



A N O K A M A S O N I C L O D G E # 3 0 A . F . & A . M .



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 1st, 6 pm: Dinner/Stated Meeting
 May 15th, 6pm: Fellowcraft Degree

I am writing this after the 160th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I want to thank all of the Brethren who attended and took in workshops, the pageantry of the opening and the various dignitaries from our state and beyond (I still like the big aprons from our Canadian Brethren), added to their Masonic pins and ties, and for the fellowship. I figure that over the three days, thirty different Brothers took part in one way or another. It shows our commitment to Masonry and improving our Lodge.

The incoming Grand Master usually has a theme for his year, and MWGM Dave Olson is no exception. His theme is "Minnesota Masons – Making a Difference Since 1853." For 160 years, Minnesota Masonry has been making a difference, whether it was building the cancer hospital, re-dedicating ourselves to that hospital to cure cancer, having world-class nursing facilities for our elderly to live out their lives, or helping out in our communities. Not even to mention what the OES, Grotto, Shrine, Jobies, DeMolay and the York and Scottish Rites do on a national and local scale. Truly our Fraternity has made a difference.

We were six years late to the party, but Anoka Lodge fits right into that theme. We have made differences. We had Masonic snowmobile rides for the hospital, we helped out widows and orphans, and other great projects (sorry I did not look that far into the records for more examples). We still are making differences, maybe now more than ever. The Lodge has used the Bones Brothers to raise tens of thousands of dollars for various charities like We Can Ride, ACBC Food shelf and Pageant of Hope. We are doing KidsID, making sure that parents have the knowledge to keep their

kids safe, and give them the tools if the worst happens. We have recently partnered with Hope 4 Youth to outreach to homeless youth in Anoka County. We are making a difference.

Lastly, we are making a difference in the most important place – ourselves. We are making connections to our fellow man. I cannot count how many times I shook a hand or gave a hug last weekend. Not for a business connection or that I needed anything, but because they were my Brother, and they were my friend. It is one of the unique aspects of Masonry. We are improving ourselves through our degree work, whether it is performing a ritual, or taking in the symbols and applying them to our situations. We are improving ourselves and making a difference at home, by learning to be more organized of our time and energy (hopefully), and being a part of our children's' organizations, be it Jobies, DeMolay or Scouting. I assure you that all of you are making a difference in yourselves, your families and your community, and it is in part due to Freemasonry. Keep working in the quarries!

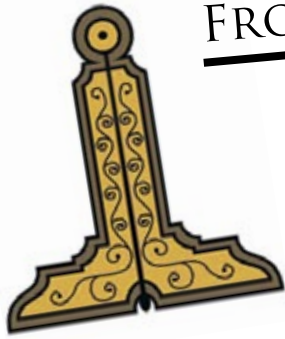
Yours in the Gentle Craft,

Todd A. Mayer

Master

Anoka Lodge #30 A.F.&A.M.





FROM THE WEST

I wanted to extend a big huge "thank you" and "well done" to all of the Brothers who attended Grand Lodge this month. We made a very good show and represented

our Lodge well. Many new connections were made and we really showed the rest of the state that Anoka is not in competition with them, but here to help them in their work as much as we can.

I do not have too much more to say, coming off such a busy two weeks. The best thing I can say is "thank you", for being who you are. I am truly blessed to be associated with such a fine group of men.

Dave Hansel
Senior Warden

Steward's Kitchen:

Wednesday, May 1st
(May Day) Stated Meeting:
Swiss Steak (My Mothers Recipe)
"Real" Mashed Potato's
Carrots (In Sauce)
Homemade Chicken Soup & Rolls
Homemade Brownies for Dessert

Wednesday, May 15th Fellow Craft Degree
Night: (DeMolay Fund Raiser)
Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw
Corn Bread

Brother Terrance M Schaffer



Traveling Man

Next Road Trip:
Monday, May 13th
Compass Lodge #265

In May the Traveling Men will be heading out to Compass Lodge #265

When; Monday, May 13th, 6:30pm Dinner
Where: 4228 West Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN, 55422

For June we are planning a trip to Wisconsin, details to come.

Brother Terrance M Schaffer



Chaplain's Corner



Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee.

If you know of someone in the Masonic Family in need of support, please contact Father Thomas at (612) 702-4770.



Scottish Rite News

Just a quick reminder that the One Day to Scottish Rite is occurring on May 11th. This is an all-day event, and the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd Degrees will all be presented. If you are interested in joining the Scottish Rite through this class, contact Todd Mayer ASAP so that we can get a petition filled out and voted on. See you down at the Rite!

Todd A. Mayer
Double Eagle for Anoka Lodge #30
Scottish Rite – Minneapolis Valley

MAY 11TH
One Day
-to-
Scottish Rite

APPENDANT MASONIC BODIES

Grotto News

At Grand Lodge this month, we sponsored a night of fun and fellowship at the Anoka Lodge suite. I would like to thank Michelle Jensen for putting on a wonderful spread and the Brothers of Anoka Lodge for allowing us the use of their hospitality room. I left Grand Lodge with 7 petitions in my hand! So, we will put on another Alternate Ceremonial in June to welcome our newest members into the Realm.

Come on out and join us at the Master Mason's Playground!

Yours in The Realm,

Dave Hansel, Prophet Monarch



M.O.V.P.E.R.

**Selim Grotto meets at Anoka
Lodge on the 1st Friday of the
month at 6pm.**



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30,

As I reflect on a successful 160th Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota, I am very appreciative to be a member of such an awesome Fraternity of men. Attending the breakout sessions, and speaking to Brothers from around the state, I was proud to represent Anoka Lodge #30 at the annual communication.

The two breakout sessions I attended were Mentoring and Junior Warden. An idea or concept from each breakout session really stood out from all the information presented. In the Mentoring breakout, much attention was given to early and frequent contact of potential candidates, even before they present their petition. This helps both the candidate and the Lodge to know and decide if they are a good match for each other. I know that the Anoka Lodge mentors do make early and frequent contact, and this is one reason our Mentoring program is successful. Meeting our potential candidates at our dinners and Lodge activities, and discussing how the Lodge works, and what Masonry is about reinforces their decision to join the Lodge. Keep up the great work Mentors! You are already doing many of the things presented at the breakout session. You are a big force in leading the way for Minnesota Masonry, and helping to make Anoka Lodge successful.

The Junior Warden breakout was a great discussion and Q&A session to discuss getting ready for, tradition prevailing, our year as Master of the Lodge. One theme that I heard mentioned was that some Lodges are looking for ways to become more visible and well known in their communities. This was an idea that Anoka Lodge had several years ago. From events like Ribs, Bibs, and Blues, to having food stands at Anoka Riverfest and the Anoka Halloween parade, to the charity fundraising of the Bones Brothers, to our newest charitable endeavor, Hope 4 Youth, Anoka Lodge has succeeded in becoming a vital part of the Anoka community. Thanks to all the Past Masters and Lodge Brothers, who believed in expanding our Lodge activities, and who are making Anoka Lodge a relevant part of the Anoka area community. This is an example of Anoka Lodge putting Masonry in action, and demonstrating our values to the people of Minnesota.

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Upcoming Events:

May 4 Regressive Dinner Starts at 5 pm at the Hansel's

May 18 Mystery Trip

May 25 DeMolay Sweat Heart Dance

May 30 5th Thursday Dinner with the OES

We started out April with a bang. Grand Bethel was in Cragun's on April 5-6th. We had the opportunity was see Sara G. installed as Grand Bethel Honor Queen, Marietta H. was selected as Grand Guide, Cara H. and Bailey B are members of the choir.

The Bethel did a great job with the competitions Rosangela won 1st and 2 - 2nd places on her art work. Cara won 1st place, Kristen 1st place, Sara 1st place, Frani 2nd place and Marietta won 1st place and the golden spoon in baking. Ashley won 3rd on art and Kristen won 3rd place in writing. I want to have the Bethel 48 to cook desert for me.

Bethel 48 had so much fun at our Masquerade Friendship. We made masks, and played games. The best time of the night was the sewer pipe sundaes.

Flamingo-ing at its best! Bethel 48 would like to congratulating Jane and Wane LaMusga for coming the Worthy Matron and Patron of Martha Chapter 132 with the flock of flamingos .

Come and find out how each of the appending bodies relate to each other. We need our members of the OES and Mason's to come and have a meeting with Bethel 48 on June 3 at 7 pm.

On April 15th meeting we were able to initiation two more members to the order. We want to welcome Miranda Novack and Anna Trombly to Bethel 48.

Enjoy the warming weather!

Bethel #48



EASTERN STAR

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 4-6 - Grand Chapter in St. Cloud

May 16 - Bring a photo of Mom

May 30 - 5th Thursday Social

It's May and everyone is thinking about spring...(it is snowing, AGAIN...as I write this!) and the Grand Chapter session. We expect to have a wonderful time as always and will do all we can to support our very own Worthy Grand Patron Curt as we wind up his term in office. Come to the meeting on May 16th and hear all about it.

An update on our charitable giving, we did receive matching funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities for the Anoka Senior Center gift as well as the Family Promise Anoka gift. The Senior Center was so excited with the first installment that they immediately bought a nice size flat panel TV (42") and DVD player for all to enjoy. By the time you are reading this the matching checks should be delivered and it will be fun to hear how they decide to use it! Thank you all for your generous contributions to the projects last term. Kudos to PM Lyla & PP Donly for their efforts and all the fun we had collecting funds in the big red can!

The May 16th meeting should be fun, we will honor all our members with May Initiation Anniversaries as well as our Mothers. All who plan to attend, please bring a photo of your Mom and we'll have a "connect the Moms" game after the meeting. There might even be a prize or two to go along with the fun.

Another event in May is the ever popular 5th Thursday Social on May 30, Stephanie Johnson makes our arrangements and would love to hear from you about where to go, either this time or for a future date. It is always a good time to connect with friends, this is a perfect thing to bring a prospective member to.

Watch for more on the Star memorabilia silent auction plans, some items have already been donated and we are looking for more. This will be later in the year but if you are cleaning out a cupboard and it has our Eastern Star emblem on it, think about passing it instead of tossing it. Pick up can be arranged, just give me a call and I am sure I

can get our Worthy Patron to say "Yes, Worthy Matron" to stopping by.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Installation, it was beautiful and a memory never to be forgotten. We are so proud to be a part of Martha Chapter and the Anoka Masonic Family.

Until next month,

- Jane & Wayne

GARAGE/YARD SALE COMING

May 8 -11 Wed.-Friday 9:00-5:00
Sat. 9:00-1:00

Pick up/Drop off contact:

Dave Emery 763-755-2431

To arrange drop off of donations

(no items to be brought to the building until the week before the sale)

Start rounding up your treasure now.

NO old TV's or computers

NO Adult clothing

Items must be **CLEAN** and in working order

Volunteer help needed



ROYAL ARCH

On April 3rd Anoka Shekinah #104 performed the Past Master Allegory during Anoka Lodge #30 stated meeting. This was the first time a Royal Arch Chapter in MN as performed the Allegory in a Blue Lodge in possibly 40 years! In attendance for this special event from was Grand Chapter Lecturer Mark A. Andersen, and Grand High Priest Allan F. Kauppi. If you missed the Past Master Allegory, or would like to see it again Anoka Shekinah Chapter #104 will be performing the Allegory in other Blue Lodges at the following dates.

Trent Gilbertson
High Priest

Future Events:

May 13th: Anoka-Shekinah will be performing the “Past Master Allegory” at Arcana Lodge #187 during the stated meeting. We will also be providing a informational lecture on the degrees of The Royal Arch! The meeting starts at 7:30. Be there and be square!

June 19th: Anoka-Shekinah Will be performing the “Past Master Allegory” again, this time at Minneapolis Lodge #19 during the stated meeting The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

Oct 7th: Anoka-Shekinah will be performing the “Past Master Allegory” yet again, this time at Northeast-Winslow Lewis Lodge # 125 during the stated meeting.

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Fellowship is another good reason to attend the Grand Lodge Communication. At the Anoka Lodge hospitality suite, Masons and their ladies from all around Minnesota have a chance to meet Anoka Lodge and other brothers from around the state. New friendships are made, old friendships renewed, and fellowship on a state level is shared by Anoka Lodge with all our brethren.

Anoka Lodge #30 is known across the state of Minnesota because of all the things we do in the Lodge, for the community, and at Grand Lodge. We are leading the way to in putting the values of Minnesota Masonry into action. This makes me proud to be a member of and to represent Anoka Lodge #30. I look forward to the coming year with our new Grand Master, and look forward to representing Anoka Lodge at next year's Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Fraternally,
Lee E. Kielblock
Junior Warden

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