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Lodge Location:

4821 West 124th Street
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Stated Meeting Date and Time:

1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 P.M.

Thoughts from the East

Bothers! We are almost through winter. The season has been a mild one. The only day of any significant snowy weather just happen to fall on our normal February Stated meeting night. I waited to late afternoon to cancel the meeting; and after the snow ended, I'm glad I made the decision. Let's hope we don't see another day like that one, or at least not on a Masonic event.

I know it's early, but I have many thank you(s) and hats-off to share with you so far this year:

- To all the brothers who helped with the early morning Job's Daughters breakfast in early February. We teamed with Lebanon Lodge to provide pancakes for at least 70 hungry (and tired) young ladies. Let's do something like that again.
- To all the brothers who assisted in cleaning out the unused rental space within our property. This space will soon be used for a practice area for a country band.
- To all the brothers who are on the board of the Masonic Building Committee. With a little luck, our property and all its rental spaces will soon be filled. This was the ultimate goal when we first purchased the property a few years back. Kudos, gentlemen!
- To all the brothers and sisters who donate their time and talents to improve the lodge. With more time (and money), our own personal space will soon look like what we envisioned from the very beginning.
- To all the brothers and guests who attended the January Table Lodge held at the Savage American Legion. I was very pleased with the turnout.

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Thoughts from the East, Continued

We almost had one hundred attendees! For all who missed it, there is always next year. We had a very good time; the dinner and entertainment was great. I especially want to recognize two brothers, WB Steve Scheffert for organizing and hosting the event, and B Don Moy, with excellence, acting as the Master of Ceremonies.

So Brothers! If you missed our table lodge and would like to participate in a similar event, we have something that may interest you. On March 24th, our lodge is hosting a scotch tasting at the Savage American Legion. This event is open to all brothers and their friends (prospects). It starts at 7pm with an optional dinner at 6pm. If this is your type of event, you will not be disappointed. Included in your fee is a \$20 voucher, which can be used towards your purchase of any scotch offered that evening. We will also raffle off some great baskets (scotch and cigars). I really hope you can join us! For more information, see invite in this newsletter.

In March, we will be holding our first EA degree of 2016. This will be my first time as the acting Worshipful Master. I'm looking forward to it, but also a little nervous, since there is plenty going on in this ritual. It is very important we put on a wonderful and meaningful degree for the candidate(s). My own personal experience as a new EA was exceptional; I hope I can do the same favor for other men joining the fraternity. In my opinion, the most important line is "...you now stand as a just and upright mason, and I give it you strictly in charge in charge to walk and act as such. That one line really sums up the whole experience; I will be proud to speak it to a new brother.

To the next time, Fraternally,

Douglas Rhodes, Worshipful Master
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Attention All Korean War Veterans and their Families:

Are you or do you know a Korean War Veteran? The Embassy of the Republic of Korea is seeks Korean War Veterans to honor with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. Veterans eligible for the Ambassador for Peace medal must have served in country during the Korean War from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, or have participated in United Nations peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955. U.S. Navy members also are eligible if they served abroad in a naval vessel that was assigned to Korean waters from 1950 to 1953. Originally The Ambassador for Peace Medal began to be presented to veterans as a special memento for those of who returned to South Korea through the 'Revisit Program'. The honor has since expanded to veterans who cannot travel long journey to Korea. The medal may also be awarded posthumously. To receive the medal Veterans, the next of kin, such as the spouse or descendants may apply for the medal on behalf of a deceased veteran. In order to apply for this commemorative medal, veterans or their family members must contact the DAV to complete an application form for the medal. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely, W.B. Daryl R. Bren

I heard a story...

A 90-year-old man approached the Tyler and said he wanted to take the Second Degree. The Tyler relayed this message to the Junior Deacon and he to the Secretary. The Secretary looked in his records and couldn't find the man's name. The man was asked: "When did you take his Entered Apprentice Degree? We can't find any record". The man replied: "I was made an Entered Apprentice Degree 70 years ago." The Secretary inquired why it has taken him so long to take the Second Degree? The man replied: "I was told I had to subdue my passions and I finally succeeded!"



The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is March 27th. All articles for the May/June 2016 issue are due by the end of the day. Any articles that are received after the due date will be held over for the July/August issue of The Wayfarer.

You may send articles to me for the newsletter; by any method you desire (email, regular mail, etc.). Articles that are not received by the due date will be held over for the next newsletter.

I have recently moved back to MN, so if you wish to mail something for The Wayfarer, please contact me at 402-960-3629 to obtain my address.

Thank You,

WB Steven Scheffert
(news@mn-rivervalley.org)



Masonic Milestone Master Mason Anniversary Dates

MN River Valley Lodge #6 would like to recognize all of the Masonic Milestone Master Mason Anniversary dates that are taking place during March and April 2016

They are:

Fred Carr	50 Years	04/16/1966
Carter Christie	40 Years	04/14/1976
Gary Nagel	25 Years	03/28/1991
Randy Maluchnik	20 Years	03/26/1996
Art Coulson	05 Years	04/02/2011



OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #3131 was dark and did not meet in January or February. Our next meeting will be in March. Elections will be held for the upcoming year. On Sunday, April 17th we will have our Installation of Officers. It will be at the Masonic Center in Savage starting at 3:00 P.M. It is an open installation and everyone is welcome to attend.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



Chaplain Corner – Our National Character

Greetings Brothers and Friends.

I have recently read a couple of articles discussing our country's "National Character," what has set us apart, and how it has been changing over the last half century. I believe that much of this "National Character" – not surprisingly – aligns well with Freemasonry. Historian Richard Hofstadter regards our unique nation as an ideology in its own. He calls this the "American Creed" consisting of three core values – Egalitarianism, Liberty and Individualism.

Another uniqueness that separates our nation from Europe – as author Alexis de Tocqueville notes – is how our "freedom of religion" is also a good friend of liberty. Our approach is a balance between the two aggressive extremes; a monarch-religious partnership on one end and a militant-secular state on the other. Again sounds familiar as much of our Masonic teaching encourages us in striving for equilibrium in all our life dealings.

Many analysts now are claiming that these three values have eroded and I believe this change is, at least partially, a result of our society transitioning from the Industrial Age to the Information Age – where a higher percentage of workers are now driving desks instead of providing physical labor.

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Chaplain Corner, Continued

I agree with these analysts that the current disruptions we are witnessing this election year in both parties are a result of the lowering of these three values. There are still strong pockets – Freemasonry being one of them – where these values are still sustained, but there are many areas now where they are decaying.

I do not believe that this has to be the case just because we are now in an “information age.” The importance of conveying our Masonic tenants and teachings upon more of our nation and world is even more paramount in this new age. May the Great Architect of the Universe provide the guidance for this great nation and world in striving for a healthy equilibrium in all things.



Please continue to keep the following Brothers and their families in your prayers:

- ❖ Patricia and WB Gordy Bane in your prayers as Patricia continues her cancer battle
- ❖ WB Henry Schaefer as he continues his chemo treatments for lymphoma
- ❖ WB Richard Friend as he and Bev downsize to an apartment near Prior Lake
- ❖ Jim Eshleman as he continues dialysis treatments 3 times each week.

--Lew – chaplain@mn-rivervalley.org



Fun Quotes

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went,
and then it dawned on me.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

Fellowcraft Degree Held



On January 28th, MN River Valley Lodge #6 held a Fellowcraft degree for Brother Nason Holets and Brother Gerry Robison, whom are pictured above with the Brothers that performed the degree work.

82nd Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner 2016

Brothers, we have once again been invited to the Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner, which will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. The event will be held at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center – 2750 Sibley Memorial Highway, Eagan, MN. Gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The cost per person is \$30. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Lodge Secretary no later than March 31, 2016.

Email: sec@mn-rivervalley.org

Phone: 402-960-3629

Daylight Savings!

It is that time again as on March 13th Daylight Savings Time begins. Since it is in the Spring Time, we need to “Spring” our clocks 1 hour forward starting at 2:00 a.m.



Table Lodge Photos

On January 23, 2016, MN River Valley Lodge #6 held its annual Table Lodge Dinner event and was able to award 50-year members, WB Donald Conn, Brother Berlyn Teig and to Aletta Loggers on behalf of your husband Wolter Loggers their certificate and pin. Below are just a few photos from the event.



Join us

6:30-10PM, SAT., MARCH 19TH

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Unizar Lodge, Braden Lodge
& Cataract Lodge.



MASONIC SCOTCH TASTING NIGHT

Come join your Brothers for a night of Scotch Tasting

A representative from Viking Distributors will be offering a Scotch tasting and presentation. You'll not only learn about different scotches but sample 5 different varieties that night.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

"Happy Hour Special" - \$25.00 if registered and paid by March 1, 2016

At the end of the evening, you'll also receive a \$20.00 voucher good towards the purchase of a bottle to take home that evening.

DATE: Thursday, March 24th, 2016

Time: 7:00 P.M. Optional Dinner @ 6:00 P.M.

Where: Savage American Legion

-----cut here and return with fee-----

REGISTRATION FROM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E – Mail: _____

Favorite Scotch: _____

2nd Favorite: _____

Please return this form along with the proper fee to either:

- Donald Moy
7904 Hallmark Way
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124
(612) 799-2174
donaldmoy@msn.com

- Doug Rhodes
8816 Chicago Ave S.
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420
(952) 412-7298
drhodes78@outlook.com

SAVE THE DATE

Family Fun Night

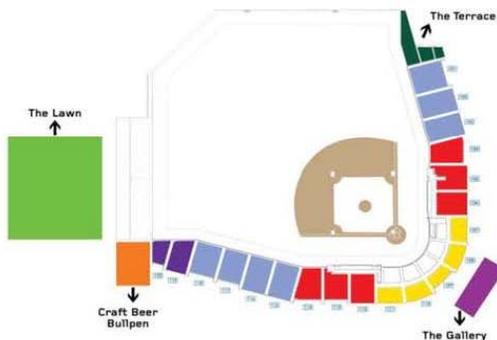
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THE OFFICIAL SITE OF
THE SAINT PAUL SAINTS

Winnipeg Goldeyes vs. St. Paul Saints

Saturday, June 25th, 2016 7:05 pm



Masonic Section 113



ALL MASONIC BODY MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

SATURDAY, March 19, 2016

**Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of
Minnesota**

Seminar Location:

Minneapolis Scottish Rite
2011 Dupont Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Seminar Schedule:

Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Seminar: 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Cost: Seminar is free,
lunch is \$10.00

This seminar is open to all members of the Minnesota Masonic Family

To Register RSVP to:

The Grand Lodge office
11501 Masonic Home Drive
Bloomington, MN 55437
952.948.6700
grandlodge@qwest.net

- *Key note Speakers*
- *See how leadership drives retention*
- *Call to Action – “Breaking out of a pattern of Lethargy”*
- *See how one member can make a difference*

List of Upcoming Events:



March 2016

- 1st – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
- 2nd – 6:30 P.M. Lebanon Lodge
- 3rd – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 4th – 5th – OES – MN Grand Chapter Board of Examiners Tests
- 7th – 7:00 P.M. Bethel #85 Meeting
- 8th – 7:00 P.M. Lebanon Lodge Stated Meeting
- 9th – 7:00 P.M. Bloomington OES Chapter Meeting
- 9th – 6:30 P.M. Building Boarding Meeting
- 10th – 7:00 P.M. Renaissance #313 OES Meeting
- 12th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 13th – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14th – 6:30 P.M. Bethel #85 Council Meeting/Lodge Cleaning
- 16th – 6:30 P.M. Lebanon Lodge
- 17th – 7:00 P.M. Renaissance #313 OES Meeting
- 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- 19th – 6:30 P.M. Blue Lodge Ball – Zuhrah Shrine Center.
- 20th – Spring Equinox – Spring Begins
- 21st – 7:00 P.M. Bethel #85 Meeting
- 22nd – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting – Light Supper Provided
- 23rd – 7:00 P.M. Bloomington OES Chapter Meeting
- 24th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 24th – 7:00 P.M. Scotch Tasting Event
- 25th – Good Friday
- 27th – Easter Sunday



April 2016

- 4th – 7:00 P.M. Bethel #85 Meeting
- 5th – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
- 6th – 6:30 P.M. Lebanon Lodge
- 7th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 7th – 9th – 163rd Grand Lodge Communication
- 9th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 9th – 9:00 A.M. Bloomington OES #307 Installation of Officers
- 11th – 6:30 P.M. Bethel #85 Council Meeting/Lodge Cleaning
- 12th – 5:00 P.M. 82nd Annual Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner
- 13th – 7:00 P.M. Bloomington OES Chapter Meeting
- 13th – 6:30 P.M. Building Board Meeting.
- 17th – 12:00 P.M. Renaissance #313 OES Installation of Officers
- 18th – 7:00 P.M. Bethel #85 Meeting
- 19th – 7:00 P.M. Lebanon Lodge Stated Meeting
- 20th – 6:30 P.M. Lebanon Lodge
- 21st – 7:00 P.M. Renaissance OES #313 Meeting
- 23rd – 8:00 A.M. Master Mason Degree – Lebanon Lodge
- 26th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting – Light Supper Provided
- 27th – 7:00 P.M. Bloomington OES Chapter Meeting
- 27th – Articles Due for the Wayfarer
- 28th – Reserved for Ritual Work

Visit the Lodge Website and view the Lodge calendar for our complete list of events.

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