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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!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, But the fire is so delightful, and since we've no place to go, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

We have made it to December and through the Anoka Lodge #30 elections! Congratulations to WB Jerry Oliver becoming the WM, SW Brian Dimatteo, JW Tim Galvin, Secretary Scott Franz, and Treasurer Don McGuire on being elected to lead this great lodge through 2019.

I have had a wonderful year as Master, it has taught me many things about my abilities and have learned the hard way of my short comings. We've had our ups and downs like every year but we pushed through the adversity for the good of the lodge and Minnesota Masonry.

I honestly know that I couldn't have got through this year without the help of the officers, the Past Masters, and the many great Brothers that call themselves Anoka Freemasons. We are a strong lodge, a young lodge, a blue-collar lodge, and healthy lodge. People come and go, but there always will be brethren that stand tall, rise up and take on the task at hand which makes us very special. My final meeting in the East will be on December 5th with 6pm dinner and 7pm meeting. Please join me this evening and see's what's new and exciting at your lodge.

I'm looking forward to the installation of officers on December 8th at 4pm. This is a public ceremony and everyone is welcome to attend. I would call this the uninstal ceremony and now know, how it feels to be a Past Master as my year, 2018 has come to a conclusion.

December 16th from 8am-noon will be Breakfast with Santa and has become an Anoka landmark during the holiday season with hundreds of children and parents attending to grab some pancakes and sausages and go upstairs to see the big man before Christmas Eve. I know that any help is appreciated or just stop in and enjoy the day with your family.

Don't forget that the Zombie Apocalypse party VI will be held on December 19th from 5 pm-9pm at the lodge which is always a great time to blow off steam before the holidays and raise a few bucks for charity. Anoka lodge is a busy place, even during the holidays and we have a lot to offer for anyone of all ages.

Since this is my last article as Master of Anoka Lodge, I want to say Thank you for a great year and for everything you have done for me and all of the appendant organizations at 1908 3rd Ave. God bless you and may love be in your heart forever.

It doesn't show signs of stopping, and I brought some corn for popping, the lights are turned way down low, Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Respectfully Submitted,



Tony Heimer
Worshipful Master

“Tidings from the West!”

Greetings all... The first thing that I think of as I write my last column as your Senior Warden is “Behold how good it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity”. I am humbled to have the support of the Lodge on being elected to serve you as Worshipful Master for the upcoming year.

Anoka Lodge has so many unselfish members and officers who give of their time and talents day in and day out. I am pleased to also have a fine core of officers to assist me in carrying out the many duties and responsibilities to keep Anoka a GREAT Lodge.

“Thanks” are also in order to our current Master, WB Tony Heimer, for his leadership this past year. Join me in letting Tony know how much we appreciated all his hard work.

The Brethren who have been selected to serve next year are as follows;

**Master – WB Jerry Oliver
Senior Warden – Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden – Tim Galvin
Treasurer – Don McGuire
Secretary – Scott Franz
Assistant Secretary – WB John Antl
L.E.O. – WB Terrance Schaffer
Asst L.E.O. – Hans Neisz
Senior Deacon – Julio Herrera
Junior Deacon – Jon McNeil
Chaplain – Fr. Thomas Knopf-Bigelow
Assistant Chaplain – WB Gary Mohn
Marshal – James Surratt
Senior Steward – Daryl Warmack
Junior Steward – Carl Nobles
Special Asst. to Stewards (Chef) – Brent Merritt
Tyler – Jason Mevissen
Special Asst. to the Master – WB Al Nemchik
Sunshine Com. Chairman – WB Dave Emery
Sunshine Com. Asst. – WB Gary Mohn
Trustee (1 Year Term) – Reggie Greene
Trustee (2 Year Term) – WB Tom Chaklos
Trustee (3 Year Term) – WB Tony Heimer**

Installation has been set for Saturday, December 8th at 4:00. The officers cordially invite all of you to come and witness their installation into their respective offices.

Don’t forget, BREAKFAST WITH SANTA is on Sunday, December 16th. This is a GREAT opportunity to open our Lodge up to the public. It has been a tradition that the Lodge has done for over 40 years. Bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors. If you’re available to help, the Lodge could use you.

Next year, we will again start off the year with a LODGE OF SORROW in January. WB Greg Vokovan will be conducting the service. If you haven’t seen this before, or if its been awhile, come join us for a night of renewed fellowship.

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, and 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, 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
(WM Elect)**

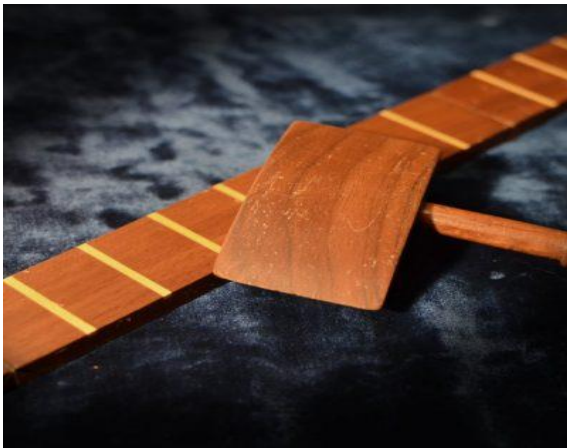


Greetings from the South

525,600 minutes. It's more than just a catchy line in a song from the Broadway Musical **RENT**, it really works out to the number of minutes in a year, and the year has flown by faster than you could have imagined.

Our Craft teaches us that of all the gifts we are given, time is the most precious. Sure, we learn to make a proper use of the Level, the Plum and Square, the Trowel. We learn to divest the vices in our lives by a constant application of the Trowel. But that 24 inch Gauge is one that, I know for me at least, often gets left behind - like in the writing of this article for you today.

In the EA Degree, we are taught that the 24 inch Gauge is emblematic of the hours in the day, whereby we find 8 hours for our usual avocation - our normal jobs.



I know many of us have a hard time with this one, where we spend more than eight hours at work, especially if you add in the time for the commute. I know that, at one point, I was working 10 hours at the job with a three hour round trip to and from there.

We also are supposed to find eight hours for the service to God and a worthy Brother in distress. I know that we do charity work, and, again, sometimes we find that we are doing multiple service works for those charities that we love and work with. That leaves eight hours for refreshment and sleep. If you add up the other two, however, you find that sometimes, or often, that leaves less than eight for refreshment.

My Brothers, at this time of the year, I urge you, find those eight hours as often as you can. You are no good to yourselves, your families and to the Craft if you are not at your peak. More so, you will find yourself missing the little things - the twinkle of lights, the smile in a child's eye, the beauty of the fallen snow (it can be beautiful in manageable doses, you know). I find that if I am not refreshed, my service to Deity and those in distress suffers, as does my Avocation. So take the time, take a half day off from that Avocation if you can and just relax.

In closing, may the beauty of this season touch you all in some way, and may you find that eight hours you seek.

Brian Dimatteo
Junior Warden





Presenting a check to Stable Pathways!



Presenting a check to ACBC Food Shelves!

The Worshipful Master, Officers, and Members of
Anoka Lodge No. 30 - Minnesota Masons A.F. & A.M.

proudly announce that



**WB JORDAN
STRADTMAN**

has been named the recipient of the most distinguished

2018 HIRAM AWARD

for his extraordinary service to his Lodge and Freemasonry in general.

January 5, 2019, at Anoka Lodge No. 30

1908 3rd Avenue, Anoka MN 55303

Program starts at 6:00 pm / BBQ dinner to follow

Tickets are \$20 / RSVP by January 2nd to
secretary@anokamasons.org or 763-421-3357.

Pay by cash, check, credit card (in person), or PayPal

(Note: Facebook "event acceptance" is not an RSVP)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast
\$5 Dollars per person/ \$20 Max per Family
(Kids under 10 are free)

FREE Picture with Santa
in our Winter Wonderland



Sunday,

December 16th

8am - 12pm

Anoka Masonic Lodge

1900 3rd Ave, Anoka, MN, 55303



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



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)



Stewards Corner!

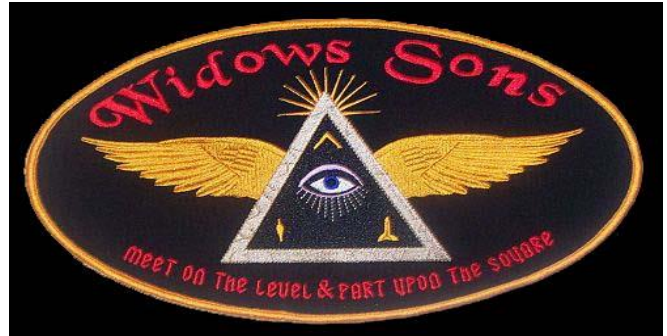
December 5th – For our Stated Meeting we will be having Salmon, Champ, Green Beans and Cheese Cake for Dessert.



**Jon McNeil
Senior Steward**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, Dec 5th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Dec 5th – Anoka Stated Meeting
- Saturday, Dec 8th – Officer Installation
- Saturday, Dec 16th – Breakfast with Santa
- Wednesday, Dec 19th – Coffee Clutch 9am
- Wednesday, Dec 19th – Zombie Apocalypse



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.



Cooking Dinner at Anoka Lodge to raise money for Toys for Tots!

December 13th – We have our Stated Meeting and will be having a meal prior to the meeting!

Reminder, Our Holiday Dinner will be on January 12th, so make Reservations Now!

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #132



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Our annual Harvest dinner was a huge success this year. Thank you to all of those that attended and worked at the event. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces.



We will be participating in the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Anoka City hall on Saturday, December 1. We will be trying something new this year: selling tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. The event begins at 3 pm and runs until 7 pm. The tree lighting is at 6 pm. Enjoy free horse-drawn trolley rides, holiday music, Santa Claus in the Santa Shack, live reindeer, bonfires, photo opportunities, and much more!

Martha Chapter's bake sale at the Anoka County Government Center will be on Thursday, December 13th. In order to make this happen, the cookie baking at the lodge will take place on Tuesday, December 11th, as planned.

Pre baked items can be brought to the lodge during that time. On Wednesday, December 12th, we will box all items during the day (hopefully early afternoon), and then we will bring them to the courthouse on December 13th.

We will hold our Martha Club Christmas Potluck/Gift Exchange as scheduled on December 13th at 6 pm at Anoka Lodge.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 16th for "Breakfast with Santa". We will be trimming the trees on Saturday if you can come and help!

Wear your best & brightest Christmas gear (and socks) to the December 20th meeting.

Past Patron Jordy Stradtman has been selected to receive the Hiram award from Anoka Lodge, and this award is well deserved. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 6 pm at Anoka Masonic Lodge. (Reservation to be made with the Lodge Secretary)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron**

**Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron**



Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The month of December is not only for the Holidays but also means the Fall Class is coming to an end at the Rite!

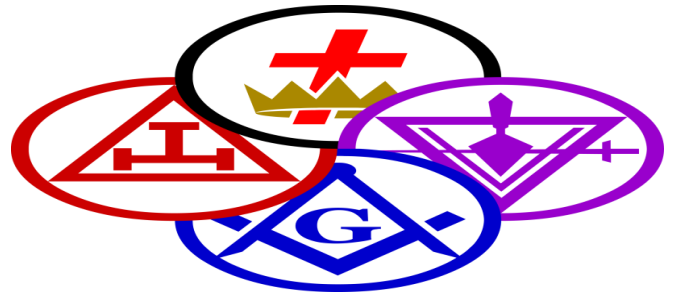
It begins with the most prolific degree of the Rite (IMO) the 31st Degree, or Inspector Inquisitor, on December 6th and is under the Consistory!

This leads us to the following weekend the culmination of the past four months with the 32nd Degree or master of the Royal Secret, where our own Rodolfo Najera will take his final degree. I hope all Scottish Rite members will come down in support of our Brother!

If you wish to join the Spring class and need a petition or more information, please reach out and we will set you up! We have one or two Brothers already so you will be in good company!



Anoka's Lodge Attends the Council Feast!



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!



Presenting a check to Granny's Closet!



We will be looking at continuing our Quarterly outings next year and hope to have as much participation as this year or more. Thanks to all who came out to help represent Anoka Lodge #30 as we traveled about!



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