



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!

A happy June to all of you! There have been so many ups and downs this past month, it's hard to go through them all right now. We have had both openings and closings in our world: restaurants with outside seating opening, the return to in-person Masonry (kind of). We have seen more cancelations such as the Grand York Rite Sessions, our Job's Daughters state and international meetings. But something that I want to talk about this Month is the Hero's Journey.



The journey is a literary formula for all "Great" adventures. It could be Star Wars, Harry Potter, The Iliad and the Odyssey or any great work of fiction. Monsters, heroes, challenge, great treasures, epic enemies. All these great works of fiction have the similar formula, one that can apply to all of us at this time of challenge. I hope that when you look through this path, that you find yourselves at some point on the path, and that you are looking to the next stage. What are these steps? Glad you asked!

The Ordinary World - Much the way it sounds, the Ordinary World means that your journey has yet to start. Before they start their journey, the hero contemplates their own ... normalness. Brother Lance lives a good life, filled with charitable acts, chances for education and learning, and his family.

Call to Adventure – This is all about kicking our hero out of their "normal" and into the path to greatness. We see Brother Lance again in his living room, watching the nightly news, realizing that it is yet another month without a Stated Communication. His journey has started, and perhaps he knows it, but maybe he does not. Isn't that the best type of journey? But he gets a call from the Worshipful Master, asking him to take on a new task for the Lodge. We need him to be a Mentor during this time, to make sure our new candidates stay engaged.

Refusal of the call – Our hero, Brother Lance has received the call to action. He knows that the Master needs his help, but there is a problem. He has been idle so long, he is no longer conversant with our Ritual, with our modes of recognition. It's been months, he hasn't performed any of the ritual. He's probably forgotten more about the technical aspects of Masonry than he ever remembered. He says, "thanks but not really able to do that."

Meeting the mentor – every good hero needs a mentor – the Hero's Hero. In this case, the Worshipful Master displays his Wisdom. He thinks for a few moments, and then launches into the counter. "Well, remember, you are not going to be alone in this Lance. Brother Hans is going to be right there with you. He will help you out. What do you think? You up to the challenge?" Of course, we know he is! Brother Lance has now started the Hero's Journey in earnest.

Crossing the first threshold – our hero Brother Lance is ready and committed to his Journey. This is the start of the Second Act of this epic. Brother Lance strikes out and crosses the first barrier – making contact with Brother Barron. From this point forward, there is no turning back! Here he meets the first guardian of the Threshold – perhaps his very cute child, who wants him to stay home. But Brother Lance, in true hero form, continues onward.

Tests, Allies, Enemies - When we step into the Special World, we notice a definite shift. The Hero might be discombobulated by this unfamiliar reality and its new rules. This is generally one of the longest stages in the story, as our protagonist gets to grips with this new world. Brothers Lance and Barron are working together on that challenging Obligation, the signs of the Degree, and Masonry in general. He meets new allies (other Brothers, WB Terrance) and antagonists (his own mind telling him to stay home, his neighbor who thinks the whole virus is the work of the Government).

Approach to the inmost cave – The inmost cave is rarely a physical location. Instead, the “inmost cave” refers to the most dangerous spot in the other realm — whether that’s the villain’s chambers, the lair of the fearsome dragon, or the Death Star. Almost always, it is where the ultimate goal of the quest is located. Brother Hans has decided that there should be a mock-prove up and has reached out with the new In-person rules to do so in the Lodge. While Brother Lance is not performing, his Brother is, and our Hero is there to assist!

Ordeal - Of all the tests the Hero has faced, none have made them hit rock bottom — until now. Brother Lance must now confront his greatest fear and if he makes it through, he will be forever transformed. It’s a critical moment for the protagonist, one which will inform every other decision or action he will take in the future. The Ordeal is sometimes not the climax of the story. There is more to come. But you can think of it as the main event of the second act — the one in which the Hero actually earns the title of “Hero.” Brother Lance steps forth with Brother Barron and gives the Dugard and sign.

Reward – Riches! Our intrepid Hero, Brother Lance, has again reached the end of the act. He steps forward and is rewarded with the Wages of a Fellowcraft. However, this time they don’t ring as hollow as they have in the past. This time, he sees the smile beaming from Brother Barron as, with his help, he finishes the mock-prove-up. But like all great stories, this is not the end, just the beginning.

The Road Back – The beginning of the Third Act shows the Hero on the way back to the Ordinary World once more. More precisely, our Brother Lance now has to deal with the ramifications of his heroic ordeal. He now is seen as a great Mentor himself! He has shown that he can teach and lead, and that can be a challenge, and cause even more fear!

Resurrection – This is not a true resurrection, but more a figurative one. In this final scene, the antagonist gets one last shot at our Hero. Brother Lance has survived the first test, but the true test remains at the next Stated Communication where the Lodge can experience the work of our TWO heroes now. This time, however, Brother Barron stumbles during the Obligation. It’s kind of that near-death situation where there is another Ordeal, but our Hero comes out stronger! Will this be the end of our Hero, or merely the beginning?

It’s all figurative, it’s all the license of the author of movies, books, and radio dramas. You can fit in any hero – Luke Skywalker, Harry Potter, Bilbo Baggins, Brother Lance. You only have to look to see what’s out there, and where your own heroic journey can start. To quote from the movie “Up” (another great Hero’s journey) “*Adventure is out there!*” Be on the watch for it, and don’t be afraid to delve into the jungle once more with your Brothers. Until then, grab some popcorn and an obscenely large diet coke and enjoy the show!

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Warmest wishes from the West

Summer is here! My attempt at growing grass has not been successful, oh well, better luck next time, I guess. The near future at this point is unknown in relation to Lodge activities and such, but we will get through it no matter what is thrown our way. Sometimes it is nice to kind of be forced to slow down life a little bit, as my wife said, it is so nice that you have had a chance to learn to relax a little bit. Even on vacations or get always I always had to be doing something to keep my mind occupied. I have had a great time when I got the chance to get out and about with very little stress about work. That sounds funny, but my business had, and still does have a contingency plan for this type of event. Everyone is still getting their paycheck and are still covered under insurance, so there is no stress about keeping our business viable even though we are deemed non-essential. I do dearly miss Lodge though and seeing everyone in person greetings with handshakes and hugs. One of the best things that I get to participate in during this time is spending time with the Bones Brothers face to face 6ft apart and no physical contact of course. Keeping with the charity ideas of cooking for others in need. We do what we do as a hobby, and or, labor of love. Is it fun waking up on our days off at 5am? No way, but we do it for the greater good. The perks we get out of doing this are, spending time with like-minded brothers, serving others, and learning tips and tricks from each other. As you can see there is not much going on in the West right now, but that will change shortly. There is still work to be done. When the sun sets in the Western sky and the orange/yellow hue drop below the horizon, remember another day has come to a close. and a new one is right behind it ready to open. Soon we will meet again at the lodge and continue exactly where we left off. Stay Safe Anoka Lodge family.

**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!

Well it looks like Spring is finally here and ready to stay. I could of swore that the weather personnel said we were supposed to have a rainy Memorial Day weekend. Well if being Minnesotan has taught me anything, do not trust the weather people. They will, however, keep us informed on potentially dangerous weather.

I hope everyone is still staying safe and following the suggested guidelines for protection while we slowly open back. Because the virus still out there, and we still need to be safe. Even us in Lodge are going over ways on how we can hold meetings at the recommended guidelines.

It does hurt a little that the State Fair will not be happening this year. For many this will be the first year without attending. I would recommend use this time to spend time with your family and get to know them better. Teach your kids some commonsense abilities they will need for the real world. Finish some tasks or projects you have been putting off. For example, my family was finally able to reside our garage!

We know there will be a time when the gatherings will come back. Going outside without a face mask will be the norm again. We will not have to keep six feet apart from each other. Leading up to business not needing to adhere to a partial capacity.

Until that day comes stay safe.

**Julio A. Herrera
Junior Warden**



Stewards Corner

Until we can break bread together!

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

Your humble steward,
James Surratt



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 11am. Leave your coffee and donuts in the clutch.

Cancelled for now!

We will meet up for good fellowship and conversation. All are welcome to come and join us!

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

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.



No traveling at this time.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

They are coming soon!?!



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.

In brotherly love, we need to reach out to those in need.



From the Bones Brothers;

May 16th weekend - The Bones Brothers purchased two pigs from a local farmer, cooked it all, pulled it all, and donated to charities and first responders. From the farm on Thursday to the table on Saturday. Best tasting pork ever. Trying to find a way to help our community through this while keeping safe. We also bought a giant cooler, big enough to hold 400 cans of your favorite beverage, or two whole hogs!

Special thanks to:

Aqua Wizards Plumbing ([Br. Jason Kuehn](#)) connected us with the farmer, donated the pigs, and helped with the initial prep of the animals.

Pallet Service Corp ([Br. Ryan Dawson](#)) donated all the oak wood for the cook (it was beautiful!).

[Br. Brent Merritt](#) for teaching us about breaking down a whole hog.

[Br. Jeremy Hill](#) and his wife [Steph Hill](#) for letting us use their front yard and hosting the whole thing.

Apologies to that one grumpy neighbor.

Thank you to all the Bone Brothers who came out to help. You guys are awesome!

We'll be doing round two the first weekend in June, hopefully in the back lot at the Lodge if the street is open. As always, we will operate within the guidelines of the state, Grand Lodge, and Anoka Lodge #30. Feel free to swing by and say hi, as long as you have a mask and you don't make person #11, we'll find room for you! Samples most likely available early evening.

From the pit ...

Scott Franz

President, The Bones Brothers





Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

During April and May, we have had many members join our Thursday Zoom gatherings – thank you! It is terrific to see your smiling faces and hear your voices as we share our “stay at home” activities with each other.

I mentioned last month that our Trustees and Elected Officers would meet via a web meeting and we did. With uncertainty remaining, we decided to wait regarding recommendations until we are better able to understand when (or even if) we will be able to hold fundraising activities during this “term”. I use the quotation marks since we are in the period of the “2020 – 2021” term but we are also in a rather unexpected state between WM Patty and WP John’s term and WM Elect Beth and WP Elect Jordy’s term.

To that end, Patty and I have been and will continue to be in close contact. We continue to prioritize keeping the health and welfare of our members in mind. For this reason, we will not hold regular meetings during June. We are usually “dark” for July and August as well so will continue with that plan. We will adjust if conditions change and will make decisions about holding meetings during September at a time much closer to September.

If we can hold an activity prior to September – we will be most excited to share those details via email and this newsletter. It is likely that you will receive an email with updated login details for zoom meetings during June, July, and August – perhaps only on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

If you have suggestions for activities that we can “do together while remaining apart”, please email me at bbrownshoegirl@comcast.net – I look forward to your ideas! On that note, rather than sharing additional information from the Five Lectures by Drid Williams this month, I am hoping you will sing this song and think of your OES sisters and brothers:

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Until we can sing together with Dorcie’s beautiful music, please take care and stay safe. As always, please keep those who are in service to others in your prayers and shine on.

**Star Love,
Beth Brown
Worthy Matron-elect**



Greetings from Bethel #48



To our Anoka Masonic Family-

The Jobies of Bethel 48 hope this finds all of you well-both physically and emotionally.

We have been working hard to keep our girls connected during this challenging time.

We are taking advantage of the technology available to us to continue meeting on our regular schedule. We have also been meeting virtually for fun events as well. We have done a scavenger hunt, a bingo game and a Tenzi game, as well as participated in several virtual events with other Bethels. On May 14, some of our members also attended an international friendship meeting held by Bethel 9 in Manitoba, with over 300 attendees from all five countries where Job's Daughters are (U.S., Canada, Philippines, Brazil and Australia). Several of our members are also Grand Bethel Representatives to other states and have been able to participate in video meetings for those jurisdictions.



Sadly, the decision was made to cancel all Jobs Daughters events through August 31-this includes Grand Bethel, GGC Grand Session, Jobie Summit and Leadership, Supreme Session and Job's Daughters Camp. These decisions were not easy, but were made with everyone's health and safety in mind. As a state, we are planning many virtual events to keep the girls involved over the summer.

With everything on hold for the summer, Bethels were given some options for how to proceed in regards to our elected line (since we are unable to meet to hold elections). Honored Queen Olivia chose to remain as HQ for the next term (until January 2021), and hold our elected line in place. They will all work together to plan events for the Fall.

Many of you know, but for those of you who do not, I am a member of the elected line for the Grand Guardian Council of Minnesota. Due to the time commitment this involves, and the necessity to maintain neutrality, I am no longer able to serve as Bethel Guardian. My successor will be announced over the next month. Thank you for your support of our Daughters-I know this will not change as our council changes!

Finally, we have two members who are graduating from high school this year. Grace Shelton is graduating from the International Baccalaureate program at Champlin Park High School, and Bailey Brendel will graduate from Anoka High school. Both girls are Past Honored Queens of Bethel 48, and both received scholarships from Masonic Charities. We are so proud of them, their accomplishments, their contributions to the success of our Bethel and their fortitude during this not so ideal end to their high school career.

CONGRATULATIONS GRACE AND BAILEY!



On behalf of the adults and Daughters of Bethel 48-stay well!

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Hello Masonic Family!!

I have been grounded! Hang in there, we will all be together again soon!

Jobie Love,

Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ



ANOKA DEMOLAY

No article submitted.

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

As we continue into our 3rd month of being separated from each other and the activities we love, I thought now would be a good time to share some History about the Minneapolis Valley of the Rite.

Our Valley was established in 1873, led by Illustrious Brother Alfred Elisha Ames. It followed the Valley of Saint Paul that had already been conducting the work for some time prior. Sovereign Grand Commander Albert Pike himself issued letters of Patent and assigned the name Excelsior for the new Lodge of Perfection.



The Valley grew fast and soon chartered the Chapter of the Rose Croix in the State. Sadly, Illustrious Brother Ames died in September of 1874 and never saw the Valley grow to putting on all 32 Degrees of the Scottish Rite. We did have the honor of having Albert Pike visit our Valley and confer the 32nd Degree 1879.

The Valley Originally met in the rooms of the Minneapolis Lodge #19 and moved to renting space at Masonic Temple at the Corner of Hennepin and 6th Street.

We moved in the building on Dupont and Franklin Avenues, an old Methodist Church in 1915. The church was named after a Brother Mason, Bishop Fowler who was Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Minnesota and those influences can still be seen within the building itself. Some of you may remember how we celebrated our centennial celebration in 2015



The history of our Valley, its beginnings and all we do today were shared last year during the “Open Doors” event for the City of Minneapolis where over 3200 visitors came by the valley for tour and information. We hope that this year’s event will not be canceled so that others can share in the wonderful architecture and art.



Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104

Due to the Covid outbreak the powers that be have official canceled the Grand York Rite Session scheduled for June 25th – June 27th, and will be holding a virtual gathering like we did for the Grand Lodge Communication to conduct the business and elections needed to continue doing the work going forward.

Information regarding how these Procedures will occur will be forth coming and we will distribute it as soon as we receive it. For now, we just hope you are all staying healthy and safe and we can see you by the fall!

Greetings from the companions of Zabud Council #10

I want to thank you for taking the time to read this month’s article of the S & C. This is a perfect way to communicate with all of you at your homes as we continue to do our good works when not in lodge, chapter or council.

Strange times we are still living in at the moment. I hope that someone reads all the communications about Covid-19, 100 years from now and doesn't have to go through the same thing we are experiencing for the past few months with almost everything closed, workers are deemed essential or non-essential, entire metropolises closed and look like ghost towns.

Things are slowly opening up at the advice of the Governor Walz and his advisors and everyone is hoping we don't see a surge or second wave of this virus.

Here's a document to reflect back on for years to come. Enjoy.

Just so I NEVER forget..... April 2, 2020

- Gas price a mile from home is \$1.49 (about a month ago it was average \$2.20).
- School cancelled - yes cancelled (students left March 17 and wouldn't return until??? It gets longer every day).
- Self-distancing measures on the rise.
- Tape on the floors at grocery stores and others to help distance shoppers (6ft) from each other.
- Limited number of people inside stores, therefore, lineups outside the store doors.
- Special early shopping hours for seniors and immune compromised only.
- Limited store hours (Walmart, Cub foods are usually 24 hours, now only 7a-7p).
- Non-essential stores and businesses mandated closed.
- Restaurants are curbside pick or delivery only.

- Parks, trails, entire cities locked up.
- Entire sports seasons cancelled.
- Concerts, tours, festivals, entertainment events - cancelled.
- Weddings, family celebrations, holiday gatherings - cancelled.
- No masses, churches are closed.
- No gatherings of 50 or more, then 20 or more, now no gatherings of 5 or more.
- Don't socialize with anyone outside of your home.
- Children's outdoor play parks are closed.
- We are to distance from each other.
- Shortage of masks, gowns, gloves for our front-line workers.
- Shortage of ventilators for the critically ill.
- Panic buying sets in and we have no toilet paper, no disinfecting supplies, no paper towel no laundry soap, no hand sanitizer.
- Shelves are bare.
- Manufacturers, distilleries and other businesses switch their lines to help make visors, masks, hand sanitizer and PPE.
- Government closes the border to all non-essential travel.
- Fines are established for breaking the rules.
- Stadiums and recreation facilities open up for the overflow of Covid-19 patients.
- Press conferences daily from the President. -Daily updates on new cases, recoveries, and deaths.
- Government incentives to stay home.
- Barely anyone on the roads.
- People wearing masks and gloves outside.
- Essential service workers are terrified to go to work.
- Medical field workers are afraid to go home to their families.

The Council is still closed until further notice.
 Stay safe and healthy my Masonic family. Let anyone of us know if you are in need of anything, anytime.

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

Sewing Machine for Sale

The art of sewing is a noble trade or hobby that is why we have tailors, quilters and seamstresses. So, if someone want to try their hand at sewing but you don't want to spend hundreds of dollars for what may be a passing whim, I have a machine for you. The next question is how much? I know I can't get my money back on it, like restoring an old car it becomes a labor of love rather than money, so I would like to recoup my cost of \$1,000 and the machine is yours. This Elna was manufactured in Switzerland in 1965 and is sturdy metal, inside and out. Includes case and a dozen metal bobbins. Wayne LaMusga



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