



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.....

My article this month we will get to know on one of our newest members of the Lodge, Brother David Weigel. I read his article and got to know him a little bit. I hope you all have the same experience. Please be safe out there.

My name is David Weigel and live in Ramsey with my wife Malori, two dogs and three cats. I grew up in St. Louis Park and graduated from SLP High school in 2000. After high school, I spent a year at University of MN-Duluth completing generals. I did not know what I wanted to do but was positive I wanted to serve in the military, so I enlisted in the Army in May of 2001. I served 13 years in the military as a Psychological Operations Specialist. I did three tours overseas, one to Iraq, and two to Afghanistan. In 2011 I decided to do another tour in Afghanistan this time as a civilian doing intelligence work for the government. After returning home I finished my 1 year left with the army and left service in June of 2014. I started working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to support my brothers and sisters in arms. Those four tours took a toll on me and I was diagnosed with PTSD and Major Depressive disorder. In 2015 I tried to take my life but fortunately it did not work. I spent quite a bit of time in therapy after that and continue to do so for my mental health. We spent a lot of time with my uncle and I really liked how he presented himself. It turns out he was a Mason and I started to explore petitioning the Anoka lodge 30. I am currently an EA in the lodge and look forward to the day when things can return to a more normal environment. I currently own Vivo Labs with my wife, and we conduct COVID 19 testing. We are looking to purchase a franchise in the coming months that is in the laboratory industry. I look forward to meeting everyone during the stated meetings and am excited to start volunteering through the many charitable events the lodge hosts. If anyone ever wants to talk or go get a drink, please give me a call. My number is 612-219-5570 and my email is dweigel1208@yahoo.com.



Brother David Weigel

**Much Love and Peace,
Tim Galvin,
Worshipful Master
(763) 442-2176**

Warm wishes from the West

Getting to know Brother Jason Kuehn.....

Brethren,

I was asked about writing a quick article about what being a Mason means to me as a newer member, I will try to keep the superfluities to a minimum and stick to the substance that is the heart of what being a Mason has been to me and my quest for further light. I am a combat veteran, I have done and seen things in my life that I am glad no one has had to endure, but never alone. I missed my brothers in arms, the laughs, the tears, the "hold my beer" moments, I missed the comradery that the experiences forged. I missed the 32 degrees and its raining (sort of) weather and my brother has soaked gear, he himself soaked to the bone, but I have a one man sleeping bag that's dry. We shared it, we both made it through the night even though hypothermia was a true specter stalking the night. But he knew, as I knew none of it really mattered because I have my brother and he has me. With that we can conquer anything.

So how does this have anything with the three degrees, the level, the 24 inch Gauge, or the trowel? I found brothers when I joined the lodge, not dissimilar from my brothers in arms. We all came from different walks of life, that's the first similarity, we pride ourselves on the ability of men from different religions, political affiliations etc coming together to further the common good, not unlike a Ranger infantry platoon. We all have inside "jokes" some about goats and the like, but we all have those common bonds, this makes us brothers. Remember what you first thought about the cable tow? But here is the true magic, I had a non-brother reach out to me and ask me about some really hard things a brother had been going through and how that brother had told him about all the support, love, caring and giving he received from our brothers. I explained that what our brothers do, not only for us, but also humanity as a whole. He then requested light, and that brothers is what masonry is to me. It is the cement spread by the trowel that bonds all of us regardless of the minutia happening around us. That's how I know a brother in the darkness as well as in the light.

Brother Jason Kuehn



**Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Senior Warden**

Greetings from the South!

February finds us coming up on one year since we have been able to perform our own degree work at Anoka Lodge. Last February we were able to pass five brothers to the degree of Fellow-craft, and unfortunately due to the lockdowns of this pandemic we have not had the opportunity to get to know them as well as we'd like to. Over the next few months we hope to change that a little.

This month I have reached out to Brother Baron Fields to introduce himself

First and foremost, thank you to everyone at the lodge that have made me feel very welcome and accepted. I have waited a very long time to be a part of a group of



individuals that have the same passions and heart for their community as I do. So, thank you. I was asked by Brother Daryl to write a little bit about myself so everyone could get to know me better and I am very honored to do so.

To start I was born on Edwards Air Force Base in California on May 22nd, of 1980. My father (John) was in the Air Force at that time, so we lived on base where ever he was stationed. My parents got a divorce when I was only two years old and my mother (Paula) took all four of us kids to Minnesota. My mother and grandmother bought a house in Plymouth, MN and that is where we lived for my whole childhood. My mother still lives in that house to this day. I have two older brothers, Chris, and John, and two sisters, Marcella the oldest and Andrea our youngest sister. Unfortunately, we lost Andrea when I was only two years old due to birth complications.

After high school, I went to college in Winona, MN to take a course on Automotive Technology. I also took random classes to just learn something new. When I had left school, I had already started my alcoholic career, as I call it. Though I would not see the problem for many years, I still got through life without dying. I tried many different jobs and kind of just floated through life. That was until I met my beautiful and caring wife, Allison. The one person that will change my life forever. We have been married now for almost ten years and I honestly believe that I fall more in love with her everyday that goes by. A little over five years ago, she and I had a big fight over a can of beer. That night I slept on the thought of why we were fighting. I knew there was only one answer to solve this huge problem in my life. Stop drinking! That very next morning, July 13th, 2015 I woke up and said I am done. I have not had a drop since. I opened my Maintenance company back in 2017 and have been doing that ever since. The job is a lot of fun and I get to be my own boss. While on this new journey I have gained so much new knowledge and have improved myself quite a bit.

Some of the things that I enjoy are fishing, camping, going to our cabin, shooting at the range (both gun and archery), reading, working on projects in the shop, fixing old things to make them new, helping people, and learning new things. Just to name a few.

As you all know, I am a new member of this lodge and even though my brother Fellow -Crafts have been stuck in this year-long pause, I believe we all have gained more knowledge and have a closer bond because of it. For that I am very thankful. Becoming a Mason has been only a dream of mine for many years and I am proud to call myself a Mason.

Thank you, Brother Daryl, for giving me this opportunity to share a little about myself and I hope to get to know everyone at the lodge soon.

Brother Baron Fields

**Regards,
Daryl Warmack
Junior Warden**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, February 3rd – Stated Meeting
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



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**

Officer Spotlights of the Month.....



Your Secretary, Jeremy Hill

I would have to say my masonic career started at my Uncle's funeral. This was an uncle from another state that we did not visit very often and did not know much about him. I was around 12-13 years old and I saw these men all dressed in nice suits and wearing gloves present my aunt with branches from trees. I did not know much about it and my parents knew even less but that was the beginning of my search for masonry. Masonry in The South is quite a different creature, it is not very advertised how to join or even if there is a Lodge in your area. You basically must come out and ask a member of a lodge to join that lodge directly, they will not ask you if you are interested in joining. About 5 years after my Uncle's funeral, it was 1998 and I was getting ready to ship off to basic training in Great Lakes Illinois. I served 4 years in the Navy as a Sonar Tech on Submarines, stations ranging from Groton, Connecticut to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and some stops in between. After touring the world and visiting many different countries I came home to North Carolina and decided I was not done with my military career at which point I joined the Army as a Heavy Equipment Transport driver (88M) with the 1452nd Transportation Company in Winston Salem North Carolina. I spent 3 years with that unit and that brings us to 2005. I spent several years working odd jobs from a long-haul truck driver for Schneider International, to a Lineman with Duke Energy and then IT support for Lowes Home improvement corporate office. At this point is when I "started" my masonic career, I was renting a house in Newton, NC. From a man who had a lot of square and compass stickers on his vehicles. I asked several times about the stickers with varying degrees of responses. Then one afternoon about a year from our first conversation about his stickers, we were sitting on his back porch as he was watching a John Wayne movie (as he was to do) and I finally got the wording right and asked, "so how do you join a lodge" at which point he looked at me and said, "I've been waiting for you for a year to figure that question out". At which point he recommended me to Conover Lodge #709 in Conover NC. So, on September 16, 2010, I was initiated and told of the memory work that was required and given a mentor who met with me 3 nights a week so I could do memory work (we did not get ciphers until you became an officer). And after working hard for 3 months I was Raised on November 4, 2010 by none other than the man I rented the house from. To look back on that now is incredible how my journey has changed. I made it to Senior Warden of Conover Lodge at which point I moved to Minnesota. Became a member of Anoka #30 then progressed through the line making it to Junior Warden. Now I am Secretary of the Lodge, Monarch of Selim Grotto, member of Martha Chapter OES, and Pit boss for The Bones Brothers. I've got a loving wife and 3 wonderful boys 2 who live with me and one who has already started seeing the world who now lives in Okinawa Japan. None of which would have been possible without the single recommendation of a man who investigated me thoroughly and found that I was a good fit for masonry. Thank you, Ronnie Huffman you have changed my life, for the best...

Your Treasurer, WB Wayne LaMusga

My Dad was the owner operator of a machine shop in N Minneapolis just off the corner of Lowry and Washington Ave, this was before I94 was cut through Minneapolis. On the N W corner at the time was a Shell gas station and Dad's business was next, 3218 Washington Ave N. Sometime in the early 1960's the elderly couple living just west of the shop passed away and they left their home to the Shrine Hospital. As the story goes from Dad, the Shrine Hospital folks did not want small rental property, what they really liked was if the property was close to a business that was looking to expand and that was right up Dad's game plan. Now I just ran across an old family photo of my younger brother and I with Shrine fezzes that we had gotten at the Shrine Circus, so Dad was aware of Shriners. Now my Dad was not a joiner just for the sake to join something, he belonged to the Twin City Precision Machining Association but that was business and I think he and Mom talked once about him joining the Shiner's and I'm pretty sure she said "No", why I can only guess.

Now we need to come forward in time just a bit. Jane and I were married in 1971 (if you're doing the arithmetic it will be 50 years this year, October to be exact, they say time flies when you're having fun. (Jane, did we really have that much fun because time just went by). Just after our marriage, my folks got divorced. Not long after the divorce Dad

became a Master Mason, Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. That was still in the time when a lot of men that joined, joined to become a Shriner. After taking all of the degrees and doing all the memorization work, I don't think he ever attended a meeting but he got himself a Shrine ring with the Scottish Rite emblem on one side and Square and Compasses on the other. Dad had huge hands from growing up on a farm, this was before electricity and some farmers were still using horses. The ring was size 14 if I remember and he wore it every day.

I think Dad I talked about the Shrine once and if I remember he painted a picture of the good work Shriners were doing in the community and he wanted to support them. So, I was left wondering what Dad had found, remembering he was not a joiner, well the only way for find out was to join. At the time Jane and I had come to know Elliott Ehlen and unlike Dad, Elliot was very active in the Shrine (101) and when Jane and I talked about this, she was much more open minded than Mom. December 1973, I took my Master Mason degree, spring 1974 Scottish Rite and next the Shrine. I don't remember what year I started in the line the first time but in 1978 as Junior Warden, Jane and I moved to Arizona where we spent 14 years.

In 1992 we moved back and the Lodge took me back as a long-lost friend. One of the first meeting's after coming back, Jerry B. greeted me with "Wayne LaMusga you were Master when I took My EA degree". Jordy placed me in the Line for my second time in 2003 as Junior Steward (Jordy had once said, knowing that I had been JW, he was sorry that the only position that was open was JS and I told him that was great as I wanted to spend each year doing each position). Jane had joined OES in 2003 and I joined in 2004 (don't ask me why we didn't join at the same time, I don't remember).

Dad passed away in 2008, Don Nolly's year, Dad was one of the thirteen brothers we lost that year. We don't talk about regrets but that is one, I would have loved just once after being installed as Master of the Lodge to ask him what he thought of all this.



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

The Bones Brothers are on break but we'll be back in April. Until then, stay safe and well fed!

**From the pit ...
Scott**



Until we can travel again.....

James Surratt,



Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

January 7th was our first meeting back for the new year and it was so wonderful to see so many faces. We had a lot on the agenda we talked about. Many cards were sent out by our sister Sue. Brother Tim Galvin brought us up to speed on what is going on at the Lodge and the planning of the carpet install. And we honored our members who have passed over the last few months.



With the new year starting, I would like to extend a congratulations to Bethel #48's new member that was initiated and all the officers who were installed virtually. Please call on us if you need anything. We are here to support you anyway that we can. I also would like to extend a congratulations to Zach Augustin for his new appointment as State Junior Councilor. Enjoy this moment, it is a wonderful honor, and we all know you will do well in this position.

Coming up this month, on Saturday, February 13th, we have been invited to operate the food concessions trailer for Winterfest. There is lots of outdoor fun for the whole family. It will be held at George Enloe Park, 631 Lund Blvd. So, come out and see us. Please remember Covid-19 safety precautions are in place for this event. We will be talking more about this at our next zoom meeting on February 4th. Remember your sweethearts and family for Valentine's day, until then stay safe and I will be seeing you soon.

Thought for the Day – "Sweaters, are just blankets you wear to work."

**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

We hope the New Year has found you all well.

The Daughters of Bethel 48 are looking forward to being able to be back in person in the near future (no date yet). We held an Initiation and Installation on Monday January 18. We welcomed Myla into our Bethel and installed our officers for the coming term. Retiring Honored Queen Olivia presided, and has chosen not to continue as Honored Queen. Senior Princess Samantha has decided to step back from the line, but Junior Princess Alyssa, Guide Audrey and Marshal Molly are remaining in place, and are collaborating on making plans for the next term, with many of the events able to be held either virtually or in person (fingers crossed).

We are planning another fundraiser this term—we plan to sell Heggie's Pizzas in the Spring. As we did with our Butterbraid sale, we will have an online payment option which we will share at that point.

Sadly, we have found out the Grand Bethel will not be held in the form we are used to again this year. We will be holding some sort of competition that weekend in order to select the Supreme Messenger Team. The rest of the events of Grand Bethel will likely be rescheduled to a weekend in the Fall so that the outgoing leadership can have an opportunity to close out their terms.

We hope you are all staying well, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to our meetings soon!

On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48,

Wendy Dimatteo, Bethel Guardian

In a world where you can be anything, be KIND

Hello, Anoka Masonic family!!

I hope everyone's holidays were filled with joy and love. May this year be better than the last!

Take time to think of all the positive things that have happened over the last year and dream of the ones that will happen this year. I, for one, am staying positive that we have an in person Supreme Session because I don't know how I would handle doing Session and all of the ceremonies virtual. We are working on plans for daughters to attend virtually if they aren't able to come in person so that is very exciting!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Until we meet again!

Sending my love,

Gabriella Dimatteo

Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, 2019-2021



Anoka DeMolay

Congratulations to Zachary Agustin who was installed as the State Junior Councilor for MN DeMolay.

**Online Installation of Officers
Saturday, February 6th at 2:00 pm**



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,

Well there are still no solid plans to complete the last two classes Degrees, though with losing of Covid Restrictions and the hope that within a few months we can begin doing some more things live and in person, look to hear about some form of completion or reunion in late April or May.

In the meantime we have been repairing the drops and doing work around the building itself, so it will be an even greater incentive for you to come down when degrees do begin again.



We have also begun more educational nights each 1st & 3rd Thursdays via Zoom. You can register to attend by going to the Scottish Rite Web Site at <https://scottish-rite-mpls.org/education/webinar-education-series/> There will also be some other special presentation on the in between Thursdays, so stay tuned for those as they get announced.



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Date / Time	Topic
January 7, 2021 7:00 PM	Masonic connections to Zoroastrianism
January 21, 2021 7:00 PM	The Masonic Symbolism of the Architecture of Washington D.C.
February 4, 2021 7:00 PM	Doric Culture: The Return of the Sons of Herakles or the Invasion of Classical Greece?
February 18, 2021 7:00 PM	The History of the Templar Legend in Freemasonry
March 4, 2021 7:00 PM	Where do conspiracies and misconceptions about Freemasonry come from?
March 18, 2021 7:00 PM	The Emerald Tablet

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

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

The only news to report that as of this printing, the officers for the 2021 year have been duly installed. We are being cautious and having virtual meetings (for now), but look forward to meeting again under the Arch. There are plans for degrees to be held in the late spring/early summer, so contact me if you are interested in learning more about Royal Arch Masonry.

Todd A. Mayer
High Priest

From Zabud Council #10



The Cryptic Rite

This is one of the smallest but one of the most important and certainly one of the most curious of all the rites. It might well be called the rite of Aeneas, because of its long wanderings. One of its oddities is that the two degrees of *Royal Master* and *Select Master* have associated with them a ceremony known as *Super Excellent Master*, which is not considered a degree, yet it is more dramatic than most Masonic degrees. Another peculiarity is that there has long been a difference of opinion as to which of the two degrees should be conferred on the candidate first. They should both precede the Royal Arch, yet, in early days were often limited to Royal Arch Masons. The *Super Excellent* is the dramatization of an incident mentioned in the lecture of the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree. Both the *Royal* and the *Select* are of the type known as French Ecosais, Ninth Arch, or Secret Vault degrees and the name Cryptic was given them by Rob Morris as derived from the Greek *crupe* or the Latin *crypta*, meaning vault. They are known collectively as the “Cryptic Degrees” or the “Cryptic Rite” because their legend deals with the secret vault or crypt beneath King Solomon’s Temple.

Zabud Council Calendar:

February stated meeting maybe virtual. A decision has not yet made.

Trent Gilbertson

Thrice Illustrious Master

Zabud Council #10

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