



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!

Wow, the summer has flown by! With being the Master of this great lodge and having to work at New Ulm Medical Center for the past few months, it has gone by faster than I could have ever imagined. It's been a lot of work but I'm still holding my head high and doing the best job possible with all my usual avocations.

Fall is in the air and as I walked out to my car to go to Hopefest it was a blustery 34 degrees this morning reminding me the that winds of change are upon us, starting with fall and unfortunately leading into winter, my least favorite season in Minnesota.

We still have a few months of fall but the sands in the hourglass are rapidly approaching. October is a very special time of year in Anoka since we are the Halloween capital of the world and with it the parade and hot dog and pork chop stand.

“The two rivers, Rum and Mississippi, played an integral part in Anoka's settlement. Father Lewis Hennepin first visited this area in 1680 and settlers came to stay in 1844. Prior to the 1800's, the area surrounding Anoka was claimed by the Dakota, but later the Ojibwa pushed the Dakota westward across the Mississippi. The territory of Anoka then became a neutral ground between the two tribes.

The name Anoka was derived from two Indian words, the Dakota word A-NO-KA-TAN-HAN meaning on both sides of the river, and the Ojibwa word ON-O-KAY, meaning working waters.

The first settler in the Anoka area was Joseph Belanger who built a log cabin on the east side of the Rum River near its mouth. Initially, the cabin was used as a trading post with the Indians, but later was used as a temporary home for a number of early settlers.

In the late 1840's, the first logging operations took place in the Anoka area. The logs were floated down the Rum River to the Mississippi River to the sawmill in St. Anthony. In 1853, the first dam was constructed on the Rum River at its present location and in 1854 the first sawmill began operation. Other saw mills, wood working plants, and cooper shops-barrel makers quickly sprang up along the banks of the Rum River using water as their source of power.

For the next twenty years milling was an important industry in Anoka. After the decline of the sawmills in late 1885, a Board of Trade was organized to encourage other industries to move to Anoka.

In 1886, a potato starch factory was built on the west side of the Rum River north of the dam. During this time, before the Red River Valley opened, Anoka was the center of potato production.

Also operating at this time was the Anoka Shoe Factory which employed 80 people and produced 800 pairs of shoes per day.

In 1898, A bill was passed by the state legislature to construct a state hospital in Anoka. The hospital is now known as the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center.

In 1856, a ferry was established across the Mississippi river, connecting Anoka with the City of Champlin. After 28 years of operation, the ferry was replaced in 1884 by a steel bridge.

The bridge had a turntable in the middle, operated by a hand winch that opened up two channels to allow boats to pass up or down the river. Other transportation in that era was a horse-drawn streetcar system and rail service to St. Paul. The City of Anoka's development was severely damaged by fire during its early years.

Five major fires between 1855 and 1884 impeded the City's development. The worst fire in the downtown area, in 1884, destroyed 86 buildings from the Rum River to Third Avenue.

Eventually this whole section was rebuilt. Again, tragedy struck the City in 1939. A tornado swept through the east side of town. Many homes, a church, and the armory were destroyed and three lives were lost. However, Anoka again persevered and completely rebuilt the damaged area.

It is believed that Anoka was the first city in the United States to put on a Halloween celebration. In early 1920, Anoka merchants and other interested citizens joined together in a move to stop Halloween pranks. The idea was to have a big Halloween party for all the children with free candy and lots of entertainment.

In October of 1920, Anoka had its first Halloween celebration. The celebration has been held every year since, with the exception of two years during WWII. Anoka considers itself to be the "Halloween Capital of the World" and now has many events during October including football games, costume contests, block parties, Grey Ghost 5k run, and two parades."

(Source: City of Anoka)

I hope to see all of you very soon to enjoy a pork chop on a stick, attend a degree, check out what's new at lodge, meet a new brother, or help at one of many events. I've learned from the coined term of the DeMolay and Job's daughters this year, "Stronger Together" because of you we will succeed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master

"Tidings from the West!"

Fall has arrived and it symbolizes the end of the growing season – at least for those in the farming industry. NOT AT ANOKA LODGE. We just finished having a 1st Degree for three new Brothers and then the following week, we held out annual Table Lodge – GREAT job by all. Speaking of great jobs, Anoka's own Bone's Brothers worked a fundraiser for Alexandra House at the end of September. Thanks to ALL who came and volunteered on a very brisk and chilly day. We cooked enough food to make everyone happy. Our hope is to continue this event next year.

I was recently at an event where non-masons were also in attendance and while listening to them ask questions about what we do, I couldn't help but look back on my forty (40) years as a Mason and a member of Anoka Lodge. I asked myself, how my life changed and have I been able to make an impact on anyone during those years.

It didn't take long to realize that I am a changed person. I am reminded that titles do not determine what you have done for the Craft, it's when you work alongside of them and as a leader, help guide them in the right direction.

Look at "Ribs, Bibs and Blues". This was a GREAT turnout by the Brethren of Anoka Lodge. Everything from the prep work on Friday, the setup on Saturday morning, the cooking and the serving and of course those who helped with the cleanup and tear down.

The new furnaces and air conditioning units are being installed, and a SPECIAL thanks to WB John Antl, Ragnar Freeburg, and Kay Moss for their help.

Thanks to all the Brethren who turned out for Brother Roy Downs funeral as well as WB Arlan Ross's funeral. It was a great tribute to a couple of fine Brothers who had passed to the Celestial Lodge above. Alas my Brothers.

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



Anoka's Newest Entered Apprentices!

Greetings from the South

Fall has come out swinging, and it appears that the summer months have come to a close. Of course, this is Minnesota, so we could have another couple of warm days... or snow... or maybe even 28 inches of snow. What an exciting time of the year for us, as thoughts turn to pumpkins, cider, warm sweaters and holidays.

The Lodge is bustling with activities left and right – Just a little Jamaican, Ribs, Bibs and Blues, Hope Fest, The Halloween Parade is right around the corner, as are our own Elections and Breakfast with Santa. If you are looking for things to do, by golly, we have a ton of things for you to do and take part in, and most of all, we look forward to seeing you often.

As I sit at my desk to write these articles each month, I try and think of something that fills two needs. First, I try and have something interesting, exciting, or thought provoking to bring to all of you. As a Warden of this great Lodge, I have an opportunity to speak with our broader Masonic family, and I don't want to mess that up.

The second thing I try and bring to mind is something timely or on people's minds at the present time. And what better topic right now, with the Confirmation hearings looming for the highest court in the land, to briefly touch on the question of honor and restraint.

We all know that person on Facebook, or any other social media platform that is looking for just the right time to poke the bear as it were. We also have a great opportunity to find our long lost friends or loves, play a quick game, look at the latest meme, or other activity, but so many take the opportunity to spray venom out into the wide world.

Obviously, people have their thoughts and opinions, some are reasoned, some are emotional, but they are all ours. My Brothers, what you do with those opinions and emotions, however, can lead to the downfall of our Family, our Craft.

There is a great line that I always go back to when I start to see a person getting raked through the coals. It comes from Julius Caesar. If you have read the play, there is a scene where Mark Anthony is at Caesar's grave site. He is speaking in the terms of one of the most loved speeches in Shakespeare. The part that I speak about is poignant.

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him, for it is the evil that men do that lives after them, but it is the good that is oft interr'd with their bones. So let it be with Caesar... He was my friend, faithful and just to me, but Brutus says he was ambitious and Brutus is an honorable man."

How often do we fall sway to those honorable men that we all know and love? How often do we immediately join the band wagon, take up the cause in righteous indignation, and march for the cause? We all long to fight the good fight, to right the wrongs of society, but sometimes... sometimes that "honorable" man is misled. Sometimes it is intentionally so.

What then, when we are led astray by that Brother, even if it is mistakenly? What happens when we find out, after time, that our convictions, and the truth is not ... true?

Do we atone, make it right, admit our failings so that we may make amends for the damage caused? Or do we hold on to that, so that we are not seen as being wrong? In the end, only our Maker and those present know the truth of the matter.

Only those who have seen and experienced know the truth. But when a life is destroyed, when the truth wills out, we should admit it. I know that sometimes it is hard to admit when we were wrong, for me especially.

It is even harder when we sway others to our cause, only to find out that we made a mistake, and now have done grievous damage to another, especially a Brother.

In the Confirmation hearings going on now, who am I saying is the truthful one? I am not saying.

I think that there are always three sides to things – your side, the other person's side, and the truth that lies somewhere in between the two.

Being Civil means we listen, we debate. Sometimes, like families, sometimes we fight. But at all times, especially in these heated times, when anyone is accused of a crime, they deserve a fair hearing, as does their accuser. And when the judgement is handed down, we have to take into account that those hearing the case are guided by the Architect of the Universe, and are wise – especially those of our Craft who are presumed to have the wisdom to have ruled their Lodges.

"When the poor hath cried, Caesar hath wept, Ambition should be made of sterner stuff! Yet Brutus says he was ambitious and Brutus is an honorable man. ... I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke, but I am here to speak what I do know. You all did love him once, not without cause: What cause withholds you now to mourn for him??"

In closing, I speak not to disprove what any say, but I speak what I do know. And when I find out I am wrong, I admit it – sometimes easily, as when I count the number of people who say yes on a survey; sometimes painfully when I accuse a Brother of doing something based on information that I mistakenly gathered.

In the end it is a hard thing to do, but honor compels us to admit these things, even if it is only to the person who we have wronged, but when we do so and that wrongly ruins another man's life or family? Then we owe that man the effort to at least try and reverse that wrong.

"O judgement, thou art fled to brutish beasts, and men have lost their reason; bear with me, my heart is in the coffin there with Caesar and I must pause till it comes back to me."

**Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden**





Brother Carl Nobles receives his Proficiency Apron for Proving up in his 3rd Degree



The WM of Lake Harriet Lodge #277 brought us the Excelsior Lodge Travel Trophy!



Members of Lake Harriet Lodge #277 come out and take the Proficiency Sword!



So great to see WB Al Hanson in Town Visiting!



Presenting a check to St. Croix Trail Blazers!



Martha Chapter provides the Cookies!



Another successful Ribs, Bibs & Blues Event!



The Jobies of Bethel #48 run the Bouncy House!



Working the Line!



The Anoka DeMolay do the Hot Dogs!



Cutting up the Ribs!



The Band was just great!

Our Annual EA Table Lodge



A Small but nice Gathering



With Old Brothers and those newly Returned



Those Regulars Each Year



As well as generations of Brothers!



Everyone having a good time!



Those Newest of Brothers, Our EA's



The Anoka DeMolay who helped Serve!



And the Fine Team of Cooks and Stewards!

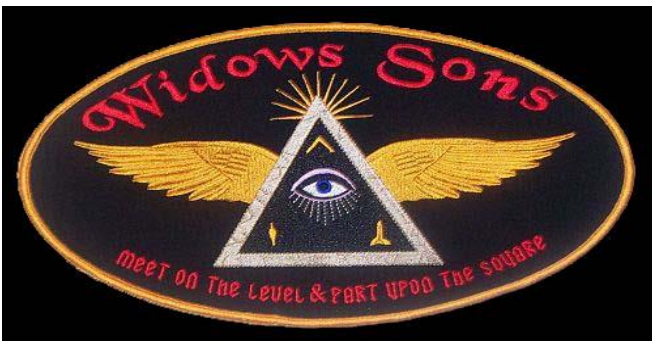


Anoka Coffee Clutch:

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.



Receiving our Widows Son's Brother from Florida!

October 11th – We have our Stated Meeting and Elections 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, Oct 3rd – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Oct 3rd – Anoka Stated Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 17th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Oct 17th – FC Degree

Saturday, Oct 17th – Anoka Halloween Parade



Stewards Corner!

October 3rd – For our Stated Meeting we will be serving Chili with Corn Bread with Apple Crip and Ice Cream for Dessert.

October 17th – For the Fellow Craft Degree we will be serving up Prom Loins, Roasted Potato's and Carrots, with a Halloween Cake for Dessert.



Jon McNeil
Senior Steward



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<http://ritecaremsp.org/events/gala/>

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #132



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Fall is upon us and Martha Chapter has been busy & we have many things coming.

We held our “Shade of Autumn” luncheon to honor our 50 year members at Green Haven. We had a wonderful turn out, dining on champagne chicken and were entertained by the Accordion Fun Group (which Past Matron Garland is a member). It was a marvelous time, and I heard several members comment on how they enjoyed themselves.



At our first meeting in October we will be honoring our Past Matrons and Past Patrons. I hope that many of you can make it. This is a great time to honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons that have lead our Chapter.

Don't forget you can get a jump start on your Christmas shopping at the fall craft & vendor fair held at Anoka Lodge on October 13 from 10am-3 pm. There will be 30+ vendors setup.

On October 18, we will be holding a joint meeting with Whittemore Chapter (at Anoka). We are honoring Line Officers that night AND we are having a carved pumpkin raffle. The proceeds raised will go towards purchasing items for snack bags for the Masonic Children's hospital.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5, or 15 for \$10. We will serve a light dinner at 6 pm (free will donation), with the meeting beginning at the usual 7:30 pm

Mark your calendar NOW! The annual Harvest dinner will be held on Nov 11.



With Star Love,

**Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron**

**Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron**



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

October begins a busy month at the Rite as it begins on October 4th with the ending of the Chapter of the Rose Croix and the 18th Degree.

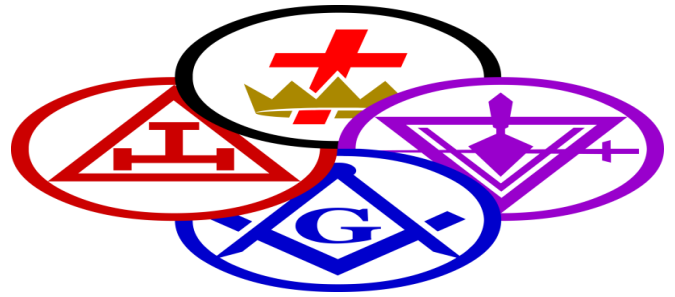
It will be quickly followed up by the Rite Care Gala at the Heritage Center (See Flyer) on October 6th.

The next week (Oct 11th) of course brings Anoka Lodge #30's Adopted Degree, the 20th or Master of the Symbolic Lodge. If you are a Scottish Rite member we can't encourage you enough to come down and help us support this Degree and all the Anoka Lodge members who take part each cycle.

October 18th the "Chivalric" Degrees continue with one of my Personal Favorites, the 21st Degree or Prussian Knight!

The last Thursday of the month (Oct 25th) brings the 23rd & 24th Degree, with the 23rd being Directed by our won WB John Antl and having many Anoka Lodge members in it as well.

Of course the other Degrees of the month are great to see as well. (17th, 19th, 22nd) each having many lessons to teach and great performances. If you haven't see these them in a while or even if it was last cycle, I hope you can find some time to come and join us... Remember, Thursday Night is Rite Night!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

Thanks again to the memebtrs fo Anoka Lodge #30 for leeting the members of Anoka Shekinah #104 come and make dinner. All with the purpose of rasing money for the Granny's Closet Organization!



Cooking up Dinner for Anoka Lodge #30



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.

There is no Dinner prior to their meeting, but we can meeting at Charlies Pub at 6pm if anyone would like to eat. The Lodge meeting begins at 7:30pm.

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