



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.....

Behold how good and pleasant it is for the Masonic family to dwell together in unity. This statement could not be truer today. I am pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge Covid ban has been lifted to the point of us all being able to come together, shake hands, hug, and simply greet each other the way Masonic family should. I am so relieved that we do not have to look at a computer screen at each other and can come together and see each other's facial expressions as we catch up. The degree cycles are back, which means our candidates can finally reach the sublime degree of a Master Mason. I know that Anoka Lodge is typically dark during the summer, but I have spoken to our officers and think it is important to get back to work in the quarries during this time. We will be putting on Master Mason degrees on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30pm doing the first section and then breaking for dinner. I am sure our fantastic Stewards will have a great meal for us. I do also want to address the other items with everyone. I would love to have a Masonic family bash to celebrate coming out of the Covid funk. My thoughts are, a Saturday in August meet at the lodge, have some burgers or whatever and just get everyone together. I will be coordinating this with the other Masonic family groups to put together so keep on the lookout for further information. Ribs Bibs and Blues, oh yes, it is going to happen. Typically, this event is in September and is on the lodge calendar. And one of the best events that I truly love, Breakfast with Santa. Again, a great time for the whole Masonic family to come together and celebrate the holiday season and each other. We as a Masonic family are in desperate need to come together and celebrate each other. Thank You all for continuing to support our family throughout this time. The Anoka Masonic family is undoubtedly the best family around hands down. If you have not been around in a while, pop in and say hello. We will have events posted in the S&C as well as e-mails. Take care and stay safe, I hope to see you all soon.



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

## Warm wishes from the West

June? Is it really going to June? Does anyone remember what life was like around this year? Many events were being cancelled due to Covid. We had a shortage of toilet paper, and we just started the early days of mask mandates and closures. Just a year later, almost the complete opposite is happening. We, Minnesotans, were able to buckle down and make some sacrifices. Those sacrifices have led to high vaccine turnout, and slow return to normal life. Most mandates have been lifted, and events are now back in the mix.

With events coming back, I would like to reflect on one I participated in last week. I had the honor to work with the sisters of the OES. We cooked food for the city of Anoka, and it felt great to get back into the flow of serving the community. It was also a wonderful time working with the ladies, and just getting back to the social interactions that were restricted because of Covid. Just spending time, cooking food, and catching up all things that were restricted by Covid. It just felt great to be out, and about, and not just to the grocery store. So, we are on the way to normal life. The vaccine is now pretty much open for all adults. Get the vaccine when you can, so we finally nip Covid in the butt.



**Fraternally,  
Julio Herrera  
Senior Warden**

## Greetings from the South!

June brings the official start of summertime and a profound feeling of relief is in the air as restrictions are starting to loosen as more people get vaccinated. I could not be more excited to get back to a feeling of normalcy as we begin planning all the things we missed last year. I am most excited to be able to begin degree work again and eat with my brothers before lodge. It has been long awaited and greatly missed.

### LODGE FUNDRAISER REMINDER

The Farmers Market plant sale is set for Saturday, June 5th at the Lodge from 1-3pm. Advertising has been limited as I was unsure of what type of success I would have, but I am glad to say that I have well over 200 plants that include Peppers, Tomatoes, Beans, various Herbs, Flowers and several houseplants. Please share with any gardeners you may know. All proceeds from the sale will go to Anoka #30. Please consider picking up a few plants for your garden or they make great patio container plants too. Sale will be contingent on weather and may be cancelled due to high winds or rain. I will be selling them from home until they are gone, so if you can't make the sale, shoot me a message and we'll make arrangements.



P.S. There are many pepper plants that are already fruiting and will continue to fruit all summer. See last month's S&C for a list of some of the plants.

Hope to see you at the June Stated Meeting!

**Regards,  
Daryl Warmack  
Junior Warden**

### **Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:**

Wednesday, June 2nd – 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)



#### **Coffee Clutch**

**Come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesdays at 9:00.**



#### **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**

**Greetings Brothers and Friends,**



Things are once again about to get busy for the Bones Brothers and we'd love to have you come and join us. On Sunday June 13, we'll be at Cheap Skate in Coon Rapids helping Brothers Daryl Warmack and Jason Mevissen raise some money for Cure SMA. Two weeks later on June 27, we hope to be back at Cub Foods Riverdale to raise some money for the Lodge.

As always, follow us on Facebook for all of the details!

**From the pit ...  
Scott**



Greetings Brothers,

I have an email out to the Worshipful Master at Arcana Lodge #187 on Lowry asking if they are open to traveling Brethren visiting their Lodge. I specifically asked if Brothers of Anoka Lodge could visit during their first monthly meeting, which should be June 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month). I will update either at lodge or via FB once I get an answer.

In Traveling Brotherhood,  
**James Surratt**

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

Well, Martha Chapter has certainly been busy this past month, and how great is that! First, if you remember from the last article, we participated in Anoka's Spring Fling the end of April using Jerry Oliver's food truck. Well, it was quite an adventure. The day was a typical Minnesota spring day, cold, rainy and snowy! But it was a learning experience and we had fun doing it.



We attended our Eastern Star Grand Chapter session in St. Cloud, we missed last year due to covid, with much anticipated excitement! It was great to see so many old friends. Elections were held for the term 2021-2022. Elected from Martha Chapter were Jerry Oliver; Associate Grand Patron, Steve Downs; Grand Sentinel, Jane LaMusga; Appointed Grand Marshal and myself; Grand Conductress. We look forward to a very busy year!

This past Saturday, May 22, we were again asked by the City of Anoka to serve hamburgers, hot dogs and mac & cheese for their Anoka Springs Back event at George Green Park. We were fortunate to be able to use The Bones Brothers food truck for the day. The event went from noon to 4pm. The weather was great and we were busy! A portion of the profits will go to the Grand Chapter Cancer project.

Thanks to the Bones Brothers for the use of their food truck! It is much appreciated! To the workers and shoppers, Peg, Jerry, Jordy, Tim G, Julio, Brody, Beth, Janet, Rachel, Goody thank you, we couldn't have done it without you!



On Saturday, June 26, we are having an Outdoor Craft / Vendor Event on the front lawn of the lodge. The event is from 9am – 3pm. Please come join us for a fun Saturday in the sun!

We have a few events planned for over the summer. Watch the S&C for updates!

Our next meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 7pm. We will be meeting in the lodge. Please join us if you are able, we'd love to see you.

Until next time....

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

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





## Greetings from Bethel #48

This is the last article I will be writing on behalf of Bethel 48. My time as Bethel Guardian is ending as of June 21. My successor has yet to be named, but rest assured the Bethel will be in good hands!

On another note, we are able to meet in larger groups! We are now allowed to have up to 50 people in the Lodge room (25 main floor, 25 in balcony). If you feel inclined to attend our last meeting until Fall, Monday June 21, you are invited. Because our members and council make up almost 20 people, we do ask that you rsvp to [bg48@mnjd.org](mailto:bg48@mnjd.org) by Saturday the 19th if you would like to attend. We do still require masks and social distancing, and must change some aspects of our meeting in order to accomplish the distancing, but we are so excited that we can now welcome visitors!

**Our Spring Installation of Officers is Saturday June 5 at 3 p.m. Because of the number restriction, you are all invited to attend via Zoom, but we are not able to accommodate any more in-person visitors that day.**

The link for the zoom is:

<http://bit.ly/B48Spring2021> (case sensitive). Honored Queen Elect Audrey, Senior Princess Elect Alyssa and Junior Princess Elect Molly have many exciting plans for the coming term, and we can't wait to tell you all about them!

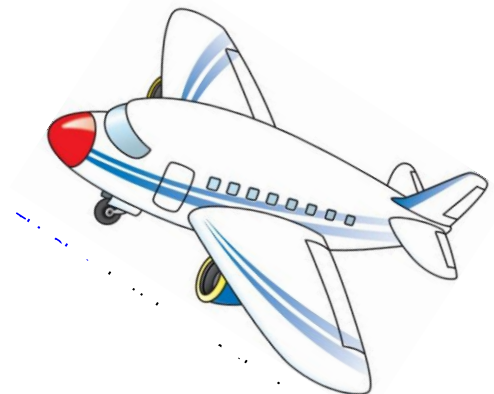
**Wendy Dimatteo**  
**Bethel Guardian**

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

**Hello, Anoka Masonic family!!**

I'm getting ready for Supreme Session and heading off to college!! I am excited for my new adventure.

**Sending my love,**  
**Gabriella Dimatteo**  
**Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, 2019-202**



## 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,

Our Special Spring reunion has come to a close. It has been considered a great and unique success having both part Virtual and part live experiences for our newest members.

Just one of the newest 10 members to the Minneapolis Valley was our own Sean Novack & Don Raleigh who last Saturday night became a Masters of the Royal Secret. As always, we were glad to have a number of Anoka Lodge Brothers there to support him in his journey!



Anoka Lodge #30 Brothers at the Reunion!



Don Raleigh and His Son

We will take a break over the summer but keep in mind that we will once again be putting on all 29 Degrees in the Fall and you too can come down and join Sean and he and others enjoy seeing all the degrees performed in full once more.

If you want more information or need a petition for fall, don't hesitate to reach out now to make sure you can take part in this life changing experience!

**WB Terrance M Schaffer KCCH**





## **Greetings from the Royal Arch!**

We have two more events before we go dark for the summer:

On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Minnehaha Lodge, we will be conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree. Come out and support those bringing more Masonic light.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, in lieu of our Stated Meeting, we will be investigating working tools at the Anoka Hardware Store at 7 pm. Relax with your companions and enjoy a local Anoka gem.

**Todd Mayer**  
**High Priest**  
**Anoka Shekinah #104**

## **From Zabud Council #10**

### **About Cryptic Masonry**

The Council of Royal and Select Masters - known as Cryptic Masonry or the Purple Lodge. The council degrees are largely an elaboration and explanation of the Royal Arch Degree and to a lesser extent, the Master Mason degree. The degrees of the council of Royal and Select Masters are necessary to fully complete your education in Ancient Craft Masonry. The degrees of our Masonic system are not chronologically arranged and in the degrees of Royal and Select Master, which many believe, are the most beautiful and impressive of all, you learn of additional incidents in the building of the first temple. During these degrees you represent the Master Builder, Hiram Abif, and learn why the work was lost and the secret of its preservation and recovery. The first council degree, the Royal Master, develops more fully the story of recovery of the "lost" word and the Holy of Holies of the Temple of King Solomon. The Royal Master degree further explains the Master Mason degree by telling of a Fellowcraft, a workman in the quarries, who in true humility asked, "Grand Master Hiram Abif, when do I receive the Master's Work?" After patiently listening to the explanation of why he may never receive it, he returns to his place in the quarries.

The next degree, Select Master, concerns itself with the construction and adornment of the subterranean vault introduced in the Royal Arch degree of the Chapter. The Select Master degree explains where and how the sacred treasures and the secret word were buried. Here we are taught fidelity to vows, the wisdom of worshipping GOD, and the punishment for perjury. Here we are welded into a circle of friendship, in an unending chain of fraternal union, as

symbolized in the Blue Lodge by the point within the circle that is displayed upon our Altars.

The last degree is that of Super Excellent Master, and tells the story of the Babylonian Captivity, and of Zedekiah and his perfidy. Council Masonry is also referred to as "Cryptic Masonry" in allusion to the continuance of the vault, or crypt. The Super Excellent Master degree, though having no connection with Ancient Craft Masonry, is a vivid dramatization of truth and fidelity and never fails to impress those who witness it, either for the first time or after many times. The degrees of the Council will enable you to more fully understand your third degree of Symbolic Masonry and the degree of Royal Arch. With this background information it is now possible to examine these degrees in much more detail.

### **CALENDAR:**

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Grand York Rite Sessions for Cryptic Council

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

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