave for many years, I can assure us all that Dave will remain true to the vows that he taken. Congratulations Dave on the high office that you have attained. Anoka Lodge is proud of you.

Speaking of taking a vow, congratulations to the six (6) new Master Masons which were raised at the outdoor degree. Four (4) were from Anoka Lodge, one (1) from NE Winslow Lewis Lodge, and one (1) from Minnehaha Lodge. To these new Master Masons, one does not learn everything about freemasonry in three degrees.

You need to study the lessons portrayed, the vows which you took, and then be ever mindful of how you intend to apply those Masonic virtues to your daily lives. Remember that there will always be Brothers willing to help you and will be there to whisper good counsel in your ear. And that’s a good reminder to all of us.

Sometimes, we all need to be reminded of what our obligations are and how they apply to us in our daily lives. It never hurts to reaffirm the vows we have taken.

We have a new event coming to Anoka Lodge in August. On the 18th, we will be having a “Just a Little Jamaican” day. It will be an open event in the parking lot, we will have “jerk chicken, pulled jerk pork and sliced jerk beef sandwiches, as well as coleslaw and beans & rice”. It will be a first for Minnesota Masonry and it should be a GREAT day for Anoka Lodge. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. I will set it up similar to the Spaghetti Dinner.

Call or text me at 763-639-8813 or email me at joliver97@comcast.net

One of our new Master Masons, AJ Brendel, made a terrific run to be our next International

Master Councilor for DeMolay International. As in any election, one person receives more votes than the other. The person who did not finish first, is not a loser. AJ did something that we should all be proud of. You did something that proves to me, your Brothers at Anoka Lodge, and all of Masonry, why you are a CLASS ACT. Thanks for representing us as well.....

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



Brother Brian being installed as Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

As the sun in the South...

First off, can get a weather pattern that is at all logical in this state? The past few weeks (probably more like months) has had extremes of temperature and humidity. However, we all remember the cold of the winter, so we can deal with this a while.

Brothers and Sisters, I wanted to speak a little bit this month on the topic that is near and dear to our Most Worshipful Grand Master - Civility. If you take a moment to just throw that word into Google, you get a definition of "Formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech." It seems a simple thing, doesn't it? If someone says good morning, you say it back to them. If someone asks a question, you answer it. Simple, right?

I had the opportunity to spend the past several days at the York Rite annual session in St Cloud. It was a great time, with a fantastic amount of brotherhood. I got to witness our own WB W. David Emery invested with the singular honor of being installed the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. It was a joy, as well, to see Peg and WB Jerry come for a 60 minute ceremony to honor their friend and Brother – I don't know how long it took them to get there, but that to me is not just Brotherhood, it is Civility in action.

I likewise was honored to be elected to the position of Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota. This however, was a contested election. As the Knights made their choice, and elections were over, the other Knight came up, shook my hand, and said there were no hard feelings. Knowing John the way I do, I know that if he says something, there are no mincing of words, and you can take it to the bank. Even in a moment of disappointment, a Brother was able to reach out his hand in civility.

But then there are the stories I heard from our Brothers throughout the state where this Civility is not being practiced. I heard stories specifically about our York and Scottish Rites.

These men, some of whom are considered "Giants" in the craft, are bickering about this Lodge being a Scottish Rite Lodge, or that one being a York Rite Lodge. I heard stories of Lodges not allowing one or the other Body to speak or share news during updates. This was a moment of profound sadness to me, because these Brothers are forgetting the most important lesson we learned as we knelt at that alter.

Brothers, the York Rite is us, the Scottish Rite is us. The Shrine is us, the Grotto, OES, Jobies, DeMolay. All of them are us. The same man that is a Scottish Rite Mason that bleeds Albert Pike knelt at the same alter that that Illustrious Master of the Cryptic Council did, and we all took the same three degrees. There is no difference in the Men, but there is a difference in the attitude and in the action. Think how civil our fair Craft could be if we all remembered those lessons outside of Lodge that are inculcated in it, think of how much better the world would be.

In closing, I wish to extend congratulations, and hope that you join me in extending them to our newest York Rite Grand Officers – you can find all of them on www.yorkrite.org. But especially, to Most Excellent Companion Joe Anderson who presided last year so ably as Grand High Priest, and to WB Dave Emery, who will succeed him.

To Most Illustrious Companion Cliff Isely on his successful year as Illustrious Grand Master and Terry Rybarczyk on the start of his year. Finally, to Sir Knight Don DeMars who ably led the Grand Commandery as Grand Commander last year, and was succeeded by Sir Knight Douglas Pamp who will lead this year. They may wear red, purple or khaki coats, but they are all examples of the best of our Blue Lodges.

Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden





Giving out our Annual Scholarships!



Our 4 New Master Masons, Rodolfo Landeros, Dustin Loosbrock, Reed Becher, and AJ Brendel!



Brother John Austin Receives the Daniel Carter beard Award for Scouting.



Cooking up the Father's Day Breakfast!



The Anoka Masonic Family Attends the Bethel #48 Installation!



The Master and Many Families came out!

“Just a little
Jamaican”

Jerk Chicken, Pork & Beef Sandwiches,
Beans & Rice, Cole Slaw

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Sat, Aug 18
Noon - 4:00 PM

All you can Eat!

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**SAVE THIS
DATE**

August 9, 2018

5:00 pm

All Masons of any
degree, their
Wives / Significant
others and
interested guests
are invited

**Brotherhood
of the
Big Tent**

Grand Lodge and Appending
Bodies are invited to
have a information table
and / or display

*Besides tipping a glass and breaking
bread, we are also making available
pool, darts, cards etc.*

Dinner—Illustrious Jerry
Oliver and his BBQ Team

Cost—\$10 per person

Cash Bar—By the Lowry
Email the Scottish Rite at:

Jackie@aaasrmn.org

Or Call the Office at:

612-871-1500

RSVP's Are Required!





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.



The Place we Ride to most!

July 12th – We have our Stated Meeting and will be having a meal prior to the meeting!



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, July 4th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, July 11th – Anoka Stated Meeting*

Saturday, July 14th – Food Stand at Flea Market

Wednesday, July 18th – Coffee Clutch 9am



Stewards Corner!

July 11th – For our “Moved” Stated Meeting we will be serving Brats, Hamburgers, (On the grill) Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips & Cookies!



**Jon McNeil
Senior Steward**



Just a reminder that our next quarterly outing will be August 2nd when we will go and visit our Brothers at Forest Lake Lodge #344. Dinner will be at 6pm and Lodge will begin at 7pm. We need to let them know how many are coming, so please respond with a conformation as soon as possible.

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #132



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Thanks to all of those that came out to our salad luncheon on June 15. Even though we didn't have a big turn-out like we had hoped, we still had a wonderful variety of salads, superb workers, lots of fun, and raised money for the MN Masonic Home.

We will be dark for July and August, but that doesn't mean we aren't busy doing a variety of activities.

We will once again be selling strawberry shortcake and ice tea at the Anoka Riverfest on July 14. We have found this to be a wonderful way to get out in our community & be seen.

The Anoka Home & Garden Tour will be making a stop at the Anoka Masonic Lodge on July 15.

We will be working the brat stand at Cub in Riverdale, Coon Rapids on July 20, 21, 22. This is a great fund-raiser for us and we always have a lot of fun! This year, we are raising funds for the Eagles Nest in Anoka. Please stop by to say hello and have a brat or hot dog.

Here's to camping, picnics and pontoon rides,

**Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron**



**Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron**



The Ladies of the OES giving a Demonstration of their Blanket Making Efforts to the Lodge!



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

The DeMolay have their annual Conclave coming up on August 2nd – 5th. (The Installation will be on the 4th) This year's theme is Doctor Who and should be another great event.

Besides their Stated Meetings and Fun Nights, DeMolay from around the state gathered and held a LARP (Live, Action, Role, Play) event and gave battled all day!





Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

At the Beginning of June, members of Bethel #48 helped escort the Winners down at the "Scotie" Awards for the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite!



Looking our Best for the Winners!

Just prior to gearing up for Jobie Camp, the Fairest in the Land held their most recent Officer Installation where Gabrialla Dimatteo was made Honored Queen!



Past Honored Queen Frani Installs her Sister



The Honored Queen and Princesses!



The Officers of Bethel #48 and their Installing Officers all dressed up!



Our New Honored Queen, Gabrillia Dimatteo!

Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

We held our Scottie Awards in Ealry June and though we had many Anoka Brothers up for Awards, our own WB's Jacob Geer & Stephen Kesler won "Best Orator" & "The Right Stuff" awards respectivly for their efforts.

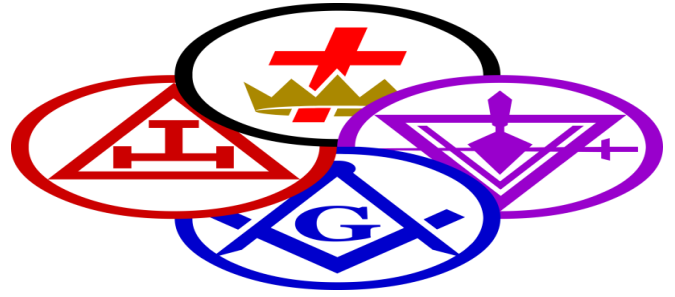
We also awarded WB Jerry Oliver, our S.G.I.G. Ameritus, with the Lifetime Achivment Award. Though unable to attend we will be planning a gathering to formally present it at a later date and hope you will all attend.

Though "Dark" for the summer we will still be holding our 3rd Thursday Night Social gatherings at the Rite and all are welcome to come down for Pool, Darts, Cribbage or whatever!

Also, on August 9th we will be holding our annual Open House, this year being called "Brotherhood of the Big Tent" night where all the various Appending Bodies will be represented to introduce you to each of them. WB Jerry Oliver and his crew will be providing his great BBQ for all to enjoy so you don't want to miss it.



All the Winners at the Scotties!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

It was another great York Rite Grand Session last month and all the New Grand Officers were Installed, more so our own BW Dave Emery who became Grand High Priest for the State, Congrats WB Dave!



WB Dave becomes The Grand High Priest!



Anoke Shekinah #104 attend the Grand Chapter Session

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