



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!

It is hard to believe this is my final Star and Compass article as an officer of the Lodge. 2023 has been a humbling and unforgettable year. Reflecting on the past twelve months there are a few things that stand out. One being a feeling of pride in being the Worshipful Master of the greatest Lodge in Minnesota and being surrounded by incredible Mason's every Wednesday as we came together to do our great work.. I always feel refreshed after a night with my brethren.

Second, the inescapable feeling of having not done enough and feeling like I should have done more. Truth is, I think many outgoing Masters feel this way. There is testimony in the numbers of Past Masters who still fill our sidelines each month and still find ways to give back to the lodge they love. I also look forward to serving this lodge for years to come.

We all know that our lodge is great, not because of one man, but because of many. I owe so many thank you's to so many brothers. First, to the officers with whom I served with for several years. I appreciate each and everyone of you and could not have survived this year without you. Second, to all those brothers and sisters who showed up and participated and made each event fun and successful. Third, to all those who whispered good counsel. Thank you!

A very special thank you to Peg Oliver and Dave and Denise Emery for all their work putting the Star and Compass together for all these years. Your tireless service is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank each and every Mason who has encouraged me and buoyed me up during my journey to the East and my time here. There are too many to mention in this article.

Please join me for my last Stated Meeting presiding in the East on December 6th. Dinner will be at 6pm. We'll be having a special presentation by WB John Freeburg starting around 6:30 in the dining room before opening lodge. It will be on the History of Operative Masonry. Meeting to start upon its conclusion.

I will also be giving out some awards and taking up donations in the Master's Hat for the Fire Suppression Tool at the meeting so please join me in brotherhood and celebrate a great year at Anoka!



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

## Greetings from the West,

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 December Stated where we will be presenting some awards and showing WM Daryl our appreciation for a job well done this year.

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



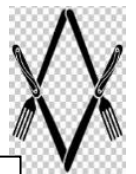
## Salutations from the South!

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge.

**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

**December 6th** – Stated Meeting  
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Come enjoy good food and fellowship!

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



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, December 6th – Coffee  
9:00 am
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Dinner 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm
- Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - **Anoka Lodge Installation of Officers**  
**1:00 pm**
- Wednesday, December 13th - Officers/Trustees Meeting  
6:00 pm  
Past Masters’ Committee  
7:00 pm
- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - **Breakfast with Santa**  
**8:00 am – 1200 pm**
- Wednesday, December 20th - Coffee  
9:00 am
- Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Stated Meeting  
Dinner – 6:00 pm  
Meeting – 7:00 pm

### From the Trustees.....

Again, thanks to all who came out to help at the Lodge Clean-Up. A claim is in the process of approval for storm damage that will include a new roof, down spouts and fascia to take place in the spring.



## Hello from the Pit!

The pits are silent and cold right now. We had an amazing year of Brotherhood, Benevolence and Barbecue. We raised a lot of money for many charities this year.

We celebrated our year by having others cook meat for us at Rodizio. Lots of fun and maybe some meat sweats.



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

## Greetings Anoka Brethren,

We'll travel again.....



## In Brotherly Friendship,

**James O. Surrat**

***Bald Man Extraordinaire***

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

Where did November go and how many days until Christmas! We all have busy lives and our Eastern Star activities are a small but important part of them. The Harvest Dinner we hosted for all our Masonic Family on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with every group represented. The total amount of the proceeds will be donated to provide a Fire Suppression Device for the Anoka Fire Department. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed this traditional turkey dinner!



In November our chapter collected food items for NACE (North Anoka County Emergency services). We will add the money that was collected at the meetings for the Coin March and the Rainy Day Fund to our contribution to NACE. Thursday, December 7 is our next meeting. We are celebrating the beginning of winter and extend a special invitation to any member who has not attended an Eastern Star meeting for a while. All members are important to the success of a chapter and even though you can't attend often, we would like to have you visit and enjoy a casual meeting and festive refreshments with a Bottle Auction! If you need transportation (don't like night driving) we can offer you a ride. Just call or text me or Tim (phone numbers below) and we will see that you have a ride to the Lodge! Winter or Christmas attire is the dress for the evening.

In December we will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves for ACBC. We have done this for many years and our donations are needed to provide outdoor warmth for children and adults. A collection box will be in the dining room. Thanks for your contributions.

Activities in December: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Anoka Tree Lighting – 3pm-7pm. We will have the food truck serving chili, tomato soup, grilled cheese, hot cider, coffee and cappuccino. It is a really fun evening with fire rings offering s'mores and other food and entertainment. The highlight of the evening is seeing the giant tree explode with color!

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 8am – 1pm: Bake Sale at the Government Center in Anoka. Come and buy some delicious holiday treats! We will be packing them on Tuesday if you want to bring some of your own to add. The Lodge will be open starting at 9:30am.

Thursday, December 21 – our last Martha Chapter meeting of 2023. Again, Christmas attire welcome.

We hope to have you join us for any of these events.

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

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



## Greetings from Bethel #48

We are off having fun!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Gillilan, Honored Queen #48

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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 #52 held its last fundraiser of the year on November 19th and was able to raise over \$500 for Royal Arch Research Assistance. Thank you to everyone who came out and a special thank you to Excellent Companion Tony Heimer for doing the cooking again. The Chapter even fortunate enough to receive a visit from Grand High Priest David Dumonceaux. It was a great event.



A few days later, the Chapter was able to present a check for \$824 to Granny's Closet from the spring Sunday Dinner fundraiser. Thank you to all the companions for your efforts in the Chapter's philanthropies this year.

**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 election of officers was held this past month and ready to start the new year off right this January. It has been my pleasure to be Illustrious Master for 2023, it was fun. I want to thank all the officers for their assistance and support this year too. I could not have done it without you!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

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



## HELLO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ANOKA MASONIC FAMILY

This article is to inform all of our Masonic Family members of a new program designed to help all parties who are interested in having a wall hanging display put up in the Lodge. A new committee has been formed to help you with this task and is called "The I Am Your Lodge Committee" It was formed because of some confusion that existed regarding how an individual or group should go about pursuing this goal.

This new committee consisting of five members has the function of providing assistance and guidance to those seeking a display placement. This committee has no voting authority. Our objective is to help family members to assess the object in question as to its historic, informational or artistic value to the lodge. Once this has been done the piece in question goes before the Masonic Lodge members who will then vote for or against providing display space. Let me be clear, display space is precious and we must treat it with respect and reverence.

Several years ago sections of the walls in the dining room were assigned for the exclusive use of Anoka Lodge #30, Chapter 132 OES, Jobs Daughters and the DeMolay Chapter. These designations will remain in effect but will require a lodge vote to alter what is already there.

The committee will offer advice to both the requestor as well as to the Lodge as to the size of the item, its nature , historic, informational or artistic attributes. Is it to be donated to the lodge or is it on short term loan. What is its physical condition and are funds needed for restoration etc. etc.

We currently have three bulletin boards mounted on lodge walls. These have been used to provide immediate information regarding upcoming events or pictures of past events(smiling faces and all) along with other notifications. I recommend that we keep the boards as they provide a vital service to all the lodge family. We do however need to be more diligent in removing outdated information so as to provide a space for those wanting to mount current info. No permissions are needed to use these boards, just common sense and courtesy.

More information will be coming in the future regarding this new committee and its activities. In the meantime if you are an Anoka Masonic family member and wish to have an item put up on display remove an existing item or modify an existing item please see me or the Master and we will put you in touch with the committee.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

WB John A. Freeburg I Am Your Lodge Committee Chairman

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# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Nerf Gun Zombie Apocalypse Party

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.



Come and relax and blow off some steam before the holidays! We will be having pizza and pop downstairs before heading up for our annual Nerf gun battle. There will be weapons available for freewill donation. All proceeds go to Hope 4 Youth, so pick up a new gun even if you don't need it.

See you there!

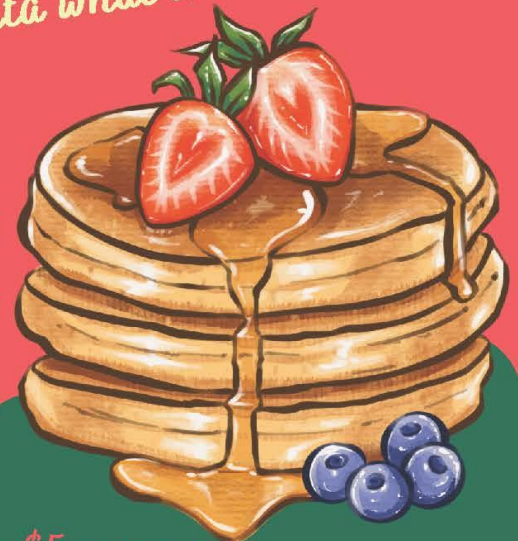
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PRESENTS:

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SUNDAY  
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ANOKA MASONIC LODGE  
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## **Editor's Note to those receiving the Star and Compass via the United States Postal Service**

This will be the last issue of the Star and Compass to be printed and mailed to those members of the Anoka Masonic Family who do not have access to email. There are changes coming from within the Post Office which do not allow us to have control of the mailing.

Thank you to the officers of our Anoka Masonic Family for getting me their articles so we can keep our Masonic Family current with what is happening.

A huge thank you to Dave and Denise Emery for picking up the Star and Compass from the printer and preparing it for mailing.

Fraternally,  
Peg Oliver