



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!

Autumn is in full swing and so is Anoka Lodge. We recently welcomed five new brothers into the craft at our EA Table Lodge and celebrated the Seven Toasts with our Deputy Grand Master Foster Solem along with many brothers. Please take the time to introduce yourselves as you see them around the lodge.

SOctober 4th will be our October Stated Meeting starting with dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. We have several items to discuss regarding the upkeep of the Lodge and several needed projects going into the fall. The Trustees are organizing another "clean-up" day in October and we will continue our carpet/stairs projects into the fall.

The 18th of October we will be having our Fellow-craft Degree with our Junior Warden James Surratt taking the East. Please come and support our new brothers as they continue their journey in Masonry. Dinner at 6pm and Degree starting at 7pm.

Then on the 28th we will be gathering in our usual spot on Main Street Anoka to serve the public and raise some funds during the Halloween Parade. 10am - 2pm. Always a fun event. Please come to help out or just say hi.

Don't forget coffee and donuts on the morning of the Stated Meeting and Degrees. 9am in the Dining room.

Look for an announcement on a November Chili Contest.

Hope to see you at Anoka Lodge #30

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



Greetings from the West,

We had an incredible EA Table Lodge and Degree. We were excited to have many Grand Lodge officers attend our degree and then participate in the Table Lodge. It was a unique experience for the candidates, and they all seemed enthusiastic about their Masonic journey. I did end up falling ill during the degree and I would once again like to thank Deputy Grand Master Foster Solem for stepping in and helping me. I am fine by the way; this little incident just brought to light my working ethic and showed me I'm going to need to be cognizant of taking care of my work load in the future.

As many of you may know that were at our September stated we are discontinuing the Printed S&C as of December of this year. The December S&C will be the last one we print and mail out due to cost increases at the post office and labor required to mail these. That being said, we are looking at coming up with a digital version to revamp and send out through GrandView. We are not sure at this time what the future of the S&C holds but we do know for certain that it cannot exist as it currently is and we don't want to see it go away completely.

Here's looking to the future of the Lodge and I look forward to seeing all of you at the October stated where we will be presenting some MMC match checks and discussing the upcoming events of the Lodge, especially the Halloween parade.

Jeremy Hill
Senior Warden



Salutations from the South!

I traveled to Nelson Lodge #135 this week to see Ty Schmidt in action as the Worshipful Master. He was as good in the East as I imagined he would be, the lodge is a lovely old building, and they had a neat item of letting a first-time visitor pick a page from a 1924 book titled Masonry Defined and then reading the article on that page. At the end of the night, the usual chorus of "good night, Brother" took place amongst us all. But for some reason, the phrase struck a nerve and I commented to several by me that the phrase, after almost 5 years, still brought a good and warm feeling to my soul.

I have a younger, familial brother. We share the same parents, were instilled with the same belief system etc., and while I love and trust him, for some reason the bond of my Masonic Brothers is stronger in my mind.

For me, it starts with the rituals and obligations we all took to become a Mason which non-Masons do not share with me. We "walked the walk", had the trust that no harm or ridicule would befall us, etc., and knew that every other Mason in the world has gone through something similar. The monthly meeting and predinner build and solidify that bond as it is a set and regular time to gather, visit and continually learn about each other.

The many volunteer opportunities are fantastic in bringing us together in a fun and social manner allowing us to joke, tease, rib, and sweat next to other men who feel just as passionate about helping others as I do. I always use the



event as a learning opportunity by asking other Brothers questions on BBQ, construction, etc., and always come away with a new approach to solving an issue.

Then there are the living Masonic encyclopedias such as Br. Hans Nies and WB John Freeberg, who are always willing and eager to share on a Masonic topic when asked. The information they provide not only helps me understand a little more about this vast phenomenon known as Masonry but helps me get an insight into how Masonry as a whole fits into our world, and I into Masonry.

Like all brothers, we do not always agree with each other, but I feel that the reiteration of the preaching of quiet and good council allows for there to always be a calm and rational discussion and an gentlemen agreement to agree to disagree. After which, with egos intact and respect for others maintained, we are quickly able to move on from the moment and continue with our work.

I hope the next time you are addressed as Brother by someone in the Masonic family it brings the same feeling of pride and joy that it did the first time you were addressed by it.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship

James Surratt, Junior Warden.



Coffee Clutch

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

Stewards Corner

October 4th – Stated Meeting
Dinner at 6:00 pm

October 18th - Fellowcraft Degree
Dinner at 6:00 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.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

- Wednesday, October 4th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, October 4th - Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 11th - Officers/Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm
Past Masters' Committee
7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 18th - Coffee
9:00 am
- Wednesday, October 18th - Fellowcraft Degree
Dinner 6:00 pm
Degree 7:00 pm
- Saturday, October 21st - Lodge Clean Up Day
9:00 am-2:00 pm
- Saturday, October 28th - Halloween Brat Stand
10:00 am

Thank you to all who worked and attended Ribs, Bibs, and Blues. Because of you, it was a fantastic event to benefit a good cause for our community, the ACBC Foodshelf.

Hello from the Pit!

Things have been busy in the Pit! We served the Wayzata Fire Department on



September 11th to thank them for their service. We of course were there for Ribs Bibs and Blues having a great

time for ACBC foodshelf. We just had a Big Butt Bonanza where we smoked 32 pork butts in preparation for Hopefest and Breastfest completing our five events in four weeks.



**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,

September was a continuation of our summer. Not often are we still wearing shorts and tank tops at the end of September! We can pretend that winter might just forget us this year. (Ha!)

The city of Anoka extended their Rockin' on the Rum concerts through the end of the month, so Martha Chapter's Food Truck venue did three more events. It has been a fabulous fund raiser for us and again, we extend a huge thank you to all our volunteers!

Thursday, October 5th is the Official Visit of Grand Chapter officers, and we will be honoring WGM Sharon, WGP Steve and Grand Marshal Dave Emery. There is a dinner at 6pm that everyone is invited to share, even if you have not made a reservation, please come! The meeting follows at 7pm. It should be a fun evening!

October 19 our chapter will have our annual School of Instruction. We can always learn something new or enrich of knowledge of the Order with the DI's assistance



Rachel Ridens
Worthy Matron

Tim Galvin
Worthy Patron

2023 GRAND CHAPTER PURPLE FOR ALZHEIMERS BENEFIT & HALLOWEEN PARTY

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT OF FUN!!

**COST: \$25 ADULTS (CHILDREN 6 TO 12 YEARS \$10, UNDER 6 FREE)
\$10 IF ONLY COMING FOR THE FUN!!**

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023

TIME: SOCIAL 5:30 DINNER 6:30

PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION

**EDWARD B CUTTER POST 102
400 WEST MAIN STREET
ANOKA, MN 55303**

RESERVATIONS: DUE BY OCTOBER 6TH, 2023

CHECKS PAYABLE TO - JANE LAMUSGA.

JANE LAMUSGA

1711 - 99TH AVE NW

COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

**TICKETS ALSO
AVAILABLE AT
THE DOOR!**

**CASH BAR, LIVE & SILENT
AUCTIONS, BASKET RAFFLE,
DJ, KARAOKE, SWEET
TREAT WALK, GAMES AND
MORE!**

**CASH DONATIONS
CAN ALSO BE SENT TO
JANE LAMUSGA.**

**BEING ANOKA IS THE "HALLOWEEN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD"
COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED, OR WEAR
SOMETHING PURPLE FOR ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS!!**

*We Need
Your Help!*

*Remember
the cake
walk...*



Sweet Treat Walk

Cakes Pies Bars Cakes Pies Bars Cakes Pies Bars

The Purple for Alzheimers Benefit & Halloween Party Sweet Treat Walk Committee is looking for **CAKES, PIES, BARS, and other SWEET TREATS** for the benefit being held on **October 14th**.

If you are able to help by supplying a **CAKE, PIE, BAR, or other SWEET TREAT** for the **Sweet Treat Walk**, please contact Rachel Ridens (chair). Contact Rachel by phone/text at 763-232-2243 or email at rachel@50plusinc.net

We appreciate your assistance in helping to raise money for Alzheimers Awareness and Research!



Greetings from Bethel #48

Bethel 48 has had a busy fall start to Fall! At our first meeting back, we had the pleasure of having the Masons "Pack the Bethel". It is always great to see so many Masons and OES members join our meetings. Thank you to all who attended!

On September 16th, we joined Anoka Lodge at Ribs Bibs and Blues and had a

great time baking cookies to share! Next on September 18th, we had our friendship meeting which was painting in the Park! Upcoming events include serving at the Scottish Rite for the Feast of Tishri dinner on September 30th, followed by our Mystery Trip on October 1st. You are all welcome to join us at our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7PM.



Would be great to see you there!

**Jobie Love,
Bethel 48**

Anoka DeMolay

We served and assisted in the clean-up for the Anoka Lodge Table Lodge on September 20th.



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Hello from the Minneapolis Scottish Rite,

Are you interested in joining Scottish Rite? Do you have questions about Scottish Rite? If so, please talk to me.

Darren Swenson
Double Eagle for Anoka 30



Greetings from Shekinah #52!

Shekinah Chapter #52 stayed busy even while it was dark for the summer. The last hurrah was to pay a visit to Corinthian Chapter #33 on September 11th and enjoy the hospitality of the Companions in Farmington. On September 27th, the Chapter met for their first stated convocation since going dark. The Chapter is looking to finish the year strong. Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming Sunday Dinner fundraiser. This event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 19 and will feature another tasty dinner by Excellent Companion Tony Heimer. Get you tickets soon. The funds from the two dinners this year will benefit Granny's Closet and Royal Arch Research Assistance for individuals with Central Auditory Processing Disorder.



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.

I must say fall is my favorite time of year but perhaps you disagree. My wife would, as it reminds her that winter is on its heels, but I don't mind winter either. However, most would agree that the colors this time of year are splendid. I have a purple leaf ash tree in my backyard that is showing off its color now. Speaking of purple, this is the color most seen at a Council of Cryptic Masons. Purple is the color of royalty and is mentioned in the Bible 48 times. The word purple is translated from the Hebrew word "argaman" meaning red-purple or purple. For the Cryptic Council we will look at this color for three reasons.

First, purple was used as one of the materials in the building of the Tabernacle. God commanded Moses to include this color in making the ten curtains. The veil that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place used purple, blue, and scarlet. Purple was also used when making the garments for the High Priest.

Secondly, and what's most important to Royal and Select Master's, is the use of purple during the building of King Solomon's Temple. He especially requested a weaver skilled in making fabric in purple and other various colors.

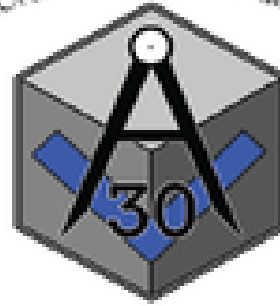
Lastly, we who represent as Select Masters during our closing we are told that Phoenicians are involved in rebuilding the Temple. Purple dye was made by the Phoenicians and its root word, Phoenicia means "land of purple". It is said in ancient times that purple dye was more expensive than gold because this color would not easily fade in any weather, especially bright sunlight.

It's important to Cryptic Masons to remember that purple comes from a mixture of red and blue signifying the relationship between the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch and Cryptic Masonry. So, when we put on our aprons bordered with purple we should remember the importance of the color we wear.

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

Fall Lodge Clean Up

ANDREA MASONIC LODGE #30



"FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY"



IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE HELP FROM ALL WHO USE THE BUILDING

October 21, 9 am – 2 pm



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SAVE THE DATE!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5th when Martha Chapter will host our traditional Harvest Dinner for our Anoka Masonic Family, their families and friends. All groups will get an invitation with the details. Please come