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Greetings from the East!

The first month of 2022 is already behind us. Hopefully everyone had a good start to the new year. I unfortunately got to start the new year off with a case of Covid-19. Yes, this virus is still in our lives. Please get vaccinated so we can slow the virus.

Aside from that, we, the brothers Anoka, are in full swing. We just finished our first degree of the year, and it was wonderful seeing Darryl Warmack in the east. The rest of the officers did a really good job and I am hopeful for the rest of the year.

We have a lot planned for February. We hope you can join us on February 13th for our Valentine's Day Pancake breakfast. Bring your loved one and/or the family and enjoy breakfast. We hope to see you there.

We will also be bringing back the Spaghetti Dinner. That will be on Sunday, February 27th serving from 5-8. We will have a very special get together on February 26th to make the meatballs that will be used in the spaghetti sauce for the dinner. Also, you do not want to miss our brother Brent Merritt's over 100 year recipe for spaghetti sauce.

Like I said, we are back in full- swing but we are still taking precautions because Covid is still an ongoing health issue. Please keep yourselves safe and if you start feeling ill, please seek medical care.

**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Worshipful Master**



Greetings from the West

At our latest degree I had the distinct honor of sitting in the East and welcoming four new Brothers to our gentle craft and welcome them as our youngest Entered Apprentices. Brothers Larry, Brian, Paul and David (Star Lodge) have begun their journey in Masonry.



Make sure to look for them at our meetings and make them feel welcome.

As part of our Masonic education, we talk about the use of the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge. We, as Speculative Masons, use it to teach us to manage our time. It is emblematical of the twenty-four hours in the day and helps us to divide our time between our service to God, our distressed Brothers, our job and our rest.

Sometimes these four equal parts can

become greatly skewed and we find ourselves spending an inordinate amount of time in one part, and not enough in the others. When this happens, we need to remind ourselves of the importance of balance and gently council those who we see falling out of balance amongst our Family and Brethren.

As some of you know, I have had some pretty major life changes and hurdles in recent months and have let myself fall victim to some of the pitfalls of being overwhelmed and have let my days fall out of balance. It is times like these that our fraternity shows its real value in that it provides us with those mentors and brothers who continually remind us of our true path and help bring us back into balance. I am extremely fortunate to have that support from my brothers and the extended Masonic Family. Thank you to all of those who have checked in on me. Please remember to check in on someone you haven't heard from in a while, it may be perfect timing for them and they may need that call more than you know.

My final thought is that the irony's that befall us in life are sometimes the best lessons. I am writing this article late and felt the irony of not using my twenty-four inch gauge befall me today. I am truly grateful that I have surrounded myself with people whose purpose in life is to build others up. I am truly grateful for people like Peg Oliver who selflessly gives her time to this whole Masonic Family in producing this publication for our family.

Sorry for my late article Peg! Thank you for everything you do!

Hope to see you at Lodge soon!

Daryl Warmack
Senior Warden



Salutations from the South!

February should be an important month I believe for all Masons.

The following excerpt is from M.W Vincent Libone, NY "February Message to the Craft"

"The month of February is particularly significant to me, and I hope to all of our Brother Masons in New York and wherever located throughout the world. They are dates of great importance to all of us as family men, Masons and Americans. First there is **St. Valentine's Day**, February 14th, when we all pause to remember our ladies ... our Mothers, our wives and significant others and all of our ladies. This is another opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation for all that they do to make our lives happier and richer by their support. While we should always remember to say "Thank You!" to our wives and Mothers whenever we can and in a meaningful way, Valentine's Day gives us a timely opportunity to include our sisters and daughters and especially the surviving spouses of our Brother Masons, in our thoughts and prayers.

February also marks the Birthday of many men who are important to us as Masons. "

This month we also remember Brother **George Washington**, whose Birthday is February 22.

George Washington joined the Masonic Lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at the age of twenty in 1752. During the War for Independence, General Washington attended Masonic celebrations and religious observances in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He also supported Masonic lodges that formed within army regiments. At his first inauguration in 1791, President Washington took his oath of office on a Bible from St. John's Lodge in New York. During his two terms, he received Masonic delegations from several states, and participated over the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the U.S. Capitol in 1793.

In retirement, Washington became charter Master of the newly chartered Alexandria Lodge No 22, sat for a portrait in his Masonic regalia, and in death, was buried with Masonic honors. Such was Washington's character, that from almost the day he took his Masonic obligations until his death, he became the same man in private that he was in public. In Masonic terms, he remained "a just and upright Mason." Brother Washington was, in Masonic terms, a "living stone" who became the cornerstone of American civilization.

Let us remember our Ladies and Brother Washington this month as both are very important to us as masons!

Regards,
Trent Gilbertson
Junior Warden



Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, February 2nd – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, February 2nd – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 9th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
FC Practice 7:00 pm
Past Masters Committee
7:00 pm
- Sunday, February 13th - Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 16th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, February 16th - Degrees
Dinner 6:00 pm
Fellowcraft Degree
7:00 pm



Stewards Corner

The Stewards cordially invite all hungry members and guests to dinner on February 2nd before the Stated Meeting and February 16th prior to the FC Degree, both at 6pm.

Feb. 2nd Dinner: Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, French Bread, with Cookies and Milk.

Feb. 16th FC Degree Dinner:
Hosted by Anoka DeMolay: Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus, Dinner Roll, Cake, Milk

We are happy to announce that a new beverage and snack combination vending machine has been installed for your convenience. Requests and issues may be brought to the stewards.

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,

The Bones Brothers are on a much-needed break. The officers had a planning meeting in January, and we'll have a good idea of our calendar for the year after that meeting. Stay warm, stay safe.

**From the Pit,
Scott**



Greetings Brothers,

We will travel again soon!

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



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

Martha Chapter has been pretty quiet so far this year as our term is winding down. February 3rd will be our next stated meeting.

Anoka will be celebrating Winterfest 2022 Saturday, February 5th at George Enloe Park from 12 – 4pm. Martha Chapter has again been asked by the City of Anoka, with the help of Jerry Oliver and his food truck, to work at Winterfest selling kid friendly foods and drinks. We are excited and look forward to the day! Come join us and enjoy some outdoor fun.

Our February 17th meeting, we will be having a memorial service for the Sisters and Brothers we lost this past year. Please join us if you are able.

With covid still at hand, please stay safe and healthy.

Until next time.....

Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron

Steve Downs
Worthy Patron



Greetings from Bethel #48

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year! January starts a new term for Job's Daughters. On Monday, January 17th, we held an online installation. We were not able to do it in person due to Covid numbers, but we are hoping to get together again soon. [Alyssa Brendel](#) was installed as Honored Queen and has a lot of fun plans this term. We are all ready to adapt to Covid numbers even if this means moving some events virtually. But, we can hope that most things will be in person. I hope everyone is doing well and have a great month!

Molly Mayer,
Senior Princess

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

January was a fantastic month for the gentlemen of Anoka DeMolay. We were honored to accept an invitation to perform the Arch of Steel at the Helios Lodge in Cambridge for the installation of Worshipful Master Bill Vice and his officers. To sum up how awesome this Installation was, let's just say a cannon was fired and a pig was flying!



We are excited to travel to Solon Springs, WI to attend Winterfest, hosted by MN DeMolay. The schedule looks awesome, so check back next month for pictures!

February continues a year of recruitment and expansion of youth and adults for Anoka Chapter of DeMolay. Chapter Advisor David Troy has set a goal of adding one Adult 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. We are excited about our future as we expand, and this is a perfect time for new guys to help shape our activities. Please reach out or check out our schedule at AnokaDeMolay.com (February is our Term Planning month).

Master Councilor: Kaidyn Troy
Chapter Dad: MW Michael Foye
Chairman: David Troy
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ANOKA DEMOLAY WANTS YOU!

Anoka DeMolay is looking for Masons, Senior DeMolay, Parents, and other Adults to join us as adult Advisors. Most adults qualify and we have policies in place to keep our young men safe and secure. There is no cost to you to apply and we will process your background check promptly. "Many hands make light work"

- What is the commitment? **One Event Per Year.** That's it!
- Do I have to attend events I do not enjoy? **NO!** You only sign up for events you desire to attend.
- Will I be guilt-tripped into more events? **NO!** Our goal is that Advisors enjoy DeMolay.
- Who do I contact for more information? Text or call David Troy at 612-547-6324.

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- **TAKE A PICTURE AND FOLLOW THE LINK TO SIGN UP!**

Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,



The Spring Cycle of Degrees is in full swing and we are glad once again to have two of Anoka's own going through at this time, Brother Ryan Dawson and Brent Merritt.

The month of February takes us to the end of the Lodge of Perfection and though the Chapter of the Rose Croix, with both of those Terminal Degrees of the 14th & 18th Degrees being put on along with the others.



Terrance Schaffer, KCCH



Greetings from the Royal Arch! Shekinah #52 UD!

If you have been thinking of joining the York Rite please begin your journey for more Light by joining us February 12th at the Scottish Rite Center at 9 a.m. There are petitions at the lodge to be filled and returned to myself or Joe Anderson along with a fee. If you haven't been to Royal Arch in awhile please consider coming on the 4th Wednesday of the month and enjoy a nice meal and fellowship with the companions and of course stay for Council if a member as well.

Excellent High Priest-elect David Birkman

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



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

History teaches us (*and Candidates attending Degrees*) that the Regal Purple Sign of the Cryptic Masons is not just a Triangle, but also that resides within a Circle.

This is emblematical of the **“Perfect Circle of three original Grand Masters”** who reshaped the

Crypts under the Holy Mount in Jerusalem to protect and defend holy relics from evil, transmitted to us from Moses, through King David on Mount Zion, unto King Solomon.

You never know where else you may see this imagery.

For instance, a WB and I were exploring the West on vacation and one night we were not sure where to stay. We drove around looking for suitable shelter when we noticed this:

Sure enough, the founders were Masons and it was quite a treat to receive their incredible hospitality and talk shop.

It’s good to be in the know and to always keep your eyes open, you just never can tell when recognition will translate into an uplifting experience.

God Bless,

**Companion Eric John Erfourth
Illustrious Master**



3rd Annual

Spaghetti

Dinner

Fundraiser

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4 to 7 p.m.

All You Can Eat!

Authentic family recipe:

Homemade sauce and handmade
meatballs served with
tossed salad and garlic
bread

\$10

7 & under
FREE

Everyone Welcome!

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