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# THE WAYFARER

## MN RIVER VALLEY LODGE #6

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

### News from the East

Greetings Brothers, Family, and Friends.

One constant that every lodge must think about, is how do we retain new members when they join. In searching for a possible answer to this, I first thought about the question, “Why do we join?” I discovered that all the answers can be broken down into three broad categories. The first is history. It does not matter if it is family history, such as my dad or grandfather was a Mason, or history of the fraternity and the impact that it has had in shaping America and the ideals held by so many prominent members of society. These members are excited to be a part of something that has stood the test of time and they can be a part of the living history themselves. The second reason is social impact. This category can be the Brotherly friendship between Masons, that sincere affection by which we know we can trust and depend on another person, or the impact that Masons have on their community at large through donations and work. These members are looking for something larger than themselves and an organization that will make them feel welcome. Lastly are the Brothers like me, who joined for the esoteric or philosophy that Masonry offers. The allegory and thought provoking abstracts that can be utilized in daily life and keep the mind contemplating. These members enjoy finding meaning in areas sometimes overlooked and discussing how they can impact a person’s life.

So why is it important to understand this? When speaking to new members who leave within a year or 2, a very common reason given is that Masonry is not what they were expecting.

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## News from the East, Continued

In trying to decipher this response, it occurred to me that if a person joins for one of these three reasons, but is only given the other 2, then they are not receiving the information that they were interested in. This problem begins at the mentor level. If possible, it is best to pair up a new member with a mentor who shares their interest. A Brother who joined for the history gets paired with a Brother who has studied the history of the Lodge or the Craft from its transformation from Operative to Speculative Masonry. A new Brother who was looking for the social gets paired with a Brother who attends every gathering and is usually part of the planning committees. Through better pairing, we may have more members find what they were seeking. While this is not always possible to do, it becomes necessary for the Mentor to introduce his Mentee to a Brother in the Lodge who shares the interest so they can at least converse during the meals before a meeting. This can help stave off some new members from leaving.

While we join for one reason or another, a beautiful thing about Masonry is that we grow in every category. Masonry does not just improve us in one area, it strengthens us throughout. As I said, I joined for the esoteric. This was a comfortable area for me, as it dealt with inner reflection and deeper thought and conversations. I am not a very social person. In fact, I get social anxiety. I have a harder time making small talk than I do discussing the mysteries of the universe and meaning of life. Yet now I can speak with more people unprovoked. I can start up a conversation and maintain it without trying to find an out. I can sit in front of a room of people and speak somewhat coherently. While I joined for the esoteric, I become stronger in the social setting. Likewise, those who joined for the social may find that they find ways that the teachings of Masonry have helped them to grow and become better people. It is by utilizing all 3 categories that we build ourselves up and make better men. "We must cultivate our own garden. When man was put in the Garden of Eden, he was put there so that he should work, which proves that man was not born to rest." – Brother Voltaire.

Fraternally  
Christopher Brundage  
Worshipful Master  
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## All Men Are Created Equal

We've all heard this. We all learned about this in history. The Declaration of Independence is, as one (of us) could say the corner stone of the United States. Within the Declaration, it tells us all men are created equal. To be exact, in the second paragraph it states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all Men are created equal**, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Sounds like what we, as a Lodge not only believe in, but support. We treat each other equally. We don't discuss politics and/or religion. Some people have asked me why this is so. Simple. When people begin discussing these two (particularly hot) topics, they can and do easily turn sour. Eventually one person feels that they're right and the other is wrong, putting themselves over the other. That is not Freemasonry. That is not us. We meet upon the Level. Act upon the Plumb and part upon the Square. Harmony being the strength and support of all societies, most especially Ours.

But I ask, ARE all men created equal? What a great argument! Before you start getting mad and calling other Brothers saying we need to remove that nut in the West, hear me out.

You all know who I am. Let me ask you this. Do you think I could outrun Usain Bolt? The man ran 200 meters (219 yards) in 19.19 seconds. Let's figure this out. Let me put this into American sports terms. Usain Bolt. 6'5" and weighs 207 lbs. He ran two and one fifth football fields. IN 19.19 SECONDS!! Let's do some math. 200 meters divided by 19.19 seconds. The next number I put up is Miles Per Hour. The answer? 23.31. That was his AVERAGE SPEED!! He has been clocked at 27.44 MPH. Needless to say, we are not equal.

Let's talk about Aroldis Chapman. Aroldis is now 29 years old and pitches for the New York Yankees. He is 6'4" and weighs 200lbs. Lord only knows how much this man makes a year. During his rookie season in 2010 whilst playing for the Cincinnati Reds, Aroldis was called in as a relief pitcher against the San Diego Padres.

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## All Men are Created Equal, Continued

Aroldis was given the signal for a fast ball. Not only did he deliver a fast ball. He delivered *THE* fastball. 105.1 MPH. This is the fastest “recorded” ball ever thrown in Major League Baseball history. In 2016, while playing for the Yankees and pitching against the Orioles, he tied his own record, throwing another astonishing 105.1 MPH fastball. H and I are not equal. On a side note, Babe Ruth had an overall batting average of .342. What many people are not aware of is, Babe Ruth’s overall pitching average. Babe Ruth’s overall ERA is 2.28. No doubt the Great Bambino was a slugger. But he was also a solid pitcher. Especially in a time when bringing in a relief pitcher, such as Aroldis, was extremely uncommon. Another side, side note, the name Chapman holds another, albeit grim, record in baseball. Ray Chapman is the only person to be killed in/during a baseball game. Ray was struck by a pitch that had hit him in the head. The balls were never changed out. The game would only use one ball. At the end of the game the ball would have tobacco, licorice and spit on it. Not including they would scratch the ball with pieces of sand paper. The ball was so dark that it’s believed that Ray never saw it coming during the evening game. Because of this, the balls are changed on every top of every half inning and for a variety of other reasons.

Lastly. Perry Martin Johnson. Born on February 25, 1948 in Austin, Minnesota. Perry married his wife Lynne in 1968 (almost 50 years now!). Together, they’ve had three beautiful daughters, one of whom I’m married to. Perry has been an entrepreneur and owned his own businesses. Perry is not afraid to try something new. Maybe when you’re surrounded by women 24 hours a day, a man is willing to try anything once. Case in point, Perry even sported a massive afro (granted that was the “style” then, but Perry doesn’t have nearly as much hair now which makes it funnier). Perry is now at the point of his life that he has a gorgeous 1988 Chevy Corvette that he wipes down with a diaper and has named, Blue Velvet. You’d swear he keeps them in the trunk. And as he is wiping the unseen dust off Blue Velvet, Perry is always dispensing pieces of wisdom that it is right in front of you. You know, when you can’t make the forest from the trees. He has this uncanny way of seeing logic in an emotionally charged situation. Many of you know I don’t have any children and am not looking to.

I have a cat that I feel is difficult enough to keep alive and happy. Perry has taken me in and shown me love when I didn’t have that prior. I don’t think that if I were placed in a situation like that I’d be able to, or do the same. Perry and I are not equal.

What’s your point James. My point is this. Though we are NOT created equal in the strictest sense of the term, we are all equal in the Supreme Architect’s eyes, remember? “That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” We are men that unite together for a common cause and for each other. We are men who try to always do the right thing.

Some of us are managers in our jobs. I’ve held that title as well. But because of Masonry, I no longer look at myself as a manager. A manager is someone who *does things right all the time*. Due to Masonry, I am a Leader. A leader is someone who *does the right thing all the time*.

Being different is a blessing. If we could all run at 23 MPH, what would we have to say, “that’s incredible”, to? What would be the point if everything was the same? We would have no reason for Masonry. We would already be doing all the things that we now try do on a daily basis. Freemasonry gives us the tools to attempt Harmony. Remember, Harmony is the strength and support of all societies, more especially ours. In the great and beautiful United States, ALL men ARE created equal. Being a good man is something we all strive to be. Being a good Freemason is hard work. But at times is easier with the help of our Brothers. Diversity is a thing of beauty. Our Lodge is full of diversity. Our Lodge is **FULL** of beauty!

I close on this. There are many men in the world. But, there are few Freemasons! You are part of something much larger and beautiful Brothers. And with that attitude, let’s continue the practice of sharing that with someone else that can help us with our beloved Fraternity.

Taking a good man and making him better.  
Peace and Brotherly Love to you.

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## Upcoming Summer Events

It is amazing how a day can seem to drag, but weeks and months just fly by in an instant. As we look forward to the next few upcoming months, activities for the Lodge will not be slowing down. May 20 & 21 is our first Von Hansen Brat Stand fundraiser of the summer. There will be a sign-up list going around and it is at the Von Hansen in Savage. On May 25, we will be holding an Entered Apprentice degree. Monday, June 12, will be the planning dinner for the KC/Mason chicken dinner held in Montgomery. This is our year to host, so we will be providing the meal for the meeting and it would be wonderful if we had a strong showing for this. It is largely a social event, but important matters are discussed, such as the program and prices. It will be held at Richter's Woods in Montgomery with social hour starting at 6:00 pm. The actual chicken dinner will be held August 16 at the Knights of Columbus hall in New Prague. The profits are split between both of our organizations and donated to various facilities. We have donated our portion to the U of M Masonic Cancer Center and the Shriner's Children's Hospital, while the KC has donated to local Catholic schools to support the children. I strongly encourage everyone who can, to attend. We are typically outnumbered about 4:1 and I would love to see us match them, if not have a higher turnout.

Continuing in June, we have the Dan Patch parade on June 24. Our Lodge, along with Lebanon Lodge, has picked up 2 spaces next to each other. This will allow us to have 2 vehicles in the parade (which will be classic cars brought by a Brother from Lebanon).

This will also give us a large space to have the other Savage Masonic Center bodies walk with us. The parade always has a large turnout and it is a wonderful way to get our name out there and be a part of the community. Lebanon is holding a picnic after the event to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England. Line up for the parade is at 11:00 am. The next day, June 25, is our annual Saints game. Brother Don Moy has tickets for that if anyone is interested. There is then the Kolacky Days Pork Burger stand July 28-30, Brat Stand August 5-6, and Le Sueur County Pork Burger stand August 18-20. More information on those events will be upcoming as they get closer. – WM Christopher Brundage

## 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 May and June 2017.

They are:

Ralph Pasquette	40 Years	05/07/1977
Harry Johnson	40 Years	06/16/1977
Kelly Bender	10 Years	05/12/2007
Thomas Smith	10 Years	05/12/2007
Chris Brundage	05 Years	05/19/2012



## The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Friday, June 29, 2017. All articles for the July/August 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 September/October 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  
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## The Roll of the Workmen Has Been Called!

And WB Edsel L. Anderson and Brother Frank Lindholm have not responded



Edsel Lawrence Anderson, of Sun City, AZ. Passed away April 5, 2017. He was born in Spencer Brook, MN. On February 21, 1917 to Andrew and Anne Anderson. He attended school in Cambridge, MN and served in the USAAF during World War II. He was self-employed both with a shell garage and towing service in Chaska, MN and moving to Phoenix in 1963, operated a mobile sales tool company throughout Phoenix. He is preceded in death by his wife Vena, his parents; sisters Elsie, Viola, Dorothy and Eunice and brother Paul, also a daughter Anita Kelty. He is survived by his son Edsel, granddaughter Kathleen Montemagni and great grandchildren Nicholas and Noelle. After retirement to Sun City West in 1979 was active in the Methodist Church, enjoyed wood shop, bowling and activities with the organ and Scandinavian Clubs. He enjoyed his Friendships in his working years and in his retirement and traveled the world extensively with tour groups and cruises. He was made an Entered Apprentice on March 30, 1954, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 20, 1954 and raised to the degree of Master Mason on April 30, 1954



Brother Frank Lindholm passed away on April 26, 2017. Brother Frank was a Mason for over 66 years and had lived up in Cross Lake, MN (just north of Brainerd) for many years. He was made an Entered Apprentice on October 18, 1950, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on October 25, 1950 and raised to the degree of Master Mason on November 22, 1950 at Dakota Lodge #7 in Hastings, MN. A memorial service will be scheduled for a future date and time. Information from Brother Frank's obituary was not available to be shared at the time of the printing of the newsletter.

Almighty God, we bless Your name in thanks for all those who have entered their rest. We ask especially that you keep alive in us, the memories of Worshipful Brother Edsel Anderson and Brother Frank Lindholm, whom you have called out of this world. Grant that every memory which turns our hearts from things seen to things unseen, may lead us always upward to You, until we too come to the place of rest you have prepared for Your faithful people. We also remember before You the family, relatives and friends who mourn the earthly loss of our Brother's. May the sense of Your love and sympathy minister to their grief and loneliness. Touch their hearts with the healing power of Your presence and grant them the strength to carry out Your will in their lives as their expression of gratitude for the life of, whose love they will always remember and cherish.

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## OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met in March. We had been dark in January and February. Copies of the yearly budget were passed out to members and it was discussed. Elections were held and new officers were elected for the upcoming year. The Worthy Matron gave a farewell speech and thanked everyone for their help. An installation ceremony was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carol Vihovde and Fred Vihovde were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Attendance was very good. It was great seeing so many people supporting the chapter. It was announced that two members of our Chapter have received Grand Officer Appointments. Our first meeting of the new year was on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Past Matrons and Patrons from our Chapter and any other Chapter in attendance were honored. There were 20 Past Matrons and 7 Past Patrons present. A great moment happened when a husband and wife were recognized for being 60 year members. They spoke about what a pleasure it was to be part of the Eastern Star for so many years.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



## Masonic Plaque

Recently WB Keith Donaldson was in Green Bay, WI and came across the following plaque on the outside of the Green Bay Masonic Center:



## 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.

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## Masonic Last Rites Request

There will come a time in our journey that we will depart this world and join our Supreme Architect. As a Mason, you have the right to request Masonic Last Rites, by providing information via a form that is available from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. It is used for you to be able to provide direction to your family and Lodge of your final wishes. When Masonic Last Rites have not been documented prior to your departure, the family must then reach out to the Lodge to request it.

If you wish to receive this form, please contact me and I will email or mail you the form to be filled out.

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## FROM THE SOUTH

As many of you may know, my new role at work has me traveling over a 29-state territory. This role puts me at the airport at the beginning and end of each week and in more hotel rooms than I can count. During this last trip, I jotted down a few observations. Although every plane is full of passengers looking to arrive at the same place, seats are designated with different status levels. How much you fly on that particular airline and how much you paid for the flight will dictate the level of service you receive. There are First Class, Preferred, A+ Preferred, etc. When you hold one of these status levels, you may be allowed to board early, sit in more comfortable seats, and receive better snacks, drinks and even meals in some instances. The inequity continues when you arrive at your destination. There are some customers that stand in long lines at the appropriate rental car booth awaiting the chance to speak with the one and only customer service rep while others simply bypass the counter altogether. When you arrive at the hotel, the front desk clerk will not only look for your reservation but will automatically review your frequent stay status. At times, Gold and Platinum members receive room upgrades, as well as bottles of water, beverages and snacks. Some hotels are equipped with an Executive Lounge or Concierge Floor. In fact, in some instances vouchers are provided to key customers to be used at restaurants, theatre and more. All of these things are to distinguish frequent loyal customers as well as attract new affluent customers.

I could go on but my point is that the foundation of Masonry rests upon the pillars of respect, integrity and brotherly love. We ask that everyone “check their hat” when passing through the Lodge door. Your title at work, the size of your home, the value of your savings account, political affiliation, and religion are all characteristics that have no bearing once inside the Lodge. Hopefully this attitude prevails for every brother outside of Lodge as well.

Respect begins with the understanding that every brother’s opinion counts. That’s one of the qualities that make Masonry so strong. Brothers come from various backgrounds, geographic regions, economic levels as well as principles and values. Respect for others not only allows individuals to accept these differences but embrace them.

Webster defines Integrity as honesty, truth and reliability. However, I believe that we as Masons must take it further. Regardless of the reason, the Masonic Fraternity does not always have the same positive impression as other fraternal groups in the public eye. We must always remember that as Masons, we represent ourselves, our families, friends AND the fraternity in whatever we do, act or say. It’s just not enough to say the truth...our actions speak so much louder than words.

On the other hand, Brotherly Love may be the easiest of all to display, ...at least to the ones we like or are like us. Current friends and those that share interests make it easy to extend that brotherly bond. The true test is when you can share that same feeling to someone that has different values, opinions, or opposing ideals than you.

With the amount of time that I am away from home, I admit, I do share in some of the benefits that are extended to frequent travelers. However, it only amplifies the true Masonic value and vision statement that is the foundation of Masonic teachings of respect, integrity and brotherly love.

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# PLAYBALL!



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THE SAINT PAUL SAINTS

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Masonic Center St. Paul Saints Baseball outing is scheduled for Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. All family members of any affiliated Savage Masonic Center bodies are urged to attend. We will begin the day at noon for a social hour. Come meet the other baseball enthusiasts from the other affiliated bodies. At 1:00 we will begin serving the "tailgate" luncheon at the Masonic Center. Brothers from MN River Valley Lodge # 6 will be grilling and serving Burgers, Brats, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, and all of the fixings will be available at the tailgate.

- Don't like the hassle of driving to a Saints game in all of that traffic?
- Don't enjoy paying for the overpriced parking?
- Don't relish the 6-block walk to the ballpark after you park?

A bus (capacity 40) will be available to the first 40 individuals to sign up and pay for the group transportation. We can certainly request a second bus if there is enough demand. The bus will bring us back to the Masonic Center following the game.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5:05 Sunday evening. We have group eating in section 112 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line.





**MASONIC CENTER**  
**ST. PAUL SAINTS ORDER FORM**



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THE SAINT PAUL SAINTS

\_\_\_\_\_ # TICKETS @ \$18.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # OF BUS TICKETS @ \$11.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # OF TAILGATICKETS @ 6.00 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this page and the appropriate amount to:**

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- (612) 799 – 2174

• OR

- Leave in an envelope at the Masonic Center Office, **ATTN: Donald Moy**



## BROTHERS!! Our symbols are here and DONE!!

It's taken some time to get these from an idea, to a work in progress, to finally a completion of work.

Behold! Your Lodge's symbols!

The first one (the one the left) is the embroidered symbol that goes onto clothing. It can go onto any piece of clothing and any color piece of clothing be it, long sleeve shirts, polo shirts, jackets, golf vests and pull overs, cooking aprons, ball caps, stocking caps and even mittons! Don't worry about the red color. That was the Embroiderer testing the design and she used a piece of red scrap cloth.

The second one (the one in the middle) is the gray tone symbol. That one is for silk screening. T-shirts, can cozies and the likes. It was set in gray tone so that the embroiderer is able to set the color(s) to your specifications. Thus you have to pick the colors and would pay extra for the ones you choose.

The third one (the one on the right) is the final completion from the Embroiderer for the temporary tattoos. These tattoos will be passed out at events such as Dan Patch Days (the parade), the Kid's ID program, Bethel and Job's Daughters events. We will be discussing how many to be made/ordered at May's upcoming Stated meeting. The Prices given to me are as follows:

1.5"x1.5"	2"x2"
200 @ \$.38	200@ \$.51
500@ \$.20	500@ \$.27
1000@ \$.12	1000@ \$.15

I'm sure that if we order more, there will probably be more price breaks.

We discussed at the last Steering meeting that we will add an additional \$5 to every item to assist the Lodge in any and all expenses. Meaning that if the item you're purchasing an item for \$27, it would be \$32 total.

All of these items (with the exception of the tattoos, as these will be purchased by the Lodge and dispersed as it sees fit) are NOW available for purchase. If this is something that you're interested in, please feel free to contact me via [email](#). Tell me what you're looking for, size, color and your phone number so that I can call you back if need be. I will also be bringing the Embroiderer's catalog to all the meetings (Stated and Steering) so that you're able to browse and take a look. Also don't forget that you can personlize all of the items I just told you about (except the tattoos). Meaning that if you're getting a polo shirt, you can also put your name on it along with PM (if Past Master applies to you). Or a symbol of your liking. There will be an extra charge for personalization.

I will place orders bi-weekly if there are a lot of them. If it slows down, monthly. CASH will be collected prior to any order being input.

Again, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have. I'm always here for you.

Peace and Harmony be with you all.

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## Von Hansen Brat and Hot Dog Stand Work Event



Our next Von Hanson Brat Stand is fast approaching and we are 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, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and we need about 4 individuals per shift. Last year the two events that we held were very successful and they were a lot of fun.

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 times to Chris Heiliger at [cheiliger@msn.com](mailto:cheiliger@msn.com) or call Chris at (651) 336-4999.

If you are unable to work, please feel free to stop by and buy a hot dog and or brat as that will also support the Lodge.

We hope to see you there.

## Hiram Award Event

On April 1, 2017, WB Doug Rhodes presented WB Steven Scheffert with the 2016 Hiram Award. A great time was had by all. Here are just a couple of photos from the event.



## Perpetual Masonic Life Memberships

Have you ever thought about a Perpetual Life Membership with your Lodge? Life memberships can offer a Brother a one-time or multiyear payment(s) to be made to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota (not your current Lodge) based upon an age factor number that they provide times the current dues rate of your Lodge. Then each year when your Lodge dues cards come out, you will receive your dues card from your Lodge Secretary and no future payment would be required, regardless of what the dues for the year are. The prepaid dues are only good for the Lodge that you apply for, so if you belong to multiple Lodges and want to have a Life Membership with each one, then you would need to submit an application for each Lodge and pay the respective amount.

If you are interested in this option, feel free utilize the [Pre-Paid Dues \(Life Membership\) Brochure](#) (click the link) that is provided by the Grand Lodge. If you interested in this option and are not able to access the brochure, then contact your Lodge Secretary for a copy of it.

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



### May 2017

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting  
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board  
of Directors Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn  
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Von Hanson’s Brat Stand  
Fundraising Event
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –  
Light Supper Provided
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day



### June 2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting  
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn  
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 12<sup>th</sup> – KC/Mason Chicken Dinner Planning  
Meeting at Richter’s Woods in  
Montgomery.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board  
of Directors Meeting.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 A.M. – Savage Dan Patch Parade  
Event.
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 P.M. St. Paul Saints Game
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –  
Light Supper Provided
- 29<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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