



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 end of the year is fast approaching. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve this lodge for the past year as the Master. I want to thank all of you for your donations, time, and guidance this past year. We have done some magical things this year by raising money for our well deserving charities, as well as updating our lodge room. I know at times it felt like these projects would never end, but with your assistance they are complete. I know our new Master Julio will do great things this next year and I hope you give him the same guidance, and patience that you have given me. There are so many brothers of this lodge that assisted and guided me through this year, believe me I couldn't have done it without you. Believe it or not the Master of the lodge does not know everything, and like all Masons, is always learning.

Education and mentoring were my big push this year, and by having brothers that have a passion for those, we have those programs going strong, and our brothers are receiving the further light that we all should be striving for. I want to say to the officers of Anoka Lodge #30, I wish you the greatest success in your journey from the West traveling to the East. May you be guided by the love of the lodge. Thank You for your assistance this year, and don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need help, or just want to talk. I look forward to the years ahead, as my masonic journey has a long way to go yet.



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

Warm wishes from the West!

Happy Holidays! This will be the last article from me announcing “from the West”. I will be installed as Master on December 5th. I humbly took the honor of being named the master of the Lodge. It has a great undertaking and massive importance that I am ready to receive. I would like to say that the officers and I have a great year planned ahead.

We will see the return of many honored events including Shrimp Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner, and much more. We also have some outing events planned. They will range from full families to only brethren. This is to allow our family and friends who can not attend meetings but can still participate in the camaraderie that our organizations strive for.

You will also see a huge undertaking that we are going to take as a Lodge to help out the City of Anoka.

One final big news for the ensuing year. We will be celebrating our 100th year in our current building. You read that right, it has been 100 years that we have held meetings, events, sleep overs and countless other memories, so here’s to 100 more!

Again, I humbly accept the position of Master and am looking forward to working with all our organizations.

Have a Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Senior Warden**



Greetings from the South!

As my time in the South draws to a close I am left with a feeling of excitement for the year to come. Even though the year started in the midst of the Covid19 Pandemic, 2021 was a year of significant change for Anoka #30. Some were exciting, like the new carpet and chairs and the money we were able to donate to our Charities, not to mention the comradery that made it all happen. It was also nice to get back into Degree work and welcome several new Brothers into the fold. On the more somber side, we lost several Brothers to the Celestial Lodge above who will be greatly missed. We will be honoring them at our January Stated Meeting at our Lodge of Sorrow.

As we move ahead into the new year, it is a time for reflection and a time for action.



There is much to do at the lodge to keep it running smoothly. Please keep in mind that volunteering for projects, events, and functions is what makes our lodge successful and this coming year will be no different. Take some time to consider becoming more involved. Talk to your Officers and Brothers and find out where there is a need and fill it. Reach out to those who are missing from our meetings and spread the cement which unites us.

A special thanks to all the Officers and Brothers who made 2021 enjoyable and memorable, and a big thank you to WM Tim Galvin for your leadership and for your service to this Lodge over the years.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!

See you at Lodge.

**Regards,
Daryl Warmack
Junior Warden**

A Breakfast with Santa memory from Wayne LaMusga.....

Breakfast with Santa 2019 Year 6

You notice I call this "2019 year 6" for our current breakfast with Santa came back to life after several years of rest in 2014, so this was the 6th year of its current form. For the last couple of years, I've done one job at Breakfast with Santa. I sit in the far corner of the Lodge room next to the piano playing Christmas CDs and guarding the PA system. This gives me the opportunity to greet our guests and engage them in conversation and get that one of a kind moment. This year Grandma and Grandpa Cook came by and informed me that their Grandson told them they were going to see the real Santa not one of Santa's helpers that work at the mall and as quaint as that was, it was not the winner.

We were in the middle of a lull when a family came in to view; Mom, Dad, two little boys (maybe 6 and 5 or 5 and 4) with matching blue plaid shirts and nice-looking jeans and Granddad. As they got closer it was quite clear that the older boy was having some trouble with his eyes they seemed to be watering and he was dabbing at them quite a bit, he was not crying but you could tell that he did not want to be there. I started talking with Granddad as Mom and Dad were working hard to get the boys in to see Santa. I pointed out to Mom that they could put their coats in the empty chairs and maybe that would help and I think I said something to Santa that they would be a minute, he just nodded.

After a bit of talking with Granddad I suggested that he go and stand by Santa as a means of showing the boys that it was going to be OK. Well Mom and Dad and the two boys moved closer in with Granddad and that put them in Santa's sphere of contact.

"Hello boys, how are you today, do you want to come and sit on Santa's lap No, well that's ok. Look I have this big teddy bear (placing the bear at his feet) how about you come and sit on the teddy bear, would that be ok?" Santa said. And the boys came in closer and were happy to sit on the bear. Next Santa had them turn around and face the camera so they could get a nice picture and then Santa started to work his magic.

"Have you been good boys, do you help your Mom and Dad around the house, do you keep your toys picked up (and so it went for several minutes and Santa did ask what they wanted for Christmas of course)." To close things out he asked them "are you going to put some cookies out for me when I come to bring you toys (and they both nodded their heads) well I only want you to put out two cookies for me, can you remember that? (and again they both

nodded their heads) ok good, so I'll see you next year, say do you want to shake my hand" (each boy took his turn in shaking Santa's hand, first the older than the younger and waved bye when they turned to leave.)

I can tell you the look on the older boy's face was that he had overcome a fear, all he'll remember is he and Santa are pals. When the family left the Lodge room I went up to Santa and took his hand and Said "Santa I don't know how the rest of the day is going to go but that was a win." That little boy must have had something contagious as Santa and I both had to dab at our eyes.

I close this with the words of Sean Novack from 2014 "can we do this again next year?"

Wayne LaMusga

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, December 1st – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, December 1st – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sunday, December 5th - Installation of Officers
Pictures -12:00 pm
Installation – 1:00 pm
- Sunday, December 19th - – Breakfast with Santa
8:00 am – 12:00 pm



Stewards Corner

Join us for dinner at 6:00 for the Stated Meeting. We will be serving Oyster Stew and Beef Stew.

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



Coffee Clutch

**Come join us on the 1st and 3^d
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,

Greetings! Our charity events for the Bones Brothers are over for the year and we've raised \$25,781.65 for our charities in 2021 along with the help of our Brothers from Anoka Lodge. In place of our November Stated Communication, we had our first ever appreciation dinner at Fogo De Chao. It was a night full of fun, fellowship, and meat. Lots of meat, so much meat, and we didn't have to cook it! Our December is Monday December 13th and we'll be electing our officers for 2022. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season!



From the pit, Scott

Greetings Brothers,

We will travel again in the new year!

In Brotherly Friendship,
James O. Surrat



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

Well, welcome to the last month of the year. Christmas is only a blink away! Martha Chapter is winding down with their activities as the year comes to an end however, the City of Anoka has asked us to help at the Tree Lighting by City Hall on Saturday, December 4th, with Jerry Oliver's food truck. We will be serving our kid friendly food from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

Martha Club will be meeting in the Lodge dining room at 6:00 pm on December 9th for a potluck. All are welcome, please bring a dish to share. There will also be a gift exchange for those who want to participate.

At our December 2nd meeting Dick McGinnis will be joining us to tell us a story. Come and listen to what he has to say. Our meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

At Martha Chapter's meeting on Thursday, December 16th, we will be having a Holiday Dinner before our meeting. The main course will be provided and members attending are asked to bring a side dish to share. Please join us if you are able.

Don't forget to bring donations to the food shelf when you come on December 2nd Anything is welcome: food items, toys, socks, hats & mittens and scarfs. All donations will be taken to the food shelf after this meeting.

Thank you, your gift is appreciated more than you know.



Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron

Steve Downs
Worthy Patron



Greetings from Bethel #48

This November Bethel #48 got together and made Christmas cards for the Masonic Home. We used stickers, markers, and a lot of stamps. We wrote encouraging holiday wishes on them and will soon send them out. We just had our Initiation that we do every term. It was nice to have a more formal meeting with a lot of memory work. The girls put a lot of work into our parts and it went really well. I hope that everybody has a great Thanksgiving and start to the holiday season!

Molly Mayer,
Junior Princess #48

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

November was a fantastic month for Anoka DeMolay! We saw an increase in member activity at our events, helped our Masonic sponsors, and celebrated the Halloween Capital of the World. We had a lot of fun watching and cheering on the Anoka Halloween Grande Day parade followed by a lock-in at the Haunted Anoka Masonic Lodge. This is sure to be an annual event because it was really fun! We also helped our uncles of Anoka Masonic Lodge to finish their installation of new seating in the lodge room.



We are looking forward to a fun and productive December! We will help at Breakfast with Santa at the lodge, and we have planned a fundraiser that we are sure will sweeten the mood everywhere we go! We are also in the planning stages for a big meetup for January where all will be invited, and we are excited to go to Winterfest the last weekend in January.

****We are making and selling ROSETTE cookies!**** These delightfully light Swedish cookies leave behind evidence of their abundance of powdered sugar and we hope you will give them a try! The first sampling will be at dinner before the Anoka Mason Stated Meeting on December 1st. We are hoping to secure additional selling opportunities, so please let us know if we can offer samples and our product at your event. Whether you want a box of five cookies or a tin full of goodness, we have Rosettes for you!

See upcoming events at www.AnokaDeMolay.com

Master Councilor: Kaidyn Troy
Chapter Dad: MW Michael Foye
Chairman: David Troy
anoka@mndemolay.org



Greetings from Scottish Rite!

As we continue to move through the Council of Kadosh Degrees, Anoka Lodge #30 members once again put on their Adopted Degree last month, the 20th Degree or Master of the Symbolic Lodge!



Anoka Lodge Members support the
20th Degree

We held our Bi-Annual Conferral, Presentation and Banquet for our New 33rd Degree members at the Minneapolis Valley this past month as well. Celebrating with Members of each Valley in Minnesota as well as those from North Dakota, these Brothers were honored with their White Caps and Certificates of Achievement.

Though Anoka Lodge did not have any recipients this year, many of our members were there to represent and take part in the degree. While others came down just in support of the event itself as three Members of the Minneapolis Valley took part that day.

The three newest Inspector General Honorary from the Minneapolis Valley and our Personal Rep, III. Brother Dave Kampf. They are Kay Moss, James White, and Terry Henthorn.

Just a reminder that the Spring Cycle of Degrees will be starting soon (January 13th) and petitions must be in by January 4th, so if you have any questions or interest in learning more about the Scottish Rite, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask!

WB Terrance M. Schaffer, KCCH





Greetings from the Royal Arch!

Greetings from Shekinah #52 UD!

We got a new old name! We are going back to the original RAM Chapter name from Anoka. My year in the East is drawing to a close, but with that, we have a new wave of officers. They are:

High Priest – David Birkman

King – Ty Schmid

Scribe – Sean Novack

Treasurer – Don McGuire

Secretary – PGHP Joe Anderson

Chaplain – PHP Tony Heimer

Captain of the Host – Unconfirmed

Principal Sojourner – James O Surratt

Royal Arch Captain – Seth Pavlak

Master of the 3rd Veil – Collin Abram

Master of 2nd Veil –

Master of the 1st Veil –

CEO – PHP Todd Mayer

Sentinel –

There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays. Have a great time with friends and family.

Todd Mayer

High Priest

Anoka Shekinah #104

From Zabud Council #10

Happy Holidays

Trent Gilbertson

Thrice Illustrious Master

January 2022 Lodge Outing



This is our first attempt at a non-Lodge night get-together for the brethren of Anoka Lodge and family. We are looking to have these quarterly to get the brothers who can't necessarily make it to a Lodge meeting some brotherhood and to allow members to have a great time outside of Lodge. This will NOT be a Lodge-sponsored event, it's just an event to get brothers together so costs will be the responsibility of the individual.

We plan on arriving around 7:00 PM at Can Can Wonderland since before 9:00 PM it's open for all ages. Bring your family or someone that might be interested in joining. After 9:00 PM the location becomes 21+ so all young children will have to leave but feel free to hang around and have some adult fun with your brothers.

Details about Can Can Wonderland can be found here <https://cancanwonderland.com/>

There are many activities including an artist-designed Putt-Putt course, arcades, and food and drinks.

Prices are as follows:

*Our \$10 per person cover charge gives you open play access to over 100 vintage video games, electro-mechanical, and pinball machines.

*Artist-Designed Mini Golf

\$13 - Children under 12

\$15 - Adults (age 12+)

Seniors (62+), & Military discount: 20% off

Things to know about Can Can Wonderland

Cashless Model - Credit Cards/ Debit Cards only.

All food and beverages are subject to a 20% service charge.

Please RSVP either through Grandview or by emailing secretary@anokamasons.com by 1/8/2022 so I can make reservations and let them know how many will be coming.

We look forward to seeing you and making these outings a more common occurrence at our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Jeremy Hill

Secretary, [Anoka Lodge #30 AF & AM](#)

(612) 412-2649

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

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

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**



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**Please join Anoka Lodge #30
for the
Annual Installation of Officers for 2022
Sunday, December 5th
1:00 pm**

We look forward to seeing you.