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THE WAYFARER

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Stated Meeting Date and Time:

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

From the East

In today's busy and demanding schedules, it's easy to get caught up with the idea that there just not enough time. We use time as our reason to miss various activities and events. Although we can't be everywhere and at every event the key to maximizing the time given to us is prioritizing. For many of us, we just say there isn't enough time! Once we stop and think about it however, the same 24 hours are given to each of us every day. How we choose to spend these is up to us individually. Of course, as outlined in Masonic teachings, we need to devote time for the various areas of life; work, rest, nourishment, and sleep. It's those critical hours that we have that we have that are not necessarily earmarked that we need to make critical choices. We understand other prior commitments may conflict with Masonic events and meetings. Those aside, where are Masonic events and meetings in your life? Masonic happenings are meant to help you grow as an individual to enhance your social, spiritual and personal life. If you haven't been to a meeting or event lately, we encourage you to review the upcoming events on the Lodge calendar. You can either check it out on the Lodge Website or there are complete annual calendars printed on card stock that fit perfectly on every refrigerator.

The wine tasting sponsored by JW Paul Bergevin was a huge success to kick off our calendar year. Between the Winter Table Lodge and Steak dinner fund raiser, we enjoyed a couple of great meals. On the reverse side, the Feed My Starving Children community event sponsored by Tony Callahan, one of our newest Master Masons provided the opportunity to help others by packaging food for less fortunate individuals in various parts of the world.

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From the East, Continued

We've also enjoyed great meals at the beginning of each Stated and Steering Committee meetings during this first quarter prepared by SS Ben Sorenson. Even with all of this, it only gets better. You still have time to register for the Scotch Tasting event on Friday, March 22nd coordinated by our own Treasurer, Brother Joe Andrus. Come learn about single malt scotch while tasting the various brands and picking your favorite.

April provides a number of Masonic opportunities. The first of course is the Minnesota Masonic Grand Lodge Communication weekend. Again, as last year, the event will be held at the Heritage Masonic center in Bloomington next to the Masonic Home. The event not only provides Masonic educational opportunities during the breakout sessions but the ability to meet other Masons from across Minnesota and the country for that matter. As in the past, sign up for the Annual Lynnhurst Turkey dinner is underway. Contact Secretary Steve Scheffert to reserve your spot at the Minnesota River Valley Lodge table. This event welcomes in the new Minnesota Grand Master to begin his term in office. This is a very popular event and reservations are required. We also have a fun open event scheduled in April that you won't want to miss. SD Dan Ploenzke has arranged a bowling event for all Brothers, family and friends. You don't have to be a professional bowler to attend this event but just someone that wants to have a good time. Finally, keep in mind that the April Stated meeting will be held at the Heritage Masonic Center in Bloomington. The facility and in particular the Lodge room is spectacular. If you have never seen this facility, you will not want to miss this opportunity to attend the April Stated meeting. SD Dan Ploenzke has arranged to have special dinner catered for this event; Good food, good fellowship and good meeting. Bottom line, we've tried to provide a variety of events to meet everyone's interest.

Look over the calendar and pick out your favorites and be prepared to have a great time with your fellow Brothers. Putting Masonry as one of your top priorities will certainly pay off dividends for you in the long run. We challenge you to carve out a few of those precious discretionary hours each month to spend with your Masonry family. Ironically, this happens to be the time of year that we turn our clocks ahead and "lose" an hour.

Don Moy
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The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Thursday, April 26, 2019. All articles for the May/June 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 July/August 2019 issue of The Wayfarer.

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



OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 was dark and did not meet in January or February. We meet again in March and have elections for the upcoming year. Installation of officers is scheduled for April 6th. During the dark period I attended a couple of other eastern star special night events. It's always fun to visit other Chapters. You meet the nicest people at Eastern Star meetings. One of the many advantages of being a member.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



Of Beef and Cereal Grain

March brings with it St. Patrick's Day, and with St. Patrick's Day traditional meals of corned beef and cabbage. When one sits down to such a meal, one may well wonder why corned beef has no corn in it. It turns out that the corn in corned beef refers to the salt and saltpeter used to cure the beef. The word corn originally referred to an individual kernel of a cereal grain (wheat, oat, rye, etc.). This word was then applied to any small piece of hard material. What does all this have to do with Masonry? Corned beef is a little like the degrees we put on. The degrees have lessons that they impart. Some of these lessons are laid out plainly during the degree. These lessons are comparable to the slab of beef. Other lessons are more subtle and become clearer the more often we see and hear the degree and the more thought we put into it. These lessons are represented by the corns in the corned beef. The more we savor our degrees and their subtle flavors, the more they nourish our minds. Whether or not you partake of corned beef and cabbage this year, I hope that you will take some time to think about the little things worth savoring in both the degrees and in your life.

Ted Smith – Senior Warden
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2019 Dues Reminder

Now that we are 3 months into 2019, please remember to pay your dues, if you have yet to do so. At the time of the putting the newsletter together, we still have several Brothers who have yet to pay their dues for 2019. 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

WB Steve Scheffert

April 2, 2019 Stated Meeting

Brothers, our April 2019 Stated Meeting will be held at the Alfred E. Ames Lodge Room located within the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center. The address is: 11411 Masonic Home Drive in Bloomington. The meeting will start at our regular time with dinner at 6:00 pm and the regular meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Dress will be suits and ties.

For this meeting we are giving our Stewards the night off. The menu will include:

- Sliced Beef Brisket
- Au-Gratin Potatoes
- Veggies
- Rolls & Butter
- Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

The price for dinner is \$15.00 and is payable at the door or ahead of time.

We need your help, so please RSVP, if you plan on attending, by signing up on the following website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49afa92eabfa7-april>

We need to supply a number to our caterer by March 22nd, so please respond by then.

Also, please share this event with other Masons and Lodges that you are in contact with. This will be a very special event for our lodge since each lodge can only utilize the Ames Lodge Room once a year.

If you have any general questions about the event, require a gluten free option or any other dietary restrictions, please call me at 952-891-3423.

Dan Ploenzke



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 2019.

They are:

Berlyn Teig	55 Years	03/07/1964
Roger Hallgren	55 Years	03/19/1964
Donald Conn	55 Years	03/24/1964
Phillip Garbe	40 Years	04/03/1979
Marvin Jakes	30 Years	04/26/1989
Lynden Jelinek	30 Years	04/26/1989
Lew Price	15 Years	04/24/2004
Ted Smith	05 Years	03/24/2014

Wine Tasting Event

On Friday, January 11th a group got together for a wine tasting event at Total Wines and More in Burnsville, below are some photos from the event.



Daylight Savings!

It is that time again as on Sunday, March 10th 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.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

May your day be touched by a bit of Irish luck, brightened by a song in your heart and warmed by the smiles of the people you love.

The Minneapolis Chapter
of the Rose Croix Presents:

The Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet



This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons. It is an open event and all are welcome!

Thursday, March 21st

5:00 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge

6:00 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium

6:30 pm: Social before dinner in Downstairs Lounge

7:00 pm: Banquet in the Dining Hall



\$35 Per Person
Meal Choices:
Prime Rib or
Champagne
Chicken

Minneapolis Valley
of the Scottish Rite
2011 Dupont Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN, 55405

Please RSVP to:
612-871-1500
or by email:
Jackie@aasrmn.Org



- MASONIC SCOTCH TASTING NIGHT

Come join your Brothers for a night of Scotch Tasting

A representative from William Grant & Sons Distillers will be offering a Scotch tasting and presentation. You'll not only learn about different scotches but sample 6 different varieties of single malt scotch that night.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

At the end of the evening, you'll also receive a discount voucher from Viking Liquor in Prior Lake, good towards the purchase of a bottle of your favorite tasting.

DATE: Friday, March 22nd, 2019
Time: 7:00 P.M. Optional Dinner @ 6:00 P.M.
Where: Masonic Center, dinner at the American Legion

-----cut here and return with fee-----

REGISTRATION FROM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E – Mail: _____

Favorite Scotch: _____

2nd Favorite: _____

Please return this form along with the proper fee to either:

• Joe Andrus
Jandrus@scoular.com

• Steve Scheffert
sdscheffert@gmail.com

Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6

proudly presents



**BOWLING
NIGHT**



Friends & Family Invited

**CedarVale Lanes
3883 Cedar Grove Parkway
Eagan, MN 55122**

**Friday, April 26th
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**\$13.00 per person (includes shoes)
Drinks and Food Extra**

**RSVP to Dan Ploenzke
dploenzke@gmail.com
651-295-1433
by April 15th**



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



March 2019

- 5th – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:00 P.M.
- 7th – Reserved for Ritual Work.
- 9th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers
Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 10th – 2:00 A.M. Daylight Savings.
- 13th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 16th – 9:00 A.M. Quarter Master Storage Rooms
Clean-up.
- 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- 22nd – 7:00 P.M. Scotch Tasting Night.
- 26th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided.
- 28th – Reserved for Ritual Work.



April 2019

- 2nd – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
– Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Held at the Alfred E.
Ames Lodge Room at the MN Masonic
Heritage Center, Bloomington, MN.
- 4th – Reserved for Ritual Work.
- 10th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 12th – 13th – 166th Grand Lodge of MN
Communications @ MN Masonic Heritage
Center.
- 13th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn
Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 23rd – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided.
- 25th – Reserved for Ritual Work.
- 26th – Articles Due for the Wayfarer.
- 26th – 6:00 P.M. Bowling Night Event

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/>
