



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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Salutations from the East.....

Happy New Year! My hope for this year is that it is much better than 2020. Scientists have made significant strides on the vaccine for the Covid-19 disease, with this I hope we can get back to a more normal, non-mask wearing life. This month starts off with a getting to know you segment. Without lodge activities to get to know each other, I thought we could have first, the officers that submit articles and then in future S&C's our newer members in the Masonic family have a little write up with a photo if possible, in the S&C. So, about me.

I was born and raised in Minnesota, my mother moved my sister and I to Key Largo, Florida when I was 16. I drove one car 2 weeks after getting my driver's license and my sister's boyfriend drove the other. I graduated from Coral Shores High School in Tavernier Florida. Upon graduating I joined the Army as a Military Policeman. I spent 8 years in the military, 6 years in Germany and roughly 2 years at Ft. Campbell Ky. I got out of the Army in 1997, Honorably Discharged. Upon leaving the military I lived in Evansville, Kentucky and worked for a car dealership as a service writer for a year before moving to Sarasota, Florida in 1998 where I worked at Publix grocery store and 7-11. I spent a little over a year in Florida but it was not "home". In 1999 I made the move back home to Minnesota and boy did it just feel right! I lived with my brother and sister-in-law in Rosemount and started working at Sam's Club as a meat cutter, while I got on my feet again and then moved to Brooklyn Park to an apartment. I continued to work for Sam's Club as a meat cutter, bakery manager, tire specialist, and whatever else they told me to do. I was also going to college. I started at NEI and they merged with Dunwoody, so I have my degree in Electronics from Dunwoody. I started working part time for my girlfriend's (now wife, Jen) dad at his company which specializes in Scoreboards and Digital displays. I really enjoyed the work. In 2001 I was hired full time and in 2003 Jen and I married and purchased our house in Anoka. We were still going to school and working. Jen was going to school full time during the day and working at night. I was working during the day and going to school at night, so we didn't see each other very much for a year or so. In 2013, my now father-in-law wanted to retire, so I purchased his side of the company from him and have not looked back since.

I joined Masonry in 2016 and it has been the best. I am kind of an introverted person most of the time, so I really must push myself, sometimes pretty hard, to open up. Masonry has been teaching me that it is O.K. to open up and not be afraid to open up. I am still learning my lessons and trying to be a better man. Thank You very much to my Masonic family for allowing me to share a glimpse into my life.

Much Love and Peace,
Tim Galvin,
Worshipful Master
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Warm wishes from the West

I would like to say, Happy New Year! 2020 was a rough year for all of us, and there is hope that 2021 will be better. This issue of the Star & Compass, instead of normal articles, we were encouraged to write about ourselves. This allows you to get to know me, since we are not allowed to gather yet at this time. But there is a Silver lining, and hopefully, we will be able to gather once again, sometime in 2021. My article will include my name, a little bit about my family, my occupation, and my Masonic journey.

My full name is Julio Antonio Herrera. I have lived my whole life in Minnesota. The day I was born, the top two floors of the parking ramp at North Memorial Robbinsdale came crashing down. There are three different stories as to how I was given my name; the first was from the singer, Julio Iglesias, who my mother enjoyed listening to, the second comes from an uncle on my father's side, these two are the

most likely believable origins. The third however was likely a joke, my mom says I was named Julio so my dad would not forget my birthday which is in July, and of course, July in Spanish is Julio.

I am currently working with Caliber Auto Glass, a separate department within the company Caliber Collision (previously known as Abra). My focus is assisting customers whose vehicles have suffered glass damage, the insurance companies, parts departments, and the technicians. I have been with company for almost 5 years and have learned many other positions which has made me a well-rounded employee.

Now, my Masonic journey. I was raised In Anoka Lodge #30 in March of 2012. When I was 16-17 years of age, I discussed Masonry with my Grandma, Audrey Hanson, as she would go to Star meetings, and I wanted to know what those were, and that is when she told me about my Grandfather, Billy G. Hanson, and how much he loved being a Mason. My Grandpa, who I never met, as he died at the age of 54, was a Master Mason of Winslow Lewis Lodge in Osseo, MN, and was also Past Worthy Patron of Winslow Lewis Chapter of OES. He was active in the Lodge, and Star. He was also a member of the Zuhrah Shrine, and one of his favorite activities was working at the Shrine Circus, when in town. Unfortunately, I have not been able to share my Masonic journey with him, but my Grandma tells me he would have been proud. My grandma Audrey, luckily, has been able to share this with me. My grandma, was an active member of Winslow Lewis OES, and held the position of Chapter Secretary for 40-50 years, (sometime in the 60's) until the Osseo Chapter of OES closed and made the choice to join Martha Chapter. Many times, she was asked to move up and be a Worthy Matron, but she loved being the secretary (and treasurer at the same time for many years). Having been the secretary and prompter, for well over 45 years and loving it, she learned and knew by heart every office's lines in meetings, when she was on the sidelines, you were hear her quietly reciting them. Now at the age of 93 and a mild case of dementia, she does not recall these any longer.

Hearing the history of Masonry, watching documentaries about it, listing to my grandma's stories, made me want to become a Mason, follow in my grandpa's footsteps and encouraged me to continue the family lineage in the Masonic Family. It is also not just me, my sister, Marietta, joined Bethel #48 of Job's Daughters, is now a Past Honored Queen and Majority member, my mother, Barbara, had been a Jobie, and all three of us are members of Martha Chapter.

So, this is a little about me. As Senior Warden, I am looking forward to getting to know more of you. We are still in this pandemic, and with some hope the vaccines will be able to help us get back to normal gatherings. Until then stay safe, practice the safety guidelines, and if you feel off, or believe you may have possibly been near someone who has tested positive for COVID, please get tested.

**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Senior Warden**

Greetings from the South!

I was asked to introduce myself in this first of twelve articles I will submit over the year, but I wanted to start off by saying it is a true honor to be sitting in the South. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this Lodge! I will do my best.

To start off with the typical introduction, I am a middle-aged suburban Husband and Father of three. I am married to the love of my life, Sonia Rae, whom I met in Junior High Band class and whose hand I held for the first time at around age thirteen. Though we have not been together this entire time, we have now been married for nineteen years and I still love to hold her hand. We live near the center of town just three blocks away from my parent's house; where I spent the first eighteen years of my life. I have three sons, Tyler 27, Vincent 26 and Ethan 17. Ethan is the only one still at home and is a Senior this year. I could not be more proud of my boys as they have grown up to be genuinely good people and I feel like I must have done something right even though I know I did many things wrong as a parent. I love spending time with them any time I can.

I am also very fortunate to have both of my parents still living in that same house I grew up in. They are my new focus in life now that my kids regard me as old news and obsolete. My Father Neil was Master of Anoka Lodge #30 in 1989 and has wanted me to join ever since I was eligible. I remember being a young teenager hanging out at the Lodge from time to time and remember helping with the Bratwurst stand at the Halloween Day Parade for several years. It feels surreal because some of the men I remember from 30+ years ago, as a kid, are still active at the lodge and are now my Brothers and a part of my family.

I joined DeMolay around age 14 after a few of my Boy Scout buddies joined. Incidentally, both my Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster were Masons at Anoka and would both become sitting Masters of Anoka Lodge after their time with Scouting. I am forever indebted for the time WB Larry Lennon and WB Neil Warmack invested in the Boy Scout Program and into me personally. I know they have positively affected lives far beyond mine in Masonry as well.

My Grandfather William Penn Warmack was also a Freemason and was Master of the Liberal Arts Lodge #677 in California in 1951, so I can only hope that one day, one of my boys decides to become a Mason and perhaps we can see that fourth generation join our gentle craft. I'm slowly working on it.

Aside from the lineage and formalities I can tell you that I love being outside more than inside, and that includes all seasons, and regardless of the activity. I especially like camping, ATVing, kayaking, fishing, snowmobiling, gardening and anything bonfire related. I hunt, but not with sharp intent. I just like being in the serenity of the Northwoods, period.

I am currently on furlough from State Farm so I find myself having the time to embrace the outdoors even more now. As I write this article, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and snow shoveling season are just getting started and hopefully the usual cold of January will feel brief.

In closing, I have to say...I really enjoy my time at the lodge and look forward to a day when we can meet in larger numbers again and break bread together again. I miss my Masonic Family in ways I couldn't have imagined without this era of social-distancing. I am looking forward to 2021, but know it will bring its share of challenges. If you ever find yourself in need, please reach out to me at any time for any reason.

**Regards,
Daryl Warmack
Junior Warden**



Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, January 6th – Stated Meeting
Lodge of Sorrow Meeting 7:00 pm



PLEASE NOTE: Due to restrictions on the number of people we can have, we request you RSVP to the event so we can keep the number of members to the prescribed limit. RSVP to 763-421-3357 OR anokasecretary@gmail.com

Thanks for your understanding in this difficult time.

Stewards Corner

Welcome to 2021!
Brothers, I look forward to working with Brothers Aaron Brendel, Jr. Steward and Brent Merritt, Lodge Chef, to continue the fine dining when we are able to.

Respectfully,
Jason Mevissen, Sr. Steward



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

In December we held our last Stated Communication of the year and our last meeting for a while as we agreed to go dark until April 2021, pending anything important. We end the year with 23 members. We elected our officers for 2021 as follows:

Scott Franz - President
Jeremy Hill - Pit Boss
Jordy Stradtman - Vice President
Brian Dimatteo - Recorder
Todd Mayer - Treasurer
Tony Heimer - Chaplain

From the pit ...
Scott



Until we can travel again.....

James Surratt,



Coffee Clutch

Canceled for now!

Greetings from Martha Chapter,

Happy New Year everyone! Our community project has ended, and we were able to collect about 37 pounds of items and \$100.00. Due to Covid, ACBC has asked that we do not deliver clothing items to them at this time. So, the clothing has been delivered to NACE (Northern Anoka County Emergency) and we wrote a check from the funds collected to ACBC. Both were gratefully accepted. A huge thank you to all who helped support our community families.



We also had fun with a last-minute project. A “Roast-less Dinner”. This was in honor of not having our annual Harvest Dinner, which we all look forward to each year. We had a good response with our dinner. Some of the funds were asked to be given to ESTARL, Pat Rasmusson Continuing Education Scholarship, and another was stated as a donation to go towards a Grand Chapter project. The amounts that were not designated directly will be split up 40/60 to the Chapter and to the Grand Chapter projects. There are more coming in for this fun project and will also be split up as mentioned. Thank you to all who participated, I know we all will look forward to having our Harvest Dinner back again next year.

With the start of the new year, we have gone back to meetings, and even though we are not in Chapter, yet we still can enjoy each other’s company via Zoom or phone gatherings. You should have received a ZOOM invitation if we have your email on file. We will gather at 7:00 for social time with the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. These meetings will be held the same way until our Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Master states it is safe for us to return to Chapter in person. Stay well and I will see you soon.

Thought for the Day - “New is the year, new are the hopes, new is the resolution, new are the spirits, and new are my warm wishes just for you. Have a promising and fulfilling New Year!”

**Patty Meehl,
Worthy Matron**

Notes from Anoka Lodge Trustees

Brothers and Sisters,

The end of November turned in to a busy time for the trustees. We had thermostat problems in the Lodge room at the beginning of month and furnace problems at the end. One of our downstairs furnaces stopped working, it had a bad fan motor, fan wheel, and board. The original quoted price to do the work was \$2250, but we were lucky enough to get parts and repair it for \$601.90.

Tony and I have been working on getting old seats from the balcony thrown into our dumpster, I was able to finish that this week.

We are looking for people that would be able to help with snow removal at the Lodge. If we could get a few guys they could take turns. There is an electric snow blower there.

The Building Committee is looking for members. They plan to get plywood and carpet down in balcony the first part of the year. They need help getting the material up the. This is a great way to become involved and join in the fellowship of working together. No experience necessary. Please contact WB Dave Emery (763-772-7187) or WB Jerry Oliver (763-639-8813). They will get you set up to help.

**Happy Holidays,
John Antl**

Greetings from Bethel #48



Well, we are sailing into the end of 2020-a year that I doubt any of us will ever forget.

This year has brought a great number of challenges to all of us-along with many terms that have become part of our daily life. Masking. Social distancing. Quarantine. Abundance of caution. Zoom. Virtual.

It has also brought many challenges for our Masonic family. Most bodies have only been able to meet once or twice since March, and have become used to seeing our members and friends through a computer screen.

The Jobies of Bethel 48 are no different. We were the last Bethel to meet in person in March and were part of the first in person meeting in September, only to have the world make a turn, and we once again were unable to meet in person.

We are currently planning our coming term, with a focus on keeping our active members active, and getting members we haven't seen in a while re-engaged with us. Our line officers are really excited about the events they are planning, which gets the rest of us equally as excited!

Our virtual installation will be part of our meeting on January 18, and we are working on ways to include our traditional retiring of capes and crowns. We hope to be able to invite you all to join us virtually.

We hope this new year finds you all well-both physically and emotionally, and that we are able to be together in person again soon.

Cheers to 2021!

On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

In a world where you can be anything, be KIND

Greetings all,

I'm Still grounded but sending warm thoughts!!

Gabriella Dimatteo
Supreme Bethel Honored Queen



Anoka DeMolay

No article submitted



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.

Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

The most recent full shutdown is keeping us from rescheduling the completion of both the Reunion and the Spring class. We will be announcing as soon as we have dates for the remaining degrees.

We do have plans to begin a new set of Educational nights each Thursday at 7pm. Once again, details are still being worked out but these will be open events to all Masons and not just Scottish Rite and we hope you will take part when they begin.



Remember the previous educational presentations can be viewed on the revamped Scottish Rite Web Site at...

<https://scottish-rite-mpls.org/education/webinar-education-series/>

The Rite is using this downtime to redo the stage rigging and backdrops, and after some fundraising and a generous donation by a Brother, we have the funds to begin the work.

It is our hope to have it all complete before we begin Degrees again.

As always, if you need more information or want to get a petition for when degrees begin again, feel free to reach out.

WB Terrance M Schaffer KCCH



Greetings from Anoka Shekinah #104

Elections were held in November with the following officers elected or appointed:

High Priest – Todd Mayer
King – David Birkman
Scribe – Ty Schmidt
Treasurer – Don McGuire
Secretary – PGHP Dave Emery
Chaplain – PHP Tony Heimer
Captain of the Host – Sean Novack
Principal Sojourner – Tim Galvin
Royal Arch Captain – James Surratt
Master of the 3rd Veil – Larry Jensen
Master of 2nd Veil – Seth Pavlak
Master of the 1st Veil – Collin Abram
CEO – PHP Trent Gilbertson
Sentinel – Don Willadsen

There will be no meeting in December and we will wait and see with regards to our January meeting.

Stay Safe and Sane,

Todd A. Mayer
High Priest

Happy New Year from Zabud Council #10

As we move into the New Year we are reminded of the cycle of life and how fragile it is. A difficult 2020 has ended and we begin anew in the hope that this year will be better than last. But we have continued challenges that we must face and overcome. I am confident that we will meet this challenges! I wish everyone a happy and safe 2021.



Zabud Council Calendar:

We will continue to meet via Zoom till we get permission to meet again in person.
The One Day to the Council has been canceled and we hope will be rescheduled later in the year.

Trent Gilbertson
Thrice Illustrious Master
Zabud Council #10

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