



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!

NOBODY GETS TO WHERE THEY'RE AT WITHOUT SOME HELP

I remember 43 years ago when Peg's brother, John, passed away at the young age of 29. You see, John was born with a heart condition, that in today's world, could have been repaired the day he was born. But 72 years ago, it was not available. Through John's life, he had learned to accept the fact that the chances of him living a normal life – well – didn't exist. So, following his Grandfather, his Dad and his Uncle, he joined Helios Lodge in Cambridge and became a respected Mason. He followed all the tenets of our fraternity. Life was good for John and he became a Sheriff's Dispatcher following Graduation from High School and served the Department well until the time of his death in October 1976. John learned about "Life as a Freemason" from others. He received help in learning his ritual from Grandpa Eddie, Uncle Al, and of course his dad Gordy.

When that fateful day came in 1976 was, WHEN MY LIFE CHANGED FOREVER!! You see, I was not a Mason. But the day John was to be buried, it was a cold, blustery day. It was miserable outside. Drizzling rain, cold, windy, we were all cold to the bone. But then, all of a sudden, things changed. Six (6) men, who I found out later were Masons, dressed in dark suits, wearing white aprons, came to pay their final respects to John. They performed a solemn ceremony that I will never forget. Then they said their condolences to the family and went on their way.

By John being a Mason, following his family roots and the Brethren of Helios Lodge, it became the help that I needed to become a better man. John was my inspiration for becoming a Mason. I know it may seem like his passing was the trigger, but actually it was his living that made it happen. It was how he lived his life, how he treated his fellow man. Since becoming a Mason, I can honestly say that I am grateful for all the help that I have received along the way in my Masonic

journey. From the countless hours of mentoring from WB Glenn Gilbertson, to the numerous times riding with WB Al Nemchik and learning about life, to the many cups of coffee with my dear friend Dave Emery, I thank them for the help they have given me. Help doesn't always come in the form of learning the words to a lecture. Help comes in form of understanding what the words mean, and how it gives me guidance for how to act in my daily life. You see John has helped me along the way. Help is also being a friend, someone to talk to, someone to listen to, and someone who just cares about you.

I know that Masonry has given me more than I'll ever be able to pay back. From that day when I asked Peg's father about Masonry following John's death, Gordy was with me the entire way. He was also my rock. I appreciated everything he did for me. He was always there to help.

So perhaps, I need to reflect on all the help I could be giving. Perhaps, I need to do a better job. I've come to realize that over the last 41 years, maybe that's what Masonry is trying to tell me. Follow good people, good leaders, and you, too, will learn more about being a better man, because YOU DO NEED HELP ALONG THE WAY. Brothers, I hope you will help me be a better man. You do not just achieve it, you need to keep working on it, with lots of help, start tomorrow, or even the next day. BE A BETTER BROTHER, BE A BETTER MASON.

I am sad to inform you of the passing of WB Dave Lundquist. We had the honor of performing a Masonic service for him and his family.

Alas my Brother.....

Remember that every stated meeting, I will be giving away some very special Masonic items that I have collected.

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.....

As we settle in for this Minnesota summer, I like to think that Mother Nature has gone a bit crazier than normal. Moving from 92 degrees on one day to 65 the next, it's a miracle we don't all just stay in our homes and hope that some day we get this under control again! This is the beauty of changing seasons, of the

nature in our state. And I would not change it for the world!

Obligatory comments on our weather out of the way, what else is news? For those who didn't make it to our July Stated Communication, I can say it's never been a greater pleasure to be in a suit in July. For those who don't know, we are not in the more “traditional” garb of the summer at Anoka Lodge this year – the air conditioning makes this unnecessary. While some may long for the olden days, we are able to bear the heat of the day better when we have climate control that we have been granted.

While many bodies are dark over the course of the summer, Anoka Lodge is not. We are an active Lodge. We have so many things that we do as a Family. We have the Summer BBQ that is upcoming, Riverfest, Jobie Supreme Session, DeMolay Conclave. We have the York Rite Picnic, we have the Brotherhood of the Big Tent at the Scottish Rite and Jobie Camp. These “big” events don't even include our normal meetings and get togethers.

In these dwindling days of the beauty of our state, remember that we are all on this earth for a short time. Remember, too, that your time with your families and friends outside of our beautiful Lodge are similarly limited. Take the time to have a picnic with your families. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the park or woods near your homes. Take the boat out on the lake and string up a few bass for dinner. Head to the library with your nieces or nephews to check out that really cool book. Spend a few hours in prayer to the Grand Architect of the Universe thanking him for his blessings upon you, your family, your Brothers and Sisters, and our Fraternity. And take a bit of time to refresh.

With Fall comes our next degree cycle. We don't do degrees in the summer, but we have new candidates that are aching to join us in our great and good work. You have time to remember and reflect, to prepare to help bring these men to Light. With your refreshment this summer, be ready to approach this work with vigor and enthusiasm. Remember that we all have a duty to those men – those men who wish to join us. Join us in making ready to help.

My Brothers, I wish you all the greatest of Minnesota Summers. See you in the quarries.

Brian Dimatteo
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South.....

August already? Well here it is, even though the stores had everything out already in June, back to school sales. I know I know, for the educators out there, you are wondering, where did my summer go? Well there is plenty of it left, just get out there and enjoy it. This is the time of year that some fun things get started, the Renaissance Festival for one, and the State Fair for another, and who can forget fresh sweet corn season, Yummy!! I intend to indulge in some of that wonderful sweet corn, roasted, grilled, boiled, I don't really care, slather it with butter and sprinkle some salt on it, oh I can hardly wait, my mouth is watering thinking about it right now. I know there is a stand at the State fair that sells it as well, so when I go, I will make my way to it. It's really the little things in life that make me happy.

I for one do not like the heat and humidity that we had in July, that's for sure. But looking back, it is still not as bad as attending basic training in Alabama in August, the heat there was no fun at all. Some people when they retire head for a warm climate, me I'm going to Greenland (just kidding). But I do enjoy the cooler weather, I would have said Alaska, but they are having heat waves too, temperatures in the 90's. Nope not for me. So, if someone can put the world in a giant bubble and make it low to mid 70's with a slight breeze, that would be O.K. with me. Enjoy the rest of the summer folks, as we will be starting a busy time at lodge next month, I hope to see you all there. 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.



Greetings from Martha Chapter

Well summer is in full swing and we have been busy. On July 13th we were at Riverfest and our booth was again next to the Bones Brothers and we were serving our famous strawberry shortcake and iced tea. Our sister Marissa Agustin donated the tea for us to brew and everyone who tried it just loved it. Thank you so much Marissa. It was a beautiful day but very warm. We were busy all day and enjoyed visiting with all the people.

The following Saturday, July 20th, we met at the lodge for our Mystery Trip we had 24 adventures waiting to find out where we were going too. The day started out very wet, however, by the afternoon the sun was again out and shining. Our mystery trip landed us in beautiful Cannon Falls and our adventure started at CannonBelles Coffee and Ice Cream Shop where Deeann Lufkin, one of our members, was waiting for us. What a beautiful shop Deeann has. Lots of different kinds of ice cream and coffee as well as the yummy cheese they make. We went next door to Mill Street Tavern for lunch. After lunch we went back to CannonBelles to get a group picture. Then off in all directions for all the fun activities. At the end of the day, a lot of us met back up at CannonBelles. Had to bring home some cheese and of course try the ice cream. Thank you Deeann for all your help and making it so much fun.

On Wednesday, July 17th our brother Dave Lundquist, passed away. He was a Past Patron of our Chapter. He had been ill for quite sometime. On Monday, July 22nd we did our OES service as well as our Brothers did the Masonic service. Our Brother was a 17-year member and he will be truly be missed by all. The Cub Foods Brat stand was again a successful venture. This is our fundraiser project for Service Dogs for Veterans through Helping Paws. I will tell you all next month how it went. August 3rd is our all Masonic family picnic. We will be either in or outside depending on the weather, at the Lodge. Come for the food and games.

August 29th is our 5th Thursday Dinner. We will be going to Famous Dave's; it is next to Menards in Coon Rapids the address is 3211 Northdale Blvd NW. Email or call Stephanie Johnson, 763-755-2164 or ksjohnson66@msn.com with your reservation. We always have a great time at these gatherings, so I hope to see you there.

Up and coming Calendar events;

- September 5th** Honor Rob Morris & School of Instruction with our District Instructor Kathy Brown
- September 19th** Official Visit with the Grand Family & Honor Matrons & Patrons
- September 28th** Vendor/Craft Show

There is still time to participate in the Craft-less Craft Sale. It will be ending in October. Send your checks to our Secretary, Jane LaMusga. The proceeds will help our Martha Quilters. We will let everyone know the results of the sale soon after the closing.



Riverfest Serving Crew



**Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron**

**John Antl
Worthy Patron**



**The "Limo" ride to the Craft Fair during our
Mystery Trip**



Summer has been relatively quiet so far for the Daughters of Bethel 48, but we are gearing up for some big things!

So far, we have had a sleepover, gone to church, where we performed the story of Job in place of the children's liturgy, attended the statewide fun event at Cascade Bay Water Park, and helped at Riverfest in Monticello. We joined the Martha quilters to make lap robes, went blueberry picking, and helped Cataract Lodge with their tri-meeting by performing the Story of Job.

August 4th will bring a road trip for several members of our Bethel to Overland Park, Kansas for the Job's Daughters Supreme Session. Five of our members will be competing against others from around the world in a Messenger Team competition, telling the story of Job. Alyssa, Megan, Bailey, Audrey and Molly, along with Krisalyn from Bethel 1 in Minneapolis as the alternate have been practicing their presentation skills every week and will no doubt make us proud. PHQ Gabbi is also putting her name in for Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, and has been studying like crazy. The council has been working

hard, making new robes for the girls who are competing at Supreme, to give them the best opportunity at scoring well. Please keep these girls in your thoughts while they do their best to represent Minnesota Job's Daughters and Bethel 48!

August 16th brings JOBIE CAMP!!! The girls have been working on their skit (hilarious!) and making sure everyone knows what is expected from everyone at camp. We have TWO Jobies 2 Bees coming with us this year, making a total of 16 girls, 6 female chaperones, one additional female adult, and three male CAV's. We have also been talking through our parts in the big reveal for next year's camp....and wondering what the Old Spice Guys might be cooking up for this year's epic performance!

September will have much news from Bethel 48....continue to enjoy your summer, and keep our girls in your thoughts as they do BIG THINGS!!

On behalf of the Daughters and 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



Anoka DeMolay

Anoka DeMolay was represented at the Centennial by several members, State Senior Councilor Sam Burrows, Past State Master Councilor AJ Brendel attended the entire celebration. Zachary Agustin accompanied the Bones Brothers who cooked for a BBQ one evening. The International session was an amazing opportunity to meet and talk about DeMolay with brethren from around the world.

We have one new member with several petitions and interested youth. That being said, we need some more new members as quite a few of ours are about to age out. So, if you know of any young men ages 12-21 for full-fledged DeMolay, or 9-10 to be Squires please let me know.

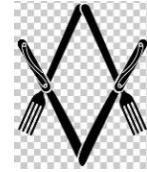
Our statewide Conclave will be the first weekend in August. Tradition prevailing Sam Burrows will become our next State Master Councilor. Pete Agustin will become a full DeMolay and graduate from being a Squire while at Conclave as well.

Mark your calendars for the installation of officers for our next term on September 14th at 2pm.

Thank you,
Dad Agustin

Stewards Corner!

Greetings!



The meal for the August 7th Stated Meeting will be:
Maple Brined Smoked/Fried Chicken
Grill Charred Corn shaved off the Cob
Home Style Potatoes
Apple Pie

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.



August finds us once again at the Harmon Killebrew's Heart of Baseball fundraiser on Saturday, the 10th. This will be our second year doing it and it was such a great time last year, we expect the same this year. Come out and help us cook up some burgers and dogs for this great event! On August 17th, we'll be cooking a couple of whole pigs for the Jobie Camp Pig Roast. Come on out and help our just hang out, we'd love to have you!

From the pit ...

Scott



Thank you to the Brothers who were able to be present as we performed a Masonic service for Brother Dave Lundquist. Keep his widow Garland in your thoughts and prayers.

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.



Greetings fellow Traveling Man Brothers, After a wonderful jaunt through Italy in June, I have returned invigorated to travel Masonically. Alas, after two quarters of smooth arrangements, I have hit a string of bad luck. The first lodge chosen is unfortunately closing. The second has their table lodge and the third was on a night few Anoka members could not attend due to other Masonic obligations. But fear not, I continue to scour the lodge sheets and will find us a lodge to visit. I will then announce the destination at the August Stated Meeting. Thank you, Terrance, for your insight given during this search.

Respectfully,

James O. Surratt





Zabud Council #10

June 27th – June 29th was the Grand York Rite sessions in Rochester, MN. Zabud Council #10 was well represented. During the sessions. Eric Erfourth, our Recorder, received the “Ish Sodi” award. This recognition is similar to the Hiram Award presented by the Blue Lodges. Please join me in congratulating Eric for this award which was given for the excellent work he has contributed over many past years. I received the “Thrice Illustrious Award”. Zabud Council was recognized for the generous contributions it has given to the CMMRF foundation. The CMMRF is the philanthropy supported by the Grand York Rite Council. I will explain more about this foundation in future articles.

Zabud’s focus is the education of the Council degrees at the Council meetings and the preparation for exemplifying the Select Master Degree this fall. We meet the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:00pm. You are encouraged to join us in our meetings.

Frank Namestek
Illustrious Master



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

The Rite was still “Dark” in July but we are now gearing up for the Fall Class. The cycle does begin on Thursday, August 22nd with the 4th, 5th & 6th Degrees under the Lodge of Perfection. The Class Orientation Night will be held on the week before on August 15th for those joining the class.

If you want more info or wish to see what the Rite has to offer, I hope you will consider coming down to the Brotherhood of the Big Tent event on August 8th. (See Flyer). This event is open to all Men 18 and older and will host not only the Scottish Rite but all the Appendent Bodies who come out.

This year’s Honours have been announced as well and Anoka Lodge has three Brothers who will be receiving them. WB Stephen Kesler & WB Terrance M. Schaffer will become a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. (KCCH) and WB Lee Kielblock will be awarded his 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary.

Annual Scottish Rite Membership Event
AUGUST 8th, 2019

2011 Dupont Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN



BROTHERHOOD OF THE BIG TENT

Grand Lodge and Appending Bodies will have information tables during the event

All Masons of any degree and Men eligible in joining Masonry are invited to attend. “Casual Dress”

4:30 Social
5:30 BBQ
6:30 Program

RSVP's Are Required!



Dinner:—Illustrious Jerry Oliver and his BBQ Team
Cost:—\$10 per Mason, \$5 Future Men Petitioners
Cash Bar—By the Lowry

Call the Office at: 612-871-1500 Or
Email the Scottish Rite at: Jackie@asrmm.org

- STAY AND PLAY -

We have on hand not only the pool tables, but also a number of cribbage boards, 4 new poker sets (including chips), cards, a dart board, and some checker/chess sets



Anoka Lodge Members attend the Minneapolis Valley’s Honours Dinner

The Bi-Annual Session of the Supreme Council will be held in Washington DC on August 18th – 20th and Minnesota will have 40+ Brothers attending this year. Lot’s going on with not only our own members

receiving their Honours but the possibility of our Deputy of Minnesota, RWB Tony Krall, becoming the next S.G.I.G. (Sovereign Grand Inspector General) as well as the Current Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronnie Seale stepping down from his office.

If you still wish to attend you can do so and can be made by going to the Scottish Rite SJD at...
<https://scottishrite.org/2019-biennial-session-registration/>

Refunds for cancellations are only good up to August 9th. If you do wish to come, please also contact your Double Eagle to register as a Member of the Minnesota Contingent to be added to their events as well.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, August 7th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, August 7th – Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

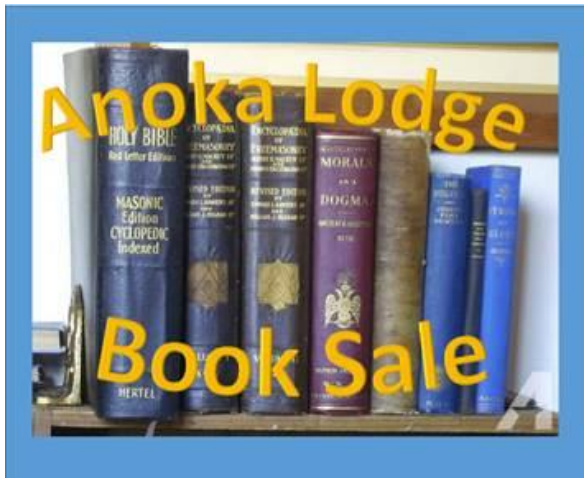
Wednesday, August 14th – Officer/Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 21st – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Saturday, August 24th – Caribbean Calypso Fundraiser

Noon – 4:00

Book Sale - Knowledge for a Dollar



After reorganizing the Anoka Lodge Library, many popular and unique duplicate books are available for sale.

The collection contains a variety of popular books on Freemasonry and related topics. There are many books that are a treasure trove for the historian and a temptation for the masonic scholar.

The sale will be held prior to the Stated Meeting on August 7th and September 4th. Books are sold on a first come, first serve basis.

The books are not priced, you name the price!

The proceeds of the sale will go the Lodge to pay for some library expenses and the rest will be used for charitable purposes. Don't pass up this one-time opportunity to obtain your masonic literature jewel. The librarians will be on hand to advise you on

what we have available and how it fits with your reading choices.


Expand our Library.

The library is always looking for ways to expand its offering to our Brethren. If you have masonic books that are in good condition and you don't use anymore, we would welcome your donations. For donations, send an email to the lodge library: librarian@anokamasons.com

All brethren of Anoka Lodge #30 have free access to the library. To access and loan books, register at <https://anokamasons.com/library/index.php>

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