



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!

Can you believe that March has already come and gone? It was a strange month many days of cold and snow to that one weekend where we got up into the 60s. We got to celebrate my sister's golden birthday this past month that was pretty fun.

April is coming in and it's going to be a busy month for us. First, Brothers make sure you are aware of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Communication on April 8-9.

We also will be having the return of the Annual Shrimp Dinner at Anoka. That will be on Good Friday, April 15th. The tickets have been sent out and I hope to see as many people there so we can bring this wonderful event back to life from Covid.

Overall, it is really good to hear many events across the state coming back to life. Continue to monitor yourself. If you develop symptoms get medical help especially if it gets worse.

Otherwise, I will see you all in April and a continuance of our beautiful weather should be coming!

**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Worshipful Master**



Greetings from the West,

April is an exciting Month at Anoka Lodge. Not only do we get to participate in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota's 169th Annual Communication, we get to gather and feast on Shrimp at the 29th Annual Shrimp Dinner on April 15th (Good Friday) from 4:30-7pm. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year for our Lodge, so spread the word and make this year's Shrimp dinner a success!

I also want to announce that our 2022 Chili Feed/Contest will be on Sunday April 24th from 11am to 2pm in the lower level of the lodge. We will have several Chili Makers vying for the Trophy. We still have a few spots, so if you'd like to enter your favorite Chili in the contest, please reach out to me. We will also have To-Go containers available for take-out. The last chili feed was a great success, and we hope to see you at the Lodge to cast your vote for "Best Chili 2022".

I am also excited to sit in the East to welcome a few new Brothers into our gentle craft at our Entered Apprentice Degree on April 20th. Hope to see you at lodge!

Don't forget to spread the cement which unites us and reach out to a brother to check in on them, especially if you haven't heard from them in a while.



Daryl Warmack Senior Warden

Salutations from the South!



Spring is a time of renewal, rebirth and regrowth! This year Easter falls in the month of April which many families celebrate. One of the animals that's a traditional symbol of spring, rebirth and fertility is the hare or bunny and its eggs. But where did the Easter bunny come from? Here is a possible origin of the bunny and eggs!

When Germans immigrated to Pennsylvania in the 1700s, they brought with them many long-held traditions,

including several associated with Easter. An increasing number of people observed these traditions during the 19th century, not only within the German population but throughout the United States. One such tradition was the story of the Easter Bunny, or Osterhase (“Easter Hare”). The first known reference to the Osterhase was seen in German literature from the 15th century. Bunnies, and another familiar Easter icon, the egg, are symbolic of fruitfulness and the springtime season. During the 1800s, Pennsylvania German children would fashion nests in which the Easter Hare would lay its eggs as a surprise on Easter morning—as long as the children were well-behaved! Today, children still wake up to filled baskets of goodies on Easter morning.

**Regards,
Trent Gilbertson
Junior Warden**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, April 6th – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, April 6th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- April 8th – 9th Grand Lodge Communication
St. Cloud
- Wednesday, April 13th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
FC Practice 7:00 pm
Past Masters Committee
7:00 pm
- Friday, April 15th - Shrimp Dinner
4:00 – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 20th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, April 20th - **Fellowcraft Degree**
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm



STEWARDS CORNER

We are excited to host the Hospitality Suite at Grand Lodge this year. Be sure to swing by if you are in attendance! By popular demand, we have rescheduled the Chicken Cordon Bleu which was cancelled so we could repurpose leftover meatballs and homemade sauce into fantastic Meatball Sandwiches, crafted by WB Brent Merritt. Thank you, brother! Thank you, Anoka DeMolay, for serving and cleaning up on Degree night! We hope to find other groups who may want to serve/clean on a degree night.

April 6th, 6pm: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole with Roasted Asparagus and Cake.

April 20th, 6pm: Beef Lasagna with Chef Salad and Cake.

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,

It's about time for us to get back to work after a much-needed break, and this year is looking to be a bit more "normal". We're starting off with an all-you-can-eat Brisket Dinner at the end of May to put a little money in our account before we start the year. Follow us on Facebook and keep your eyes on the S&C.

Our membership is open to any Mason in good standing, and we'd love to have you join. Meetings are the second Monday of the month; dues are paid in time worked.



THE BONES BROTHERS 2022 PUBLIC EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO
AYCE Brisket Dinner	Sunday, May 22 5:00 to 7:00 PM	Anoka Lodge #30 1908 3 rd Ave Anoka	The Bones Brothers
Food Truck Service For Cure SMA	Sunday, June 12 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	TBD	Cure SMA
Riverfest	Saturday, July 11 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Downtown Anoka	Anoka Masonic Lodge
Food Truck Service For Stable Pathways	Sunday, August 14 11:00 am to 3:00 pm	TBD	Stable Pathways
Ribs, Bibs, and Blues	Saturday, September 17 Noon to 4:00 pm	Anoka Lodge #30 1908 3 rd Ave Anoka	ACBC Food Shelf
Hopefest	Saturday, September 24 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	Anoka City Hall Plaza 2015 1st Ave Anoka	Alexandra House
We Can Ride Open House	Sunday, October 16 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	We Can Ride 4301 County Rd 24 Maple Plain	We Can Ride
Halloween Parade	Saturday, October 29 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Anoka Main Street & 3 rd Ave	Anoka Masonic Lodge

BRISKET DINNER

All You Can Eat !!

May 22 [**\$40**] **LIMITED SEATING**

BBQ Dinner
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
ANOKA MASONIC LODGE
1908 3RD AVE, ANOKA

E-mail Sampler@bonesbrothers.org or
Buy online at <http://bonesbrothers.org/payments>

DINNER

- Sliced Brisket
- Burnt ends
- Potatoes
- Beans
- Rolls
- Dessert



Come help us support these wonderful organizations.



From the Pit,
Scott

Greetings Brothers,

No traveling this month!

Respectfully,

James O. Surratt

Anoka Lodge Wayfaring Man Rep

Sr. Deacon 2022



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

I don't know about anyone else, but I am so tired of cold and snow!!! The calendar says spring, but mother nature says otherwise!

On Thursday we held our last meeting of the term and installed the new corps of officers! Sharon and Steve had a fun and successful year, and we are grateful for their leadership. I gave a quick rundown on our year and some of the things we will be doing as we travel – “Route 66”. A few things I mentioned were Passport Contest, Bags of Joy (community project), “Roadside Assistants” and different ways to win door prizes throughout the year.



Passport Contest – Everyone receives passport book. There will be a page for each state we travel through, along with pages of other events the chapter does or things we do at chapter.

Jill Ahlquist (chair) will stamp your book for each meeting or event you attend or other things listed you participate in. At the end of the year, all those who have a completely stamped book will be entered in the drawing for a wonderful prize! If you miss a meeting or one of the other stamps, you can purchase the stamp for \$1.00. All money collected from the Passport Contest will go towards one of the Grand Chapter projects. We will decide after we learn what the projects are.

Bags of Joy - Community Project – Beth Brown is chair of this project, and I am sure she will be recruiting others to help her with the shopping and filling of the bags. We will be sending out a Route 66 Diner menu for people to choose their items and prices. It is similar to the Bakeless Bake Sale and Craftless Craft Sale we did in the past. The committee will purchase items to put in bags that will then be distributed to those in need.

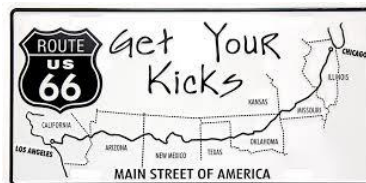
Roadside Assistant – Each meeting WP Greg will present 2 or more members, who have done a good deed, a Roadside Assistant pin.

Raffle Tickets – Each meeting you will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing at the end of the meeting. There will be other ways to earn raffle tickets as well during the meeting. All those tickets will be then saved and entered into a Grand Prize drawing at the end of the year.

These are just a few of the things we have planned for the year

Greg and I are looking forward to a fun and busy year and we hope that you are too!

So, pack your bags and let's hit the road as we "Get Our Kicks on Route 66"!!



Julia Tollgaard
Worthy Matron

Greg Vokovan
Worthy Patron



Greetings from Bethel #48

March was a very exciting month for the girls as the decline in COVID numbers allowed us to get *almost* completely back to normal. In addition to our meetings, the girls were able to attend a statewide leadership event at the Scottish Rite in the beginning of March and most exciting, were able to attend Grand Bethel. It will come as a shock to no one that our girls represented us beautifully with Audrey Mayer and Alyssa Brendel getting 1st place in each of their Ritual Competition categories including a perfect score tie for 1st Messenger. Olivia Shelton got 1st place for her performing arts solo, Audrey and Molly Mayer got 1st place for their performing arts duet, Kate Agustin got 1st place for her drawing and 2nd place for each of her baking submissions.

We were very excited to hear that Audrey and Olivia were selected out of a huge pool of candidates to each receive a scholarship from the Job's Daughters Foundation.

We are also beyond proud to have the title of Miss Junior Jobie, which is the state representative for the Jobie to Be program passed from Audrey Mayer to Alyssa Brendel. The pageant process to be selected as Miss Junior Jobie is quite a rigorous one and the roll is especially important as we come out of COVID restrictions. Audrey did an amazing job keeping going through the adversity of the pandemic and we are excited to see what Alyssa will do with her term.

With the return to normal, we are looking forward to being able to participate with our larger Masonic family again.

See you soon!

Bethel Guardian Marissa Agustin

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay

We had a fantastic March, and we are super excited for the arrival of spring!

Speaking of Spring, we attended the MN DeMolay Spring Degrees event with Sky Zone afterwards. We also had fun while serving dinner to Anoka 30 Masons prior to their Past Master's degree. If we judged by



the level of fun, our adventure to Vertical Endeavors in Bloomington would probably take the cake! We

spent a few hours climbing all areas including the big walls. Thank you, Brother Ethan and Dad Tad, for leading the way, especially for our younger guests. We were excited to include two up-and-coming Squires in the fun and we can't wait to see everybody in April!

On March 29th, we will have a Movie Night at Lodge and the Advisors will meet for their first in-person Advisory Council Meeting of the year. In April, we plan to do some Go Carting! We are planning all kinds of cool events and planning to attend many other things!

We'd love to see Masons and young men ages 12-21 at our Stated Meeting on April 12th at 7pm in the Anoka Lodge. We'd also love to meet new guys (12-21) at our fun events! We are seeing some great growth, which is very exciting because the guys get to choose how they make DeMolay great!

Have a great start to your spring!

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Chapter Dad: MW Michael Foye
Chairman: David Troy
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Anoka Lodge 29th Annual Shrimp Dinner



ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP COCKTAIL

With sides of coleslaw, potato salad, and bread

Anoka Masonic Lodge

Friday, April 15th, 4:30-7pm

Tickets may be purchased in advance by:

Lodge Address: 1908 3rd Ave, Anoka, MN, 55303

Email: secretary@anokamasons.com

Phone: 763-421-3357

Online: anokamasons.com/payment-center/



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

It was another great performance of Anoka's Adopted 20th Degree at the Rite, with of course one of our own Brothers acting as the Principal Candidate for the night!



The 20th Degree

It was so great to, once again, hold the Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal at the Scottish Rite, honoring those 196 Brothers we have lost over the past three years, including WB Al Nemchik and Milton Bernu (Father of WB Steve Bernu)



Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal



Anoka Lodge #30 at the Mystic Banquet

As we move into April, we work to finishing the Spring Cycle and holding our Spring Reunion, or "One Day" (Which is actually two days). On Tuesday, April 28th we will confer the 4th & 14th Degrees and finish the reunion on Saturday, April 30th with the 18th, 30th & 32nd Degrees, Culminating the Spring Class as well!

You can still get your petition in for this opportunity of becoming a Scottish Rite member or at the very least coming down and supporting our New Brothers. Two of which are from Anoka Lodge, Brothers Ryan Dawson and Brother Brent Merritt.

Terrance Schaffer, KCCH

Greetings from the Royal Arch! Shekinah #52 UD!



Several Companions Shekinah Chapter 52 UD traveled to Columbian Chapter #60 for a Royal Arch visit. Beforehand we ate pizza and had a wonderful time of fellowship with our fellow Companions. If you haven't visited in a while, please join us every 4th Wednesday at 6:00pm for dinner and 7:00pm for Chapter.

With Passover and Easter right around the corner I am brought to mind two important words mentioned in the opening of the Mark Master degree; Peace and Harmony. With so much dissatisfaction and disharmony occurring these days, we could use more of the latter could we not? Peace is more than fluffy clouds and green grass although that is nice. But I would suggest it is a Peace that comes from having the love and hope of the Almighty dwelling within us, shining through to others. Rather than abiding in the world's tumult, abide in God's peace and comfort, a very real hope in this present day.

It is difficult to have Peace without Harmony as well. Harmony can be looked at as an internal calm working within oneself and with others as far as it is possible. Harmony with others despite our differences is important. To attain Peace and Harmony requires, at times, a great deal of labor within and without ourselves. As Masons and Companions of the Royal Arch and other Bodies, we realize that our journeys in life are different, but we are aiming for the same goal and destination, Peace and Harmony with ourselves and others. The fruit of our labor will come in due time as we work together to achieve something bigger than ourselves. At our meetings Peace and Harmony can be enjoyed like few other places in our society. So, in parting, let us subdue our passions and continue improving ourselves and our place in the world together.

**MARK WELL,
David Birkman, Excellent High Priest,**

Anoka Shekinah Royal Arch Masons



Present a Sunday Night Dinner!

Anoka Shekinah Royal Arch Masons invite you for an Old Fashion Sunday Night Dinner of Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, and Dessert as we raise money for Granny's Closet!

Date: Sunday, May 15th

Time: 5pm – 7pm

Place: Anoka Lodge #30

1908 3rd St., Anoka, MN, 55303



*The Cost is \$15 Each, with all proceeds going to Granny's Closet
Tickets can be purchased by emailing Sweetidiot@Aol.Com*



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

The officers of Zabud Council wish you and yours a wonderful Spring. With Degrees completed for this half of the year, we'll be getting back to the business of the Council, supporting our charity, planning potential events, and fund raisers.



We cordially invite members to attend our monthly Stated on the 4th Wednesday, roughly 8 PM, following the Shekinah Chapter meeting. We would love to see you there.

**Many Thanks,
Eric J. Erfourth, Illustrious Master**

Greetings from Zion Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar of Minnesota

Saturday, March 19th was a fantastic and blessed day with 25 candidates being raised to the sublime Order of the Temple at the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite Center. This class was dedicated to the 1st Commander of Zion Commandery, Sir Knight Alfred Elisha Ames. Brother Ames also served as the first Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1853 – 1855.



We cordially invite you to attend our monthly Stated meetings on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center. We would love to see you there.

**Fraternally,
Eric J. Erfourth, Past Commander**

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