



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.....

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying the summer thus far. I know that the heat and humidity is akin to living on the surface of the sun from time to time, but we all know that in Minnesota, we have but to wait, and poof, it's -36 with a -59 Windchill! Luckily for all of us, we have bodies of water to be in and on aplenty in this state. I hope that, no matter what the weather, and whatever is going on outside of Lodge you are staying cool, busy and using some of the open calendar slots to do what you really want to be doing.

We were lucky enough in July to be able to spend a night together in Lodge. It was a smaller crowd, and likely will continue to be smaller over the next few months. It's not just because of the Covid virus that we are all dealing with, but the side effect of Summer. Vacations, "Up North" and "The Lake" all call to us. These times we get to spend with our families are so important, and the stuff of great memories. In fact, while our Family's plans to attend the Centennial session of Job's Daughters in Nebraska were put off by the virus, it's been amazing to watch this Order have all of the same events (without the tours and long drives" of an in-person session. I am sure our Bethel Guardian will share a bit more about that in her article.



"To set the craft to work, and give them good, and wholesome instruction for their labors". Yesterday I got the Minnesota Mason paper and sat down to read it like I always do. It's about seeing what's going on across the state, and my way to connect to Brothers that I don't get to see very often. Yesterday, the first thing I read was our Grand Master's article on Masonic Speech. This powerful article was the result of numerous Brother's comments on social media. If you haven't read it in full and thought on it, I urge you to do so! I don't think any of us could read it and not be moved by his words, and the words of A.T.C. Pierson. *"A Brother who has a proper appreciation of our ancient institution, of its beauties, its ties, its requirements, or its privileges, will under no circumstances give utterance, even outside the Lodge, to opinions or sentiments that will make him obnoxious."*

In August, we are hoping to be able to present the work that MWB Rodney Larson and the Grand Lodge accomplished in getting the recognition between our Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Anoka has a great history of working to allow all Brothers to sit in the same Lodge, to work together in the Quarry and to enjoy each other's friendship. Our fraternity could use some reminders of the work that these great men performed on our behalf all those years ago. Please also remember that we strive for progress, not perfection. We still have much work to do as a Fraternity, and individually as well.

Finally, the Stated Communication for August is on for Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM. Dress is summer casual - shorts, Hawaiian shirts are the norm, but the key is to just come comfortable. AC in the Lodge will be on, so we expect it to be a great evening to spend with our Brothers. Please remember there will be no meal served, and we

will comply with all Grand Lodge and State orders. This means that we will be limiting attendance to 50 including officers, and will be socially distant, wearing masks, and following proper sanitation procedures. If you plan on attending, please drop the Secretary an eMail at [secretary@anokamasons.org](mailto:secretary@anokamasons.org). We would love to see you!

See you in Lodge!  
WM Brian

**Brian Dimatteo,  
Worshipful Master**

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**Warmest wishes from the West**

Wow, has it been a strange year so far? It has certainly been a challenge trying to plan anything except the Zoom meetings. I yearn for the days when we can get back to greeting with a handshake and or a hug. The simple gestures in which we greet each other goes a long way in feeling normal again. We will soon be into August, and there is seemingly no end in sight of ending the Covid-19 restrictions. There are differencing of opinion on the best way to remain safe, along with those who say this is a farce, a way to corral the masses into fear. I like to listen to those on the front lines, those brothers and sisters that are right in the thick of things seeing firsthand what this virus is doing to not only the immune compromised but to the healthy health professionals that are being struck down by this. I guess I am lucky to not only have many relatives that are in the health profession but also lodge family members as well. I am one of the immune compromised individuals and will use my common sense in my everyday life to try my hardest to remain healthy. Who knows maybe I have already had it and did not know? Please be courteous to your fellow humans, be kind, be gentle, and just show love. There is so much political, and racial discourse these days and social media has gotten to the point of me hiding or even defriending brothers of my lodge(s). Please remember as a Mason you represent all of us in the craft. There is a reason that when we walk through that lodge room door, we are all on the level and there will be no speaking of religion or politics in lodge. Please, if you do get on Facebook, be cautious of what you post or share, give it some thought first, is this something that is within due bounds of me and my brother's Masonic beliefs? I ask you this to keep the waters calm so that we can continue our Masonic guide and make this world a better place. I also want to invite all the brothers of Anoka Lodge to go get signed up for GrandView. This is a great tool for you and our secretary to keep everyone updated as well as correct anything in your own Masonic record. If you need help with this, please contact the lodge secretary. In closing, please if you have not paid your dues for this year or you are behind on paying, please pay them or make arrangements with the lodge secretary to do so. Thank You

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



## Greetings from the South!

Well folks it is now coming up August which means many things such as getting ready for school, looking forward to the State Fair, and the sad one, the end of Summer. However, many of us know 2020 has not be the year we all hoped for. The seniors unfortunately missed out on many milestones; we have a virus that shows a small thing can disrupt life. The beloved State Fair was cancelled along with many other county fairs. Even the 4<sup>th</sup> July was a whole new experience for people. We also have seen some very nasty personas come out during this time. Except, let us not focus on that. With the help of social media platforms many people were dedicating their time to make masks to distribute. They also held “mock” prom celebrations and graduations ceremonies. Communities have come together to make sure that our seniors and others are getting recognized. Social media has also allowed us to keep in contact with family and friends as we still practicing social distancing.

Parents and public, I think understand the importance of teachers and daycare providers. Also, the importance of Certified Nursing Assistants that have been taking care of our loved ones, especially at times we cannot see them. Aside from toilet paper and paper towels, and other cleaning are still out, it is good to see that bikes are off the racks which hopefully means that we are getting out and spending time with each other. Also, board games and puzzles are also flying off the shelf which, I hope, means that kids can have entertainment without the use of a screen. Finally, there are many videos out there teaching people new projects, and all the cooking ideas. As we continue make sure to keep that mask on when in an area where social distancing is not easy. Also, if you feel any of the symptoms please do not hesitate to get tested.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

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.

## Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

August 5<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Stated Meeting  
7:00 p.m.



Hopefully we can travel 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 do what we do while staying safe. On July 11th, we made a couple dollars for ourselves selling chicken and pulled pork sandwiches at BOB FM's SeeDoo give away. It was awesome to be back out and cooking again. That same weekend, we provided food for a celebration of life event for Bro. Rick Remme's mother-in-law.

On July 18th we did our first charitable fundraiser since COVID-19 started, making chicken and pulled pork sandwiches for the Hometown Hero Outdoors BBQ. This is a new organization for us, one that supports our veterans and one we hope to do much more with in the years to come.

Jeremy and Steph Hill did a fantastic job of rebuilding our trailer! Everything now has a spot and it makes our events so much easier. A huge thank you to them!

### From the pit ...

Scott Franz

President, The Bones Brothers



**Working Hard  
But  
Having Fun!!**



## Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

September is just around the corner and if it were not for these trying times, we would have been doing many activities during these summer days and our normal schedule would be starting back on the first Thursday of September. However, with our new normal, **our meeting night will be only on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.** We can have about 25% capacity allowed for attendance, which is about 20 – 25 members and which is usually what we normally have at each meeting. There is much to be discussed at our first meeting back and I am hoping you will be able to

join us, but the following directives need to be followed before we can gather.

- \*Masks must always be worn within the meeting and building.
- \*No food or beverages can be served after our meetings.
- \*No singing, marching, handshakes or hugs can be exchanged with our fellow members.
- \*Social distancing of 6 feet throughout the evening. We will have seating marked to make it easier for everyone.
- \*If you are running a temperature or feeling under the weather, please stay home and be safe.

Beth and I have been working together these past few months with Beth doing the Star & Compass articles, for which I am grateful for her doing this. From this point on, we will alternate submitting our articles or combine them together as it is this month.

John & I look forward in seeing you soon. Please be well and safe.

## Patty Meehl, WM

As you know, this term for Martha Chapter has been unexpected due to COVID-19 and necessary restrictions. Worthy Matron Patty and I have been and will continue working together. Our top priority is the well-being of our Chapter members. Yes, we absolutely miss seeing you in person at meetings. We look forward to gathering in the future and until then, please continue to join our ZOOM video calls on August 6 and August 20.

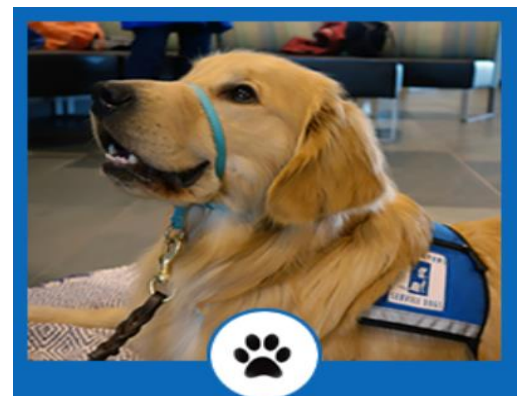
At our September meeting, the 2019-2020 officers (under WM Patty and WP John) will open since we were not able to install the 2020-2021 officers. It is my intention to submit a motion for discussion to keep the 2019-2020 officers in place until March of 2021 at which time a new election may be held. As members, your thoughtful consideration and discussion of this motion will be welcome and expected. Depending upon the outcome of this motion, we will move forward accordingly

With restrictions on our regular activities including annual fundraising events, we are working on an online silent auction to be held Sunday, August 30. Please save this date and watch for further information soon via email or a separate letter. This fundraiser is intended to support the MN OES Service Dogs Project.

As always: reach out with questions, take care of yourself, enjoy some ice cream, and let the principles of our Order shine in your lives.

## Beth Brown, AM

*Save the Date:*  
**Martha Chapter Online Silent Auction**  
**With Zoom Socializing**  
**Sunday, August 30, 2020**  
*Bidding begins at 7 pm and ends at 8:30 pm*  
*Limited number of fantastic items*  
*50% of proceeds to MN OES Service Dogs Project*  
**Watch for more details soon!**



## Hello Masonic Family!!

I hope you are all staying cool and happy this month!

I have a question for you: What have you been doing to keep yourself busy? I have been working and hanging out with my friends and family. I am enjoying just being able to relax with my dog and watching a good movie!



**Jobie Love,  
Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ**



## Greetings from Bethel #48

While the world is starting to take on a more “normal” appearance (with the addition of masks!), Job’s Daughters is still meeting in a virtual format only. As of right now, we will be able to meet in person starting September 1. However, the Board of Trustees is meeting this week and may provide other guidance on moving forward. Believe me-as soon as we find out, we will let you know!

Our Minnesota Grand Guardian Council met virtually in June and installed the new officers, and we also were able to install our new Bethel and Council members. We welcome Annette Soderstrom as Guardian Secretary, Marissa Agustin as Director of Epochs, and Teresa Jensen as Promoter of Sociability.

Bethel 48 continues to shine!! During the virtual Grand Bethel Session Audrey Mayer was selected Miss Junior Jobie and Bailey Brendal was selected 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up for Miss Minnesota Job’s Daughter. Congratulations!!!

For right now, we are taking advantage of the digital tools available, and are meeting in Zoom rooms. We have done a couple Kahoot games (an online gameshow setup) using Jobie trivia, general trivia, and our next one will be a “Get to know your council” trivia.

During the week we had planned to travel to Omaha (July 26-Aug 1), we will be participating in many virtual activities. The schedule of activities (all at 7 p.m. Central time, is posted on Bethel 48’s Facebook page) It’s all kicked off with international virtual ritual competitions July 24-26. There were over 300 individual participants, and 111 teams from around the world taking part in the various competitions, done via Zoom. We had 5 girls from Bethel 48 compete in their individual messengers, as well as in the Messenger Team competition, and Bailey competed in the individual Story of Job competition. Results will be broadcast on Friday July 31 on YouTube. Stay tuned!



We look forward to initiating not one but TWO new members soon-whether it be virtually or in person. YAY US!!

Finally-you may notice that I am still writing these articles for the Bethel. Due to the current world situation, and other factors, I was asked to remain as Bethel Guardian for one more year. Of course I said yes-so you (and the Daughters) are stuck with me until June of 2021.

**Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian**



## **ANOKA DEMOLAY**

No article submitted.

### **Greetings from the Scottish Rite,**

Well if you have not heard, we are officially not holding a set of Fall Degrees this year; once again Covid 19 has taken effect on the work.

That said we are working on a few things for the Rite, including that weekly education I spoke of last month and perhaps a form of reunion in Mid-October or November.

This Reunion will give us a chance to finish the Terminal Degrees for the Spring Class we were unable to complete their Degrees and to give those of you who wish to expand your Masonic Education a chance to go through what would normally be termed a One Day event. (Spread over 4-5 Nights this time)

We will however have the Education Committee graciously putting on a number of presentations via Zoom beginning on August 20<sup>th</sup> each Thursday till about October 8<sup>th</sup>. (Subject to change and added content which may go a few extra weeks) These are presentations you will not want to miss and we will give more details as we get closer.

There may also be some 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Night gatherings at the Rite itself beginning in September, and as this develops we will pass along better information.

If you wish more information on possibly taking part in the Reunion Cycle or just a Petition to fill out, please don't hesitate to reach out to WB Terrance M Schaffer or any Scottish Rite Brother!



### **Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104**

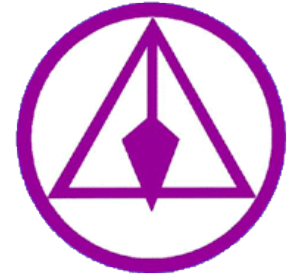
Though we are Still Officially "Dark" at Anoka Shekinah #104 in August, we are throwing around the possibility of having a picnic at a park and with the majority of you expressing your interest in doing so we will decide soon where that might be.

This has been approved by the new Grand High Priest Carl Lidstrom as long as we are abiding by all the Grand Lodge stipulations for such a thing. It would begin at 6:30pm, eat at 7pm and done by 8pm.

I hope each of you can come out, more so you New Companions so you can meet and socialize with the other members of the Chapter whom sadly due to Covid 19 you have not had a chance to interact with.

It is our hope to have a Regular Meeting in September once we confirm "How" certain aspects of Opening may be done with Physical limitations.

Till we do meet again, stay Safe and Healthy!



## Greetings from the Companions of Zabud Council #10

The summer is in full swing with high temperatures, lake trips, fishing and baseball finally starting July 25th, even though they will be playing in empty stadiums.

I don't know about you but I'll take any type of normalcy I can get at this point during this pandemic. Minnesota's Covid-19 numbers are lower at this time but the southern states in the USA are very high and on the rise, pray for all of us. The governor of MN, Tim Walz passed legislation mandating masks while inside public places and goes into effect on Saturday July 25th. Lots of online debates happening around this issue but I'll just leave it at that, but saddens me to see brothers of masonry on 2 different sides of the fence, aisle, party, or whatever they're trying to accomplish with their points.

Anoka-Shekinah Chapter #104 and Zabud Council #10 are in talks about getting together out on the front lawn at Lodge on August 26th, just to see our other companions since it's been many months now, even though we typically don't hold meetings for Anoka York Rite bodies in July and August and seems to be a go!

I have increased my reading to maintain my sanity and here's another great article which I hope brings you peace:

### *A Confrontation With Jeremiah*

*By Companion Jack A. Holloway*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and you will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." Isaiah 12:1-2

To bring to your hearts and minds the great lesson of fidelity - fidelity to your vows as Masons, and as citizens, and a firm faith and reliance in God". It is sometimes tempting to give in to the "worldly desires" of our own glory, power, or pleasure, to the detriment of not only ourselves but family, fraternity, country or church. However; it seems to me that the most insidious danger to our fidelity is the sense of complacency that builds up like a layer of fine dust. Although a confrontation with Jeremiah might shake us up, I prefer an old's preacher's advice: The dust on your Bible can easily be wiped away but the dust on the inside is gold dust and is worth the effort to dig it out. Name that duster Jeremiah and enjoy the digging.

**Sincerely,**

**Tony Heimer**

**Thrice Illustrious Master**

**Zabud #10 Council**



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