

Mission Statement

Our purpose is to enable the fraternal gathering of men with like minds, which hold to a belief in God and to the tenets of Masonry, so that they can share their ideals, thoughts, and gifts. Provide men with a positive environment in which to socialize, building friendships and bonds with other men and their families. The members of Minnesota River Lodge #6 fully support and promote the ideals of Freemasonry, however, we will not only observe the tenets and principles of Freemasonry but we will practice them in all of our daily dealings with each other and with the world at large.

Objectives

Brotherhood

Within this Lodge, first and foremost among these principles, shall be Brotherhood. Brotherly Love -- the Love of one Brother Mason for another -- the sharing of our skills and gifts with each other.

- √ Actions to define us as Masons
- √ Social gatherings
- √ Campouts?
- √ Groups of men sharing in a common goal
- √ Groups of men doing self-realization and sharing their hopes, dreams, needs, etc. (sounds kind of like a 10-step program doesn't it – so?)
- √ Helping each other in actionable directions

Self Improvement

Perpetuate and increase the goal of wisdom in our craft. To learn the history, meaning, principals, and beliefs of Freemasonry and to then teach them to all who express an interest.

- √ Self-Improvement
 - Library of Masonic material (history, stories, ritual, overviews of the various degrees, overviews of the responsibilities of each station, etc.)
 - Easy access to other web pages of information via links from our web page
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- √ Training
 - Assistance in attaining degree competence
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- √ Presentations

- Invite speakers in on third Tuesdays of the month
- Videos
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Outreach

Provide support to all of our brethren in their time of need; and to aid and assist our senior members, widows and children of brother Masons in their time of need; and to aid our community in its time of need. Provide benefit and service to the community. Through communication of our principals and our objectives, and by our acts and examples, promote a desire in others to join our brotherhood.

- √ Promotion
 - Establish a Web Site and assign responsibilities to specific sections to ensure it stays up to date. Ensure that appropriate keywords are in home page to aid in “hits” by the major search engines. Be cognizant of the fact that most people will only have a 56 kb (or less) dial-up modem.
 - Provide articles of our activities (e.g. pictures of our open installation of officers, our fun nights with pictures) in all of the local community weekly news as well as in our Web Site.
 - Develop brochures and/or handouts about Masonry and OUR Lodge and our beliefs and our tenets and our practices and just a whole bunch of stuff that will strike a chord with like-minded men.
 - Ensure that any public gathering or service (e.g. Kolacky Days) displays our presence as Masons and which Lodge we represent.
- √ Schedule visitations to our elderly, disabled, and the widows and children of deceased Masons.
 - Chaplin’s responsibility.
- √ Develop a database of all current members as well as our elderly/disabled brothers, their widows, and the children of deceased Masons. Use this list for the distribution of gifts at holiday times and to assist them when they may need:
 - Rides or other help for grocery shopping, getting medications, church attendance, etc.
 - Help in going to medical/service appointments
 - Someone to call for consolation, help, or just communication with someone
 - In getting to honors or social programs that could involve them in a well-needed outing
 - Include in database a separate listing of DeMolay participants and use as candidates for Masonry.
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Financial

Develop and maintain a sustaining foundation of fiscal responsibility.

- √ Fund raisers

- √ Membership

- √ Property – Real

- New Lodge facilities
- Artwork and Memorabilia
- Alter and ritual support accouterments
- Cook Wagon
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