



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 reflect back on our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Again, thanks to the many Brothers that helped to make this another successful event for Anoka Lodge. The tip of the “Master’s Hat” goes to all those that lent a hand. Thanks for what you do for the Lodge. Once everything is in, it will prove to be another financial success for the Lodge. I believe that with the continued support we get from the Brothers, this could be another mainstay event for the Lodge. Congratulations are also in order to David Everett for becoming a Fellowcraft on Friday, February 22nd. Yes, Friday, the 22nd. We postponed the Degree from Wednesday because of the weather. David, we look forward to you becoming a Master Mason. Tim Galvin, you did a stupendous job. It was fun to watch you work from the East. And if you missed it, Brothers Daryl Warmack and James Surratt nailed their lecture. It was fun to watch the two of you work together. Thanks to all for doing a GREAT job.

Also, don’t forget that we have members of our Masonic family going through difficult times. Whether 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”. If ANY of you need someone to talk to, please don’t hesitate to call one of us. We will be there for you. We will not judge you, we will just open our hearts.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit Martha Chapter OES #132. To watch these fine ladies, and men, do not only their ritual work, but the work they do for our community, is a real heartwarming experience. They continue to do good for all mankind. On Sunday, they

held the annual Grand Representatives meeting and lunch at the Lodge. They purchased the “leftover spaghetti” from our dinner. Everybody enjoyed it. THEY GET IT..... You talk about respect, honor, duty, integrity and humility, THEY GET IT. It was an honor to see the gift that they give to the Masonic Family at Anoka. Thank you for allowing me to visit your Chapter. I am so proud of you.

This is a good time to invite ALL the Brethren to join us at the Stated meeting in March. I’ve named it “Hiram King of Tyre Night” at the Lodge. This will be an opportunity for all of us to RENEW our Fellowcraft’s obligation. It will be a GREAT night as we go back in our own Masonic lives, to that night – when each of us, were passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft. Please join us.

Also, that night, I will be announcing the Hiram Award recipient for 2019. The presentation and dinner will be held on November 9th. Details to follow. Come join me in congratulating our special Brother. It will be a special time.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jerry B. Oliver
Worshipful Master**

Salutations from the West.....

The west is under about 2 feet of snow by the time you read this... and it's a BEAUTIFUL Minnesota Winter!

As I look out my window at all the white stuff, and I hear the forecasts of impending doom coming down the pike, I think how lucky we are in Minnesota. I know, some of your back's are hurting, and your arms are tired from lifting all of the snow. I know that I have been looking forward to actually having snow in these parts - where we have been largely shut out over the past several years. And this year, we have the snow. It's cold, it's heavy, it's wet, but it is all about the variety of our state, and how our lives can be changed by that variety.

A few days back I got an eMail from a Brother who has moved out of state, asking to reconnect. I relished the thought of getting to talk to him again, and he said that he was divesting himself of some of his Masonic items to simplify his life a bit more. I wondered what he would send. Would it be rituals, lapel pins, masonic books? Would it be something more utilitarian in nature - maybe a 2nd degree snow brush? But when the package found me, and I opened it, I was surprised beyond words.

In the Priority mail package were dozens of 24 inch gauges. He had been collecting them as he went through the line, intending them to be reminders to the officers of the lesson that instrument teaches all of us. As I looked over all of them, the various sizes, colors, materials and forms, they all had that one common attribute - they were 24 inches in length. Some of them did fold into three parts - where we all know that we find a part for refreshment, a part for our usual avocations, and a part for service of Deity or a Worthy brother in distress. But then there was confusion in the quarries of my mind.

Some of these beautiful gauges folded into four parts, each six inches in length. What? I thought about these other gauges, and it came to me in a question. What lesson can THESE teach us, and our young Entered Apprentices? We all know that there are times in our lives where we don't seem to have all the right proportions. And in this case, it hit me during a very long day - a Saturday which was filled with work and time with my Brothers. But it got me thinking about how, while we have 24 hours, if we mess with

proportions of those groups of times, we take away from one to feed the other.

While this may be short (as you no doubt lament) I hope that you think about this most important of Masonic implement. Remember our instructions as the newest Entered Apprentice in the Lodge, and think on those lessons you learned while standing in the North East corner of the Lodge. As you reflect on this, I hope that you all take the extra time to think about how you use those hours, and hope that you spend some of them with your Brothers in Lodge. We miss you when you are not around, and your absence is felt. If you need a ride, or just an ear to listen, I am here, as are the remainder of your Brethren.

Be seeing you in the Quarries!
Brian

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

Ahh.... the month of March, as some would say *"the Ides of March"* which if you know a bit of history surrounding the Ides of March, it is a reference to Julius Caesar. Or you can find doing a Google search, an American Rock Band. March 15th in history was the day that Julius Caesar died. I threw this in to tie in the reference from last month. I did something today without even thinking about it, and I think it is a good lesson for us as Masons giving back without thinking about it or wanting something in return.

I started snow blowing my driveway and the 3 feet high drift the snow plow left for me. My only thought at this time was to give my wife and nephew a clearance to get out of the driveway. I looked over at my neighbor's driveway and knew the size of cars they drive, I know they would have gotten stuck. Now my neighbor's work a lot and usually work overnights. So, I brought my snowblower over and was clearing their driveway for them, as they were not home. The wife pulled up and was in shock. She had tears in her eyes and was in disbelief that anyone would do this. I asked her if it was O.K. that I was trying to help and she exclaimed yes, as she had called her husband and had him on the line. Now, to set the scene as I am sure she did not recognize me, I had on ski goggles my Carhart jacket, a hat and my work headphones on. Once I took off the ski goggles and headphones, she recognized me. I said I hope you were not calling the police. She said no just my husband, who turns out had a flat tire and was at the tire shop.

So, long story short, I sometimes do things like this without thinking, I just do it to help as a neighbor should. Now I don't know my neighbors all that well, but I know having to shovel for hours after getting home from working all night would really, well to put in in layman's terms, suck. It is a lesson not only for me but to all of society. Do something nice, even if it is something small in your eyes, as this was for me. As we strive for more Masonic light, this is what it is about, a teaching moment in our community, pay it forward, and it will always bring peace. I did this without even thinking of getting something in return, but I did get something in return. I got a hearty Thank You and a hand shake.

I don't do things for awards, medals, or whatever. I do it to show people in this world that there are still people around that do things just to me nice and help when it is needed. Now being in Masonry has solidified this thinking for me, and I am sure a great number of us, hopefully all of us, but if not, look around and think, why am I a Mason, is this not the way we should act as such.

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.





Martha Chapter #132

Sue Heathfield
Worthy Matron

Dan Heathfield
Worthy Patron

Greetings from Martha Chapter:

I can't believe this is my last article for the S&C at Worthy Matron of Martha Chapter. This past year sure went by quick!

The soup luncheon on February 1 had a lower than normal attendance (most likely due to the colder weather that week). However, it was first-rate as always. Countless thanks to those that helped to plan, work at, or ate soup. Without your help, events like this could not take place.

Due to the "polar vortex" and "extreme" weather the last several weeks, we had to cancel our January 5th Thursday social, and our first meeting in February. ☹️

Elections will be held on March 7.

On Saturday, March 9, Martha Chapter will be holding our annual kitchen and dining room clean up from 8 am – noon. Much work has been done to update the kitchen and dining room, so let's

help to keep it looking fantastic. We'd love to have anyone's help!

The very next day, on Sunday, March 10, is Martha Chapter's All Member Dinner. The menu, as of writing this article, has yet to be determined; however, you can be rest assured that your Worthy Patron (and myself) will be cooking it in some good old fashioned cast iron!

For reservations, please RSVP to Sue Heathfield at:

763-755-6325 – or –

sue_heathfield@hotmail.com

The last meeting of the term will be on March 21.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your Worthy Matron. As a first time ever WM, I can't tell you how nervous, and excited I was. Can I do this? What have I gotten myself in to? Your willingness to help out wherever and whenever there was a need is greatly appreciated. It's that kind of flexibility and dedication to our Order that means the world to me.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Sue and Dan





From the Fairest in the Land,

Dearest Uncles of Anoka Lodge!

Despite the crazy weather, it has been surprisingly quiet for the Daughters of Bethel 48. We are gearing up for Grand Bethel, our annual state wide gathering held at Cragun's resort March 29-31. We have taken over the Lodge room on the 4th Monday nights to give us a time and place during which we can practice for our ritual and music competitions.

Here is a list of the competitions we are taking part in:

- Messenger team (5 individuals teaming up to do the Story of Job)
- Individual messenger competitions (7 Daughters will compete in these)
- Miss MNJD (includes taking a written test, personal interviews and learning multiple messenger parts-this Daughter won't know which part is required until the day of the competition!)

- Grand Bethel Jr Princess
- Grand Bethel Marshal
- Grand Bethel floor offices
- Arts and Crafts competitions (including drawing, ceramics, photography, sewing)
- Writing
- Baking
- New Member Ritual
- Jobie 2-bee "ritual" (YES, 2 bees who are 9 years old are able to come to Grand Bethel and CAMP!!!)
- Music (instrumental solo-flute, viola and violin)

The council is SO proud of all the Daughters for showing their best work-watch our Facebook page for updates throughout the weekend!

Jobie Love,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

We cannot possibly bring out the best in our children unless we are willing to give the best of ourselves

-Kuykendall



Anoka DeMolay

No Article Submitted

**You are invited to
Anoka DeMolay's
Installation of Officers
Saturday, March 9th
3:00 PM**



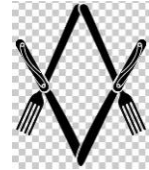
Anoka Coffee Clutch

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.

Stewards Corner!



Here are the meals for March:

March 6th, Stated Meeting:

Chicken Cacciatore over Fettuccine
Dinner Rolls, Side Salad
Dessert

March 20th, MM Degree:

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Roasted Baby Carrots
White Cake and Ice Cream



**Daryl Warmack
Senior Steward**



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!

We're pretty quiet in March, feel free to reach out if you have an event!

Scott Franz



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, March 6th – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, March 6th – Anoka Stated Meeting
Hiram, King of Tyre Night

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

Wednesday, March 20th – Coffee Clutch 9 am

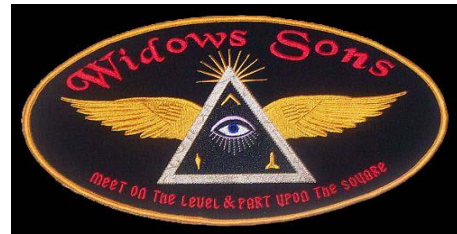
Wednesday, March 20th – Master Mason Degree

Friday, April 19th – Annual Shrimp Dinner



Greetings and Salutations Brothers,
On Monday February 18, eight Anoka brothers including our EA, traveled to Plymouth Lodge #160 in Crystal for the first quarter Traveling Man stop. After a fine dinner of roast beef, roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables, (yes green beans were part of the mix), we retired to the lodge and watched as Worshipful Master Jon Trevillion and his officers conducted a stated meeting on the EA degree. The Anoka brothers were welcomed and were allowed to “steal” the Albert Pike Lodge #237 traveling gavel, which will be presented to Worshipful Master Jerry at our next stated meeting. The Brothers and Officers of Plymouth Lodge were excellent hosts and a great time was had by all.

The next destination is yet to be determined but is tentative for May. I hope to see more Brothers attend.



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.



**Respectfully,
Brother James Surratt**

March 21st. This is the night we honor all those Brothers who have past this last year. Just one of which will be Anoka Lodge #30's own Reuel "Bud" Summers

If you wish to attend, the Ceremony is free and the Banquet is \$35 each and reservations need to be made with the Scottish Rite office at 612-871-1500.



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite

The Snow and Inclimate Weathr has taken it's toll on all and for the 1st time in forever we had to cancel a set of Degrees last month (15th & 16)

We did manage to put on the 20th Degree or Anoka Lodge #30's Adopted Degree as it were and look forward to the rest of the Degrees going ahead as planned.



Anoka Lodge puts on it's Adopted Degree!

Working our ways through the Council Of Kadosh and the Chivalric Degrees, which are some of my Favorites. From the Prussian Knight to the Knight Commander of the Temple in the 27th Degree, the lessons reach out to remind me of those things I should hold true in my own life.

We also will be having the Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet on Thursday,

*The Minneapolis Chapter
of the Rose Croix Presents:*

**The Ceremony of
Remembrance & Renewal
and the Mystic Banquet**



*This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons.
It is an open event and all are welcome!*

Thursday, March 21st
 5:00 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge
 6:00 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium
 6:30 pm: Social before dinner in Downstairs Lounge
 7:00 pm: Banquet in the Dining Hall



\$35 Per Person
Meal Choices:
 Prime Rib or
 Champagne
 Chicken

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2011 Dupont Ave. South
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Please RSVP to:
612-871-1500
or by email:
Jackie@aastrmn.Org

Remember there is still time to put in your petition for the Spring Reunion (2 Day to the Scottish Rite)

This event will be even more special because our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronnie Seale will be coming to town to be with the class that final day. (This hasn't happened in over 15 years) and so now would be a great time to sign up and join.

If want more information or a petition, please reach out to WB Terrance M Schaffer or any Scottish Rite Brother to help!

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