



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.....

When you think of Valentine’s Day, we often forget that it used to be Saint Valentine’s day. When researching a few things to bring up on this “month of love” I came across good article about St Valentine, and thought it would be good as you plan for sharing love with your sweeties, or even just yourselves this February.

1. It’s possible that there were three St Valentines. The first was a physician/priest was in Rome in the third century. With St Marius, he comforted Christians who were persecuted by Emperor Claudius II. He was arrested, tortured, condemned to death, beheaded for his beliefs. This is the most common origin of the February Feast Day. The second was Bishop of Interamna (60 miles outside of Rome. He, too, was arrested, scourged, and beheaded by Emperor Claudius II. The third was martyred in Africa with several companions, but not much else is known of him. The only common thing about these three men is that they died for the love of God.



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2. The custom of showing our love and affection date back to the Middle Ages. During this time, English and French birds began mating on February 14th. Chaucer even wrote about it in one of his poems: *For this was on Seynt Valentyne’s day. When every foul cometh there to choose his mate.* So, in addition to our Saints, it was the bird’s behavior that added to the mystique of the festival, giving humans another definition of love to emphasize the affection.

3. While St. Valentine is the patron saint of lovers, engaged couples and happy marriages, there is another little-known fact. He is also the patron Saint of young people and of epilepsy. While there is little else that would tie him to his other duties, it’s like I said... a fact....

As the darkness of the long nights continue to wear on this winter, I urge you to think, with love, about your Brethren. We know that sometimes, these people need more love than hatred, and we all hope that by displaying this love, we may be able to turn them towards good. We also know those who need love and affection because they are forgotten by the world. The homeless, the poor of soul, those who have lost everything in this world, only to have the love of the next in our sights. Finally, there are those whom “should just know that they are “loved”. These are often aching to hear someone just say, “You are loved”. We all can take a few moments out of our day to share the love with these people.

By the way, if you are hungry, be on the lookout for the First Chili Feed at the Lodge. Brothers Darryl and Trent have been working on it, and it should fuel the fires inside of us all and help keep us warm! Also, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen's reception is on February 22nd at the Masonic Center. The meal will be provided by the Bones Brothers, a silent auction with many treasures, a quick program, and a dance for the younger (of heart or body) follows. Cost is \$30 and all proceeds go to the travel fund. Please come join all of us in wishing Gabbi well for her travels!

Again, as with all things, I hope to see you all around the Lodge. I look forward to the coming year and hope you do as well!

In service to the Craft
Brian

Brian Dimatteo, Worshipful Master

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Warmest wishes from the West

I had the opportunity to speak, along with Brother Joel Spry, to the Scouts that we charter in our building, at their last meeting. It really got the gears in my head moving. The Scouts and leaders had very little knowledge of what Freemasonry is about, what we do, why do we do it, etc. We basically advised them that we are open to all the questions that they come up with and explained the our own MWB Rod Larson was one of the brothers instrumental in bringing the Scouts charter to the Anoka Lodge. Now I know we have our own youth groups within our fraternity, but this teaching moment was different. I have not heard of anyone going to a school and educating kids on what masonry is about, which I understand why in a small part of my brain, but why don't we? We offer scholarship opportunities to students that are willing to advance their education, is this not what we as masons also do? Do we not in our teachings advocate more education? I know that the scouts have wanted desperately to know about what the people that reside and hold their charter in the building do. A lot of members of our masonic family have had at least some association with the Scouts at some point in their life. I know of at least 7 (which I know there are more) Eagle scouts that sit in lodge meetings on a regular basis. I never rose to that level in Scouts, but I was involved in Cub Scouts and boy scouts growing up. I remember the comradery, the friendships, the pledges, and the patriotism that is involved with scouting. The endless question about our past, who started the fraternity, the different branches of masonry, etc. were great. The scouts as well as I came away from that hour and a half long conversation with a whole new perspective on what each of us do and why we do it. I believe they now understand why we are so particular about our home away from home, as many of us spend more time doing things for masonry than we do at our own home. I think that even just a little education to those who have no idea what our fraternity is about or the progression of scouting and what it is all about (aside from what we see on the internet) goes a long way.

Peace and Love, Tim Galvin Senior 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.



Greetings from the South!

As we are closing out the first chapter of 2020 and moving towards the second, we enter the month known for "Love". With February comes a special day; Valentine's Day or the "Day of Love", at least how most people view it. February 14th started out as a romantic tradition in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In the 18th century, the expression of love for each other grew into sending cards, presenting confectionery. In the 19th century,

handmade cards for Valentine's day was replaced by mass-produced cards. In Europe there were Saint Valentine's Keys, these were given to children to ward off epilepsy and were called, St. Valentine's Malady.

No one can pinpoint the exact origin of the day. Most of us use this day to celebrate and show love to family and friends. Some people have romantic dinners with their significant others, homemade dinners with their family, or get-togethers with friends. There could be cards, gifts of chocolates, stuffed animals and/or flowers given to family and friends. This is the way most prefer to view and celebrate Valentine's Day.

We may never know the actual origin, of Valentine's Day, and I can honestly say, I'm glad we view it as a day of love, romance, caring for other individuals. With this said, I believe because of other influences, advertising, etc., what it stood for in the 18th century has been misplaced. This was the day of courtly love, handmade cards and gifts. Nowadays, it seems to be about giving the most expensive diamond, flowers, candy and other "gits" that are outrageously priced.

Think about it for a moment, "LOVE" it's not a material good, it's a feeling, an emotion, it's how you treat someone, how you interact with others. LOVE is limitless, it's not confined just to your wife, husband, significant other, partner, or family members. LOVE knows no bounds!

Sales for this "LOVE" is to reach over \$18 billion this year. So, when you think about February 14th, Valentine's Day, definitely tell those you love, how much they mean to you, show them in non-material ways. Make a card by hand, wash the dishes, clean the house, cook a romantic meal, watch a movie snuggled up on the couch, have a family game night and enjoy just being with the ones you love. Discuss what "LOVE" Valentine's Day means to you, and think of how many lives could be saved, how many homes could be built for homeless vets, families. How much good \$18 billion could do.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

Julio A. Herrera
Junior Warden



NOTICE

Due to the increasing clothing being left in the Lodge, especially downstairs, we need to make a move. After the February stated meeting, any clothing left on the racks by the elevator, by the dining hall, or the upstairs entrance will be donated to Good Will. Articles of clothing that need to be left in the Lodge for longer than a week should have a notification sent to the Secretary of the Lodge at Lodge at secretary@anokamasons.org. Thank you for helping keep our building clean!

Stewards Corner

Greetings from the Kitchen, The weathers cold in February, but the lodge stoves will be hot.

Dinner for the February 5th Stated Meeting:

A simple fare of pasta with a Bolognese sauce, grilled crostini and ice cream with various toppings for dessert.

Dinner for the February 19th FC Degree:

Chuck roast with carrots, onions, roasted red potatoes and gravy from the drippings and for dessert a selection of pies.

Dinner is served promptly at 6 pm.

Please come and enjoy a meal and the fellowship of your lodge brothers before the meetings.

Your humble steward,
James Surratt



The Bones Brothers and WB Jerry Oliver will be cooking for Gabbi Dimatteo's SBHQ Reception at the Masonic Heritage Center on Saturday, February 22nd. We'll be serving ribs and chicken along with sides. Hope you can all be there to help Gabbi celebrate this special day!

Our stated communication is the second Monday of the month in the Lodge room at 6:00 for anyone who is interested in joining.

From the pit ... Scott

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, February 5th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, February 5th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 12th – Officers/Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, February 19th – Fellowcraft Degree
Dinner 6:00 pm
Degree 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 22nd – Dinner/Reception for SBHQ Gabbi
Masonic Heritage Center 3:00 pm

Saturday February 29th – Anoka Lodge Chili Feed/Contest



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.



Greetings Brothers,

As discussed in the January Stated Meeting and posted on our Facebook page, this quarter, the Anoka Lodge Traveling Man is going to Garnet Lodge #166 in White Bear Lake. Please join me at 6pm at Garnet lodge for either a light snack or a dessert before their meeting. They open lodge promptly at 7pm.

Respectfully,
James Surratt



Anoka DeMolay started the year out right with crowning our new sweetheart, Past Honored Queen Audrey Mayer. We are excited to work with her in her time as our Sweetheart. We also are excited about our term with Bethel 48's new Honored Queen Olivia Shelton. The state hosted their annual event called Winter Fest in Solon Springs, Wisconsin and I hope I speak for everyone, it was a great time. So, Anoka DeMolay hopes that all the other Masonic bodies have started out the year just as well. We also invite you to any of our meetings, feel free to ask one of us when.

Zachary Agustin
Master Councilor

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.



Please join Minnesota Job's Daughters
in Honoring

**Miss Gabriella "Gabbi" Dimatteo Supreme
Bethel Honored Queen 2019-20**



On Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the

MN Masonic Heritage Center

11411 Masonic Home Dr, Bloomington, MN

Mall of America - Lunch on your own – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Registration at MN Masonic Heritage Center – 4:00 -6:00 pm Games

at the Masonic Heritage Center - 2:30 - 4:30 pm Dinner – 6:00 pm

Silent Auction 4:00 -7:30 pm

Dance – 8:00 – 11:00 pm

RSVP by 2/1/2020

Checks written to JDI GGC of MN Or

PayPal to GT@mnjd.org

Cost for Dinner is \$30

Cost for Dance is \$5

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Greetings from Martha Chapter



Happy New Year everyone! Our New Year Eve party again was lots of fun. We had a good turn out this year. Lots of food, wonderful conversation and laughter, cellophane ball game, and at midnight (Rio time 8:00p) we dropped the ball.



January 11th was the open house reception for Pam Willette, Grand Conductress and Jerry Oliver, Grand Sentinel. Excelsior Chapter co-hosted the reception with us. There were over 110 guests that joined us in the dining hall. What a wonderful afternoon and was enjoyed by all.



January 16th is PJ and slipper night and it came at a perfect time. It started in the morning at 12 below and only got a little warmer that day but it is a tradition we have every year and I hope we can continue it.

Martha Club gathered at Bakers Square on January 23rd for our annual Birthday Month along with the Past Matrons Group.

On January 24th we said goodbye to our Sister Mary Ross who passed away earlier in the month. Our Sisters and Brothers did her Star Service and then we visited with friends and family.

Up and coming Calendar Events:

February 2nd

Stated Meeting

February 8th

Winterfest – At George Endor Park, 631 Lund Blvd, Anoka – Noon to 4:00pm

February 20th
March 5th
March 14th
March 19th

I am hoping for good weather and turn out for the day.
Stated Meeting
Elections
All Member Dinner – See invite below.
Farewell - Annual Reports

See you soon,

Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron

John Antl
Worthy Patron



Martha Chapter #132

Come for an evening of good food & lot's of laughs with friends & family



Sisters & Brothers of Martha Chapter - You're Invited to the All Member Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 2020 4:00pm - Anoka Lodge Dining Hall

R.S.V.P. to: **Patty Meehl** By: **March 10th** 763-286-1112 or patty@eiisecurity.com

Greetings from Bethel #48



2019 came to an end with the Martha Chapter New Year's Party-complete with the SARAN WRAP BALL GAME! Things got a bit heated at times, but everyone ended the night in good fashion.

The Daughters of Bethel 48 helped Bethel 1 install their new officers on January 10th, and welcomed many visitors to our own installation of officers on January 12. Olivia Shelton, Samantha Soderstrom, Alyssa Brendel, Audrey Mayer and Molly Mayer were installed in the top 5 offices for the ensuing term. Retiring Honored Queen Audrey did a spectacular job presiding for the ceremony.

We also helped Bethel 76 in White Bear Lake initiate two new members, Bethel 28 with their installation, and attended Bethel 39 in Robbinsdale for their installation.

Coming up in February:

- February 1 visit to the Dan Patch Club at the Masonic Home
- February 8-9 Paint party and overnight, ending with Go to Church Sunday
- February 22 Official Reception for the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center

Thank you as always for your ongoing support of our Bethel and our Girls. Life is great at 48 because of it!

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

Just Prior to getting things going for the Spring Cycle at the Rite, we held a Formal Reception honoring our New S.G.I.G. Illustrious Tony Krall. Though sworn in back in August of 2019 at the House of the Temple in Washington DC, this was our Valley's way of congratulating him on his new station and celebrating with him.

Illustrious Brother Jerry passes "The Sword of Leadership" to the New S.G.I.G.



WB Don Greets the Candidates for the Spring Class at Orientation Night!

The spring cycle has begun and we have 15 Brothers starting their search for more Masonic Light by taking the Degrees at the Scottish Rite, though none in the current class are from Anoka Lodge, we still have dozens of Anoka Brethren working hard to Educate these Brothers over the next 4 months.

February 6th Begins with the Closing of the Lodge of Perfection and the 14th Degree, of which our own WB Don Nolley is the Venerable Master of, and moves into the Chapter of the Rose Croix Degrees, which will end with the 18th Degree on February 20th.

Both the 14th & 18th Degrees are part of the "Terminal" Degree and are put on by the Officer Lines of each of these bodies and are great Degrees to refresh yourself if you have not been to the Valley in awhile!

Of course Anoka Lodge will also be putting on its own Adopted Degree, the 20th or Master of the Symbolic Lodge, will be held on Thursday, February 27th. I hope all Anoka Scottish Rite members will Honor their Obligation to come down and be a part of the Degree that night which is put on Almost Exclusively by Anoka Lodge members!

Though still a little ways off, don't forget that the Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal comes up on March 21st. This is where we remember all those Scottish Rite Brothers who have passed before us.



Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104.

The Companions of Anoka Shekinah Installed their new Officers this past month and with a full line and commitments from all the other companions to come out we are hopeful for a strong year.



The New Officers for 2020!

They are still gearing up (Which will be over by the time this is Published) for the One Day to Royal Arch on February 1st. Being a large part as usual for that day's events. We will put on the Mark Master's Degree as well as the Past Masters Allegory.

We are blessed to have a number of New Candidates coming in, not only from Anoka Lodge itself but from some of the Surrounding Lodges such as Compass, Sherburne and Templar Lodge, and even as far out as one more from Nelson Lodge in Buffalo!

Though the One Day to York Rite is over, we can always get you in and have you take your Degrees at any time, so if you want to learn the "True" lost word, just reach out to any Anoka Shekinah Member and we can begin your Journey in York Rite Masonry.

Greetings from the companions of Zabud Council #10!

We are very excited to start holding our meetings on the 4th Wednesdays at 8 PM.

Our hopes are that by bringing Chapter and Council meetings together on one night, we will get more participation at York Rite for Anoka Lodge, increase our exposure within the Anoka community and free up an evening at the lodge building for other groups and events on the third Tuesday at our very active lodge.

I was installed Thrice Illustrious Master(TIM) on December 17th and it is such a great honor to lead this group of men into the future for the Council. The council is an extension of the Chapter and I loved my time in the east as the EHP which makes this move a perfect fit in my masonic journey.

2020 Officers of Zabud Council



No rite of Freemasonry has come into its own so much as the series of degrees known as the Cryptic Rite, also known as the Cryptic Masons. Its popularity is well deserved for there are no more beautiful or meaningful degrees in all Freemasonry than those conferred in the Council of Cryptic Masons. One reason for its popularity is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story. This philosophy is moralistic and religious however Freemasonry is not a religion, nor a substitute for one. A requirement for membership in Freemasonry is a professed belief in God and eternal life. It is mandatory that a man profess a personal faith in a Supreme Being prior to becoming a Freemason. Freemasonry never attempts to

alter any one's beliefs. Freemasonry offers no theology or plan of salvation. However, it does offer a moral plan to use in this world. Leaving the Mason to look to his religion for salvation into the next world.

Ancient Cryptic Masonry centers around the story of the preservation, loss and recovery of the Word. The Word represents man's search for life's purpose and the nature of GOD. Symbolic Freemasonry, as in the Lodge, teaches of the loss of the Word and hope for its recovery. Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Chapter, teaches its recovery. Cryptic Masonry, as in the Council, completes this story by teaching of the Word's initial preservation.

The one day to Chapter is on February 1st, February 22nd for Council, and Commandery on March 7th. I know many brothers are starting their York Rite journey and I hope all of them enjoy the degrees as much as I have.

TIM Tony Heimer

Zabud Cryptic Council #10

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4-7PM**

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**Adults \$5.00
Kids 5-13 \$3.00
Children 4 and Under Free
Take Home Container \$5.00**