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Stated Meeting Date and Time:

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

News from the East

Greetings Brothers, family, and friends,

The summer is winding down, but by the way the weather feels fall came early. We have completed our fundraising activities that included two brat stands and the pork burger stand at Kolacky days and Le Sueur county fair. I want to thank everyone who showed up and volunteered their time and energy to make these a success. Summers can get busy enough with vacations, barbeques, and almost every organization, church, and neighborhood planning get together. So, it really does mean a lot that so many could find time out of their busy schedules to help the lodge in these undertakings. We have also had our 49th annual KC/Mason chicken dinner. Once again, the dinner was wonderful and the speaker from Minnesota Masonic Charities was very engaging.

It is truly amazing just how time seems to work. The future seems distant. That it will not get here quickly. This can cause us to delay in work. I know that I can be guilty of that. I have always said I was an amateur procrastinator. I was going to become a professional one later. But that future has a way of sneaking up on us. What was once years away became months, then weeks, then days, and now is here. 8 months have come and gone in 2017, but it still feels like it has been maybe 5. We are taught as Entered Apprentices to divide our time so that we can properly fit out duties into a day. This seems easier said than done. As life continues, we can accept more and more responsibilities thinking that it can be balanced. But while we may find more things to fill our time, we do not gain more time.

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News from the East, Continued

Just because I have taken on enough work to fill a 32-hour day does not mean a day is now 32 hours. I need to remind myself of this sometimes. Sometimes help needs to be asked for so that a project can be completed. Sometimes I need to find the ability to say "no" if it conflicts with other responsibilities. This is a lesson that I have needed to learn over the past two years, as a student, husband, employee, Master, and new father. I believe that it is a life lesson that can also be shared before someone else burns out from trying to do too much. "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst."-William Penn

I would like to remind the Brothers that there is an upcoming 4th School of Instruction. It is September 9th at 9 am. We will be hosting it at the Savage Lodge and it will cover openings and closings. Also note that the September stated has been moved to September 12 and will be at Richter's Woods in Montgomery. This is our summer table lodge and is open to Masons only. Social is at 6 with our meeting starting at 7.

Fraternally,
Christopher Brundage
Worshipful Master
master@mn-rivervalley.org



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 September and October 2017.

They are:

Mike Riker	05 Years	09/22/2012
Jeremy Sacker	05 Years	09/22/2012
James Wallin	05 Years	09/22/2012



A Dinner to Honor our Masonic Widows



It's time for our third annual dinner to honor our Masonic widows. This event has been well received and enjoyed by all who have attended and appreciated by our Masonic widows.

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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.

Quote to Think About

"Side-liners have a vital role in Lodges. They give encouragement to the officers; otherwise, it would just be a bunch of men progressing through the chairs, serving nobody except themselves."

Sir Knight S. Ray Miller, 32 Degree and a Knight
Templar Wichita, Kansas

FROM THE SOUTH

Labor Day, ...

Some will relate this to the start of the school year and the end of summer. To others, Labor Day marks of the end of the Minnesota State Fair. While others view it as the last “long weekend” of the year. Others see it as the final time to get to their summer cabin up North. While there are still some that look to this date as the weekend to capture the best retail sales.

Webster defines Labor Day as the first Monday in September, which is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Ironically, Labor Day celebrates the hard work and efforts of workers at their specific occupation, yet the majority of Americans view the Labor Day holiday as an extra day away from their employment.

The Masonic Fraternity has much to celebrate for the work of Free Masons in the past. However, not only do we need to continue our efforts and focus our work as a fraternal organization but look to ways to improve and strengthen our effectiveness. Our work is our Labor. We are reminded of this each and every Stated Meeting as the Junior Warden describes his role as calling the craft from Labor to Refreshment and on again in due season.

We've all witness this masonic work during the recent Minnesota River Valley Lodge # 6 fund-raisers; Brat Stands, Kolacky Days, and the LeSueur County Fair. Too many names to mention for the success of the events plus I'm sure to forget one or two if I tried to list everyone. However please note that your WORK is noted and very much appreciated. Each event was a success in its own right and adds to the financial strength of the Lodge to use to help others. It's amazing to me how many people will buy a brat in the pouring rain. I would encourage you to consider participating in one of these events the next time around. It's WORK, but at each event that I attended, the fun and interaction amongst Brothers far our way the effort extended. One of the founding Masonic Principles that our fraternity was built is the Principle that:

“It is important to “WORK” to make the world a better place for all”

Finally, if you are one of the fortunate ones that may have plans for the holiday at a picnic, cabin, lake. party or just at home recharging your battery please keep the following groups in mind as they play an important role in your ability to relax on Labor Day.

- A salute to our past and active military personnel; Without their WORK, we would not have the freedom that we experience today
- A pat on the back to all the civil workers; police personnel, fire fighters and first responders who keep us safe and secure
- A hearty thanks to the hospital workers and employees who are always there when something does go awry.

Please keep these individuals in your thoughts as they are the ones WORKING to maintain our freedom and security.

Donald Moy
Junior Warden
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Chaplain's Corner

Hello Everyone,

There are brothers who still need our constant thoughts and prayers.

WB Henry Schaffer continues to require hospital stay during his chemotherapy treatments. His cancer has reoccurred to a more aggressive sort. Don't forget his lovely wife Rosalie for all of her care.

WB Gordy Bane who continues his diligent care for his wife Patricia. She currently is in need of even more care and attention these days in her battle with cancer.

Brother Dallas Horejsi did attend some portions of setup at K days but his normal helpfulness and attendance are far from possible. His spirits are good as is his sense of humor. His lungs and breathing are much depleted from Agent Orange exposure.

WB Ed Reiners is continuing with his chemo treatments for cancer. He has dropped weight, and his prognosis remains the same.

WB Chris Heiliger and WB Ed Morse continue progress in their recovery of Prostate cancer. Reminder from them to get your PSA testing done on a regular basis, it's a blood test.

The brothers who continue to search for permanent Full-Time work. While temporary work Full and Part time help, the mental fatigue and stress this puts on the whole family is immeasurable. Stop and think if this sort of thing would affect your confidence and self-image. I can certainly pass along any job opportunities to the brothers I know off in this position. There are other brothers who have been helping with short part time work, Thank you for your help! Let's keep our eyes and ears open for the right opportunities. I know there are more brothers who may be in need of career help, contact me if I can help to share any openings.

Let's keep an ear out for our brothers and sister who may be hurting and listen when they open up. Sometimes just you help by listening as they verbalize things on their mind.

Tim Pray, Chaplain

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The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Friday, October 27, 2017. All articles for the November/December 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 January/February 2018 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)



OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met on July 20th. It was discussed and approved for the Chapter to give Honorary Memberships to the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron at the official visit in October. A fund-raising project was scheduled. A scholarship fund was also established. The station of Organist was honored. Past and Present Organists were introduced and given a gift. They add so much to a meeting and are greatly appreciated by everyone. The Chapter met again on August 17th. The theme for the night was a celebration of the Renaissance period. Two tickets were given away for the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee. The September fund raiser project was also talked about.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



Quote

Choosing the path of wisdom is not the easy option.

September 2017 Stated Meeting Change Communication

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

September Meeting:

When: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Location: Richter's Woods
35672 173rd 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

sec@mn-rivervalley.org or 402-960-3629

Special Thanks to all of those that worked this year during Kolacky Days. Here are a few photos from the event. Pictured below are WB Nate Smithson manning the grill and Brother Dan Ploenzke cutting up some onions.



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



September 2017

- 4th – Labor Day
- 7th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 9th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers
Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 9th – 9:00 A.M. 4th School of Instructions.
- 12th – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:00 P.M. (**Note the Date and
time Change**)
- 13th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting
- 13th – 7:00 P.M. By-Laws Committee Meeting
- 19th – 6:00 P.M. Widows Dinner
- 26th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided
- 28th – Reserved for Ritual Work



October 2017

- 3rd – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 5th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 11th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 14th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 24th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided
- 26th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 27th – 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/>
