



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.....

Is it warmer yet? I think the combination of COVID, and the unbearably cold weather has me feeling a little cabin feverish. Not that I would not enjoy some time at the cabin when its warmer, but just being outside for more than a minute would be nice. I was sleeping the other night and, in my brain, popped in a very familiar saying that all Mason's hear at lodge. "Harmony being the strength and support of all societies, more especially ours. Now maybe it is the stress of being Master of the lodge or me worried I am going to forget something in my work, or the E-mail messages that came across when an errant E-mail went out to every member of the lodge, which is probably what spurred this thought on. As we get further and further into being a leading lodge on the Grand View system there is a learning curve, which our very talented secretary(s) are going through to be able to streamline all our lodge information, a mistake happened. It was certainly not on purpose and had absolutely no intention of offending anyone. I like many other brothers simply looked at the next E-mail that came out and saw that it was a mistake and to disregard. I say this because there were some who took great offence to this mass e-mail and decided to let the secretary(s) know in not such nice language. Please remember the words that woke me up out of a deep sleep and remember that none of us are perfect ashlar's, we are human, and we will make mistakes from time to time. On a brighter note, to this incident, we heard from a lot of brothers that we had not heard from or seen in lodge for a long time, so maybe we should make this mistake more often 😊. The year has started off, well let us just say it has started off. Unfortunately, there has not been any word on when we can start putting on events and fundraising again, and we probably will not be able to do much until this summer as far as the Grand Lodge edict stands right now. We are meeting once a month on the first Wednesday of the month 7:00PM, in case you forgot, and can have 50% capacity with proper distancing and masks of course to be always worn while inside the building. I look forward to the future ahead of fulfilling one of our greatest services, being out in the community again helping others with our charitable giving. Stay warm everyone Spring is only a month or so away.



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

Warm wishes from the West

Boy how time flies. Here it is, coming up on March 2021.

It is a year into the COVID-19 Pandemic. Vaccines are on the rise; more and more people are getting vaccinated every day. The death rate, infections and hospitalizations have decreased. This is a wonderful sign; however, we cannot get complacent. We still need to be vigilant in wearing our masks, complying with social distancing and social gathering guidelines. While I know this is difficult, we can do this for the good of our fellow humans.



What kind of changes have you made in your life? My father has been working out every night in our basement for a half hour to an hour on workout machines that are probably as old as I am. One of my brothers is still working (roofing) finding leaks and working at DQ. My sister is a full-time CNA and loves her job at Beehive Assisted Living in Maple Grove. My mom is still working for Hennepin County and still at home for almost a year, since the offices closed March 20th of 2020 due to COVID. At this time, the county has not told them if/when the offices will be opening back up. She purchased a Teeter machine with her Sick Leave for Fitness hours but hasn't really gotten into exercising. When she's not working, she's been busy taking care of our Grandma. We're looking at some upcoming changes within the next week. I'm going to move into an apartment with my oldest brother. My sister is going to be moving in with my Grandma and her fiance will be living there as well. This is a BIG change, as we are a very tight family, so it will be an adjustment for us all. My mom is going to miss us, but she won't admit it.

I am excited still about what this year will bring to the USA and each and every one of us. I'm Hopeful the future will be bright, and the community will be able to gather once again as we did in the past. So, until we can meet and greet each other in the manner we would like, take care, stay safe and keep healthy!

Reminder: Please get vaccinated when it's your time.

**Fraternaly,
Julio Herrera
Senior Warden**

Greetings from the South!

Spring is just around the corner and March always feels like the beginning of better weather. I hope you are all doing well and staying active and safe.

In keeping with our introductions of some of our newer brothers here, is another one of our Fellow-crafts from February of 2020.

Alexander David Westerso.

I am 26 years old, born July 13, 1994, in St. Paul MN.
My Mother is from Colorado, and my Father is from North Dakota.



I moved around a lot as a kid but have lived in MN most of my life. I graduated from Blaine High School in 2012, where I met Jennifer, who is now my wife. We married on August 15th, 2020.

2020 was a big year for me:

I started my career as a Mechanical Designer at PDA (Product Development Associates) after graduating college from Anoka Technical College (fall 2019)

I sold my first property which was a mobile home and bought a house in Robbinsdale. I got married and started a business that began as a hobby called "LAZ3D LLC", that offers Prototype Design, Laser Engraving and 3D Printing. Currently, I am working from home during this pandemic.

Some of my interest and hobbies include:

Making customized art/decor, Hiking, Fostering Dogs (2nd hand hounds), 3D printing

Meeting new people, going to dog Brewings and Hiking with our dogs.

I also like supporting local businesses, snowmobiling, and being a Mason

My wife and I have worked very hard to build a strong foundation for our life, however, all work and no play has made us very hungry to see the world. We are excited to go on our honeymoon this year in Costa Rica where Jennifer has family roots. Family is very important to us, so we are also looking forward to watching our nephews grow up and starting a family of our own.

Alex

**Regards,
Daryl Warmack
Junior Warden**

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, March 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.....



Trent Gilbertson, Senior Deacon

Before I was ever a Mason I was a researcher! I had spent over a 1000 hours researching Masonry before I ever joined. I knew everything that was gonna happen before it happened in the degrees. Some might call that cheating. I call it due diligence! Haha---- But I joined Masonry NOT for what it could do for me but I what I felt I could do for it having spent so many hours researching the symbols and allegories of Masonry and from the knowledge I had attained I felt I could help others achieve a better understanding of the universe.

After I was raised, I never really intended to be an officer in the line. My goal was to become the next LEO of Anoka Lodge #30. I was on my way. I joined the lodge education program and was helping others learn their cyphers and assisted with education. I did this for over a year and I was, for a little while, the Assistant LEO. But some others felt that I was pretty good at doing ritual work and suggested I join the officer line as they felt it could help the lodge. So I did and before I knew it I was in 5 different lines due to appendant body memberships! That's pretty much how it goes in Masonry!

But I found my passion in the Royal Arch! I began to create my own Educational presentations from my research and began to give them frequently. I am now the Chapter Education Officer of Anoka-Shekinah #104 and this is my 2nd year holding this position. I enjoy speaking in front of others and presenting information that I have found to help assist them in their understanding of the Royal Arch.

I am also currently the Thrice Illustrious Master of Zabud Council #10 which is an honor for me. The Cryptic Council is really an extension of the Royal Arch and is another area I really enjoy in Masonry.

But what I gained from Masonry was a realization that I do have family. I had left Masonry at the end of 2014 due to family reasons as I was going through a very difficult time. Though I had pushed everyone away, my brothers were still there for me and I now know they always will be.

Thank You Brothers!

James Surratt, Junior Deacon

Greetings Brothers,

My journey into Masonry started as a way to honor my grandfather. I knew him as a Shriner mostly as he always took me and a cousin to the Shrine Circus in Springfield, Il during the 70s. He would park us in the bleachers and bring us popcorn and soda as he worked the circus. I also remember all the car decals on every vehicle he drove representing membership in the various Masonic bodies. He even allowed me a quick wearing of the fez once. In 2018, I had been talking with my wife about ways I could honor my father and grandfather as they had passed in 2006 and 2007. We were discussing scholarships at a local college back home, tattoos, etc. While walking through the parking lot of our church, we walked past a truck that had the Shriner carrying a child decal. My kids asked what it was and I explained to them what it was, what the Shriners were etc. As I explained, it struck me, that this was the perfect way to honor my grandfather. The owner was sitting in the vehicle, so I briefly asked if he was indeed a Shriner and what lodge he belonged to. After getting the answer, I looked up Anoka Lodge via the web after church. I reached out via email in May of 2018, made my first visit in June, and was raised in November. To me, my grandfather was a great man, no doubt helped by the tenants and teachings of Masonry and its appendant bodies. I always feel a sense of pride and closeness knowing I am receiving some of the same teachings he had as I start my own Masonic journey.

James O. Surratt
Junior Deacon



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

The Bones Brothers are still 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,



As March is now upon us, I have realized that this will be my last article for the Star & Compass. This year has been unusually quiet one. Due to Covid, we have been meeting virtually. It has been nice to see so many wonderful faces on our zoom meetings. But like many of us, I long for our Star Hugs we sometime greet each with and are known for. We have learned to do things different to keep all our members safe. And, when asked of our members, they are quick to say yes for whatever is needed. This is what so special and admire about our Chapter. We are a close family and have many friends within our lodge. There is a couple of things left on our calendar.

March 4th will be our election meeting and officer reports, I would like to be the first to congratulate all our new elected officers and wish them a successful year. Please call on me if you need anything, I am here and willing to help whenever I can.

Our last meeting of the term on March 18th will be at the lodge. We will start at 6:30 p.m. with opening and then close. At 7:30 pm will be our Installation of officers. The Installation will be able to be viewed at home via Zoom because we are limited to the number allowed in the building. This information will be sent via email later this month when this date comes closer.

For now, I leave you with my final thought. - "Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean, until we meet again."

Patty Meehl,
Worthy Matron



Greetings from Bethel #48

We are all still hanging in-still under instruction to remain virtual for all activities for now. We are looking forward to (hoping) for the possibility to begin some face-to-face activity later this Spring-FINGERS CROSSED!

So far this term, we have been planning activities that we assume will be virtual, but that could be held in person if/when our directions change.

This month we held a Virtual Escape room thanks to our Promoter of Sociability, PHQ Teresa Jensen. Each family who signed up to participate had a TOP SECRET portfolio of documents delivered, with

maps, letters, etc to help them solve the mystery. We had a really good turnout, with 10 girls, 1 prospect, and 8 adults. We were able to solve the art heist and find the thief in 56 minutes, 30 seconds! The girls enjoyed it so much, the consensus was to plan another one!

We also had a Valentine's Party. Each of the girls was provided with cookie mix, frosting, decorating sugar and sprinkles (delivered along with the escape room envelope) and we voted on the best decorated cookies, then played four rounds of Kahoot (an online gameshow).

Coming up in March, we are planning to take part in a virtual "go to church Sunday" at the church where the parent of one of our Majority Members is the pastor. We are participating in a fundraiser 5K for the Minnesota Grand Guardian Council called the Bee Kind 5K. Information has been posted on the Bethel Facebook Page, as well as the Minnesota OES, Demolay, Job's Daughters Facebook page. If you don't have access to either of these and are interested please reach out to Bethel Guardian Wendy at bg48@mnjd.org, or Associate Bethel Guardian Aaron at abg48@mnjd.org. It is done completely on your own-you can tally your miles while walking the dog, walking the mall, the grocery store or walking to the mailbox. You will get a snazzy medal and a themed neck gaiter for participating. We will also be holding our annual (except for last year) Heggie's Pizza sale anticipating a March 29 delivery. More info to follow once it is confirmed.

At the end of the month, we will be holding a statewide virtual leadership event with topics for both the Daughters and the adults who work with them. We are excited to see what this event turns into! It will be held the weekend that Grand Bethel was scheduled-unfortunately, the statewide Grand Bethel weekend was cancelled again this year-plans are in the works for an in-person event in the Fall.

We hope this finds you all remaining well-in body, mind and soul and look forward to seeing you all in person 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!!

Greetings everyone!

I hope that all your heating units have been working wonderfully during this cold patch! Just checking in with you all, How are you all doing? I miss seeing everyone and attending in person meetings with you all! I often find myself looking through old photos from before Corona made its appearance.

Anyways, I hope all is well and everyone is staying safe and healthy!

Sending my love,
Gabriella Dimatteo
Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, 2019-2021



Anoka DeMolay

Congratulations to Kaidyn Troy, Master Councilor of Anoka DeMolay.



Master Councilor Kaidyn Troy



MC Kaidyn Troy shown here with his father Dave Troy, a member of Anoka Lodge.



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,

Plans have finally been set to finish the 30th & 32nd Degrees for the last two classes that we were unable to finish, and so on Thursday, March 4th we will



put on the 30th Degree at the Rite and finish on Saturday, March 6th with the 32nd Degree.

Sadly, both of these events will be basic, with no reception or other aspects we would normally have, but they will be live and in person. (All Covid Restrictions still applying)

So if able and willing, please come down and support your Scottish Rite and these 27 Brothers as they complete their Degrees.

Our own WB Lee Kielblock was Installed Virtually this past month as the Master of Kadosh for the Consistory Line. A long tradition of Anoka Brothers being a part of that line, From WB Jerry Oliver to WB Greg Vokovan! Please congratulate him on taking this final step as an officer of that line!



I will be holding my Final meeting as Wise Master of the Chapter of the Rose Croix on Thursday, April 15th. This is a simple Meeting at which we also vote in the next Officers for 2 Years and we will be holding their Installation Immediately after said meeting. WB Curt Quast will (Tradition Prevailing) as Wise Master. So come down and show your Support. (Again, no reception and such due to Covid restrictions)

We have also set plans to do a partial set of Degrees Virtually (4th – 14th) beginning on May 6th, with Live Performances of the 18th Degree on May 13th, the 30th Degree on May 20th and Finishing it all up on Saturday, May 22nd.

Final details are still being worked out but if you have been waiting to join the Scottish Rite, here is your chance to take the Degrees.

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

No new news to share. We are still meeting virtually!!

Todd A. Mayer
High Priest

From Zabud Council #10

At the end of March comes spring and with spring comes rebirth and renewal! After 2 months of Zoom meetings, I am hoping this month we might be able to meet in person and have a formal stated meeting so we can begin practicing degree work once again.



Calendar:

Nothing short term. Possibly degrees will return late spring/summer.

Trent Gilbertson
Thrice Illustrious Master
Zabud Council #10

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