



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!

SO, HOW DOES IT WORK??

Today as I write my article, I look back on those five (5) simple words that someone might ask you or that you might even ask yourself. Maybe it's a family member inquiring as to how one gets a scholarship. Perhaps it's a question about buying a house or investing in the stock market. Questions like that as well as many others, cross peoples' minds each and every day.

It's no different at Anoka Lodge. Just recently, we completed the installation of the air conditioning units for the Lodge room. So how does a project like that happen. It took place because of people like WB John Antl, WB Dave Emery, Chop Thomas (and Michelle), Reggie Greene, Jason Mevisson, Ragnar Freeburg, Daryl Warmack, James Surratt, Brian Dimatteo, and Tim Galvin, just to mention a few. The Lodge had a plan and they ALL made it happen – Yes, that's how it works.

Then there's the plan that we are working on to improve the front lawn and perhaps add some form of fencing to protect it. Well, it's going to take some money. That's when the phone rings and it's a Brother offering to give \$3000 to make it happen – yes, that's how it works.

Then there's the Brother who has given his time and talents to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons serving as the Grand High Priest this past year, yes WB Dave Emery deserves a huge thank you from all of us for being willing and able to do that task - yes, that's how it works.

How about the willingness of WB Todd Mayer, Brian Dimatteo and Wendy Dimatteo who agreed to take elected offices to serve the Grand Guardian Council for Job's Daughters as leaders, besides continuing to serve our own Bethel #48. And a special thank you to the rest of the Bethel Guardian Council for their willingness to serve - yes, that's how it works.

Or how about Martha Chapter's initiating of two (2) new members – Jessie Burdette and Nadia Peterson – What a GREAT night for our Masonic Family. The memory work was excellent - yes, that's how it works. And then there was the presentation of our scholarships to four (4) talented young individuals. Each of the recipients were present along with their family to accept this generous gift from the Lodge as well as the matching grants from Minnesota Masonic Charities. With everyone's help, we gave away \$6000 to these young people to assist them in their educational future - yes, that's how it works. So when someone asks you, "How does it work at Anoka Lodge?", one can reflect on the great team - community – family – that we really have here - yes, that's how it works.

If you want to do more – remember, there is still time..... Start tomorrow, or even the next day. BE A BETTER BROTHER, BE A BETTER MASON. 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 July Stated meeting, we expect visiting Brethren from Minnehaha Lodge. I think they want to come "capture" something, not sure we have anything else to give away, but it will be a good time.

As we approach the 4th of July, it's sometimes easy to just think of "the celebration of the day, and the fireworks". Let us not forget that the "4th of July" is our day of Independence. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. It should always be remembered as our day to celebrate our freedom, which is protected each and every day by those young men and women who stand on a wall and say, "Not on my watch".

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 alongside 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.....

In a letter from Edmund Burke to Thomas Mercer, one of the biggest points that I often reflect upon is the statement in that letter "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." While thinking about this quote, and

looking it up, I found a lot of references to Burke, and his philosophies. In doing that research, I found something even more powerful than the very well-known quotation.

While this alone is a fantastic reminder for all of us, the longer essay "Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents" (1770), he goes on to expand this thought. "Whilst men are linked together, they easily and speedily communicate the alarm of any evil design. They are enabled to fathom it with common counsel, and to oppose it with united strength. Whereas, when they lie dispersed, without concert, order, or discipline, communication is uncertain, counsel difficult, and resistance impracticable. Where men are not acquainted with each other's principles, nor experienced in each other's talents, nor at all practiced in their mutual habitudes and dispositions by joint efforts in business; no personal confidence, no friendship, no common interest, subsisting among them; it is evidently impossible that they can act a public part with uniformity, perseverance, or efficacy."

Do you remember the bible quote from our Degrees? "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". I have been thinking of this biblical lesson and the admonition of Burke of late. We have a constant struggle against things that WE see as "Wrong". It might be against a commonly held "wrong" such as poverty, oppression of a person or group, it may be against the injustice of poverty, disease, destruction or other common evil of the world. Sometimes it is a **personal** wrong or evil - maybe it is against those who eat pickles, like 14th century Gregorian chants, or the color Salmon (it is a fish, it's a dinner, not a color after all). But in any case, we must remember the fact that we are admonished that we should dwell in unity.

What happens, though, when we must stand in opposition to something that is evil in the world? In many cases it is simple, in that there is a simple definition of that evil. However, as with many things, we are often faced with a situational evil or a personal definition of what is wrong. The longer quotation above sets it out though and is a lesson that I consistently try to bring into my life. When men are not acquainted with each other's principles...it is impossible that they can act a public part with uniformity. Now that... that fits in with the concept of unity. And that is a grand ideal that I strive for daily.

As we move into the summer, we are less busy at Anoka Lodge. We are not dark, and now that we have

Air Conditioning, maybe the Lodge will stay busier over the summer, who knows? During this down time, however, I ask you to think about that unity. By understanding each other, maybe we can better come together in unity. We have heard our Past Masters give so many lessons to us. We have concepts of the fact that without Masonry, you wouldn't be in our lives. We ask our candidates to hold our honor and reputation kindly and carefully in their hands, as we pledge to do the same. It's easy to do these things when you KNOW the other man, when you understand him at a deep and personal level, and not so easy when you do not.

Spend some of that down time this summer making that connection or renewing an old one. Go out for coffee, a ball game. Come down to Lodge and eat a meal, sit together during the meeting. Catch up on each other's lives, and what's going on in them. Give them support, love and Brotherhood, and be the example of what it means to dwell in unity.

Be seeing you in the West

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

Being on the road a lot these days, I have time to think, a lot of time to think. Now most of the time I think of family, friends, things I need to get done, or whatever else my mind comes up with. As I was driving out of town this past week, I couldn't get out the idea of inspiration out of my head. We all are and have been inspired by something, or someone. Sometimes we inspire others without knowing we are doing so. Growing up, I have been fortunate enough to surround myself with inspirational people, those who inspired me to reach for the stars, do better, and try to make the world a better place. I believe we all have the ability and purpose to inspire others in one way or another, it is our job, not just as a masonic family but as humans to be inspired or inspire others. I often think of my grandparents and what struggles they had to endure, not only growing up but also raising a family and providing in a time in our history that was not the best. My grandparents inspired me to go out in the world and try to do the right thing every day. Now there are many more people that inspire me today even through their own struggles and adversity. Go out there today and every day, be an inspiration or be inspired by someone. Make this world a better place.

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,

As I look back on the last few months, we have had a lot going on at Chapter. This year John and I have been exploring our Masonic Heritage. So far, we had, Wayne LaMusga talked about the Masons, Paul Agustin and his son, Zac, gave the flower talk and Paul talked about the DeMolay. At our June 6, 2019 meeting Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian, came and talked about the Jobs Daughters and 5 of our Jobies, who will represent Minnesota as part of the Supreme Ritual Competition came and did their messenger parts for us. They did a fabulous job and I was so proud of all of them. They will be going to Supreme in August to do their parts and we wish them all the luck we can. We know they will do great. In September when we come back, we will have more speakers lined up so please join us.

As summer is now upon us, we are looking forward to a busy but fun short time off. **Saturday, July 13th** is Riverfest and we will again be doing the strawberry shortcake and iced tea. There will be crafts all up and down the streets of Anoka, as well as a lot of other great food.

On **Saturday, July 20th**, we have planned and will be going on a Mystery Trip. If you haven't let John or I know you are coming, you still have time. We need a final count by July 6th for lunch that day.

July 26 to 28th is the Cub Foods Brat stand event. Come out and see us. Have a brat or hotdog. Proceeds will be supporting the Helping Paws service Dogs for Veterans.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 3rd** from 11:00am to 2:00pm and join us for our all family picnic at the Lodge. We will have games to play and great conversations by all. We will supply the hotdogs and fix-ins, the rest is potluck.

August 29th is our 5th Thursday Dinner. Not sure where we will be going yet, but I will get that

information out by next month. In May we went to Carol's. We had 24 at our gathering. Great conversation and food for all so mark the calendars.

There is still time to participate in the Craft-less Craft Sale. Send your checks to our Secretary, Jane LaMusga. We will let everyone know the results at the end.

Up and coming Calendar of events;

July 13 th	Riverfest
July 20 th	Mystery Trip!
July 26-28	Cub Foods Brat Stand
August 3rd	All Family Picnic at the Lodge
August 29th	5 th Thursday Dinner

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



Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron

John Antl
Worthy Patron



June has been an exciting month for the Daughters of Bethel 48.

- On June 2nd we took a mystery trip to Niagara Cave in Harmony MN (we were so far south we could see Iowa!) We climbed 100 feet below ground and visited caves that held some fossils. It was chilly but amazing! We then picnicked and had ice cream before heading home.
- On June 9th we installed our new officers, with Audrey Mayer being installed as Honored Queen
- June 14-16th was the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council in St Cloud MN. This is the annual business meeting, including voting on amendments to our bylaws, along with providing guidance to our Grand Guardian on how she should vote during the business at Supreme Session. We also elected new state adult leaders. Kristin and Heath Wiersma from Duluth were elected Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian for the coming year. Bethel 48's Bethel Guardian, Wendy Dimatteo was elected as Grand Marshal, and Past Associate Bethel Guardian Todd Mayer was elected as Grand Inner Guard. Tradition prevailing, in two years Todd will be elected as Associate Grand Guardian, and in three years Wendy will be elected Grand Guardian alongside her husband Brian, who was elected Grand Outer Guard.
- On June 18th we joined the quilters from Martha Chapter OES for a lesson on making lap blankets for the Masonic home
- June 22nd we had the first Annual BBQ/Salad/Dessert cookoff. We had several people bring in meats, salads and desserts to be sampled and judged. Cost to sample and judge was \$5 per person, and we made \$225 to donate to HIKE

(Hearing Improvement Kid Endowment, our philanthropic organization). We will be applying for a match through Masonic Charities and hope to make that a total donation of \$450. Watch for this event again next year!!

- We helped several Bethels with installations and initiations, with girls filling in as Installing Officer and completing the messenger team wherever needed.
- On Saturday June 29th we performed the Living Cross with Bethels 39, 16 and 11 at the installation of Brian Dimatteo as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Minnesota in Rochester

Coming up in July:

- Camp preparation/planning meetings each Monday
- Quilting with Martha Chapter quilters on many Tuesdays
- Andover Fun Fest July 12 followed by a sleepover and a statewide fun event at Cascade Bay Waterpark.
- Go to Church on July 14 where we plan to perform the Story of Job at Grace Lutheran Church
- Supreme Session starting July 29 in Overland Park Kansas, where our Messenger team will be competing. PHQ Gabbi Dimatteo has submitted a letter of intent to run for Supreme Bethel Honored Queen..

As always, we are eternally grateful to our Uncles of Anoka Lodge for your continued support. You are a huge part of why we are a busy, successful Bethel. On behalf of the Council and Daughters of Bethel 48, Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian, Grand Marshal

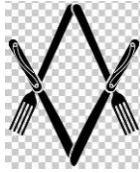
On behalf of the Guardian Council of Bethel 48,

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!

I had a suggestion from our Junior Steward that I thought sounded delicious for our July Stated Meeting, so I believe we will be having:

Pork Chops
Rosemary Potato Wedges
Flat-topped Squash/Zucchini mix
Strawberry Shortcake

Come and enjoy!

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.



After a kind of insane June, we'll be taking it a bit easier in July. On Saturday, July 6th, we'll have the first of two BBBBB (Bones Brothers Big Butt Bonanza) events this year. These are "let's load up on pulled pork" events. We're going to need a lot as we're selling the St. Katherine's Knights of Columbus their pulled pork for all of their events this year, starting with Riverfest on July 13th. Speaking of Riverfest, we'll be running the Anoka Lodge booth again this year, but that doesn't mean you have to be a Bones Brother to come out and help or just hang out and eat some good food. This is a really a fun event and a good money maker for the Lodge as we'll be selling pork chop on a stick and pig in a boat and the Lodge makes the profit. On Monday, July 8th, we'll be cooking ribs on behalf of Wayzata Lodge #205 for the Wayzata Firefighters (they eat a LOT of ribs).

From the pit ...

Thanks,
Scott

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, July 3rd – Coffee Clutch 9:00 am

Wednesday, July 3rd – Anoka Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00
Meeting at 7:00

Wednesday, July 10th – Officer/Trustee Meeting

Saturday, July 13th - Riverfest

Wednesday, July 17th – Coffee Clutch 9:00 am

Saturday, August 24th – *Just a Little Jamaican*



Nothing this month.....



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



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

The Rite is in it's one truly "Dark" month for July as the Brick Buidling bakes in the heat of summer, but prior to that we participated in the Open Doors event put on by the City of Minneapolis and had over 3300 "Guests" come through our doors to see the Historic Building and more so what and who these Scottish Rite Masons who occupy it are.

We had thought the rain and bad weather might make for a smaller turn out, but the 300 Cookies we had on hand could not be split to accommodate the overwealming amount of visitors who came down.

We do want to remind everyone that we will be holding our Annual "Open House" as it were in August and as with last year it will be not only for the Scottish Rite but for all those Appended Bodies or Clubs who wish to come down and be represented that night. (York Rite, Shrine, OES, DeMolay, Jobies, Gotto & Wiidows Sons)

WB Jerry Oliver and his crew will be doing BBQ, So this alone is a good reason to come down that night. You can also take a tour of the building and see what the Scottish Rite has to offer just prior to our Fall Classes starting on Thursday, August 22nd. (Orientation being one week prior)

If you need or want more info, please see the Flyer, and if you need a petition, just drop me a note!

Terrance

JOIN US AT MARTHA CHAPTER

We're going on a mystery trip,
Getting on the road
Don't know where we're going
We're in an adventure mode.



July 20, 2019

Meet at the Lodge at 9:30am

Heading out at 10:00am

Getting back about 5:00pm

RSVP to: Patty, 763-286-1112 or patty@eiisecurity.com
John, 651-248-3323 or cobraford@gmail.com

By July 6, 2019 so we can get a count

We are also looking for
Drivers to help share the Drive
If you can help,
let us know.

**SAVE THE
DATE!!!**

**Brotherhood
of the
Big Tent**

**Mark your Calendars for the
Annual Scottish Rite Membership Event – August 8th, 2019**

*All Masons of any degree and all Men
Eligible in joining Masonry are all invited to attend*

“Casual Dress”

– Call or Email Now to Reserve Your Ticket –

Time: 4:30 pm Social
Phone: 612-871-1500
Email: jackie@aasrmn.org

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