



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree where David Everett became a Master Mason. His proficiency was excellent and the work of the Brethren in the Degree was absolutely the finest..... Thanks to all. The tip of the "Master's Hat" goes to all those that worked the Degree that night. Thanks for what you do for the Lodge.

The results are in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It was another successful event for the Lodge. Again, thanks to all.

In talking with our Secretary, we have a few Brothers that are behind in their dues. If you are a Brother who needs some help, please do not hesitate to give me a call. 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's Installation. Congratulations to Patty Meehl, WB John Antl and the rest of your Officers. Hope you have a GREAT year. As a matter of fact, I had the honor to carry in our Nation's Flag. If you ever get a chance to carry that flag, it is humbling. I remember sixty (60) some years ago, when I learned what initially what that flag stood for. I thought I knew all about her. I thought she was just a "piece of cloth shaped into a design". Oh, how wrong I was. I learned in my years to follow, through school, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, the US Navy and of course those flag draped caskets of my dad, my father-in-law, and my brother, that she was much more

than that. She stands for our freedom, that freedom that gives us the very reason to do the "right things in our community". She stands for the "young men and women, who stand on a wall tonight, and say – NOT ON MY WATCH". Respect - Honor – Integrity.

This is a good time to invite ALL the Brethren to join us at the Stated meeting in April. I've named it "Hiram Abiff Night" at the Lodge. This will be an opportunity for all of us to RENEW our Master Mason'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 raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Please join us. Also, that night, we will be honoring our Junior Past Master Tony Heimer. Come join us as we thank him for his service.

If you missed last month's meeting, I announced that our 2019 Hiram Award recipient is WB Todd Mayer. The presentation and dinner will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> with details to follow. Join me in congratulating our special Brother. It will be a special time. If you wish to be on the committee, please let me know.

Remember that every stated meeting, I will be giving away some very special Masonic items that I have collected. Please come and join in the fun. Last month, Jay Lenz and Sean Novack were the winners. Anoka Lodge has so many unselfish members and officers who give of their time and talents day in and day out. Whether it be working with our youth groups, Martha Chapter, our York Rite or Scottish Rite Bodies, the Grotto, the Shrine, our Trustees, our House Committee, or just being a member, everyone is doing their part. You can feel it – you can feel the passion – you can feel the want to make this a better place to live in.

Don't forget GRAND LODGE – it's just around the corner. And when thinking of our Grand Lodge, please keep our Grand Master Ed Halpus and his lady Sharon, in your thoughts and prayers.

As I say every month, I am reminded that titles do not determine what you have done for the Craft, it's when you work along side 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 I are usually at the Lodge doing some miscellaneous jobs. If you want to come down and help or just have a cup of coffee, give us a call or just stop by. We received word that Brother Jonathon Reese has passed to the Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. May his final journey be calming and may he be welcomed with open arms for the work he has done here on earth.

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. As I look around the Masonic Family here at Anoka, I am reminded of a phrase that I coined in 1997 when I was Potentate, "If it wasn't for Masonry, none of you would exist in life" .....

## Respectfully Submitted,



**Jerry B. Oliver**  
**Worshipful Master**

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## Greetings from the West.....

Spring certainly has seemed to have sprung in the area. The sun has been out, and we are flirting with high temps in the 50s now. I am not holding my breath yet, especially since last year's Grand Lodge Communication had heavy, wet snow dumped on us just in time to go home. But I am hopeful that I have been seeing the ground - brown and cold though it is, and things are starting to grow again.

Our first degree cycle of the year has finished, and it was a pleasure to work with our talented ritualists. To see our candidate make his way through the various proficiency, and finally, to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason was a joy to all of our Officers. Congratulations Brother, on your hard work and attention to detail. Also, to all of our Brothers, Officers and supporting cast who put in the hours of work to ready themselves to make this a memorable occasion, you are the backbone of our Degrees. A special shout out to Brother Julio for his first time "driving the bus" during the degrees, and our Stewards - your ritual work is impeccable. I can't wait to see it all start off again in April with our Table Lodge in a new presentation - If you haven't gotten your reservations in to our Stewards yet, make sure that you do, because this meal requires reservations!

One thing I truly enjoy doing is reading, especially non-fiction of late. You can catch me either reading, or listening to Audio Books on Audible any number of times during the day. History, Literature, Arts, Sciences and all the other Liberal Arts and Sciences are favorites of mine. Books that give a great insight into teams and organizations are even more special in my mind. One of my favorite authors is Patrick Lencioni, and he wrote a series of books, "management fables", that deal with topics like Meetings, politics and silos, and the first that I ever read of his called "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team.

In this book, he talks about... well, if you read the title, you get the overview, but what really brought this topic around for me was the way that each of the subsequent dysfunctions builds on the previous. The base is Absence of Trust which leads to Fear of Conflict. This, in turn leads to Lack of Commitment, and then to avoidance of accountability and inattention to results. Think of the first two for a moment though, and I think you can see parallels in our own Fraternity. Now, I know many of you are thinking about the proper application of the Trowel to our Degrees. We are exhorted and reminded of the spreading of that cement between who best can work and best agree, so doesn't that go counter to the second topic - fear of conflict?

I know what you are thinking, if you are a true Minnesota nice person - Conflict = BAD! I would challenge that thought though. Destructive conflict is obviously bad, but is there a good conflict? While there is the obvious definition of conflict as a disagreement, argument or being at variance with, there is also a more positive definition. To diverge, to differ and

contrast. Isn't this one of the better ways to come to a solution to a problem? If we differ, and if we have contrasting thoughts or ideas, if we work together to find the best way to solve a problem, is that not better than clashing to have that destructive conflict? I submit that, if we have trust in our Brothers, friends, families, this conflict can be good, and can actually cause growth, can solve our issues together, but we need that Trust in each other.

As we look at the weather changing now, we think of the changes in our relationships, and in our own families as well. That conflict can help us grow and get better. Always remember that not everything that seems bad needs to be bad - without irritation, we would never have pearls after all. Let us remember, though, that this conflict must always strive to be good conflict, based on trust and mutual understanding. Be always faithful, strive for harmony and growth, and look to the East.

Be seeing you in the Quarries!  
Brian

**Brian Dimatteo**  
**Senior Warden**



## **Greetings from the South.....**

April is here already? Well that means it is Spring time, which is the time of year for mud, pot holes, and the start of our 5<sup>th</sup> season in Minnesota. Yup, you guessed it - road construction! There are a lot of great things that go on in spring as well. Take a moment to stop and smell the flowers, life gets hectic at times, but if we don't slow down once and a while and really take in what nature has produced for us, we will never see the magnificence that is out there.

April also means that we are full speed ahead at lodge with a new set of degree's, Shrimp dinner on Good Friday, The Masters Pancake breakfast, Grand Lodge Communication, and of course lodge meetings. It is ramping up to be another fantastic year for Anoka Lodge # 30.

My wife and I took a vacation this year to Las Vegas, where we donated some money, and took in the touristy stuff while we were there. The greatest highlight for me on this trip was getting to tour the Hoover Dam. I was in complete awe. We got to tour inside and traverse various tunnels and learn about the construction from start to finish. It is truly amazing what went into the construction of such a magnificent, beautiful work of art. I was surprised to learn that the base is 660 ft wide, and the concrete still has a couple of hundred years to fully cure. Notably the Boulder Dam which was dedicated by Franklin D. Roosevelt and later named Hoover Dam for Herbert Hoover. There is some correlation there with regards to our ancient craft, and it made me wonder how many Masons made the trek out West for a better life during this time, which of course was during the Great Depression.

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.***



# 26th Annual Shrimp Dinner



**All you can eat shrimp (peel & eat)  
with sides of cole slaw, potato salad, and bread**

**Anoka Lodge #30**

**Good Friday, April 19th, 4:30 - 7pm**

**\$15 Per Person or \$50 per group of 4**

**Tickets may be purchased in advance (preferred)**

**Please contact Scott for tickets:**

**[secretary@anokamasons.org](mailto:secretary@anokamasons.org) or 763-421-3357**



## Martha Chapter #132

**Patty Meehl**  
**Worthy Matron**

**John Antl**  
**Worthy Patron**



### Greetings from Martha Chapter:

On March 10, 2019 we gathered at the Lodge for our All member dinner. WP Dan prepared a wonderful meal of Chicken Pot Pie, and corn bread. For dessert he surprised us with blueberry or peach cobbler. All was prepared with his cast iron pans from his collection. It was a wonderful night. Thank you for your wonderful year and sharing your Family Traditions with us.

By the time you will be reading this, our Chapter's Installation will already have been completed. This year's theme is "Masonic Heritage". Our Motto, "Celebrating our heritage, building our future."

The 2019 – 2020 years Officers are:



Patty Meehl, WM	John Antl, WP
Beth Brown, AM	Jordy Stradtman, AP
Jane LaMusga, Secretary	Peg Oliver, Treasurer
Vicky Stroup, Conductress	
Mary Sigmundik, Assoc. Conductress	
Goody Vokovan, Chaplin	
Greg Vokovan, Marshal	
Dorcie Larson, Guest Organist	
Sharon Barlow, Adah	
Rachel Ridens, Ruth	
Anne Nichols, Esther	
Lois Leonard, Martha	
Gabriella Dimatteo, Electa	
Tim Stroup, Warder	

John and I will explore our heritage throughout the year, so please join us. We have a lot planned this year and some surprises along the way.

Up and coming Calendar and events this month;

- April 4<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting
- April 18<sup>th</sup> "Traditions" Honor JPM & JPP Sue & Dan Heathfield
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> We are Dark.

Grand Chapter will be in St. Cloud from Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The 141<sup>st</sup> Session "Minnesota Memories" at the Kelly Inn. WGM Pam Leech & WGP John Bergum's year was a busy one and it will be fun to hear all about their travels and projects.

A special honoring on Friday afternoon to the; 25 year "Giving of Ourselves with Love" Grand Family, Naomi Johnson and Robert Ubelhoer and 10 year "Flight of Fancy" Grand Family, Arleen Steele and Roger Schmid.

May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Installation of new Grand Officers and the start of another year. If you are interested in joining us, there is still time. Get your reservations into Jane ASAP to register for the session and so we can write one check from the Chapter. April 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for any reservations for meals throughout the session and they need to go to Julia Tollgaard. The meal reservation form is located on the website, [www.mnoes.com](http://www.mnoes.com) under, "2019 Grand Session" Meal Reservation Form. Please join us there.

Star Love,

Patty Meehl



## From the Fairest in the Land....

To our Uncles at Anoka Lodge-

The Jobies are enjoying what we HOPE is the end of winter!

We have been busy during the month of March preparing for our state wide gathering the weekend of March 29-31 in Brainerd. We have several girls competing at Grand Bethel in various competitions. We will announce all of our successes in next month's article, but rest assured we plan on doing our best and showing how true LIFE IS GREAT WITH 48 is! Wish us luck!

During March we assisted the Chapter of Rose Croix with serving and cleanup at their banquet of Remembrance and Renewal. Following the Banquet, we initiated two Jobies to Sebastian Joes! We also held a friendship on March 18-complete with our tradition of making Sewer Pipe Sundaes.



Coming up in April:

- On April 6 we are helping Bethel 39 (Robbinsdale) with a Living Cross for Robbinsdale OES installation. Incoming WM Rosemary is one of our Jobie leaders as well!
- We are planning a service project trip to Feed My Starving Children (date TBD)
- We will be holding a special meeting of members to review our Bethel Guidelines-this is where the girls have the opportunity to give their input on how the Bethel runs.
- Our first meeting in may will be our elections-when we select our new leaders for the coming term.

As always, you are invited and welcome at any of our meetings on the first and third Monday nights at 7 p.m.. We LOVE showing off for our Masonic Family!

Jobie Love,

Wendy Dimatteo

Bethel Guardian, Bethel 48



Sebastian Joes is the greatest!!

*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*



**Anoka Coffee Clutch**

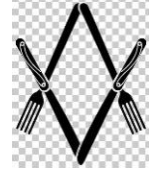
Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month for coffee, donuts and fellowship at the lodge. We will be meeting at 9am and stay till the last one leaves.

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 for more information.

## Stewards Corner!

Greetings!



### Stated meeting 4/3/19

Hamburger Sliders

Baked Beans

Potato salad and chips

### April Degree Table Lodge 4/17/19

**RSVPs are a MUST!! \$25.00 per Person**

Prime Rib

Roasted carrots

Baked potatoes

Non-alcoholic Toasting Wine

Chocolate Cake

Regards,

Daryl Warmack

763-226-0709



**Daryl Warmack  
Senior Steward**



***Thanks to All those who came out to hear about the History of the Lodge and its former location at the "Traveling Lodge" Presentation on March 8th. We had about 40 Folks come out for a little History Lesson and Information about the City of Anoka as well and its Transition over the years. For those who missed it, you can see the whole thing on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjLEo5Ar-PM>***





The Bones Brothers will be having our trailer clean out at the home of Bro. Jeremy Hill on Saturday, April 6th. We'll be cleaning all of our equipment, taking an inventory, and most likely playing with pork belly burnt ends. The weekend after the clean out is Grand Lodge and this year we'll have a vendor booth there to try to get other Lodges to start a chapter. Stop by and say hi and pick up some cool Bones Brothers swag! As always, we'd love to have you petition, all Brothers of Anoka Lodge are automatically in. See you in the pits!

Scott



*As a Widow of a Mason,*  
You are cordially invited to  
Anoka Lodge #30's  
Honored Ladies Luncheon  
Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 p.m.

If you would like a ride, please let us know and we will have one of our Brothers pick you up and bring you home. It would be our pleasure!

RSVP to WM Jerry Oliver by either emailing me at [joliver97@comcast.net](mailto:joliver97@comcast.net) or contacting me at 763-639-8813.

We hope you can make. We look forward to seeing you.

## Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, April 3rd – Coffee Clutch 9am

Wednesday, April 3rd – Anoka Stated Meeting  
Hiram Abiff Night

Wednesday, April 10th – Trustee and Officer  
Meeting -6:00  
Degree Practice – 7:00

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Clutch 9 am

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Entered Apprentice Table  
Lodge 5:00 pm

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual Shrimp Dinner  
4:30 – 7:00

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Honored Ladies Luncheon



Glad tidings Brothers,

On Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Anoka Traveling Man entourage will be traveling to the Ancient Landmark Lodge #5, 200 Plato Blvd, St. Paul for our second quarter outing. Similar to our lodge, they offer dinner at 6pm and open Lodge at 7pm. Please email [josurratt1969@yahoo.com](mailto:josurratt1969@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend, so I may give their secretary a head count. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,  
James





A Widows Son stays crabby all winter, screaming and scratching oh that bikers itch!! Once he kidnapped St. Nicholas and buried him in a three by six-foot ditch. So be nice to your Widows Son. Smile when he rides by. His song is a great one. If you have two wheels and long for a tune, come join the Widows Sons. Your vest too will sing a song, and yes too will belong.

Brother Erech Gallatin  
Cryptic Master Secretary

**Widows Sons, President: Jay Mayer**

### A Song of a Widows Son

A Widows Son stands tall before an early Eastern dawn.  
And yes, his boots are dusty, and his jeans worn and torn,  
but his vest sings a song. Once you read it, it won't take  
you long to learn that this Masonic Rider has a story that  
will make you want to belong.

His bike is emblematical to the Compass, and it keeps him  
circumscribed. He meets on the Level and Parts on the  
Square, but only meet him on two wheels, otherwise he  
has a real scary glare.

Although a Widows Son can be a friendly brother, he may  
not always be good with one another. His bike can  
sometimes be too loud, especially when he feels proud!  
For his wings are golden and the All-Seeing Eye is upon  
him which keeps him embolden.



## **Anoka York Rite Bodies:**

Greetings from Anoka-Shekinah #104 Royal Arch Masons!

I am truly honored to lead this group of Royal Arch Masons for the 2019 term. We continue to grow and have a strong membership at our chapter.

We recently brought in 5 new Royal Arch Masons at the One Day to York Rite for Anoka including our own Grand Master of Minnesota.



We are currently working on our fundraising and community service projects along with our degree work. We are the only RAM chapter that does the Past Masters Allegory in the state and we'd love to perform it within a blue lodge of masons if given enough time to prepare and plan.

If you're interested in more masonic education and have your 4th Wednesdays open, contact anyone of our companions and we'll be happy to get you started on more light in masonry.

Tony Heimer

EHP Anoka-Shekinah #104



## Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite

As we move into April we are coming to the close of this cycle of Degrees at the Scottish Rite. We begin with the Final Degree of the Council of Kadosh or Knight of Kadosh, one of the Terminal Degrees. It teaches us the lesson to be true to Ourselves among other things.

Interestingly enough the following week, and night before the Grand Lodge Session begins in Earnest, we will hold the 31<sup>st</sup> Degree or Inspector Inquisitor. This Degree brings to mind deep and introspective thoughts of who we are and who we hope to be.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday we are Traditionally Dark for Maundy Thursday which brings us the beginning of the Annual Spring Reunion or "One Day to the Scottish Rite", which has actually become a two day event, with the 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Degree being put on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

All this Culminating on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> with the 18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees in which our own WB Tom Chalkos and Reed Becher will become Masters of the Royal Secret. I hope all you Scottish Rite Brothers will come down in Support of their Accomplishment!

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.


There is still time to join them if you wish and if you want more information or a petition, please reach out to WB Terrance M Schaffer or any Scottish Rite Brother to help!



**Anoka Lodge Members attend the Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal!**

**The 2018 Scottie Awards**

MINNEAPOLIS  
SCOTTISH RITE  
TEMPLE



Saturday,  
May 4, 2019

SOCIAL HOUR - 4:30  
FEAST - 5:30  
AWARDS - 6:30

Celebrate your Rite, your Valley, and your Brothers!  
Open to all Scottish Rite Brethren, families,  
and guests to honor the workers of the Minneapolis Valley.  
Featuring the 18th annual "Scottie Awards" recognizing those who  
made this year a great success.  
Dinner \$30.00 per person featuring appetizers, steak, and fish.

**Hosted by the Minneapolis Consistory**

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