



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 is the last time that I will be writing as my year as Master is coming to an end. We had a very decent year for the Lodge. I am wishing for the future officers to have an amazing year. I know Worshipful Master-elect Darryl will lead his year well!

I want to thank you for all the support I got throughout my year. Especially with my grandma passing this past year. The support from my brothers, and the wonderful assistance I got from the sisters of the Eastern Star.

I was also glad to help get many of our events back on the calendar after a year and a half of Covid. Of course, I did start my year off with Covid.

So, for the final time as Master. I hope you all have a wonderful New Year and Happy Holidays!

From your soon to be Past Master.....



**Fraternally,  
Julio Herrera  
Worshipful Master**

## Greetings from the West,

“As the Sun is in the West at the Close of the Day”, so is this Senior Warden finding himself closing out another year. It has been a year filled with great brotherhood at Anoka #30 as events have slowly gained back some attendance. Brothers are stepping back into the kitchen in the name of fundraising and great things are on the horizon.

In November I was overwhelmed to be nominated to serve this Lodge as Master by my best friend and my greatest mentor, my father. Seconds later I was once again humbled by being elected by my brothers. It’s not something I take lightly, and I intend on performing to the best of my ability in serving Anoka #30 during my time in the East, and for years to come.



It’s hard not to get excited for the upcoming year at Anoka as planning meetings have led to some great ideas from our officers. Please check the Lodge calendar and our media outlets to keep informed of our upcoming events and we’ll do our best to keep you informed in any way possible.

At the December 7th Stated Meeting our own Brother Jay Dworsky will be presenting our LEO presentation and it relates directly to our Mission for 2023. “Getting Brothers back to Lodge”.

Bro. Jay’s, “Love in the Lodge” speaks directly to our ability to impact every new and long-term member of our lodge by spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection.

Many of our members have not visited our Lodge in quite some time and we’d love to see them come back to our meetings. Getting them back is another matter and is not a one person effort and requires a basic plan. More importantly it is an effort we must ALL take on because it represents our livelihood as a fraternity. Bro. Jay will talk about ways to network within our organization and ways to get more out of our conversations with our Brothers and explore ways to connect more. This is a talk you won’t want to miss.

December 10th is Officer Installation Day at Anoka Masonic Lodge #30 (Open to Public). Noon photos for officers and families. 1pm Installation of Officers in Lodge Room followed by Reception in Dining room. Sandwiches and desserts/snacks. There will be cake!

All are invited and welcome.

Don’t forget Breakfast with Santa on the 18th!

I look forward to 2023 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hope to see you at the Lodge

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

## Greetings From the South!

### Merry Christmas!



Christmas is one of the best holidays that represent love, caring, sharing, and being together. Remember to thank and show compassion to those you love. There is nothing like the smiles and joy of your loved ones on Christmas Day.

Christmas is also a time of giving and sharing with those around us, but that sharing is not limited to those that we love and care for. It is also for the people that we have never met and will never see; those that are not so fortunate in their lives as we are and that could use a helping hand!

But we are also reminded of an ancient masonic tradition!

In many countries, Freemasons follow an ancient tradition and celebrate twice a year the so-called Solstitial Feasts, also known as Festivities of St. John, the Evangelist in December and the Baptist in June.

As is well known, the inclination of the earth's axis in relation with the plane of its orbit around the sun originates an apparent upward and downward movement of the sun. That is, during six months the sun rises and sets at points on the horizon a little to the south of those of the previous day, while in the other six months of the year, the movement is reversed, and the sun slowly ascends toward the north. This is the cause of the changing seasons. The dates when the sun stops moving in one direction and reverses its apparent course are called solstices (from the Latin for sun and stop). The winter solstice, in the northern hemisphere, falls between December 21 and 22, and marks the sun's lowest point above the horizon. It is as if the sun was approaching death, and in many cultures special ceremonies were performed, destined to prevent the continued descent of the sun, ensuring its rebirth, that is, the beginning of its northward journey. To this effect, fires of different kinds were lit.

In this way we are reminded of the cycle of life where something ends and then there is rebirth and a new journey begins.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!

**Regards,  
Trent Gilbertson  
Junior Warden**

## Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Coffee  
9:00 am

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm



Steward's Corner

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - Installation of Officers**  
12:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - Officers/Trustees Meeting  
6:00 pm  
  
Past Masters Committee  
7:00 pm

12/7 – Chef's Choice

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast with Santa  
8:00 am – 11:00 am

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Coffee  
9:00 am

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Zombie Apocalypse



**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.

Greetings Masonic Family,

We are resting!!

From the Pit,  
Scott



Greetings Brothers,

We will travel in the New Year!!!

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

ANOKA MASONIC LODGE  
PRESENTS:  
**BREAKFAST  
WITH  
SANTA**

Enjoy the Breakfast and tell Santa what is on your wishlist!

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 18**  
ANOKA MASONIC LODGE  
1908 3RD AVE, ANOKA, MN  
08:00AM - 12:00AM

*Ticket: \$5 per person*  
(Kids under 10 eat 1/2 price)

TICKET INCLUDES: DELICIOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST,  
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## Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

The holidays are upon us, and we hope that you are enjoying this time with family and friends.

### **December 1<sup>st</sup> – “Land of Enchantment”**

At our meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be initiating 2 new members. This will be the second initiation we have held this year. We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and welcome these new members. We will also be traveling across the state of New Mexico and learn about their interesting roadside attractions. We are getting closer to our destination! On Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will find the Oliver/Martha food truck at the Tree Lighting event in downtown Anoka. There will be many fun things to do:

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm - bonfires, festive music, food vendors, Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse drawn trolley rides, and carolers.

5:59 pm - Countdown to the tree lighting

6:00pm – Tree lighting and fireworks!

They are also asking those who attend to bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf to help “Stuff the Bus”!

### **December 15<sup>th</sup> – “Jingle Bell Rock”**

At the second meeting in December, we will be celebrating Christmas and we hope that you will be able to attend chapter and share in this fun night with us.

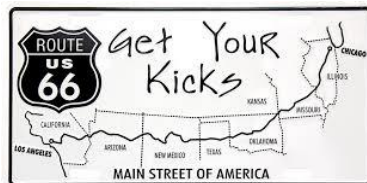
We have extended the “Dinerless Diner” donation deadline to January 1<sup>st</sup>! Over the holidays ACBC and NACE get very busy, and their shelves are pretty much empty going into the new year. We will give donations before the holidays and again after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember those less fortunate this holiday season and show what OES is all about. See the attached flyer for more information.

Worthy Patron Greg and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and safes travels!

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**

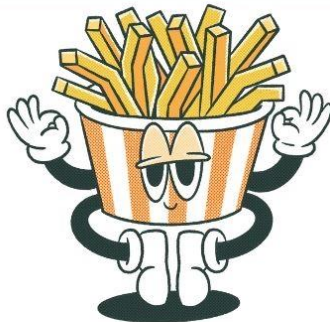
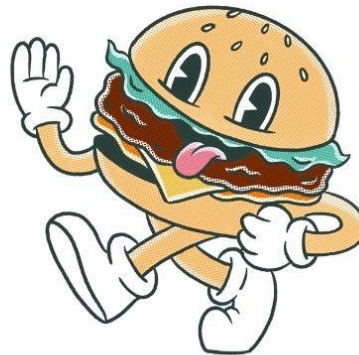
# Martha's Dinerless Diner

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Made Fresh

## Burgers & Sandwiches

HAMBURGER.....	\$1.25
CHEESEBURGER.....	\$1.50
ONIONS, KETSUP, MUSTARD, PICKLES.....	\$ .25
GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH.....	\$1.00
EGG SALAD SANDWICH.....	\$1.00
HOT HAM & CHEESE.....	\$1.50



## Sides, Beverages & Desserts

FRENCH FRIES (SMALL).....	\$.50
FRENCH FRIES (LARGE).....	\$.75
ONION RINGS.....	\$1.00
HOUSE SALAD.....	\$1.25
COFFEE.....	\$.15
SODA.....	\$.25
ROOT BEER FLOAT.....	\$.75
MALT (ANY FLAVOR).....	\$1.00
SUNDAE.....	\$1.00
HOMEMADE PIE.....	\$1.00
ALA MODE (ADD).....	\$.50

Route 66 Diner  
at Yesterday's Prices!

Let's take a trip to a Route 66 Diner! The food is fantastic, and the prices are certainly right! But...are you counting carbs?...your cholesterol too high?...counting calories? Well, why don't you choose your meal, add up the prices, and just send in the money and skip the food!! All proceeds will go to this year's community project, **Bags of Joy**, helping the homeless and those in need. Make checks payable to Martha Chapter #132. Send to Jane LaMusga, Sec. Please respond by Dec. 1st. Thank you for your support to help those in need. \_

EXAMPLE: Cheeseburger	\$1.50
with	\$ .25
Fries (large)	\$ .75
Malt (chocolate)	\$1.00
Blueberry Pie	\$1.00
Ala Mode	\$.50
	\$5.00
P.S. Dont' forget the tip!	\$5.00
	\$10.00

Julia Tollgaard WM & Greg Vokovan WP



## **Greetings from Bethel #48**

Hello! The Anoka Job's Daughters wish you a wonderful holiday season, especially with the wrap up of spooky season and the start of winter! After a very busy September and October, we have been staying relaxed this month, with a November 7th Friendship, and an open meeting following. November 20th was our initiation practice, and the next day was our initiation. Not a lot has happened this month, but we are thrilled to kick off December with many fun events, including a Masonic Honoring on the 19th which we hope you will join us for. I hope you all have an amazing December!

### **Carrie Gillilan, Junior Princess of Bethel #48**

The Daughters of Bethel # 48 cordially invite the members of the Anoka Masonic Lodge and Order of The Eastern Star to join us for a Bottle Auction and Masonic Honoring on Monday December 19th. Bottle Auction to start at 6pm and Meeting to start at 7pm.

**Jobie Love,  
Marissa Agustin  
Bethel Guardian**



## **Greetings from Anoka DeMolay**

More next month.....

**Chapter Mom: Stephanie Hill  
Chairman: David Troy**

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## Brothers, Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

In case you missed it, our own Larry Jensen was honored as one of the Youth Leaders of the Year at the Annual Council Feast at the Rite. It is a well-deserved honor for all he does with the Job's Daughters!



WB Larry receives his award!



His Anoka Brothers there in Support

The Culmination of the Fall Cycle will occur on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and with Anoka Lodge having several Brothers going through and becoming Masters of the Royal Secret, it would be great to see a number of you come down in support that night!

If you have any questions or want a petition for the spring cycle, which will begin on January 12<sup>th</sup>, don't hesitate to reach out to any Scottish Rite Brother and we will be happy to assist you or find the answers you need.

**Terrance Schaffer, KCC**

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



This is my final article as High Priest. It's been a good year. The first complete one since Covid and it's been a joy to gather together with brothers to break bread and spend time together. We're not meeting in December but the fourth Wednesday of January we will resume our meetings. Earlier in the month there is an installation of new officers planned.

Many thanks to all of you that assisted me in having a wonderful year. This forthcoming year I have been elected to sit in the East for the Cryptic Council. Merry Christmas to you and yours and blessings for the New Year.

**With Peace, Love and Unity,  
Your most obedient servant,**

**David Birkman, Excellent High Priest,**



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

**We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays following Shekinah  
Chapter No.52 U.D., approx. 8PM.**



Our Annual Meeting night November 23rd, 2022, alongside Shekinah Chapter No.52, turned out well.

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers repairing to their several stations over the ensuing year:

Illustrious Master Elect: Companion David Birkman

Deputy Master Elect: Companion Tim Galvin

Principal Conductor Elect: Companion Ty Schmidt

Treasurer Elect: Companion David Emery

Recorder Elect: Companion Brian Dimatteo

It was wonderful to have Companion Trent Gilbertson there when the Zabud gavel was ceremoniously passed (a tradition Trent started) to our newly elected Illustrious Master.

Installation is planned to be part of the regular meeting in January. Things quiet down a bit for Zabud in December as there is no meeting due to Christmas. This is a usual "quiet before the storm", restarting in January and preparing for York Rite Degrees right around the corner in February.

Happy New Year everybody. It's been a high honor to serve this great Council this year, we are so fortunate to call Anoka Home.

We are proud to be your representatives of the "27 Select", handpicked by our original Grand Masters to be qualified in the proper maintenance and utilization of the Holy Furniture and Officiants of the Sanctum Sanctorum within and below the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem. When you hear the term "King Solomon's Temple" just remember, King Solomon himself did not call it that. He instructed that it was borne to be a Temple of, and unto, the Lord. A great observance in December. Merry Christmas!

Looking forward to more great things to come. Blessings!

**Fraternally yours,  
Illustrious Companion Eric Erfourth**

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**You are cordially invited to witness the  
Public Installation of the Officers of Anoka Lodge #30  
On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM**

**Reception and Refreshments to follow**