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Stated Meeting Date and Time:

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

From the East

Now that the weather is beginning to turn, it hard not to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas; the holidays that highlight family gatherings, hearty feasts and football. It's also a period as the name suggests, a time to give thanks. As Minnesota River Valley Lodge # 6, we certainly have plenty to give thanks, not the least of which is our wonderful Masonic Center facility. It's hard to believe that we have just celebrated our 5th year in the building. However, this season also gives pause to the deeper meanings of this time of year. Quite frankly, all of the philosophies of Masonry; Brotherhood, Integrity, Freedom, Tolerance and a faith in the Grand Architect of the Universe. Take time to attend to these virtues of our craft. Masonic teachings remind us that Free masonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. Take this time to reaffirm your individual dependence on your faith to seek divine guidance. Remember that our Institution is said to be supported by Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty; Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Beauty to adorn all of the great and important undertakings. Pay particular attention to your Family and Friends as we begin to close out the calendar year, for they are your foundation.

Although there are still a couple more months of events and programs remaining in this calendar year, I would be remised if I didn't also pause to give my heart filled thanks to all the Brothers who have stepped up and lead various social and educational gatherings this year. Minnesota River Valley Lodge held over 35 events and programs throughout this year, which doesn't even include the meetings, degrees or practices. I am so grateful for the countless hours and energy that many of the Brothers have graciously extended to promote and enhance their Lodge.

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From the East, Continued

It's captivating to watch the enthusiasm and passion displayed while preparing and executing each of these programs. What a wonderful experience to be a part of each of these activities and programs. Thanks to our Building committee headed up by Paul Bergevin and the number of Brothers that volunteer each time we have a new task to complete with the maintenance of the building. Thanks to John Loutzenhiser for his countless hours he spends at the Lodge maintaining the building as well while keeping all of our tenants happy. If you've attended any of the Steering or Stated meetings this year, you're undoubtedly thankful for the wonderful meals we've had throughout the year. What a great way to kick off any meeting by having our Stewards; Ben Sorenson and Mike Bauer prepare such marvelous meals. Not only does it provide an opportunity for the other Brothers in the Lodge but I'm confident that they have helped to enrich those individuals planning the events as well. In short, adding to the strength and enrichment of the Brotherhood.

Again, Thank You Brothers!

Don Moy
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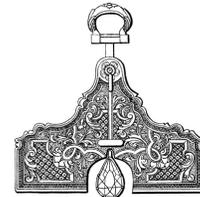
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I NEED TO SPEAK TO THEIR SENIOR DEACON...
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME IT'S HAPPENED THIS MONTH !

From the West

The trees are changing colors and are losing their leaves. Soon the temperature will drop and snow will begin to fall gracefully upon our lawns and gardens and make a mess of our roads and walkways. With the changing of the season comes changing of the calendars. It has been recommended to me that, as I assemble next year's calendar, I plan for scheduled degrees. This would help us to avoid getting stuck on a given degree as we receive more petitions. It is worth noting that this would not mean that we can't add degrees if necessary. It would give both, us and the candidates, some degree of certainty about when their degrees would be. Right now, I am planning on degrees in January, February, and March for the first cycle of the year, and July, August, and September for the second. This may vary based on where we are at with degrees at the end of this year. The goal is to have new Master Masons in time for Grand Lodge, and so that they can be appointed to a station the following year. In between cycles, we would keep prospects engaged with social events. I am also planning to have the recipients of the degree gather at the lodge a few days after the degree to review and have some group mentoring. I would like to hear any thoughts you have on what information would be helpful for the candidates to learn at these gatherings. Give it some thought on a cold winter day, and enjoy the snow if you can.

Ted Smith
Sr. Warden



Lexophile's for Thought!

Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-Flat minor.

A bicycle can't stand on its own. It's too tired.

From the South Reflection on the past year

As I sat thinking about the article for this newsletter. I was guessing that WM Don or SW Ted might focus on being Thankful or Veteran's Day, which are both great themes to work from, but I didn't want to duplicate or take away from those thoughts. So, as we come to the end of our lodge year and look at voting in new Leadership, doing the 2020 budget and planning out next year's activities, we should reflect on how this past year went. Did you like the meetings that you were able to attend? How were the Social outings and activities? Were we good stewards to our community this past year? Was there anything missing? How was our Ritual work?

Well, what are your thoughts?

We want your feedback!!!!

Come to the Thanksgiving Dinner/meeting on November 5th bring someone with we have a program for our spouses or significant other or a potential Brother.

Call or email your officers any feedback or ideas or email our lodge Secretary. Whatever works best for you.

WM Don Moy, SW Ted Smith and myself, along with BSD Dan Ploenzke and BJD Gerry Robison are doing our best to provide a plan at Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6 that is of interest to the majority of Brothers within our Lodge and to keep and interest new Brothers to our Craft. We have gone to Education Series, gone over MN Grand Lodge ideas, we have attended other Lodge meetings to glean new ideas for us to try. I have had a fun time as your Junior Warden, and I have learned a lot along the way.

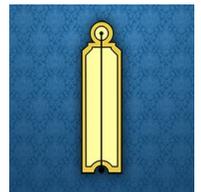
As I look to the West, my next Stop along the way, I find that being a Mentor is most rewarding for me. I have enjoyed working with new Brothers (we have added 8 new Brothers this year). By being a Mentor, I have built a stronger bond with those Brothers. I have become better at learning the Ritual work and memorizing has come easier as I have worked on

proficiency. Which by the way- helps me prepare for many of my lines I have to recite as Senior Warden next year. It is funny how this all comes together. Like anything, the more you get involved the more you get back out (sounds like my last article).

I digress, back to reflections. I will be stepping down from the Savage Masonic Corporation Board, where for the past two years I was serving as President. We have done a ton of work on the building from the Painting of the Exterior, cutting down trees behind the building, signing leases with new and existing tenants, replacing A/C and Heating units, dealing with water leaks and Property Taxes as well as Income taxes, Sewer Main Clean-outs the list goes on. Like our own homes there is always something that needs to be done. We have also, put away money to replace the roof when that becomes an issue. I hope that my leadership team has done what the Lodge has needed us to do and we are better prepared for the next four to five years.

I look forward to moving into the West as your Senior Warden. I also look forward to seeing more of you at our Stated meetings, say hi and bend my ear. I look forward to hearing from you!

Paul Bergevin
Junior Warden
Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6
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The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Friday, December 20th, 2019. All articles for the January / February 2020 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 March/April 2020 issue of The Wayfarer.

Thank You,
WB James Wallin
(wayfarer@mn-rivervalley.org)



Roadside Cleanup

The Lodge wanted to give a special thank you to WB Tim Pray for organizing and putting together the biannual Savage Masonic Center Roadside Cleanup. The cleanup happens in spring and autumn and is completed by any volunteer from the Savage Masonic Center (minus the Jobs). This last October 12th was attended by WB Doug Rhodes (MN River Valley Lodge #6), BJW Paul Bergevin and his wonderful Wife Gayle Bergevin, B Matt Kreger and the super lovely Katie Wallin.

The weather wasn't the best, but the crew plugged along and completed the task. Thanks to the whole crew for your hard work.



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 November and October 2019.

They are:

Dovid Blinderman	50 Years	11/19/196
Charles Heckenlaible	45 Years	11/16/1974
James Heckenlaible	45 Years	11/16/1974
Daryl Bren	45 Years	11/24/1974
Dan Hanley	30 Years	11/29/1989
Scott Marek	30 Years	12/09/1989
William Allen	20 Years	11/20/1999
Don Hegreberg	20 Years	11/20/1999



OES Report

Renaissance Chapter #313 met in September. Several things were discussed including our raffle basket for the upcoming fifth anniversary celebration of our building. We also talked about an upcoming celebration recognition luncheon for members of 50 years or more. Every September, all chapters have Rob Morris Night to honor the founder of Eastern Star. We renew our obligation by saying it together. We met again in October. We elected a new member and the imitation will be at our November meeting. The worthy Patron talked about his recent visit to the Great River Film Festival in Illinois. He spoke with and saw several television and movie stars of the past, including Lana Wood, Warren Berlinger, Lynda Day George, Patrick Wayne, Buck Taylor, Terry Moore, Lisa Loring (who played Wednesday on the Adams Family TV show), and Ron Masek (who played the Sheriff on Murder She Wrote). The Marshal, who was the Grand Representative to Missouri, spoke about his experiences at the Missouri's Grand Chapter.

Submitted by Brad Smith



From our LEO

Greetings Brothers. Are you prepared for the upcoming weather? Me neither.

I wanted to reach out to you and encourage you all to do something that I need to take my own advice on. When is the last time you went to your Dr. to get a checkup? Let's be honest with ourselves. Who sees their Dr. on a yearly basis? We need to be our own advocates. Men are 24% less likely to than women to have visited the Dr. in the last year. A 2009 study found that middle-aged men with macho beliefs were half as likely as men with more moderate ideas of masculinity to get preventive medical care. This may be why some many men ignore sports-related injuries, opting to "tough it out," until the pain is too much to bear. Some men also avoid the doctor's office due to unfounded beliefs about what might happen during an appointment. Many guys believe a prostate exam is a required part of a routine physical exam after age 40. In reality, this type of exam happens only when it's warranted, such as if you have a family history of prostate cancer, for example.

If you're young and healthy, you may not need to visit your health provider as often as you think, as long as no problems arise. Men under 35 who feel good, are generally healthy, and have no family history of serious illness can likely skip annual physical exams and see their providers as needed. But occasional wellness exams before 35 can be a great opportunity to get to know your primary care provider, discuss any issues or concerns and build an ongoing relationship so you feel comfortable coming back if you ever do have a problem. Starting around 35, healthy men should start getting certain screenings, including cholesterol tests. For healthy men between the ages of 40 and 64 with no health problems or family history, a blood pressure screening every two years, and a cholesterol test every five years is generally sufficient. For men 50 to 75 who are not at an increased risk for colon cancer, a colonoscopy every 10 years is reasonable if results are consistently normal.

I hope this helps Brothers and that you're taking your health seriously. We Love each other. We're here for

each other. Let's do everything we can to make sure that we stay here for each other. Please feel free to contact me.

Cheers Brothers.

WB James Wallin
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Daylight Savings!

It is that time again as on Sunday, November 3rd Daylight Savings Time ends. Since it is now Fall, we need to "Fall Back" and set our clocks 1 hour back starting at 2:00 a.m.



2020 Dues are Available

The dues notices for the 2020 dues are out, please remember that the due date to pay your dues is by December 31, 2019. If you wish to pay via a credit card, please contact me to send you an invoice to pay via PayPal. A small fee is applied to the dues via this method to offset PayPal's transaction fees.

If you have any questions about the 2020 dues, please let me know.

WB Steven Scheffert
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The Roll of the Workmen Has Been Called!

It is with great sadness that I announce that two of our Brethren have passed away.

Charles A. Clark – Of Nevis, MN laid down his working tools on November 29, 2018. Brother Charles was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on October 21, 1971, Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on November 18, 1971 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 2, 1971.

And,

Robert E. Bolz – Of Burnsville, MN laid down his working tools on September 27, 2019. Brother Robert was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 9, 1950, Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on October 25, 1950 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 9, 1951.

Please keep these two Brothers families in your thoughts and prayers as we learn of their passing to the Celestial Lodge Above.

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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Attend one symposium or all four!

Ticket Prices
 \$40/one event
 \$70/two events
 \$120/all four events

Limited Seating

Ticket Reservations:
Andrew Barrett, PM
 612-709-7603
hightenor@msn.com

Master Masons Only



A Series of Four Separate Events

May 18, 2019	Rex Hutchens
September 21, 2019	Pete Normand
October, 19, 2019	Arturo de Hoyos
January, 11, 2020	Sean Graystone

Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross
 PGM, Grand Lodge of Arizona
 Internationally-recognized Masonic scholar and author of publications that include *The Revised Standard Pike Ritual*, *Bridge to Light*, and *Pillars of Wisdom: The Writings of Albert Pike*.

Pierre G. "Pete" Normand, 33°, Grand Cross
 PM, Texas Lodge of Research
 Internationally known for his Masonic research, writing and publishing, he is Past Master of several lodges, including St. Alban's Lodge No. 1455, which he founded in 1992 as the first lodge in the US chartered as a Traditional Best Practices Lodge. Former Editor of the *American Masonic Review* and the *Plumbline*.

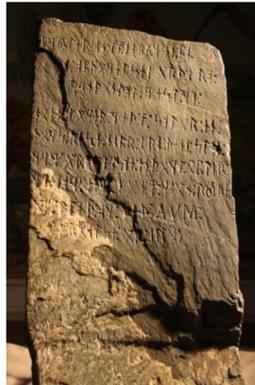
Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross
 Past Master, McAllen Lodge No. 1110, A:F:A:M: of Texas
 Full Member, Quatuor Lodge 2076 (London, UGLE)
 Grand Archivist and Grand Historian Supreme Council, 33°
 Author, editor and translator of more than 25 books on the Scottish Rite and other Masonic orders, rites and systems.

Sean Graystone, 33°, Grand Cross
 Past Master, Cerrillos Lodge No. 19, A:F:A:M: of New Mexico
 Owner's Representative and Director, Building and Grounds
 Supreme Council, 33° | Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, USA
 Creator of VMAP - Providing Brothers with a Superior Scottish Rite Experience




Benevolent Fundraising Evening – November 2nd, 2019

Mark your calendars **NOW** for Saturday November 2nd to attend a very enjoyable evening at the Savage Masonic Center. We are excited that Brother Scott Wolter and his wife Janet (see their impressive bios below) will present highlights of their extensive research and findings on several interesting subjects, including the Kensington Rune Stone (unearthed in the 1800's near Alexandria MN) and the intrigue behind the layout of Washington, D.C.



Kensington Rune Stone

A delicious meal (possibly BBQ offerings and fixings) will be served before the program for \$25 per person, with all proceeds going to our Lodge Benevolent Fund. These funds will go to helping our nearby communities and Masonic Families who are in need of assistance, as well as the MN Masonic Cancer Center and Children's Hospital.

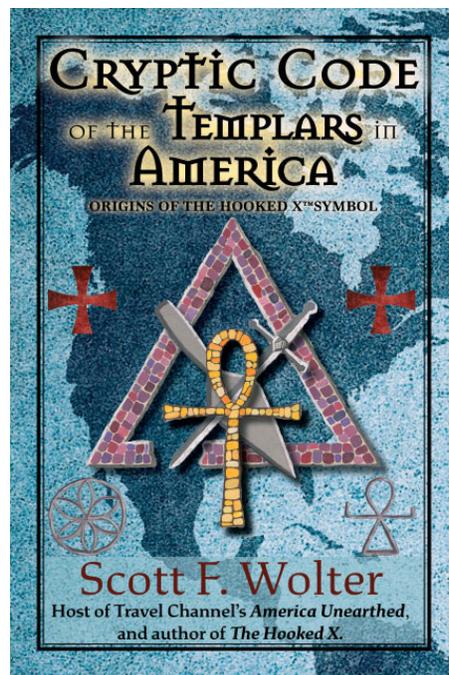
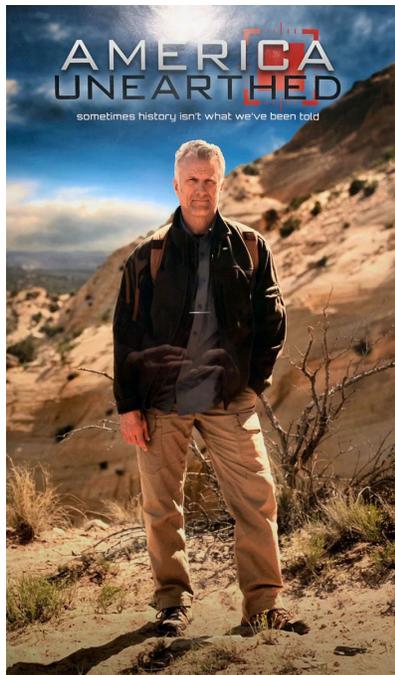
All are welcome, so please tell and bring your friends to this exciting and informative evening. Pre-sales will be forth coming.

SCOTT F. WOLTER

Geologist and television personality Scott Wolter is best known as the host of Travel's hit show *America Unearthed* which follows him on his quest to uncover the truth behind controversial historic artifacts and sites found throughout North America, and beyond. This quest began with his forensic investigation that authenticated the *Kensington Rune Stone*, an inscribed stone found by a Swedish immigrant farmer, Olof Ohman, in 1898. He has also appeared in various television productions on History channel, including *Holy Grail in America*, *Pirate Treasure of the Knights Templar*, and the *Last Pope*.

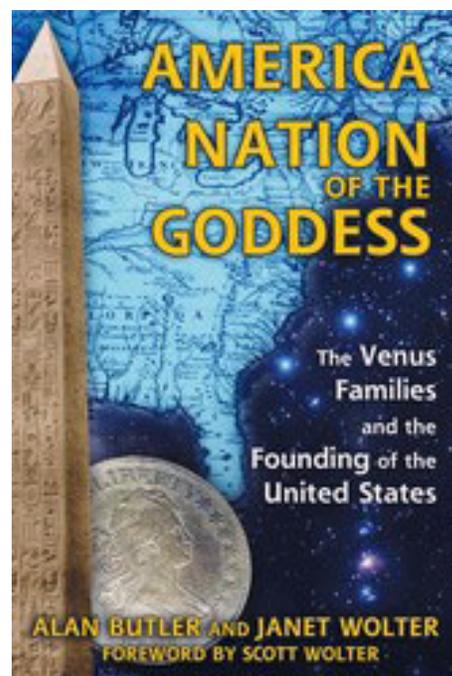
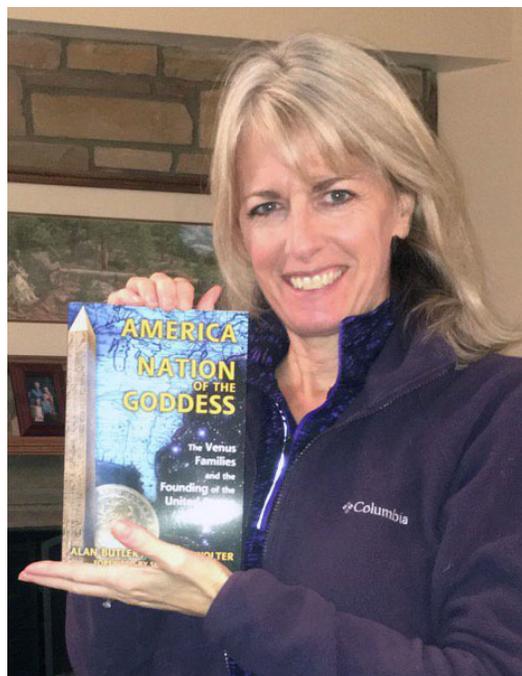
Scott is the author of several books including, *The Kensington Rune Stone: Compelling New Evidence*, *The Hooked X: Key to the Secret History of North America* and *Akhenaten to the Founding Fathers*. His latest book in the series, *Cryptic Code of the Templars in America*, is due out in early September of 2019.

Professionally, Scott, a forensic geologist, founded American Petrographic Services in St. Paul, MN in 1990 and continues to serve as President. He has been the principal petrographer in more than 7,000 material forensic investigations throughout the world, including the evaluation of fire-damaged concrete from the Pentagon following the attacks of September 11, 2001.



JANET WOLTER

Co-author of *America Nation of the Goddess – The Venus Families and the Founding of the United States*. This book reveals how a secret cabal of influential “Venus” families, working through the Freemasons and later the Grange, planned the American Revolution and set the stage for the layout of Washington, D.C. according to the principles of sacred geometry.





Savage Masonic Center Blood Drive and Toys for Tots drop off

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019
Start Time -1pm - End Time-7pm

Savage Masonic Center
4821 124th Street
Savage, MN

Looking for Volunteers to check people in and serve treats and juice

For a Blood Giving appointment, please visit
redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or call Paul Bergevin (612-282-5948) to volunteer

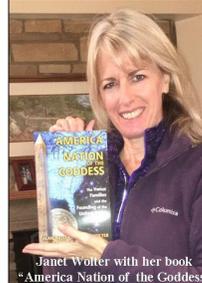
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**See Replica of the Famous Kensington Rune Stone
Meet Scott and Janet Wolter!**



Kensington Rune Stone



Janet Wolter with her book "America Nation of the Goddess"

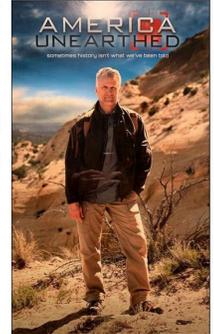
**Mark your calendar for
Sat. November 2nd**

**Charity Fund Raising Night
Savage Masonic Center**

Come hear the host of "*America Unearthed*" on the Travel Channel (now in its 4th Season).

Scott and Janet Wolter will present highlights of their extensive research and findings on several interesting subjects, including the Kensington Rune Stone and a recent discovery on the Rune Stone Scott calls the "Ritual / Cryptic Code".

Janet will also present an overview of the intrigue she has researched behind the layout of Washington, D.C.



**BBQ Ribs & Chicken!!
Serving at 5:30, Program at 7pm**

\$25 Donation

Advance tickets available!

**Funds support local Scholarships,
Veterans Support, Masonic Cancer
Center & Masonic Children's Hospital**

**Event Location: 4821 124th Street
Savage, MN 55378**

**Hosted by:
MN River Valley
Lodge #6**
Contact Lew Price—952-210-4193
Lew.Price@Earthlink.Net

MRVL #6 Beer Tasting Event

**When: Wednesday, November 13th
6:00 PM**

**Where: Total Wine – Burnsville, MN
Masons and Guests**

\$15.00 per person

RSVP: Dan Ploenzke

dploenzke@gmail.com

or (651) 295/1433



- **Beerrelevance: A Tasty Excursion in Beer the History of Beer**
 - A taste of 'Old World' brewing history with a side-by-side comparison of 'New World' beers. Savor classically-brewed beers from Germany, Belgium and England alongside North American beers brewed with inspiration from these Old-World brewing styles. The past meets the present in this fun and flavorful history of beer tour!

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



November 2019

- 2nd – 5:30 P.M. Benevolence Fundraiser
- 3rd – 2 A.M. Daylight Savings (remember to “Fall” back)
- 5th – 7 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting – Dinner at 6 P.M.
- 7th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 9th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers Coffee in Apple Valley
- 11th – Veterans Day
- 13th – 6 P.M. Beer tasting event – Burnsville Total Wine
6:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board of Directors Meeting
- 19th – 12 P.M. – 8 P.M. Blood Drive along with Toys for Tots Drop Off
- 26th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting – Light Supper Provided
- 28th – Thanksgiving and reserved for Ritual Work



December 2019

- 3rd – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting – Dinner at 6:00 P.M
- 5th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 7th – 1 P.M. Installation of Officers – Light refreshments to follow
- 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
- 17th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting – Light Supper Provided
- 24th – Christmas Eve
- 25th – Christmas Day
- 26th – Reserved for Ritual Work
- 31st – New Year’s Eve

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