



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 just got back from attending the funeral of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Steve Johnson. Having just served eight (8) days in office, our Grand Master passed away on Easter morning at the age of 70. Such a loss.... Such a great man. May God let his family be comforted during this time of mourning. ALAS MY BROTHER. Earlier today, we had the pleasure of serving our Honored Ladies a lunch to show them our continued love and friendship. We appreciate them coming out to join us. We hope you had a good time. Thanks to all the Brethren who came to help, it was much appreciated.

Our Grand Lodge session is now over with, and it was well attended by the Brethren from Anoka. Thanks to Daryl and James for a great job on the hospitality room. Unfortunately, our outgoing Grand Master, MWB Ed Halpus was too ill to attend. Continue to pray for him and his wife Sharon.

Congratulations to our new Entered Apprentice Michael Whitney. Welcome to Anoka Lodge. It was a GREAT night. Thanks to Brent, Daryl and James – plus all the helpers that you had. It was a wonderful meal. Speaking of a good meal, we just had the opportunity to complete our 26th annual Shrimp Dinner at the Lodge. Yes, 26 years.... It was once again a fantastic turnout, delicious shrimp, lots of hard work, great workers and an opportunity to work for the Lodge as a unit. Thanks to all who came, contributed and worked. At the April Stated meeting, we had visiting Brethren from Lake Harriet Lodge #277. WM Joe Brothers, along with nine other Brothers, came and presented a “Traveling Trophy” to us for assisting them with some projects at their Lodge. Thanks to WB Greg Vokovan for his hard work. Also that night, we had a “Hiram Abiff Night” at the Lodge.. It was a GREAT night as we

re-obligated ourselves as a Master Mason. It was a reminder that our duties and obligations are FOREVER!!

At our May Stated meeting, we will be honoring our Junior Past Master Tony Heimer. Come join us as we thank him for his service.

Once again, our 2019 Hiram Award recipient is WB Todd Mayer. 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. 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.

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.

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 myself 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 Ernest Cook 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. His service will be held on Friday, May 3rd, 2019 at the Camp Ripley Chapel

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 my life"



**Anoka Lodge's Newest Entered Apprentice
Michael Whitney**

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jerry B. Oliver
Worshipful Master**



Shrimp Dinner 2019 Committee Heads

Greetings from the West.....

Greetings from the North East Corner of the Lodge!

But Brian, you may be thinking, is not the Station of the Senior Warden in the West? You are correct, but in this case, our newest Entered Apprentice sits in the North East, and to you, our Newly Entered Brother, this article is dedicated.

As you know, in the Degree, we speak of a number of things, and it is my sorrow that I was unable to attend the Table Lodge and your first Degree. It is the Tradition that the Senior Warden sits in the East on this Degree. Unfortunately, one of the working tools caught me up on that night. A night not only of merriment and good food, but of you taking your first steps in Masonry.

We learn that we find eight hours for our usual Avocations in this Degree. Seems to be a simple thing, right? Eight hours to do our work, that profession that pays for us and our family to subsist in this world of ours. Some times, though, that gets in the way of being at Lodge. In this case, it was working with one of our Past Masters on a project that was due, and was in fact, a week late. Was I able to do the work? No, it was not my skill or my talent, but it was something that I was able to work with him on to solve and eventually finish the work.

To you, our newest Brother, for by that sacred appellation I now address you, remember those eight hours and remember that, if you miss Lodge, it's not

the end of the world. It is something that happens, whether for work, family or just needing some much needed relaxation. When it happens, know that we will miss you, but we will fully understand, and wait for your return.

You were also taught about the need to break off your own rough edges. This, too, is one of the most important lessons of this Degree. How can we be found worthy, or perfect, when we enter our hereafter if we are sharp, and coarse? We are taught that, while important to be straight forward, on the Level, we also must treat others with kindness and respect. To you, our Brother, I remind you that you are a part of that group too. So often in our lives, we do not show our selves the care, patience and love that we show those around us, and that is a horrible thing.

Finally, I remind you of a theme that is laying under the entirety of the First Degree. We strive for Progress, not for Perfection in this Gentle Craft. If we constantly seek the perfect, we will never get to be good enough. One of our Company's leaders consistently reminds us to never allow perfection to be the enemy of good enough. While we are always striving, I exhort you to remember that often times, we are our own worst critic. My new Brother, it is that journey, that desire to do better for ourselves, our families, our neighbors and our Craft.

So to you, our newest Brother, I wish you welcome. I have a gift for you as a reminder for when we are in Lodge together again. From all of us in our Lodge, our State and our Gentle Craft, you are on your first step in a 10,000 mile journey - enjoy the beauties and the lessons of that trip.

I look forward to seeing you in the Quarries!

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

As we head into the month of May, I am so happy that we are moving forward and the lodge is as active as it has ever been. Brothers that we have not seen in a while are showing up and saying hello. We have been very busy this past month. The lodge did something that has not been done in a great while; we held a real EA table lodge. I have to be honest, I was skeptical beforehand, but it was fantastic. We have a few things to tweak here and there, but I thought it was done very well.

The 26th annual shrimp dinner was again successful, so I hear, as I came down with the flu and decided it would be in the best interest of everyone that I stay as far away as possible. I don't like missing events at the lodge, so it was extremely difficult for me to not show up and help. Thank you all who were able to come and help. What do we have next, well there is always something.

On May 15th your Junior Warden will be in the East again, it probably won't snow this time, so come on out to the FC Degree and receive some more light. There are a lot of ideas and projects that we are looking to get done this year, so we need your help. I spent the weekend basically indoors with the flu, but I couldn't help myself and ventured out into my yard and cleaned up the leaves from last year. One of my favorite things to do this time of year is to be outside working on my yard. It is the same as vacuuming to me, seeing the lines in the carpet. I know it's weird, but watching the grass turn from brown to green, seeing the trees and plants flourish and grow, the smell of the lilacs in bloom. I am always happy being outside when the temperature is right. Being outside, huh, what else do we do outside, oh yeah, the MM outdoor degree, which we will be having again this year in June. One last thought for this article.

Our WM Jerry Oliver had a great idea for this year, during our first cycle of degree. If you remember we all went through our obligations again. This was not to just say the words again, this was to really make us think about what we are doing inside and outside of lodge, how we treat each other, and mankind as a whole. The world will always need more Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

Tim Galvin
Junior Warden



BBQ SAMPLER



All You Can Eat !!

May **18**

Adults - \$25
Kids 6 to 12 - \$15
5 & under - Free



BBQ Dinner

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Anoka Masonic Lodge
1908 3rd Ave, Anoka



Limited seating • RSVP only, no walk-ins

For tickets and information:

E-mail Sampler@bonesbrothers.org or call 612-587-2663

DINNER

Brisket
Ribs
Chicken
Pulled Pork
Beans
Slaw
Potatoes
Sweet Rolls
Cobbler



Martha Chapter OES

Order of the Eastern Star
Fundraiser



Annual Salad Luncheon

Wednesday May 22, 2019

11:00am to 1:00pm

\$10.00

Anoka Masonic Lodge
1908 - 3rd Ave. So.



A portion of the proceeds will go
to our
Minnesota Masonic Home Project





Greetings from Martha Chapter

Our first meeting of the term went without a hitch. We installed 2 of the 3 missing officers, balloted on a new initiate, and said goodbye to our Sister Norma Nehring. Norma consolidated to our Chapter from Arcana Chapter. Our Sister was a 44-year member, and she will truly be missed by all.

Wayne LaMusga gave a talk on Masons from the start to present day. This is the start of our journey of our Masonic Heritage. It was very interesting, and I can't wait to hear more about our Masonic Families in the coming months. We completed installing all officers at the April 18th meeting so now our family is complete and just in time for Grand Chapter.

Wednesday, May 22nd will be our Annual Spring Salad Luncheon. Our members will be working hard, and I know we will have many different types of salads to try, so come down and join us. May 30th is our 5th Thursday Gathering and Dinner. It will be at Carol's Restaurant. 11888 Aberdeen St. NE, Blaine. Call or email Stephanie Johnson for reservations. 763-755-2164 or ksjohnson66@gmail.com

We will be having initiation practice on Tuesday, June 4th and initiation on June 6th.

Up and coming Calendar of events this month;

- May 2nd Grand Chapter in St. Cloud
- May 6th Line Officer & Trustee Meeting at Patty's Home
- May 16th Happy Mom's Day! – Honoring our Mom's
- May 22nd Spring Salad Luncheon 11:00am to 1:00pm
- May 30th 5th Thursday Gathering and Dinner
- June 6th Flag Day! Honoring Present and Past Marshal's & Initiation



Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron

John Antl
Worthy Patron
Martha Chapter #132



Bethel 48 has been busy over the last month! Most notably, 14 adults and 14 Daughters spent March 29-31 at Cragun's resort near Brainerd with other Job's Daughters from around the state at our annual Minnesota Grand Bethel. We spent the weekend hanging out by the pool, bonding with our Sisters and participating in several different competitions. And, as expected, the girls ROCKED IT!

Here is the rather lengthy list of accolades and awards we came back with:

Bailey Brendel:	Grand Bethel Jr Princess
Audrey Mayer:	Grand Bethel Marshal, Rep to Delaware and Montana
Alyssa Brendel:	Grand Bethel Librarian
Gabriella Dimatteo:	1 st runner up, 1 st place ritual, Miss MNJD
Gabriella Dimatteo:	recipient of MN GGC Scholarship

Arts and crafts

Samantha Soderstrom:	3 rd place, Color drawing, 14-18 yrs old
Alyssa Brendel:	3 rd place, Black and White drawings, 10-14 yr old
Megan Brendel:	2 nd place, black and white drawing, 10-14 yr old
Molly Mayer:	2 nd place cross stitch
Carrie Gillilan:	1 st place quilt
Audrey Mayer:	3 rd place string art
Ariah Kurr:	2 nd place string art
Kate Agustin:	3 rd place handicrafts
Molly Mayer:	1 st place handicrafts

Baking

Kasia Holloway:	2 nd place bars 15-19 yr old
Ariah Kurr:	3 rd place cookies, 10-14 yr old
Samantha Soderstrom:	2 nd place cookies, 10-14 yr old

Writing

Audrey Mayer:	1 st place, essay, 14-19 yr
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Performing arts

Olivia Shelton:	1 st place instrumental solo, 14-16 yr old
Grace Shelton:	2 nd place, instrumental solo, 14-16 yr old
Molly Mayer:	2 nd place instrumental solo, 10-13 yr old

Ritual

Olivia Shelton:	2 nd place, 1 st messenger individual
Alyssa Brendel:	1 st place, 1 st messenger individual*
Megan Brendel:	1 st place, 2 nd messenger individual, <u>PERFECT SCORE*</u>
Audrey Mayer:	1 st place, 3 rd messenger individual*
Bailey Brendel:	1 st place, 4 th messenger individual, <u>PERFECT SCORE*</u>
Molly Mayer:	1 st place, 5 th messenger individual*
Carrie Gillilan:	3 rd place, New Member ritual individual
Kate Agustin:	1 st place Jobie to Bee ritual individual, <u>PERFECT SCORE</u>

***These five members are also the members of the Messenger team**

Messenger team:	1 st place, chosen as the "Supreme Team" from Minnesota. This team will be traveling to Overland Park, Kansas, and will be competing against teams from all over the world at Job's Daughters Supreme Session in August
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The council (adult leaders) of Bethel 48 are beyond proud of the hard work all these girls have put in. They are an amazing group of young leaders. Throughout the weekend, these girls watched out for each other, helped first time visitors to Grand Bethel find their way and not feel overwhelmed, demonstrating what being Sisters means and left saying they had a great time and were proud of themselves. What more can we ask for?!

**On behalf of the Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel 48,
Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian**

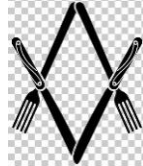


Bethel 48's Jobs at Grand Bethel



PHQ Gabbi being escorted by PHQ Franni into the Miss Minnesota JD Pageant

Stewards Corner!



Greetings!

For the Stated Meeting on May 1st:
"Breakfast for Dinner"

- Scrambled Eggs and (eggs made to order)
- Jimmy Dean Sausage
- Pancakes
- Hash browns
- Orange Juice

Fellow-Craft Degree May 15th:

- Beef Stroganoff
- Green beans
- Dinner Roll
- Cookies

Regards,
 Daryl Warmack
 Senior Steward
 763-226-0709



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 for more information.



Anoka DeMolay

No Article Submitted



The Bones Brothers had a great time in our booth at Grand Lodge this year. We signed up a couple of new members and have three Lodges interested in talking to us about starting chapters!

May brings our first big event of the year, the BBQ Sampler on May 18th. All you can eat brisket, ribs, pulled pork, chicken, beans, slaw, potatoes, cornbread, and cobbler! Tickets are \$25. Seats are limited and we do sell out, so get your tickets early.

If you're interested in joining us, as always, members of Anoka Lodge are automatically voted in. A small petition fee (\$50) gets you one of our cool hats and a pin and if you work two events during the year, your dues are free. We'd love to have you!

Scott Franz
President

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, May 1st – Coffee Clutch 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 1st – Anoka Stated Meeting
Jobs Daughters Story of Job Presentation
Honoring WB Tony Heimer

Wednesday, May 8th – Trustee and Officer
Meeting -6:00
Degree Practice – 7:00

Saturday, May 11th – Pork Chop Stand
For the Big White House

Wednesday, May 15th – Coffee Clutch 9 am

Wednesday, May 15th – Fellowcraft Degree
Dinner – 6:00
Degree – 7:00

Saturday, May 18th – Bones Brothers Sa



Glad tidings Brothers,

Don't Forget-----On Thursday May 9th, 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 if you would like to attend, so I may give their secretary a head count. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,
James



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!

Every Master Mason aspires to attain the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. Many feel with regret that it is not practicable for them to share in all the light shed by the several bodies, but all wish most earnestly to receive all the light and instruction which pertains to the Ancient Craft- the origin and foundation of the Institution.

In the life of every Master Mason, moreover, there comes a time when he realizes that he has not yet attained that goal, that he is not yet in possession of all the rights and light of a Master Mason, as these were known and understood by his ancient brethren.

But he does not realize that the goal of his aspirations is near at hand- In the Royal Arch Degree.

All Symbolic Masonry has its source In the Grand Lodge of England. Section I of the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England declares that "pure, ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, Viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason is founded upon the destruction of the first and the building of the second Temple. The ceremonies of the Degree have an interesting and graphic historical setting, and a profound and reverential moral significance. The Royal Arch Degree is the complement of the Master's Degree, the unfolding into a second volume of the history of that which was lost to its final recovery. Without the Royal Arch, the Master's Degree is like a song half sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled.

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

Zabud Council of Cryptic Masons

No article submitted

Widows Sons, President: Jay Mayer

No article submitted



Brothers, Greetings from the Scottish Rite.

With the passing of our Grand Master, the final degree of the Spring Cycle and Reunion has been postponed and so we will follow up in next months article as to the completion of the degrees.

That said, we did have a few Installations last month with our own Anoka Lodge Members becoming Heads of two of the Officer Lines for the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.

WB Don Nolley became Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and WB Terrance Schaffer became Wise Master of the Chapter of the Rose Croix respectively.



WB Don takes his Oath



Lodge of Perfection Officers



Chapter of Rose Croix Officers

Before going "Dark" for most of the Summer, we will hold our Annual Feast of the Consistory and "Scottie" awards. This is where we honor all those who work so hard to put on the 29 Degrees twice a year.

It is a time to let down our hair and have fun, it is an open event so all are welcome. If you wish to attend please contact the Scottish Rite Office and make your reservations.

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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