



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!

September is always a busy month at Anoka as we start a new degree cycle and have our traditional Table Lodge. If you've ever wanted to get more involved with your lodge and community, this month is the month to do so. There are several opportunities for you to participate and spread the cement of brotherly love.

We start off the month on September 6th with our Stated Meeting. It will be a special night as we honor our own Worshipful Brother Greg Volkovan with a Grand Reception as our Junior Grand Steward. We will also be talking about one of the projects that WB Greg has helped spearhead during his brief time in the Grand Lodge leadership. The FST, or Fire Suppression Tool. Our goal as a lodge should be to get these life and property saving tools into the hands of our First Responders in Anoka and surrounding communities. Please join me in making a commitment to make this happen.

We then have our much-anticipated Ribs, Bibs and Blues on September 16th from 12-3pm. Please spread the word and invite your friends and family, I hope to see you there. Prep will be the night before at the lodge. Reach out if you'd like to help, the more hands, the better. Please come support our efforts for the benefit of ACBC Food Shelf. There will be live entertainment and great ribs! Keep an eye out for details to follow via email or on our Facebook page.

A few days later, on September 20th, we will have our annual Table Lodge. This year we will be combining the Table Lodge with the Entered Apprentice degree. The EA degree will begin at 5pm and the Table Lodge will commence around 6:30pm. Reservations can only be made with payment so go to Anokamasons.com under the tools/payment option and purchase your ticket today online. Get your reservations in soon, the seats will be limited and will fill up fast.

Also keep your eyes open for an announcement on a CureSMA fundraiser event toward the end of the month. Working on possibly doing a food truck on September 23rd with the Bones Brothers and I will keep you posted as I get more details.
I hope to see you at the lodge.

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



Greetings from the West,

From last month..... We are having discussions around the continuation of this very publication you are reading. Due to USPS postal changes and the costs that we will incur and the lack of interest we see in the digital and printed copy of this publication, discussions have begun. We do know that the printed and mailed version as it exists now will cease to exist. We are looking at models that might include limited prints be made available at a cost or several other options for this publication. But we do know that the S&C as it exists now will not continue into next year, this very well may be the last printed and mailed S&C on a monthly basis from the Lodge. It has had a good run but we just can't continue with the current model. If you would like to give your input on ways to possibly continue this publication, please feel free to attend any of the officer's meetings where these discussions will be held. You can find the Officers' meetings on the Lodge calendar and they are open to all members so please feel free to come and give us your input.

Until we meet at Lodge.

Jeremy Hill
Senior Warden



Salutations from the South!

Triads, or the power of three in Masonry

Greetings brothers, I have been toying with the idea of writing an article on the theme of three throughout Masonry for some time, but being honest, the research time needed each month was never there. Deciding to finally start, on day two of my online research, I found the below article by Richard Marcus of George Washington Lodge 1776 Lodge, F&AM #337 in WI. It was five pages long and a wonderful read. Knowing it was better than anything I could write; I have shortened the article down to the areas I was looking to write on and have submitted for your reading pleasure.

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature, politics, and religion. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. In politics, the US Constitution established three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. And in religion, most faiths teach fealty to God, your neighbor, and yourself. All are arranged in intriguing triads of ideas.

Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Why triads dominate over other forms of ideas may not be conclusively known, but speculative Masonry permits us ample opportunity to reflect on the reasons.



Threes appear prominently in the lecture of the winding stairs as we are shown the first three steps. They remind Fellowcrafts of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A Lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three.

Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental.

The three lesser lights are named wisdom, strength, and beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, other virtues could be added to the list: patience, fortitude, or peace making, but the fact that there is only three draws ones attention.

The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights. First displayed on the altar is the Holy Bible or scriptures from other religions. The Holy Bible is a collection of writings, histories, and moral teachings that provide guidance in our actions. They are sometimes known as wisdom literature.

The square is the second Great Light. A right angle is key to forming a strong wall or a proper column--a wall that will withstand the vicissitudes of weather and seasons. Being on the square is commended to all Master Masons. We are charged to follow the rules and regulations of the Craft and of the country in which we live. We see the square as a symbol of right living in our own lives as well as order in society.

The third symbol on the altar is the compasses. We use a compass to draw an arc or a perfect circle. There is beauty and perfection in structures built with arches and celestial windows. Cathedrals featured rose windows over the altar, which were circular stained-glass windows beautifully adorned for the contemplation of the glory of God. We are further taught a message hidden in the compasses to keep our actions within due bounds. Beauty is orderly, balanced, and under control.

The rhetoric of listing wisdom, strength, and beauty in this order places importance on beauty. Beauty is an odd ideal for a fraternity. Yet beauty is seen as the resolution of a life that is brimming with wisdom and strength. Men who exhibit wisdom and strength create harmony. Harmony is itself a characteristic of beauty in social settings as it is in aesthetics.

We are taught the three degrees emphasize the three stages of man's life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Hiram story for Master Masons.

The posting monitors used by all three degrees today begin with three grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Meetings in Lodge are designed to reinforce these three principles as we practice fraternity, charity, and virtue – three moral guides.

Triads are used by Lodges to train our minds. As we grow in understanding we tend to use more and richer triads. Intelligence, force, and harmony provide elegant synonyms for wisdom, strength, and beauty. Likewise, religion, law, and morals are pillars of Masonic teaching. By religious study and contemplation we search out wisdom. By the force and rule of law, we establish a strong and orderly society. And by inculcation of personal morality, we strive for beauty in our private and public lives.

The lesson for us is that the triads used in our rituals and in our lectures are purposeful and helpful to us. Let us strive for perfection by becoming better men in wisdom, strength, and beauty.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship
James Surratt, Junior Warden.

Come One, Come All!!



**Anoka
Masonic
Lodge
Presents:**

**Ribs,
Bibs &
Blues**

- ✓ BBQ Ribs!
- ✓ Live music!
- ✓ Great cause!

Proceeds to benefit
ACBC Food Shelf

Meat provided by: **Anoka Meat & Sausage**

Saturday, Sept.16th

Anoka Masonic Lodge
1908 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303

Time: 12PM-3PM
Cost: Freewill Donation
to ACBC Foodshelf



Coffee Clutch

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



Stewards Corner

September 6th – Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00 pm

September 20th - Table Lodge
Dinner at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, September 6th – Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, Seotember 6th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 13th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
Past Masters' Committee
7:00 pm
- Saturday, September 16th - Ribs, Bibs, and Blues
12:00 – 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 20th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, September 20th - Entered Apprentice Degree
4:30 pm
Table Lodge **Reservations are a must!!**
6:30 pm



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!

We have been busy.....Looking forward to Ribs, Bibs, and Blues!!

Todd A. Mayer, El Presidente
Bones Brothers



Greetings Anoka Brethren,

We'll travel again this fall.

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



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

It sad to see the final days of summer winding down but we have some great memories of shared times with our members. Of course, the Wednesday night Food Truck kept us busy and I want to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who has helped. Anoka Parks & Recreation has continued the concerts through the month of September so we will need help for three additional Wednesdays.



On July 29th thirteen of us traveled to Danbury, WI to Patty & Chris Meehl's lake home. We had stops at a cheese factory, a winery & then a pontoon ride at the Meehl's. It was a fun time with our chapter members.



August ended with a beautiful reception for our WGM & WGP at the Lost Spur Country Club. We are honored as both Sharon & Steve are members of Martha Chapter.

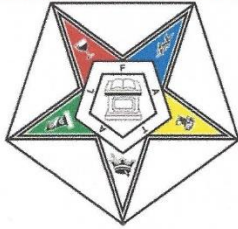
I hope you are ready to join in the planned activities starting with our regular meetings on the 7th & 21st. Martha Club meets on the 4th Thursday at the Lodge at 7pm. It's a social gathering open to our woman members and a great way to get better acquainted. We play a dice game & have refreshments-join us!

Looking forward to a busy September!

Rachel Ridens
Worthy Matron

Tim Galvin
Worthy Patron





Martha Chapter #132

&

St. Anthony Park Chapter #212

*Invite you to join us as we celebrate with the 2023 - 2024
Grand Family the Homecoming of the*



Worthy Grand Matron

&

Worthy Grand Patron



We will also be honoring

David Emery, Grand Marshal

Thursday October 5, 2023

*Anoka Masonic Center
1908 Third Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303*



6:00 pm Dinner

(Free will donation, Grand Officers are our Guests)

7:00 pm Meeting

RSVP requested, but not required

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Greetings from Bethel #48

We are off to Supreme Session in Wisconsin. Pictures will follow next month. Now it's time to get ready for Camp!!

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay,

Congratulations to Kaidyn Troy, Minnesota State Master Councilor!!



Minnesota DeMolay State Master Councilor
2023-2024

Kaidyn Troy



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Hello from the Minneapolis Scottish Rite,

Are you interested in joining Scottish Rite? This event is open to all Masons and Scottish Rite Members.



MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE

MEMBERSHIP RUSH EVENT
August 31, 2023

4:30 PM SOCIAL & CASH BAR
6:00 PM BBQ DINNER
7:00 PM PROGRAM
7:30 PM TOURS & FELLOWSHIP

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Darren Swenson
Double Eagle for Anoka 30

Greetings from Shekinah #52!

It has been three months since the Chapter went dark for the summer, but Shekinah Chapter #52 jumps back into full swing on September 27th. We hope to have a big turnout and to conduct the full form opening and closing. It will be great practice for us. Hit your ritual books hard prior to the stated convocation. Even though the Chapter was dark, it was still a busy summer. Members of the Chapter participated in the York Rite Grand Session, visited St. Cloud Chapter #10 (pictured below), attended the Anoka Masonic Family Picnic and the York Rite Picnic, and held a social event at Nucky's Speakeasy. Prior to our stated convocation in September, we will also be traveling to Corinthian Chapter #33 on September 11th. Any Royal Arch Masons who would like to make the trip with us, please do so. I hope everyone had a great summer and comes back refreshed.



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

Hope to see you on the 27th!!

Illustrious Master David Birkman
Zabud Council No. 10



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