



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.....



PREPARING OURSELVES FOR WHAT'S NEXT AS A MEMBER OF THIS MASONIC FAMILY

"To set the Craft to work and give them good and wholesome instruction for their labors". That's part of what being the Master of this Lodge entails. But there's way more than that. I had the opportunity to witness our Masonic Family at work for RBB. For those that either came to eat at our 11th Annual "Ribs, Bibs and Blues" or volunteered either on Friday night or Saturday, I tip my hat to you. Even though we were tested early with rain and lightning strikes, we had a wonderful day. Our attendance was slightly down (I believe) due to the weather, but our giving efforts were up considerably. Thanks to all who made a donation for the ACBC Foodshelf. I also tip my hat to those who could not be there, because you have been a supporter of this Lodge and its Officers for years. Also, to my sisters from Martha Chapter for the cookies, the Job's Daughters for helping serve, and our DeMolay for helping with the KID'S ID. Having you as part of this family makes being the Master such a satisfying position. Last month I talked about the 80,000 Fellowcrafts who worked at the building of King Solomon's Temple. Well, let me tell you that we may not have had all of them in Anoka that day, but there was sure a lot.....

When one prepares to assume a role of leadership for a Masonic Lodge, it doesn't start the day you're installed. It happens through a process of planning. Planning for a year as being the Master at Anoka Lodge is very intense. Not only do you have to plan for the areas of concern within the Lodge, but we have to also think about our Eastern Star Chapter, our Job's Daughters, our DeMolay, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Cryptic Council, the Grotto, our Sewing and Quilting units, as well as our involvement within the community.

This brings me you, our Brothers from the Lodge, Royal Arch, the Council and the Grotto, our Sisters from Eastern Star, our Daughters from Jobs, our sons from DeMolay, each of you continue to be an important part of the success here in this Anoka Masonic Family. Not only have you been a part of it this year, as well as in years past, but you will be needed to support this Lodge and its leaders next year.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the installation of officers for Anoka DeMolay. Congratulations Zach, and to your officers for a GREAT day. Best wishes for a productive and successful term.

The efforts of the Bones Brothers shined bright when it came to the "Hope Fest". Their support helped the Alexandra House in Blaine. Thanks to you guys and Don McGuire for your efforts.

Our lodge continues its efforts to remain an active and well-statured Lodge. Your officers continue in ALL aspects of Freemasonry to give the Brethren the best possible experience in being a Mason. And the work continues on your building. We are always doing something to make our "home" a better place. Thanks to all that volunteer to do this. 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. 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.

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

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, Jerry B. Oliver

Greetings from the West.....

OK, my Dracula is not all that great in a print form, but I do try!

As we get into the month of October, we have some of the best activities of the year! Pumpkin picking is something we, as a family have done for years - always going to the same place. The girls love a hayride, the picking of a pumpkin, and of course, the apple doughnuts. There's also the cooler weather - perfect for snuggling on the couch watching a movie or hanging out in the back yard around a bonfire. There's the football game where we can root (or jeer) for our favorite teams, or our least favorite. AND let's not forget Halloween - the costumes, the candy, and everything related to this great holiday.



What is common to all of these? Why, it's tradition!

We, as Masons, have tons of traditions that we participate in. Some of the traditions are simply the things we have always done and just not changed them. We have some of these like our traditional Outdoor Degree, the Past Master's degree and the Oyster Stew the night of elections. These are the traditions that have become so ingrained in all of us that making a change to them is like suggesting that the earth spin counterclockwise. If they changed, something would just not be right anymore, and thus, we continue them.

Other traditions have been that way due to their own significance in our lives. The tradition that many Lodges have of the Master who appoints a man to Line nominating them for the Master of the Lodge is a great example of that. I know that so many of the men that have started us on our journey want to be a part of the culmination of that journey. These traditions, like the first group, if missing, would not only seem strange, but would also make the action, without the tradition, less special in nature.

Other traditions are handed down because they are central to our Fraternity. The Hiram legend, is a great one - we all know that central portion to our Degrees, and without it, we would miss one of the deepest meanings of our degrees. Another example is the tradition of not walking between the open Bible and the Master of the Lodge - because we do not want to deprive him of that most important of givers of wisdom. These traditions, these exemplars, help us to remember a lesson we all need to learn.

Finally... (I know, a long way for this) are our food traditions. The white meal during the first meeting of the year - reminding us of the purity of our after life in the heavens. This meal helps us to remember our departed brothers. There's the great meal our Table Lodge centers around - the Prime Rib, the 7 toasts, and the fellowship around that table. And... what would fall (and our food traditions) be without... The Senior Warden's Pancake Breakfast!

This year, **our Pancake Breakfast will be October 20th between 8:00 and Noon.** Please come and join us for all you can eat pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee. In addition, as is our tradition (ahem), we will have two specials. The first is pumpkin pancakes - mixing some of the best of the season with our main method to take over the world. In addition, the early risers will be treated to Corn Beef Hash and eggs - these are limited, so come early for your best chance to partake in the food. Cost is still \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. Finally, to put a capstone on the

whole tradition - after you and your family have eaten, and they go home, stick around for the traditional cleaning of the dining hall, kitchen and dishes! (yes, we need help for this one!)

As we go into the fall, I urge you to remember your, and our traditions. Rejoice in those traditions that mean so much to you and share them with your Brothers and Sisters. We would love to hear about them - it's the way that traditions spread, after all. But even more, spend some time talking with friends and Brothers, and by doing so, we grow those relationships deeper and stronger. And, as this article's beginning is a tradition, so, too it's ending is as well....

Be seeing you in the quarries

Brian Dimatteo, Senior Warden

Greetings from the South

As I sit and compose this with my office door closed and my computer serenading me with ambient music and nature sounds, I am given the opportunity to sit back and relax for a bit. I let my mind wonder and reflect. This week has been a very productive, busy, enlightening week for me. Besides work there have been events that have really put things into perspective for me as a Mason. Why did I become a Mason some might ask? Well I wanted to have the opportunity to help and support my community and other people. I have found this in Masonry. Reflecting on this year being in the South I want to say a sincere Thank You to my Masonic family. I have and will continue to strive to be a better man than I was yesterday, as tomorrow is a new day, a new start, a new direction. I like many want to live in a peaceful world where all human beings can live in peace and harmony. Unlikely you say? Probably true, but ponder this, we are not born into this world without hate, greed, prejudices, or racism in our minds. These are things that some are taught. If we could somehow just somehow erase these ugly teachings, wouldn't it be a better world? I have been involved this month with some fantastic work as a Mason. They are all very important works for me and us to be involved in, but the one that really hit me was the Job's Daughter's initiation and meeting. This was the first initiation I have been to. As I sat back, listened, and watched the Job's do their work I was in awe and amazed. I was then told that one of the daughters learned and memorized her part in less than 24 hrs. This night hit me, woke me up so to speak. This was internally to me very emotional, as I was and am so proud of the Job's Daughter's for the work that they do and the way that they handle their meetings. Thank You Job's Daughter's. We in the Anoka Masonic family do some great things for others. Sometimes at events, the days get extremely long, hot and exhausting but we persevere for the greater good. It is not about us, it is about the people we are helping, whether it be for our Lodge, or a charity that we signed up to help. There is still more work to be done to make this world a better place and we at Anoka strive to make that possible. I have seen some of the work, I have done some of the work, and I will continue to work to make things better. I am not a perfect ashlar; and probably never will be, but that doesn't stop me from trying to better myself and those around me. Get involved outside of lodge, get to know the Masonic family. If sitting in lodge is the only time you come to the lodge, why? What is holding you back from getting involved outside of lodge?



**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, and the 3rd Wednesday of the month for degrees.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, October 2nd – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, October 2nd – Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 9th – Officer/Trustee

Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, October 16th – Fellowcraft Degree

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 20th – **Pancake Breakfast**

8:00 – 12:00

Saturday, October 26th – Halloween Parade &

Food Stand



Stewards Corner

Greetings from the Stewards,,

For the October 2nd - Stated Meeting:

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Garlic Bread

Corn

Ice Cream

Fellowcraft Degree - October 16th

Garlic Butter Baked Chicken Breast

Scalloped Potatoes

Steamed Broccoli

Chocolate Chunk Cookies

Regards,

Daryl Warmack, Senior Steward



Greetings from Martha Chapter

Happy Fall everyone! And, what a beautiful and warm season it is going to be. The colors of the leaves are starting to turn and is fun to watch each day. Our September has been busy, and it looks like we are not going to slow down soon. At our meeting on the 19th we had our Worthy Grand Matron Kathy Foster and Worthy Grand Patron Scott Anderson join us along with most of the grand officers as well as some of the Matrons & Patrons from other chapters. It was a fun evening and we enjoyed visiting with them all.

The Craft-less Craft Sale has ended. Our Secretary, Jane LaMusga, will have the results from the sale, and will share the results with us. The Quilters have already used some of the funds for repairs and purchasing of new sewing machines from this worthwhile project.

On October 3rd we will be honoring our Sharon Barlow, Past Matron and Brody Martin, Past Patron. It's been 2 years since they both were in the East and will be fun to remember all that went on as well as their projects.

Sunday, October 13th will be the Autumn Tea Luncheon for our 50 year + members. See the invite below. This is a wonderful time to catch up with all our friends we haven't seen for a while.





On October 17th meeting we are going to have a Dual meeting with our Daughter Chapter, Whittemore Chapter. We will be honoring the line officers that evening. There will be a Chili Supper with all the fix-ins at 6:00pm with the meeting to follow. Afterwards we will again be auctioning the pumpkins we have decorated or carved with the proceeds going to one of our Grand Chapter Projects. We did this last year. There were lots of creative pumpkins and we had lots of fun in the process. So, mark your calendars and join us in a fun filled night.

October 31st, Halloween Night! Will be our 5th Thursday

Gathering & Dinner. We will be going to Sammy's Pizza at, 445 – 99th Ave. NW, Coon Rapids dinner at 6:00pm. Please call or email Stephanie Johnson for reservations. 763-755-2164 or ksjohnson66@email.com. Deb and Tim Hunter who now live in Arizona, came home for a visit of their own family and surprised us by coming to dinner at Famous Dave's. We had over 20 of us who came for dinner. We renewed many memories and had lots of fun catching up with them and other friends we haven't seen for a while.

November will soon be here, and **on Sunday, November 3rd from 11:00am to 1:00pm is our Annual Harvest Dinner.** The cost is \$12.00. We will be serving a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Masonic Cancer Center, one of our Grand Chapter projects. Bring the family and we will see you there.

Our speaker from the Daughters of the Nile has been rescheduled to our November 7th meeting. Heather will be at the Chapter at 7:00 to tell us all about their organization.

As everyone knows, our Gabriella Dimatteo has been elected as the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen. She is currently holding the office of Electa in our Chapter. She has been traveling with the Supreme Council to all parts of the United States and other parts of the World. Gabby will be in Brazil and Australia for several weeks as well as many States here. We are all anxious and waiting for her return and to hear about her travels. What I hear also, Gabby is taking some classes online for her College Degree so she can stay on track. Way to go! We are all proud of you and safe travels Gabriella, see you soon.

Patty Meehl, Worthy Matron and John Antl, Worthy Patron



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.



Greetings Wayfaring Men of Anoka #30,

Brother Daryl Warmack and I visited the Helios Lodge in Cambridge, MN this month as the third quarter outing. We had a very entertaining dinner with them and bring back greetings from several members there. Their stated meeting was well run and we were asked to come back before year end and collect some DeMolay items as lodge's chapter is defunct. A couple of items from their meeting:

October 19th – Symposium with WB Arturo de Hoyos 33` 11am -4 pm \$40

October 27th Sunday Pancake breakfast from 8-12 for \$7.

I also have a request out to the Hiram Lodge #287 to see if Anoka brothers could attend their November or December Stated Meeting for our fourth and final 2019 Wayfaring Man destination.

In Brotherly Friendship

James O. Surratt



During September, we attended a Back to School Friendship at Bethel 16 in St Paul, we participated in the installation of Anoka Demolay, and we were excited to welcome Kate Agustin into our Bethel through initiation on September 16. On the 17th we had dinner with Sherburne Lodge, and gave a presentation to them on what Job's Daughters is. We finished by presenting the Story of Job. We also helped with Ribs Bibs and Blues on September 21 and went on a mystery trip on September 22. On the 28th, we helped Martha Chapter with the Vendor Fair, and helped wherever needed at Hopefest for Alexandra House.

During October, we also have:

- Demolay Paintball Saturday October 5
- Initiation October 7 at 7 p.m. We welcome SBHQ Gabbi back for the only meeting she will (likely) be home for until December
- Open meeting and Friendship Monday October 21 (anyone interested in Job's Daughters is welcome!!)
- Cotton candy making on Friday October 25
- Anoka Halloween parade Saturday October 26
- Grand Bethel Exemplification October 26-27 at Anoka Lodge.
- Butterbraid sales will start in early October (exact date TBD) delivery before Thanksgiving
- In December watch for a Gift Wrapping fundraiser!!!

Save the date: Bethel 48 Installation Sunday January 12

On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings from your world traveler!

Over the last month I was able to travel to Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Missouri and Southern Illinois. I was able to create lifelong friendships and connect with girls across the country. I loved being able to help out during some meetings along with just hanging out with the girls. This month has been amazing. I can't wait to travel to Brazil where I not only get to connect with the Miss International Maia but attend their session which is larger than Supreme!

Jobie Love, SBHQ Gabbi



Anoka DeMolay

No Article Submitted



September was a crazy busy month for The Bones Brothers with events every weekend. We Can Ride, Stable Pathways, ACBC Food Shelf, and Alexandra House were all recipients of our good works. October is going to give us a bit of a break. On the 6th, weather permitting, we're going to Bro. Nico Jacquez's home to learn about making lechon and we'll be at the Halloween Parade cooking up pork chops and hot dogs the last weekend in October.



11th Annual Ribs, Bibs, & Blues



As always, we'd love to have you come out and help or just hang out and cook and eat!

From the pit, Scott

Cooking for We Can Ride



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 from the Companions of Anoka–Shekinah #104:

We will be meeting for the first time since we have been dark during our summer months and I'm very excited to see the companions after our break and ready to get back into the quarries.

I don't have a lot to report so I have decided to give an education piece instead this month. Enjoy.

Mark Master

A Degree that emphasizes the lessons of regularity, discipline, and integrity. It is a most impressive Degree centered on the story of the Fellowcraft of the quarry and their role in the building of the Temple. Its importance in English Craft Masonry can be judged by the fact that it operates as a separate Grand Lodge, and is highly sought by members of the Craft in that jurisdiction.

Past Master (Virtual)

A Degree that emphasizes the lesson of harmony. This Degree is conferred because ancient custom required that a Mason must be a Past Master in order to be exalted to the Royal Arch. In some Grand Jurisdictions this Degree is conferred upon all sitting Masters of the Blue Lodge. The Degree confers no actual rank upon the recipient, but is exemplified to maintain the ancient custom.

Most Excellent Master

A Degree that emphasizes the lesson of reverence. This Degree is centered on the dedication of the Temple after its completion, particularly the consecration of the Sanctum Sanctorum and the descent of the Host into the Temple. It is complimentary to the Mark Master Degree and completes the symbolic lessons introduced in that Degree.

The Royal Arch

The completion of the Master Mason Degree and the summit of the original Degrees of the Blue Lodge as practiced in the Ancient's Lodges of England before 1820. The Degree explains the origins of the Substitute Word found in the Master Mason Degree, the recovery of the Ineffable Word, and its concealment within the Royal Arch Word. This Degree, together with the Master Mason Degree, may have once been exemplified as one large or "super" Degree, with the Master Mason Degree explaining the loss of the Master's Word and the Royal Arch explaining the recovery of the Master's Word. The presiding body is a Chapter, and the presiding officer is a High Priest (titled Excellent). We continue to grow and have a strong membership at our chapter, and there are a few months left to get your petition in the York Rite so act now and join the best-looking appendant body at Anoka lodge.

Sincerely,
EHP Tony Heimer
Anoka-Shekinah #104



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

As we move into October we will be finishing the Chapter of the Rose Croix Degrees and as mentioned in the last S&C I will be sitting in the East as Wise Master for my First Time on Thursday, October 3rd and would love to see all my Scottish Rite Brethren come down that night!

That following weekend on Saturday, the Council of Kadosh will hold it's annual feast. This is where those Youth Leaders chosen are honored for their work with all great kids who are a part of our lives and are our Future! (See Flyer Below) This is an open event and all are welcome to attend! This years Recipients are Clare Haugen, Laura Glass & Hugh Swift.

Moving into the more Chivalric Degrees and on Thursday, October 10th we will come to our own Adopted Degree or Master of the Symbolic Lodge, a Wonderful shorter Degree with some great messages for all.

The 3rd Thursday will bring the 21st & 22nd Degrees, the 21st or Prussian Knight being a personal Favorite, the lesson from this degree is to learn that arrogance; defamation and cowardice are unworthy attributes of a Mason, and that humility, modesty and courtesy are the true virtues of men and Masons.

October 24th brings us to the 23rd & 24th Degrees. The 23rd, or Chief of the Tabernacle being Directed by our own WB John Antl and traditionally having a number of Anoka Brothers in the cast. This degree teaches that the man who forgets his duty to God, family, country, and himself will be in danger of morally and spiritually destruction by thoughts unworthy ambition.

The month ends on All Hallows Eve with the 25th & 26th Degrees. Somewhat appropriate as the 25th or Knight of the Brazen Serpent does indeed have snakes in it, and so Halloween is a good night to see this Degree!

If you have any interest in being a part of all these wonderful Degree and wish to join the Spring Class beginning in January, please reach out to myself or any Scottish Rite Brethren and we can fix you up!

The Fall Class begins with our own Brother Hans Neisz Instructing the Class!



The Council of Kadosh
Cordially invites you to the Council Feast



*Please come join us as we honor those Youth Leaders
Who work tirelessly to help those kids grow and become young adults!*

On Saturday, October 5th, 2019
5:30pm Social
6:15pm Dinner
7pm Program

*This is an open event and costs \$35 each. We hope each of you will be
there to show your appreciation. This years Recipients are:*
Clare Haugen
Laura Glass
Hugh C. Swift

RSVP: JACKIE@AASRMN.ORG or call 612-871-1500 to make meal selection

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Martha Chapter's Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 3, 2019

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$12.00

We will be serving our delicious Turkey Dinner
with all the trimmings:

Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Candied Yams, Cole Slaw,
Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Pumpkin Dessert and Beverages.



Martha Chapter #132
ANOKA LODGE

A portion of the proceeds to go to the
Masonic Cancer Center