



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!

Happy New Year!

It goes without saying that I'm extremely excited for 2023 and it's been an incredible journey to the East. The officer-line has put together some "Great and Good" plans for Anoka Lodge #30 over the next year and will need help from all our brothers at Anoka to make 2023 a success.

A few things you may notice in the upcoming months include a "reach-out" program attempting to get our missing brothers back to our meetings and back into the fold. Would love to see a surge in membership participating in our civic and charitable activities, but also enjoying the comradery inside our lodge. Look to the S&C and Facebook for upcoming events and please get involved, and of course, reach out to brothers you haven't seen in awhile and invite them back.



Second, we wanted a refreshed emphasis on relatable education topics for those who want some interesting tidbits to contemplate on their drive home. You can expect some guest speakers and a variety of topics you will find incredibly interesting in the months to come. January is our Lodge of Sorrow, so we will wait until February for "Part 2" of a presentation started by brother Jay Dworsky in December. If you missed his first presentation about connecting with your brothers, it was excellent, so make sure you are at February's Stated Meeting for the sequel.

Over the years I had often questioned what parts of this fraternity make me a better man as we so often advertise. It made me realize there are many things that are strengthened in every man when he becomes involved and takes a stake in the game. I know it has made me more confident and has really allowed me an opportunity to be mentored by incredible men, and to mentor others. Being involved in Masonry has allowed me to recognize the desire in most men to be included in something bigger than themselves, including myself.

This is a year to switch gears from a snail-paced pandemic crawl, to charging back into the community and showing Anoka who we are and what we do as Mason's. To do that requires that all of us become advocates for our activities within our respective circle of influence. Please spread the word on all our events, even if you can't make it! Advertising makes a huge difference and we need your help advertising.

As always, we have some projects to complete and will need help with some fundraising and putting together some labor crews to get the work done. Repairing the kitchen floor, replacing the front doors for security purposes, and updating our restrooms to make them more accessible...just to name a few. Any and all help is appreciated and is needed. Please see me or one of the officers if you'd like to donate your time or money to any of these projects in 2023.

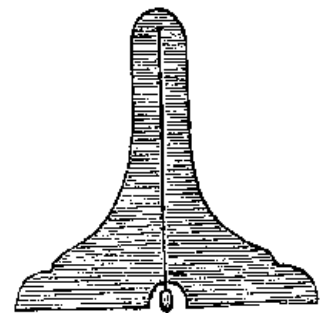
For January, I have asked the officers to introduce themselves and perhaps share what brought them to Masonry. Please take the opportunity to get to know them and welcome them.

Thank you in advance for a great year!
See you at Lodge!

Daryl Warmack
Master Anoka #30

Greetings from the West

I would like to take this opportunity in the first Star and Compass for 2023 to introduce myself and give a little bit of history for those Brothers that don't know me. Twelve years ago in Conover Lodge #709 in Conover, North Carolina, I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This was a very special experience for me because when I was uncovered I was surrounded by a room full of people that influenced my life from a very young age. I had Cub Scout Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders and parents of friends that I had gone through school with in that Lodge room. This was a surprise for me since in the south Masonry is really a secret and not spoken of at all. To see these people in the lodge room for the first time and all of the things they had done for me throughout my life let me know that I had joined something special. Fast forward 3 years and I find myself moving to Minnesota for work and moving away from everyone and everything I knew in North Carolina.



It took me 2 years to settle in and to realize that I missed Masonry and the brotherhood that I had. It was then that I started looking for Lodges near me. Luckily enough this was around September of 2015 when my wife and I were wandering around downtown Anoka when the smell of Barbecue grabbed my nose from the center of town, so we went in search of this glorious smell. When we found the source to be a Masonic Lodge we were both stunned since Steph had seen my time at Conover and it was very secretive I would "just go to Lodge" and then come home. The Lodge wasn't really involved in the community. It was at that time she looked at me and gave me the go ahead to join Anoka Lodge #30 because of the wonderful, friendly, accepting people she met that day at Ribs Bibs and Blues. So at that point I visited the Lodge for the next 2 meetings at which time I petitioned for affiliation and was brought into the fold of Anoka #30 my new Home. It's been an incredible 7 years at this Lodge, I've grown more in Masonry and in my family life. I've become a member of other bodies such as Martha Chapter OES, Zion Commandery, Zabud Council, Shekinah, Selim Grotto, and, last but not least, The Bones Brothers Anoka Chapter #1. All these groups hold a special place in my heart and continue to help me grow in ways I would never have imagined. I hope this little history lesson tells you more about me and lets you know who I am. When you see me at Lodge be sure to say hello. I enjoy the camaraderie at Anoka and I hope we can once again see the Lodge returned to its pre-pandemic glory.

Jeremy Hill
Senior Warden

Salutations from the South!

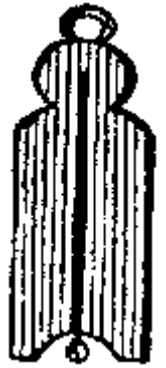
Greetings Brothers,

My name is James Surratt and I was elected the Junior Warden for 2023. I currently live in Andover with my wife, daughter, son, and a miniature Schnauzer.

I came to join Masonry to both remember and honor my grandfather who was a Mason in Illinois. His guidance, patience, and example along with that of my father helped me not only navigate the world growing up but set excellent examples of how to fairly treat people, care for others, etc. When they both passed in 2006, that guidance was lost. In 2008, I decided to look up Masonic Lodges around me and found Anoka as the closest. In attending a meal, I found that I already loosely knew WM Todd Mayer and WM Terrance Shaffer. Along with meeting and talking with several other members such as WM Don Nolley, WM John Freeburg over several more meals, it was an easy decision to petition Anoka Lodge. I was obviously accepted and have not looked back since. Becoming a Brother at this lodge and getting to know my fellow brothers has been a joy that cannot easily be explained. I look forward to helping WM Daryl and SW Jeremy guide the Lodge in 2023.

Respectfully,

**James Surratt
Junior Warden**



The 2023 Officers of Anoka Masonic Lodge



Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, January 4th – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, January 4th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting - Lodge of Sorrow 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 11th -
Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
EA Practice 7:00 pm
Past Masters Committee 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 18th -
Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, January 18th -
Degrees
Dinner 6:00 pm
Entered Apprentice Degree
7:00 pm



Stewards Corner

The Stewards would like to invite all hungry Brothers to dinner on January 4th before the Stated Meeting and January 18th prior to the EA Degree. If you have a meal you would like to see added to our plans, please let us know. We will appreciate it!

Jake Shoulak, Sr. Steward
Joe Shoulak, Jr. Steward



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,

Our smokers are cooling off for now.

**From the Pit,
Todd Mayer
President**



Greetings Brothers,

We will travel again in the new year!

**In Brotherly Friendship,
James O. Surrat**



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

Happy New Year! May 2023 bring you health and happiness!

January 5 - "Pajama Party"

We will be welcoming in the new year in comfort! I started this tradition the first time I was Worthy Matron at Martha Chapter. At that time, I started my workday at 6:15am. That means that I was up and out of the house by 5:30am. There were many times I wished that I was in my jammies and ready to "hit the hay" the minute I got home from a late Star night. I am so happy to see the tradition continuing for the last 24 years!

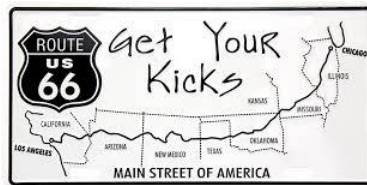
January 19 - "Painted Desert"

The second meeting in January will bring us through Arizona. We will learn about the state and some of the interesting sites on Route 66.

I am very happy to announce that we received approximately \$700.00 for the "Dinerless Diner"! That is an amazing amount considering the price of the food. Thank you all so very much for the donations and I know that those receiving them are very thankful as well.

We are done with our fundraisers for the year, so it is time for the Budget Committee, Trustees, and Line Officers to get together a discuss where we would like the fruits of our labors to go. The recommendations will be announced at one of the meetings in February. I will post it in the next S & C for those who are interested in attending.

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



Julia Tollgaard, Worthy Matron

Greg Vokovan, Worthy Patron





Greetings from Bethel #48

Thank you to all that came to our Masonic Family Honoring on December 18th. It was great to see the sidelines so full. We also want to thank you for your generous support of our Bottle Auction. We raised a lot of money!!!

We would like to invite you to our Bethel Installation on Sunday, January 8th at 1:00 pm.

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

**Check us out on our website.
anoka@mndemolay.org**



Thanks to all who came out to the Annual Breakfast with Santa as well as all who worked so hard to make it a success.



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite,

Happy New Year from the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite! This is going to be a fun year for our Valley. We are proud to have 3 Anoka members, Joe Shulack, Elias Rocha, and David Weigel finishing the 32nd degree on January 5th.



A few dates to remember-

The end of the Fall Cycle is rescheduled to happen on January 5th.

We are also having an Open House that night. If you are interested in checking out the Scottish Rit, please feel free to come on down.

The submission deadline for petitions is approaching quick.

The beginning of the Spring Class will be on Thursday, January 12th.

See myself or Terrance if you have any questions.

Thank You

Darren Swenson
Double Eagle for Anoka 30

Greetings from Shekinah #52 UD!

More to follow next month.

Excellent High Priest
Ty Schmidt



From Zabud Council #10.....



Greetings Anoka Masonic Family from the Officers of Zabud Council No.10, Cryptic Masons of Minnesota.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month following Shekinah Chapter No.52 U.D., at approximately 8PM.

More to follow next month.....

Companion David Birkman

Illustrious Master Zabud Council No. 10 Anoka, MN.

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