



[HTTP://WWW.MN-RIVERVALLEY.ORG](http://www.mn-rivervalley.org)

THE WAYFARER

MN RIVER VALLEY LODGE #6

“PUBLISHED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF MINNESOTA”

Volume 20, Issue 04

July/August 2018

Lodge Officers:

Master – James Wallin
(651) 274-0081
master@mn-rivervalley.org

Senior Warden – Don Moy
(952) 891-1930
sw@mn-rivervalley.org

Junior Warden – Ted Smith
(952) 492-6977
jw@mn-rivervalley.org

Treasurer – Joe Andrus
(952) 432-1660
treas@mn-rivervalley.org

Secretary – WB Steven Scheffert
(402) 960-3629
sec@mn-rivervalley.org

Chaplain – WB Tim Pray
(952) 212-1505
chaplain@mn-rivervalley.org

Lodge Location:

4821 West 124th Street
Savage, MN 55378

Stated Meeting Date and Time:

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

Masons in the Dark

As Master you come across many things in your duties for your Lodge. Bylaws, social events, supporting your appendant bodies (Job's Daughters, OES and other Lodges), fund raising events and even funerals for your Brothers. You also spend time with newest Brothers in the North-East. All the while, you're trying to be a role model.

One thing that many people know about me is that I am so proud to be a Mason and wear my ring proudly. It's not something that I wear to show off. Quite the contrary. I wear it, that other Masons may know me in the Light as well as the dark.

But what about the Masons that wear nothing? Not like wearing a ring or a shirt, but never wear anything so no one knows. I'm not speaking about the man that doesn't wear anything because he wears a uniform or can't wear rings, etc. I'm speaking about the man that doesn't want to be recognized as a Mason at all.

In the Light as well as the dark. We have something that when we are in dire straits or need we can use to call to our other Brothers to let them know we ARE a Brother in need. But why would one ever hide that intentionally? I've had a discussion with a Brother recently about this and how we both agree that if you're intentionally hiding this, you're no better than a clandestine Mason.

Think about it. You're hiding who you are. Hiding who you've obligated yourself to be to your Brothers.

Continued on the next page

Masons in the Dark, Continued

I've recently heard how a man just became a Mason and then a ton of cousins and uncles have come up to him and told him they're Masons as well. Why did you hide it prior? What was the point of hiding this? Why are you not proud to show this? My nephews know that I'm a Mason. Everyone in my family knows that I'm a Mason. The People that I work with know I'm a Mason. I know that we're all different. Heck, that's what Masonry is. Acceptance. Acceptance of different things, thoughts and beliefs.

When you hide, you're being clandestine. Clandestine – Kept secret or done secretly. When you intentionally hide you're a Mason, you're clandestine. Our Grand Lodge bylaws even address this; we are not allowed to converse Masonically, "And that no countenance be given to any irregular Lodge or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the Ancient Charges of Freemasonry."

Now I know what you're saying. If a Mason chooses to hide that he's a Mason, that doesn't necessarily apply to that above statement. You're absolutely right. So, let me ask you something.

Why would you want to, Masonically, associate with someone with a "Brother" that doesn't want to be recognized as such? Why are you reading this newsletter? I'm guessing to catch up with the Lodge's comings and goings. To see what upcoming events you'd like to attend. To gain further Light?

That's exactly I'm doing every time I meet with you Brother. I'm catching up with you. I'm giving and accepting of your feelings, love, thoughts and ideas. I'm Gaining further Light from you. Because you identify yourself as a Brother Mason to me.

Brothers I ask that you let your Masonic Light shine to all, Masonic and non-Masonic. How else are other men, deserving of such a wonderful gift, supposed to ask us questions if they don't even know we exist?

Never look down on someone unless you're helping them up. I am, and always will be, my Brother's keeper.

WB James T. Wallin & Brother Geno Carlson
MN River Valley Lodge #6

P.S. Brothers, as you head into the holiday to be with your family, friends and Brothers... Remember those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for us to do so. Remember the ones that have fought so hard for us. Have patience with those that had to go there for us and are terrified of the sounds of the "rocket's red glare." Lord knows what you had to go through for us and I thank you personally.

James T. Wallin
Master
master@mn-rivervalley.org



The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Thursday, August 30, 2018. All articles for the September/October 2018 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 2018 issue of The Wayfarer.

Thank You,

WB Steven Scheffert – (news@mn-rivervalley.org)

Role of the Workman

It is with great sadness to inform you that the roll of the Workman Has Been Called and Jack E. Swenson has not responded. Jack passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2018 and a grave side service was held for him at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jack was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 2, 1972, Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on March 8, 1973 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 12, 1973.

Please keep Jack's family in your prayers at this time.

From the West

Anyone who travels knows the hustle and bustle of a trip between the preparation, packing, rushing to the airport, TSA, rental cars, hotels and full itinerary, there is so much to think about. Ironically however, the one thing you seem to get in this hurry up and wait scenario is spurts of down time. I tend to find the nearest Starbucks or Caribou during these times. At my most recent visit I could not help but to overhear a number of conversations around me. To my left, was a couple rifling through the store ads trying to find the best 4th of July discounts at various stores. On the other side of my table was co-workers complaining how the holiday landing in the middle of the week has placed a major crimp in their vacation schedule to the cabin. Although I'm confident that each of these individuals are fully aware of the meaning and history of the 4th of July celebration, their concerns turned to pricing deals and BOGOs at store to the inconvenience of the day of the week that does not provide an opportunity to exploit a long weekend. Let's take time to remember the true reason behind the celebration rather than only focusing on the 20% discount on Flag t-shirts. So many of our founders fought for our very freedom that we enjoy but not always appreciate fully. Our country's foundation is built on this freedom. Much like our Nation's history, Masonry is rich in history with the core values and traditions that remain true today. As you know, one of the core principles of Masonry is that No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe. This is so true through our nation's constitution and just as prominent in the Masonic fraternity. We are all Brothers with equal thoughts and opinions. Respecting one another is the core value to the harmony that is the strength and support of all societies, especially of ours. We all have the ability and more importantly the responsibility to be good citizens and obey the law. This 4th of July, enjoy the parades, cookouts, beverages and fireworks while keeping the true meaning of our Nation's Freedom in our hearts. Happy 4th of July!

Donald Moy
Senior Warden
sw@mn-rivervalley.org



OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met on May 17th. Mothers were honored for Mother's Day. A poem was read by the Worthy Matron. She asked if anybody there wanted to share stories of themselves and their mothers. Many of them had interesting remembrances to tell. The Chapter met again on June 21st. It was School of Instruction night. Every year the assigned District Instructor visits each Chapter on an agreed date. Ritual work is reviewed. Questions are answered, it's interesting and you always seem to learn something. The Worthy Patron gave a flag tribute and a talk on flowers – the wild rose and the violet. Fathers were honored, given a treat and they shared memories of important experiences in their life. It was a busy, but fun meeting for everyone.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



June Stated Meeting

Brethren,

On June 5th, our Stated Meeting was held at the beautiful Alfred E. Ames Lodge Room at the MN Masonic Heritage Center. Several Brethren were able to attend and took advantage of the meeting to get a group photo. Plans are in the works to meet there again for the April 2019 Stated Meeting, so stay tuned for more information.



Knights of Columbus-Mason Chicken Dinner

Brothers,

On Monday, June 11th members of our Lodge and members from the New Prague 4th Degree Knights of Columbus met at Richter's Woods in Montgomery. The meeting was to plan the upcoming 50th annual KC-Mason Chicken Dinner.

The details of the upcoming dinner event are the following:

When: Wednesday, August 22nd
Time: 6:00 p.m. Social and 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Where: KC Hall of New Prague
411 4th 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
2. WM James Wallin: 612-274-0081 or at dudley997@gmail.com

This year the Knights of Columbus 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).



On Pizza

At our last steering meeting we had pizza and salad for the meal. While no one could remember when the last time we had pizza, it did result in some flak being given to the Stewards. The food itself is not what makes the meals we have before our meetings important. The real value is in the fellowship that occurs with the meal. This time brings us closer together as friends and as brothers; it is one of the things that causes me to look forward to meeting nights. There are some brothers who we see only at a few meeting while they go through the degrees and then they grace our meetings with their presence no more. Maybe they join some of the appendant bodies and become busy there, maybe they become busy with their Families, their work, or their community. Maybe they find themselves living on the other side of the country, or the other side of the world. While we should be proud of their involvement in these things, we do miss their presence at our meetings and events. If you fall into one of the previously mentioned categories or have missed our meetings for some other reason, I would encourage you to attend one of our meetings or events. Whether you attend table lodge, help out at the pork stand, volunteer at roadside cleanup, attend a meeting, or just drop us a note, we would love to enjoy your fellowship. And if you do join us for a meeting, be sure to come for the meal as well. The Stewards put on a great meal, even in the rare case that they serve pizza.

Ted Smith
Junior Warden
jw@mn-rivervalley.org



Von Hansen Brat and Hot Dog Stand Work Event

The 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 home. We have this set up with 2 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday, August 4th and 5th and we need about 4 individuals per shift.

You can sign up for the event by utilizing the following link to the work schedule and you can select the appropriate time to work.

[Click to here sign up](#)

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 or to get signed up to Ben Sorenson at rivervalley_mason@sorensonauto.com or call Ben at (612) 756-0760

We hope to see you there.

Save the Date(s)

Wednesday, September 26th

Widows Dinner
American Legion Post 643
12375 Princeton Ave, Savage, MN 55378



Saturday, December 8th

Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6
Installation of Lodge Leadership Team
Officers and Appointed Positions
Savage Masonic Center.



Saturday, February 2nd, 2019

Table Lodge
American Legion Post 643
12375 Princeton Ave, Savage, MN 55378



September 2018 Stated Meeting Change Communication

Brethren of MN River Valley Lodge #6, please take notice that the September 2018 Stated Communication meeting has been changed to the following date, location and time:

When: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
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.

St. Paul Saints Game

Brothers,

Only 8 Saints tickets left for the Annual Minnesota River Valley Lodge # 6 Saint Paul Saints Outing scheduled for Saturday, August 11th. If you are interested in going, please call right away

Donald Moy, SW
(612) 799-2174
donaldmoy@msn.com

Don't miss out of the fun! As they say, "When they're gone... they're gone!"



Stay tuned for more information

Pork Burger Stand Kolacky Days and the Le Sueur County Fair



Every year I open with “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 27-29 and the Le Sueur County Fair is August 16-19, so we will be setting up on Wednesday, July 25th for Kolacky Days and on Tuesday, August 14th for the Le Sueur County Fair. Setup times are yet to be determined, so stay tuned.

Have you seen the movie Ground Hog Day? If not, the premise is that Bill Murray is stuck in an endless loop. Every day he wakes up and it is Ground Hog Day, and the same thing happens over and over. Welcome to Kolacky Days 2017, oh wait, no it’s 2018! 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 Le Sueur County Fair. Rides, 4-H exhibits, demo derby, tractor pull, and live entertainment. The Le Sueur County Fair is in LeCenter. Yes, it is a long drive for those of you in Bloomington or Apple Valley but think of the fun you will have!

Just like last year, we are telling you this because we NEED something from you. WE NEED 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. This will be communicated prior to the events.

I know your next question – “Jeremy! How do I sign up?” Look for an email from me in the near future with a link to Sign Up Genius, the same tool we used last year and the year before that. 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
612.803.6774

Jeremy Sacker

Chaplain’s Report

Summer arrives, and we wonder where spring went. We waited so long for spring to arrive and then we are trying to get our summer schedule lined up before it dissipates. We love our families, as should be, nothing Masonic should come before our God or family. Wait, what day is it? August something? September what? Summer is gone! 3 months at maximum. June, July and August then it's gone. September is already fall, October can be the beginning of winter!

Back to today, reach out to a brother that crosses your mind. Don't wait for something else. Your brother entered your mind for a reason. Call, email them. All you have to do is ask, how are you doing?

Keep these brothers in your thoughts and prayers;

- Gordy Bane and his wife Patricia,
- Rod Kirkwold and his wife Ginny,
- Kimm Pray,
- WB Ken Betterton on the recent loss of his daughter.
- We recently lost one of our widows, Kris Huhner, wife of Dave Huhner.

WB Tim Pray
Chaplain



York Rite Brotherhood Night August 8, 2018



The members of Ark Royal Arch Chapter, Omega Council and Minneapolis Mounted Commandery cordially invites all Master Masons for an evening of great food, and Brotherhood. Come join us for our Annual Steak Fry on August 8th.

Cost 15.00

Minnehaha Lodge 5149 Bloomington Ave. So. Minneapolis

RSVP is required by August 6th, so we can pick out a nice steak for you and set a place at the table.

Please call Chuck Munson at 612-703-6224 or e mail at chuck.munson@gmail.com

**SAVE THIS
DATE**

August 9, 2018

5:00 pm

Brotherhood of the Big Tent

All Masons of any degree, their Wives / Significant others and interested guests are invited

Grand Lodge and Appending Bodies are invited to have a information table and / or display

Besides tipping a glass and breaking bread, we are also making available pool, darts, cards etc.

RSVP's Are Required!

Dinner—Illustrious Jerry Oliver and his BBQ Team

Cost—\$10 per person

Cash Bar—By the Lowry

Email the Scottish Rite at:

Jackie@aasrnm.org

Or Call the Office at:

612-871-1500



MINNEAPOLIS
SCOTTISH RITE



Sherburne Lodge #95 Inaugural Tee It Up Tourney

Sunday, August 19th
1pm Shotgun

Pheasant Acers Golf Course
Foursomes \$320 / Singles \$80

Includes:

18 Holes, Golf Cart, Dinner & Goody Bag
Sign Up Deadline: August 13th

For Tournament Details Contact:
WB Dennis Niles: 763-227-7685
Or Email dtniles@Comcast.Net

A Masonic Retreat: October 26 – 28, 2018

Sponsored by Minnesota Chapter No. 1 Royal Arch Masons

Minnesota Chapter No. 1 presents a weekend of fellowship and workshops for **All Masons** covering various topics, i.e., Masonic teachings, Masonic esoterica, Ancient Mystery Schools, ritual work, Alchemy, Rosicrucians, etc. Highlighted by a featured Saturday evening talk please join us to enjoy education, fellowship and a journey into the hidden and not so hidden mysteries of Masonry, how we can live from their teachings in our lives and carry them into the world.



- Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 26 – 28, 2018.
- Location – Dunrovin Christian Brothers Retreat Center. Marine on St. Croix, MN. Beautiful river bluff setting, great food, fellowship around the campfire with cigars and tall tales.
- Cost (registration form on back) – \$225.00 for the first 20 Registrants
 - \$235.00 until June 1
 - \$245.00 after June 1

Timothy Hogan is an author and lecturer within the Western Mystery school tradition. He is a Past Master within several different spiritual and initiatic traditions, including bodies in Freemasonry (AF&AM) and of Rosicrucian lineages. Timothy lectures all over the world in both public and private venues, and appears on television programs world wide. He is author of several esoteric Masonic books and published in a number of periodicals over the last decade.

Session Topics last year included: Masonic Tolerance; Masonry, Symbolism and Verbal Communication; Asiatic Brethren of Germany; Five Points of Fellowship; Hermetic Traditions; Theurgy; Kensington Rune Stone Update. Expect more like these. Have you got one you would like to present? We're taking applications. Contact Terry.

Make checks out to: MN Chapter No. 1 York Rite Masons
Mail payments to Terry Christiansen, 57 Glen Edge Road, Dellwood MN 55110
<http://www.mnyorkrite1.org/>

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



July 2018

- 3rd – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- 4th – Independence Day
- 11th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 12th – Entered Apprentice Degree Practice
- 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
- 25th – Kolacky Days Food Stand Setup
- 26th – 7:00 P.M. Entered Apprentice Degree
- 27th – 29th – Kolacky Days Food Stand Event



August 2018

- 2nd – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 4th – 5th – Von Hanson's Brat Stand Event
- 7th – 7:30 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- 8th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting
- 11th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 14th – Le Sueur County Fair Food Stand Setup
- 16th – 19th – Le Sueur County Fair Food Stand
Event
- 22nd – 6:00 P.M. KC-Mason Chicken Dinner
- 23rd – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 28th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided
- 30th – 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/>
