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Greetings from the East!

It's truly amazing how fast this year is flying by. We are rapidly approaching September and I'm into the 9th month of my term as Worshipful Master of Anoka lodge #30. I guess the time is speeding by since I've had events that I need to be at as the representative for the lodge or perhaps I just enjoy all the time with my Brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews of the Anoka Masonic family, either way, I am a glutton for punishment with my time spent this year.

I love all of the seasons of the year in Minnesota and fall is an exciting time of year for myself and many others. Football starts (SKOL), the kids go back to school, we have many BBQ events, Halloween, the fall colors and the temperature reduces to a comfortable level for all, what happens after fall that I won't speak of yet.

I had the pleasure of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers at the Harmon's Heart tailgating party at the Masonic Heritage Center in Bloomington this past weekend. We served over 800 guests which arrived in motor coaches to enjoy the day, eat, catch the Twins vs. A's and support a worthy charity all in one day.

Special thanks goes out to WB Jerry Oliver and The Bones Brother's BBQ for the use of their equipment and to WB Mike Miller, WB Jordy Stradtman, WB Greg Vokovan, Scott Franz, Jon McNeil, Nico Jacquez and MWM Ed Halpaus!! Without these fine gentlemen we wouldn't be able to continue to do these great works for worthy charities. Again my heartfelt thanks, my hat is off to all of you!

As fall rolls into Anoka, so do the 3rd set of degrees which is the most special to me as I started my Masonic journey at the table lodge.

This will be my 7th anniversary as a Minnesota Mason and I love this time of year with many feelings of nostalgia and deep emotions these table lodges bring me back to a time of when I sat in the northeast corner of the tables in the dining hall, knowing virtually no one and having no idea where my Masonic journey would take me. This year I will sit at the head table and host it as the Master of this great lodge and welcoming our guests and candidates.

So, stop by lodge, catch a degree, stop by and help at Ribs, Bibs, and Blues or come support your Masonic Family at the Halloween Parade.

After working at New Ulm Medical Center for several months now and having had a busy Masonic summer, I bid you a farewell as I have gone fishing with the family. Enjoy your Labor Day.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master

“Tidings from the West!”

Labor Day is just around the corner which means a BUSY time at Anoka Lodge is on its way! First of all, we have our upcoming stated meeting where we will get a final number of those men who have applied to the Lodge to be a member.

The Entered Apprentice degree will be on September 12th. We have 3 Candidates set to go through and take the Degrees at Anoka Lodge and I will once again have the distinct honor and pleasure to preside as Master for the evening.

Of course, the next Saturday, September 15th, will be our 10th annual “Ribs, Bibs and Blues” at the Lodge. We could use help from the Brethren – prep work on Friday the 14th – setup on the morning of the 15th – help cook and serve – and of course help with the cleanup and tear down.

We also need Brethren to distribute flyers and help in our advertising and PR. We would love to have you, your family and your friends join us. Then don’t forget, the next Wednesday, the 19th, we will once again hold our Annual Table Lodge. Please contact our Senior Steward Jon McNeil for reservations.

Thanks to all who helped and participated in our “Just a little Jamaican Day”. A great time was had as well as wonderful food. We tried something new and will do some changing as we look forward to doing it again next year.

The new furnaces and air conditioning units have arrived at the Lodge and will be installed soon. Thanks in advance to all who will help during the installation process. It will be a GREAT addition to our Lodge.

Thanks to the twenty Brethren who turned out for Brother Bud Summers funeral. It was a great tribute to a Brother who had passed to the Celestial Lodge above. It was the first time for me, where his wife passed away four days later, and her ashes were placed along his. I might add, that Bud was a member for sixty (60) years. Alas my Brother.

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**



**Working the Just a “Little Jamaican Event!”
Brotherhood at its Best!**

Greetings from the South

As the days are growing shorter, so too will this article be brief. I know you are thinking - what? I wanted to hear the Junior Warden ramble on for eight pages! While that would be painful for you all, it would be more so for me. So today, I just wanted to briefly bring a thought to you.

As I have traveled this summer, I have thought about the Fraternity all over the world. Thinking big thoughts is easy when you are driving 19 hours to get to Utah, or 9 hours to get to Indiana. But really it's what you do with those big thoughts, which are what is sometimes hard to deal with.

In my most recent trip, I had the good fortune to travel with MWB Tom Hendrickson to Indianapolis, IN. During this trip, we talked about a lot of things; those of you who have ever had the good occasion to sit down with a Past Grand Master, you know the drill.

We talked about the state of Masons in our state - we talked at length about the problems we are facing. He brought up situations that he sat through during his time in the Grand East, as well as the opportunities. If you have ever listened to MWB Tom, you know he is passionate about the Craft and about our education, and that is something we spent a great deal of time on.

You see, education doesn't have to be formal. You can come down to the Lodge on Wednesdays when we have our regular meetings where some of the Brothers gather at 9am to have coffee and doughnuts, and well, they just talk about... whatever.

There are also times where you can have one on one time with other learned Masons, where the discussions can turn quickly to the deeper side. There are Education lodges or If you like to read there's always Masonic books, and there are so many amazing resources available for you to listen to on the many pod casts. Or better yet you can author one of your own!

But the key is to never stop learning, never stop experiencing the Craft. My Brothers, when you stop, you perish. Of course, knowing so many of us, there is no chance of us stopping, but don't fall into complacency in your studies.

Remember, we are to engage in deep conversations with our Learned Brothers. In doing so, we will better the Craft, we will better the Lodge we love, and we will better ourselves.

As we come to the end of our year, we have a chance to reflect even more, but I hope you can spare a few moments to reflect on what you have learned during this trip around the sun.

Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden



Attending the Grand Encampment
Held in Indianapolis!



**Receiving the State Education Officer of Illinois,
RWB Scott Dueball**



The Brothers working the displays Downstairs!



Talking to those folks who came by!



Anoka Lodge working Riverfest!



Both Upstairs and Downstairs



**WB John Freeburg and his Grandson leading
things for the Anoka Garden Party at the Lodge**



Getting Lots of help from the Brethren!



Just a Little Jamaican Event!



Brought out all sorts of folks



They cooked up some great food!



And were serving it up!



Brother Travis was kicking some Great toon!



Taking a break from cooking things up!



So much good fellowship was had too!



You don't want to miss this food next year!



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.



Crashing the York Rite Picnic!

September 13th – 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:

Saturday, Sept 2nd – DeMolay/Mason Kickball

Wednesday, Sept 5th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Sept 5th – Anoka Stated Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 12th – EA Degree

Saturday, Sept 15th – Ribs, Bibs & Blues

Wednesday, Sept 19th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Sept 19th – EA Table Lodge



Stewards Corner!

September 5th – For our Stated Meeting we will be serving Shake n Bake Chicken, Mashed Potato's & Corn.

September 12th – For the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Companions of RAM Shekinah #104 will be cooking Kielbasa, Au Gratin Potato's & Peas! (Cake for Dessert)

September 19th – EA Table Lodge! See Flyer and Make Reservations ASAP. Payment must be made in Advance!



Jon McNeil
Senior Steward



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Anoka Lodge #30 is happy to present its Annual EA Table Lodge

Date: Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

Time: 6pm Dinner

Place: Anoka Lodge

Cost: \$25 Dollars




This is a Traditional Table Lodge and so only open to Masons (of Any Degree) and we will observe the 7 Toasts as well as a few select speeches.

A four-course meal will be served as always and Prime Rib is the main course as is our usual custom here at Anoka Lodge #30.

Seating is limited as always and Reservations are required, no walk in's please.

The Grand Master of Minnesota Masons, MW Ed Halpaus is said to be there!

For those New Brothers who have yet to experience a Table Lodge, this is a great opportunity to share a wonderful event done historically for hundreds of years in the Fraternity!



RiteCare Gala 2018
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Tickets \$60 per person
<http://ritecaremsp.org/events/gala/>

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #132



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

It's hard to believe that September is right around the corner, and our first meeting (after being dark) is coming up. We will be honoring our founder, Rob Morris, on September 6. We will also be initiating a new member that night, so what better way to start out the fall season than that!

Our second meeting, on September 20th, will be to honor our Grandparents & we want everyone to wear your best "BLING" that night (i.e, your OES bling, something your grandparents gave you bling, or just something downright gaudy). We hope you can make it, as I will have some great pictures of mine and Worthy Patron Dan's Grandparents on display with us that night.

We also hope you can come and join us on Sunday, September 23rd as we continue our tradition of honoring Martha Chapter's 50 year members. This year, we will be holding the event off-site at the Green Haven Golf Course.

The cost of this event will be \$ 25 each, with reservations being emailed to WM Sue Heathfield at sue.heathfield@childrensmn.org or by calling me at 763-755-6325.

This is open to all members! Let's have a great turn out and honor these members who have given so much to our wonderful Order.

The best memories are made camping...



Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron

Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

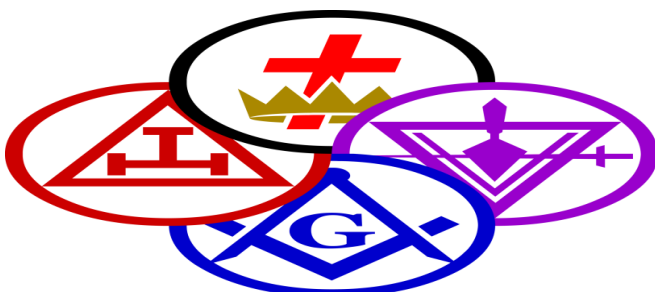
The Brotherhood of the Big Tent event was another success, with over 100 attendees coming out with friends and family. We even picked up a few petitions.

As always the food was great and Anoka Lodge had a large presence as always and continues to be a large part of the successes at the Minneapolis Valley. Thanks to all those we made it down to join us!



Anoka Lodge Brothers at the Open House!

The Fall Class begins August 23rd and we already have one Brother from Anoka Lodge signed up to take part and there is still time to sign up and join Brother Rodolfo as he begins his journey, so feel free to reach out if you need a petition or have any questions.



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

The York Rite Bodies will be coming out from being Dark and having regular meetings again. The first thing going on will be the Companions of Anoka Shekinah #104 making dinner for the Lodge at the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Now this is not just to raise money for them, the sole purpose is to raise money for the Organization called Granny's Closets which provides gifts to the elderly during the Holiday Season. (And Other times too)

Too often those folks get forgotten and we need to remember them at all times, but more so at the season of giving and we hope to make a good donation from this event, so even if you don't plan to stay for the meeting, we hope you can come out and have dinner!



Our most recent quarterly outing was on August 2nd when we went and visited our Brothers at Forest Lake Lodge #344.

We had a good showing of Brothers in attendance and got to see their Scholarship Presentations and a good meal.



Anoka Brothers (Down Front) Visit #344

Our Next and last outing for the year will be on Monday, November 5th, when we will go where our WM made his first visit to another lodge and return to St. John's Lodge #1 in Stillwater.



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

Conclave 2018 has come and gone, though with the theme being “Doctor Who” if you have a TARDIS you can always go back and revisit it.

It was the first time I had attended the entire session and joining me from Anoka Chapter was WB Paul Agustin and of course the Executive Officer Aaron Brendel. Gustavus Adolphus is a great location for the gathering, and a good time was had by all. Especially for those of us who found the “singing circle” and spent hours listening to the amazing reverberation it creates if you are standing in just the right spot.

Thursday was taken up by Opening Ceremonies, and the Initiatory Degree with four young men participating and going through their degrees at conclave this year. This was followed by a lot of settling in, staying cool (the dorms are not air-conditioned) and then off to Mankato for WOWZone fun!

Friday morning brought Caucus for State officers and State Sweetheart Questioning, while after lunch we had more fun with “Escape Rooms” and First Aid class. We were all then treated by Selim Grotto and Friends to a wonderful dinner of freshly grilled burgers and dogs. Thank you again for your support! After Dinner we were treated to a fantastic performance of the DeMolay degree and Play. We also were treated to the Sweetheart Talent Show. Congratulations to Anoka Chapter Sweetheart Veronica Flakne for being selected “Most Talented” for her Ukulele and vocal winning performance of “Riptide” – and her encore performance of “Falling In Love With You”! A Doctor Who marathon wound down the evening until Lights Out at 12:30.

Saturday saw the Daily Review, Business Meeting and Ritual Tournament before Lunch.

Senior Deacon Zach Agustin competed and missed placing by the barest of margins. Better luck next year Zach! Lunch was followed by “Knockerball” – a game in which kids wrap themselves up in a plastic bubble to protect themselves and throw themselves at each other...believe it or not only one broken bone resulted! Then after that we went off to the pool. After a scheduled shower time for all participants (cleanness being one of the seven Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay), we all got dressed up and attended the Banquet/Awards presentation. Anoka Chapter came in 2nd for the New Member Award (8 new members to Robbinsdale’s 9), and the 4 new members joining at Conclave put us at +3 positive growth for the year! Nothing like a little competition to get things going.

Congratulations also to Anoka Chapter Master Councilor Sam Burrows on being elected to State Senior Councilor, and to Zach Agustin for being selected Minnesota DeMolay of the Year!

One quick note: Welcome Ragnar Freeburg and Dave Troy, the newest members of the Anoka DeMolay Advisory Council!

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Novack
Advisory Council Chairman



Sam Burrows is Installaed as the State Senior Councilor



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

The Job's Daughters of Bethel 48 joined girls from around the State as they gather at Jobie Camp and participate in all kinds of fun activities together. This years Theme was Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!



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