



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!

Humility.....Honor.....Integrity
 That’s what I hope to “continue” to bring to the chair that the Master of Anoka Lodge sits in. Being elected to serve this Lodge as it’s highest elected officer, is an Honor. But with that, comes the responsibility to be fair, honest and of course upright before God and all mankind. I am committed to doing my utmost to uphold the integrity that has surrounded the office of Master of this Lodge for decades. If there is anything that I can do for you to make your experience as a Freemason better, please let me or one of our dedicated officers know.

I hope your Holiday Season was surrounded by family, friends, and the opportunity to spend some time strengthening your personal faith. I thank all the Brethren who stepped forward to fill an office at the Lodge. Your time and talents will not go unnoticed.

This is a good time to invite ALL the Brethren to join us at the Stated meeting in February. I’ve named it “King Solomon Night” at the Lodge. This will be an opportunity for all of us to RENEW our Entered Apprentice’s obligation. It will be a GREAT night as we go back in our own Masonic lives, to that FIRST night – when each of us, became a Mason. Please join us.

We will also be holding a “similar” night in March and April where we will retake our obligation as a Fellowcraft and as a Master Mason. Watch for details.

Congratulations are in order for Worshipful Brother Jordy Stradtman on receiving the Hiram Award for 2018. Please join me in paying him the respect “so justly his due”.

We are preparing for an Entered Apprentice degree on January 16th. Please join us as welcome a new member to Anoka Lodge. Also, on Thursday night, January 17th, we are going to visit Martha Chapter #132 OES, where we will be holding a “Lodge Night at Star”. We will be there around 6:45 until there meeting starts at 7:30. Then on Tuesday night, January 22nd, we will be holding a “Lodge Night at DeMolay”, where we will go visit our DeMolay Chapter in Anoka. Then the next night, Wednesday, January 23rd, we are having a “Lodge Night at York Rite”, where we will go visit our York Rite bodies, who use our building. We will be there PRIOR to the start of their meeting, so as to not interrupt them. You do NOT have to be a YORK RITE member, as we are going there to thank them for the service that they give to us. F or those that are members, you are welcome to stay for the meeting.

Anoka Lodge has so many unselfish members and officers who give of their time and talents day in and day out.

Installation was a huge success. Special thanks go out to the Zuhrah Shrine Pipe Band, Zion Commandry, Job’s Daughters Bethel #48, Anoka DeMolay, Martha Chapter and of course my wonderful wife Peg.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA was also a huge success once again. The work of the Lodge, our Eastern Star, our Jobies, our DeMolay was above and

beyond ALL expectations. A special thank you to Don McGuire for his donation of all the toys for the kids. Thanks also to Wayne and Jane for helping with the setup. It has been a tradition that the Lodge has done for over 40 years.

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, 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.....

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jerry B. Oliver
Worshipful Master**

Greetings from the South..... oh, I mean West!

What a beautiful time of the year it is. We have family events, school and work events, and of course our Masonic Family events. Like all these

events, we also have the keeper of all of them - Time.

An interesting subject, Time. I am an avid reader, including both fiction and non-fiction alike. I love reading a good book, or even listening to them in the car as I travel around the state. One of my favorite authors is Piers Anthony - someone who is good with both Science Fiction and Fantasy, satire and more serious in nature, and one of his best series is the Incarnations of Immortality, a seven volume series that casts humans as incarnations of immortal characters such as Fate, Death, War, Nature, and the most recent I have read, Time.

In Bearing an Hourglass, Chronos, or Time, has the powers of controlling time, but is also subject to many rules. His hour glass can bring him forward and backwards in time, allow him to stop time, and speed it up in its passing. But the most interesting fact is that he lives his life backwards in comparison to our own frame of reference. Simply put, his past is our future, and our past is his future. What a challenge that must be, interacting with others who have already fully experienced something that we have yet to experience. And what a terrible burden knowing the future of a normal human, and how they will fare.

Alas, we as mortals are "doomed" to know only our past, and not the future. Shakespeare came to grips with it when he penned "O that a man might know the end of today's business ere it come, yet suffice it to say that the day will end, and then the end be known. If we meet again, we shall smile, but if not, well, then this parting was well made". The same is true as our year comes to an end - we know what has passed yet, we do not know what is yet to come, but come it must. And then, we all will know what it brings in its hands as a gift to all of us.

Friends look upon the coming year as a gift, and all the changes we have to experience, the love we have to share, and the challenges to overcome as merely points in an unending march for all of us. I look at the change of moving from the South to the West in much the same way. Where in the past year, I was concerned with the noon day sun, this

coming year I am charged with the setting of the sun. Portions of our ritual are often confusing to us as Masons - as an elected officer, you start in the middle of the day, move to the end, and finally, to the beginning of the day. But in much the same way as the book Bearing an Hourglass, it is often another glimpse of time that is afforded in this way.

Time moves so fast for us, and change is so inevitable, we are often struck by the power of this change. In the beauty of this Holiday season, we are faced with similar power and joy, happiness and light. May the change of the year, the seasons and even our Masonic Lodge, which some think may change too quickly, and others not quickly enough, bring you peace and tranquility. May all you dream of be brought to you at this, the beginning of the new year, and may your change, and all of ours, be free of as much pain as possible, and filled with as much love as can be shared.

Be seeing you in the quarries,

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

Wow, the south is a much bigger chair than I realized. I first want to thank each one of my brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews of this great lodge. I have been truly blessed to be elected into this position. I have had some time to think about what I would say in these articles if I were to rise to this position. My mind is blank, now that I am here. So many people that I have gotten to know in my journey so far. I have had a blast so far and I believe it will only be more fun as I progress. So, I will make my first article shooting from the hip.

I have spoken to as many candidates and newly raised brothers as I could as Senior Deacon, and told them to get to know the lodge, get to know the members, not only lodge but the OES, Jobs Daughters, And DeMolay. And as I have explained to them as well as you have time to join other groups or bodies within Masonry. I explain to them that you will never really get to know anyone sitting in a meeting, get involved in activities outside of lodge. Help with events that the lodge, OES, Jobs Daughters or DeMolay are putting on. This is where I believe you get to know your lodge family. I am going to quote WB Jerry Oliver by saying "I would not know any of you if it wasn't for Masonry". This quote could not be any truer, when I heard him say those words in such a deep caring loving way, it hit me directly in the heart. Now are they only words? Sure. But even though they are only words, they are so very true for me and probably a lot of us. Let's get to know one another outside of lodge, you may find that you have a lot of things in common with some very interesting family members. I know life sometimes gets in the way of getting to lodge, but if you can make a couple meetings a year, we would love to see you there, heck, sit beside me or behind me and tell me what I am doing wrong. We just want to have you there. Everyone has a story to tell, I find that other people's stories are far more interesting than the stories I tell myself. On closing I want to once again Thank You from the bottom of my heart and wish you the happiest of New Years. I would be neglecting my job if I did not remind you, do not convert your refreshments into temperance or excess.

Peace and Love,

Tim Galvin
Junior Warden



If you would like to come to lodge, but don't have transportation please contact me or anyone of us. I am just a phone call away (763) 442-2176.

We meet the 1st (First) Wednesday of the month for business and the 3rd (Third) Wednesday of the month for Degree's

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



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)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2019 INSTALLATIONS OF OFFICERS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF ANOKA LODGE #30



Martha Chapter #132

Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron

Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron

Greetings from Martha Chapter:

The month of December sure was unseasonably warm! We were busy with many activities.

On December 1, we participated in the Anoka tree lighting ceremony by serving grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato bisque soup and hot cider. The weather cooperated (by not being so cold); but, right before the tree lighting, the snow globe opened up & shook a whole bunch of snow for us. It really was beautiful! Many thanks to Jerry & Peg Oliver for use of their food trailer (kept us warm and dry), and all the workers that helped prepare the food and serve at the stand. It was a fun evening.

The bake sale at the Anoka County courthouse can go down in history as another successful sale. We only had a few items left. Thank you to



Martha Club for handling this, and all of you that baked wonderful holiday treats.

Speaking of another fantastic event, the breakfast with Santa on Dec. 16 continues to grow. WOW! This event could not take place without the collaboration between Anoka Lodge, Jobies, Martha Chapter, and many other family members. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Martha Chapter again held its annual New Year's Eve party at the lodge. A good time was had by all.

We will bring in 2019 in comfy style. At the meeting on January 3, please wear your cozy pajamas and your fuzzy slippers.

The January 17 meeting is a stated meeting.

Mark your calendar for the soup luncheon on Friday, February 1 from 11 am- 1 pm in the Lodge dining hall.

Wishing you and your family happiness, prosperity and joy this year,

WM Sue & WP Dan



From the Fairest in the Land,

Hello Uncles of Anoka!

Bethel 48 has been very busy during December, and we have a few events coming up after the first of the year. Here is a rundown of what we've been up to, and what's coming up:

- We were honored to be asked to perform the Living Cross for your installation at the beginning of December and look forward to working with you this year.
- We attended the Sweetheart Formal at Minnehaha Lodge on December 15th.
- We woke up bright and early to help with Breakfast with Santa on the morning of December 16th. We helped clearing tables, resetting them, directing people, delivering photos and helping entertain the children who were waiting their turn to meet the Big Guy. Oh, and eating pancakes!
- At our 9th meeting on December 17, our retiring Honored Queen Gabbi gave her term report, and we honored our Masonic Family (which was written by Gabbi). This Honoring was made a little more interesting by the Bethel Guardian's attire. Wendy was following through on her challenge to the girls to reach a certain goal during our Butter Braid fundraiser, and spent the meeting in full clown garb, thanks to Michelle Jensen. What we won't do for the girls!
- We held a Bethel Holiday Party on December 28th, during which we played several games, had some snacks, and just hung out



- On December 29th, we held a special Majority Ceremony-for quite a group. We celebrated PHQ's Kristen, Francesca, Marissa and Ariana, along with Kacy and our own Past Worthy Matron Sharon.
- Some of our Daughters attended the Martha Chapter New Year's Party with their families-the Saran wrap game is the BOMB!

Coming up in January:

- On January 5th we are visiting the Minnesota Masonic Home and doing a presentation for the Dan Patch club
- On January 7th we will be hearing our Honored Queen Elect Megan's term plans and performing our traditional retiring of capes and crowns signaling the end of the term
- On January 8th we will be helping Bethel 1 in Minneapolis initiate at least one new member
- Finally, on Saturday, January 12th at 2 p.m. we will be holding our Open Installation of Officers. Retiring Honored Queen Gabbi will be installing the Bethel's new officers. PLEASE JOIN US!

Finally-we LOVE seeing you on the sidelines and want you to know that you are ALWAYS invited and welcome at any of our meetings. We meet the first and third Monday of each month. We have snacks at 6 and meet at 7.

**Jobie Love,
Wendy Dimatteo,
Bethel Guardian**





**Anoka DeMolay
AJ Brendal, Master
Councilor**

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ANOKA DEMOLAY
CHAPTER!

THIS IS A REALLY BIG YEAR FOR US AND FOR ALL OF
DEMOLAY INTERNATIONAL. 100 YEARS AGO, THIS
MONTH IS WHEN EVERYTHING STARTED.

FROM THE DEMOLAY INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE:

HOW WE STARTED:

It has been said "a day can be changed, or a great moment launched by a single phone call". Such a call came in January of 1919. As Frank answered the telephone, he recognized the voice of Sam Freet a newly installed Senior Warden of Ivanhoe Lodge. "Frank, I have a favor to ask. One of our members, Elmer E. Lower, who had been initiated as a Fellow Craft, died a year ago. Could you find a part-time job for the oldest boy, Louis? He is one of the finest young men I have ever seen."

"Sam, you called at just the right time. I would be glad to talk to this boy. Send Louis to me, say after school tomorrow if you can arrange it. I shall look forward to meeting him."

The next afternoon Louis arrived promptly for his interview. Shaking hands with this youth brought a response to Land that seemed to blend them into a common experience that would unite them for years to come. Louis radiated honesty of character, a natural aptitude for leadership, and the grace of movement of the athlete. Frank thought, "If I had a son, I would want him to be just like this lad."

They talked for a while about school. Louis told him of his aspirations for a place on the track team, of his position as a pitcher on a baseball team, and in response to a question said, "I am a fairly good student. Even with the hard time we are having, I

want to finish high school and then help with the education of the others."

Frank responded, "It is a good goal. You will meet the challenge. Now, tell me about your father. I knew him but only from very casual meetings." Louis hesitated as though reluctant to look into the past but finally said, "My father was the finest father a boy ever had."

That evening, as Nell Land cleared the dinner dishes she said, "Frankie, something happened today. You look like you have found a long-lost friend."

"Not a lost friend, but a new young friend. This boy I talked to today is tremendous. One of the finest young men I have ever met. He is going to work with me in the office and I know I shall enjoy having him around. Perhaps we could take him to church with us Wednesday evening. The teachings would be good for him and you could meet Louis Lower." "Yes, we should do just that," she said. "I suggest that you have him bring a few friends over to the apartment some evening. I would like to meet him."

and so it began...next month a description of that



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!

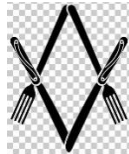
Please contact WB Dave Emery at 763-755-2431



WB Dave Emery and WB Gary Mohn will be heading up the Sunshine Committee.

If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family need support, please contact Dave at (763)-755-2431 or Gary at (612) 598-8682.

Stewards Corner!



Here are the meals for January:

January 2nd-Stated meeting: Chicken Alfredo, French style sautéed green beans, Dinner rolls with butter, Lettuce salad with various dressings and toppings. Cookies

January 16th-Degree night: Lasagna, Olive oil roasted Brussels sprouts (salted and peppered), Garlic bread, Side salad, Cake.



**Daryl Warmack
Senior Steward**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd– Anoka Stated Meeting
Lodge of Sorrow

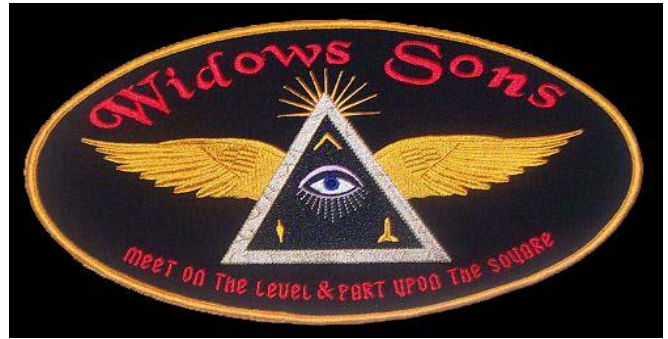
Saturday, Jan. 5th – Hiram Award Dinner

Saturday, Jan. 12th – Bethel #48 Installation
2:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 16th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, Jan. 16th – Entered Apprentice
Degree

Friday, Feb. 1st – OES Soup Luncheon
11:00 – 1:00



Widows Sons, Cryptic Master: Jay Mayer

We are an appendant body that is 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.

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



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

We ended 2018 with the Graduation of the Fall Class and Brother Rodolfo Najera becoming a Master of the Royal Secret.



Anoka Brothers at the Fall Class.

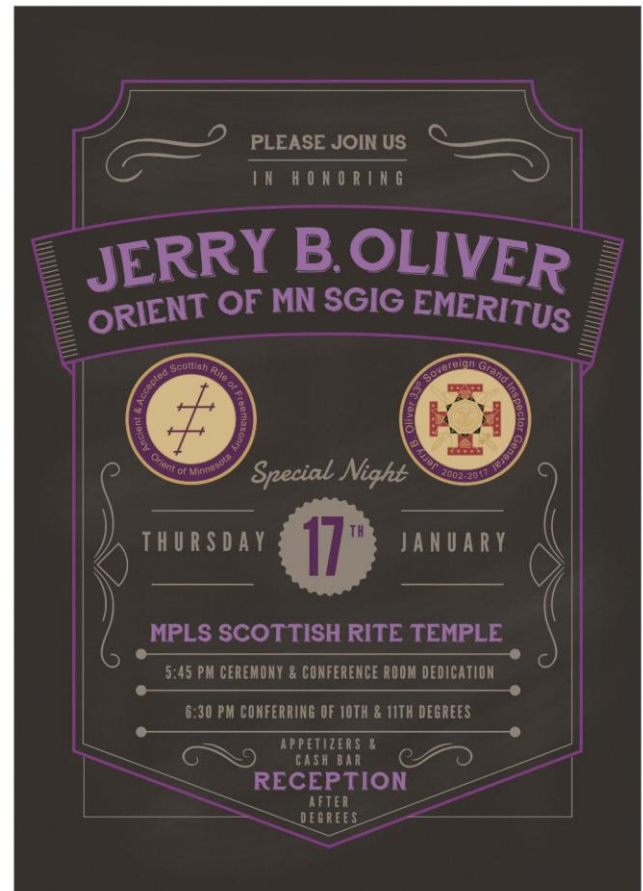
The New Year brings with it many things not just one of which is the beginning of the Spring Class at the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite and as usual Anoka Lodge will be have Brothers representing.

It all starts on January 3rd with the Lodge of Perfection and the putting on of the 4th, 5th & 6th Degrees, all of which set the tone for what is to come, learning what happened after the death of the Widows Son.

January 10th bring us the 7th, 8th & 9th Degrees in which many Anoka Brothers take an active part. Ending with the 9th Degree teaching us the virtues of Truth and Generosity!

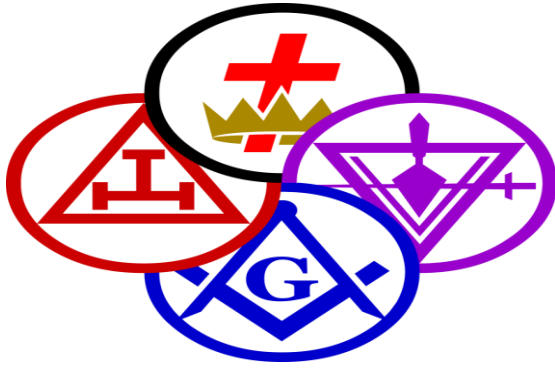
On January 17th we not only Celebrate the 10th & 11th Degrees but prior to the Degrees we will

honor our S.G.I.G. Emeritus, Jerry B. Oliver for his service to the Valley. With a reception to follow after the Degrees as well. We would love to see as many Scottish Rite members from our Lodge that night to show our love and support.



January 24th bring us to the 12th & 13th Degrees and touches on the Royal arch of Solomon. Something better delved into in the York Rite Degrees.

January 31st ends the Lodge of Perfection with the 14th Degree or Perfect Elu in which our Candidates receive their Scottish Rite ring, reading "Virtus Junxit, Mors Non Separabit," (Whom Virtue Unites, Death Cannot Separate)



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!



We will be looking at continuing our Quarterly outings this year and hope to have as much participation as last year or more. Visitations will be arranged by James Surratt. Thanks to all who came out to help represent Anoka Lodge #30 as we traveled around our great state!



The 2019 Anoka Lodge Corps of Officers

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