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### Salutations from the East......

I can see your faces again. The Lodge is open again right in time for groups to go dark for the summer. The lodge is still busy, as we do have a couple of Master Mason degrees this month July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting these early 4:00pm as we usually do with this degree as it does take a bit longer. Our Fellow Crafts will prove up at the July stated on July 7<sup>th</sup>, so come on out and cheer them on. We will be in our summer attire which means, shorts and Hawaiian shirts. I will also be announcing this years Hiram award winner, so you do not want to miss that. Again, if you are vaccinated there is no need to wear a mask in the building. If you are not vaccinated, you must wear a mask while in the building. This is on your honor, as no one will ask you if you are or are not vaccinated. One of the things that I happen to do is find things in the building that need to be fixed, and as I plan to fix one thing another thing pops up. I want to personally thank those Anoka Lodge members who continue to take my



calls for help (and have not blocked my number yet). Your contribution to our lodge albeit behind the scenes is a great service for everyone who utilizes the lodge building. We are still plugging away at the carpet project. We are getting quotes from multiple places and finding out that the money we have in the coffers for this project may not be enough to do exactly what we want to do. There are soft spots in the floor and in the East that need to be addressed, and we will not know what the issues are until we pull up the carpet. We will be on a tight budget and timeframe so when the word comes out, we will need as many hands as possible to help. I would like to also like to schedule a building cleaning party weekend at the end of August. This will involve the entire Masonic family, Masons, OES, Jobs, and DeMolay. Clean from top to bottom inside and out. We will all start to be in lodge more and I think we owe it to ourselves to start fresh. I hope you all have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

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

#### Warm wishes from the West

It is already going to be July; this year is going by pretty quick. I will actually be turning 32 this July I cannot believe I'm already 32. Even as I write this article I am doing it from a Motel 6 in Duluth. I am taking my first major trip after all of the restrictions have been lifted from the pandemic.

It is very good to see that we are getting back into normalcy. Seeing kids out and playing in the nice weather. Friends getting together playing sports and just talking about life. Of course, the animals don't know what to do with us now that we are coming back outside.



However, there is a new strain of the Covid virus out and it is taking a foothold. So I encourage many of you that I've not gotten the vaccine yet to please get it and if you feel sick or possibly show any symptoms please go to the doctors and get tested right away. With our due diligence we can try to keep this virus from spreading again and keep our path of normalcy alive.

Stay safe, normalcy is coming.

Fraternally,
Julio Herrera
Senior Warden

## **Greetings from the South!**

Three things come to mind when I sit here on Father's Day writing this article.

First, just how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to raise three boys and have had the opportunity to feel the joys and pains of Fatherhood firsthand. As most parents do, I saw things in my children that reminded me of my past and for brief moments I was able to look through their eyes and see the world in a new perspective. I have enjoyed many days tossing the baseball, fishing and camping with my kids. These memories often brought about small coachable life moments my kids will take through their whole life. Mostly fishing knots and a never give up attitude. It made me think of those



times when we can use our experience to impact others in profound ways, even if we don't have all the answers. We can often provide tremendous help by just lending an ear and perhaps a fresh perspective. Make sure to reach out to your family and check on them. Make sure to ask someone in our Masonic Family who you haven't seen in awhile to an event or meeting. Reach out and make someone's day.

Second, with the Fourth of July just days away I can't help but think of the changes this country has gone through since the original Independence Day. I pray that the tenants that make our Fraternity so great can permeate the collective soul of this country and we can get to a time of peace and the feeling of equity and equality. May Truth, Relief and Brotherly Love prevail and I wish you a very safe and happy Fourth of July!

Third, the Minnesota Masonic Charities Scholarship Award recipients have been selected and notified and have been invited to the meal before the July Stated Meeting. Please come out for dinner and support these amazing scholars as they ready themselves for their new adventures.

Regards,
Daryl Warmack
Junior Warden

## **Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:**

Wednesday, July 7th – Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:00 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday,, July 21<sup>st</sup> -Master Mason Degree
4:30 pm

Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Master Mason Degree 4:30 pm

NOTE: Please check the website or call an Officer for any changes to the Degree dates.



#### **Stewards Corner**

Join us for dinner again at 6:00.

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.

### **Greetings Brothers and Friends,**



Things are getting back to normal and so are we. We made just over \$900 for Cure SMA last month at a food truck event, and we did dinners for Minnesota DeMolay and the Anoka High School Gymnastics Booster Club.

You may not get this issue in time, but we'll be back at Cub Foods Riverdale on Sunday, June 27 from noon to 4:00. This is a fundraiser for us and the Lodge, we'd love to have some Brothers come out and help.

Speaking of fundraisers for Anoka Lodge, Riverfest is on this year and happening on July 10th. This is always a good time and a good money maker for us.

Hope to see you all at an event, I promise the food is good!



From the pit ... Scott





Check our Facebook page for our schedule!



Greetings Brothers,

We had a great time traveling to Arcana Lodge in Northeast Minneapolis in June. Until fall......

In Traveling Brotherhood,

James Surrat

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

Hard to believe June is about over and July is fast approaching! We had our last meeting for the summer on June 17<sup>th</sup> where we recognized Flag Day and Father's Day. We also had our School of Instruction with our District Instructor who critiques our ritual work and assists where needed. We passed with flying colors!

We were asked by the City of Anoka if we could do the Oliver Food Truck on

June 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a short notice event which actually went well. There was a polka band and a small group of people attending but we did it and had fun. We served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips & soda and ice cream and cotton candy. Helping were Peg & Jerry Oliver, Janet Gilbertson, Anne Nichols, Gaelen Kesler,

Jane & Wayne LaMusga and Sharon Barlow. (See photo)

We were again asked by the City of Anoka if we could do the Oliver Food Truck at the Concert in the Park on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We did and it was great! The weather was perfect, there was a big crowd with a Back to the 50's band. Going forward we will be doing the Concert in the Park each Tuesday beginning June 29th through Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, The End of Summer Bash (With the exception of July 6th and



August  $3^{rd}$ ) serving from 5:00 - 8:00.

Martha Chapter will again have a booth at **Anoka's Riverfest on Saturday**, **July 10**<sup>th</sup>, serving strawberry shortcake and beverages.

On July 31st the Oliver food truck will be at Cub in Riverdale.

#### A September notice....Saturday, September 25,

Martha Chapter will have a Vendor Fair/Craft Sale at the Lodge.

As you can see, Martha Chapter is busy this summer! We hope to see you at any of these events! Anyone interested in helping at any of these events please let me know. Enjoy your summer and stay safe!

# Sharon Barlow Worthy Matron

Steve Downs
Worthy Patron



## **Greetings from Bethel #48**

The month of June was full of exciting changes. We were able to hold our installation of officers in person for the first time in over a year and are now able to welcome guests to our meetings without restrictions on numbers!

At our installation on June 5, Audrey Mayer was installed as Honored Queen for the second time, Alyssa Brendel was installed as Senior Princess, Molly Mayer as Junior Princess, and Carrie Gillilan joined the

line, being installed as Marshal. We are so proud of the leadership that our girls demonstrate in the best interest of the Bethel! Our top three officers worked together on planning the term-and they have it jam packed with great things!

We also installed our new Guardian Council for the coming year. I had the honor of installing my successor, Marissa Agustin, as Bethel Guardian. Aaron Brendel remains as ABG, Jane Lamusga will take over as Guardian Secretary, Myron Shelton remains as Guardian Treasurer, Laura Mayer as Director of Music, Sara Golder as Director of Promotions, and Sheryl Gillilan joins the council as Custodian of Paraphernalia.

We hope that you are all well, and we very much look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Monday, August 30 at 7 p.m. at the Lodge.

Enjoy your summer!!

Wendy Dimatteo
Past Bethel Guardian

## Hello, Anoka Masonic family!!

Happy Summer everyone!

I hope that this version of the S&C finds you all cool, happy and healthy. This month the Job's Daughters are preparing for the Supreme Session that is taking place at the end of the month! It is an exciting time as I will be retiring from my reign as SBHQ and passing onto another deserving young woman. Thank you to anyone who has donated, given support or just let me talk to you these past 2 years. You are all a part of our family and I wouldn't have been able to have this amazing opportunity without you.



It is very exciting to have the opportunity to meet back in person again, keeping that in mind let's all do our part and keep everyone else safe. Stay home if you are sick or are not feeling well. I am looking forward to seeing you all in person at some point over this summer!

Stay well,

Gabriella Dimatteo
Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, 2019-2021

#### **Anoka DeMolay**

No article submitted.



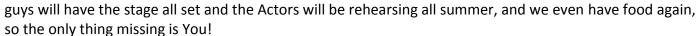


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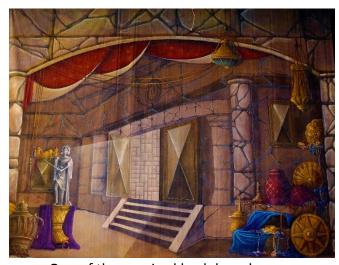
## Greetings from the Scottish Rite,

Though "Dark" for June and July the Scottish Rite is looking to come back in Full Force for the Fall Degree Cycle and we hope you will be ready to come down and see all the Degrees back and live!

We have all the Stage and Lighting redone and the backdrops are ready to go for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in years. The Costumes are all set, the Choir is practicing, the Sound and Lighting is looking good, the Props







One of the repaired backdrops!

If you are already a Scottish Rite member, please come down and reconfirm your commitment to the Valley. If you are looking to join there is no better time than now!

We will be holding an "Open House" event on August 13<sup>th</sup>, and all can come down to see the Rite and find out more about what we do. The Fall Degrees will begin on September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Orientation on August 26<sup>th</sup>)

If you need a petition or just want more information please don't hesitate to ask either myself or any Scottish Rite member!

#### **WB Terrance M Schaffer KCCH**



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

Masonic normalcy has been achieved! On June 16th, members of Anoka-Shekinah #104 were able to tux up for the first time in a long time and put on the Most Excellent Master Degree for those going through the Royal Arch Degrees. Pandemic may have affected fabrics as well. It was a great night seeing companions from across the state.

We followed up the next week with a fellowship event exploring ancient working tools at the Anoka Hardware Store. Yes, one of the speakeasys in Anoka.

This past weekend was the York Rite Annual session. Again, a sense of normalcy seeing Companions from across the state and shaking hands and enjoying the bonds of brotherhood.

We will be dark for the summer but rest assured that we will be back at it this fall.

Todd Mayer
High Priest
Anoka Shekinah #104

#### From Zabud Council #10

Zabud Council had a great showing at the York Rite Grand Session this year with 8 members representing our council. This was one of the largest representations of all the councils in the state of Minnesota this year! It was a great day for Zabud I.C. as also 2 of our members also entered the Grand Council line. I.C. Joe Anderson and myself

Zabud Council #10 will be dark during the months of July and August per our bylaws. I wish everyone a fun and safe summer. See you all in again the fall!

Trent Gilbertson
Thrice Illustrious Master
Zabud Council #10



Zabud Council members attending the the York Rite Grand Session

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## Happy Independence Day!

