



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!

It's going to be May! Some of you will get that reference. What an interesting April we had. The weather started off with nice warm days, and then we got hit with 3rd winter. That is what I love about Minnesota you never know what April will bring.

One of the big things that happened for us was the 2022 Grand Lodge Minnesota Communication. It was great to see brothers we have not seen in over 2 years and meeting new brothers. One of the main sessions that stuck with me was focused on Men's mental health. Many of us suffer from it, but do not seek help. This group wants to focus on staying social and keeping in touch with each other. Which I encourage all to reach out if you need any help, and do not feel ashamed.

On a lighter note, we had a hidden visitor in the lodge. One of the brothers was checking on the lodge and discovered that a rabbit has been in our building. He was a big guy that we named Harvey. We joked that our Stewards should make rabbit stew for dinner. Instead, we did not do that. A brother used a live trap to catch the rabbit. He then released Harvey into the wild, and once the cage opened Harvey took off.

We also had the annual Shrimp Dinner, a great get together on Good Friday. It was great to do this event again after 2 years. Seeing the faces of people, and just enjoying each other's company. Hopefully May can bring us warmer weather, and we can continue to thrive.



My last thoughts, are stay safe, spread love and not Hate. Live and teach the Golden Rule!

**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Worshipful Master**

Greetings from the West,

Spring is an obvious time of rebirth and regrowth throughout nature. I always enjoy when spring arrives, the morning air fills with the song of birds and the lawn becomes busy with squirrels and other critters as they awaken from their winter slumbers. The trees are budding out and the grass is poking through, and it won't be long before we will have green all around us and the cabin calling and yard chores to do.

As summertime activities ramp up, we as Masons, are also getting back to work and are ramping up our activities. Make sure to check out our Lodge calendar for upcoming events at AnokaMasons.com, or on the Grandview website. As a Lodge, we need your involvement to be successful. Also make sure to check our lodge education sessions with Hans. They are masterfully done and are worth your time to attend.

I hope everyone enjoys the weather ahead and I'll look forward to seeing you at Lodge. Please reach out to any one of the Lodge officers if you'd like to become more involved. Also, to our newest members, make them feel welcome.

See you at our Stated Meeting on the 4th and Fellow-craft degree on the 18th!



Daryl Warmack Senior Warden

Salutations from the South!



This month we celebrate Mothers Day!

Mother's Day was founded in the United States in the early part of the 20th century. As the day was adopted in other cultures around the world the date has varied, although generally it is in either March or May.

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis. Her mother had passed away in 1905. At that time Anna began her crusade to make Mother's Day a holiday to commemorate her own mother, Ann Jarvis. Ann Jarvis was a peace activist during the American Civil War and treated soldiers on both sides of the conflict.



In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a presidential proclamation creating Mother's Day. At the time of the proclamation every state in the United States was already celebrating the holiday on one level or another.

In Masonry one of our guiding principles is to honor and respect women. So much so that the Order of DeMolay, an organization founded by a Freemason, has as part of its ritual a ceremony dedicated to mothers. The purpose of the ceremony is to remind young men of the importance of honoring and respecting their mothers.

No matter who we are in life we have our mother to thank for our presence in the World. As men and masons, we should carry that with us and remember to show the love and respect due our mother and to all women the World over. Take this day to commemorate that love that has carried you through life, if you can, pick up the phone and call your mother to wish her a Happy Mother's Day. If that is no longer an option, find another way to honor the first woman who loved and cared for you as you came into the World.

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**Regards,
Trent Gilbertson
Junior Warden**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, May 4th – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, May 4th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 11th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
FC Practice 7:00 pm
Past Masters Committee
7:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 18th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, May 18th - **Fellowcraft Degree**
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Saturday, May 21st - Honored Widows' Night
- Sunday, May 22nd - Bones Brother's Brisket Dinner
5:00 – 7:00 pm



STEWARDS CORNER

Menu for May:

May 4th: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Corn Bread, Tres Leches Cake

May 18th: Bratwursts, Tequilaberry/Vineyard Salad, Cake, Root Beer

The Stewards are looking for someone to throw together a logo that we can have printed on our Cannon Shot Glasses for Table Lodge. The logo should represent our 100-years in the current building, but not confuse that with the age of our Lodge. Reach out to Br David Troy at troysinc@yahoo.com.

In service to you

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 Masonic Family,

Before COVID hit, we used to start the year with an all-you-can-eat BBQ Sampler. We thought we'd bring that back in some way this year and decided that we'd give everyone what they were coming for anyway - the brisket. We realize the price is higher, if you're not used to that yet, you should be. Prices are going up all over and we don't have much of a choice. We're going to buy whole briskets, slice the flats, and turn the points into burnt ends. If you don't know what that means, that's ok. You just need to know that there will be slices and burnt ends for all. We promise it will be worth every penny. Dessert is going to be Wendy Dimatteo's fabulous homemade brownies, make sure you save room! The details are in the flier.



Please see our calendar and follow us on Facebook as things change. Our first charity event for Cure SMA is still pending a location, we'll let everyone know when we have one.

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 Pizza 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,

There will be no traveling in the month of May. However, I am working on travel plans to two of the earliest numbered lodges in our state for the month of June. Please be on the lookout for more details in the next S&C

Respectfully,

James O. Surratt

Anoka Lodge Wayfaring Man Rep

Sr. Deacon 2022



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

I was hoping that by now the weather would be warm, flowers and trees would be budding, and birds would be happy and singing!! Unfortunately, it seems that “Mother Nature” is having a crisis this year!!

Our April meetings had us packing our bags, loading the car, and hitting the open road. Our first stops were in Wisconsin on our way to Chicago, the starting place of Route 66. We played a few rousing games of “Packing” and “Wisconsin” bingo!! The winners received sweet treats for the ride. For the door prize drawing, each member received a little suitcase filled with candy. Whoever had a Twix bar was the winner. Denise Emery and Lois Leonard were the winners of the “Let’s Get Packing” door prizes. I am writing this on Monday April 18, as Peg needs it by Thursday, so I don’t have the winners of the “And We’re Off” door prizes. Cheese will be involved in the drawing, as we are traveling through Wisconsin!

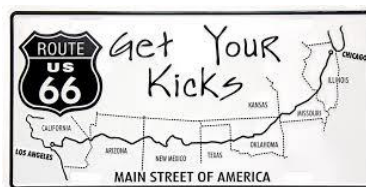
May will start out with us taking a detour! Some of us will be taking a quick side trip to St. Cloud, MN to Grand Chapter. It is always a good time to meet up with Sisters and Brothers and to hear about the results of the hard work our members do during the year. If you can attend any of the sessions it is always an informative and fun time. Grand Marshal Jane LaMusga will be opening each session of Grand Chapter, as part of her responsibility. Installation will be on Saturday May 7th. Our own Jerry Oliver will be installed as Worthy Grand Patron, Sharon Barlow as Associate Grand Matron and Steve Downs as Associate Grand Patron. Wow, will we be busy the next couple of years!!!

After Grand Chapter, those of us attending, will meet up with everyone else somewhere in Illinois to continue our trip. Let’s hope that the weather is warmer as we head in the southerly direction!

Now that we are on the road, the passports have been handed out to all those who want to participate in the “Passport Contest”. Everyone is invited and it is never too late to join in the fun!

Hope to see you at Chapter as there is always room for more as we “Get Our Kicks on Route 66”!

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

Hi, I hope everyone has had a wonderful April! After 48's exciting time at Grand Bethel, we came back with a lot of ideas on how to promote and grow our Bethel.

We started off the month by helping Bethel #39 with an OES installation living cross. It was so beautiful to hear all of us singing again! We then used our ideas to promote our Bethel to help us get 2 prospects for our friendship on April 18th. We played games, ate snacks, and talked with the new prospects. We had an open meeting afterward and it was so great to have the support of so many Masons and OES members. It was the first time we have seen that many people on our sidelines in over 2 years!

We also had our mystery trip on the 23rd and at the end of the month, have our installation celebration on April 30th. We were all installed in January, but because we had to be virtual then, we will have a formal crowning for the Honored Queen and Senior Princess, Bible signing and Flower Arch for Past Honored Queen Audrey Mayer. We will also be having a Majority Ceremony for Bailey Brendel on the same day! That is an event you don't want to miss! We hope you have a great month, and we hope to see you soon!

**Jobie Love,
Alyssa Brendel
Honored Queen #48**

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay

We had a fun April and are excited for May! In April, we went to Lilli Putt for some mini golf. We also had the honor to perform the Arch of Steel for Job's Daughters Bethel 48 in Anoka. Our chapter was represented at the MN Masons Grand Lodge Communication by PMC Kaidyn Troy.



We have revised our rotational schedule to simplify things for everyone. Beginning in May, we will meet as follows:

1st Tues: Ceremonial Practice and Committee Meetings; 7pm Anoka Lodge

2nd Tues: Stated Business Meeting; 7pm Anoka Lodge

3rd Tues: Planning meeting / Social time; 7pm Anoka Lodge

4th Tues: Fun events; 7pm at or near Anoka Lodge (see www.AnokaDeMolay.com)

5th Tues: Member Contacts / Social time / in-person Advisory Council Meeting; 7pm Anoka Lodge

CALLING ALL SENIOR DEMOLAY: Anoka DeMolay would like to invite you to return to help us practice our ceremonies and to attend our events. As we grow, we need to show our newer members how our ceremonies are performed, and your experience will help! Please join us the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays!

Upcoming events of note:

May 28-30: Masonic Family Weekend:

Saturday: Sweetheart Formal Dance on “Lady of the Lake” on Lake Minnetonka; and

Sunday: Valleyfair;

Monday: MN DeMolay Arch of Steel at Acacia Cemetery’s Memorial Day Service.

June: Open House with DND and Lock-In at Anoka Lodge.

July: 3rd of July Blinky Toy Fundraiser at Anoka High School, July 5th: 148th Imperial Session of Shriners International Parade (www.DeMolay.com/Parade to register by May 6th for free shirt)

Please visit www.AnokaDeMolay.com to view our full schedule and be sure to click to sign up if you plan to attend any events. We love visitors and welcome you to our events. We also love to be invited!

Chapter Dad: MW Michael Foye

Chairman: David Troy

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www.AnokaDeMolay.com

To the Anoka Masonic Family



You are cordially invited to attend the

**Public Installation
of the
Minnesota Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star**

**Several members from our Masonic Family will be installed into
Leadership Positions. They are:**

**Jerry Oliver, Worthy Grand Patron
Sharon Barlow, Associate Grand Matron
Steve Downs, Associate Grand Patron**

Saturday, May 7th

3:00 P.M.

**Glen Carlson Hall
Rivers Edge Convention Center
St. Cloud, MN**

Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

Post this issue coming out, our own Brothers Ryan Dawson and Brent Merritt will become Masters of the Royal Secret at the Scottish Rite (See Pictures Next Month.)



This will happen during the Completion of the Spring Reunion on April 28th & 30th, where not only the Spring Class will finish their Degrees, but also those members going through the 2 Day Reunion Class.



The 32nd Degree (A previous year)

Following the end of this Cycle of Degrees we will once again and like most things, for the first time in three years, hold our Annual Scotty Awards for the Minneapolis Valley.

This is where we honor all those who took part in putting these 29 Degrees on, twice a year, with over 350 Performers for just one Cycle, not including, Lighting, Sound, Props, Choir, KSA, and all those who make things happen each year.

It is our own "Oscars" type night and we hope you will join us in celebrating each and every winner!

SCOTTIE AWARDS 2022

Brothers! You are cordially invited by the Minneapolis Consistory to the 2022 Consistory Feast celebrating this year's newest Brothers and honoring the workers of the Valley. This Oscar-style dinner and awards show promises to be a great night for Brothers, their friends and families!

Who will win Best Actor? Best Degree Director? Which performance will be named Best Degree? Do you have the Rite Stuff?

Thursday, May 12, 2022

5:30 PM Social Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Awards Ceremony

Prime rib or baked cod topped with crab. Salad, veggio, potato & dessert.
Cost: \$35 a person

RSVP with dinner choice at: <https://bit.ly/scottie-awards>
or contact: jackie@aastrmn.org 612-871-1500

Terrance Schaffer, KCCH

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



Royal Arch is in full swing and enjoying good food, good fellowship, and more enlightenment. Please come to our meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month.

**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

We meet on the 4th Wednesdays following Shekinah Chapter
No.52 U.D., approx. 8PM.



We are fortunate to be regularly updated on various topics being explored each month by the educators at the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. We will be discussing in greater detail the various types of Arks we know of thanks to one of our Most Illustrious and famous historical contributors *Albert G. Mackey*. We would love to see you in Council when you are able Companions.

The Arks

The following article appears in the According to Mackey Column of the April 2022 Oklahoma York Rite Education E-Newsletter, <https://okyorkrite.com/>



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The following entry appears on pp. 76-78 of the 1912 edition of *"An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and Its Kindred Sciences"* by *Albert G. Mackey*.

In the ritual of the American Royal Arch Degree three arks are referred to: 1. The Ark of Safety, or of Noah; 2. The Ark of the Covenant, or of Moses; 3. The Substitute Ark, or the Ark of Zerubbabel. In what is technically called "the passing of the veils," each of these arks has its commemorative illustration, and in the order in which they have been named. The first was constructed by Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; the second by Moses, Aholiab, and Bezaleel; and the third was discovered by Joshua, Haggai, and Zerubbabel.

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

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