



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.....

I think, at least for me, sitting in the East for the April stated felt like the first real meeting we have had in a long time. Many brothers showed up, some that have not been to lodge in a long time. I was truly humbled and happy to see this. If you have not been to lodge in a while, I would encourage you to come and see in person what is going on. I want to personally thank everyone for the generous donations not only the regular donations but especially the shrimp dinner donations. The donations just keep coming in which is spectacular. The Anoka Masonic family is genuinely a special place to be a part of and I am certainly proud to be a part of it. Again, I want to extend from the bottom of my heart, a hearty Thank You for your continued generosity. As Master of the Lodge during this pandemic, I was the only member of Anoka lodge invited to attend the Grand Lodge communication in person. The feeling and overall vibe of the event was anticlimactic, somber, quiet, and almost depressing. One of the things we do at this once-a-year event is to socialize with other brothers. I like to socialize with other members of all different lodges around the state and see what they are doing at their lodges. There were no hospitality suites, or big banquets, or one of my favorites, the Masonic Charities breakfast this year, which are some of the things I look forward to going to the Grand Lodge Communication every year. These events bring camaraderie and networking to our craft and I do enjoy that. The trustees are gearing up to start the big Lodge room transformation. The plan is to get the carpet installed in the balcony and sidelines, and finally get the new to us chairs out of storage, so we can stop paying the rental on that, and get them installed. This is going to be no easy feat, as the plywood, and chairs are not that light. We will be starting this process on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am at the lodge. This will be an active construction site with heavy materials being brought in and out, as well as power tools and saws operating. I want to make sure that everyone is safe during this entire process. We are looking for assistance in both heavy lifting and construction, as well as supervisors to make sure we are doing it correctly. As they say many hands make light work. So, if you are available, please bring your tools and come on down. I am monitoring the weather and it may be a pretty nice day to begin the transformation of the lodge room. Be safe everyone.



**Much Love and Peace,  
Tim Galvin,  
Worshipful Master**

**(763) 442-2176**

## Warm wishes from the West

Is it May already? I don't know about all of you, but so far this year seems to be passing by very quickly. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. We continue to live through this pandemic and the new strains that are starting to pop up. We are on the way to getting herd immunity with more people now having access to the vaccine.

This will hopefully lead us to getting back to somewhat normal lives. What is your "normal" lives? Is it going to the Twins, Vikings, Lynx, or Timberwolves games? Is it going out once a month with friends and/or family just to catch up and have a good time? Is it finally having a wedding reception, or a funeral for someone we have lost due to or during the pandemic? Maybe it's taking a cruise to celebrate an anniversary. Whatever is "normal" for you, make sure to enjoy each and every day, as life is short, as we all know.

Of late, we have seen many issues that exist in our country and has brought attention to the plight of many of our friends, neighbors and even family. We have seen the justice system work. Many of the events going on in the USA right now is reminding us that even though we live in the best country, we have so much more to do. It has shown us the change/s we still have to and can make, so that we can live in and leave the world a better place than what it was yesterday and today.

My last thoughts, are stay safe, spread Love and not Hate. Live and teach the Golden Rule!

**Fraternally,  
Julio Herrera  
Senior Warden**



## Greetings from the South!

For me, the month of May means spring vegetable garden planting is just around the corner. I personally love growing all sorts of varieties of Tomatoes and Peppers in my summer garden. Over the winter I was contemplating ways we could fundraise for the Lodge having lost most of our conventional ways of doing so, and had the idea of having a spring Farmers Market. With that, I have started a multitude of both Tomatoes and Peppers with plans to hold a Farmers Market on the front lawn of the Lodge on Saturday, June 5th (weather Permitting) from 1-3pm.

Peppers are warm weather lovers and can't be planted too early, so the first week in June is about as early as you can plant them here in Minnesota. Some of the peppers I started early have already begun fruiting, and not only are the flowers pretty, they make great indoor plants until the weather permits planting them outside.

I will be bringing several of these "first-round" plants to the May Stated Meeting to make room for the next generation that will be at the Farmers Market in June. These early plants will be considerably larger than the plants available in June, so IF you have a South Facing window, consider taking one or two home to have a huge head-start as they make great container plants as long as they get enough light.

The intent is to have several other garden plants available along with houseplants and herbs/spices. Please consider shopping for your garden at our Farmers Market this year and support our Lodge. There will be limited quantities of



each, so come early. If any other appended bodies want to be involved, please reach out to me. I could use another gardener or two to improve our supply if you are interested. Also, If you want to “adopt” a plant to insure you get one, please contact me and I’ll put a name on a plant for you.

**Peppers:**

Grand Bell  
Banana  
California Wonder  
Hot Lemon  
Thai Chili  
Jalapeno  
Habanero  
Cayenne  
Serrano  
Pinata Blend  
Shishito  
Lemon Dream  
Poblano  
Ghost

**Tomatoes:**

Big Boy Hybrid  
Beefsteak  
Tiny Tim  
San Marzano  
Roma  
Early Girl Hybrid  
Sweet Cherry

**Other:**

Green Beans  
Sage  
Basil varieties  
Tarragon  
Oregano  
Cilantro  
Sugar Pea

**Houseplants:**

Pothos  
Ivy  
Alligator plant  
African Violets

Check our Lodge Facebook page for photos!

**Regards,  
Daryl Warmack  
Junior Warden**

**Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:**

Wednesday, May 5th – 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](mailto: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 fine dining when we are able to.

**Respectfully,  
Jason Mevissen, Sr. Steward**



**Coffee Clutch**

**Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesdays at 9:00. Remember your  
masks and practice social distancing.**



## Greetings Brothers and Friends,

We're back in action! This year, we are officially converting to food truck service and concentrating our efforts there. We had our first event to get back in the swing of things and raise a little money for ourselves. While we had the smokers up and going, we also made a full meal for our friends at Haven 4 Heroes and delivered it at the end of the event. **Our next event is Sunday, May 2nd from 11:30 to 5:30 at Cub Riverdale.** This one will raise some money for Anoka Lodge and we'd love to have you come out and show your

support. We're going to have a table and chairs set up to allow a couple of Brothers to talk to the public about Anoka Lodge and Masonry, if you'd like to volunteer, let me know.

We hope to have another event in May, time and place TBD. We set up a new Facebook page so it's easy to keep tabs on us and where we'll be, please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/BonesBrothersFoodTruck>.

As always, we'd love for Brothers join us as an organization or just come to an event and hang out.



## From the pit ... Scott



Greetings Brothers,

No traveling plans for the month of May, but I am looking into a June trip to a Minneapolis Lodge. Please let me know if you would be interested.

In Traveling Brotherhood,  
**James Surratt,**

## Sisters, Brothers, and Friends of Martha Chapter,

What a beautiful day it is today! The sun is out, the birds are singing and it's 60 degrees! We really can't ask for more.

Even though this event will have happened before you receive the S & C, I thought you might like to know that we recently received a request from the Recreation Manager for the City of Anoka asking if we would like to participate in their Spring Fling which would include Disc Golf and outdoor activities on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Sunny Acre Park in Anoka. We will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese, candy and beverages. Of course, we were delighted to be asked and are looking forward to Saturday's event (tomorrow as I write this).

Martha Chapter is currently getting ready for our Grand Chapter Session, April 29 through Installation on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are many things that will be different this year due to the still existing covid pandemic. We are excited to be in St. Cloud once again for this event and to visit with old and new friends, even with all the necessary things to do to keep us all safe. More to come in the next S&C.

**Our next meeting on May 6th will be by Zoom. Signing into the call will now begin at 6:30 and our meeting will begin at 7:00.** We will celebrate Mother's Day and our Worthy Patron will let us know what "National Day" it is. There will also be a report on Grand Chapter and we may take a road trip to somewhere in Minnesota. Please join us if you are able. **The Zoom information will be sent out closer to the meeting date.** We tentatively have our Annual Salad Luncheon scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>. At this time, I believe it necessary to cancel this event.

We have been working with Cub Foods about having a food stand using the Oliver's food trailer. Cub will let us know where we can place it and give us some dates. We may be able to do this event multiple times. This would be a great fundraiser!

Our second meeting this month is May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Chapter room at the Lodge. Our meeting will begin at 7:00pm using all the Covid restrictions. Please join us if you are able.

I'll leave you with this thought: A quote from A.A. Milne (author of Winnie the Pooh) "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you'll ever know."  
(Thank you, Anne)

Happy Earth Day, April 22. May you enjoy nature and appreciate its beauty every day!

**Sharon Barlow**  
**Worthy Matron**

**Steve Downs**  
**Worthy Patron**





## Greetings from Bethel #48

**WE ARE ABLE TO MEET IN PERSON!!!!** We have been able to have two meetings in the Lodge room with many modifications for the sake of safety. But we are IN PERSON! Sadly, we are limited to 15 people in the Lodge room, so we are not yet able to invite you to join us.

We have also been holding fun events both virtually and in person. We held a virtual cooking activity in which I walked the participants through making fruit salsa and cinnamon chips. It was a big hit, and the girls were surprised that the salsa and chips were really good. The reporting of our activity got all thumbs up!

We also had our first in person activity-a painting event-on April 24. We gathered at multiple tables and let our creativity flow-and spent lots of time just enjoying being in the same place with our Sisters. We were SO excited to be able to be together, we made sure to include a photo as proof.

As of now, plans for an in person Grand Session are still being made, as are plans for a hybrid Supreme Session. Stay tuned for more info on changes and further plans!

Continue to stay well, and we look forward to the day when we can welcome you back to our meetings!  
On behalf of the Daughters and adults of Bethel 48-

**Wendy Dimatteo**  
**Bethel Guardian**

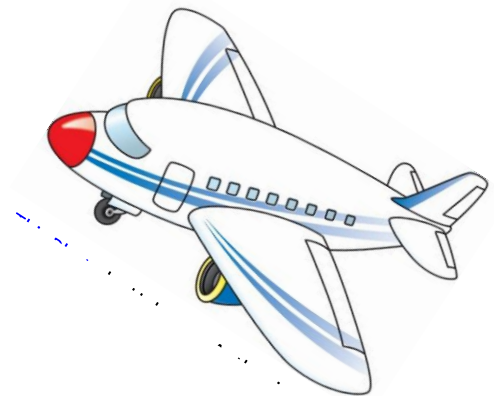
*In a world where you can be anything, be KIND*

## Hello, Anoka Masonic family!!

Happy May! I love the saying "April showers bring May flowers" because it reminds me to always look for the sunshine no matter what. I am very excited that Bethel 48 is able to have in person meetings now! It feels so good to be back at the Lodge after being gone for so long.

Remember to take the time to enjoy the little victories in your life. They can make your life 100 times better!

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



## 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,

As Stated, three of our 4 Officer Lines at the Minneapolis Valley changed hands and we some of our own members in them. WB Lee Kielblock became Master of Kadosh via Zoom (Sorry No Pictures) and WB Al Golder became Senior Warden for the Lodge of Perfection.



The Rose Croix line was turned over to WB Curt Quast and though I will still retain the duties till fall, they have some great officers in place for the coming years.



The Rose Croix Line

**MINNEAPOLIS  
SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY  
= 2021 SPRING =  
REUNION**

A unique and first time ever opportunity to become a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

**WHEN**  
Virtual Online 4<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Degrees presented May 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 pm each evening.  
18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees  
Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree

**WHERE**  
Virtual Online - YOUR Computer.  
In-Person Degrees - Presented at the Historic Minneapolis Scottish Rite.  
More details to follow.

**HOW**  
Petitions and Fees are Due to the Minneapolis Valley by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL MASTER MASONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PETITION**

**FEES**  
\$395 Which includes all Petition and Degree Fees.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Scottish Rite Members and Candidates please register at the link listed below before May 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Register at:  
<https://scottish-rite-mn.org/orient/2021-orient-of-minnesota-degrees>

**QUESTIONS**  
Contact your Double Eagle or call / email the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley Office with questions:  
612.871.1500  
[jackie@aastrmn.org](mailto:jackie@aastrmn.org)

The plans are set to do a partial set of Degrees Virtually (4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>) beginning on May 6<sup>th</sup>, with Live Performances of the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree on May 13<sup>th</sup>, the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Finishing it all up on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. (See more information in the Flyer below) You can still get a petition in prior to our meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**





**Anoka Shekinah #105**

**Zabud Council #10**

**Greetings from the Royal**

**Arch!**

We are happy to say that we are finally meeting IN PERSON! It is so nice to see our companions, meet and learn more about the symbolism held in the Royal Arch Degrees. If you are a companion, I would invite you to come on out on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00. Anoka-Shekinah #104 will also be in charge of the Most Excellent Master Degree on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Minnehaha Lodge #165. All Royal Arch Masons are invited, and we may have a couple of parts available if you let me know you are interested.

**Todd Mayer**  
**High Priest**

## **From Zabud Council #10**

The Ancient **York Rite** stands on the records of **history** as the oldest and purest of all Masonic Rites. "This Craft came into England in the time of good King Athelstan's reign: he made them both hall and lofty bower of great honor, to recreate him in both day and night, and to worship his God with all his strength.

The term "York Rite" has been established for well over 150 years, and is generally recognized as consisting of three constituent and indispensable bodies: the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of Knights Templars.

Together with the Blue Lodge they teach an integrated story of Ancient Craft Masonry by a series of events, biblical and legendary, each body depending upon the two others for its Masonic background, and all three working together in a harmonious program of Masonic education, teaching the ancient Masonic story of the building, destruction, and rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple. The Ancient York Rite stands on the records of history as the oldest and purest of all Masonic Rites.

### **Calendar:**

5/26/21 Zabud Council Stated Meeting in person

6/23-6/26 Grand York Rite Session

**Trent Gilbertson**  
**Thrice Illustrious Master**  
**Zabud Council #10**

For your reading enjoyment.....



The Missing History  
of  
Anoka Lodge #30 AF&AM  
1859-1884  
By  
WB John A Freeburg

**Description:**

This e-book, part fact - part story, gives a carefully crafted and researched overview of the history of Anoka Lodge #30 from 1859 through 1884. Due to great Anoka fire in 1884, all existing Lodge records were destroyed. By tediously researching newspaper articles and other pertinent historical documents from this period, WB John Freeburg was able to reconstruct the early history of the lodge as well as gives the reader a flavor of life in Anoka throughout this period.

WB Freeburg also covers the rise and popularity of several other fraternal organizations in and around the City of Anoka. It specifically portrays the cooperation amongst multiple fraternities, that turned out to be instrumental in forging the growth of the city of Anoka into one of the most respected cities in the state of Minnesota.

These fraternities functioned in the capacity of a substitute for "Governmental Infrastructures" that were not in existence at the time. This e-book provides ample evidence of how these fraternities stepped up when disaster struck and our neighbors needed help. Interlaced with the historical events, we encounter many of the "Movers and Shakers" associated with Anoka Lodge and similar organizations, whose personal engagement helped shape the course of history in the city of Anoka.

*Access to e-book:*

This e-book is available for download at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oNrTMA5PvL3DnqCkaNkxMyunSrUfHPNV/view?usp=sharing>

A hardcopy can be obtained at the Anoka Lodge library or made available upon request to [jfreeburg@comcast.net](mailto:jfreeburg@comcast.net) or by calling 763-360-9783.

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