



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

Today as I write my article, I realize that it would have been my mom's 99th birthday. As much as I have missed her for the last 26 years, I cannot help but think of the lessons in life that she taught me. It's so fitting that those lessons are parallel with the virtues that we, as Masons, should practice in our daily lives. Mom reminded us early about respect, honor, duty, integrity and humility. We were taught about being kind to others. We learned how to "open doors for others"; that it was OK to let others go first.

In today's world, some people are not courteous or kind. They don't want to meet their fellow man on the level, they're afraid to walk upright before God and man, and rarely do they want to act upon the Square of Virtue. Masonry gives me, and I hope all of us, the inner light to be a better person – not better than our Brethren, but to be better than ourselves – better than we were yesterday.

Also, don't forget that we have members of our Masonic family going through difficult times. Perhaps it's health related – to either them or their family or friends. It could be job related – or perhaps something as simple as they need someone to talk to or someone to just listen to them. Don't forget to THANK our families for allowing us the time away from them to do the good work that we do as Masons. As the song says, "Always be humble and Kind".

In the past month, I have had an opportunity to visit our Job's Daughters at Bethel 48, our DeMolay Chapter and our York Rite Bodies. THEY GET IT..... You talk about respect, honor, duty, integrity and humility, THEY GET IT. It was an honor to see their work and witness their gift that they give to the Masonic Family at Anoka. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to visit your Bethel and your Chapters. I am so proud of each one of you.

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.

We just finished our Entered Apprentice degree on January 16th. Job well done by all. A special shout out to Darryl and James..... GREAT JOB!! Also, for those that were able to attend an honoring at the Scottish Rite held on my behalf, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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

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, 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 a GREAT Lodge.

Just a reminder, a couple days a week, WB Dave Emery, WB John Antl, WB Al Nemchik, Brother Reggie Greene and I are usually at the Lodge doing some miscellaneous jobs. Also, we get a tremendous amount of help from Martha Chapter #132 OES. If you want to come down and help or just have a cup of coffee, give us a call or just stop by.

As I get ready to close this month's article, I am reminded that Masonry gives me more than I could ever do for the Craft; remembering that we are here to "subdue our passions and improve ourselves in

Masonry". And if we continue to do that, what a better place and a better world we will have.

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

Salutations from the West.....

My Anoka Family, it is cold outside! Bitter cold, but scarce snow, is a conflict in my mind, but it is, after all, winter in Minnesota. With the end of the year holidays comes the start of our Lodge Year, and with that, a new degree cycle. This past month I had the honor of sitting in the East on the Entered Apprentice Degree. While I got the chance to preside on the Fellowcraft Degree last year, this is something different. Being the first view of Masonry for our candidate is a humbling and powerful experience. Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice David Everett Jr. I hope that you will find this Family as tight and close as your blood relations are. You are on the path towards Light, and like all of these travels, all you have to do to start is take one step and keep those eyes open. Your Brothers stand ready to help you in any way you need and look forward to your progress.

Also, at the beginning of the year, we have a new term for our Job's Daughters. This time, following her big sister, Meghan Brendel starts her term as Honored Queen. The installation of officers went off without a hitch. There were flower arches for both the incoming and outgoing Honored Queen, and so much happiness. I was pleased to see a great group of Brothers, Sisters and other Masonic Bodies come out to

watch this transfer of Office happen with quiet dignity, happy faces, and a good dose of Jobbie giggles. These girls would love to see their Uncles and Aunts come to their meetings, and it doesn't take too much. See either me or Todd Mayer for info on meeting nights.

The DeMolay are active as well. This year, the Officers and Brothers of Anoka Lodge are charged with attending meetings and events of our Youth Organizations, and there are plenty of opportunities for us to do so. One of the biggest events of the year is the Decade Dance which will take place on March 9 at 7:00 PM. Get this event on your calendar and attend if you can. There is plenty to do, even if it is to setup tables or help serve snacks. All it takes is a couple of hours on your part to make sure that these fine young Men see examples of what it is to be a Mason. See the Chapter Dad Paul Agustin with questions or ask how you can help!

Brothers, we have a large family here in Anoka. You can see an update on the York Rite later in this newsletter, and I am certain also for the Scottish Rite, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Widows Sons, and other bodies. You will hear from Worshipful Master Jerry, from Junior Warden Tim and others. You will see all that we have going on in our building. But you will see with it the parallel to a true family of blood. Families are not always bound together by bands of blood, but of the interest and genuine desire for each other's well-being; rarely are two members of the same family born under the same roof. Take the time to learn more about our Family here in Anoka, and as with all families, there are some chores to do too. Taking out the trash, picking up your dirty clothes, closing the doors when you go out into the world. If we all treat this building and our Family like our own, all that will happen is that love and passion will spread.

Be seeing you in the Quarries!
Brian

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

The month of February is kind of like us, a bit different from the rest of the months. Now you're thinking what the heck is different in the month of February? Well let's start off by looking at the calendar, February has only 28 days. Why is this the only month out of the year that has 28 days? Now I am not going to bore you with the long drawn out ideas of why this happened. But it is kind of interesting to read some of the theory's, which most go back to Julius Caesar.

The other reason February is different is your Junior Warden (me) will be sitting in the East for the first time to lead the Fellowcraft degree. If I said I was nervous, that would be an understatement, and here is one of the reasons why. When I first joined Masonry, I was instructed to wear my Sunday best, well I had 1 suit and tie in my closet that really shrunk during the dry-cleaning process, at least that is again another theory. So, I bought some suits and ties to have myself look more presentable in lodge. Not a big deal, right? Well then, I was invited to join the officer's line, and was instructed that we wear tuxedos for the degree. O.K. I can roll with that and went and got a tuxedo. It then dawned on me that if I was an elected officer I would be sitting in the East at some point, so I needed a top hat. O.K. I will get a top hat and wear it with pride. Now this is where my dilemma begins. As I don my tuxedo and have all the confidence in the world that I know my degree work inside and out, as soon as I am in the tux, I seem to forget it. Now I will be putting on a top hat along with the tux, my only thought at this point is oh crap, hence one of the reasons I am so nervous.

So, I want to personally invite all my brothers to lodge on February 20th for the FC Degree. It is bound to be a great night with a great meal, and a degree performance like you have never seen before. I think the lodge will be nice and comfortable, well I will be sweating, but that's beside the point. Come on out and get reacquainted with the second degree, as I am sure you will pick up something that you have not heard before.

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.



Martha Chapter #132

Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron

Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron

Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Hello everyone! I hope you are doing well and enjoying our relatively mild winter (so far). At our January 3 meeting, we wore our comfy pajamas and slippers. We had a lot of fun. It did my heart good to see so many people laughing and smiling. Worthy Patron Dan sure did show me up in his red "union suit"!



Congratulations again to Brother Jordy on his Hiram award. It was well deserved. Martha Chapter helped to serve the dinner that evening in style. It was an honor to be there.

I attended the Jobie installation of Bethel 48 on January 12, and it was a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations to all the girls on their position.

**Soup's on! Come join us
for our annual soup
luncheon on Friday,
February 1 from 11 am- 1
pm in the lodge dining
hall.**

Looking for something fun to do on a cold winter night? Why not come to our 5th Thursday social on January 31 at Famous Dave's in Coon Rapids! Arrive by 5:45 pm and order at 6 pm. RSVP to Stephanie Johnson at 763-755-2164

February 7 is a stated meeting. At our February 21 meeting, please wear **RED** for women's health and we will be celebrating "friendship night".

See you soon,

WM Sue & WP Dan



From the Fairest in the Land,

Dearest Uncles of Anoka Lodge!

Bethel 48 closed out 2018 by performing a Majority Ceremony for 5 members who had reached the age of twenty (or more!). PHQ's Marissa Mayfield, Ariana Pope, and Frani Dimatteo, as well as Kacy Crawford and Past Worthy Matron of Martha Chapter Sharon Barlow were all given the Majority Ceremony on Saturday December 29. It was a short program, but we were honored to be able to perform it!



On January 5, we made a trip down to the Minnesota Masonic Home, for a meeting of the Dan Patch club. We presented the Robe Talk, and the Living Cross, then stayed to answer many questions from the gentlemen regarding Job's Daughters. The girls were impressed with the number of questions they were presented.



Afterwards, a group of us made a stop at Hope 4 Youth to drop off blankets that we had made. We arrived at a quiet time, so we were given a tour of the facility, and the girls learned what the shelter offers to youth much like them who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. It was quite eye opening!

On January 8, we were honored to help Bethel 1 in Minneapolis initiate one new member. HQ Gabbi, Senior Princess Megan and Junior Princess Audrey performed stellar work in leading the meeting.

On January 12 we ushered in another term, Carnival style! Past Honored Queen Gabbi presided, installing Megan Brendel and the rest of the officers for the Spring Term of 2019. The ceremony was followed by the traditional bible signing by the retiring Honored Queen, and PHQ circle as she was presented with her PHQ crown and tribute.



Our first meeting of the term was Monday January 21. The girls blew us away with how well they had learned their new parts!

We are now in the beginning stages of preparing for Grand Bethel 2019, our state wide "conference" which will be March 29-31 at Cragun's Resort. We will be holding practice sessions on the 4th Mondays to give the girls time to fine tune their ritual, music, art etc. so that we do the best we can in the competitions.

Thank you again for your continued support. Remember, we meet the first and third Mondays at 7 p.m. and you are ALWAYS welcome to join us on the sidelines. It makes us sit up a little straighter and perform a little better when we have guests!

Jobie Love,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Anoka DeMolay

Anoka DeMolay continues the celebration of 100 years of DeMolay History this year!

This month we were honored to perform a Sword Arch for our sisters of Bethel 48 for their Installation of Officers. If this service is desired for your event, please let us know!

At our January 22 meeting we welcomed members of Anoka Lodge #30, including Worshipful Master Jerry Oliver. Thank you for all the support you continue to show our Chapter. We also lost the Minnesota DeMolay Traveling Gavel Trophy to Robbinsdale DeMolay, who brought three members and two Advisors to our meeting were able to steal it! As our Master Councillor AJ Brendel said, "This Trophy has not been out of the Anoka Chapter hands for more than one Meeting.", so never fear, we'll be going to get it back very soon!



In last month's article we presented the beginning of the Story of DeMolay, this month the story of that first meeting. From the DeMolay International Website:

The First Meeting

"It was not until the middle of February that the opportunity for such a meeting took place. "Louis," said Dad Land, "who do you run around with?"

"I have some friends in my neighborhood," said Louis.

"How would you like to form a Club and meet here at the Temple?"

Louis thought the idea had possibilities and showed up the next week with eight other boys. That was February 19, 1919.

The boys came early that Wednesday evening and each in turn was introduced to Dad Land by Louis Lower with, "I want you to meet Ralph Sewell, Elmer Dorsey, Edmund Marshall, Jerome Jacobson, William Steinhilber, Ivan Bentley, Gorman McBride, and Clyde Stream. There are nine of us."

They were a group destined to form a great youth organization and each was to advance through his efforts and determination to prominence in his chosen field of work.

Dad Land acknowledged each introduction with a handshake and word of welcome. "Before we get down to business, let's make a tour of this building. I think you will find it just about right if we should decide to form a Club and use it as a meeting place."

It was a radiant group that gathered about the long table in one of the meeting rooms that night. There was no doubt that they should continue to meet as a Club. The only question was a name. One suggested they use Greek letters as the college fraternities, but this was instantly voted down as making them only a part of other organizations. The name must be distinctive and carry meaning. They turned to Land for suggestions. He pointed to a recent series of prints on the wall that showed the adventures of Sir Galahad and the Knights of the Round Table. There was a negative shaking of heads.

The greatest of wars had ended only a few months before and the adventures of knights of old seemed far away. Then names were mentioned from history and from the Bible. Stories such as Damon and Phythias, David and Jonathan and of Nathan Hale. Nothing seemed to click until one of the boys, Clyde Stream, said "Dad Land, tell us something connected with Masonry. They must have great names and we are meeting here in one of their buildings..."

Stronger Together!

Sean Novak

Advisory Committee Chairman



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!

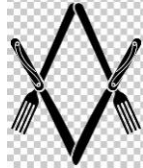
Please contact WB Dave Emery at 763-755-2431 9th.



The Bones Brothers is a Masonic Association that promotes Brotherhood and benevolence through barbeque. Chapter #1 is sponsored by Anoka Lodge and all members of Anoka Lodge #30 in good standing are accepted upon petitioning. In addition to our charitable activities, we also do public events and have a sizable discount for Masonic friends and families. If you have an event and need some good food, give us a shout!

In February, we'll be taking it inside and cooking up some pasta and Bro. Brent Merritt's fabulous sauces for the Grand Bethel CAV class at the Scottish Rite on February 9th.

Stewards Corner!



Here are the meals for February:

February 6th Stated Meeting:

Stuffed Peppers
Roasted Parmesan Garlic Cauliflower
Cheesecake

Feb 20th Fellow Craft Degree:

Chicken Marsala
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Chocolate mousse



Daryl Warmack
Senior Steward



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.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, Feb. 6th – Coffee Clutch 9am

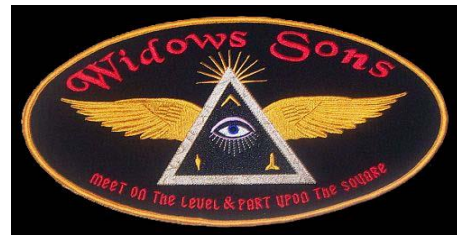
Wednesday, Feb. 6th – Anoka Stated Meeting
King Solomon Night

Wednesday, Feb. 13th – Trustee and Officer
Meeting -6:00
Degree Practice – 7:00

Sunday, February 17th – 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, Feb. 20th – Coffee Clutch 9 am

Wednesday, Feb. 20th -Fellowcraft Degree



Widows Sons, President: 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.



Greetings Brothers of Anoka Lodge #30,
As you all know, one of the many rights of a Master Mason is the right to travel and visit other lodges. With that in mind, the Anoka Lodge Traveling Man Program will start off 2019 with a visit to Plymouth Lodge #160 in Crystal on Monday, February 18th. They serve dinner at 6 pm and gavel drops at 7 pm. The Plymouth lodge also has a gavel in a nice wooden case as a traveling trophy. It takes 7 visiting brothers of which two must be officers to take the trophy home. It would be great if we could start off the 2019 program with "steal". Please let me know if you would like to attend the dinner beforehand so I can give a head count.

**Respectfully,
Brother James Surratt**



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The Spring class is in full swing and we have two Anoka Brothers going through this cycle.

We were so glad to be a part of the Award Presentation and dedication of the S.G.I.G. Emeritus Jerry B. Oliver Conference Room where we saw his potrait that hung in Washington DC during his tenure now back home.



Anoka Brothers joining WB Jerry with his potrait from the House of the Temple in Washington, DC.

We continue into the degrees in February (7th) with the 15th & 16 degrees or the beginning of the Chapter of the Rose Croix Degrees.

Valentines Day brings the 17th & 18th Degrees (yes, On Valentines) The 18th being another terminal degree and the end of the Rose Croix Degrees

Of course this means Anoka Lodge's own Adopted Degree is right around the corner and on February 21st I hope all of you will come down to support the 20th degree! This is the One Night we like to have all hands on deck and if possible make every effort to come down.



S.G.I.G. Emeritus Jerry receiving his Lifetime Achievement Award as he was unable to attend the Annual Scotties Award Night in June with his Lady Peg.



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

Greetings from the York Rite of Minnesota. The "busy season" is just starting this month, and we are extremely happy to share some of the upcoming events with you for the Bodies that draw from Anoka Lodge. The York Rite, traditionally finds its home in the Blue Lodges, and they don't have their own buildings that they use. The York Rite is the culmination of the Blue Lodge Degrees. In the coming months we hope to have a brief introduction to Royal Arch (Chapters), Cryptic Council (Councils) and Knights Templar (Commanderies). We hope to see you around the state!

Anoka Shekinah #104 Royal Arch Masons - Greetings from the Chapter! We are getting ready for our One Day Festival, which will take place on February 2nd at 8:30 at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. The day will start with Doughnuts at 8:00 with Degree Work kicking off at 9:00 am Sharp. The Companions of Anoka will perform not only the Mark Master (the first of the Royal Arch Degrees), they will also perform the Past Master Allegory, which they have done a number of times at Anoka. If you are interested, please see the High Priest Heimer, or any Anoka Companion. Dress code is suit and tie. Our Grand High Priest hails from Anoka - Most Excellent Companion W. David Emery will welcome your questions!

Zabud Council #10 Cryptic Masons - Greetings from the Council! Following the Royal Arch degrees, Cryptic Council will start their degree cycle. Also taking place at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite, the Cryptic degrees will start a little later on February 23rd, Doughnuts at 9:00 am and Degrees at 10:00. The Companions will be putting on the Select Master Degree, and the Super

Excellent Master Degree (Optional) will also take place this year under the Capable direction of Most Excellent Companion Hugh Swift. If you have not seen it, and are a Cryptic member, please believe me you are missing out! If you have questions, please see Illustrious Master Frank Namestek or any other Anoka Companion. Dress code is suit and tie.

Finally, **Zion Commandery #2** will also have their one-day Festival on March 16th. Doughnuts are back on at 8:00 am, and Orders starting at 9:00 am. Yes, Orders - the Templars have three Orders that are conferred, culminating in the very impactful Order of the Temple, where the Sir Knight will be knighted. Please join the Sir Knights of the state in this one day festival - it is an impressive and important set of Orders, and the last of the York Rite cycle of the bodies supported by Anoka Lodge. Have a question? You got it, ask Commander Brian Dimatteo, or any Sir Knight.

One Day Festivals of the preceding body (ie. Templars require being a Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason and a Select Master Mason.) All of the York Rite requires that you be a Master Mason when you take the degrees. Come join us for some of the most beautiful and meaningful degree work in the state.

Be seeing you as we work on the Temple together!

Brian Dimatteo

2019 Officers of Anoka Shekinah, RAM



2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Come join us on Sunday,
February 17, 2019
4 to 7 p.m.

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