



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.....

This is the last time I bring words to you from this amazing and terrifying place to sit during Lodge.

I am going to keep this brief as I possibly can. This time of year is the time that we all get busy, the time where we spend time with our families. This is the best time of the year - well, if we were in normal times, it sure would be. This year, however, it is as good as we can possibly hope. With that hope, I hope that all of you are getting ready to spend time with your families in the coming days. With all things, this is the time to make some announcements a bit broader, so pull up a stool, grab a cup of coffee, and let's take care of the dish! It's time to announce the awards for 2020...



The Workhorse Award is a special one to me. Every time I have seen it, it is the back half of a horse, but that's probably because this is the most powerful part of a horse. In this case, I have the distinct honor to give this award to a man who spends a ton of time with Horses, front and back halves. This year, I am pleased to announce that the Masonic Workhorse award will be given to our own Secretary, Brother Scott Franz. Scott's efforts on behalf of the Lodge, of the Bones Brothers and our charities are truly laudable. As in any Masonic body, the Secretary/Recorder is the hardest working Officer, and Scott is no exception.

Up next, our newest award, the Masonic Ambassador award. This is in place to recognize a Mason from the Lodge who's works on behalf of our Craft are tireless. In this case, the awardee is definitely the Energizer Bunny of getting the Masonic word out. Brother Aaron Brendel is not only our Bethel's Associate Bethel Guardian, but also the DeMolay Executive Officer. Aaron's efforts on behalf of these two bodies, as well as our Lodge, and Selim Grotto have been a beacon of activity. Brother Aaron's work has been amazing, and we want to thank him for all that he has done for Anoka and our Bodies.

On to the Mason of the Year. This award is given to recognize a Mason for their special contributions to the Craft, as well as Anoka Lodge. Past Master, Hiram Award winner, Past Grand High Priest, Illustrious Deputy Grandmaster, Past Grand Prelate... He wears a tophat, a fedora, a Fez and a White Cap. WB David Emery has served on the House Committee, Trustees, and any other number of committees and jobs in the Lodge and other bodies. I can think of no greater awardee to be recognized for this honor.

Without pillars, the Temple would fail. We have an award at Anoka called the Masonic Pillars award. This award can be presented to a couple, a family, or a single person. In this case, I have a distinctive honor to name a beautiful couple as recipients of this award. Everyone who knows Larry and Michelle Jensen know that they, and their family are a crucial and foundational part of our Lodge. Working with our Bethel, as well as the Grand and SUPREME Bethels, the Grotto, and our other York Rite Bodies, Larry and Michele are an example of what it means to support this great Lodge.

Finally, I have a distinct honor to name our 2020 Hiram Award. I remember sitting in the audience and listening to WB Jerry Oliver talking about "our Brother, Hiram" as he spoke of David Emery's service to the Craft and to Anoka Lodge. The awardee is presented one time in their life, and only one per year may be selected for each Lodge. The winner does not need to be a Past Master, and for the only time I have seen in our Lodge, this is the case. Brothers and Sisters, it gives me great pleasure to award this year's Hiram Award to Brother V. Jay Lenz. We are working with Jay to set the celebration event for his award, but please know how much he is respected, and how much all of us owe to this quiet, but tireless Mason. He is definitely the example that we can all strive towards.

I hope that you will all join me in thanking these exemplars of what Masonry is all about. I know that I echo so many others in saying, if it weren't for Masonry, I would not be friends with any of them. This is my last article in the S&C as Master of Anoka Lodge. I know that these years have been bittersweet, and I have loved every single minute I have spent wearing the collar of an Anoka Lodge Officer. I know that each and every day I thank our creator for the time I get to spend with all of you. I know that, as I leave, I feel that the Lodge is better off than it was when I joined the Line. I know that, whomever is elected in November, that journey will continue to improve our Lodge, our Craft, and all of our members. My only hope is that you feel the same way, that you feel that we as your officers have done a good job in this crazy year. Each year, the junior Past Master tends to back out - it's only fair to the new Master. I know that you will give him the same warm welcome as you gave me on December 7th. It is a day that will live on in my life, and in all of my family's lives.

Let me share this most important and memorable quote from the Bard! *O that a man might know the end of this day's business ere it come! But it sufficeth that the day will end and then the end is known. And if we meet again, we shall smile. And if not, well, then this parting is well made.* My Brothers, it has been my honor, my privilege and my great joy to serve you and this entire Lodge. May this parting be nothing, but well made.

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

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Warmest wishes from the West

O.K. who made Mother Nature mad again? How much crazier can this year be? Now I do remember the big snowstorm a few years back that dumped feet of snow on us, I do not think anyone living in that time could forget it as that was legendary. I am writing this still in October and my wife and I have been back and forth on what we are going to do for decorating the yard and handing out candy. We (she) have decided that we will continue our (her) tradition of decorating and handing out treats in a safe manner. I have, for the past 6 or 7 years, been handing out tubs of cotton candy to whomever stops on by. I do feel that this would be the safest way to distribute candy, as they are sealed and in a plastic container which can be sanitized before opening. My wife loves Halloween (if you have not heard this before) and we enjoy the children's excitement and energy that comes with the holiday. So, if you or your children are around 1007 Park Street in Anoka, stop on in and say hello. We do have some seemingly warm costumes to wear this year as it looks like it is going to be a chilly Saturday night. Now on to November, I always look at November as the start of the holiday season. I especially love Thanksgiving, mostly for the cooking and eating, but there is the family aspect to it as well. I love to cook the feast and watch and hear the enjoyment of my family consuming it. Once the food is consumed and the tryptophan kicks in it is nap time for a bit. There are always leftovers to nibble on as well as pie to

top it all off. I do certainly miss my lodge family; I always have enjoyed the OES's turkey dinner which sadly unless I am mistaken will not happen due to Covid but with everything else we can hope for next year. Also, November this year brings the election. I always encourage everyone to vote no matter the party affiliation. I love voting in person personally just to have the machine grab my ballot and count it I do not know why but it gives me a feeling of accomplishment to know that I have performed my civic duty. I hope that you all have a safe, healthy, fun Thanksgiving and have an opportunity to spend time with family or friends. Be safe out there.

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



Greetings from the South!

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:

November 4th – 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;



We did two food truck events in October, which proved to be our last for the year. We made just over \$1,300 for Alexandra House and \$1,000 for We Can Ride. However, that left us with two charities, Hope 4 Youth and Stable Pathways that we weren't able to do fundraisers for this year. We're trying to figure something out for them.

So, with no events coming up, here's a recipe for you to try. Are they weird or good? You won't know until you try them, but 9 out of 10 guests at our last event loved them. There's always that one guy

Bacon Wrapped Oreos

1 package of Double Stuffed Oreos
1 lb of regular sliced bacon (don't get thick sliced)
Kosher salt

Heat the oven to 275. Cut the slices of bacon in half and wrap each half around an Oreo. Don't wrap tight because the bacon shrinks. Put the overlap seam on the bottom and put them in a foil pan. Sprinkle with Kosher salt. Cook uncovered for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until the bacon is to your liking. Remove from the oven and cool. Trust me when I say that's important because hot molten lava is still hot, even if it's an Oreo.

From the pit ...

Scott Franz

President, The Bones Brothers





Martha Chapter #132

Give the Gift of Warmth

Help keep our community warm this winter by donating adult and children's sized hats, mittens, gloves, and other warm clothing items



Donations will be given to ACBC.

There is a collection box at the Lodge or you can drop off items at:

Rachel Ridens
12354 Magnolia Circle NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Jane LaMusga
1711 - 99th Ave. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Or Call Patty Meehl, 763-286-1112 to arrange
For a pick-up of your items

Donations accepted until December 14, 2020

If you prefer to give a monetary gift, please send to:



Jane LaMusga
1711 99th Ave. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
In memo box add: "ACBC"





Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter:

November is just about around the corner and I am sad to see our warm weather disappear. It is MEA weekend and my grandkids are here visiting us here at the lake. We have had our first snowfall of the year which we got 1.5 inches. It only stayed on the ground for a few hours and was quickly gone so we had plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the weekend. Fall Fest is annual activity in our association. This year it was an exceedingly small gathering, but we all had the change to still



enjoy looking at all the pumpkin carvings. This one was one of the small ones on display.

Soon Thanksgiving will soon be around the corner and we have much to be thankful for. Our family, our friends and thinking of others in need. I had the chance to talk to one of the volunteers at ACBC. They told me they need hats, mittens, scarves, and other warm items for the community. So again, I would like to have a collection box out for these items. Rachel Ridens and Jane LaMusga have volunteered to keep a collection box on their porches. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring them to them or call give me a call and I will arrange a pick-up for your items. Collections will continue from now until

December 14th and then we will deliver them to ACBC after that. If you would prefer to send a cash donation, please send it to Jane LaMusga and write in the memo box on your check "ACBC" so we can give one check. We should remember our brothers and sisters who need the gift of warmth this year.

Thought for the Day – "Thank God for the blessings He's given to me... for comforts of home and family, the blue of the sky, the touch of the wind, the joys of the day, the love of friends."

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Patty Meehl, WM

Hello Masonic Family!!

I hope that you all are staying safe and warm now that winter is upon us! I dislike the snow just as much as you, but I absolutely love the beauty of it all!

I am continuing to work many hours every week, along with still thinking of new ways to connect our girls and bring joy to them! I'm also continuing to work on my plans for Supreme Session next summer. If you have any fun pin board ideas or display table ideas, feel free to share with my parents Wendy and Brian, or myself!

I have enjoyed being able to attend our in person Jobie meetings these past 2 months.

Even though not everyone is there in person, we still make it work! We even got to start our Butterbraid fundraiser.

Let any Jobie know if you are interested in ordering!

As always, I miss you all and I hope everyone is staying healthy!

Sending my love,

Gabbi Dimatteo SBHQ 2019-2021



Greetings from Bethel #48



Bethel 48 has been spending most of the month of October, with our sisters around the world, celebrating the 100th Birthday of Job's Daughters.

October 20, 1920. The world was a very different place-women had very few rights, or freedoms. We were just winning the right to VOTE. The world was in the throes of the First World War. It was also in that year that a young mother-Ethel T, Wead Mick-had the foresight to see that young women were in need of an organization that would help them learn many of the skills that she knew she wanted her own daughters to have as they ventured forth into the world. That is when she founded Job's Daughters. Since then, it has been in seven different countries and one protectorate (currently five countries) and has helped young women around the world develop into strong, confident, well-spoken leaders. Women like Debbie Reynolds, Kim Catrall, Vicki Lawrence and rumor has it, Judy Garland. It has also helped my own two daughters achieve greatness, within the organization and in their daily lives. When a nineteen year old college freshman feels confident enough to get up in front of 2500 people-including the Governor of Minnesota-and speak at an official Memorial Day observance, and the other one gets up in front of the world to play the music for a Supreme Bethel meeting on her saxophone, not to mention putting herself out there and earning the role of Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, that's evidence of GROWTH! It has also helped my Daughters (of whom I am also very proud) to find friendship, support, learning and challenge to help them succeed in all parts of their lives. Congratulations JDI on 100 years of helping young women become the best versions of themselves, and here's to 100 more!

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Oh-AND WE'RE SELLING BUTTERBRAIDS! Contact one of us-we can also email you an online payment link. Orders and payment are due by Monday November 2, with delivery November 16.

Please stay healthy!

On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

Greetings from Anoka DeMolay

No article submitted.

**Zachary Agustin
Master Councilor**



Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

The Special Fall Reunion at the Scottish Rite has begun with the 4th Degree, Directed by our own WB Greg Vokovan and normally participated by our own WB Don Nolley who sadly could not perform due to his knee issues.

This wonderful Degree, called the Secret Master teaches reflection and study and to honor those relationships to God, Family, County and Masonry as a whole!



The following week we held the 14th Degree or Perfect Elu. In the degree we learn to reflect and look into ourselves. We should strive to be true to ourselves and our God. In our normal Cycle this degree is also the last of the Lodge of Perfection Degrees.



Moving into November will bring the 18th Degree, or Knight of the

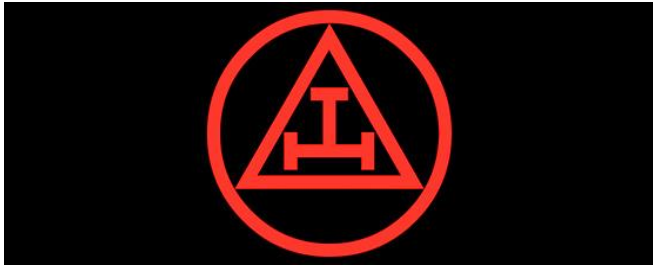
Rose Croix on November 5th. This particular Degree is one I hope you can bring yourselves down to see if you are a Scottish Rite Mason, for as Wise Master of the Chapter it is my Honor to lead it and would love to see you there in support of this wonderful Degree about Life and Toleration. (Something we all need more of)

The 30th Degree will be put on by the Council of Kadosh on November 12th and we will hold the final of the Terminal Degrees, the 32nd or Master of the Royal Secret on Saturday, November 14th, at which the 11 New Brothers as well as those 15 others from the Spring class who could not finish due to Covid, will become Masters of the Royal Secret.

Now even though Anoka Lodge does not currently have any candidates going through, it would be great to have Brothers come down in support of these new Scottish Rite Brethren.

All Covid Rules are being followed during these degrees and there are no meals, but you can still come down and Socially Distantly hang out with your Brethren.

If you wish more information on the Scottish Rite 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, thank you to all those who made it out to our quickly assembled October Meeting. We had planned to go and do a "Feed My Starving Children" night but with a lack of Solid responses that did not happen and so we held our meeting.

We will be having a visit from Wendy Dahlen from Granny's Closet. She will be given a short explanation again of her group and what they do before we present her with a donation check from our Chapter, so please come early to take part in that (6:30pm)

November will be our Last meeting for the Year (We are Dark due to the Holidays) We will be having Elections that night. (Though somewhat adjusted) and though it has been a difficult one and almost none of what I had hope to do was able to get done due to Covid 19, still I appreciate the love and support from all the Companions and I am glad to have so many new members for our chapter to be strong and continue to grow!

Greetings from the Companions of Zabud Council #10

As I sit down to write this article today, I'm able to remember the better days of warmer weather since it dropped to 30 degrees this week with 5-6 inches of fresh snow, able to attend degrees at blue lodge since there have been none at Blue lodge since the pandemic hit us, and sitting down to enjoy a fine meal before a meeting with companions and brothers which does not happen anymore this year.

2020 has definitely been an eye opening year for myself and many others. The way people treat each other has really shown it's ugly face and i believe it's due to the social distancing order in place, it's almost like we forgot how to communicate humanely to each other. Then we add on an election year which by all the media currently running is supposed to be the most important election ever, or so they say every year, and the virus has affected all of us in more ways than ever. What a year...maybe the Mayans when they created their calendar and many experts stated that the end of the world was December 2012, was obviously wrong since we're all still here today and could it possibly be 2020? 2012 was a great year for most of us and i cannot say the same about this year and does follow many of the warning signs in the book of Revelations. Just a thought and i hope that everyone reading this article has their affairs in order, treated others well and have lived a life worthy in the eye of god. It was nice having a safe meeting at lodge last month and look forward to to the rest of the meetings this year.



We plan on having York Rite One day degrees in February and you have time to further your masonic educations by petitioning Royal Arch, Cryptic Council, and Knights Templar.

York Rite night at Anoka lodge is on the 4th Wednesdays. 7pm RAM and 8pm Cryptic Council.

Respectfully,

Tony Heimer
Thrice Illustrious Master
Zabud #10 Council

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