



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.....

With summer upon us, we all are faced with the question "What are we doing this weekend?" You can't go very far in Minnesota without endless options of where to go or what to do, and this weekend is no different. I know that, for many of us in the York Rite, this is our annual Session, so as a preamble, congratulations to all of the new Grand Officers of the Minnesota York Rites. I wish you all the best!

Next weekend brings the Fourth of July, and the anniversary of the birth of our Country. We all have different traditions and we all have a great deal of freedoms allowed by our Constitution. However, as we are all aware, not all of us have been afforded the same freedoms, and equality is not always... equal, if that makes sense. The strife we have all seen in the news in the past month has been terrible, and we have seen evil walk our streets. But we have seen abiding kindness and brotherly love abound. I urge all of you to follow the path of love.

I am going to keep this message short and sweet. We are hoping to see some easing of restriction on our Masonic gatherings coming soon, if the Metrowest message from our Grand Master is blissfully true. I, for one, ache to be back in Lodge again among our Brothers. Please keep your eye out for a message about gathering in person again, hopefully soon. May your holiday weekend be filled with peace and joy, and may your eyes be ever on what makes our Fraternity the model of what a free society, and a peaceful society should be, using the working tools of our Craft, but more especially the Trowel.

**Brian Dimatteo,
Worshipful Master**

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Warmest wishes from the West

I know for many, myself included, not being able to be in lodge since March has been a difficult time. I want to assure everyone that we will be back. Our lodge building has not gone anywhere. At this moment we are halfway through the year, and most of the bodies that meet out of the lodge are dark for the summer months. I am ready to continue with lodge and events that have been suspended due to the Covid-19 disease, but we must be careful. I have been spending a lot of time outside lately, as the weather has been fantastic, and since my last article I have succeeded in growing some nice lush green grass, hooray, Or as they say at the renaissance fest Huzzah. My wife and I even went and purchased some plants for the yard which will help the butterfly and bees. I love being outside, sometimes just sitting in my chair watching the world go by. When we do have a chance to be together again, I would like to propose having a gathering of all our Masonic family. It does not have to be elaborate, something simple, maybe a potluck of sorts. Since we have missed so many events which have brought camaraderie in the past, we just get together, do some cooking, do some conversing, and just get together as a family to break bread once again. As my thoughts linger on the events that I have been a part of and enjoyed so much in the past, I miss them, I miss being a part of them and getting to converse, share stories, and getting to know my family better. This is my thought on the celebration of once again reuniting. In closing, I would like to congratulate the graduates of the class of 2020 for a job well done. I know I can speak for every one of your Masonic family members in saying, we are extremely proud of each one of you. May your continued journey bring you peace, happiness, prosperity, and love. Remember your Uncles and Sisters are here for you every step of the way.

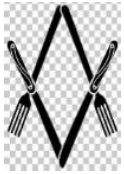
**Peace and Love,
Tim Galvin
Senior Warden**



Greetings from the South!

As we approach July, we now passing the halfway mark of a hectic year. As we continue to practice the best social distancing guidelines many have gone back to work, and some are still waiting. While some of us are still working from home. Many of us did have plans for summer and spring. Unfortunately for many of us those plans were either postponed or cancelled all together. Many of those events were important milestones for our youth. Proms, hanging with friends, participating in numerous programs. And one incredibly special milestone Graduation. I can tell you, even though this has been hard. Our communities have shown how to come together in times of difficulty. By holding virtual proms for all those that missed it. Getting food for those most vulnerable. Probably the best driving down the streets where high school seniors live and letting them know we are proud of their accomplishments. So, stay strong, and keep up your defenses Covid-19 is still here. I wait for the day we can all be together again. With out face masks, and closer than six feet.

**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 the leaves.

Cancelled for now!

Set 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.

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

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;

The Bones Brothers have continued to connect the dots between our local pig farmers, charities, first responders, and our Prince Hall Brothers. We picked up a new member, WB Shawn Carrick has joined our ranks and came out to help cook one of those whole hogs.

The extra time has also allowed us time to clean up our smoker and trailer. Our Pit Boss Jeremy Hill and his wife Steph have been working tirelessly giving it a whole new coat of paint and flooring inside, with built in storage on the way. In addition, we took a power steam cleaner to our big cooker and got all of the gunk out. When the guys at American Pressure heard who we are and what we do, they let us use it for the weekend free of charge! A little charity goes a long way.

The Lodge isn't meeting, but we still meet virtually on our Facebook group. If you're interested in becoming a member, we're still active, let me know!

From the pit ...

Scott Franz

President, The Bones Brothers





Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

These past weeks have been both a reminder that there is always more to learn and that listening in order to understand is a worthy skill that takes effort to develop and maintain. Lately, I have been struggling with so much of our world but I will continue to research and listen – via movies and books and video updates from many different (primarily Black) sources. I remain both horrified and outraged by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

In a recent newsletter, I was disappointed that “civil unrest” was mentioned without any reference to both systemic and systematic racism within the United States. As Martin Luther King Jr stated, “A riot is the language of the unheard”. While I do not condone destruction or looting, I believe that the fundamental issues of racism need to be addressed.

I do not have the original source available but Jimmy Kimmel included the following near the end of his June 3, 2020, monolog: “I read something last night that I think makes a lot of sense,” Kimmel concluded. “It’s this: ‘White privilege doesn’t mean your life hasn’t been hard. It just means that the color of your skin isn’t one of the things that makes it harder.’ Wherever you stand, I do not see how you can argue with that.”

Within our Chapter, we have little diversity. My hope is that we can listen and learn from those that have been studying and working to address inequity and add our voices to support fundamental changes. Let those principles that we follow lead our way and please shine on.

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



Hello Masonic Family!!

I hope you are all staying safe and enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been having. I know that I have! I have some awesome news to share with you all! I was recently asked if I would serve as SBHQ for another year. And I accepted! I am very excited to have the opportunity to travel and represent JD for another year!



I hope that this message is finding you all well and happy, I miss you all!

**Jobie Love,
Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ**

Greetings from Bethel #48



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

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

ANOKA DEMOLAY

No article submitted.



Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

Time seems at a standstill as we head into the heart of summer. Normally we would be gearing up for the open house followed by the Orientation night and Fall Cycle of Degrees, but as time moves on and the Covid Shutdown continues, we may have alternate plans for the coming months at the Rite.

Some of you Brethren who are either newer to the Rite or have been around the past few years may have noticed a change in the Education Committee and the presentations contained within. Many Brothers have found these to be very interesting and informative to their Masonic knowledge and some have found new life or interest in the Rite because of them.

It is my hope that if we do not run the Degrees this fall that we can perhaps provide you seasoned members of the Rite with some of this Education, virtually or otherwise and when the Degree schedule is back on in the Spring, you might take some time to come down and see what this group is offering.

Led these days by WB Justin Martin of Arcana Lodge #187 and put together by our own Hans Neisz (So you know it's Good) I think you will be glad you took the time to not only refresh yourself in the lessons learned in watching the Degrees, but also the meaning behind all those signs and symbols you may have missed or not understood in the past!



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Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104

As with all else the past 4 months, we had to hold the Grand York Rite Communication virtually this year. So it was that we elected and Installed WB Carl Lidstrom as Grand High Priest for 2020-2021.



The rest of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

G. High Priest:	Carl Lidstrom	G. 3 rd Veil:	Ed Morse
G. King:	Sean Gardiner	G. 2 nd Veil:	Todd Leek
G. Royal Arch Cap:	Michael Hilgert	G. 1 st Veil:	Scott Wood
G. Scribe:	Alan Mackenzie	G. Sentinel:	Phil Bodle
G. Secretary:	Gary Odegard	G. C.E.O.	Ryan Regnier
G. Cap. of Host:	David Dumonceaux	G. Lecturer:	Chris Wendover
G. Chaplain:	Dave Emery	G. Organist:	William Hubbard
G. Principle Sojourn:	Frank Namestek		

We had some awards given to our members this year as well, with PHP Trent Gilbertson receiving the Knight of the Royal Arch! Which he will be invested with later this year. PHP Dave Emery was awarded the Bronze Award for all his hard work in resurrecting the Royal Arch in the Iron Range!

Traditionally Anoka Skekinah is “Dark” in July and August and though we hope to begin meetings again in September (A “Hope”), and with the Cancellation of the York Rite Picnic in July, we may have a little gathering outdoors at the Lodge in August, stay turned for more info.

Till we do meet again, stay Safe and Healthy!

Greetings from the companions of Zabud Council #10

I hope that all of our brothers and sisters out there are staying safe, healthy and enjoying the nice weather. I just attended the Virtual Grand York Rite session that was supposed to be held in Alexandria this year. I continue to miss my Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights since I have only seen most of them through *a computer screen but also very thankful that we have this technology today to be able to carry on with some meetings and get some social interaction in*. I couldn't even imagine how things were done without the internet back during the Spanish Flu of 1918. It's still strange out there in person even though things begin to slowly open back up and you can really see how all of this has taken a toll on society with the moods and attitudes in public places now.

Then in Minneapolis we have protests and riots for days due to a black man being executed by a policeman. The National Guard was deployed and State troopers supported the city during this time. What a year it has been to say the least.

Another fine example of why the world still and will always need Freemasonry, even though some brothers forget their obligations to one another, self and get emotional towards on side of conflict or the other, we need to be better than the rest of the world during difficult time since we are someone's impression of Freemasonry and if we can't get along and support each other, Who will and what's the point of all of this?

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

In each generation, complaints arise about how the new generation has declined in their morals, ethics, and respect for people, rules, and traditions. It is not new; Socrates was condemned for leading the youth of Greece astray. If one thinks there is no absolute standard of right and wrong each 'new' perceived problem becomes a social experiment to write our own rules and redefine morality, even though Solomon tells us there is nothing new under the sun. These new standards seem to cater more to our lustful interests and passion for pleasure than to the truths and precepts God has revealed to us through his inspired word. It is the results of the 'seems right to me' reasoning that we should not conform to but renew our minds by renewing our biblical knowledge of God's idea of right and wrong.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me, that I may discern what is good, pleasing, and perfect in your sight.

**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. Well the next question is how much? I know I can't get my time out of it, like restoring an old car it becomes a labor of love more than money, so I would like to recoup my cost of parts. **\$50.00** 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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