



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!

.....*There is still time*.....

Today as I write my article, those who were followers of the legendary Bart Starr, mourn his loss. Probably to many who grew up in the era when he was playing, probably considered him "THEIR HERO". You did not have to be a Green Bay Packer fan or a Dallas Cowboy fan or a Minnesota Viking fan to enjoy watching him in action. Heroes do not come from any certain team, state, or school. Heroes come from what they do.

As a child from my era, one might have a hero such as Superman, the Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers, Harmon Killebrew, perhaps it was even one of your teachers. It might have been a coach, a neighbor down the street, or just someone who had the same values that you had. That's what this month's message is about.....HEROES.

My dad was one of my childhood heroes. He could tell stories, he could tell you about the old days, he could even talk to you about values and morals. He was someone who was looked upon in the community as a leader. He was someone you could trust. He was always willing to do whatever for the betterment of mankind.

As I started putting together this article, my mind switched to MASONIC HEROES. What if we all worked towards being a Masonic Hero to a Brother. Would it work? Do I still have time? What would it entail? I started writing down what a Masonic Hero would be like. Here's what I came up with.

Be a role model, not only to a Brother, but to yourself. It goes along with the phrase, "it's not to be better than your Brother, but be better than yourself". Be ever mindful of the courtesies that we should always extend to our visitors. Be diligent when we pay respect to our flag, and to our God. Remember always that one of goals is to make this a better place for ALL mankind. Don't forget about those in need, those that

are mourning or those that just need to have someone give them a call.

Many years ago, I realized that not only did I have an "everyday Hero", but I had a "Masonic Hero". I first thought that it was just me that had heroes like that, but after talking with other Brothers, I found out that I was NOT alone. This Brother is always there for me. He always has my back, and he walks along side of me. It's not about titles, it's not about pins, it's not about honors, it's about being a Brother. A Brother that shares the same character and tenets that I do.

Since realizing that I had a Masonic Hero, I have often found myself wondering "how does one apply to be a Hero". It started at the altar the night when we became a Mason - the night we took our obligation. Each one of us has an unbelievable opportunity to be another Mason's Hero. Maybe it's your actions, your care for the Craft, or even your willingness to listen to him and share a cup of coffee. That's the Brotherhood that we strive for - that's the type of Fraternity that we joined.

There is still time..... Start tomorrow, or even the next day. BE A BETTER BROTHER, BE A BETTER MASON.

Since the sudden passing of our Grand Master Steve Johnson, our Deputy Grand Master was installed as our new Grand Master. Please join me in congratulating MWB Ethan Seaberg, as our new Grand Master. MWB Ethan, God be with you on your travels and always know that Anoka Lodge will be there for whatever you need. Please continue to keep, MWB Ed Halpus, and his wife Sharon in your thoughts and prayers.

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. At the June Stated meeting, we expect visiting Brethren from

Templar Lodge. They are coming to visit and “capture” their flag back.

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.

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 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.

As I get ready to close this 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. 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”.....

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jerry B. Oliver
Worshipful Master**

Greetings from the West.....

This month, like what seems to be most, has snuck by me faster than I want to admit. With the warming and cooling, cooling and warming again, it's been a real challenge getting into a groove this spring. But like all things, we deal with the change, or we we are overtaken. We are faced with either embracing the change and the new opportunities, or we worry about them. All I know is that by welcoming the change, I have more fun, and that's one of the benefits in this life.

This month, we have the opportunity to celebrate as a Lodge. As many know, we have a strong tradition of supporting our youth. As the father of multiple college age children, I can tell you that school is expensive. The cost of that education offsets the value. In this case, Anoka Lodge is fortunate to be able to provide scholarships to our leaders of the future. These young men and women are our family members, they are our civic leaders, they are our future as a Lodge, Chapter, and society.

At the June stated meeting, we are honored to present four scholarships. This year, we had a large influx of applicants. Over the past few years, we have had minimal applicants for the scholarships, something that has made choosing less difficult. This year, we had 8 applicants, and we had another wrinkle that we haven't had to deal with in the past - a tie. Historically we have given three scholarships. This year our applicants were incredibly close. Our selection committee had six categories to judge, assigning points for each category. From there, the applicants were rated 1 - 8, with 1 being the highest scoring applicant.

The perfect score would have been a 3 - each of the three committee members scoring a candidate as a 1. In this year's competition, the top two candidates had scores of 7 and 8 respectively. The next highest score was an 11, and we had two candidates with the same rank. Well, that wouldn't do, so we went to the top number of points for all the six categories, and once again, we were tied. Rather than trying to pick which was better qualified, the committee, in coordination with the Worshipful Master, decided to award two scholarships so each of these two candidates would receive an Anoka Scholarship.

Our winners this year are:

Nadia Peterson, \$2,000.00
Zachary Benz, \$2,000.00
Paul Hargrove, \$1,000.00
Gabiella Dimatteo, \$1,000.00.

I wish to thank the members of the committee - Aaron Brendel, Joel Spry and Tim Galivan. Each of these judges faced an incredibly difficult decision of how we awarded these scholarships. More than one of them commented how difficult it was this year, and how high the caliber of the candidates was. We wish we could have awarded more of them, but it is just not possible. Thank you, finally, to all of our Brothers who contributed to the Scholarship fund in any way. Your gifts of funds will help these students pay back in leadership, service and devotion to our community and our Craft.

In closing, we don't go dark over the summer. While the cycle of degrees is on hold until the fall, we still have our regular stated meetings. We have the opportunity to get together at many events over the summer, so take that time to get to know and connect with your Brothers and Sisters on a more personal level. However, also spend some of that time to reconnect with your families and friends, spending time in this great Minnesota summer enjoying yourselves, and those you love.

Be seeing you this summer!

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

It's summertime. Well you might think it is still springtime with this crazy weather we are having. It is time to get out of the quarry and into the yards, parks, lakes, or wherever you find your summertime happy place. But do not forget June 16th, Father's Day. Why is Father's Day so important, well let me tell you, for one there is a big Father's Day breakfast at the lodge starting at 8am. As some Masons have said, "You

gotta eat", only \$ 5.00 all you can eat. Now I said big breakfast, here is what I am planning (oh yeah, it is the Junior Wardens breakfast by the way). Start off with some nice fluffy pancakes, top that off with some corned beef hash (real corned beef), followed by some thick cut maple glazed bacon, and on the space left over on the plate, some delicious sausage. Orange juice, water, and coffee to wash it all down. The other important factor about Father's Day is one that hits home with me personally. Much like Mother's Day, Father's Day celebrates the Father's that have children, whether carried to full term and birthed, or those children that were lost in the womb. There was a stigma some generations ago that you simply did not talk about the term miscarriage. I, like my wife, grieved over our lost children and I have never thought that I am not a Father because of this. I do have a daughter who is grown up and on her own. She is the one who made me a Father, but my other kids still have a special piece of my heart, and I will see them all again someday. So, to the Fathers out there, celebrate and spend time with your children, even if it is just sitting quietly thinking about them.

We are in the summer months at the lodge, so that means no degrees. This is the time of year I start to miss lodge, we have no meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, so the time between meeting at the lodge seems like forever to me. But it does not mean we aren't busy. The big project to start off this summer is getting the Air Conditioning installed at the lodge, for the lodge room. For those of us who have been in a tuxedo in the summertime, this will certainly be a welcome relief. There is always something happening to improve our home, so keep on the lookout, and if you can help, we certainly would like to see you.

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.

Tim Galvin
Junior Warden





Greetings from Martha Chapter

Hello Sisters & Brothers,

We had a great session at Grand Chapter this year. Our Most WGM & Most WGP along with some of their officers and General Grand Committee Members came to share the time at our session. We heard about Pam and John's year and all their hard work and successes. WGM Kathy Foster & WGP Scott Anderson were installed along with all their new officers on Saturday afternoon. Our very own Sharon Barlow was elected to the office of Grand Associate Conductress and Jerry Oliver as Grand Sentinel. Both will represent our Chapter in the coming years with all our support, and we couldn't be prouder. Kathy and Scott told us their projects for the year, the Roaring 20's Focus on Service Projects, and they are as follows;

Roaring for a Cure – Cancer Project – Dr. Lucy Turcotte, continued research on Pediatric hematology-oncology at the Masonic Cancer Center

Roaring to Learn – Scholarships – ESTARL, M. Josephine Rusham & Pat Rasmussen

Roaring for Kids – U of M – Masonic Children's Hospital – same as last year. Looking for variety of donations, hygiene, activity packets, clothing, etc.

Shining Star Award – Individual participation to earn the yellow star for your pin. See Jane for more information.

Roaring for Community – Wear your "OES" shirts, hats, or visors when you are out doing things or projects with the Chapter. Help us promote our beautiful Order.

Roaring for the Rose – "Partners for Light" – Masonic Home project for a Rose stained glass window in the new OES Chapel that is being built. This is a \$50,000 fundraiser Campaign and I am sure we will hear more in the next coming months. Proceeds from our Salad Luncheon will be supporting this project.

Roaring for Service – Sponsor a service Dog at Helping Paws – The service dogs for our Veterans in need. We at Martha Chapter will be raising funds at the Cub Foods Brat Stand on July 26th to 28th. Cub Foods is located on, 12940 Riverdale Dr NW, Coon Rapids. Proceeds for this will be supporting this project. Come out and see us and have a brat or 2 with us and help us raise funds for the service dogs.

Many of these projects have already started this month. The Annual Spring Salad Luncheon, held on May 22, and the Craft-less Craft Sale. This will run from June 6th through October 3rd. This sale will help our Martha's Quilters replace the much-needed sewing machines and supplies. Our Quilters have done so much for our Organization, lets us help support them. Whatever you would purchase at a craft event, please send the check to our Secretary, Jane LaMusga. Please remember to write on the memo line "Craft sale" so she will know which project to apply it too.

July and August are also coming fast. As you know we are dark for the summer. We have a lot planned to keep our summer busy. Riverfest is July 13th we will again serve strawberry short cake and iced tea to enjoy. And, our Mystery Trip is July 20th. We have planned a day full of adventure. Please RSVP John, 651-248-3323 or cobraford@gmail.com or me, 763-286-1112 or patty@eiisecurity.com if you will be joining us. As well as we are looking for vehicles to share the ride for our trip. I will also talk about these and other events more in the coming months.

Up and coming Calendar of events;

June 6 th	Flag Day! Honoring Present and Past Marshal's
June 20 th	Happy Dad's Day! – Honor our Dad's & Initiation
July 13 th	Riverfest
July 20 th	Mystery Trip!
July 26-28	Cub Foods Brat Stand
Aug. 17 th	All Family Picnic at the Lodge
Aug. 29 th	5 th Thursday Dinner

As you can see, we have a full schedule so mark your calendars. Hope you all will be able to join us.



Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron

John Antl
Worthy Patron



May has been very busy for our Daughters! We held a service project at Feed My Starving Children, performed crosses for Zion Commandery and Cataract Lodge installations, helped Bethel 39 with a community carnival, attended DeMolay Prom, Masonic Youth Day and the Acacia Memorial Day service with our Sisters from around the state. We also took the opportunity that we have each year to send a list of the adults we would like to lead our Bethel for the coming year to the state leadership. This is one way we are able to help guide our Order in its future.

We also elected our Bethel officers for the next term:

Honored Queen: Audrey Mayer
Senior Princess: Olivia Shelton
Junior Princess: Samantha Soderstrom
Guide: Alyssa Brendel
Marshal: Kasia Holloway

Coming up in June:

6/2-Bethel Mystery trip (we don't know what it is yet, because it's a MYSTERY!)

6/3-Retiring Honored Queen Megan will preside at her last meeting, present her Term Report, and we will retire the capes and crowns until our installation. If you have never seen this ceremony, we would love to have you join us at 7 p.m.

6/9 - (Sunday) Open Installation of our new corps of officers at 3 p.m. followed by a reception

6/14-MN Grand Guardian Council Annual Grand Session-our statewide adult leadership for the coming year will be elected and installed

6/15-first meeting of the new term. Honored Queen Elect Audrey will preside at her first meeting; after this meeting, we are dark (but still busy) until the last Monday in August.

During the summer we will be preparing for Jobie Camp, which is in August. We will be designing and creating a banner that goes along with the theme of camp (Tropical Cruise), as well as coming up with a skit, practicing it and creating decorations for our cabin. We will also be waiting patiently to see what our favorite group of Masons are going to come up with to top last year's special performance of Beyonce's *Single Ladies*. In case you haven't seen The Old Spice Guys perform, they are the BEST group of guys ever! Todd Mayer (Crafty Spice), Myron Shelton (Sporty Spice), Aaron Brendel (Shorty Spice) and Honorary member Larry Jensen (Old Spice) never let us down!

Between now and July, we will also be preparing for Supreme Session. We have a group of five Daughters who make up the "Supreme Team", representing the state in the ritual competition, telling the Story of Job. As a special Bethel project, they are offering to come to your chapter, council, lodge and perform the story in exchange for a passing of the Master's hat. All the funds we raise will go towards buying the materials to make new robes for the girls, so that we put our best foot forward, and have the best change to be one of the top scoring teams. Please contact Todd Mayer, Associate Bethel Guardian, if you would like to invite the girls to perform-they will knock your socks off! Along with the Supreme Team, we have several members who are putting their names in for Supreme Bethel offices-including Supreme Bethel Honored Queen. We will keep you updated in regards to our goings on while they are in Kansas.

Finally-every one of you is always invited to any of our meetings. We meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m., starting with the last Monday in August, until the third Monday in June. We always speak up a little louder and sit up a little straighter when we have visitors!

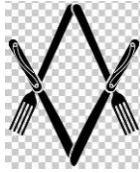
On behalf of the Guardian Council of Bethel 48,

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

Stewards Corner!



Greetings!

For the Stated Meeting on June 5th:
Dinner provided by Shekinah RAM

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

Greetings from the Anoka Chapter of DeMolay! We have had a very busy spring with no signs of slowing down this year the centennial year of DeMolay. Recently we attended JDU or Jacques DeMolay University, which is a leadership conference that Minnesota DeMolay organizes, 8 of our members were in attendance and a total of 76 youth were there to learn and collaborate. A week later we held a sports competition down at the DeMolay camp on Lake Minnetonka, and we won 3 out of the 4 different sporting events. The various chapter advisors were encouraged to compete in a BBQ competition and our Chapter Advisor Paul Agustin won 2 of the top 3 awards.

Memorial weekend was jam packed with activities. Saturday evening was a dinner followed by a dance on a boat out on Lake Minnetonka, Sunday was Masonic family day at Valley Fair, and Memorial Day itself we participated in the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Acacia cemetery. The participation in the event at Acacia Cemetery is special to us because it helps remind us of our 7th precept Patriotism. We salute those who are gone that have worn the uniform and pledged themselves to defend us and our country.

If anyone has any questions about DeMolay please come ask us or our advisors. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, or you know of any young men ages 10-21 that may be interested in DeMolay come on by a meeting. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Anoka Lodge.



We kicked off our year with our BBQ Sampler and had a great time! Thanks to everyone who came out! June is our busy month with both catering and charity events. On June 2nd, we're cooking for the Skate Away SMA event. This is our first time supporting this very worthwhile cause and we'd love to see lots of Masonic family members there. On June 9 we'll be helping with lunch at Bethel #48's installation of Audrey Mayer. June 13 finds us doing a private catering event for Revel Health and one week later, another private event, the Flexential Crab Boil. At the end of June we'll be taking the smokers and equipment down to Kansas City to help cook for DeMolay International. Whew! As always, we'd love to have you join us. See you in the pits!

Thanks,

Scott



Nothing this month.....

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, June 5th – Coffee Clutch 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 5th – Anoka Stated Meeting
Scholarship Presentation

Saturday, June 8th – Pork Chop Stand
For the Big White House

Sunday, June 9th – Job's Installation
3:00

Wednesday, June 12th - Trustee and Officer
Meeting -6:00

Sunday, June 16th – Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
8:00 – 12:00

Wednesday, June 19th – Coffee Clutch 9 am



Please keep Steve Bernu and Randy Cook's families in your thoughts and prayers as both brothers recently lost their fathers.

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.



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

Greetings from Anoka-Shekinah #104 Royal Arch Masons!

I bring you greetings from the companions of Anoka-Shekinah #104.

We have a strong Royal Arch Chapter here at Anoka. We continue to grow and do our good works for our local charities which include Granny's closet, RARA and Hope 4 Youth.

We performed the Past Master's allegory at Sherburne Lodge #95 on the evening of Tuesday May 7th and was well received very by the brother's in Osseo that evening.

We are doing several fundraisers for the chapter this year starting off with cooking for Anoka lodge for the June stated meeting. The menu will consist of handmade burgers, brats, roadside potatoes, beans, and a dessert.

We will be traveling to the Grand York Rite session on June 27th-28th in Rochester to vote on resolutions, get reports, and to see our own Most Excellent High Priest Dave Emery relieved of his duties representing MN York Rite Masonry.

Tony Heimer

EHP Anoka-Shekinah #104



Zabud Council of Cryptic Masons

No article submitted

Widows Sons, President: Jay Mayer

No article submitted



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The end of April brought the Culmination of not only the last Degrees of the Spring Class but also the annual reunion.

A total of 28 New Scottish Rite Brethren were brought into the Valley but due to the untimely death of our Grand Master, Steven Johnson, our Sovereign Grand Commander Ronnie Seale's. Head of the Scottish Rite Southern Juresdiction decided it would not be proper to attend.

Anoka was blessed as always to be represented in the Spring Cycle of Degrees as Brother Reed Blecher and WB Tom Chalkos became Masters of the Royal Secret!



Anoka Lodge Members with our newest Masters of the Royal Secret!

Before going "Dark" for most of the Summer, we will held 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.

Our own WB John Antl Won Best Director for the 23rd Degree (He could not attend due to Grand Chapter) and WB Ken Martin who Won Best Supporting Actor in a Lead Role.



WB Ken Martin, his Wife Debra and Daughter Raquel, a former Bethel #48 Honored Queen



All the winners or their Acceptors for the night!

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