



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!

June usually signifies the true start of summer and schedules go from busy to chaotic as trips to the cabin and other outdoor activities consume our time. Even though you are busy, we love seeing you at the lodge supporting our meetings and events.

**June 5th at 6pm**, I would love as many Anoka Masons as possible to come out to support the Jobies of Bethel 48 as they perform a Masonic Honoring for us...bring a donation for the bottle auction and take home a surprise!

**June 7th**, we continue our activities at the lodge with our Stated meeting. We have several things on the agenda and will have a guest LEO presentation by MWB Terry Tilton you won't want to miss. We will also be displaying a particular BFG traveling trophy nine of our Anoka brothers just retrieved from his Lodge up on the Iron Range. Dinner at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm. Join me in brotherhood for this fun night!

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our outdoor Master Mason degree with the first section starting at the lodge at 10am followed by lunch and a move to the Shoulak outdoor venue. We will be distributing directions in a separate communication via email and during the first section of the degree. This will be our Past Master's Degree and we've got a special day planned, so please come enjoy the day.

Looking ahead, don't forget to put the Masonic Family Picnic on your Calendar. July 15th at 11am at Akin Riverside Park Shelter. 1721 River Ave Anoka MN 55303. Bone's Brothers will be cooking up some Pork Butt's and the Grand Master of Minnesota Mason's, MWB Dayton Berg, will be joining us for a while. Come join in some games and summer fun. Hope to see you all there.

Hope to see you at the lodge.

**Fraternally,  
Daryl Warmack  
Master, Anoka #30**



## Greetings from the West,

Until next month.....

**Jeremy Hill**  
**Senior Warden**

## Salutations from the South!

“Making good men better”....we have all heard this Masonic slogan spoken in our lodges, stated in our recruitment material, etc. But have you heard this tag line...”Helping boys become men of outstanding character”? Or this one...”Striving to shape young men into leaders of character”? Both are tag lines for DeMolay, and I will admit I had not heard them before. All of us at Anoka Lodge know we have a DeMolay Chapter based at Anoka Lodge. But do you know when they meet, the Virtues and Freedoms of their order, etc.? I will admit again, I do not, and here lies the problem. As Masons and members of the appendant bodies, we focus on getting new members, fundraising, assisting the community, etc. While all of these are good and necessary for the future of Masonry, it sometimes feels like we forget to focus on and assist with our youth constituents.

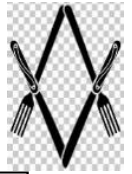
DeMolay was brought into existence with the guidance of a Mason, who used the principles of Masonry to help form and shape the principles of DeMolay. This Mason’s thought was not on setting up a feeder pool of future Masons, but rather on setting up an organization run by boys and young men with guidance from adults that would assist and shape them into strong future leaders of our society. I would like to think, it was thought, that if successful, this organization would help ensure a never-ending pool of great, altruistic leaders bent of seeing the improvement of life for his fellow human using the principles leaned in DeMolay.

While many of these young men have gone into Masonry to continue their journey of self-improvement, many more have helped bring their older brothers, fathers, uncles, etc., to Masonry as these men see what DeMolay offers the young men in their lives and causes them to investigate and then join Masonry to start their own self-improvement. Thus DeMolay, indirectly as well as directly helps increase the ranks of Masonry with “good men.”

Like our appendant bodies, we should look to attend DeMolay meetings, volunteer to assist with their programs, etc., but also be willing to service either officially or unofficially as mentors, guides, and instructors to these young men, helping highlight and practice their tenants but our own tenants of brotherly love, relief and truth.



**In Brotherly Love and Friendship**  
**James Surratt, Junior Warden.**



### Coffee Clutch

Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesdays at 9:00.

### Stewards Corner

February Menu

June 7<sup>th</sup> – TBD

June 24<sup>th</sup> - TBD

Come enjoy good food and  
fellowship!

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

### Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Coffee  
9:00 am
- Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Officers/Trustees Meeting  
6:00 pm  
Past Masters Committee 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> Coffee  
9:00 am
- Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - Master Mason Degree  
First Section at the Lodge – 10:00 am  
Lunch  
Outdoor Degree at the Shoulak Farm  
More details will follow



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.

## Hello from the Pit!



The season has started! We served at We Can Ride and raised money for Horse Therapy.

Our next event is where we change to the Boil Brothers for the annual Crab Boil.

Most importantly, July 15th will be the Masonic Family pork extravaganza. We will have a potluck and lots of pulled pork at the Lodge.

If you are interested, we will also be making extra pork butts. More info to follow, but contact us if you would like to purchase a pan of pulled pork for home use.



**Todd A. Mayer, El Presidente**  
**Bones Brothers**

## Greetings Anoka Brethren,

Greetings Brothers,



We did it!!! On Thursday, May 11, nine Anoka Lodge

Brothers joined our brothers of Mesaba Lodge #255 in Hibbing, MN for a wonderful lodge served dinner of Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and salad. During the meal, a Mesaba brother gave a presentation on traumatic brain injury and some of the treatments to help those who suffer.

After the meal, we attended their stated meeting, and were in a courtesy to us, they presented us with the Anoka Lodge #30 traveling trophy, better known as the BFG at the very start of the meeting. After the presentation, we were given the option to

leave due to the long drive back, but proud to say all nine Anoka brothers stayed for the entire meeting. After the meeting, we had the obligatory photo op, and stayed a little while to chat.



The highlight of the whole night was watching our WM Daryl Warmack accept the BFG from WM Terry Tilton and then turn to present the gavel to his father, WB Neil Warmack. WB Neil then gave a little history on the gavel and what it was built out of and by whom.

Besides the father and son team of Neil and Darryl Warmack, Dave and Bill Emery were also in attendance. Always a nice reminder of Masonry advancing with the generations.



Additional travels will be planned for July.

**In Brotherly Friendship,  
James O. Surrat  
*Bald Man Extraordinaire***



The House Committee will be putting together a Hit List of items that can be accomplished with some team work and elbow grease. The Trustees are working on the Janitorial proposal that will be shared with all who meet in the building.

The Lodge has taken action to complete the carpet project which will require us to maintain it. Reports show that carpet wear has more to do with keeping it clean rather than traffic, so the upkeep of this new investment is imperative.

Expanding on the Carpet Project, the Lodge was able to save money by doing the removal of the old carpet. This will require some labor to not only remove all the old carpet but all furniture and file cabinets will have to be staged and then returned once the new carpet is installed. The rooms of interest are both the Lodge and Star offices, Job's and DeMolay room. **A date of July 22 has been set for the removal of all the carpet. We need all hands on deck!!**

I have heard several comments about how nice the Lodge looks after the Spring Cleaning. I have also heard how good it was to work together for a common cause. It is things like this that will strengthen our organizations and be able to live up to our reputation.

If you have anything that comes to mind or any ideas for the House Committee please don't hesitate to reach out. WB Dave Emery is helping me with the resurrection of the committee and trust he will also welcome comments and concerns.

**Greg Vokovan, PM**  
**Junior Trustee**

## Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

We are running from a very late spring into an early summer and loving the warm weather! Our chapter has two meetings in June and then a summer break from meetings until September 7<sup>th</sup>, but the summer months are shaping up to be full of opportunities to stay involved with your Martha Chapter friends. The food truck at the Rockin' on the Rum Concerts will be every Wednesday starting June 21<sup>st</sup> and we really need helpers for that.

Please look at your calendars and volunteer when you can – this year we will be serving from 4pm until 8pm as there is also a Farmers Market by the park and we hope to have additional customers. It's a big commitment but the income allows us to be generous in our financial outreach and to support our ongoing chapter & building obligations.

At our Grand Chapter session, Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Barlow, announced her project for Alzheimer's research. It is called the Purple Rose Project. You will be hearing more about it throughout the year. There will be forms available for you to sponsor a Purple Rose in memory of someone stricken with this disease. On October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Purple Party" benefit" at the American Legion in Anoka with all funds going to this project. Watch for more information!

June 1<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating graduations, a memorable time for most of us. I thought it would be fun to share our members' graduation photos – high school or college. Or if you have a child or grandchild graduating this year share that! You can also bring your yearbook. We will have a table for display in the dining room. There should be fun conversation about those!

June 15<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring Veterans. WP Tim will have a special Veterans program. Please join us!

June has five Thursdays and Martha Chapter always has a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday dinner at a local restaurant.

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Esmarelda's in Riverdale (it's the old Acapulco, still Mexican cuisine!) 5:30 social, 6:00 dinner. Stephanie Johnson will be taking reservations. 612-232-4470. Everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the meetings or other events. Please remember to sign up to help in the food truck.



**Rachel Ridens**  
**Worthy Matron**



**Tim Galvin**  
**Worthy Patron**



## Greetings from Bethel #48

Please join Bethel 48 as we hold our Masonic Honoring on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for our Bottle Auction at 6:00 pm followed by our meeting at 7:00 pm.

You are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Officers on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

## Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,



## BOWLING FOR OPPORTUNITIES

*Meet the Youth of Anoka DeMolay; where we teach, play, and volunteer together! Win a Raffle Prize!*

**SATURDAY**  
17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
11AM - 2PM  
Super Bowl 6720  
Riverdale Dr NW,  
Ramsey, MN 55303



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## Hello from the Minneapolis Scottish Rite,

We had a busy month in May. The Consistory Feast and Scotty Awards were held May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Anoka had two Brothers receive awards for their great performances!

Don Nolley,  
Degree of the year - 27th Degree.



Ken Martin,  
Best Supporting Actor in a Leading Role  
20th Degree

We will begin Degrees again in the fall. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the Scottish Rite, contact myself or any of our Scottish Rite Brothers.

**Darren Swenson**  
**Double Eagle for Anoka 30**

## **Greetings from Shekinah #52!**

May 24<sup>th</sup> marked the last convocation of Shekinah #52 before the York Rite Grand Session and prior to going dark for the summer. The companions are preparing for Grand Session and for a little summer break. We will be back to hit it hard in the fall.

For those who are not yet Royal Arch Masons, here is a little primer for you.

The origins of Royal Arch Masonry can be traced back to the 18th century when the fraternity of Freemasonry was flourishing. Royal Arch Masonry emerged as an extension of the blue lodge values, offering additional insights and allegories for those who sought to explore the depths of the craft.

One of the defining features of Royal Arch Masonry is its emphasis on the symbolism of the Temple of Solomon. The story revolves around the legendary rebuilding of the temple after its destruction, focusing on the search for the long-lost treasures and the recovery of the sacred Name of God. Through this narrative, initiates are encouraged to reflect on the importance of spiritual enlightenment, the pursuit of truth, and the rewards of perseverance.

Central to the Royal Arch Masonry experience is the journey of self-discovery. The ritualistic ceremonies take candidates on a path of introspection, unraveling the layers of their own character and challenging them to confront their weaknesses. By doing so, initiates are encouraged to strive for personal improvement.

While Royal Arch Masonry continues to be shrouded in an aura of secrecy and mystique, its true essence lies in its ability to inspire personal growth and promote the betterment of society. Its teachings resonate with individuals from all walks of life, uniting them in a shared quest for enlightenment and a commitment to virtuous action.

If you find yourself drawn to the mysteries and wonders of the craft, consider exploring the path of Royal Arch Masonry. Join us in unlocking the secrets that lie within the hidden chambers of the mind, as we strive to build a better world through wisdom, unity, and philanthropy.

Until next time,

**Ty Schmidt**  
**Excellent High Priest**

## **From Zabud Council #10.....**



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

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

The following in part is from "Within the Secret Vault by Illustrious Companion Jack Damien". As you have progressed through Masonry there's one question that continues to arise, are you duly and truly prepared? This question is constantly asked during the ceremonies of initiation, but now as Illustrious Companions, being prepared takes on a new brand of meaning. According to Webster's Dictionary duly means "in accordance with what is appropriate or by proper procedure" and prepared means "ready to do something".

As Select Masters, we learn the three Grand Masters knew from writings of Moses and the Prophets there would come a time when God's people would lead to them being overtaken and brought into captivity by their Babylonian enemies. In the Cryptic Council, this prompted the Grand Masters to erect the sacred vault containing important information which would later be discovered during the building of the second Temple and bring to light important information. As Masons and Select Masters we must understand the importance of being prepared. From the moment we became Entered Apprentices, we've been taught that we are to be duly and truly prepared and that the Great Light is the rule and guide of our faith and practice.

In closing, Are you duly and truly prepared? In all aspects of our lives we should be ready and willing for whatever purpose the Great Architect of the Universe has for us. It could mean helping a brother in need or the neighbor down the street or taking on a much needed task in lodge, are you prepared?

To learn more about the Select Masters and how this completes the Circle of Perfection in Masonry consider being a part of The York Rite, you'll be glad you did!

**Illustrious Master David Birkman  
Zabud Council No. 10**

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