



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!

Is it already going to be March? I swear this year is moving by very fast. And I hope everyone is doing OK this year. I personally have had some life events that are changing as we speak. After a year away I will be moving back in with my parents. Some might consider that a downgrade or step backwards, I look at it that I'm saving money from rent paid to a landlord. I am also working on getting my real estate license to further a potential career in real estate.

Now enough about me. We, the brothers at Anoka Lodge, are happy to get back to many of our main events. I was lucky to take part in our Valentine's Day breakfast. It was great seeing people again enjoying breakfast and just being able to bring back an event we all know.

By the time you read this we will have endured another snowstorm. Here is the hoping that March can bring us much warmer weather and cure us of the cold blues.

Stay warm while it is still cold.

**Fraternally,  
Julio Herrera  
Worshipful Master**



## Greetings from the West

Heading into March, it feels like better weather is just around the corner and the looming spring is bringing longer days and washing away some of the winter blahs. I don't know about the rest of you, but winters can be very depressing when being outside is where you want to be without your face hurting. I'm definitely looking forward to warmer temperatures like I'm sure all of you are.

The Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast was a success due to some hard-working brothers and some generous families. We, as a Lodge, should always feel blessed when someone believes in our fraternity enough to donate generously, and we appreciate it tremendously. Thank you to all of you who came out and had some breakfast with us.



On that note...we all know the last couple of years we have been hit hard by the inability to serve our public and earn the money needed to support this Lodge through our fundraising breakfasts, dinners and other events. The lodge officers have been actively engaging in conversations regarding the fiscal health of this Lodge and even though we are healthy at the moment, the need to get back to fundraising has become apparent. Please consider becoming involved with the breakfasts and dinners and maybe we can see a few more of them happen over the following year. If you have any other fundraising ideas, please feel free to bring them before the lodge.

I am going to announce the Second Annual Chili Cook-off date in the next S&C. It will be held sometime toward the end of April and I'll get a date out via email and social media as soon as I can get some more Chili Makers on board. Please contact me if you'd like to make a crockpot of your finest Homemade Chili and compete for the Traveling Trophy. We had seven contenders for our spring 2019 cook-off right before Covid hit, and it was a great success.

As always, stay healthy and reach out to someone in our Masonic family you haven't seen in awhile and I'll see you at the lodge soon!

**Daryl Warmack**  
**Senior Warden**

## Salutations from the South!

### Happy Equinoxium!



For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, March 20<sup>th</sup> is the first day of the Spring Vernal Equinox. Although the equinox heralds fall in the Southern Hemisphere, the phenomenon happens at the same exact moment in every location around the world. On this day, daytime and nighttime are relatively equal, as both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres are receiving about the same amount of sunlight. This is just another tie that binds all of us humans to Nature and to the Universal charge.

During the first few weeks of Spring, the cold earth begins to awaken from many months of rest. Worms emerge from the ground and colorful buds blossom as the sun's warmth breathes them to life. Birds chirp overhead as they collect twigs and leaves to create nests for their eggs. Spring is a time of rebirth, growth, and new beginnings. It is a time to replace the gray barren landscape with light and color. Spring is rejuvenation in the truest sense of the word.

The fascinating twist is that Spring doesn't just happen in the cosmos or outdoors in Nature—it happens within each one of you as well. You are connected to this great Universe and are part of its light and its power. As Nature proceeds with its new beginnings, so too can you. Grasp that new energy that surrounds you—breathe growth, life, and color into your own being. This is your new beginning.

**Regards,  
Trent Gilbertson  
Junior Warden**

***Watch for an upcoming announcement of the Degree Schedule for March 16<sup>th</sup>!***

## Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coffee  
9:00 am
- Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - Officers/Trustees Meeting  
6:00 pm  
FC Practice 7:00 pm  
Past Masters Committee  
7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - Coffee  
9:00 am
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - **Degrees- TBD**  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
7:00 pm



### STEWARDS CORNER

We hope you are enjoying the vending machine. If you encounter any problems or have item suggestions, please text the Senior Steward.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm:** Smothered Chicken Cordon Bleu, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Cake

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** Corned Beef and Cabbage with Irish Soda Bread and Cookies, served by Anoka DeMolay

**Sr. Steward: David Troy**

**Jr. Steward: Darren Swenson**



### 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.

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## Greetings Brothers and Friends,

The Bones Brothers are on a much-needed break. The officers had a planning meeting in January and continue to work on our calendar for the year. Stay warm, stay safe.

From the Pit,  
Scott



## Greetings Brothers,

I do not believe we have traveled since Brother Jay's triumphant recovery of the Proficiency Sword (since lost) late 2021. To that end, I would like to invite you all to travel to Sherburne Lodge #95, in wonderful downtown Osseo to attend their second monthly stated meeting. The date is March 15<sup>th</sup>, the third Tuesday, and starts at 7:30 pm sharp. Attire is suit and tie. If you would like to join them for the pre-meeting meal, please let me know so I can inform their Michelin Chief for that meeting. Sherburne's address is 214 Central Avenue, Osseo, MN 55369.



Respectfully,  
James O. Surratt  
Anoka Lodge Wayfaring Man Rep  
Sr. Deacon 2022  
Bald Man Extraordinaire

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

Hard to believe our term as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron is coming to an end as I write this article. Where did the time go! It's been a busy and interesting term as we tried new things while working around Covid.

Our next Meeting is Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be holding elections for line officers and one trustee. Also, annual reports will be given by officers responsible.

**Please join us for a grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup supper at 5:30.**

Our second meeting of the month is Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The chapter will open and close, followed by the Installation of Officers for the new term, 2022 – 2023.

Julia Tollgaard – Worthy Matron - Elect

Greg Vokovan – Worthy Patron - Elect

Wishing the new corp of officers all the best in their term!

Stay safe and healthy,

**Farewell,**

**Sharon Barlow  
Worthy Matron**

**Steve Downs  
Worthy Patron**



## Greetings from Bethel #48

I hope everyone has had a good February so far! For Bethel 48, we had our first stop - start meeting of the term on Monday, February 7th and it went fast, which is great! It was also our second meeting of the term. Later that week, we had a virtual Valentine's party on Saturday, February 12th, where we made and decorated cookies over Zoom. Afterward, we all played a game of Uno. Monday, February 21st, we had our third meeting in person, and on Friday, February 25, we are having a painting party in person. Hopefully, everyone has had a nice, calming February this year. Fingers crossed that Covid numbers stay down so all our future meetings will be in person. Have a great month!

**Carrie Gillilan  
Guide, Bethel 48.**

## Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

MN DeMolay hosted Winterfest on the last weekend of January in Solon Springs, Wisconsin. Anoka was proud to send two Advisors and six youth. Some of the highlights include Ice Bowling, Dodgeball, a fantastic grilled cheese bar, we held a rededication to our obligations and had wonderful conversation.



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We held a movie night and a game night at the Anoka Lodge for the final month of Master Counselor Kaidyn Troy's term. Thank you, Brother Kaidyn, for your fantastic term and for the growth that you helped drive for our chapter! We are looking forward to our next term which will be directed by our Leadership Committee, as our next leaders acquire training and experience. Congratulations Brothers Rohan, Ethan, and Luke on your upcoming leadership advancement opportunities. If any other members would like to expand their leadership skills, please reach out and join the committee!

We have been working to plan out our next year, so if you have events or items we should consider adding to our agenda, please forward them to us asap! As always, we are always hoping to meet a new young man to join us for our activities and to consider joining us and Dad Troy is always looking for adults to join us as a low-commitment Advisor. You can usually find us at Anoka Lodge on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

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

## **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,

March moves us into the Council of Kadosh Degrees (Some of my Favorite), the Chivalric or Knightly Degrees. Honor, Duty, Loyalty, all those traits a good knight should have! There are some great degrees for you to come down and watch.

More importantly, the 20<sup>th</sup> Degree on March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Anoka Lodge #30's own Adopted Degree and if you are a Scottish Rite member of Anoka Lodge, I hope you will do all you can to be there that night and support what is an mostly All Anoka Member Cast putting on this short but very important Degree.



If you have not had the chance to see any of them, I recommend checking out the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite's Youtube Page:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MPLSValleyAASR>

Here you will find video's from what is going on in the Valley to Interviews with some of our White Hats and Guests, as well as some great presentations by members representing great Masons of old.

One Promo you will find is for the upcoming Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup>. This is the night we honor all those Brothers who have passed, something we have not been able to do the past two years. We also renew our times to each other and the Rite at the Mystic Banquet.

You can come to the Ceremony with no reservations but if you wish to attend the Banquet an RSVP is required. This is an Open Event and guests are more than welcome to attend.

**Terrance Schaffer, KCCH**

The Minneapolis Chapter  
of the Rose Croix Presents:

**The Ceremony of  
Remembrance & Renewal  
and the Mystic Banquet**



*This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons. It is an open event and all are welcome!*

**Thursday, March 24th**  
6:00 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge  
6:45 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium  
7:30 pm: Banquet in the Dining Hall



**\$30 Per Person  
Meal Choices:  
Beef Medallions  
or Champagne  
Chicken**

Minneapolis Valley  
of the Scottish Rite  
2011 Dupont Ave. South  
Minneapolis, MN, 55405

Please RSVP to:  
612-871-1500  
or by email:  
Jackie@aasrnmn.Org

**Greetings from the Royal Arch!  
Shekinah #52 UD!**



I missed the Companions at the one day. A close family member passed away and my family and I traveled to NE for the funeral. He was much loved and appreciated. We all will one day lay down our working tools and pass to our Creator. I ask myself when I pass will I be well remembered, did I adhere to the basic principles of Truth, Relief, and loving others? These are only a few points to ponder as we live our lives. How do we want to be remembered?

Please remember that Royal Arch meets the Fourth Wednesday of the month. We'd love to see you.

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

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

## Greetings Brethren from Zabud Council No.10, Cryptic Masons of Anoka, MN.,

Unbelievably busy time of the year may be an understatement. This is a great occasion to share with you some recent updates from our Charity:



With our donations to CMMRF and the provided funding for stem cell research, we advance promising treatments using stem cells for Type 1 Diabetes, Stroke, Peripheral Artery Disease, Heart Failure, Pancreatitis, Arthritis, and Cancer!

Think of the number of lives that will be directly touched by this research being funded by CMMRF. This is how we roll:

THERE WASN'T A TREATMENT - SO WE CREATED ONE

"Marrow Stem Treatment of Limb Ischemia In Subjects with Severe Peripheral Arterial Disease Trail"

- First completed stem cell therapy phase III Trail
- Significant reductions in leg amputations
- Helps patients with diabetes, CLI, and Gangrene
- Funded by Cryptic Masons

We are ever so grateful for and proud of our assistance of cutting edge medicines. We are also very grateful that by the time you read this we will have progressed Candidates through our Degrees at the MPLS Scottish Rite Center February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Be safe, be well, hope springs eternal and makes all things possible,  
Sincerely yours,

God Bless,

**Companion Eric John Erfourth**  
**Illustrious Master**



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