



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!

I am greeting you from the East for the very first time. It is a humbling experience, and not one to be taken lightly.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I spent the final days of 2021 playing Santa for my sister Marietta's employer, Beehive Homes Memory Care Center in Maple Grove. This is my third year and I really enjoy it! My Grandma, Audrey Hanson, had to spend the 5 days leading up to Christmas at North Memorial Maple Grove. Luckily it was serious enough to keep her hospitalized, but easily treatable, and she made it back home just in time for Christmas Day. I will be attending a "Hairball" concert with a friend of mine to ring in the New Year, for those of you like my mom, it's an 80's cover band, and really good.

I would like to inform our Masonic families know, that we at Anoka Lodge have a full year planned. You will see the return of our four pancake breakfasts, and the All you can eat Shrimp Dinner will also be making a return after being put on hold by Covid. For our brothers who are unable to make it to Lodge meetings, we have not forgotten you, we have planned other events throughout the year, which we hope you might be able to fit into your schedule. Some will be family-oriented events; others will be for Lodge brothers only. This will allow us to socialize in a general get together. Make sure to keep your eyes open for emails inviting you and/or your families to each event.

We are bringing back a full year of degrees. If you can bring in support to the new brothers, we can raise throughout the year.

We will continue showing our support for our entire Masonic Family, being attentive to the needs and assistance our Jobies and DeMolay youth, and our Sisters and Brothers in Martha Chapter. Finding brothers to help when needed and/or asked. Together we all remain strong.

I look forward to serving this Lodge for the ensuing year and hope we can return to some kind of "normalcy" once again.



**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Worshipful Master**

Greetings from the West

I am extremely excited for the New Year. It's a brand-new view in a bigger chair with new obligations, but one remains the same... The health and prosperity of this lodge and the welfare of our Brethren. Pandemic status looms over us as we start showing up in numbers at our Lodge again. Please make sure to abide by CDC guidelines and stay home if you are feeling ill or running a fever. I know we all do our best and it is not something I normally shout from a mountain top, but please remain diligent for the sake of our entire family.

With that out of the way, I'm very excited to sit in the East again for the Entered Apprentice degree this month. Sounds like we will be welcoming new Brothers into our family, so please make sure to seek them out and introduce yourself. It is the only way our new members get to know us and it's on us to make the first move. I also notice our newer members becoming more engaged and that is the best part of this. Seeing our lodge being active is the reward and the task.

I will be in close contact with the Worshipful Master throughout the year and welcome any questions or concerns. We all need to keep an eye on the lodge and be in close contact when we see something that needs attention. Thank you to all of you who continue to make this Lodge run successfully and thank you for all your hard work in the community. Cheers to 2022!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at Anoka #30 and as we travel.

Best wishes this New Year.

Daryl Warmack
Senior Warden



Salutations from the South!

With the new year comes an ending and a new beginning. 2021 reminded us of how fragile life is and that we should not take what we have, and our relations with friends and family for granted. We have lost some of our brothers and family. But with the new year comes a new beginning and new hope that this year will be better than last.

The month of January was named after the ancient Roman mythological god Janus and his festival took place on January 9, the Agonium. Some scholars regard Janus as the god of all beginnings and believe that his association with doorways is derivative. He was invoked as the first of any gods in regular liturgies. The beginning of the day, month, and year, both calendrical and agricultural, were sacred to him. There were several important temples erected to Janus, and it is assumed that there was also an early cult on the Janiculum, which the ancients took to mean "the city of Janus."



Janus was represented by a double-faced head, and he was represented in art either with or without a beard. Occasionally he was depicted as four-faced—as the spirit of the four-way arch.

I hope everyone has a great new beginning to the new year!

Regards,
Trent Gilbertson **Junior Warden**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, January 5th – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, January 5th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 12th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
EA Practice 7:00 pm
Past Masters Committee 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 19th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, January 19th - Degrees
Dinner 6:00 pm
Entered Apprentice Degree
7:00 pm



Stewards Corner

The Stewards would like to invite all hungry Brothers to dinner on January 5th before the Stated Meeting and January 19th prior to the EA Degree. If you have a meal you would like to see added to our plans, please let us know. We are also moving forward with replacement of the snack and beverage vending machine and hope to have a unit installed in January.

Jan. 5th Lodge of Sorrow Dinner:

Chicken Alfredo with Pasta and Steamed Cauliflower, white cake, and Milk.

Jan. 19th EA Degree Dinner:

Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles with Steamed Vegetables, cupcakes, and Milk.

Sr. Steward: David Troy

Jr. Steward: Darren Swenson



Coffee Clutch

Come join us on the 1st and 3rd 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,

We are taking it easy so we can gear up soon!!

**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,

December flew by and here we are January 1, 2022!

Our last meeting of 2021 was enjoyed by all who attended. We started out with everyone dressed in their Christmas sparkles and a supper that included lots of delicious dishes and great social time. We had a good time at our meeting and business was taken care of quickly. I read the "Twas the Night Before Christmas" story and Santa made a visit. What a fun way to end the year!

Our donation box for the ACBC food shelf was overflowing, thanks to many who donated, not only with non-perishable food items but many hats, mittens and scarves. ACBC was most appreciative of everything. Many thanks to Denise Emery who packed up her car and took everything to ACBC.

Our January 6th meeting will now be our "Wear Pajama/Robe/Blanket night. So come and have fun on our first meeting of 2022.

Please Note: Our January 20th meeting has been cancelled so we can attend our Worthy Grand Matron's Homecoming at Acacia Chapter in St. Louis Park.



Wishing you all the very best in the New Year!

**Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron**

**Steve Downs
Worthy Patron**



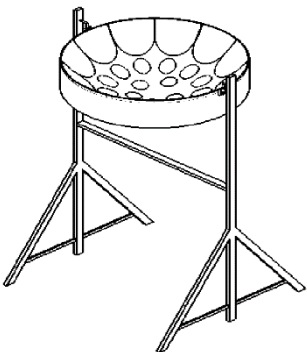
*Martha Chapter #132
and
St Anthony Park Chapter #212
Invites you to a*

*Reception Open House
Honoring*

*Grand Conductress Sharon Barlow
and
Grand Sentinel Steve Downs*

*Saturday, January 15, 2022
1:00 to 3:00*

*Anoka Masonic Lodge
1908 3rd Ave S
Anoka, MN*





Greetings from Bethel #48

Hello! This December was a very relaxed month for Bethel #48. We recently had elections and soon, Alyssa Brendel will be installed as Honored Queen. At the most recent meeting, we started to wear robes, sing, and do our floorwork. This was amazing because it felt like we were getting back to normal and back into the groove of things. Upcoming we have our installation. We do not know with current COVID guidelines if we will be able to have visitors, but we will keep you posted. Have a wonderful holiday season!

**Molly Mayer,
Junior Princess**

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

December was a fun and flexible month for the gentlemen of Anoka DeMolay. We embarked on a new fundraising campaign of making and selling Rosette cookies using Master Counselor Kaidyn Troy's old family recipe. While production and distribution were limited due to COVID, the young men may have found an annual tradition. We were honored to be invited to perform the Arch of Steel for Anoka Lodge's Installation of Officers and we congratulate Worshipful Master Julio Herrera and his officer line on a wonderful event. The gentlemen of Anoka Chapter also enjoyed helping with setup and execution of Anoka Lodge's Breakfast with Santa!



Anoka DeMolay was proud to initiate three new brothers during Grand Master's Class before Grand Master Rolf Widstrad. Statewide, DeMolay added eight new members on this joyous day.

January kicks off a year of recruitment and expansion for Anoka Chapter of DeMolay. Chapter Advisor David Troy has set a goal of adding one Advisor per month. May we count on you to join us for at-least one event in 2022? Please reach out or apply here: <https://forms.gle/Zg7SjEDh61edVWjt8>. Do you know a young man, age 12-21 who might want to check out DeMolay? We'd love to meet them, and they are welcome to join us for most of our events. Please reach out!

We have a huge event at the end of January called Winterfest, hosted by Minnesota DeMolay. This will

be an amazing weekend event. We will also hold elections and an installation of officers for the 2022 term. We are currently planning events for January through March that will focus on fun, recruitment, leadership, and community service. We are seeking invitations to events, so please reach out

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

Thanks to all for their assistance in making the 2021 Breakfast with Santa a success!!



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

The Fall Cycle of Degrees has come to a close and we have 14 New Masters of the Royal Secret at the Minneapolis Valley, including our won Jay Dworsky who was the principle Candidate for the 32nd Degree.

It was a wonderful day as we were able to finish the first full cycle since Fall of 2019. With Covid 19 shutting down the past three attempts at getting a cycle done, and so much changing around the valley, both physically and internally, it was a great relief to get the job done.



Brother Jay Dworsky along with the PR Dave Kampf and S.G.I.G. Tony Krall



Even WB Brian Dimatteo was able to finish the Journey he began 3 years ago and everyone was glad to see him complete it.



Some of the Anika Lodge members in attendance

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!

Terrance Schaffer, KCCH



Greetings from the Royal Arch!

Greetings from Shekinah #52 UD!

Hope everyone had a very merry holiday season. Anoka Shekinah-UD 50 Royal Arch is in full swing and I am looking forward to seeing the Companions for a great year ahead. Instead of the regular meeting we are having our **Installation of Officers on January 26 at 7:00 pm**. We are working on details so an email is to follow for concerned parties.

Thanks much,

**Excellent High Priest-elect
David Birkman**

From Zabud Council #10.....

Greetings Anoka Lodge from the Officers of Zabud Council No.10, Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

The flyer announcing York Rite Degrees & Orders was placed in the S&C in prior months, we'd appreciate you keeping that in place, as a good reminder, until they have been completed in March of 2022.

Why would you want to progress and complete the York Rite Degrees and Orders? There are a thousand good answers to that question and over the coming months we will explore some examples.

This month's example focuses on an ancient Crypt that Masons have cared about for a long time. Worshipful Brother & President Theodore Roosevelt delivered a massive 44-foot Obelisk of strict Egyptian observance and Masonic design to this place in 1905. Examples of people, places, and history tied directly or indirectly to York Rite Masonry are all around us. We should take due notice. York Rite history and traditions run deep; if we are to understand the great mystery, we should consider being receptive of all its aspects, especially those fostered by the traditions of the York Rite bodies that are among the oldest and well established, even prior to DeMola

Brother Teddy used this occasion, at the headwaters of this continent at Sault Ste. Marie, to hold accountable for all time, by full name, each of the representatives and high priests working on behalf of King Louis XIV of France, who claimed this Continent of ours in 1671.



Semi-Centennial Monument
in Lower Park,
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—17

Luckily our Founding Fathers had other plans for the claims made by the royal lineage of France, in essence saying, "no", we will not be giving this

(South Tablet)
THIS MONUMENT, ERECTED BY THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND THE MINING AND TRANSPORTATION INTERESTS OF THE GREAT LAKES COMMEMORATES THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF SAINT MARYS FALLS CANAL, CELEBRATED AUGUST 2 AND 3, 1905; THEODORE ROOSEVELT BEING PRESIDENT; FRED M. WARNER, GOVERNOR. CELEBRATION COMMISSIONERS: PETER WHITE, HORACE MANN OREN, CHARLES MOORE. CHIEF MARSHAL: CHARLES T. HARVEY.

(North Tablet)
BESIDE THESE RAPIDS, JUNE 14, 1671. DAUMONT DE LUSSON, NICOLAS PERROT, LOUIS JOLIET AND FATHERS DABLON, DRUILLETES, ALLOUEZ AND ANDRE CLAIMED POSSESSION OF ALL THE LANDS FROM THE SEAS OF THE NORTH AND WEST TO THE SOUTH SEAS, FOR LOUIS XIV. OF FRANCE. IN 1763 THE LAKE REGION WAS CEDED TO ENGLAND AS A PORTION OF CANADA, AND AT THE CLOSE OF THE REVOLUTION, SAINT MARYS RIVER BECAME PART OF THE NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. IN 1797, THE NORTH-WEST FUR COMPANY BUILT A BATEAU CANAL AND LOCK ON THE CANADIAN BANK. IN 1820, LEWIS CASS, GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN TERRITORY, HERE ESTABLISHED THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE GREAT LAKES TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

continent to folks who spent the previous 300 years hunting down and killing the Knights Templar, who fled Europe to the new world specifically to escape and establish a new place where religion may be practiced without restriction, and the pursuit of happiness may be re-established for all time. We are in many ways, here in the Midwest of these United States, benefactors of a "New Jerusalem."

Directly below this Obelisk are ancient Crypts of our ancient indigenous brothers, at the "Place of the Rapids", the "Baaweting", dating back to the time of Christ. It is very encouraging that an important ancient Crypt as this and Masonry coexist in peace in this shared place. We respect the ideals of ancient Crypt's whether they be ours under the Holy Mount or others, they are Holy to all those who "respect thy neighbors as themselves."

"Speak Softly... but Carry a Big Stick" – Brother Theodore

(Yeah, like a 44-foot-tall solid granite stick)

May the New Year bring joy and peace to you and yours, God Bless,

Companion Eric John Erfourth

Illustrious Master

Zabud Council No. 10

Anoka, MN.

HELLO BROTHER!

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

Royal Arch Masonry February 12, 9 AM

CRYPTIC COUNCIL FEBRUARY 26, 10 AM

Knights Templary March 19th, 9 AM

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.

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/>

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

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](#)

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