

MN RIVER VALLEY LODGE #6

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FROM THE EAST

If you've been unable to make it to the last few Stated meetings there something in particular, I want to share with you. As we move through next year the Grand Lodge member date base will become a more and more vital resource. We've been talking quite a bit about our Grandview participation and the importance that all of us avail ourselves of this tool as we move forward. Of the 134 members of Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6, 64 brothers are currently registered in the Grandview system. That's a 42% rate that are accessing the very system that will become necessary for simple functions such as paying dues, updating a profile or even having a dues card. Each of those and more are critical but those aside there are many, many valuable aspects to this database. Under the LODGE section you can access your personal records. The Lodge meeting minutes are posted on this page. The resource section contains information about governance, petitions, forms, templates, and Grand Lodge information.

This page alone will assist you in staying current with what's going on in your Lodge when you can't make meetings. In addition to our lodge's page, the Grand Lodge Portal is treasure trove of information. There are ten icons that can be accessed where you can receive, add or delete information; get articles, receive information about and from Grand Lodge. You can access calendars, learn of upcoming seminars or download and review them after the fact. Let me go through them and share just a little information about each:

YOUR PROFILE - Here is where updates includes your personal information including: your payment profile (*choice to pay your dues through auto withdrawal or over time*), enter or update your military service, update your personal and emergency contact information, indicate your communication preferences, check options for information you would like to receive from our MRVL #6, Grand Lodge or Masonic Homes and update your memberships in other bodies.

1. **VIRTUAL CARD** – This is where you access your virtual card (*which starting in 2024 is the only way you can receive it*). It can be printed or downloaded via the QRC.
2. **CANDIDATE LEARNING CENTER** – Information to meet the requirements of the Minnesota Masonic Code for basic Masonic education.
3. **GRAND LODGE** – Calendar of events for Grand Lodge. General Grand Lodge information. Grand Lodge officers. Past Grand Masters. Grand Lodge Boards. Grand Lodge Committees.
4. **GRAND LODGE RECOGNITION** – Grand Lodges recognized by the Minnesota Grand Lodge. If you are interested in visiting another Grand Lodge this page gives you websites, addresses, phone, numbers and emails. You're are directed to go the Minnesota Grand Lodge and not directly contact a Grand Lodge out your jurisdiction.
5. **SEMINARS** – Lists of upcoming seminars. Also this is where completed seminars with recordings are archived.
6. **FIND MEETINGS** – This is a search feature to find upcoming meetings in our local jurisdiction
7. **LODGE LOCATOR** – Statewide search tool for Minnesota Lodges including lodge names, phone numbers and meeting times and google earth map.
8. **RESOURCES** – Grand Lodge also includes educational information for the following:

Candidates

Welcome to Masonry, overview of degrees, Quest book 1 and 2.

Entered Apprentices

Entered Apprentice prologue, summary of the EA degree, Virtues of Freemasonry, Quest book 3, Questions for the EA degree.

Fellow Crafts

FC prologue, summary of FC degree, seven liberal arts and sciences, Quest book 4 Questions for the FC Degree.

Master Masons

Important Resources – MN Masonic Code, MN Masonic Manual, Board of Custodian Decisions (2020), Life Membership program, Per Capita Refund request form.

Membership – Three steps to petition, petitions, investigation committee, prospect manager guide.

Mentor Program – MM degree program, MM Degree, Quest book 5 & 6, Questions for the MM degree, Three scripture readings, Mentoring binder.

Grand Lodge Resources – Lodge leadership and improvement, Lodge building Trust Fund, Grand Lodge Social Media policy, Grand Lodge proceedings, Minnesota Freemasons logo.

Education Programs – Wayfaring Man, Masonic Light Award Program, Education Lodge, other Masonic resources, The Practicing Freemason.

Publications – The Ashlar, MN Mason Newspaper dating back to 2019.

Worshipful Master – Lodge leadership and management, Lodge Recognition Program, Lodge Officer Duties.

As you see, there is a wealth of information for both the 50 year+ brother and the youngest Entered Apprenticed. At the very least we will all need access to remit our 2024 dues and receive our virtual membership card. You are strongly encouraged to register for this vital resource. Let's see if we can get our active participation from 42 percent up to somewhere in the 90 percent range.

Gerry Robison

Worshipful Master

Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6

OES REPORT

Renaissance Chapter #313 was dark in July. The chapter met on August 17th. We had a hot dog supper with all the trimmings before the meeting. It was School of Instruction night and our District Instructor was there. She reviewed procedures and answered any questions we had. You always learn something during this special night. We will have an official visit from the Grand Family next month with a special guest presentation and meal. We are looking forward to a very fun night.

Submitted By: **Brad Smith**



FROM THE LODGE

It's been a busy few months at my home in Minnesota with family visiting from the Bahamas. We've been lucky to have both my mom and dad spend about a month each with us, making the time extra special since we live so far apart.

On August 30th, 2023, we had something unique to enjoy—a blue super moon. **It's the last one we'll see until 2037**, according to astrologist. I love sitting by the fire pit, so getting to share this special moonlit moment with my dad was amazing.

The moon looked its best around 9:50 p.m. CST. For those who missed it, I wanted share this unedited photo. It's just another reminder that the world around us is full of amazing things and supprises from the Supreme Architect.

Sincerely,
 Brother **Dylan Cartwright**



**MRVL#6
 GOLF
 SOCIAL**

SEPTEMBER 24TH 1PM TEE TIMES START!

 763-303-9877
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Cost is \$45 per person, includes 9 holes of Golf, a cart, misc. golf games, Fun and prizes. Open event for all.

Golfing at Cleary Lake Regional Park
 18106 Texas Ave., Prior Lake, MN.
 Deadline to sign up and payment Sept. 15th.

MONTHLY MASONIC WORD

ASHLARS - IN THE WORLD OF FREEMASONRY, THE TERM 'ASHLARS' HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS AND LODGES. ORIGINATING FROM THE LATIN 'AXILLA,' MEANING A SQUARED STONE, ASHLARS SYMBOLIZE A MASON'S LIFELONG JOURNEY TOWARD MORAL AND SPIRITUAL PERFECTION. THESE STONES COME IN TWO FORMS: THE ROUGH ASHLAR, REPRESENTING OUR RAW, UNREFINED CHARACTER WHEN FIRST ENTERING THE LODGE, AND THE PERFECT ASHLAR, SYMBOLIZING THE VIRTUOUS STATE WE ASPIRE TO REACH. ROOTED IN OUR HISTORY OF OPERATIVE MASONRY, THESE ASHLARS AREN'T JUST PIECES OF ROCK; THEY SERVE AS CORNERSTONES OF OUR MASONIC JOURNEY. EVERY TIME YOU SEE THESE EMBLEMATIC STONES IN OUR LODGE, REMEMBER THEY ARE A TESTAMENT TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF MASONRY, ENCOURAGING US TO POLISH OUR OWN 'ROUGH EDGES' INTO THE PERFECT BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BETTER SOCIETY.

Help us thank a vet.

Each year, Hues for Heroes thanks a deserving veteran by providing home interior painting along with other home and auto repair services.

The event will be on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2023.

If you know a veteran from any branch of the military who deserves a thank-you for their service, we would like to know.

We are in the process of selecting the recipient of the 2023 Hues for Heroes Veterans Day Award. We will be interviewing candidates soon to select this year's Hero.

NOMINATE A VETERAN YOU KNOW.

Tell us about the veteran hero in your life. Our goal is to create local awareness of the many veterans in our communities and thank them for their service. These vets have given so much and seldom ask for anything in return.

We want to give back to our Vets!

2023 Timeline:

Now - July 4 Independence Day:
Accepting and interviewing veteran nominees

September 5 Labor Day:
Veteran Hero selected and announced

November 11 Veterans Day:
Hues for Heroes painting event at Hero's home

Nominate a Veteran Hero.

Please send your deserving nominee's story to:
<https://for.ms.gle/f3zKhrXfWGEnuDAD8>

Or fill out the attached application form and mail to:

Hues for Heroes
12760 Aberdeen St. NE #304
Blaine, MN 55449

Donate to support Hues for Heroes.

If you would like to support our efforts so we can help more veterans, please inquire at: hues4heroes@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

Please call 612-516-5882 if you have questions.

Hues For Heroes is IRS approved as a 501c3 tax-exempt, charitable organization.

HUES FOR HEROES
VETERANS DAY



Navy veteran Dennis Peterson received the 2022 Hues for Heroes Award.



Viet Nam veteran Bob Carter received the 2020 Hues for Heroes Award.



“Hues for Heroes did more than just paint. They showed me that my family and I were not alone. They care about the nation's heroes and want to give back and show us veterans their support.”

Gulf War veteran Andrew Chaisson,
2019 Hues for Heroes Veteran Recipient