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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

I recently saw a video by Brother Brad Paisley (yes, the country singer) and he remarked that he thought the best thing about Masonry was the tolerance. In a world filled with people arguing and bickering about every topic, it is nice that there is a group of people who can come together and set those differences aside. And it is true. We all have political and theological differences. We all lead different lifestyles. Instead of allowing these differences to separate us, we find a common ground for all of us to meet and for peace and harmony to prevail.

It is important for us to bring this ability to the outer world as well. My brother-in-law and I have very different political beliefs. Instead of allowing this to bring distance between us, we instead discuss movies, music, and video games. We have a wonderful relationship because we focus on the similarities rather than the differences. It is not always an easy thing to do. We identify with our beliefs (“I am a Conservative/Liberal”) and so when someone says something derogatory about it, we take it as a personal attack and become defensive. We can dislike a particular idea and still love the person who holds that idea. This is just one aspect of what a person is and we are made up of multiple parts. We can make the world a better place for everyone if we are able to look past those identifiers and get to know the whole person and not judge them based on a single identifying part.

That is also what makes our KC/Mason chicken dinner so special. 49 years ago, the Knights of Columbus of New Prague and the Masons from down that way, got together in order to promote the greater good.

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## News from the East, Continued

They were able to set aside differences, that many during that time would be shocked by, and create an event where we came together for charity. This is why I love the chicken dinner. It is why I believe that we should get as many Brothers and friends to attend. It is not often you see various organizations work together and this is one that should not disappear. So, mark August 16 on your calendars and come join us for a wonderful night of fellowship and charity.

Speaking of upcoming events, we have the Kolacky Days pork burger stand coming up July 28-30 so it would be great to get volunteers. We then have the Von Hanson Brat Stand August 5 & 6, followed by the Le Sueur County Fair Pork Burger Stand August 18-20. These are our last major fundraisers, so let's give it all we can. The year is half over, but there is still much to do.

May the Blessings of Heaven rest upon All of You,  
Christopher Brundage

Fraternally,  
Christopher Brundage  
Worshipful Master  
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## 2017 Midwest Shrine Association Parade

Looking for a fun evening for the family and friends. Then come and join the 2017 Midwest Shrine Association on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> as the Midwest Shrine Temple parade units put on a parade. The parade will be held in Bloomington, and will start at 5:00 p.m. sharp at 98<sup>th</sup> St E & Portland Ave S. The parade route will head south on Portland Ave turn to the west on E 104<sup>th</sup> Street and then finish the parade at Clinton Avenue South.



## The Blue Card

Brothers, I want to take this time to remind you of such wonderful, beautiful and powerful tool that has been granted to all of us.

We all remember the American Express commercials. "Don't leave home without it!" Heck even Charlie Sheen and Wesley Snipes advertised it in the movie Major League. They're wearing tuxedos (Charlie Sheen's sleeves are ripped off, after all he is the Wild thing), on a baseball field talking about American Express then shows Wesley Snipes sliding across home plate and he holds up the card and exclaims, "Don't steal home without it!" Have to admit, it was a good slogan. I mean, we all still remember it.

But let's talk about our Blue Card. Our Dues card. So many of us think that once you receive this card it just means that your dues are up to date and toss it into our wallet. Brothers, it's SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT! It's an opportunity, it's a gateway and a tool that isn't just granted to you by you paying your dues to your Lodge. This is a gift from Grand Lodge! It's an invitation from Grand Lodge. It deserves so much more than being tossed into your wallet, never to see the light of day until the next Blue Card comes to replace it.

Brothers, this card is (as I said) an invitation from Grand Lodge. It's an invitation for you to go anywhere in this great state of ours and visit any Lodge therein! Part of being a Mason is about meeting with and visiting like-minded Brothers. It's an invitation to learn new and wonderful things. To see how different Lodges open and close, to maybe see and understand things in a new and different light. An invitation to touch other incoming Brother's lives. To witness ritual done differently. How many times have you witnessed the Degrees? How many times have you witnessed them in a different Lodge done by different Brothers? I can tell you that having witnessed them in my own Lodge many, many times, that I learn something different each time. But having witnessed them in other Lodges, I learn so much more!

I love walking into the different Lodges and seeing the different ways they're decorated, the different symbols of the different appendant bodies (Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc.) that are represented and the honored Brothers.  
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## The Blue Card, Continued

To walk into the different Lodge rooms and see pieces of history that adorn our beloved and sacred rooms. To gain new perspectives and ideas. To speak with other Brothers and learn that we have more in common than just our Fraternal bond. To learn that we know some of the same Brothers.

Brothers, think of your Blue Card as a passport. No one goes through all the trouble of getting a passport to never use it. Yet so many of us never use our Blue Cards. I invite all of you to go to a different Lodge. Please!!! Do you realize that it's an invitation to other appendant bodies too? You must be able to prove who you are and that you're in good standing when attending a DeMolay, Job's and Eastern Star meeting. On that front, I'm just as guilty as the rest. I have a Job's Daughters in my Lodge and have attended only one event. Remember Brothers, without us, there is no "them".

We all are well aware that our numbers are declining. It's a flat fact. We all have different ideas on how to stop this trend and reverse it. Some might be harebrained and some might be fantastic. How do we know what's what without coming together sharing Brotherly love and ideas? We need help. We need each other. We have the help. We have each other. But we're not always using it. Our experience and imagination are some of our most powerful tools. But by not pulling our Blue Card out of our wallets, we short ourselves in the end. We must continue to pursue further light in Masonry.

Those Blue Cards aren't just for Minnesota. I've pulled mine out and used it to gain entry in many Lodges here. But I've also used it in Iowa and was welcomed with open arms and a peculiar grip, where one Brother knows the other in the dark as well as the light. I've also used my Blue Card in Denmark, Ireland, Scotland and Sweden. Again, with the same results. And I learned so much in each place because Brotherly love always prevailed. I asked so many questions and just as many were asked of me. That right there is trying to gain further Light in Masonry!

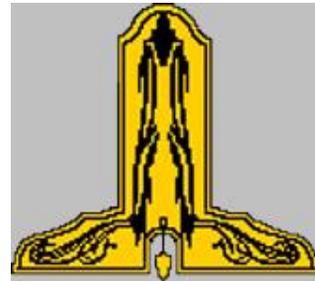
Anytime I go out of town on business, I look up Lodges in the area and if they're having a meeting. Not everybody travels for their usual avocation. Whenever I go on vacation, I do the same. I implore you to use your

Blue Card. Remember Brothers, it's a gift from your Lodge and Grand Lodge. It's an invitation to see new things and meet new Brothers. Contact your Lodge Secretary to see if the out of state/country Lodge you want to attend is recognized by Grand Lodge.

You didn't go through all that work to get your passport to not use it. Please. Use it.

For those of you who do enjoy going to other Lodges, our Grand Lodge has a wonderful program to encourage travel and make it even more fun. It's call the [Wayfaring Man Project](https://www.mn-masons.org/node/11567). <https://www.mn-masons.org/node/11567> I ask that you look it over and become part of something bigger. Just like when you decided to become a Mason. Brotherly Love to all.

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## Masonic Milestone Master Mason Anniversary Dates

MN River Valley Lodge #6 would like to recognize all the Masonic Milestone Master Mason Anniversary dates that are taking place during July and August 2017.

They are:

Chris Matta	05 Years	08/11/2007
Regis Seaman	05 Years	08/11/2007



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## Chaplain's Corner

Summer is here, the Fellow Craft of Masonry. If Entered Apprentice is the youth of our lives, or rather the Spring of the year, and Master Mason is the older, Fall of the year then Summer is the Fellow Craft of the year. The crops are planted, and being watched. Chores of maintenance are in order every day, painting, trimming, mowing and fixing all the things we've put off until the weather got better. We wait for better days to do things.

This seems to apply to our brothers as well. Did you put off calling a brother, sending an email, dropping by to check in on him, sending a card or letter? I'm just as guilty or even more so, being Chaplain, of letting myself become too "busy" to contact a Brother. But those times when I've reached out to a Fellow Mason to inquire how they or their family are doing, I feel really good and at the same time regretful for not touching base with them sooner.

To our younger Brothers actually sending a postal message requires a stamp, envelope and time. But those things involved with stamps, time and actually writing something are very meaningful to an older brother. They show care and thoughtfulness in the very act of sending a card.

Thoughts and Prayers needed for;

WB Emil Knish's wife Terry recently underwent shoulder surgery to repair an older injury which had been troubling her for some time.

Rod Kirkwold's wife Ginny just had successful surgery in the abdominal area to remove cancerous tissue. She needs your prayers even more at this time due to the inoperable cancer in her brain which is causing imbalance and eyesight issues. She is currently recovering in a rehabilitation facility. Don't forget about Rod in your prayers, caregiving your loved ones is all encompassing.

WB Henry Schaefer has recently started chemotherapy again for cancer which has reoccurred. Again, don't forget Rosalie, his caregiver and wife in your prayers.

WB Tim Pray's wife Kimm is undergoing a new round of chemo for her reemerging breast cancer.

WB Ralph Pasquarette from Jordan has not answered the roll call. He was very active in King Hiram Lodge. He hasn't been in Lodge upon becoming sick. I would like to know more about WB Ralph from those he was in Lodge with.

On a positive note WB Lew Price's wife Betty continues the road to recovery with her bone spur removal and physical therapy helping greatly.

WB Chris Heiliger continues his progress with getting past prostate cancer. PSA [Public Service Announcement] All men should be talking to their Drs and getting their testing done. Get your prostate checked, it's way better than having to go through all the surgery and recovery Chris has had to endure.

So, do you feel like you can help a brother set some things aside for a moment or share a weight, like when you call them to see how things are going? If you've been going to lodge look around and try to notice who isn't in Lodge. Who did you get your degrees with, who were you in line with that you haven't seen in a while? Give them a call, or drop me a line, I'll try and contact the Brother we haven't seen in a while. Everybody has a story, how their life is going, what's new and exciting, how they got into Masonry, who they remember doing things with etc. Stories of Brothers in Masonry are rarely forgotten, connections made and remembered.

I know many brothers in MN River Valley #6, but certainly not even close to all of the ones I'd like to know. If I haven't call you yet, don't wait for my call, if you want to share your story. Call me, email me, send me a note to call you and chat. I would be happy to hear your story.

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## The Roll of the Workmen Has Been Called!



Brethren of MN River Valley Lodge #6

The roll of the workmen has been called and it is with great sadness to inform everyone that W. Brother Ralph Pasquarette has not responded.

W. Brother Ralph was a Mason for over 40 years and had lived in Jordan. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 14, 1977, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 11, 1977 and raised to the degree of Master Mason on May 7, 1977.

The following is from W. Brother Ralph's obituary that was located in the Star and Tribune paper.

Pasquarette, Ralph E. Age 85, of Jordan, MN died peacefully on 28 June 2017. He is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Mae (Stasel) Pasquarette; his daughter, Carol Jean Ellwein; his son, Rocco Eugene Pasquarette; his brothers, Sylvester Pasquarette and Roy Pasquarette; and his sister, Marie Hrisak. Ralph is survived by his sons, Michael and wife Kathy Pasquarette of Chesapeake, VA, and Christopher Pasquarette of Columbia Heights, MN; his seven grandchildren; his brother, Gale Pasquarette; and his friend & companion of 23 years, Faye Liebbrand.

Born August 3, 1931 in Clarion, PA to Roy and Alda (Sherman) Pasquarette, Ralph was the fourth of five children. After graduating high school in 1949, he joined the United States Air Force and trained as a mobile radar operator/technician. While in the Air Force, he met his future wife, Barbara Mae Stasel of Minneapolis, MN, whom he wed in September of 1955. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1954, he enrolled in the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, where he graduated in

1959 in the top 10% of his class & received a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. In the 1960's, Ralph worked as an industrial designer at Sperry Rand, Franklin Appliances, Naegele Corp and Peco-McClintock Corp. Finally, he joined Honeywell Inc., where he spent the majority of his career in the Residential Controls Division with several patents credited to his name. Ralph retired from Honeywell in 1999, and enjoyed his retirement years working on his farm, breeding and training horses, and supporting the United Methodist Church in Jordan.

Ralph's memorial will be at Jordan United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 5:00 PM which will be preceded by visitation at 4:00 PM. A light supper will follow the service.

## The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Friday, August 25, 2017. All articles for the September/October 2017 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 2017 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))



## Quote

Masonry aims at the promotion of morality and higher living by the cultivation of the social side of man, the rousing in him of the instincts of charity and love of his kind. It rests surely on the foundation of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. – William Howard Taft

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## OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It was School of Instruction night. Our District Instructor did a great job. She reviewed ritual work and went over Grand Matron wanted discussed. You always seem to learn something new during School of Instruction. Mothers were honored in celebration of Mother's Day. They introduced themselves and talked about their children and families. The Chapter met again on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Line Officers were honored and some from other Chapters were there. They all received a gift from the Worthy Matron. June is Father's Day month, so all Fathers were also honored and given a gift. The Worthy Patron gave a talk about unicorns. We all know what they are and have heard the word, but don't really know much about them. It was an interesting presentation.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



## Von Hansen Brat and Hot Dog Stand Work Event

Our second Von Hanson Brat Stand is fast approaching and we are once again looking for volunteers to help us in this fund raiser for the lodge, our homes. We have this set up with 2 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and we need about 4 individuals per shift.

A big thank you to everyone who worked during the very wet and rainy weekend in May.

We will be located at the following Von Hanson's:

Von Hanson Meat Market  
4301 Egan Drive (County Road 42)  
Savage, MN.

Send all request for information to Chris Heiliger at [cheiliger@msn.com](mailto:cheiliger@msn.com) or call Chris at (651) 336-4999 and watch for an email communication to sign-up for time slots.

We hope to see you there.

## July and September 2017 Stated Meeting Change Communication

Brethren of MN River Valley Lodge #6, please take notice that the July and September 2017 Stated Communication meetings are being changed to the following date, location and time:

### July Meeting:

When: Thursday, July 6, 2017  
Location: Savage Masonic Center  
Time: 6:30 p.m. Social and Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### September Meeting:

When: Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
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.

The September meeting will be our annual Table Lodge/Meeting event.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

Steve Scheffert

## Widows Dinner – Save the Date!

Brothers,

The next Widows dinner event has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Savage. More details will follow as the plans for the dinner are finalized.

## Quotes

“You were born with the ability to change someone's life – don't ever waste it.” – Dale Partridge

“You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.” – Zig Ziglar

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## Pork Burger Stand Kolacky Days and the LeSueur County Fair

It's that time of year again. The opportunity to spend some time with Brothers and attend the REAL Minnesota Tradition, a local festival and fair. Kolacky Days is July 28-30 and the LeSueur County Fair is August 17-20.

Let's start with Kolacky Days. The festivities start Friday at 5 with a pageant, homemade wine competition and of course, the National Championship of Prune Spitting and finishes up with a dance. Saturday and Sunday's events include softball and volleyball tourneys, a classic car and snowmobile show, bike ride, 5k run/walk and of course, a parade.

Then in August we have the LeSueur County Fair. Rides, 4-H exhibits, demo derby, tractor pull, and live entertainment. The LeSueur County Fair is in LeCenter, which I have always wondered, is LeCenter the center of LeSueur County?

So why am I telling you about these events? Because I want something from you. I want you to sign up to work at our Pork Burger stand and then stay and enjoy a REAL Minnesota Tradition. Make some memories with your spouse, kids, family or friends. Like last year, if your spouse or adult children would like to work with you, they are welcome.

As always, we will need help setting up before the event and cleaning up after. We also have a little work to do on the trailer, so look for opportunities to get dirty replacing wiring and cables.

I know your next question – "Jeremy! How do I sign up?" Click the following link to go out to the SignUpGenius, the same tool we used last year:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C49AFAA28A5F94-kolacky1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C49AFAA28A5F94-kolacky1)

And, like last year, if you just want to call me, or send me an email to sign up, you can do that too.

[jsacker@bevcomm.net](mailto:jsacker@bevcomm.net)  
612.803.6774

## KC-Mason Chicken Dinner

Brothers,

On Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> members of our Lodge and members from the New Prague 4<sup>th</sup> Degree KC's met at Richter's Woods in Montgomery. The meeting was to plan the upcoming 49<sup>th</sup> annual KC-Mason Chicken Dinner.

The details of the upcoming dinner event are the following:

When: Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:00 p.m. Social and 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Where: KC Hall of New Prague  
411 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, SW  
New Prague, MN 56071  
Cost: \$15.00 per person

Tickets for the event will be available at the door and from the following two WB's

1. WB Don Conn: 952-758-3506 or at [jud4540@yahoo.com](mailto:jud4540@yahoo.com)
2. WM Chris Brundage: 507-304-2330 or at [chrismbrundage@gmail.com](mailto:chrismbrundage@gmail.com).

This year we are hosting the event, so we hope that many of you can attend this wonderful event and enjoy a great evening of fellowship and a wonderful meal (1/2 chicken).



Submitted: WB Steve Scheffert

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



### July 2017

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting  
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M. (**Note the Date Change**)
- 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. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board  
of Directors Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –  
Light Supper Provided
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD – Food Stand Setup for  
Kolacky Days in Montgomery
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Times TBD – Kolacky Days Food  
Stand Event in Montgomery



### August 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting –  
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Von Hanson’s Brat Stand Fundraising  
Event
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board  
of Directors Meeting.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn  
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD – Food Stand Setup for Le  
Sueur County Fair in Le Center
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 P.M. KC/Mason Chicken Dinner at  
the K of C Hall in New, Prague.
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Times TBD – Le Sueur County Fair  
Food Stand Event in Le Center
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –  
Light Supper Provided
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 P.M. – KC/Mason Chicken Dinner  
Follow-up Meeting at Lake Side Supper  
Club, New Prague
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 25<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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