



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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### Salutations from the East.....

The lodge room is almost complete. The new chairs have been installed and look great. There is just some cleaning up to do, and the project will be complete. **Thank You** all who came out to help, as this was a huge project.



This month brings us Thanksgiving, which means lots and lots of food, pretty colors of the trees, and of course spending quality time with family. We have a great family at Anoka Lodge that helps each other out when in need and comforts one another when we need to. This time of year is extremely troubling for some folks, all of the stress of the holidays and changing of the weather. I ask that you keep each other in your thoughts and minds and show comfort to those in need.

**Much Love and Peace,  
Tim Galvin,  
Worshipful Master  
(763) 442-2176**

## Warm wishes from the West

All the spooks and scares from Halloween have come and gone. Which means that winter is right around the corner. It is something that many of us dread every year. The colder weather, having to start the car to warm it up, scrape of the windshield. Worst of all the first heavy snowfall. However, that doesn't stop us from being active in our lives and communities.

This past weekend I was able to join many of my brothers, and we have been actively installing the chairs in the lodge room. It was fun; the heavy lifting of the chairs, taking alternate shifts lifting chairs, and being tired out on Saturday. On Sunday we continued with the easiest part of bolting the chairs down luckily, we ran only into minor issues that were able to be fixed. We are proud to present the look of the lodge after cleaning up.

This was able to be accomplished because we worked together and were able to minimize the workload. This is an example of a community coming together. This is what we can do in the next few months as the weather changes. Many people will face hardships, but if we can work and come together we can accomplish many things.



**Fraternally,  
Julio Herrera  
Senior Warden**

## Greetings from the South!

Congratulations to our five newest Fellow-Crafts! It was an honor and a privilege to sit in the East for the first time and to bring this exceptional group of men on the next step of their Masonic Journey. Their commitment to the fraternity is already apparent as they performed their proficiency with precision.



It was said to me many times, that the first time you hear yourself called Worshipful Master, it is surreal and strange. Even though it was just for the evening, they were right. The temperature of the area surrounding the Master's chair must have been at least ten degrees warmer than the rest of the Lodge room that night. One of the main reasons being the desire to bring honor to those who have come before me and make the night special for the Brothers being introduced to King Solomon's Middle Chamber for the first time.



That morning at coffee, I revisited the Past Master photo wall and found myself reflecting on the number of Brothers who have sat in the East since Anoka #30 was chartered. It brought about a feeling of sincere gratitude for the leadership that has kept this Lodge strong and strengthened my feeling of obligation to continue that tradition in the years to come.



My only regret of the evening was not sharing some of the things that were deep in my heart that night. I simply didn't want to be overwhelmed with emotion my first time in the East. For that reason alone, I kept my remarks short. For those of you who were able to attend, you heard me

explain that the Top Hat I was wearing was the very same as my father had worn as Master of Anoka in 1989. It seems like such a long time ago, but I'm sure the decades evaporated for him as he watched me put it on for the first time. Perhaps even more special was the gavel he gifted me that evening. It was the same gavel he used as Master Counselor of the Liberal Arts Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in 1952. Both these items are small but powerful reminders of the shoes (hat) I was attempting to fill. To say I am grateful and proud of the example my father has provided me over my lifetime would be an understatement, and I am finally in a position to understand that this fraternity is one of the things that gave him the strength and character to do so. I feel truly blessed to be a Mason.

**Regards,  
Daryl Warmack  
Junior Warden**

**Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:**

- Wednesday, November 3rd<sup>h</sup> – Coffee  
9:00 am
- Wednesday, November 3rd – Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - Masonic Service for Brother  
Tim France at the Lodge 11:00 am
- Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Coffee  
9:00 am
  
- Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Master Mason Degree  
1<sup>st</sup> Section – 4:00  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Degree 7:00 pm



**Stewards Corner**

Join us for dinner at 6:00 for the Stated Meeting and Master Mason Degree..

**Respectfully,  
Jason Mevissen, Sr. Steward**



**Coffee Clutch**

**Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesdays at 9:00.**



If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family needs support, please contact Dave at (763) 755-2431 or Gary at (612) 598-8682.

### Greetings Brothers and Friends,



As we started out October, we had a lot of fun doing fundraisers for We Can Ride and Stable Pathways. Thanks so much to everyone who came out! To end the month, and our year, we'll be cooking up hotdogs and pork chops at the Halloween stand. Come on out and enjoy the parade! For our last cooking event of the year, we'll be cooking up some special ribs for WB Gary Mohn's Hiram award dinner at the November Stated Communication. Come hungry!



From the pit, Scott

## Greetings Brothers,

On Tuesday, October 5th, Anoka Wayfaring went to Winona Lodge #18 to support our newest Brother Jay Dworksy, as he made Anoka Lodge proud by bringing back the proficiency sword.

**In Brotherly Friendship,  
James O. Surrat**



## Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

Welcome to November! Where in the world did October go? Our Homemade Meatball Dinner held on October 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success. People were enjoying their dinner in the dining room with lots of conversation and we had many take-out meals also. All in all, it was a good event. We had our Grand Family Visit on October 21<sup>st</sup> with dinner before the meeting. The sidelines of the chapter room were full for the meeting. What a beautiful sight!

We are collecting food items along with mittens, hats & scarves for the food shelf now through the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in December. There is a decorated Christmas box in the dining room that anyone can put a donation in. Let's fill the box to overflowing! Monetary donations are also accepted.



**ATTENTION: From our Worthy Grand Matron:** If you are unaware, we received news on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, that Worthy Grand Patron Jim has tested positive for Covid (Sunday). While on the Door County trip Jim contracted a pretty nasty cold, but he was surprised to test positive. If you have been at any events after October 15<sup>th</sup>, where our Worthy Grand Patron, Jim, was in attendance, you may want to get tested or isolate just in case. This includes but is not limited to: WGM/WGP reception at the Lost Spur, White Bears OV, Martha Chapter's Official Visit and the Cancer Benefit at the Scottish Rite building.

We have a stated meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> and will be honoring Veterans on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you whenever you are able to attend a meeting.

Wishing you all a very Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving!

Until next time,

**Sharon Barlow  
Worthy Matron**

**Steve Downs  
Worthy Patron**



## Greetings from Bethel #48

This October Bethel 48 had a couple really fun events. Just before October started, we went to an Apple Orchard for our mystery trip. Only the adults and a few of the daughters knew where we were going and for everyone else it was a surprise. When we got there, we had fun with a hay ride, apple cannons, a slackline, and a few other activities. A couple weeks later, we got together at the Lodge and attended our Grand Bethel Gala. We had to do this via zoom, but it was still loads of fun seeing girls from all over the state. We celebrated Olivia Taylor, Maddie Crooks, Stephenie Beslin, and our very own Audrey Mayer. We had some snacks and played a scavenger hunt. It was a great time! Upcoming we have our annual cotton candy making on the 29th of October. Sadly, we cannot partake in the Halloween Parade this year, but we thought that it would be fun if we still made some cotton candy for our families. We are looking forward to some fun events and I hope that everyone is doing well this month!

## Molly Mayer, Bethel #48 Junior Princess

## Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

October was an eventful and fun month for the gentlemen of Anoka DeMolay. We enjoyed a visit by Principal John Pena from Coon Rapids High School for Educational Day, an obligatory event. Principal Pena spoke about his duties, responsibilities, and styles of work. Mr. Pena discussed his belief that high school is not best serving students if the sole focus is “preparing for the real world”, partly because some of the students are already in the real world. He sees high school as preparing students for whatever they desire to achieve whether that is a four-year college, trade school, entering the workforce, or something else.



Other events we attended in October include paintball, ValleyScare, game night, movie night and

we hosted a Halloween Lock-in at the Anoka Lodge. We also helped with Table Lodge service for Anoka Lodge.

See upcoming events at [www.AnokaDeMolay.com](http://www.AnokaDeMolay.com)

In addition to welcoming Robbinsdale Chapter into our ranks, we have been working to reach out to inactive members and those who have expressed an interest in becoming DeMolay. We hope you will help spread the word to any young men, ages 12-21, who might be interested in gaining new friends (brothers) with the understanding that the youth can plan almost any type of event. We are also seeking to expand our network of adult Advisors to support our youth as they plan and execute their events. Our expectation for adult Advisors is very minimal and interest focused; we ask our Advisors to commit to chaperoning no fewer than ONE event per year. That's it, just one event.

If you or someone you know is a Senior DeMolay, Master Mason, or any other responsible adult who would like to learn more, please reach out to David Troy, MW Michael Foye, or EO Aaron Brendel.

[anoka@mndemolay.org](mailto:anoka@mndemolay.org)

Master Councilor: Kaidyn Troy

Chapter Dad: MW Michael Foye

Chairman: David Troy



## Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

Our own Brother Hans Neisz received his Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) surrounded by some of his Anoka Lodge #30 Brethren on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**WB Terrance M. Schaffer, KCCH**



### **Greetings from the Royal Arch!**

We have some awesome news to share. When our Chapter was formed, we were told that we could not have the original name and number (Shekinah #52). With some research and Grand Chapter counsel over the years, we learned this was in error. At our last meeting, we voted to claim our previous name and number. This should be rectified by the end of the year. So I would encourage all of the Companions to come on our and celebrate with us.

**Todd Mayer**

**High Priest**

**Anoka Shekinah #104**

### **From Zabud Council #10**

Its been an honor serving as the Illustrious Master this year for Zabud Council #10. I believe we have accomplished alot despite having additional challenges of outside influence that we and all councils had to face this year. We had a very successful fund raiser. We made an official council visit in October to Minneapolis Council #2. And we have consistently provided education for our members.

With the arrival of November comes elections and the holidays and I am hoping to see all officer positions filled. Our council is growing and active so I believe we will accomplish it.

I hope everyone will stay safe and enjoy the holiday season! Remember this is a time to be thankful for what we have and to show others that you care about them. A simple kind gesture can be a huge difference in someones life even someone you even don't know.

**Trent Gilbertson**

**Thrice Illustrious Master**



HELLO BROTHER!

2022

OFFERS YOU A TIME TO TAKE THE REST OF  
YOUR YORK RITE DEGREES



Royal Arch Masonry February 12, 9 AM

CRYPTIC COUNCIL FEBRUARY 26, 10 AM

Knights Templary March 19th, 9 AM

If you have not continued your York Rite  
education now will be the perfect opportunity  
to join.

Please talk to a Royal Arch Mason for membership  
details, visit the website for contact info or use the  
email below.

[www.mnyorkrite.org](http://www.mnyorkrite.org)

All of these events will be held at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

If you are already a Companion or Sir Knight please join us for some fabulous  
days of great degree work and fellowship.

Reservations are **REQUIRED** for lunch at each Saturday event (cost:  
TBD) Please email your reservation to: [ram.9.minneapolis@gmail.com](mailto:ram.9.minneapolis@gmail.com)

For the Bodies bringing candidates please let us know who is coming.

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast**  
\$5 Dollars per person/ \$20 Max per Family  
(Kids under 10 are free)

FREE Picture with Santa  
in our Winter Wonderland



**Sunday,  
December 19th  
8am-12pm**

**Anoka Masonic Lodge**  
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