



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.....

Fall is definitely here, and with it, my favorite time of the year. It's not the leaf raking that we all suffer in this beautiful place we call Minnesota. It's also not just the football that we can watch again, or the end of the (shortened) baseball season - where the Twins are doing great, by the way. It's not pumpkin spiced... everything... that we run into in the store aisles. It's the family and friend time that we all experience at this time.



With a family that has grown up and started to separate over the past couple of years, I have grown more to appreciate these family times that the Fall brings us. Traditionally, October brings us the Halloween festivities. Frani loves Halloween, and so do I. Beyond that, however, is the fact that both Wendy and she share October birthdays. It's bad enough that she is no longer three years old, but she has moved to St Cloud and is thriving in this new life of hers. Also, this time brings memories of Gabbi's first trips as SBHQ - and if you think you are good with your children traveling, it's nothing until you put them on their first airplane as an adult.

October has traditionally brought with it, the Anoka parade. We don't know for sure whether this will happen in 2020, but if it does, we get a chance to serve pork chops, and work with our OES Brothers and Sisters. This year, due to the Virus, we have moved our Ribs Bibs and Blues to October 17th. I know that, if you are at all like my family, you share the love with food. Please come to the Lodge and pick up some ribs and sides, and support the ACBC food shelf. We know that this is one of the biggest fund raisers that they have during the year, so we need all of your help! Noon to 4:00 is the time, so I hope to see you all there.

My family, I hope that you are all well, that you are surviving this time as best you can. I hope you remain negative (for your Covid tests) and that you are enjoying the fall that we have. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge, Chapter, Council and the Bethel.

**Brian Dimatteo,
Worshipful Master
Anoka Lodge #30**

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Warmest wishes from the West

Hooray for October, and Halloween season. Although for my wife, it is always Halloween season, just ask her. I am writing this article in a press box on a football field in a small northern town called Aurora. The colors of the trees coming up here were breathtakingly beautiful, and really reminded me of how nature can bring peace to one's self, if you allow it to. As I was driving and paying attention to the road I noticed as I got further and further north how tranquil the trees were with their differing colors gently swaying in the breeze. It is kind of neat to see. As like many I am headed from here to the cabin, which is about another hour north, to close it up for the season. I am excited to see what the trees look like even further north. The summer has officially come to an end when the cabin gets closed. It is time for the

leaves to fall ever so gently to the ground, only to be mulched up and dumped on the pile to decompose into earthy soil. I wanted to remind everyone that we have the Ribs Bibs and Cruise coming up this month. Please come out and get some great food. Since we have not been able to do too much as a lodge this year for fundraisers, this is the big one for the year to benefit ACBC food shelves. If you are down on your luck stop over there and pick up some food. I am just guessing that our big event for the kids which happens in December will also be cancelled, which means the jolly happy fellow and his good-looking well-dressed elves will not be making an appearance. I sure hope next year is a better year for our lodge family and the activities that are planned. Please be safe.

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



Greetings from the South!

Fall has officially started, so what does that mean? It means that winter is right around the corner. Just kidding. With fall, we get to see the changing colors of the leaves. Watching them turn into the beautiful fiery oranges, red and browns is one of the most beautiful scenes of the season. It also brings many activities that fall has to offer. Although COVID has cancelled many activities, it has also made many events come up with new ideas on how to still provide a substitute, example the 1st ever State Fair Parade, and the Renaissance Parade. Other activities have become a challenge, but vendors have taken needed precautions, so all patrons can enjoy responsibly.

What are some of those activities that we can enjoy? Some that come to mind are the corn mazes, and apple orchards. Both are great activities for all ages and can really give you some admiration for nature. You can get hands on experience picking apples at the orchard and see the many products that are handmade with apples and/or pumpkins. Corn mazes challenge your wit, and you can get lost in the tall fields of the corn or eat the many foods they offer.

If neither of those are of interest, you can visit a pumpkin patch, and pick out the perfect pumpkin. They might even offer a hayride. You may even gain some insight into growing and harvesting of pumpkins, and the hard work that is needed.

Who am I kidding? Many people are looking forward to the big holiday, Halloween. The day where one can put on a costume and be something different for a day. Some people are drawn to the spookiness and scary aspect Halloween brings. They will look for thrills that can help them quench their thirst for the spooky stuff, things like the Haunted Hayride, etc. It is also a joy to see how creative people get with their decorations and costumes for this day. Many use their imaginations and creativity to create beautiful, elaborate displays, with spooky imagery and cleverly carved pumpkins.

I like seeing people have come up with many ways for children to celebrate trick-or-treating. And do not forget, many teenagers, and adults love to dress up and celebrate as well. Once again, COVID has made this another challenge that we will work through.

Above all, enjoy the fall weather and beautiful fall colors. Continue to practice safe measures to limit the spread of COVID.

Stay safe and Healthy,

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:

October 7th – Lodge Stated Meeting
7:00 p.m.

October 17th – Ribs, Bibs, & Cruise
Noon – 4:00



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;

As I write this, WB Jordy Stradtman is hauling home a brand new shiny red concession trailer which he has graciously donated to The Bones Brothers! So, come on out in October, we'll be doing a couple more charity events for the Lodge. We made just over \$1,000 for Cure SMA last weekend, and coming up in October we'll be doing actual food truck service for Alexandra House and Stable Pathways as well as helping out here at the Lodge with Ribs, Bibs, and Cruise! Come on out. we'd love to see you!



From the pit ...

Scott Franz

President, The Bones Brothers



BBQ Food Truck



Find us at
Cub Foods Riverdale Coon Rapids
 on **October 3 / 4**
 from **12:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
(weather permitting)

All proceeds from this event go to benefit **Alexandra House**, whose mission is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change, through education, support, and advocacy.



Working to end domestic and sexual violence.

MENU

Pulled Pork

Ribs

Pig In A Boat

BBQ Split

Beans

Slaw

Mac & Cheese

Drinks

www.bonesbrothers.org
contact@bonesbrothers.org - 612-587-2663





BBQ Food Truck



Find us at
Cub Foods Riverdale Coon Rapids
 on **October 24/25**
 from **12:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
(weather permitting)

All proceeds from this event go to benefit **Stable Pathways**, whose mission is to empower, strengthen, and inspire those living with disabilities through horse-assisted activities.



HORSES IN SERVICE for people living with disabilities

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Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

Our first meeting back after a long 6 months went well. We had much to talk about. As well as trying to remember all that went on since March. Our cheer report was long but good to hear how everyone is doing. We remembered and said goodbye to our own sister, Sally Bielen and three of our Past Grand Matron and Patrons who have died since March. And we read a petition for affiliation. It is always great to have new members join our family.

We heard the report from Beth Brown on the chapter's first online auction.

Considering that it was the first time we did one of these, it was a huge success!!!! The Chapter, WP John, and I would like to thank Beth, Jordy and Julia for going above and beyond on all the work you did. It is truly wonderful that we can continue supporting our Grand Chapter projects.

The Chapter's minutes have been prepared and sent to all our members to keep everyone informed about what is going on, at and away from the Chapter. I hope everyone will have the chance to read them. It is important to keep our family together during this strange time. We also included a questionnaire. Please look this over and give us your feedback. Your opinion matters. Then, please return it to our Secretary Jane in the envelope provided.

Thought for the Day – "From quiet homes and first beginnings, out to the undiscovered ends, there's nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and love of friends. "

For now, Chris & I will be enjoying the beauty of the outdoors this weekend.
See you soon,

Patty Meehl, WM



Hello Masonic Family!!

Until we meet again.

**Jobie Love,
Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ**



Greetings from Bethel #48



We are finally able to meet in person!!! As of Tuesday, September 1 we are able to with many conditions-plan events and meet in person!

Bethel 48 was the last Bethel to meet in person on Monday March 16, before everything was shut down. We were also part of the first meeting back on Tuesday September 1 in a dual meeting/initiation with Bethel 39 in Robbinsdale. We helped them welcome Emily, a new member who has been waiting all summer to join! Four members of our council were there, along with SBHQ Gabbi who presided, and Alyssa, Megan, Carrie, Audrey and Molly who helped fill in and share the Story of Job.

We were also able to hold our own initiation on Monday September 21, welcoming Kendall and Marennna to our Bethel. That's THREE new members of Job's Daughters in Minnesota in less than a week!! We had to think through how to do things in the safest manner, along with having our initiates and one messenger attending virtually due to family health concerns. Our girls had some great ideas on how to accomplish this-it was hard to hear at points, and we all REALLY wanted to give each other hugs, and sing the WELCOME song, but for safety reasons we were not able to. However, we are SO HAPPY to have Kendall and Marennna as members now-hugs and singing can wait!

Coming up in October.....BUTTERBRAIDS ARE BACK! Our annual fundraiser starts on Monday October 19, with delivery Monday November 16 (both our actual in person meeting nights at the Lodge). If you have never tried a Butterbraid, they are AMAZING! Please watch for more information on offerings and ordering options. This is typically our one big fundraiser for the years.

We hope this finds all of you well, and we look forward to the day we can welcome you to our meetings again!

On behalf of the Daughters and Adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay

This month DeMolay started treading the water into how to get back in person. We had our award ceremony. Anoka DeMolay got the Membership Excellence Award, and I was installed as State scribe. In two months, Anoka plans on having our first in-person meeting after the shutdown. This means that very soon we will be having our installation of officers. We do not know precisely when, but it is just about that time. We'll keep you informed.



**Zachary Agustin
Master Councilor**

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

First, I would like to thank all those who have taken the time to attend the Education Presentations given on Thursday Nights via Zoom. There are still a few last ones you can still sign up for and all you need to do is register online. They will run every Thursday night till October 15th. (See Link Below)

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

There is still time to get your petition in to be a part of the Reunion Form of Class for the Fall which of course will consist of the 5 Terminal Degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th & 32nd)

These Degrees (And more to come when covid dies down) will 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.

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.

Companions, thanks to the 23 of you who made it out to our September Stated Meeting, it was great to finally have a real meeting, our first since February.

It was also great to have a number of our New Companions (7) who have not had much opportunity to really take part yet, still come out and attend the meeting.

If you missed the meeting, our Past High Priest Trent Gilbertson gave a lovely presentation on The Importance of the Royal Arch.

We are also making plans to have a night to box up food for Feed my Starving Children. If you wish to help out please reach out for more info! This may circumvent the October meeting and so please stay tuned for more info!

Greetings from the Companions of Zabud Council #10

As the leaves on the trees change color and fall from the trees, I'm hoping the same of the pandemic we're living in and it just falls away with the season.

I was so happy to see all the great companions at our September stated meeting. This was the first time we'd met since February when everything went sideways in the world. We did have a quick meeting and gathered in the lodge parking lot after to enjoy some Zucchini and apple muffins in honor of Rick Remme's birthday. Happy Birthday 56th Remme!

I have been doing more leisure reading lately to pass the time and keep my calm and stumbled across this wonderful article I'd like to share with the rest of the membership of Anoka.



Get Your Apron Dirty!

By Most Illustrious Companion John D. Barnes

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, Grand Council of New Jersey

Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir one's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work; remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.'

-Daniel Hudson Burnham

My Companion: D. H. Burnham was the overseer of the 1893 World's Fair, held in Chicago for the 400th anniversary of Columbus landing in the Americas. He oversaw the work of master designers and architects of the Gilded Age. Frederick Law Olmstead, who co-created New York City's Central Park, was in charge of all the landscaping design and installations. McKim, Meade and White, who handled the renovations and additions to the White House in 1903. George Ferris, who built one of the earliest wheels that came to bear his name. Morgan, Vanderbilt, and Waldorf were some of the financiers of this monumental project. Not bad for a city that had burned to the ground in 1871. Not bad for a vast array of buildings created by many different countries, cities, and industries. No bad for a team of monumental egos.

Adoniram did the same type of job at the building of the Temple; he was in charge of the conscripted wood cutters. He was also the tax collector for Israel from the time of David until Rehoboam. But we get to see him in a different light. We know him as a skilled artisan, one of the 27 men deemed skilled enough and capable enough to work on King Solomon's most secret project: the Crypt. We see him as a man whose search for knowledge lead him to question even Grand Master Hiram.

Adoniram could have let his ego about his position of authority lead him to think that he was above getting his apron dirty. He could have said: "Wait, King Solomon, I'm too important to work underground, where no one can see me. I'm too busy to work under someone else's order. But Adoniram saw the wisdom of working together to accomplish a common goal. He saw the benefit to future generations of completing this great task without fanfare. If the project was known to all, it never would have survived until the rebuilding of the Second Temple.

Companion, don't let your own pride stop you from working with others. You may have a great title or reputation, but you can always learn something more from someone else. You never know if the man working next to you might have some pearls of wisdom that you might pick up. He could be Grand Master Hiram.

A friend of mine is very active with Habitat for Humanity; so is President Jimmy Carter. My friend says that he's always pleasantly surprised when the President or Mrs. Carter show up and start swinging a hammer next to him.

Never miss an opportunity to serve - you just might meet someone interesting. The dream may not be your own, but if it's big enough to need your help, you just might learn something!

Get your apron dirty!

Remember the 4th Wednesday is York Rite night at Anoka 7 p.m. Chapter & 8 p.m. Council
Respectfully submitted,

May peace be with you,

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



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12PM - 4PM

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

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