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Stated Meeting Date and Time:

1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

From the East

WOW, what a year so far. As I begin to write this piece, I can't help but to think about all of the things we've done and accomplished!

- ✓ Raising 5 New Brothers
- ✓ Annual Winter Table Lodge
- ✓ Wine Tasting
- ✓ Feed My Starving Children Event
- ✓ Grand Lodge (Where we had **15 MRVL # 6** Attend)
- ✓ Bowling Night Event
- ✓ Steak Dinner Social and Fund-Raising event
- ✓ An additional 5 new petitions
- ✓ Scotch Tasting Event
- ✓ Roadside Clean-up
- ✓ Golf Outing
- ✓ Along with others

And the best part... We've got another 6 months of a fun-filled calendar remaining including:

- Kolacky Days – Social and Fund Raiser
- Masonic Saint Paul Saints Game Outing
- Community ID Theft Seminar
- Annual Widow's Holiday Baskets Event
- Degree work / Mentoring work
- Masonic Elko Speedway Social Outing
- KC/Masons Dinner
- Community Blood Drive Event
- Masonic Rib Fest Competition and Social Event
- Masonic Dinner Cruise
- Masonic Center CPR Training
- Masonic Chili cook off and Social Event
- Masonic Game Night
- Just to name a "FEW"

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From the East, Continued

As you can see the list continues. Hopefully you will be able to consult your MRVL # 6 Calendar for the full list of events. This edition of our newsletter gives us a natural pause to reflect on the past events of the first half of the month as well as anticipation for the upcoming gatherings. In a like manner, we have a natural break in the regular calendar as well;

FORTH OF JULY! ...

- The day off from work...
- Since it lands on Thursday this year, possibly an extra-long weekend...
- Grilling out in the back yard...
- Fireworks
- “Huge” discounts and sales at your local retail store...
- A get-away Up North...
- The local city/town parade...
- Fishing at the Lake
- A chance to take in a St. Paul Saints or 1st Place Twins game...

Just some of the things that come to mind when many of us think of the 4th of July holiday. I would encourage all of you to take advantage of this time to relax, recharge, reconnect and enjoy time with friends and family. Your personal list for this holiday may include 1 or more from the list above but I would challenge each of you to add one more to your list, **REMEMBER**

REMEMBER: the true meaning of 4th of July

Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states

REMEMBER: the ones who gave the ultimate sacrifice

There is no greater gift that a person can give to his or her country than the ultimate sacrifice. This

weekend we take time to remember service members who died in the line of duty defending our freedom in conflicts across the globe. To all troops who paid the ultimate price, we salute you. You're going to want to hear what they have to say - make sure your sound is on.

REMEMBER: Military

It is a day to remember all veterans who have served in American wars. All have sacrificed. Some have sacrificed profoundly. In the United States, November 11th is observed as Armistice Day to commemorate when the allied forces and Germany signed an armistice during the eleventh (11th) hour of the eleventh (11th) day of the eleventh (11th) month in 1918 at the end of World war I. In 1954, U.S. Congress changed the name to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars.

REMBBER: Fellow brothers

Now, take time to remember your fellow Brothers. We don't need a special holiday or date on the calendar for this. This is one of those times that should live in your hearts every day. Truthfully, isn't that the foundation of Masonry? During these sunny days, there are brothers that are by themselves and lonely. There are Brothers that just can't get out anymore without a great deal of effort and challenge. Let's not forget the those that at ill and battling various disease or just need a helping hand. It's easy to get caught up with all of the plans, schedules, parades and fireworks, but let's all take a part of the holiday to remember.

Happy 4th of July Brothers!

Don Moy
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From the West

It has been said Masonry is a marathon, not a sprint. I was reminded of this when I recently sat in the East to fill in for WM Don Moy, as he was out of town. A marathon has a slow steady pace, and where one is changes gradually. As I have progressed through the chairs, I too have changed. It has been a slow and steady change, not always evident until one looks back at where they came from. At a meeting in 2013, when we were meeting in St. Louis Park, WM Ken Betterton asked me to fill in for the Tyler. I was very nervous about taking this role, my mind full of what ifs, but I did it anyway. When WM Don told me that he would not be able to be at the meeting and asked me to fill in for him, I had far fewer what ifs racing through my mind and was able to say yes with far more confidence. I was still a little nervous, but far less than the first time I put on an officer's apron. I have changed, and it is thanks to my Brothers who have seen something in me and nurtured it. Brothers who have given helpful advice and have taken time to teach by words and deeds. I hope that I have been and will be as helpful to my Brothers as they have been to me.

The idea that the East is not the be-all end-all of a Journey through Masonry was reinforced that meeting. There were many lessons for me to learn at that meeting. There were a few surprises both for me and for others. This taught the importance of having good two-way communication. It also taught the importance of surrounding yourself with good people. I have been fortunate to be surrounded by good people. Not just my fellow officers, but by the Brothers of the Lodge, and the entire Masonic family. Sitting in the East also gave me ideas for things that I would like to do next year, tradition prevailing. We will have to wait and see how those ideas flesh out.

I look forward to continuing my Masonic journey with all of you.

Ted Smith
Sr. Warden



2019 Dues Reminder

If you have yet to do so, please remember to pay your dues. Our operating budget for the year is based on the dues that are received, so it is critical that individuals pay in a timely manner, so that the Lodge can continue to function properly. Also, if you are involved with another Masonic organization, you must remain current in the Blue Lodge to remain a member in good standing with the other organizations. If you have any questions about the 2019 dues, please contact the Lodge Secretary

OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met on May 16th. Reports were given on Grand Chapter and Membership. How to get new members, promote the Chapter, and what legislation was passed was presented to everyone there. The budget which was discussed at our last meeting was approved. Fundraising plans were also talked about. I will report on the June, July and August meetings in the next issue. We will have an official visit from the Minnesota Grand Chapter Family in August.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Thursday, August 29, 2019. All articles for the September / October 2019 issue are due by 5:00 p.m. on that day. Any articles that are received after the due date will be held over for the November/December 2019 issue of The Wayfarer.

Thank You,
WB Steven Scheffert –
(wayfarer@mn-rivervalley.org)



September 2019 Stated Meeting Change Communication

Brethren of MN River Valley Lodge #6, please take notice that the September 2019 Stated Communication meeting has been changed to the following date, location and time:

When: Tuesday, September 10, 2019
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 at (402) 960-3629 or at sec@mn-rivervalley.org

May Stated Communication Group Photo



At the May 7th Stated Communication, we took a group photo to help celebrate Brother Ted Smith's first time sitting in the East. We also had several Brethren attend the meeting that were celebrating a Masonic Anniversary, who were the following:

John Loutzenhiser – 55 Years, Ned Pilling – 48 Years,
Bob Davis, Jr. – 40 Years, Lynden Jelinek – 30 Years,
Marvin Jakes, Sr. – 30 Years, Mike Kottwitz – 25 Years

Knights of Columbus-Mason Chicken Dinner

Brothers,

On Monday, June 10th 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 51st annual KC-Mason Chicken Dinner.

The details of the upcoming dinner event are the following:

When: Wednesday, August 21st
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: \$16.00 per person

Tickets for the event will be available at the door and from WB Don Conn, who can be contacted at 952-758-3506 or at jud4540@yahoo.com

This year our Lodge is 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).



Lexophile's for Thought!

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

The Journey and the Seminar

I want to share my journey with my Brothers as we attended the Metro West Educational Seminars Thursdays from May 16th to June 13th. Week one, I picked up WB Dennis at the Savage Masonic Center. I didn't know what to expect as we drove to Osseo Masonic center. Dennis and I have had very little one on one interaction, so spending the time driving up and back from the 2 Lodges was a great opportunity to get to know Dennis better and share our stories and backgrounds. The First Seminar was eye opening for me, they start with an outline of the Seminars and we start the EA Degree. I have heard bits and pieces of much of the information on the meaning, symbolism of the EA degree over the years, but to have it put together to this degree was exciting to see and learn. We now have a tool to give to our Mentors that is simple to use, gives an outline of things to cover as they work with their new brother. Personally, I was not jumping at becoming a Mentor because I don't know, what I know or if I would cover everything that I should. These PowerPoint presentations will give me the confidence that I can sound like I know what I am doing. The other nice thing is that these PowerPoint presentations are able to be edited and customized to our Lodge. Some of the slides have history of Anoka Lodge #30, which we can replace with Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6 and our history. There is some work to be done and we will need to mentor our Mentors but 90% or more is there.

Week two, I picked up WB Denis and Br. Ted and headed on our way. Dennis and I sharing what happened the last week along with getting to know more about Ted as a brother. At the Seminar we finish the EA degree- my eyes opening wider and creating more excitement about how our Lodge can use these tools to bring new Brothers to Light in Masonry by giving good lessons and educating them about the Blue Lodge and keep these Brothers interested and create a fire in them of curiosity to desire more.

Week Three, I picked up WB Tim, WB Dennis and Br. Ted. We are a full car of 4 Brothers wanting to learn with more stories being shared by everyone. We help Tim get up to speed with how these seminars have gone over the first 2 weeks. I asked Tim to ask me the questions for the MM first lecture which I am doing next week with Br. Ben, since I am driving it is a very distracted practice but a good challenge. Ideas are being shared to intensify with Tim who is working with the Mentors for our Lodge. This Seminar we start the FC degree. With 4 Brothers from Our Lodge and word

getting to other lodges this was the largest group so far. On the way back to Savage more discussion and excitement about how we can utilize this information for our Mentors and what we want to do as a lodge over the next few years to add new Brothers and the process to improve retainage.

Week four, I am not able to make this Seminar because we are doing EA degree work at the lodge for our new candidates. WB Tim and WB Dennis are able to go so our Lodge is represented and we do not miss any of the information they will be finishing the FC degree and starting the MM degree. I am disappointed that I cannot make this week's seminar since I made all the others before and I will make the final seminar in a week.

Week Five, I picked up WB Tim, WB Dennis and Br. Ted. The last Seminar is held at Anoka Lodge building. Dennis and Tim update Ted and me on the last week's seminar. Further Light shared with each other along the way. This Seminar has the most in attendance of all the seminars, Wow, huge interest from all over the West Area! It has become obvious that there is a hunger and need for this by many Lodges and they see the same opportunities for better education for our new candidates and outline for mentors.

We have plans to share these tools with the Lodge soon. Look for announcements. We will work to put a Minnesota River Valley Lodge touch to the PowerPoints. One Interesting point was brought up in our discussion at the completion of the Seminars. Since I am not a member of the Scottish or York Rites the Seminars were excellently done by a Brother from Anoka Lodge who is part of the Scottish rite so naturally his presentation had a leaning or bend to Scottish rite teachings and we would like to see what light the York Rite Brothers could shine and add to these presentations making them even better for all to grow and gain knowledge from. Please ask any of the four that attended these Seminars if you have questions about these new tools. Most importantly, if you have had the same reservations that I had about becoming a Mentor, contact WB Tim Pray and let him know you want to be a Mentor. You now have the tools and knowledge to be your best! Your Journey continues...

Paul Bergevin – Junior Warden
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Kolacky Days

Yet again, it's that time of year! Another opportunity to spend some time with Brothers and attend the REAL Minnesota Tradition, a local festival. Kolacky Days is July 26-28, so we will be setting up on Wednesday, July 24th at 6pm. We are no longer doing the Le Sueur County Fair due to conflicts and the return on our invested time.

As with every year, 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.

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. And, if your spouse worked last year, please tell them that there were several comments that they were "the best", so PLEASE make sure they know that we WANT them back.

We especially need you to consider working at times that are busy. These include opening Saturday and Sunday and closing Friday and Saturday nights. Last year we had three brothers work Saturday 9-close and they were wiped out. If you can work these times it would be greatly appreciated.

Look for the email that I sent out last week to sign up. If you did not get it, missed it, or just need help signing up please call me at 612.803.6774 or select this link to take you to the work schedule to be able to sign up.

[Work Schedule Sign-Up Link](#)

Lastly, we are in need of two refrigerators. If you are able to donate one or more, please let WB Steven Scheffert know by the middle of July. Otherwise we are going to have to purchase them (hopefully from Craigslist).

Thank you again for your support.

Brother Jeremy Sacker

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From our LEO

Greetings Brothers. I hope you're enjoying your summer.

I had come across something recently and didn't know what to do. So, I did some research to figure out the answer and wanted to share it with you.

The problem or issue is, what do you do with medication that you no longer use or is expired? By law you're not allowed to throw it away or flush it down the toilet or throw it down the sink. So, what is one to do?

The solution. After contacting multiple city agencies, this is what I've discovered. I asked the folks with the following cities, Apple Valley, Burnsville and Savage. Each one of them were very polite and extremely helpful.

Each city said the same thing. Bring your medication(s) to the Police Department during regular business hours and they have a special receptacle within the lobby. One thing they all specified as that the medication(s) have to be in their "bottle" or container. So however, you received it from the pharmacist, usually in that transparent brown bottle, is what you'll throw into the receptacle.

If you live in a different city other than what I listed, I apologize. If you're curious about your area, just reach out to them. All I did was send an email to their general address. I usually heard back from them within 24 hours. If you've any questions, please feel free to contact me. Cheers Brothers

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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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A promotional poster for the Brotherhood of the Big Tent. The poster has a light blue background with a yellow and orange border. At the top left, it says "SAVE THE DATE!!!" in red. At the top right, it says "Brotherhood of the Big Tent" in blue. In the center, it says "Mark your Calendars for the Annual Scottish Rite Membership Event – August 8th, 2019". Below that, it says "All Masons of any degree and all Men Eligible in joining Masonry are all invited to attend" and "Casual Dress". At the bottom, it says "– Call or Email Now to Reserve Your Ticket –". On the right side, it lists the event details: "Time: 4:30 pm Social", "Phone: 612-871-1500", and "Email: jackie@asarmn.org". At the bottom left, it says "Minneapolis Scottish Rite".

2018 Hiram Award Recipient WB Tim Pray



For those of you that haven't heard or didn't know, WB Tim has had the coveted Hiram Award bestowed upon him. If you don't know what it is, let me give you a brief description.

The Hiram Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor (other than being Master of the Lodge) that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge. The Hiram Award is not given for service as Master or any elected or appointed office or committee. The recipient is recognized by his brethren in Masonry for his service to the fraternity, because of his efforts to support one or more Masons, a Lodge or Lodges, a District, the Grand Lodge or the fraternity as a whole. It is a singular distinction, and indicates the esteem, respect and admiration of the members.

That paragraph describes our WB. WB Tim is someone I'm so proud to call one of my best friends. To call my mentor. To call my Brother. WB Tim is a person that I know if I have a problem, even at three o'clock in the morning, he'll be there for me. If something is going on that I'm away on business and my family needs help, he'll be there for them. WB Tim is always there for me.

WB Tim is the type of person that when the Lodge needs help, he's there. If it snows, WB Tim loads up his snow thrower, brings it to Lodge and makes sure the sidewalks are clean for Lodge and for our Tenants. When the Lodge needed painting, WB Tim was there. When the Lodge needed clean up on the property and roof, WB Tim was there. WB Tim is always there for the Lodge.

WB Tim does so much for our Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley. He's part of the Choir. One of the first to say hello and greet you. He has no problem giving a tour to those that are curious about the building and its history. WB Tim is always there for the Rite.

WB Tim does so much more for us Brothers, Lodge and the Rite. WB Tim personifies the Hiram Award. I am so proud of him, of my Brother. WB Tim never asked for the Hiram award, as you can't "achieve" it. No. WB Tim, as I said, is what the Hiram Award is.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, WB Tim is a Mason's Mason. Thank you, WB.

Remember Brothers may every moral and social virtue cement us and may Brotherly love prevail.

WB James T. Wallin

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2019 Events**

	March 5 4-7 pm Woodbury 3rd Act Craft Brewery		April 17 4-6 pm Alexandria Copper Trail Brewing
	May 18 1-4 pm Waite Park Crooked Pint Ale House		June 8 2-5 pm Austin Torge's Live Sports
	Sept. 14 1-4 pm Mankato Buffalo Wings & Rings		Oct. 12 1-4 pm Rochester Kinney Creek Brewery
	Nov. 2 1-4 pm Winona Island City Brewing Co.	beashrinernow.com 	

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JULY 31, 2019

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6 PM - ASSEMBLE (LOT B)
6:30 PM - PROCESSION & CEREMONY

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



July 2019

- 2nd – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- 4th – Independence Day
- 10th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 13th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 12th – Mother’s Day
- 14th – St. Paul Saints Game
- 23rd – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided.
- 24th – Kolacky Days Food Stand Setup
- 25th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 26th – 28th – Kolacky Days Food Stand Event



August 2019

- 1st – Metrowest Meeting
- 3rd – 4th – Von Hanson’s Brat Stand Event
- 6th – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- 10th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 10th – 11th – 9:00 a.m. Savage Masonic Center
Workday
- 14th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 21st – 6:00 P.M. KC/Mason Chicken Dinner
Event in New Prague, MN.
- 22nd – 5:00 P.M. Identity Theft Seminar
- 27th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided.
- 29th – 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/>
