



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 November sets in, so do the winds of change. This month we go to the polls and do our duty by casting our vote to elect representatives at the national, state, and local levels. The ideals and policies come and go like the wind, but the system remains the same as we have the right to vote and be a productive member of society and a citizen of this great country.

Like our country, we are coming up on elections at Anoka lodge #30 for the 2019 term. Our election process is a lot more dignified compared to the mainstream elections. I couldn't even imagine what the lodge would look like if we were allowed to slander and lie about other brothers to win an election but we are Masons and rise above the new standard of elections.

Make sure you go out to exercise your right to vote at your local polling place and be a better brother by making it to the November stated meeting for awards night and election. We hope to see you there on November 7th.

Our Master Mason degree will be held on November 14th due to the Thanksgiving holiday being on the next day of typical 3rd Wednesday degree night. Take due notice.

Am I A Builder?

I watched them tearing a building down, A gang of men in a busy town,

With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell, they swung a beam and the sides fell,

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled and the kind I would hire, if you had to build?"

And he gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed, Just common labor is all I need.

I can easily wreck in a day or two, what others have taken a year to do.

And I thought to myself as I went my way, which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder that works with care, measuring life by the rule and square.

Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan, patiently doing them the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the town, Content with the labor of tearing down.

I am a builder, which one are you?

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master

“Tidings from the West!”

Greetings all..... We just finished having our “Fall Breakfast” at the Lodge and what a huge success it was. Thanks to all who worked and to all that attended. It was fun to have an “endless” line for over 1-1/2 hours. We appreciate everyone’s support for the Lodge. One of our workers was a new Fellowcraft. Thanks a lot James for your help.

Sorry I was unable to be at the Halloween Parade. Peg and I were in Florida where she helped out at the General Grand Session for Eastern Star. It was a GREAT trip.

Travel sometimes gets in the way of duty. A Brother that I’ve known for over forty (40) years just passed away and I was unable to be at his service. Brother Kermit Ohlsen, from Waconia, has laid down the working tools of Ancient Craft Masonry. Rest in peace my Brother.

That’s one of the gifts that Masonry gives us. It’s the opportunity to make new friends in an “instant of time”. Masonry knows no boundaries, only opportunities.

Remember that if you have the chance to visit another Lodge, DO IT. You will never be disappointed. And in the case of Brother Kermit, he will always be my friend.

Remember to put Martha Chapter’s “Harvest Dinner” on your calendar. It’s a GREAT meal at a GREAT price. Also, on Sunday December 16th, is our annual Breakfast with Santa. It has been a tradition that the Lodge has done for over 40 years. Bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors.

If you get a chance, give Brother Dave Lundquist a call, or stop by to see him. He’s having a few difficulties and both him and Garland could use a little Masonic company and fellowship.

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

As I said last month, 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, you help guide them in the right direction. That is what your officers try to do. We will work for you to continue to keep Anoka Lodge as a GREAT Lodge.

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, Denise Emery & Janet Gilbertson, 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

Someone once said the days are long but the year is short. I never would have guessed how true that was one year ago, but I am living it now. As I sit down to put these words to paper with the subtle reminder that the deadline is looming, I couldn't ever understand how true they were.

In the past year, we have had a lot of work that has been done. We have had new fund raisers. We have raised new Brothers into our Gentle Craft. Our Lodge has had changes that have abounded from continued work on garage and the lock system.

We have seen numerous lectures, LEO presentations, and the growth of our own knowledge. The changes have been profound and subtle, but there have been changes all for the good.

As we prepare for our Annual Meeting, where you will participate in one of the greatest traditions and duties of America, I pause to think of the words. In Royal Arch, I recently had the honor to be in the East during the Election of new members. If you have been in Lodge when we have new member petitions that are read and voted on you have heard the words often enough. "Vote for the good of Masonry", and with those words, I had the occasion to think some more on those words.

When we bring in new members, when we elect our Officers, when we elect the leaders in our Nation, we are faced with that reminder – vote for the good of Masonry. We all have the opportunity to participate in Lodge Elections, we have an even more profound honor – one man, one vote. We don't have a representative republic, like we do in the United States. We have a true democracy at Lodge, where every vote is as equal to any other vote. What better exemplification of the Working Tool the Level?

Unfortunately for me, this will be the first year I missed the Halloween parade. I have travel that I need to do this weekend, and I will miss it. This reminds me, however... When there is an event, we need hands (and strong backs sometimes) to make the event work and prosper.

When we raise money for the Lodge, it is so that we can keep our dues low and keep our building in good repair. We need as many people as we can get to help out. We often see the same guys helping out, whether it is cooking or working on the Lodge. It's not an exclusive club – anyone can help!

Finally, remember that we are getting to the cold months of the year. Remember that, when the Lodge is not at labor, it doesn't mean we are sleeping. There will be Breakfast with Santa in December – an event that we put on for the whole city of Anoka.

We will have our traditional Lodge of Sorrow in January. Don't worry, just because the days are getting shorter doesn't mean that there will be nothing to do at Anoka Lodge.

Look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

**Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden**



Our Brothers receive More Light!



WB Jerry Oliver Receives his 40th Year



WB Gary Mohn Receives his 45th!



WB Wayne LaMusga Receives his 45th!



WB Roland Freeburg Receives his 70th!



Brother Bill Sutherland Receives his Proficiency Apron

The Annual Kidnapping of our WM by the Young Ladies of Bethel #48





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.



Giving gifts to our Grand Chapter Officers!

November 8th – 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:

Monday, Nov 5th – Traveling Visit St. John's #1

Wednesday, Nov 7th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Nov 7th – Anoka Stated Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 14th – MM Degree

Wednesday, Nov 21st – Coffee Clutch 9am



Stewards Corner!

November 7th – For our Stated Meeting & Elections, the members of the Widows Sons will be making the traditional Oyster Stew and Beef Stew!

November 21st – For the Master Masons Degree the Anoka DeMolay is going to putting on Pork chops, Stuffing, Masonic Green Beans and Cake!



**Jon McNeil
Senior Steward**



Martha Chapter OES

Order of the Eastern Star
Fundraiser

Harvest Dinner

Sunday

November 11, 2018

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$12.00



We will be serving our delicious Turkey Dinner
with all the trimmings.
Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Candied Yams, Cole Slaw,
Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Pumpkin Dessert and Beverages.

Martha Chapter #132
ANOKA MASONIC LODGE
1908 - 3rd Ave. South
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A portion of the proceeds will
go to the
Masonic Children's Hospital

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #132



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Fall continues to be an eventful time for Martha Chapter!

The fall craft & vendor fair held on October 13 was another huge success. Many thanks to those that worked at the event & shopped. We couldn't have done it without you.

On October 18, we held a joint meeting with our sister chapter, Whittemore. We had a really good turnout, and fun was had by all.

We will be honoring all our veterans at the November 1 meeting.

**** It's coming up fast** The annual Martha Chapter Harvest dinner will be held on Nov 11 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The cost for adults is \$12.**

On November 15, we will be having our Grand Family visit. We hope you can make it to this meeting and meet the Grand Family.

Over the river & through the woods,



With Star Love,

**Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron**

**Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron**



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The month of November begins with the 25th & 26th Degrees, and teaches the lessons of the Eternal Soul of Man and Wisdom, Strength & Beauty.

On November 8th the 27th Degree will be another “Open House” Night where all are invited to come down, Scottish Rite members or Not and see Most of the 27th Degree, or Knight Commander of the Temple!

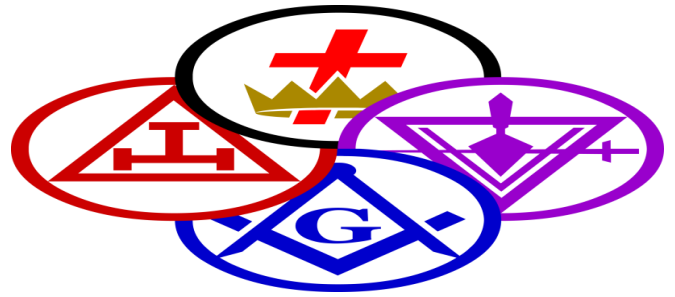
This is a great opportunity to see what the Rite is all about and if you wish to check things out just let us know you plan to attend!

For November 15th we have the 28th and 29th Degrees, The 29th Being the Scottish Knights of St. Andrew and Men in Kilts! Members of our own Knights of St. Andrew are especially encouraged to be there to support this Degree as it teaches us Love, Loyalty and Faithfulness!

Breing dark the following week for Thanksgiving, we end the month with the 30th Degree, the terminal Degree for the Council of Kadosh!



Anoka’s Adopted Degree!



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

Remember the One Day to York Rite Degrees will be starting on January 19th with the Royal Arch and every 3 Weeks the next will occur. For more Information please contact anyone of us from the York Rite Bodies!



The Newest member of Anoka Shekinah #104, Brother Ty Schmitt of Nelson Lodge #135



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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The Anoka Masonic Family in the Halloween Parade!