



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..... by way of Brooklyn Park!

My Brothers and Sisters, we live in interesting times, and that is an understatement beyond words. As of this writing, we find ourselves at the crossroads of the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, and the ability to continue to make a huge difference in our gentle Craft. And with that in mind, I sit down tonight to write to you from the isolation of my home in Brooklyn Park.



You see, my mailbox has been full to overflowing during these times. Or, rather, it would be if eMail was a physical thing. Messages from the Grand Lodge. Messages from our DRs and AD. Messages from the Grand York Rite bodies. Messages from Supreme Bethel, Grand Guardian Council and others from the Jobiverse. These messages don't count the totality of the messages and eMails, because I still have work and all those clients who count on our Company as an essential service. All these messages tell of closings, postponements, of changes to the way we have worked and lived over the past years and are the change that our children will speak of in years to come.

When I am faced with all these messages, I try and remember that each of these messages comes from a person. Each message is a story of fear, of concern, of a loss of sorts. Each message tells of sickness, of sadness, of a need to make changes in our lives. And each of these messages comes with a renewed need for us to reach out to our Brothers and Sisters, our families, and our extended circle of friends. If it were just these messages of sorrow, we may never see the daily joy, and with only sadness and fear, life is far from worth going on.

However, if you have read some of the messages as I have you see the other side of the coin. You see the edict from our Most Worshipful Grand Master Ethan Seaberg. You can read in his words the exhortation that, while Lodge activities must cease, the Masonic activities must go on. You are faced with the opportunity to hold up in a building, to ignore the remainder of the world, or you have the opportunity to reach out to your Brothers and Sisters in need. This, my Family, is what I hope that you are doing in these times that we find ourselves in.

You see, all of us have someone we hold dear to us. This could be your family, your Lodge, your Star, or any other group of friends and loved ones. These are the ones that need most our strength and our love and affection. An elderly Brother may need food or toilet paper. A sister may need someone to just call them, check in with them and let them know that they are loved and missed. Your DeMolay chapter may benefit from a Skype session to work on ritual. Our own Job's Daughters are functioning in the absence of their Grand Bethel weekend, installing the new Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Grand Bethel Council via Zoom Teleconference, and engaging in their music and writing competitions via Facebook. These are truly the best of all of us!

MWB Thomas Hendrickson told me of the work he does with our Brethren who are shut ins. He reaches out to them regularly, just to keep in touch. Bringing them groceries (and leaving them on their porch to be in accordance with

Social Distancing - a new word to our lexicons) He tells me that "Sometimes Brian, you just have to do a buddy check and remember what's important in this world." Funniest thing is, I wrote those words and I can hear his voice in my head as I do so. Even the members of your Lodge's Officer Corps are trying to find a way to come together, even though we can't be in the same room.

Tonight, as you go to bed, I urge you to make a plea to the Grand Master of the Universe. Know that there are those in need out in these cold streets, and across the world. There are those who most need your kind words, and the prayers that you offer to Deity. Your family, your Lodge and all the world needs you to be the light that cannot be kept under a bushel basket. Most of all, you yourself need that grace, that peace that even one person can bring into your life. Remember that and remember that we are here for all of you. You will see in this issue words from the Bones Brothers, from our Officers and the remainder of this Anoka Masonic Family. Think of us kindly, as we will all be thinking of you. And remember...

Be seeing you when this is all over...

**Brian Dimatteo,
Worshipful Master**

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Warmest wishes from the West

As I sit and write this article for April, I wish good health to everyone. I like, everyone who watches TV or listens to the radio is constantly being barraged with the Corona Virus panic. I think in this time it is more common sense that drives me. I am in the higher risk category, so I must be careful. I wash my hands often and try to limit my exposure to other people as much as I can. I am also lurking on Facebook which is great entertainment for me as the memes are great. My mom's boyfriend was saying the other day that he isn't too worried about the virus (he's an emergency room doctor) but he is more worried about his stock tanking due to this. My nephew then stated, "Papa, you should have purchased stock in toilet paper." I had a great chuckle at that. I seem to always find something to laugh about or like comedian's say the best

material is right at home. We must laugh, and still have fun. Another one that I have heard is. I had to stay home and there was this lady on my couch, I found out she's my wife and a very nice lady. Being quarantined to our homes sometimes is not a bad thing I guess for some. I am kind of, and have been somewhat of an introvert, I get anxious around big crowds, but I must be busy, I must do something. So, when I am at home I try and find things to do to occupy my time, whether it be cleaning, video games, Facebook or whatever I can find to do. My wife is a saint for putting up with me for sure, as I am constantly moving around. Some people have restless leg syndrome, I have restless body syndrome, if there is such a thing. I like to be busy. When the weather becomes nicer, I will be spending my time in the garage, shed, or yard doing something. I guess I like to be outside listening to the birds singing, lawn mowers cutting, or just cleaning up the yard. Being that this is April, it will not be long now until I can get outside for fun. Please be safe out there in this crazy time in our History. Take extra precautions, this too shall pass, and it will be normal again. I do miss having Lodge though, but it will be there when we can meet again. Be safe everyone.

**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!

This year seems to be going by very fast. I just have one question to start this off, “Who took all the toilet paper?”.

Joking aside, I hope that all are doing well with the quarantine, and that many of you are practicing social distancing. We at the lodge know that this is a difficult, and unusual turn of events. One that many of us have not seen. But we are proud to let you know that behind the scenes we are keeping moving things forward. Our college scholarship is now active on the website, anyone that is going to college; and must already be enrolled, can apply for the scholarship. When applying make sure to follow all requirements and answer all questions.

We hope to see many of you soon, and we can do it without having to be 3-6 feet. Keep yourselves safe make sure to wash those hands properly. Covering your sneeze and coughs. Finally, if you not feeling well please get tested, and take care of yourself.

Stay Safe Everyone,

Julio A. Herrera
Junior Warden



Stewards Corner

Enjoy your time to try new recipes!

In Brotherly Love and Foodship,
Bro. James Surratt
Bro. Brent Merritt
Bro. Jason Mevissen

Your humble steward,
James Surratt

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.



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 10:30am leaves.

Cancelled for now!

It is a great time to get up for fellowship and conversation. All are welcome to come and join us!

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



To Our Anoka Masonic Family,

Like most of you, The Bones Brothers have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Many of us now work from home and all our events at the end of March and beginning of April have been cancelled. However, that doesn't mean we can't cook safely and redirect our efforts. As an organization, we have decided to assist those most in need in our Anoka Masonic Family by filling their freezers with good food. We know that we can safely adhere to the local health, CDC, and Grand Lodge guidelines fully as we make this food. To be clear, we will be making this food at home as individuals, rather than grouping together. The food will be labeled with the name of the person who made it and the date and address where it was prepared.

We will offer a variety of meat ready for freezing or reheating, to those in our Anoka Masonic Family that need it at this time, those most at risk from this virus that should not be leaving their home if at all possible. We are also offering it to those who may be financially struggling because of this pandemic and the businesses that have temporarily shut down.

We are sending this communication electronically only. If you know of someone in our Anoka Masonic Family who could use this, please submit a request on their behalf. They don't need to be members here or family, if you know they are in need, please feel free to request on their behalf.

Here's how it's going to work. Over the next two or three weeks, we're going to cook meat and take it to Lodge or deliver it if requested. We don't know what will be available when we go shopping, so we're not going to be too specific about what we're offering. It will be beef, pork, and poultry, nothing too fancy. It will all be fully cooked, and vacuum sealed in one- or two-pound bags. It will be free of charge. If you want to donate, that's ok. If we end up making a profit, that money will be donated to the [World Health Organization COVID-19 Response Fund](#).

We have set up a Google Form for you to submit your request. We will contact you through the email you send using the request and use that for all future communications. Please use the following link:

[Bones Brothers Food Request Form \(https://tinyurl.com/rt7skc3\)](https://tinyurl.com/rt7skc3)

If you have any questions, please email them to contact@bonesbrothers.org or call Scott Franz (612-396-5401) or Jeremy Hill (612-412-2649) and we'll reply as quickly as we can.

Sincerely,
Scott Franz
President, The Bones Brothers

Bones Brothers Food Request

NAME _____

DELIVERY OPTION:

_____ Delivery

_____ Pick Up

ADDRESS, if Delivery:

CHOICES (choose all you like):

_____ Beef

_____ Pork

_____ Chicken

Number of people in your household (How many for dinner?)

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW?

Mail your request to: Bones Brothers
1908 3rd Avenue South
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Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

No events planned until further notice.



No traveling for now!



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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Brothers Ernie Ridens and Rueven Berlinerblau on their passing to the Celestial Lodge. WB Terrance shared this picture of Brother Rueven and WB John Freeberg.





Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

As many of you know, I served as Worthy Matron of Martha Chapter once before in 2006-2007. As I sit to type this article, I am reminded that I thought it was a challenge then to keep it interesting as all I could think to type about was what we had just completed and what our upcoming plans included. Like our Chapter prior to the last few weeks, we were busy!

Those two topics are very different today as our world faces the coronavirus pandemic and we practice social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. We did not hold our last meeting in March and were not able to congratulate Worthy Matron Patty Meehl and Worthy Patron John Antl on a successful and enjoyable term. From me now: congratulations and please enjoy, knowing that you have served very well. Thank you!

By order of the Worthy Grand Matron of Minnesota, all Chapter meetings, events such as Installation of Officers, and any in-person gatherings have been suspended through May 29, 2020. This date may change (earlier or later) depending upon the guidance issued by WHO, CDC, DOH, and Federal, State, and Local governments. We will continue to notify members via email and Facebook as needed.

Not only has Martha Chapter's Installation of Officers been indefinitely postponed, our Grand Chapter Session has been canceled. So, my list of upcoming events appears rather grim – but please understand that our primary concern is the health and well-being of our members. These decisions have not been made lightly and I thank all of you for your understanding.

Installation of Officers will be scheduled as soon as the instructions are lifted to allow us to gather again. Until that time, we will do our best to stay virtually connected. We will re-organize our calendar and distribute to members, likely sometime during May. This will be a valuable lesson for me in flexibility and uncertainty! Stay safe and stay home!

Our phrase of focus for this term is that “the principles of our Order should shine with undiminished lustre through our lives.” It is my intention to use parts of the Five Lectures by Drid Williams as published during 2011 to try to share some insights throughout this term. From pages 5-6, Drid states the Star has hidden triangles of meaning. We are meant to go from one point to another point, not in a straight line but through a third:

- Adah, Martha, Ruth – to get from the idea of fidelity, through our faith, to the idea of constancy
- Ruth, Electa, Esther – from the idea of constancy, through the idea of charity, to loyalty
- Esther, Adah, Martha – from loyalty, through devotion, to faith
- Martha, Ruth, Electa – from faith, through constancy, to courage

These are unusual and challenging times for all of us and I hope this reminder of our principles may be useful. Please keep those that are in service to others in your prayers and shine on.

Reach out with questions or concerns or just to touch base – our community is our strength. I miss you and I am sending hugs and smiles your way.

Star Love,

**Beth Brown
Worthy Matron-elect**



Greetings from Bethel #48



Well, the world is throwing a wet blanket on activities for the Daughters of Bethel 48. During March, we had a wonderful visit from our founder Mother Mick (well, someone playing the part of her!), and we had a great time solving a murder on Mount Olympus by way of a murder mystery party planned by Honored Queen Olivia. Girls and adults really got into it, coming in costume for their assigned characters and taking on their characters.



We chose to hold our regular meeting on March 16 amidst the changing recommendations. We took this opportunity to wrap up some loose ends and put some closure of a kind to our time together for a while. We had to carefully think through everything involved in our meetings, in order to follow recommendations on social distancing and germ sharing. But we made it work and the girls were very good at following our (odd adult) requests for them to have some semblance of normalcy. We have been given some guidance on how we can hold “virtual” meetings via Skype and are also brainstorming ways to keep the members (and adults) connected during this unusual time.

Unfortunately, Grand Bethel was cancelled due to the pandemic. Our statewide leadership is working hard to find ways to facilitate all the competitions that were scheduled, along with Miss MNJD pageant, and the Grand Bethel line officer selection. There are already plans in action for a virtual performing arts competition. If you follow the Minnesota Job’s Daughters Facebook page, you may get to see some of the submissions. This will definitely be a year that goes down as one that is forcing us to think outside the box in order to give our Daughters the experiences they deserve-stay tuned!

Please wash your hands, stay healthy, and reach out to those around you if you find yourself in need.

On behalf of the Daughters and Adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings fellow Minnesotans!

Happy April!

This month has definitely thrown a wrench into everyone's plans, including but I was able to travel to one place before everything happened! This past was able to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada where I took part in the Supreme Leadership meeting. We were able to drive to the Hoover Dam and to the Canyon as well. I got to see many daughters whom I have not seen since Supreme last summer. I enjoyed being able to enjoy some sunshine and seeing beautiful Las Vegas before we were all Quarantined. Although I am not sure when I will be able to travel next, I am 100 percent sure that I will enjoy my time at home! If you need me, I'll be catching up on my laundry, cleaning and watching Grey's Anatomy with my dog!

I hope everyone is hanging in there, I know that we will all be together soon!

**Jobie Love,
Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ**



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No article submitted.

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

Due to the timing of the Degree, we were unable to get the picture for February's 20th Degree, which is Anoka Lodge's Adopted Degree. As usual it was wonderfully presented led by our Co Directors, WB Steve Bernu and WB Larry Jensen. Anoka Lodge did itself proud once again.



Anoka Lodge #30's Adopted Degree!

Sadly, March then only saw part of the Degrees being able to be done before the escalation of the Covid 19 Outbreak and even saw the cancelation (Or at least Postponement) of the Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal.

The good news is that preparations for the annual reunion and "2 Day" Class to Scottish Rite Masonry are still going ahead at this time. If you wish to be a part of this fabulous organization, we can still get your Petitions in for joining this Spring Class which is named after our own Reual "Bud" Summers, We can get you signed up!

This is fluid though so please be aware this may all change!



Greetings from the companions of Zabud Council #10!

As I sit here in the comfort of my living room, I think of all the people that are working from home, learning from home, stuck in assisted living, and how every single person's life has changed in the blink of an eye in some sort of shape or form.

Our entire world has now been changed and all of this has changed the landscape for humans forever and how we do things going forward.

We have cancelled our March Council stated meeting and communications has moved to electronic form for the officers. We were gaining some serious traction with Wednesday York Rite night at Anoka Lodge every 4th Wednesday. 6 pm dinner, 7 pm Chapter and 8 pm Council but now is on hold but we will resume when able. Many of you won't see much from me for a while or until we get the OK to meet in person again.

I work in the supply chain as a purchasing analyst at Mercy Hospital and this has been a trying time for many of us in the healthcare industry as masks, gowns, gloves, and other PPE's are gone or haven't arrived yet. This daunting task has made many others and me extremely tired and we are doing the best with what we have.

I want to thank all the brothers, companions and Masonic family for reaching out to me and checking on me so I continue my important work. Thank you!

I have enclosed a picture from the wonderful One day to Council class that was held February 22nd.



I want to wish all of you well and stay safe out there since the next few weeks will be the true test of our nation's strength.

Sincerely,

T.I.M. Tony Heimer
Zabud Council #10

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To our Anoka Masonic Family,

Given the up to date information regarding Governor Walz's "Stay at Home" order, we have all had to make changes to our plans. Unfortunately, the Stay at Home order fits soundly during the time of our 27th Shrimp Dinner at Lodge. **Accordingly, the Shrimp Dinner will be POSTPONED, not cancelled.** We will plan for the Shrimp Dinner to take place this fall. We understand just how important this Fundraiser is, and we regret having to postpone it, but it is the way in our changing environment. Please keep an eye out for the new date. Keep your tickets - we will not print them again. If you have already mailed in your check, please keep those tickets so that when we reschedule, you can have some of the best Shrimp Cocktail in the state. Until then, keep your families safe and sound, and work up an appetite - a vigorous walk is still allowed, and I know that Buddy, Hunter and all our dogs would love the exercise too.

The Shrimp Dinner Organizers