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

From the East

Brothers –

Recently, as I watch TV, I have noticed that the political ads have begun in earnest and will continue through the November mid-term elections. They are only going to get more frequent. These ads and the political rhetoric that we are all exposed to, tend to promote partisan views (both left and right) with the objective of more votes in the ballot box.

I came upon some rules for Lodge etiquette and while reading through them I think that these rules on etiquette are as equally valid in our daily lives. I hope these will also serve as gentle reminders regarding how we should strive to interact, as Masons, with all those that we come in contact with, especially while we are all exposed to the constant negativity in the media.

*Meet on the Level
Act on the Plumb
Part upon the Square*

*Use good manners
Be polite
Respect your Elders
Respect authority
Be considerate
Be kind*

*Recognize the Master
Have no contention
Listen more than talk
Help others shine
Be humble*

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From the East, Continued

*Stand when you speak
No surprises in meetings
Share ideas with Master
Allow others to be heard
Be patient*

*Accept opportunity
No practical jokes
No horseplay
Support those in need
Live with charity*

For me our lodge is a sanctuary with very little discord amongst Brothers. Truly, I am impressed on how little conflict we have within MRVL #6. However, it is beneficial to constantly be reminded that we are all striving to create “perfect ashlar” from “rough ashlars”, so a little polishing cannot hurt.

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From the West

Good Men and True

Recently I've been rereading the Masonic Manual of Minnesota. This time not looking for something that may or may not apply to a particular ritual or event but with an eye to come to a better understanding of this Masonic journey I've chosen to pursue. Previously, when I was looking through the Masonic Manual, I was likely searching for a specific situation or scenario that I needed to get me through the next meeting or even the next fifteen minutes without embarrassing myself. But as I've said, this time I'm reading it in a more relaxed and contemplative mood.

Reading the manual this way has been an eye opener. Though there is a lot of “how to” information in this little book, there is much more included in its pages.

If you go through it just to get a specific piece of information, as I was doing, you are missing some essential truths and tenets of Masonry resident here. There are many great volumes on the meaning and mysteries of Freemasonry. How it effects our lives and the lives of others that we may touch. The Minnesota Manual does not take the place of those. What I'm suggesting about this little book is this it is a very good primer to understanding the far more scholarly works about our craft.

For example, the charges that are read at each of the degrees, and included in the Manual, are roadmaps for growing into the “good men” we hope to be when we begin our masonic journey as Entered Apprentices.

Within the EA charge, this paragraph clearly lays out a path to be better men; “...there are three great duties, which, as a Mason, you are charged to inculcate to God, your neighbor and yourself. To GOD, in never mentioning His name, but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator; to implore His aid in all your laudable undertakings; and to esteem Him as the chief good; to your NEIGHBOR, in acting upon the square, and doing unto him as you wish he should do unto you; and to YOURSELF, in avoiding all irregularity and intemperance, which may impair your facilities, or debase the dignity of your profession...”

And continuing within the Fellowcraft charge. “... our laws and guidelines you are to strenuously support; and be always ready to assist in seeing them duly executed. You are not to palliate or aggravate, the offenses of your brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprobate with justice...”

And culminating as a Master Mason. “...Your virtue, honor, and reputation, are concerned in supporting with dignity the character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows or betray your trust;

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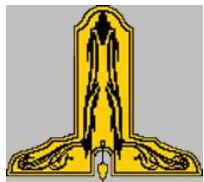
From the West, Continued

but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom you this evening represent. Thus, you will render yourself deserving of the honor which we have conferred and merit the confidence we have reposed.

Living up to these charges is a journey, a path that is as noble pursuit as any we may undertake. Look around our Lodge gentlemen; we are in the midst of Brethren that live these charges daily. Truly excellent examples of Freemasonry. They are, Good Men and True.

Brother Gerry Robison
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Calling All Brothers!!!



The Lodge Needs Your Help!!!

September 17th at 9 A.M. we are having a Lodge Cleaning Day and we need all hands-on deck. We will be power washing, window cleaning, raking, changing light bulbs and going up on the roof to do some cleaning, patching and inspecting up there. We need all the help we can get. And who knows, there just happens to be a Legion right across the parking lot, so maybe some "Outer Lodge" afterwards?

Submitted by:
Brother Gerry Robison

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, log into Grand View and then "Resources" in your "My Portal" area. You can then scroll down to the "Master Mason" section and under "Important Resources" you will see the "Life Membership Program" link. If you interested in this option and are not able to access the brochure, then contact your Lodge Secretary for a copy of it.

Submitted by: Steve Scheffert - Secretary



Brothers, beginning in 2022, MN RV #6's meeting minutes will no longer be posted to our website. Due to security reasons, they're being moved to [Grand View](#)! If you haven't signed up for Grand View, please do, it has so many resources that every Brother can use.

Lexophiles for Thought!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along!

Famous Masons

Robert Pershing Wadlow

Born: February 22, 1918 Alton, Illinois

Died: July 15, 1940 (aged 22) Manistee, Michigan

Member of Franklin Lodge No. 25, Alton, Illinois

Brother Robert is recorded in history as the TALLEST PERSON in recorded history.

Brother Robert was measured 18 days prior to his death and was recorded at **8 feet 11 inches!**

Brother Robert weighed 439 pounds and wore **shoe size 37AA!**

Brother Robert had difficulty walking and always had to wear braces to assist him.

On July 4, 1940, during a professional appearance at the Manistee National Forest Festival, a faulty brace irritated his ankle, leading to infection. He was treated with a blood transfusion and surgery, but his condition worsened due to an autoimmune disorder; he died in his sleep on July 15.

Cheers, WB JW

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 (there are none for October) 2022.

They are:

Michael Riker	10 Years	09/22/2012
James Wallin	10 Years	09/22/2012

(I heard this guy is extremely handsome!)



The Wayfarer

The next due date for The Wayfarer is Friday, October 21, 2022. All articles for the November/October 2022 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 January/February 2023 issue of The Wayfarer.

Thank You,

WB James Wallin –

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OES Report

Renaissance chapter #313 was dark and did not meet in July. A picnic was held instead during that month and about a dozen people attended. The Chapter met on August 18th. Members volunteered and worked at Von Hanson's brat stand raising money for our Chapter. It was School of Instruction night and Associated Grand Patron Steve Downs was our District Instructor. This is always an interesting night, and you always seem to learn something. He provided information about Grand Chapter events that are going on. If you have any questions about anything he answers them. The station of Treasurer was honored, and she was thanked and given a gift. I had the honor of being Grand Representative to New Hampshire from Minnesota and attended their Grand Chapter on August 19th and 20th in Concord. It is very similar to our Grand Chapter with a few changes. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were also there and I enjoyed the experience very much.

Submitted by: Brad Smith



Did You Know?

Montana's first livestock brand was the Square and Compass. It was registered by Poindexter and Orr of Beaverhead County, in 1873.



Minnesota River valley #6 will be hosting a Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) night on October 18 starting at 6PM. For those of you who haven't played before D&D is a game where players form a group with a Dungeon Master (DM) who creates adventures and encounters in a world of their making for the players to adventure in and level up.

Groups can be anything from a single DM and one player to a DM running a game for multiple people. We hope to help everyone form and find groups to play either at the lodge or where they feel comfortable. Hopefully players with experience can help any new players with rules and questions. Even though I hope to just get groups organized and characters made please bring dice and books if you have them.

If you haven't played before I will have premade characters made and will be going over some of the basic rules.

Submitted by:
Brother John Dillon

Fellow Craft Degree



On Thursday, July 28th, Brother Cullen Furlong passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft
Congratulations Brother Cullen!

Minnesota River Valley Lodge # 6

Formal Table Lodge



Saturday, October 22nd, 2022

American Legion Post 643

6:00pm social

12375 Princeton Avenue

7:00pm dinner

Savage, MN 55378

Cost \$50.00 per person (select steak or chicken dinner)

RSVP: WM Dan Ploenzke by October 8th

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Dress Attire Requested / All Degrees Welcome

Non-Masons are Welcome

SOUTH METRO PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



SUNDAY, SEPT 25TH, 2022
8AM - 1PM

Hosted by:
Minnehaha Masonic Lodge #165 &
Cataract Lodge #2
5149 Bloomington Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Classic Breakfast \$10 all you can eat!

- Buttermilk Pancakes
- Sausage Links
- Scrambled Eggs

or

Chef's Signature Brunch \$15 per serving - 1 serving each!

- Buttermilk Pancakes w/ Blueberry Compote
- Millionaires Bacon
- Creamy Hashbrowns
- Mediterranean Vegetable Frittata
- Mixed fruit

Net proceeds to benefit the Facelt Foundation and Hiawatha Chapter of DeMolay.



Lebanon Lodge No. 346 Junior Warden Festive Board



WHEN: Friday October 14, 2022 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Royal Cliff Banquet Hall
2280 Cliff Road, Eagan MN, 55122

DINNER: Pasta Bar by *Brianno's Deli Italiano*

DRESS CODE: Black Tie Optional

\$50 per person

Open to Masons and their Adult (21+) Guests
RSVP by Friday October 7, 2022

RSVP Link: <http://evite.me/sYqeGCMfnT>

Zuhrah Shriners Presents

CAMEL CRAWL

A GUIDED .05K (164 FT.) FUN RUN

Saturday, October 15, 2022

JOIN ZUHRAH SHRINE FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL CAMEL CRAWL AS WE DRINK FOR CHARITY
ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TWIN CITIES

SCHEDULE

11:30 AM Registration/packet pickup begins
12 - 1 PM Lunch
1 - 4 PM Camel Crawl Starts - visit our sponsors:
4:30 PM Door Prize Drawings (must be present to win)

START & END LOCATION
MONTGOMERY POST 79
102 ELM AVE SW, MONTGOMERY, MN 56068

Entry Fee: \$35
Includes: T-Shirt, Medal, Lunch, and
Door Entry Prize
* Credit Card Payments Only
** Additional Fees May Apply

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Bro. JOHNNY ROYAL

11.30.2022

Presenting:
"Silentium Aureum Est"
Silence is Golden

Q&A to Follow

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



September 2022

- 5th – Labor Day
- 6th – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
6:00 P.M. Dinner
- 10th – 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers
Coffee in Apple Valley.
- 14th – 6:30 P.M. MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board
of Directors Meeting.
- 17th – Fall Lodge Cleanup
- 20th – Dungeons & Dragons – 6 P.M. – 10 P.M
- 27th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting –
Light Supper Provided.



October 2022

- 4th – 7:00 P.M. Stated Communications Meeting
6:00 P.M. Dinner
- 8th - 7:30 A.M. Masons Coffee at Dunn Brothers
Coffee in Apple Valley.6:30 P.M.
- 12th – MN Valley Masons, Inc – Board of
Directors Meeting.
- 18th – Dungeons & Dragons – 6 P.M. – 10 P.M
- 21st – Articles Due for the Wayfarer.
- 25th – 6:30 P.M. Steering Committee Meeting
- 31st – Halloween

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/>
