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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

Greeting Brethren,

We are now 2 months into the new year and things are going by quickly. For those who have been able to make it to the Savage Masonic Center lately, you may have noticed that the fellowship hall and conference room are now carpeted. This gives the space a much more completed look and welcoming. With the flooring in, we can now look at getting Grand Lodge to come in for a dedication ceremony. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in getting this done. It looks wonderful.

January 21<sup>st</sup> was Table Lodge and it was a fantastic event. We were lucky enough to have Most Worshipful Grand Master Bob Darling there, along with other Grand representatives. More importantly we were able to award WB Charles Richter with his 50-year member pin. That is definitely an achievement worth celebrating. I was raised as a Master Mason in 2012. I would not reach 50 years until 2062, when I would be about 78-years old. It is hard to imagine being as involved with Masonry during all of that time, yet Charles still works the pork burger stand. He still drives in the Classic Cars of the Ho Ho Area Shrine Club. He is most certainly a Mason to emulate.

Anyone who has paid attention to the few articles that I have written for the paper (and don't worry, there haven't been many) may have noticed I enjoy putting some philosophical thoughts into them. I do this because I enjoy philosophy. Philosophy has no correct answer, but can guide us into realms that allow us to grow mentally.

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## News from the East, Continued

One philosophical thought that I have gotten into is Stoicism. It is an area that I believe can help anyone to face the world with a strong sense of self. One of the major principles is that you cannot control the actions of others, only how you react. This is a principle that I have attempted to utilize in my life, some days more successfully than others. Our reactions can have as much of an influence over our lives as our actions do. An example of this thought is instead of biting into a rotten apple and asking, "Why does this happen to me?", instead just throw away the apple and move on. Sometimes it is easier said than done, but by not dwelling on the negatives, it can prevent the attitude that the day is horrible and you may be able to enjoy the rest of it.

That's all I have for now. I am looking forward to going to St. Cloud for Grand Lodge in April. It is always a nice little vacation away from work and a great way to meet Masons from across Minnesota. I hope to see some of you there, and also at WB Steve Scheffert's Hiram Award Dinner April 1<sup>st</sup>. Even though he lived out of state, he still did many great things for the Lodge and WB Doug Rhodes made an excellent choice in presenting him with this award. Congratulations.

With Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
Christopher Brundage.

Christopher Brundage  
Worshipful Master  
[master@mn-rivervalley.org](mailto:master@mn-rivervalley.org)



## OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 was dark in January and February. We will meet again in March and elections will be held for the upcoming year. An installation will be held later on. We look forward to another year in the O.E.S. Chapter.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



## The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Friday, April 28, 2017. All articles for the May/June 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 July/August 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))



## Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet!

The Officers of the Chapter of the Rose Croix invite you to join us for the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, where we honor those Scottish Rite Brothers who have gone to the Celestial Lodge this past year. A beautiful ritual that pays homage to them and shows our love and sadness at their passing.

The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley located at 2011 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis. Following the Ceremony, we will have a social period at 6:30pm and then hold the Mystic Banquet around 7pm, where we present the Knightly names chosen by the class and celebrate our time together, sharing memories of those who have passed.

The Cost as with all the Feast dinners this year is \$30 and guests are not only most welcome but encouraged as well. Please contact the Scottish Rite Office to make your Reservations by Monday, March 13th! (612-871-1500 or at [Jackie@aasrms.Org](mailto:Jackie@aasrms.Org))

Submitted by: WB Lew Price

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## Chaplain Corner

Hope SPRINGS forth! Wasn't the 60 degree days nice?!! I don't know about you but I could feel my blood thinning in the warmer weather. Then we get thrust into reality again. Ugh, I hope everyone is having the patience to walk and drive appropriately for the weather. I love spring weather, green grass and leaves growing, just not how long it takes to get here.

Continued prayers and thoughts for our Brothers and Sisters fighting various cancers; WB Ed Morse, WB Chris Heiliger, WB Henry Schaefer, Patricia Bane, Kimm Pray. New to our prayer list are two brothers; Senior Warden James Wallin suffers from gout in the foot/ankle area. And our Secretary Steve Scheffert recovering from spinal surgery in the upper back/neck. Wish them a speedy recovery.

If there are brothers and sisters who need a prayer or mention, please contact me at the chaplain link from our website.

WB Tim Pray  
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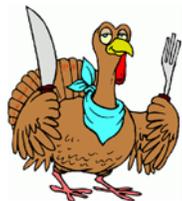


## 83<sup>rd</sup> Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner 2017

Brothers, we have once again been invited to the Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner, which will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. 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 Senior Warden James Wallin no later than March 31, 2017.

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## 50 Years of Masonry Awarded



Congratulations to WB Charles Richter for achieving 50 Years of Masonry. On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Annual Table Lodge Dinner Event, WB Charles Richter received his 50 Years of Masonry certificate from the MWGM of Minnesota Robert Darling. Pictured above are (L to R): MWGM Robert Darling, WM Christopher Brundage, Shirley Richter, WB Charles Richter, WB Terrance Schaffer (District Rep #19) and WB Don Nolley (Metrowest Area Deputy).

## Call to Scottish Rite Masons – April 20

As many of you know our Lodge has “Adopted” the 29<sup>th</sup> degree – “Scottish Knight of St. Andrew” at the Mpls Valley Scottish Rite. What does this mean, you may ask? It is a commitment from the Scottish Rite Masons of our Lodge to fill the sidelines for this degree. Our next performance is on **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Many of your Lodge Brothers are in this degree so, it would be an extremely nice treat for them to see their Lodge Brothers in the audience. The Rite serves a nice meal, starting at 5pm for \$12. We are the second performance of the night following the 28<sup>th</sup> degree. Please mark your calendars and come down and make a night of it with a nice meal among brothers followed by quality degree work filled with Masonic messages and learning.

Submitted by: WB Lew Price

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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 March and April 2017.

They are:

Donald West	55 Years	03/10/1962
James Underwood	55 Years	04/27/1962
Dean Colligan	40 Years	03/09/1977
Steven Scheffert	25 Years	04/27/1992
Ed Reiners	20 Years	04/05/1997
Nathan Smithson	10 Years	04/24/2007



## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fraternal 92 Bowling Challenge



On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, a group of Bowlers representing MN River Valley Lodge #6 participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fraternal 92 Bowling Challenge. The team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place this year and a great time was held by all. The team consisted of the following (L to R): Brother Rich Waldie from Corinthian Lodge #67, Brother Gerry Robison, WB Doug Rhodes and Brother Dan Ploenzke from MN River Valley.

## Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6

Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Minnesota

Welcomes you to a Hiram Award Dinner

Honoring

**Steven D. Scheffert, Past Master**

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
5pm Social 6pm Dinner  
\$25 per person

Dan Patch American Legion  
12375 Princeton Ave., Savage MN, 55378

R.S.V.P.

To Doug Rhodes by March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## 2017 Dues Reminder

If you have yet to pay your 2017 dues, we ask that you pay them soon. The 2017 Lodge's operating expenses and the payment to the Grand Lodge for our membership depends on your dues being paid in a timely manner. If you have questions about your dues or various ways that you may pay, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

Thank you!

WB Steven D. Scheffert  
Secretary

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## Quote

“Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe and have faith that everything will work out for the best.”

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## From the West

Greetings from the West Brothers. That still sounds foreign to me. Sure, I've held my office for two months. But how long did it take all of us to remember to write 17 at the end of the date instead of 16? Change happens to all of us. Whether we like it or not. What sets us apart from most people is how we deal with it. It took me some time to learn that the if you embrace it, most of the time, makes it easier on you and your loved ones.

But what about the change that we have no control over. That we're struggling to accept, or even to change into a more positive way. I'm still looking for the right job or career for myself. I'm working right now, but it's not what I really want. It's very frustrating to tell my wife that I didn't get this job or that. Or that I think I did really well on this interview but to find out not as well as I thought. This has been a tough time for me and Lord knows how tough on my wife. I must and am going to persevere. My Brothers know how Irish I am. Giving up is not option and tenacity is my middle name. I'm going to see this through.

But what does this have to do with us (Freemasons)? A LOT!! Recently I had some problems with one of my ankles that I wasn't able to walk. And when I would, I looked like Dr. Frankenstein's assistant. I finally resigned myself to go to the Doctor's office to find out that they had to aspirate my ankle. Let me understand this. You want to stick a needle, the size of a 4x4's muffler, into my ankle and draw fluid? Sounds great. Can't wait. Awesome. Wait. How do I get home, I drove here. Find a ride? Take this pill? What is it? To calm me down? Does it have more friends?

As the Doctor is performing deep sea drilling expedition into my ankle, I began reaching out to my Brothers. I'm praying that one of them is available. It is, after all, about 10 in the morning. Many of us are at work. As I start reaching out, one Past Master tells me to reach out to his wife. I felt horrible. Well actually that pill was changing several things including my ability to form full sentences on my phone and wishing people a Happy Thanksgiving (mind you it's late February). That Brother's wife didn't just come to pick me up, she was there before the procedure was even done. Oh yea. Back to that. There are, from what I

was told, four ways to gain access to the inside of the ankle. Well three were used on me with more medication to "keep me calm" and alleviate any pain.

Once the procedure was complete and I was hobbling out to the waiting area, there was this Super Hero there waiting for me. She got me to her car. She got me to my home safely. She got me into my home safely. And I'm sure she had to endure babbling nonsense from me. Hopefully I had the where-with-all to say thank you (I have since at the very least). All this because I am a Master Mason in good standing with my Lodge. All this because I know my Brothers are there for me and in this case my Brother's lovely wife was willing to help me. It was important to her because it's important to him. Because we are Brothers.

What does this have to do with the article? Change. It's actually the opposite. We are Freemasons. We ARE Brothers. We are there for one another. We always have, always will and always should be. We have made an oath to one another. Something that cannot be broken. Does that mean that you should leave work to go help your Brother? No. Unless you feel that's the right thing to do and are able to do so.

The right thing to do. It's never the same thing from one person to another. And that's quite ok. Many of us are or have held positions in management. Management is a very important job. But if you ask me, none of us are managers. Management is about doing things right all the time. I say as Masons, we are Leaders. Leadership is about doing the right thing all the time.

Brothers, being there for one another is something that we should accept it for what it is and should never have to worry about that changing. EVER. I love that.

Having said that. We need to make sure that when another Brother reaches out to us for that Brotherly love or for that assistance that we're there. What are you doing, to do the right thing? Sometimes there's nothing you can do. Conflicts occur.

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## From the West, Continued

That's part of being human, dealing with life. But remember, just reaching out to that Brother and saying that you can't help or offering help in a different way is still us being there for one another. We've all been in a situation where you feel completely alone. As Brothers... that should never happen again.

In the end, though, don't offer that assistance because you feel like you must. Do it because you want to and feel like it's the right thing to do... all the time. Remember I'm here for all of you. I may not be able to give you the help that you absolutely need. But I am here for you to do whatever I possibly can.

In closing, Change is inevitable. How we deal with it, is what defines us. But there are things that will never change and Brotherly Love is one of those. We are Freemasons. We are Brothers. Don't be afraid to ask for help. In many points of our lives we need it. And for when that assistance is asked for, please, I implore you, to give whatever help you can. Even if it's a note saying that you don't know what to do for that Brother, but that you're there for them.

**Nothing remains constant except change itself.**

James Wallin  
Senior Warden  
[sw@mn-rivervalley.org](mailto:sw@mn-rivervalley.org)

## Daylight Savings!

It is that time again as on March 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## “BRING A BROTHER TO RITE NITE”



The Minneapolis Valley is proud to announce a theatrical presentation of “Knight Commander of the Temple” exclusively for Scottish Rite Members and their **Master Mason guests** on **March 30<sup>th</sup>** in the main Auditorium. This new event will be the highlight of a first time ever Spring Membership Event for the Minneapolis Scottish Rite.

This is a great opportunity for Blue Lodge brothers who have not yet been exposed to the Scottish Rite University of Freemasonry to witness the ritual and expanded Brotherhood of the Rite. Attendees will also get an introduced of the path to “More Light in Masonry” that can be found through the ritual and Brotherhood of the Rite. Guests will also have an opportunity to tour the historic and impressive Masonic building of which the Rite has owned for over 100 years.

Here is a brief recap of the evening: Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Guests will have a special rate of \$6 dollars. At 5:45 p.m. guests may attend our Red Room Presentation, which will feature the open installation of the new Lodge of Perfection Officers for the Minneapolis Valley.

This will be followed by a performance in the main auditorium, after which they will adjourn to the lounge for hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, where they will have opportunity to mingle with their Scottish Rite Brethren and hear a short presentation by the (Personal Representative or Assistant Personal Representative).

If interested in attending, please contact Brothers [Don Moy](#) or [Lew Price](#). We are sure you will find the evening delightful and informative witnessing the joy and benefits of becoming a Scottish Rite Mason.

Submitted by: WB Lew Price

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



### March 2017

- 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting  
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board  
of Directors Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn  
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Masonic Membership Workshop at Grand  
Lodge.
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Ahead 1  
hour).
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Blue Lodge Ball (see flier)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –  
Light Supper Provided



### April 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 P.M. Hiram Award Dinner Event
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting  
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – 164<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communications in  
St. Cloud.
- 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.
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 P.M. Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner Event
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –  
Light Supper Provided
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 P.M. Dusty Square Degree
- 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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