



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.....

As I sit here today, I have the window open next to me. The sun is out and shining, and it is about 40 degrees this afternoon. Today, alone, I have watched a young lady from the Philippines making a snowman, as well as a snow angel, written the Shrimp Dinner letter, gone grocery shopping and taken care of lunch prep. It's been a busy weekend, attending the One Day to Cryptic Council degrees Saturday, as well as the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen reception last night. Let me fill you in on a couple of pieces of news around the Lodge!



The Miss International Job's Daughters has been in town for the past week, along with the Supreme Guardian, Associate Supreme Guardian and the Associate Supreme Bethel Guardians. Whew, that's a lot of titles to get out. Gabbi's reception was held at the Masonic Center, in conjunction with the Snow Ball dance. There was a silent auction, as well as a wonderful dinner prepared by the Bones Brothers and WB Jerry. That evening was a beautiful event, and it was extremely humbling to have all of the Masonic Family attend, but that wasn't all there was.

You see, Miss International Maia Garcia was sharing a little bit about her own experience this year. Her fundraising has been pretty sparse, and her travels have been rather slim. The Miss and SBHQ spend the year together, and their main job is to visit all of the areas that don't have a Grand Bethel - and there are quite a few. These jurisdictions don't have a Grand Bethel Honored Queen. These two young women get a chance to work together, but the costs are extremely high, and without the fundraisers, they are unable to travel. In this case, one of the biggest events is travel to Australia, but due to the lack of fundraising, Maia was unable to travel. Through the generosity of the Masonic Family at the event to Honor Gabbi, we made enough in pin sales to cover her ticket to Australia. This didn't take away from our own Gabbi's fundraising, but it was an extremely generous action that our Masonic family undertook. THIS is Masonry in action!

Coming in April, we have our Annual Shrimp Dinner - this is the 27th we have held at Lodge. On April 10th from 4:30 - 7:00, you will be able to enjoy the best shrimp in Anoka. Cost is the same that it has been in the past few years, \$15 a ticket and \$50 for four tickets. This fundraiser is our main one that is for the Lodge only - focused on supporting our building as opposed to the charities that we normally raise funds for. In addition to the great shrimp and cocktail sauce and the good will and brotherhood, we have another piece of news to share. In memory of the passing of our Brother Ernie Ridens, this event will be named the Ernie Ridens Memorial Shrimp Dinner going forward. Ernie was instrumental in our fundraising efforts for the Lodge, and this dinner was no exception. Please honor his memory and enjoy some of the best food you can possibly have and spend some time with your Brothers and Sisters.

My family. It's what drives me, and it is what makes me who I am. My family isn't just Wendy, Frani and Gabbi. It is each and every one of you that is reading this newsletter. It's Maia and all of the extended Supreme Bethel, the Grand Bethel of Minnesota. It's all of our Brothers and Sisters in other Lodges, Masters of the Royal Secret, The Knights Templar, Prophets of the Grotto. It's the Job's Daughters, our Nobles of the Shrine, the young men of

DeMolay. I am one of the luckiest men in that I know - I have a family that is made up of thousands of people across the world who have the same values that I do, and who will do anything they can to help me and the rest of you. In short, we are Masons, and that is a powerful force to be reckoned with.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge!

Brian

**Brian Dimatteo,
Worshipful Master**

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Warmest wishes from the West

It is still cold outside. Although we have had some snow this year, we have not had the chilling sub-zero cold that we have had the past couple of years. This brings me to my thought of the month. Veterans, now, I am not just speaking of the military. I am also including those who have done and maybe are continuing to work in a profession that helps people. I know that for me personally as a veteran of the Army, I was looking for a place to have the camaraderie of like-minded people, the friendships that continue to grow and flourish, people that want to have the feeling of belonging to something, helping this world be a better place. We do have a special group of people in the Anoka Lodge family, you name the profession, chances are someone is working in it or has worked in it. I want to take this time, as I will in the future to

give a hearty Thank You to those who serve the community and country. This is a Thank You to each one of you members of our family for what you do. It does not matter what your profession is, maybe where you are at is a steppingstone to the career that you really wish you would be doing, maybe you are in the dream profession. What you are doing is making a difference in someone's life and I Thank You. We as a Masonic family still have a lot of work to do in this world, inside and outside of our lodge walls. We need to spread more brotherly love and friendship. Is that not what Masonry is all about? Subduing our passions and improving ourselves in Masonry. We need to do better. We need to practice outside of lodge what we practice and learn inside of lodge. We need to not just go through the motions, we need to follow through and treat everyone with respect, honor, dignity, patience, and love. We all deserve that as human beings, don't we? I want to end with this. Please be kind, please be patient, please have and give respect. Whether you have been a Mason for 1 day or 70 years, we all joined this fraternity for one of these virtues. At least I hope we all did.

**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!

Whoa! Is it March already? This year is going by fast, and I am sure that we are getting that feeling.

With March comes another holiday Saint Patrick's Day. While this holiday is known for the having fun, green, and gimmicky shirts with "Kiss me I'm Irish". It is time of celebration with friends and family.

However, there is something else that comes with March. That is our start of Spring, and the hopeful end to Old Man Winter. In the coming weeks we should no longer hear the crunch of snow under our feet. We should start hearing our birds sing to us in the morning with the Sun

rising much earlier, and at the same time Sun closes later, giving us more time with natural light. No more winter jackets, needing to warm up the car. The many things we get accustomed to.

Of course, there is a downside: mud, construction season, and many more.

Although let's not focus on that. Let's look to the future and to keep on bettering our selves for our stories.

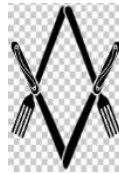
Julio A. Herrera

Junior Warden

NOTICE

When you are the last one leaving the Lodge building, PLEASE check to make sure the doors have shut and are locked. Last week, the elevator room door was found open. Just give it a tug, to make sure it has latched.

Thank you.



Stewards Corner

Greetings from the Kitchen,
After a fantastic FC degree meal by Lodge Chef Brother Brent, you might be thinking he is going with something simple like a meat loaf or maybe tacos....but, boy, how wrong you are!

*For the **March Stated Meeting**, the menu is as follows:

Bone in pork chops in a garlic mushroom sauce; Minnesota wild rice; steamed asparagus and chocolate lasagna for dessert.

*For the **Master Mason Degree**, the tentative menu is:

Roasted Cornish hen (half a bird per brother); roasted sweet potatoes, wilted salad with bacon dressing and a TBD dessert.

Brothers, if you have not been to a meeting in sometime, come to one in March, come early and eat, or just come eat. Find out for yourself why many a visitor is jealous of the Anoka Lodge #30 kitchen.

In Brotherly Love and Foodship,

Bro. James Surratt

Bro. Brent Merritt

Bro. Jason Mevissen



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.



We had a great time cooking at SBHQ Gabbi's reception. If you missed it, you missed out! Thanks especially to Tim Galvin who was working so hard he missed the picture and a big thank you to WB Jerry Oliver for coming out for the assist, the chicken was great!



In March we have just one event, we'll be cooking brisket and sides for Martha Chapter's installation on March 28th here at the Lodge, come get some!

As always, our stated meeting is the second Monday of the month here at Anoka Lodge at 6:00 pm in the Lodge room. We'd love to have you join us.

From the pit ... Scott

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

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

Wednesday, March 4th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 11th – Officers/Trustee Meeting

Sunday, March 15th – Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00

Wednesday, 18th – Coffee Club 9:00 am

Wednesday, March 18th – Fellowcraft Degree
Dinner 6:00 pm
Degree 7:00 pm



Greetings Brothers,

We had a great time with the Brothers of Garnet Lodge. More to come about our next visit.



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.



Greetings from Martha Chapter

Hello Sisters & Brothers,

As I am writing my news article for this month, I have come to realize that this will be my last article. It seems only a few months ago our term started.

We initiated a few new members this year, as well as said goodbye too many of our brothers and sisters. All who were near and dear to our hearts.

We did many fun activities and worked on many fundraisers.

We celebrated our heritage and had many speakers this year who came and talked about other Masonic Organizations they belong too. My hope is that everyone enjoyed hearing about them as I did.

Now we will be having our elections on Thursday, March 5th and the gavel will be past to the new group of officers. I would like to be the first to congratulate all the new officers for this coming year and much success.

We do have a few things to mark your calendars for before the end of March and they are:

March 5th Elections

March 14th All Member Dinner – 4:00pm, please call or email me how many to plan for by March 10th – patty@eiisecurity.com or 763-286-1112

March 19th Farewell – Annual Reports

March 28th Installation of new officers – 11:00am

I would like to extend a very special thank you to John for joining me in the East. I wish you a steady recovery and I will see you soon. To the members of Martha Chapter for all your love and support. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Worthy Matron this year. To the gentlemen of Anoka Lodge #30, thank you for all your help and support. We truly are a family, and I wish you much success. All of you hold a special place in my heart.

Star Love,

Patty Meehl
Worthy Matron

John Antl
Worthy Patron



*You are invited to
Martha Chapter's Installation of Officers
On
Saturday, March 28th
11:00 am
Reception to follow*



Anoka DeMolay

Anoka DeMolay has coasted through February. As for events we are kicking up our board game activities to play as a community. Anoka also has 3 new prospects that we hope are going to enjoy DeMolay as much as we have. Anoka DeMolay wishes all the appendant bodies all well and hopes for a great March.

Zachary Agustin
Master Councilor

Greetings from Bethel #48



February has been quieter than most months for the Daughters of Bethel 48.

We began the month visiting the gentlemen of the Dan Patch Club at the Masonic Home, giving a presentation on what Job's Daughters is, and sharing the Story of Job with them.

The next weekend we held a painting party/sleepover at the Lodge, followed by Go to Church Sunday (in the snow!).



On Saturday the 22nd, we celebrated with the state at the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen Reception at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center. The Bones Brothers prepared ribs, chicken, beans and mac and cheese...and it was DELICIOUS! The reception was followed by the Snoball dance, with Jerry Peterson acting as DJ for the night.



On the 29th, we participated in the Cystic Fibrosis Climb, and helped at the Chili Feed at the Lodge.

Coming up in March, we have a Murder Mystery overnight, and a few practices for our ritual competitions at Grand Bethel, which will be March 20-22 at Cragun's Resort. This is one of our favorite events of the year!

Once again, thank you all for your constant support of this Bethel. It is a huge reason we are so successful.

On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings fellow Minnesotans!

Throughout this past month I have travelled to many places. I started off going to Arizona for a campout with the amazing AZ Daughters, then we headed to Albuquerque for a dual meeting with their 2 Bethels. The next stop was to Louisville for the Conference of Grand Masters. I was able to meet many Grand Masters along with many other amazing Masons! On that trip I was able to tour the Louisville Slugger museum and see where all of the bats are made! We also took a tour of the Churchill Downs racetrack and got to see the Derby museum. The month ended with many of our MN friends along with some out of town guests gathering to celebrate my year as SBHQ. Next month will be very busy with a trip to Las Vegas for Leadership, a trip to Indianapolis for Multi- State, and our Grand Bethel here in Minnesota!

**Jobie Love,
Gabi Dimatteo SBHQ**



2020 Conference of Grand Masters
Louisville, Kentucky

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

February is indeed the month in which the Scottish Rite Brothers of Anoka Lodge #30 take on the duty of supporting the 20th Degree at the Rite, our Adopted Degree! Once again it was a wonderful performance by all and well supported by the lodge!

(Picture to come Next Month)



The Minneapolis Chapter
of the Rose Croix Presents:

**The Ceremony of
Remembrance & Renewal
and the Mystic Banquet**



This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons. It is an open event and all are welcome!

Saturday, March 21
5:00 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge
6:00 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium
6:30 pm: Social before dinner in Downstairs Lounge
7:00 pm: Banquet in the Dining Hall



\$35 Per Person
Meal Choices:
Prime Rib or
Champagne
Chicken

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Please RSVP to:
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or by email:
Jackie@aasrmn.Org

The month of March begins with a personal favorite Degree of mine, the 21st Degree, or Prussian Knight. These “Knighly” Degrees deal in many of the lessons about the noble aspirations of Knights and how we should emulate them in our own lives and try our best to put these ideals in our day to day actions!

Please 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 b



Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104.

The first of the One Day to York Rite weekends started at the beginning of February and the members of Anoka Shekinah #104 were privileged to have 14 new Companions come through that day.



A Few of our Companions at the One Day
with the 14 New Members!



Those 45 New Companions!

We were proud to be asked to put on the 1st Degree of the day, the Mark Master and the Companions did a very nice job, Especially PHP Trent Gilbertson during the final lecture!

We had to cancel doing the Past Masters Allegory due to time, but it was a wonderful day with 45 Brothers becoming members of the York Rite from all over the State.

Though the One Day to York Rite is over, we can always get you in and have you take your Degrees at any time, and with two of our recently elected Candidates not making the One Day we will be putting on some other Degrees and 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!

No article submitted

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