



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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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Anoka Masonic Family is proud to announce
that our very own

Gabriella Dimatteo

Past Honored Queen of Bethel 48

was selected as

**Supreme Bethel Honored Queen
Jobs Daughters International**

Gabbi will represent Jobs Daughters around the world. We know she will be an excellent ambassador. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she travels the world!



Greetings from the East.....

YOU WILL NEVER BE ALONE LABORING IN THE QUARRIES AT ANOKA LODGE

We know that at the building of King Solomon's Temple, there were 80,000 Fellowcrafts who worked in the mountains and in the quarries. Eighty thousand workers.....

At times, one could relate that number to the Anoka Masonic family and the work that they

Let's start out with our Job's Daughters. What a GREAT turnout at camp. I remember

attending camp with Bethel #48 back in the mid 80's. This fine group of young ladies, led by a

dedicated corps of adult leaders, continues to prove that they are "The fairest in all the land". Congratulations are also in order to the girls that competed in the Ritual Competition – JOB WELL DONE!! And how about our new SUPREME BETHEL HONORED QUEEN, Gabriella Dimatteo, what an honor. She will be leading Job's Daughters International for the next year. Congratulations Gabbi! These are ALL leaders whom we should be proud of. Thanks for being part of this GREAT Masonic Family at Anoka Lodge.

Recently, the members at Anoka DeMolay attended DeMolay Conclave in St. Peter. These fine young men elected our very our Sam Burrows as the new State Master Councilor. Congratulations Sam! Also, AJ Brendel received an award for "Ritualist of the Year", congratulations to AJ. They also came home with a very special award for all their hard work. And on their return, elections were held and they selected as their new Master Councilor Elect Zach Agustin. We're looking forward to a great term.

The members of Martha Chapter have also been busy working. They were at Riverfest as well as working at the Cub Foods "Brat Stand". Their hard work and dedication continue to be a shining light in our community. Whether it be sewing "lap robes" for cancer treatment patients, or making quilts, or how about raising funds for a "service dog" project, this excellent group of Eastern Star members is ALWAYS there to serve.

The efforts of the Bones Brothers shined bright when it came to the "Harmon Killebrew Day" at Zuhrah Shrine and Target Field. Numbers vary as to how many were served, but I like the number of 1300. All ages attended. Thanks to the efforts and hard work of Cornerstone Lodge, the Birak Area Shrine Club, Jon Anderson, and of course the Stittsworth family from Bemidji, who donated all the meat. The Bones Brothers remain busy working to raise money for charities.

Our lodge continues its efforts to remain an active and well stured Lodge. Your officers continue in ALL aspects of Freemasonry to give the Brethren the best possible experience in being a Mason. And the work continues on your building. We are always doing something to make our "home" a better place. Thanks to all that volunteer to do this. Don't forget that "Ribs, Bibs and Blues" is just around the corner. It's on Saturday September 21st. We will be prepping ribs on Friday night and smoking ribs on Saturday. Come join us, if you can. This is not about a competition; it's about doing good for our community. BE A BETTER BROTHER, BE A BETTER MASON.

This article is about "working together". That's what we have at Anoka. Every group that meets at the Lodge works for the betterment of our Fraternity. It takes everybody, every ounce of thought, care and love to make it happen. That's why at the building of King Solomon's there was no discontent, no anger, only peace and harmony – working for the same cause – to make this place a better place for ALL mankind.

Remember that every stated meeting, I will be giving away some very special Masonic items that I have collected. Anoka Lodge has so many unselfish members and officers who give of their time and talents day in and day out. Whether it be working with our youth groups, Martha Chapter, our York Rite or Scottish Rite Bodies, the Grotto, the Shrine, our Trustees, our House Committee, or just being a member, everyone is doing their part. You can feel it – you can feel the passion – you can feel the want to make this a better place to live in. As I say every month, I am reminded that titles do not determine what you have done for the Craft, it's when you work along side of them and as a leader, you help guide them in the right direction. That is what your officers try to do. We will work for you to continue to keep Anoka Lodge as a GREAT Lodge.

As I get ready to close this article, I am reminded that Masonry gives me more than I could ever do for the Craft, remembering that we are here to "subdue our passions, and improve ourselves in Masonry". And if we continue to do that, what a better place and a better world we will have. That is Masonry in action. That is what makes Anoka great. That is why I am proud to serve you, the members of this Masonic Lodge, to the best that I can. As I look around the Masonic Family here at Anoka, I am reminded of a phrase that I coined in 1997 when I was Potentate, "If it wasn't for Masonry, none of you would exist in my life"



do.

Respectfully Submitted, Jerry B. Oliver, Master

Greetings from the West.....

Brother Grand Senior Warden, your counsel was timely and good...

Oh, the amount of counsel you get as an Officer in any Masonic institution is voluminous. As a new officer, I remember hearing all the Advice that I got from other Past Officers. This advice was indeed timely and much of it good, even if a bit different than my own instincts. I know I heard from Past Masters that I respected greatly and still do. Their advice was based on their experiences, and their own time through the Chairs, and it was one portion of the view that I would grow to build.



You see, as I look at it, advice is similar to our own posteriors. If I can be a bit blunt, everyone has it, and your own doesn't stink. One thing that I have found in these years as a leader is that advice is rarely given in a vindictive manner. I think that, truly, the giver does so with the feeling that they are trying to help a person or a situation out. They are using their experience to assist you with making a decision, or taking an action, and they want only the best for you. In fact, often, advice and counsel is a gift given with little expectation of reward or return.

However, as a person receiving that counsel, sometimes it may not feel that way. I have heard people say "Oh Bill is just telling me that because he doesn't want to let go", or "I wonder what he's trying to do, what angle he's working?". While not everyone gives advice with purely altruistic meanings, they are certainly not all given with ulterior motivation. We often need to learn to accept such counsel graciously, the manner in which that advice has been given to us. We wouldn't (or I hope not) look at a gift given with the thought of "What do they want in return?"

When dealing with advice, I find it is a pretty simple process. When someone gives advice, I first thank them for their time, effort and concern. It's such a simple thing, but in the hustle and bustle of the day, it can be easily forgotten. Thank them for their gift of time and words. The next thing I try and do is to echo back their words so that I can understand. As we have often been taught "Seek first to understand, then to be understood." My mom always told me that I had two ears and one mouth for a reason! Is the person concerned with your well being? Are they worried about the Lodge or our Craft? Your family? Are they worried about their own well being? Understanding these simple things can often help us graciously accept that gift.

Finally, I try and apply that good counsel. Sometimes we have to thank the person, but let them know that we don't agree. This can lead to many wonderful discussions and deepen our relationship with the giver. Other times, well, we all have examples where it has had the opposite effect. Sometimes, we will agree, and letting the giver know that can bring peace of mind that they have been heard, and are appreciated. Now, the second part to that is that we have to act on it. We may not know how, and this could be a good time to get more good counsel. Finally, we may need to take it back and think about it, meditate and pray on the advice given. Hopefully the person isn't impatient, but that is just the way some decisions have to be made.

By cultivating an open exchange of advice and giving appreciation for that advice, we grow and we improve. We remember the charge to the Entered Apprentice by the Master of the Lodge about the fact that such people, when gathered together, will naturally seek each other's well being along with their own. I always remember that while I may not agree with the Counsel, it was given to me as a gift, and I am aptly appreciative of that gift.

That said, this year has been FILLED with tremendous advice to me. I thank you all for that advice, and I know that, at some point, I will be the one giving it to a new Officer. I can only hope that they take it as a gift, and do not think me trying to live through "their term"... and I hope that we all are able to receive such gifts often, with grace and humility, and a sense of appreciation of the manner in which they are given.

Brian Dimatteo, Senior Warden

Greetings from the South

Goodbye summer. As we head into September, the last bit of summer is here. Soon we will see the trees turn beautiful colors, and the heat will go away, making for some comfortable almost chilly days ahead. That is my hope anyway. Have I mentioned I do not like to be in the tropical heat? I am writing this in August, so I have not been to the State Fair yet, I did get some sweet corn though, from the farm in Champlin/Brooklyn Park. There is a little fruit/vegetable stand on the corner of 169 and 109th Ave. I bought 6 ears of corn, threw them on the grill, and consumed all of them. I had to then purchase some more. I made cooler corn with them. If you have not had cooler corn, it is a great easy preparation. Clean and sanitize a cooler, shuck corn, place corn in cooler with butter, and salt. Fill cooler with boiling water just to the top of the corn. Close the lid and let it go. I have had some in a cooler for as little as 2 hours and some for more than 4 hours and the last cob was just as good as the first. I am addicted to sweet corn. My next batch I am going to make some Mexican corn. Alright now back to business. We do start degree nights at Lodge this month, so please come out on September 18th and support our officers and candidate(s).



**Peace and Love,
Tim Galvin
Junior Warden**

If you would like to come to Lodge, but don't have transportation please contact me or anyone of us. I am just a phone call away (763) 442-2176

We meet the 1st (First) Wednesday of the month for business, and the 3rd Wednesday of the month for degrees.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, September 4th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, September 4th – Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 11th – Officer/Trustee

Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 18th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, September 18th – Entered Apprentice Degree

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 21st – **Ribs, Bibs, & Blues**

Fundraiser for ACBC Food Shelf

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Stewards Corner

Greetings everyone,

For the September 4th Stated

Meeting:

Chili with all the fixin's

Nacho Chips and cheese dip

Cornbread

Vanilla Ice Cream

EA Degree September 18th

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes

Masonic Green Beans

CAKE!

Regards,

Daryl Warmack, Senior Steward



Greetings from Martha Chapter

I hope everyone had a great summer. In July we had our brat stand and it went every well. We only had one day of Rain but most of it was warm and sunny. We had a couple people from Helping Paws stop by with their dogs. They answered questions and showed us what their dogs can do. Our Worthy Grand Matron Kathy Foster came and had a brat and a nice visit. We raised approximate funds to support our Service Dogs for Veterans project. Goody will be giving her full report at our 1st meeting back. Way to go to all those who volunteered to work a shift or two over the 3 days. A big thank you go to Goody and Greg for all their time and chairing this fund raiser.



On August 3rd we met at the lodge for our all Masonic Family Picnic and we had a wonderful turn out



What a summer we had and now September is here. It seems it went way too fast. Kathie Brown, our District Instructor, will be at our 1st meeting back on September 5th. Kathy will have lots of answers for our questions and we will hear more about our summer projects.

Our speaker from the Daughters of the Nile will also be there. I hope you can join us and hear more about our projects and other future calendar events.

Up and coming Calendar events;

September 19th Official Visit & Honor Matrons & Patrons
September 28th Vendor/Craft Show
October 3rd Honoring PM Sharon Barlow & PP Brody Martin
October 17th Line Office Honoring - Dual Meeting with Whittemore Chapter
Dinner at 6:00pm - Pumpkin Carving Raffle

Our Craft-less Craft Sale will be ending in October. Our Secretary, Jane LaMusga, will have the results then. The proceeds will help our Martha Quilters.



Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron
John Antl
Worthy Patron



Anoka Coffee Clutch

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month for coffee, donuts and fellowship at the lodge. We will be meeting at 9am and stay till the last one leaves.

It is our hope to meet up for some good fellowship and conversation. All are welcome to come and join us!

Please contact WB Dave Emery at 763-755-2431 for more information.



August has been **EXCITING** for Bethel 48!

We started out attending Supreme Session in Overland Park, Kansas and came home with some bling!

The girls from Minnesota made a big splash. Two girls from Bethel 1 (Minneapolis) were part of the \$1,000 HIKE club, fundraising \$1,000 or more for HIKE. Miss MNJD Julie scored highest on the Miss International Job's Daughters written test.

Bethel 48 girls made us all proud by reaching out and competing in many different things:

- Megan Brendel took first place in 2nd messenger, Senior A division
- Alyssa Brendel took first place in Story of Job, Junior B division
- Audrey Mayer took first place for 3rd messenger, Senior A division, 2nd in sewing/home décor, and 1st in crafting for a Jobie favor
- Molly Mayer took first place for 5th messenger, Junior A division, 3rd place in handicrafts/other, 1st place in needlework counted cross stitch, and 1st in handicrafts metalwork
- The Supreme Messenger team experienced a hiccup, and did not do as well as they had hoped (but they did better than they thought they did). They should still be very proud of all of the hard work they did, and the performance they gave.
- Larry Jensen Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel 48 and Past Associate Grand Guardian, and THE GREATEST was installed as Supreme Treasurer
- Larry and his wife Michelle, Past Bethel Guardian, Past Grand Guardian, and Guardian Secretary of Bethel 48 were installed as Supreme Deputies to Manitoba

The big news at Supreme was the selection of Gabriella (Gabbi) Dimatteo, PHQ of Bethels 48 and 16 (St Paul), and member of Martha Chapter OES as Supreme Bethel Honored Queen. This involved achieving a minimum score of 80% on a written test, robe judging and ritual test (which included a ceremony that is not done in Minnesota) in order to be eligible. She was installed during a ceremony on Friday August 9 in Overland Park, which was attended by a LARGE Minnesota contingent, including almost the entire Grand Guardian Council. Gabbi will spend the next year traveling around the world with the Miss International Job's Daughter Maia, visiting with the Job's Daughters in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Philippines and Australia, as well as sharing the messages of the order with other Masonic bodies on her travels. Please keep an eye out for information on her travels, and on the reception that is being planned.

Almost immediately after returning from Supreme Session, we turned around and attended Tropical Cruise Camp in Nisswa MN with our sisters from around the state (and Canada!) from August 16-19. We lucked out with great weather (except for storms one night) and were able to hang out, paddle board, canoe, kayak, swim, build sand castles, learn how to use a bow and arrow, make crafts, play games and bond with our sisters. Bethel 48 joined with Bethel 1 (Mpls) for our skit, "If I Weren't at Jobie Camp", and won first place. We also won ribbons for kayak races, canoe races, sand castle building, banner, and the Old Spice Guys graced us with another performance. They even had a special guest! We came home on Monday exhausted but energized, and ready for next year's Excellent 80's Camp Adventure!

We begin our meetings once again starting Monday August 26, and will be initiating two new members on Monday September 16. We have also been asked to help with Ribs Bibs and Blues on September 21.

Again, thank you to all of our Uncles (and Aunts) associated with the Anoka Family for your ongoing support. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and supportive family!

On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian



**Our Minnesota delegation at the 2019 Supreme Session
Jobs Daughter International**



Anoka DeMolay

No article submitted.



Pulling pork at Jobs Camp

September is a big charity month for us and we're booked every weekend, so feel free to come on out and help, eat, or even join up!

Sept 1 – Big Butt Bonanza 2 - We'll be in the back of the Lodge cooking pork for the Knights of Columbus.

Sept 8 – We Can Ride Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 pm, We Can Ride, Medina

Sept 15 – Stable Pathways Winner's Circle – 2:00 to 6:00 pm, Erickson Farmstead, Isanti

Sept 21 – Ribs, Bibs, and Blues!

Sept 28 – Hopefest (Alexandra House) – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Lino Lakes YMCA

From the pit,
Scott

Serving 1300 Twins fans before the "Hearts for Harmon" game.





If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family need support, please contact Dave at (763)-755-2431 or Gary at (612) 598-8682.



No article submitted



Greetings from the Companions of Anoka–Shekinah #104:

We had the honor of opening the **157th Grand York Rite Chapter Convocation** in Rochester, MN as MEHP W. David Emery has served the craft well and will be relieved of his duties on June 27th. If you see him around the lodge, please let him know that his service to the craft is appreciated. It is a great honor to do this for our brother and friend. Congratulations Dave!

On July 23rd we attended the Richard Hunt Annual friendship picnic at Anoka Mississippi River park, many laughs were had and was great to see so many companions from around the state. Big thanks to Dave & Denise Emery and Jerry & Peg Oliver for putting this together again this year.

We are dark (no meetings) for July and August at our chapter, but with the hard work of brothers at Anoka Lodge, we now have A/C in the lodge room so stay tuned for next year for this Chapter to start hosting meetings year-round!

The Mark Master is universally known as the "Friendly Degree" with good reason. This may be derived from the relatively light-hearted manner in which the message is conveyed during the ceremony of "Advancement", without losing the moral significance it contains. It may also be due to the fact that all new members are informed on the occasion of their joining the Order that: "... among Mark Master Masons you will ever find friends".

Regardless of the reasons, the friendliness of the degree is clearly seen in the Lodge room and in the genuine warmth of the welcome that is universally extended among all Mark Masons. Our Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy ensure through their leadership, that in Nottinghamshire we truly enjoy our Mark Masonry and the friendliness of

this Order is surely a key element of the success and enthusiasm that exists for the Mark Degree. Mark Masonry consists of two separate degrees - that of Mark Man and Mark Master Mason. Both are carried out in the one ceremony and it develops the theme of the Fellowcraft Freemason. The Mark Ritual is structured on a verse from Psalm 118. "*The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner*". It explores the building of King Solomon's Temple and the craftsmen involved in the work.

A few of us had the opportunity of performing the Mark Master degree at Columbian Chapter July 10th.

Sincerely,
EHP Tony Heimer
Anoka-Shekinah #104



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SATURDAY, SEPT 21st, 2019

12PM - 4PM





Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

Once again the Rite is in Full Swing and the first Degrees are behind us. Still we are moving on through the Lodge of Perfection Degrees which will end on Thursday, September 19th with the 14th Degree, the Perfect Elu, which is one of the 5 Terminal Degrees needed to complete the Scottish Rite Degrees and also marks those new Candidates as Official Members of the Valley.

The Lodge of Perfection will hold the Feast of Tishri this month as well. (See Flyer Below) at which those new Candidates receive their Scottish Rite Ring as well as the naming of this years classes and the presentation of 50 Caps to those members who are up for them. Just one Brother of note to receive it is MWB Don Severson whom many of you know.



Anoka Lodge at the Brotherhood of the Big Tent!



SGIG Tony R. Krall following his election.

The end of September we move into the Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees, with the 15th & 16th Degree, or Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem, both of which are Excellent Degrees.

I will mention due to the timing of this publication, that on Thursday, October 3rd, I will be Sitting in the East as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix for the 1st time in the 18th Degree and any support rendered by attending that night would be great. (No Heckling Please)

Once again the Bi-Annual Session was held in Washington DC, and though sad to see our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronnie Seale stepping down from his office, it was wonderful to be there for his final session and thank him for all his hard work. We also were appointed a new S.G.I.G. as Deputy Tony Krall was elevated to the new position!



Orient of Minnesota Members attend the Session

Feast of Tishri



The Officers of the Minneapolis Lodge of Perfection request the pleasure of your company for dining, toasts, and celebration of the annual Feast of Tishri.

As always, this celebration is open to all.

Saturday, September 21st 2019

Social time 5:30 pm: Cash Bar Available

Banquet 6:15 pm with program to follow

The Feast of Tishri includes the presentation of Fifty-Year Membership Awards: Martin J. Appel, Edward C. Baiden, James M. Barber, Daniel M. Bros, 32^o, KCCB, Charles L. Brown, Wilfred M. Cox, Jr., John R. Dean, James F. Grant, Anton E. Hags, Paul J. Jasso, 32^o, KCCB, John H. Jones, Richard L. Lewis, Arthur L. Olson, Melvin C. Pitsch, Clifford A. Schieman, Donald M. Severson, 33^o, Larry D. Youngstelt, Gordon J. Warner, Billy D. Welch.

Class Naming: Spring Class: Roy W. Dorvas 33^o Fall Class: Michael G. Wahl 33^o

Ring Ceremony Spring and Fall Class, distribution of 52^o patents Spring Class.

Meal choice: Prime Rib or Beef or Salmon - Reservations required.

Save The Date!

Saturday, September 21, 2019

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30

BANQUET 6:15

Choice of Prime Rib or Salmon dinner

Cost is \$35 per person

RSVP your reservations and dinner choice by September 18 to:

612-871-1500 or Jackie@savrm.org

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
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