



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.....

And what a glorious Summer it is turning out to be. A ton of sun, not too high temps, and humidity is low enough to make it comfortable. I know that while it has been hot at times, while it has been humid, it's not anything we can't deal with in Minnesota. I hope that, while family vacations may be postponed, and trips cross country canceled, you have been getting a chance to enjoy the beauty of this great state!

Today I wanted to take a few moments to speak to you about tradition. We, in Masonry are steeped in tradition. Sometimes, it feels like we can't get out of it, or beyond it. Sometimes, it just feels like a rut we are in. Either way, we have traditions to embrace our past, and our histories that we share together. As such, the traditions and the habits of Freemasonry are crucial.



Take a moment to think about our Degrees. We have Ritual that is essential to ensure that our lessons are taught accurately. But in this time of Covid, we are forced to adapt, or lose our Craft forever. The Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota and our Custodians have adapted our ritual to suit the times. In this case, we have a chance that one of our Candidates will go through the EA Degree in a group, put on by the Custodians of the work. This will allow him to start his road towards becoming a Master Mason, but who knows when that will finish? We certainly do not, nor does he, but it is his chance to start a journey that he will not soon forget.

My brothers, I urge you to think about the traditions that we have in place. Are these traditions there just because we have given up on improving? Are they there due to our own unwillingness to change, because it is easier to do things the same way without change? Or are these traditions, histories, and our heritage in place because that is the best way we know to do things, and these are tried and true? My lovely bride is fond of saying "This is forcing us to think things through again, to grow and change."

Today, and over the next month, think of ways that we have embraced our traditions. The way we have "always done things", the way we have performed Ritual, performed our traditions, may be changed forever. We have not had our Shrimp dinner, our outdoor degree, and likely, none of our Master Mason Degrees will be stalled until 2021. We have not been able to visit hospitality suites at Grand Lodge, hold Annual Convocations and our annual sessions held virtually. Does this make our Craft better or worse, that all remains to your own views, but change is not good or bad, it just is.

Some of the things that have changed... This year, our Ribs Bibs and Cruise has been changed to a later date, and re-christened Ribs Bibs and CRUISE! This will be a drive through event, providing us the chance to still support the ACBC Food Shelf, but not involve music that we all love. WB Jerry will still be slinging ribs, as will the Bones Brothers, but it will take a slightly different tone as people take home full meals. We hope that you will join us on October 17th in the Lodge Parking Lot. Swing on by to grab some BBQ for the family and to benefit the ACBC Food Shelf.

Also, I announced a meeting in last month's S&C about an event to walk through Anoka Lodge's participation in the mutual Recognition of our Grand Lodge and Prince Hall. This will be a presentation put on by Brother Hans Neisz as well as John Freeburg. We plan on recording this event for future presentations to the Lodge, so we hope that you will join us for this once in a lifetime event. Join us in Lodge (or online) Wednesday, 9/16/20 at 7:00 PM. If you are planning on attending, we have a limited number of in-person seats, so please RSVP to the Secretary (secretary@anokamasons.org). If you would like to attend via Zoom, Please contact the Secretary for Zoom information.

For now, I hope that you embrace the change that 2020 has caused. May you find yourselves with a better understanding and appreciation for our rich traditions and history. And until we meet again, I will be seeing you in the Quarries!

WB Brian Dimatteo
Worshipful Master, Anoka Lodge #30

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Warmest wishes from the West

The weather outside has been fantastic, summer is in full swing. I hope that everyone has been enjoying those things that you like to do in the summertime, as fall is right around the corner, which means a little cooler weather, and prepping for the wintertime. As we look ahead the lodge has been opened a little bit more and hopefully the Covid-19 is going to slow down and let us get back to a more normal life. I am looking forward to the coming months to see what we can get accomplished. We do have the Ribs Bibs and Cruise event on the books which will at least let us earn some money for the ACBC food shelf. The date is October 17th starting at noon please watch for additional details and tell all your friends and family to stop on by and grab some great as always food to go and cruise to somewhere and enjoy.

As my business has been slow, I needed something to occupy my time and became an election judge this year. I am always a curious person and wanted to see how the process works. To say that there are protections in place is an understatement. The absentee ballots are checked at least 3 times before the actual envelopes are opened and the ballots are removed for processing. If there is some information missing, they are returned to the person who submitted them for correction. As an election judge there are 2 judges at each table of opposing party's who double check each other's work. I have met some great people while doing this and have great chit chat about family, friends, pets, and whatever else comes up. What a great exercise in civility and just being good people. Please be kind to one another and always try to make someone else's day better.

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



Greetings from the South!

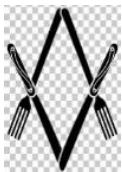
Is it just me, or is fall already on the way? I am sure we have all noticed that the sun is now going down earlier. Soon we will be seeing the many colors that fall brings, the vibrant oranges, reds, and yellows. On a side note, I went to the store today, and you will not believe what I saw. Toilet Paper. Not just one package, but a whole wall full. Sounds like the shortage is done.

With fall, also comes the start of the school year. With COVID the start of the new school year feels much different, and with it a lot of uncertainty. Will it be in person, mobile, or a hybrid of the two? This decision does not only affect the children, but also the parents, and faculty.

Whichever the method we need to keep in mind education is important. Because of COVID parents were able to teach their kids the basics of life, along with being an unofficial teacher to their kids. This has brought an awareness to us all the importance of teachers, and their impact on our kids' lives.

Stay safe and take the necessary precautions to help slow the spread of the virus, while our scientists keep up the good work on developing a vaccine and/or a cure for COVID.

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:

September 2nd – 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;

September is always our busiest charity month, but with COVID here ... we're not going to let it stop us! We've partnered up with Cub Foods Riverdale and we're going to be starting a food truck service! The last weekend in August will be just us figuring things out, but after that we hope to be there every other weekend. We will be donating all of the proceeds to the charities we normally support this time of the year, so please come out and eat! We'll be serving from 11:00 to 3:00 all of these weekends:

August 29/30 - Our trial run, proceeds go to us to help offset supply costs.

Sept 12/13 - For Cure SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy)

Sept 26/27 - For Alexandra House (still pending approval, but this is the hope)

I'll send the rest of the dates next month and be sure to check our Facebook group for information as it happens.

From the pit ...

Scott Franz

President, The Bones Brothers

Hello Masonic Family!!

I am so excited that we can get back to seeing each other sometime soon! It has been way too long and I know that we all miss each other. With all the beautiful weather that we have been having lately, I hope you all are enjoying the wonderful outdoors! I have enjoyed taking my dog for car rides or just driving. It may sound weird but I enjoy the open road! Anyways, I hope to "see" you all soon!

Jobie Love,

Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ





Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

September is now here, and I am excited to welcome everyone back.

Over the summer we have kept ourselves busy. Our quilters have met a few times working on quilts for the Cancer Hospital. We have completed quite a few each time we have met. While we have been on Quarantine, Lois Downs has been busy at her home sewing quilt tops. I want to send out a big thank you to her. She has sewn many of our tops and we are all glad she can do this for us. Her work is much appreciated. For now, until things change the quilters will meet at the lodge on the

2nd Tuesday, and the 3rd Thursday, at 12:00 to 3:00pm. To sew and tie quilts. Come join us if you can.

In July we met at Rachel Riden's home for our 5th Thursday gathering. There were 27 who were there that evening. Jerry Oliver, Greg Vokovan, Dave Emery and Mike Miller worked hard preparing the barbecue meal and was enjoyed by all.

Our Martha Club will also be gathering at Rachel's on Thursday, August 27th, to reveal our secret pals. Martha Club is our social group. The ladies meet every 4th Thursday of each month except for July and August.

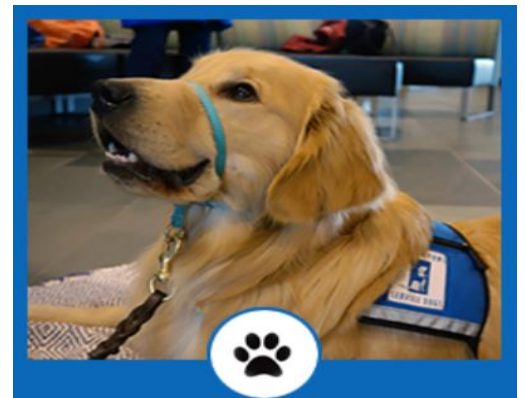
As mentioned last month by Beth Brown. Our first online Silent Auction will be starting Thursday, August 27th and will end on Sunday, August 30th. There are many wonderful things going to be auctioned and the proceeds will go to Helping Paws. They train service dogs for Veterans. This is a Grand Chapter project. There will be a report on the results at our first meeting back on September 17th. Until things change, we will only meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

At our meetings I have been sharing a "thought for the day", so in honor of my tradition, I leave you this: "Somethings you can always count on, the changing of the Seasons, the beauty of nature, and the comfort of friendships."

See you soon,

Patty Meehl, WM

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!



Greetings from Bethel #48



We hope this finds you all healthy in body, mind and spirit!

Bethel 48 has continued with summer, COVID style. We are still, as of today, unable to meet in person. The Board of Trustees for Job's Daughters International is scheduled to make a decision the last week in August on provisions/guidance going forward. We are hoping that, by the time you are reading this, we will be making plans to resume some variation on regular, in person activities. Stay tuned!

While we haven't been able to meet in person, we have still been connecting virtually. Bethel 48 held several Kahoot! online trivia contests. One was general trivia, and one was Getting to Know Your Council trivia. The top scoring 3 Daughters won a \$5 gift card for the treat of their choice. Olivia, Alyssa, Samantha and two prospective members, Kendall and Marena, were the lucky winners.

We were also able to participate in virtual 80's camp the weekend that camp was scheduled to happen. Throughout the week of August 10, members from around the state submitted videos/photos of their chalk art, their radical 80's Aqua Net hairstyles, as well as their skill at many variations on the Water Weenie challenge and videos showing their talents (like skit night). Here is a rundown of the events:

Friday afternoon: virtual craft cabin-each Daughter was delivered a packet containing enough floss to make 5 friendship bracelets. During the event, our state leaders each had their own virtual "room" where girls could learn how to make different types of bracelets. One bracelet was for them to keep, 4 were to give away.

Friday night: 80's virtual dance party with Past ABG Todd running the board, and members from around the state teasing up their hair and digging out their 80's wardrobe for a dance party. This came complete with a big storm, tornado warnings and power outages, just like at camp!

Saturday morning: we all got together in our pajamas and cereal to watch some classic 80's cartoons, again curated by Todd.

Saturday night: we ended our shortened, distant camp with wishing on the water-Daughters were asked to send a photo of themselves holding a candle and sharing a wish they would make. We rounded it out with Associate Grand Guardian Darrin as emcee for the slideshow of photos and videos sent in from around the state. There was chalk art, Aqua Net hair challenge (so MUCH HAIR!), water weenie challenge, and talent show (skit night). While winners were not announced, Bethel 48 represented well. Grand Guardian Lisa was joining us from California, and was laughing out loud as she walked through IKEA. The only thing that was missing was Jane on a paddleboard, and the Old Spice Guys. They had better start working on their show for next year!

If any of you are on Facebook, and follow Minnesota Job's Daughters, you can see all of these videos. They are certainly good for a chuckle!

While it wasn't nearly the same as being able to be together at Camp Lake Hubert, we know we were all staying safe, and we were still able to connect in some way to "celebrate" Jobie camp. We are all looking forward to next summer, when we can do 80's camp in person.

On behalf of the Daughters and Adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

I hope each of you has taken the opportunity to attend the Education Presentations given on Thursday Nights via Zoom. If you miss the first couple you can still sign up for the rest by going here and registering online. They will run every Thursday night till October 15th.

<https://scottish-rite-mn.org/minneapolis-valley/webinar-education-series>



Rite Night is Education Night!



Covid 19 has forced us to cancel the Fall Degree Cycle, but that doesn't mean we cannot continue to bring light to our members and share some of the things the Scottish Rite has to offer.

The Education Committee and Red Room Coordinator will be putting on some great presentations beginning August 20th every Thursday till October 15th. These will be Online and will be done via Zoom. Information regarding each session will be given once you register to attend.

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DATE/ORDER	TIME
The Purpose of SR Masonry	Justin T	August 20, 2020	6:30pm
History of the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley	Charley B	August 27, 2020	6:30pm
Introduction to Hermeticism	Tracy A	September 3, 2020	6:30pm
Introduction to Kabbalah in Freemasonry	Gene M	September 10, 2020	6:30pm
Introduction to Sacred Geometry	Hans N	September 17, 2020	6:30pm
Alchemical Symbolism in the Blue Lodge	Brian C	September 24, 2020	6:30pm
The Book of the Dead	Bill R	October 1, 2020	6:30pm
What About The 3rd Eye?	Hans N	October 8, 2020	6:30pm
Enoch	Bill R	October 15, 2020	6:30pm

Registration can be done at:

<https://scottish-rite-mn.org/minneapolis-valley/webinar-education-series>

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding a Reunion Form of Class for the Fall which of course will consist of the 5 Terminal Degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th & 32nd)

This Reunion will give us a chance to finish the Terminal Degrees for the Spring Class in which 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 5 Nights this time)

The dates will be:

Thursday, October 22nd – 4th Degree

Thursday, October 29th – 14th Degree

Thursday, November 5th – 18th Degree

Thursday, November 12th – 30th Degree

Saturday, November 14th – 32nd Degree

You must be able to attend all 5 to complete the Degrees and become a Master of the Royal Secret.



Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104

Companions, thanks to all of you who made it out to our Social gathering in August, it was good to see so many of you whom we have not had a chance to get to know and hope it will inspire you to come back this month as we come back from the normal Summer Darkness.

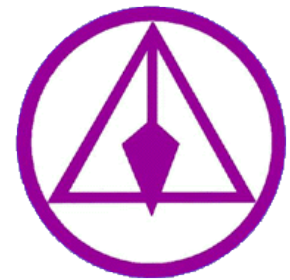


That said, we are once again going to begin Meeting here at the lodge and will be hosting our regular Stated Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7pm. Due to Covid Restriction we will not be having dinner prior to the meeting and we will be opening in an unusual "Form" due to the same restrictions, but alas we will open and that is what is important!

and we look forward to seeing each of you later this month!

If you have any questions or concerns about the meeting please don't hesitate to reach out and ask, till then stay safe

Greetings from the Companions of Zabud Council #10



Hello brothers and sisters of Anoka.

As i sit down to write this months article for the S & C, i ponder the thought of how we're almost at Labor Day weekend. This summer has certainly flown by even though most, if not all festivals, fairs, and events have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. I am hopeful that we will be back at Council in September on the 23rd with precautions in place. Please attend if healthy or able to. It'll be great to see everyone again.

I am staying optimistic about this illness disappearing or running it's course and things at the hospital are as normal as they have been in many months. Since we've missed so much great York Rite education this year, i have included a short piece today.

An historical personage at the court of King Solomon, whose name appears in several of the advanced Degrees. In that of Select Master in the American Rite, it has been corrupted into Izabud. He is mentioned in First Kings (iv,5) where he is described in the authorized version as being "principal officer and the King's friend." The original is Zabud Ben Nathan cohen regneh hahmelek, which is literally Zabud, son of Nathan, a Priest, the friend of the King Adam Clarke says he was "the king's chief favorite, his confidant." Smith (Dictionary of the Bible) says: "This position, if it were an official one, was evidently distinct from that of Counselor, occupied by Ahithophel under [David](#), and had more of the character of private friendship about it."

Kitto (Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature) says of Zabud and of his brother Azariah, that their advancement in the household of King Solomon ' may doubtless be ascribed not only to the young King's respect for the venerable Prophet (their father), who had been his instructor, but to the friendship he had contracted with his sons during the course of education. The office, or rather honor, of 'friend of the King,' we find in all the despotic governments of the East. It gives high power, without the public responsibility which the holding of a regular office in the state necessarily imposes. It implies the possession of the utmost confidence of, and a familiar intercourse with, the monarch, to whose person 'the friend' at all times has access, and whose influence is therefore often far greater, even in matters of state, than that of the recognized ministers of government. "to Clay probably by Preston, and so it still remains This conception has been fully carried out in the(see Fervency and Freedom), Legend of the Select Masters Degree.- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

May peace be with you,

**Sincerely,
Tony Heimer
Thrice Illustrious Master
Zabud #10 Council**



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SATURDAY, OCT 17th, 2020

12PM - 4PM

All meals served "to go", no need to get out of your car!

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