



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!

This year is flying by, it is already half- way over. I would like to send out a special thank you from my family to the Order of the Eastern Star sisters and brothers in conducting a service my grandmother as well as hosting the reception afterwards. Thank you so much.

Just to bring things up to speed. As I said last month, we will be changing the bathrooms in the basement. House leader Worshipful Brother Jerry Oliver is taking charge of that. Make sure to see him if you would like assist in this endeavor.

Enjoy the warm weather and make sure to stay hydrated especially on our hot humid days. Also make sure your pets are getting the same hydration.



**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Worshipful Master**

Greetings from the West,

I had the great pleasure of visiting Sweden recently and as all Freemasons do, I decided I would track down the closest Masonic Lodge and see if I could take a look. The online research was fascinating leading up to the trip to see the Temple in Stockholm. I was not able to take a formal tour, but I thought I would share what I found out about Freemasonry in Sweden as I found it really interesting.



*The Swedish Order of Freemasons (Swedish: Svenska Frimurare Orden) is the native Swedish manifestation of Swedish Rite Freemasonry. It is recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England, and stands in the body of regular world Freemasonry. It has 43 St John's (Craft) lodges (degrees I-III), 23 St Andrew's lodges for degrees IV-VI, and 7 Chapters for degrees VII-X. There is also a lodge of research and a stewards' lodge. Additionally 63 recognised "fraternal societies" provide masonic fellowship in rural communities considered too small to support a working lodge. Membership in Sweden is 15,200. In addition there are 1,300 members in Finland in 7 St John's lodges, 2

St Andrew's lodges, and 1 Grand Chapter. The total membership is 16,500.[1] While Finland has also a native Grand Lodge following American rite, the overlap of geographical jurisdictions has been agreed upon for decades and the two Grand Lodges are in perfect amity.

As with all Swedish Rite constitutions, all members must be Christian men. Visitors of any religion from recognised foreign jurisdictions (including Swedish freemasons of the Swedish District Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Finland) may attend lodge meetings, but visitors attending the chapter degrees (from grade VII onwards) must be recognised as Christians, or sign a statement asserting that they are Christians.

There is a close relationship with the Lutheran Church of Sweden (Swedish: Svenska kyrkan), which is the established national church of Sweden. Priests and bishops of the Church of Sweden have a special role within the Swedish Rite of Freemasonry, particularly in grade VII and above.



*Credit: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freemasonry_in_Sweden

I hope you are all doing well and have a fun and safe 4th of July Celebration! I will see you at Lodge.

Daryl Warmack
Senior Warden



Greetings From the South!



Happy 4th of July!

The 4th of July is a very important date for both the United States as well as Freemasons and is celebrated by members of the Craft all over the world.

Freemasons and this US holiday are interconnected by the events that took place on that date, which would not have been possible (or would have taken place very differently) if it weren't for the Freemasons.

[The Declaration of Independence](#) was signed and accepted into Congress on the fourth of July 1776, marking the birth of the United States.

This date is important in Freemasonry because

Masons have influenced greatly the Declaration, proving once and for all that some of the Founding Fathers of the United States were, in fact, Freemasons.

Five of the men on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence were believed to be Freemasons and of those who signed the Declaration, the majority were Freemasons.

[The Constitution of the United States](#) was most seriously influenced by Washington, Franklin, and Rudolph who were all active Freemasons.

Freemasonry, therefore, had a certain power in the making of the nation, and the fact that the first president of the United States was a Freemason ([George Washington](#)) is further proof of the role they played in shaping the United States.

<https://masonicfind.com/freemasons-and-the-4th-of-july>

**Regards,
Trent Gilbertson
Junior Warden**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, July 6th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, July 6th - Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 13th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
Past Masters Committee
7:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 20th - Coffee
9:00 am



The cooks are on break!!



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,

Our big fundraiser for ourselves is in the books. We had a beautiful day for our annual crab boil, now it's time to put the water away and bring the fire back. July is



to see you there!

From the Pit,
Scott



busy for us and we'll start with Riverfest on July 9th. This is an event that we do to make money for the Lodge and we'd really like to see some Lodge Brothers come out and help. Two days later, we'll be in Wayzata cooking a rib dinner for the Wayzata Firefighters. This is an event we do for Wayzata Lodge each year to help them honor their first responders. The following weekend, July 16th, we're doing a fundraiser for Hometown Hero Outdoors in Marine on St. Croix. We'd love



Greetings Brothers,

On Tuesday June 14th, four Brothers from Anoka lodge travelled to Cataract Lodge #2 as allowed by Mackey's 14th Landmark, which is the "Right of every Mason to visit and sit in every Regular Lodge. It was a high-powered visit as three of the Brothers were Past Masters, John Antl, Greg Vokovan and John Freeburg and me, a lowly Senior Deacon.



We joined our Cataract Brothers for dinner during which they awarded their lodge scholarships to the deserving recipients, which included the daughters of our own Past Masters Todd Mayer and Brian Dimatteo. After dinner, we retired to the Lodge room where the brothers conducted the closing of the previous year's Lodge of Sorrow and the opening of this year's Lodge of Sorrow. A first for me to see outside our own lodge. They then had a brother successfully complete his Master Mason Proficiency which was again a first for me outside our own lodge. After the prove up, they held their regular business degree and then proceeded to close.

As a side note, I would like to say it is always a pleasure to travel with Brothers such as John A, John F and Greg V. With their vast Masonic knowledge and willingness to share, I always come away learning one or two new things. It's also a reminder of how open and friendly Masons are as they always seem to know and be warmly greeted by two or more brothers in the visiting lodge.

The Wayfaring Man will be taking July off for family, friends, and scholarly study, but will have a trip planned and ready to discuss for an August visit.

Respectfully,

James O. Surratt

Anoka Lodge Wayfaring Man Rep

Sr. Deacon 2022

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

Happy 4th of July! I hope everyone enjoys the holiday and please stay safe. Welcome to our newest member, Kristin Fluegel! We are so happy that you became a member of Martha Chapter and that you are joining in on all the activities!



Congratulations go out to Ken and Margery Moen who were presented with their 50-year pins in June!!

We have done a couple of the Food Truck fundraiser events and they are a huge success! We can always use more help. We start serving at 5:00pm, concert starts at 6:00pm, and by 8:00pm we are all done! If you are interested in working on a Tuesday night contact Rachel Ridens, and she will get you on the schedule. We are also going to at Riverfest (July 9th) again this year, however we will have the food truck and be serving hamburgers, chips, and soda. Please contact Peg Oliver, 612-865-7591, for more information and volunteering.

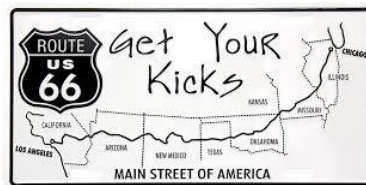
July Food Truck Schedule:

Tuesday's 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th Rockin' on the Rum
Saturday July 9 Riverfest

Reminder that August 28th we will be hosting, along with Excelsior Chapter, a dinner and reception for Pam Willette, WGM and Jerry Oliver WGP. We hope that you will be able to join us. Please send your reservation and check (\$25.00) to: Julia Tollgaard, 2938 126th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448. Checks are to be made out to Julia Tollgaard. No reservations taken after August 15th.

Wishing everyone and safe and fun July!!

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



Excelsior Chapter #20
and
Martha Chapter #132

Cordially invite you to a dinner and reception honoring

Pam Willette, Worthy Grand Matron
and
Jerry Oliver, Worthy Grand Patron

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Social time – 12:30 pm

Lunch – 1:00 pm

Oven roasted pork loin with stuffing and gravy,
whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetable

Cost - \$25.00

Lost Spur Golf and Event Center
2750 Sibley Memorial Highway
Eagan, MN 55121
651-454-2330 Ex1

Reservations due and checks made out to:

Julia Tollgaard
2938 126th Ave NW.
Coon Rapids, MN 55448
612-471-9967

By August 15, 2022





Greetings from Bethel #48

The girls have been very busy. They had a beautiful Installation and were also present at the Grand Guardian Council Installation where Todd Mayer was installed as Associate Grand Guardian. Now our focus is on getting ready for camp which is always a blast!!

**Jobie Love,
Marissa Agustin
Bethel Guardian**

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay

It is wonderful to be in the heat of summer, although the days seem to be passing by quickly! MN DeMolay Family events over the Memorial Day weekend were a huge success! We had a full boat for DeMolay Prom/Sweetheart Formal, 170+ folks join us at Valleyfair, and a nice presentation at Acacia Park Cemetery during their Memorial Day Ceremony. See a few of the pictures below!



We held an open house at AMC Theater in Mounds View which was not well attended by guests. We are looking at new and exciting ways to introduce DeMolay to new youth ages 9-21. If you have ideas, we'd love to hear from you. We also hosted an overnight at Lodge where the young men enjoyed pizza and home-made sundaes, watched movies and played video games, and had a great evening of fellowship.

Welcome Stephanie Hill to the position of Chapter Adviser, filling the role previously held by Michael Foye. We thank Dad Foye for his long and strenuous service to our chapter and are looking forward to seeing him at future state events. Stephanie brings positive vibes and a drive to assist the young men as they plan and execute events, build the chapter, and to help us become more organized. Thank you for joining us, Stephanie!

July 3rd is our biggest fundraising opportunity of the year as we sell light-up blinky toys at the Anoka High School Fireworks display. We could use a couple more adults and youth to assist, but also important is that our extended Masonic Family keep an eye on us during the event. If you plan to attend, please say hello and be a watchful eye for security purposes. Each youth will have an adult with them, but your vigilant eye helps!

We are excited to have Brother Ethan attending a leadership opportunity by invitation from EO Brendel. Ethan will learn valuable lessons on leadership, and he will return with an increased excitement level. Congratulations, Ethan! Conclave is coming up the first weekend in August. Conclave is a most anticipated event for MN DeMolay members, advisors, and prospects.



Chapter Dad: MW Michael Foye
anoka@mndemolay.org

Chairman: David Troy
www.AnokaDeMolay.com

Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

The Minneapolis Scottish Rite is dark for the summer. We'll gear up again in August

Terrance Schaffer, KCCH



Greetings from the Royal Arch! Shekinah #52 UD!



Hope you're having fun this summer. We are dark this June though August but will be in full swing by the September meeting. Our York Rite Picnic is July 26th so look for details later.

**With Peace, Love and Unity,
I am your most obedient servant,**

David Birkman, Excellent High Priest,



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.



Zabud Council is dark June - August, returning to regular meetings in Sept.

Be well. Have a great summer.

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

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