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# THE WAYFARER

## MN RIVER VALLEY LODGE #6

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### Stated Meeting Date and Time:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 P.M.

## News from the East

### Step Up to the Plate



Step up to the plate is a phrase most identified to the game of baseball. The batter waits his turn in the batter's box until the umpire announces that everyone's ready and yells "batter up". The batter then slides in, takes a few practice swings, eyes the pitcher and gets into his stance. After that it's hit or miss, sorry, no pun intended. Even though the phrase is closely related with baseball, it also works well in normal day-to-day life. The phrase means to take action in response to an opportunity or crisis; or to take responsibility for doing something even though it is difficult; or rise to the occasion.

Lately, I feel the phrase is synonymous with our lodge. We have worked together to aid and assist a masonic widow in need. Not only have we raised over \$5000 and counting (with the gracious help of Grand Lodge and Scottish Rite), we have inspected the widow's property and prepared a plan of action to repair the household damages. The widow has already spent some of the money by purchasing new tires for her van to replace "bald" ones and a new wash machine. I'm proud of our brothers, who stepped up to the plate, especially those who have really gone above and beyond the call of duty.

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## Thoughts from the East, Continued

We still have brothers raising their hands to help; it's not over yet. The fruits of our labor can be seen on the smiling faces of the widow and the children in her care. I also sense a feeling of pride in the lodge. This is what cements us! God bless you brothers, one and all!

Stepping up to the plate can also refer to the trials and tribulations of the food trailer. Thank you to all brothers who have prepared, planned, organized, arranged and finally worked with the food trailer and our summer fund raising. It takes a team effort. However, we need more! I would like to see a committee form for next year's food trailer events. I think a prepared committee team can get the information and plans out sooner and keep the process more organized. This is absolutely not a shot at the brothers who stepped up this year. We had a great year! I just think the duties should not fall on the shoulders of a few. Keep this in mind please. We need some of our younger brothers (and young at heart) to step up and take a few swings. So rise up if you can, the plate is ready.

To the next time, Fraternally,

Douglas Rhodes, Worshipful Master  
Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6  
[master@mn-rivervalley.org](mailto:master@mn-rivervalley.org)



## September Stated Meeting Change Communication

Brethren of MN River Valley Lodge #6, please take notice that the September 2016 Stated Communication meeting has been changed to the following date, location and time:

When: Tuesday, September 13, 2016  
Location: Richter's Woods  
35672 173<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Montgomery, MN 56069  
Time: 6:00 p.m. Social and Stated Meeting at  
7:00 p.m.

We hope to see many of you there.

## Fellowcraft Degree Held



On August 4, 2016, MN River Valley Lodge #6 held a Fellowcraft degree for Brother Ben Sorenson, who is pictured above with the Brothers that performed the degree work and our visitors for the evening who were the following:

1. WB Larry Drinkwitz – Templar Lodge #176 and who also was the SD for the Middle Chamber work.
2. WB Terrance Schaefer – Anoka Lodge #30 and District Rep. for MRVL #6
3. WB Jason LaVoi – Faribault Lodge #9 and District Rep.
4. Brother Daniel Haugberg – Faribault Lodge #9
5. Brother Clinton Christensen – Corinthian Lodge #67

## OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met on July 21<sup>st</sup>. It was School of Instructions night and a pot luck supper was served. Every year a District Instructor visits the Chapter. Time was spent on doing some ritual work practice. Questions are answered and you always seem to learn something new. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, we initiated two new members, we are always so glad to have new members join us. The Chapter had its regular August meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with the Minnesota theme this year there was a salute to the wonderful Minnesota State Fair. Special food was served for this meeti

Submitted by: Brad Smith



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## Chaplain Corner – Perspectives

Greetings Brothers and Friends,

Betty and I recently spent some quality time with family in the Beartooth Mountains near Red Lodge Montana and Yellowstone National Park – “God’s Country”. As we were driving through this very scenic and serene part of our great nation, I was reminded how the shapes of the mountains and jagged peaks changed as the vantage point varied on our route. The mountains and peaks, of course, were still the same splendid mass of beauty, but their appearance changed along with our point of reference. Also, on one of our journeys, smoke from a nearby forest fire changed the appearance of the majestic peaks compared with what we observed a couple days earlier from the same vantage points.

This got me to thinking how this amazing phenomenon can also be applied to human interactions and society as a whole and.... not surprisingly, Masonry. Over and over we humans dispute our different perspectives even though we are looking at the same object (mountain). Instead of discussing what we see in common and sincerely listen to each other’s point of reference description, we argue and often go to war when the parties are not willing to appreciate the other’s perspective. Of course, it takes all evolved to provide this mutual respect and acceptance of each viewpoint.

That is what I really appreciate of our Masonic teachings, philosophy and approach. Our obligations require us to respect each other’s opinions and backgrounds. Messages inculcated to us within our degrees are left for each of us to interpret and digest on our own, based on our vantage points in life. I have noticed that as I age and grow, my vantage points shift a little bit and when I attend a degree which I have seen many times before, I find myself observing the message from a slightly different point of view – which is enlightening. Like most of the important aspects in life there is usually a tie back to

nature. I believe this helps ground us in unison with the Great Architect of the Universe. I am convinced our forefathers of Ancient Craft Masonry knew this valuable secret which has been handed down to us over the centuries.



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

- ❖ WB Henry Schaefer and family as he continues to regain his strength following the completed treatment for Lymphoma.
- ❖ Marilyn Eshleman and family as they mourn their recent loss of WB Jim.
- ❖ WB Gordy and Patricia Bane as she continues her battle with cancer.

Fraternally, --Lew

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## Know the Symptoms of a Heart Attack

There are a number of warning signs to look for if you think someone is having a heart attack including:

- Chest pain or discomfort
- Pain that travels down the arm or into the jaw area
- Pain between the shoulder blades
- A feeling of indigestion

Knowing the warning signs of a heart attack is crucial. Early treatment within the first few hours of a heart attack can reduce the damage done to the heart and even save your life.

### Heart Attack Symptoms

**Chest pain** is the main symptom of a heart attack. This sign is more common in men than in women.

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## The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is August 26<sup>th</sup>. All articles for the September/October 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 November/December 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.

Please contact me at 402-960-3629 to obtain my address, if you wish to mail something in for the Wayfarer.

Thank You,

WB Steven Scheffert  
([news@mn-rivervalley.org](mailto:news@mn-rivervalley.org))



## Roadside Cleanup

Greetings Brothers, it's that time again to get together to clean Hwy 13. While this is a familiar call for help, there is a difference. The date is SUNDAY September 11 at 9 a.m. and will meet at Fairchild Equipment, next to Menards.

Everyone is welcome to help, wives and older kids are possible helpers. I understand this may conflict with some family plans, there isn't any good time for everyone. All I ask is, if you're available that morning for 1-2 hours please come help.

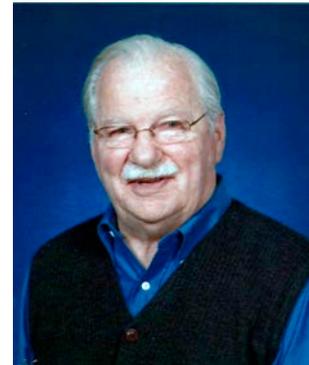
More people means less time picking up the road. For those who want to grab a bite to eat beforehand, we'll meet at the Legion at 8 am.

Also, if you plan on participating, MN DOT requires all participants to watch the following video:

[Adopt a Highway – Safety Tips](#)

Thank you,  
Tim Pray

## The Roll of the Workmen Has Been Called!



And WB Jim Eshleman has not responded

Robert W. Eshleman 'Jim', age 89, of Chaska passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at his home.

Jim was born to Charles and Henrietta (Wealing) Eshleman on August 6, 1927, in Adrian, MN, where he was raised and received his education. On July 5th, 1947 he married Marilyn Swenson, in Jasper, MN. Following their marriage his work took them to Sioux Falls and Huron, SD, Newton, IL, Mora and Hopkins.

In 1952, they moved to North Branch. Jim was employed as a heavy equipment operator and over the road truck driver.

In 1964, the family moved to Shakopee, where Jim became a Terminal Manager for Nitehawk Express. After retiring from Nitehawk Express, he drove semi for several other trucking companies.

Jim was a proud member of Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6 and Zuhrah Shrine Temple of Minneapolis.

He was made an Entered Apprentice on January 27, 1953, advanced to a Fellowcraft on February 24, 1953 and raised to a Master Mason on March 24, 1953.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marilyn; son, James (Karen); daughter, Judy (Mike) Fern.

### Quote:

To know others is to be wise, to know yourself is to be enlightened.

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## 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 September and October 2016.

They are:

Jim Blum	25 Years	10/28/1991
Emil Knish	25 Years	10/25/1991
Andrew Perry	05 Years	10/22/2011



## A Dinner to Honor our Masonic Widows

It's time for our second annual dinner to honor our Masonic widows. The event was well received and enjoyed by all attended last year and the widows were very appreciative.

Date: Monday, September 19, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm social  
7:00 pm dinner

Location: Savage American Legion

Cost: \$25.00 per person

It will be a served dinner and a cash bar will be available. Widows pins will be presented to any who do not yet have them.

Let us come and show our Masonic support for our special guests. They will be receiving individual invitations and offers of transportation if desired.

To reserve your place contact:

John Loutzenhiser

952-447-3032

jwloutze@gmail.com

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 14.

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## The Dragon Master of the Osman Shrine Dragon Patrol Has Passed



Richard "Dick" Navratil, 83, of Pine Island, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island, with the Rev. Darby Lawrence officiating.

Richard Charles Navratil was born on March 17, 1933, in Alexandria, Minn. His adoptive parents, John and Margaret Navratil, raised him and his stepbrothers in the Alexandria area.

Dick graduated from Alexandria High School in 1951. After high school, he joined the United States Army in 1951. Dick served as a sergeant during the Korean conflict. Following his honorable discharge in 1954, he returned to Alexandria and worked for the Area Dock Resorts. He soon met Jan Thorson, and they were married on July 5, 1958, after she had finished teaching school, and he had finished engineering school for IBM in New York.

Dick bought into Pine Plating in 1965. He started working for IBM in Rochester in 1970 and sold his interest in Pine Plating in 1985. Dick remained in the Pine Island area, where he was a volunteer firefighter for 26 years and a member of the Pine Island American Legion, Stary Yerka VFW Post 5727 in Zumbrota and the Osman Shrine in Rochester. Dick was an active member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church. Dick also enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, snowmobiling, restoring old cars, motorcycles, dragon patrol for parades, helping others, going to grandchildren's activities and spending time with his family.

Submitted by: Brother Berlyn Teig

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## KC-Mason Chicken Dinner Results

On August 17<sup>th</sup> the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual KC-Mason Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner event was held. The turn-out for the event was overall low in attendance, but a fun time was had by all of those that attended. WM Doug assisted with the evening by introducing his Officers and assisting with the evening drawings, which many members of MN River Valley Lodge had their names selected.

A dinner was held the following week at the Lakeside Supper Club in Montgomery and 4 Brothers were in attendance. During this meeting the following information was shared about the dinner event.

- 93 dinners were served
- Total Income was \$2566.50
- Total Expenses were \$2048.18
- Leaving a balance of \$518.32

At the end of the report it was decided that the balance would be split (\$259.16 each) between the two organizations and they may use their portion as they desire. Next year MN River Valley will be the host organization and the next planning meeting will be held at Richter's Woods in Montgomery on Monday, June 12, 2017

### Know the Symptoms of a Heart Attack, Cont.

Other symptoms include:

- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Sweating
- Dizziness
- A fast heartbeat
- Extreme weakness

If you or someone else is experiencing any of these symptoms, **call 911 immediately** and request an ambulance for the quickest and safest transportation to the hospital. Do not have a friend or family member drive you to the emergency room, and **do not drive yourself**.

Written by: Heart and Vascular Institute

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## Phoenix Daylight Lodge #350 Joins the Savage Masonic Center

We are pleased to inform everyone that Phoenix Daylight Lodge #350 will begin utilizing the Savage Masonic Center starting in September. They will have their Stated Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning at 1:00 p.m., with a meal prior. Phoenix Daylight Lodge will also be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month to host a Social Meeting Program starting at 1:00 p.m., with a meal prior.

All Brother Masons are welcome to attend both their Stated Communications and Social Programs. If you are interested in attending their Social Program meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>, please contact WB Ed Martini at 612-839-5533 or [edwinmartini@comcast.net](mailto:edwinmartini@comcast.net) a few days prior to the meeting. This will help assist in their meal preparation to ensure that the proper amount is provided. The topic for September is the following:

### Senior LinkAge Line® - Who We Are and What We Do

The Senior LinkAge Line® (SLL) is a service of the Area Agencies on Aging in partnership with the Minnesota Board on Aging. The SLL provides information and assistance to seniors and caregivers in the community. This presentation will cover the role of the SLL and provide resources to enable seniors to stay independent in their homes as long as possible. We will explain how staff and volunteers connect consumers to programs and services. We will direct attendees to the SLL for comprehensive, objective information about Medicare and health insurance options to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages. This presentation includes an introduction to our public database, [www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info).

Again, we want to wish to welcome Phoenix Daylight Lodge #350 and its Brothers to the Savage Masonic Center.

# Masonic Summer Picnic

Hosted by MRVL #6 and Renaissance #313

Your family and friends are invited

## Date of Event

Sunday, September 11th,  
2016

## Time of Event

Setup 1:00pm Start 2:00pm

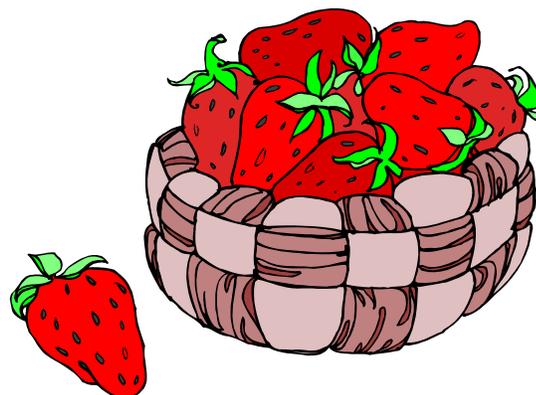
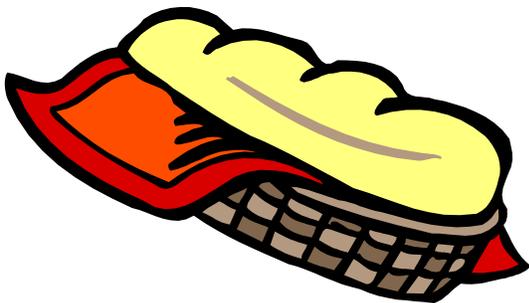
## Address

[McCann Park](#)

7125 South Park Drive  
City of Savage

## Picnic Rules:

- ☺ Bring your favorite dish or dessert to pass
- ☺ Meat, Buns and drink provided
- ☺ Bring chairs or blanket
- ☺ Be prepared to eat and have fun
- ☺ Or just relax and hang out with your sisters and brothers



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# Kids ID Program



Last winter, SW Chris, his wife Terry, SD Reed and I attended a meeting conducted by MWB Cook regarding the KidsID Program. We were quite moved regarding the number of children that are lost and abducted in the United States every year:

Nearly 800,000 children are reported missing. Although the vast majority return home safely, too many never return about one child in 10,000 reported missing is murdered. You are doubtless familiar with the tragedy experienced in August of a 5-year-old girl abducted and murdered in Watkins, MN.

I urge that you visit this video developed by The Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

[Kids ID Video](#)

At any given time nearly 84,000 individuals are reported as missing in the US. We want to present to Lebanon Lodge the idea of sponsoring and organizing a KidsID event. If met with the approval of the Lodge to move forward with this initiative, we will reach out to MV6, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay.

But we will need volunteers that will be willing and able to donate a minimum of three days: one day to attend a train-the-trainer session, one day to organize and train volunteers, and one day to actually work the event. We would also be soliciting additional volunteers to help develop a marketing campaign and solicit local businesses to help sponsor the event.

Cost to the Lodge is \$4.00 per child processed. Please give consideration to this initiative and let's discuss at an upcoming Stated Meeting.



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Submitted by Brother Joel Porter – Junior Deacon Lebanon Lodge #346

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## List of Upcoming Events for MN River Valley Lodge #6:



### September 2016

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M. Road Side Cleanup.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 P.M. Masonic Family Picnic at McCann Park in Savage.
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 P.M. Annual Table Lodge/Meeting at Richter's Woods in Montgomery.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Savage Masonic Center Building Boarding Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 P.M. Widow's Dinner
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting – Light Supper Provided



### October 2016

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Savage Masonic Center Building Boarding Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting – Light Supper Provided
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Articles Due for the Wayfarer

Visit the Lodge Website and view the Lodge event calendar for the complete list of events for all Masonic Bodies that are utilizing the Savage Masonic Center. <http://www.mn-rivervalley.org/>

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