

MN RIVER VALLEY LODGE #6

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FROM THE EAST

I was thinking an act of kindness and generosity shown by you and our Grand Lodge to one of our brothers and his family. All of you offered your thoughts and prayers in addition to generous financial assistance. It is acts like these, regularly taken by Masons all over the world that separate Masonry from many other fraternal organizations. So I started wondering about what defines brotherhood. What it means, how it is described. I looked up the definition of brotherhood and found pretty much what I expected. However, there was something in the definition that didn't sit right with me. Brotherhood has been described as an association of men united in a common interest, work, creed, etc., a society, a body of persons engaged in a business, profession or social setting. It's also been described as a combination of the chemistry between men and procuring outlets for the elements of respect, responsibility, tolerance, and honesty to compound. But I think we're more than that.

Do we, as members of Minnesota River Valley Lodge #6 fit neatly into any of those definitions? I guess, maybe. Like all Lodges, we are a multitude of different components. We bring different experiences, skills and motivations to our fraternity. Over time each become an integral part of what makes us a unique group of men that in times of need come together and spearhead a kind act of kindness or relief effort for a brother in need. Think about that for a moment. Each of us is an integral part of the whole. Each relied on to keep the best interests of the fraternity foremost in mind when being called upon to assist a brother or our lodge. Each of us a part of our pledge to make good men better. But isn't our fraternity more than that? In different ways we come to rely on each other. We take comfort in our companionship. Even when we are alone and with own thoughts, we know we are a part of something bigger, something meaningful.

How have we arrived at this safe and secure port of call? It's by our action's brothers. Large, impactful efforts that are extremely rewarding to those who are lucky enough to be part of them. But some of our best gestures are never even recognized or acknowledged. Nor do we ask for any recognition. They pass with no notice at all just as we intended. A kind word, a sincere handshake, a genuine interest in a brother or a simple smile can account for more than you probably know. Big things we plan for and often lead to big results. The little things we aren't planning on at all often lead to results that are more impactful than you can image.

Master
Gerry Robison

OES REPORT

Renaissance Chapter #313 convened on May 18th, during which a multitude of topics were discussed. The planning of the forthcoming Von Hansen brat sale took center stage, in conjunction with other fundraising ideas that were proposed. We had the privilege of inaugurating our chapter's organist and an insightful report on the grand chapter was presented by the Associate Matron.

We had the honor of acknowledging Brother Fred Vihovde as he celebrated his 90th birthday milestone. Our subsequent meeting was held on June 15th, where future activities and the impending Eastern Star Grand Family visit in September were the main talking points.

We are eager to inform you that the District Instructor will grace us with their presence at the August meeting. In a show of appreciation, traveling pins were bestowed upon the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Fathers were accorded due respect, with the Worthy Matron reciting a heartfelt poem in their honor and presenting them with gifts as a token of our gratitude.

Additionally, members celebrating their birthdays in June and July were given due recognition and received gifts in celebration. Please note that our chapter will not be convening in July.

Submitted By: Brad Smith
Edited By: Dylan Cartwright



FROM THE WEST

As the summer season is in full swing, we find ourselves juggling various commitments and enjoying the warmer weather. It's time when schedules become packed with vacations, family outings, and outdoor activities. However, let's not forget the importance of staying connected with our fellow Masons and nurturing the bonds that make our fraternity so special. Here are a few suggestions on how we can keep in touch during this busy summer season.

Zuhrah Shriners Presents

CAMEL CRAWL

A GUIDED .05K (104 FT.) FUN RUN

Saturday, September 30, 2023

JOIN ZUHRAH SHRINE FOR OUR 3RD 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
100 ELM AVE SW, MONTGOMERY, MN 55058

Entry Fee: \$40
Includes: T-Shirt, Medal, Lunch, and Door Entry Prize
* Credit Card Payments Only
** Additional Fees May Apply

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1. **Lodge Social Events:** We are fortunate that our lodge stays active throughout the summer. Attending lodge social events is an excellent way to stay connected with our Masonic brothers and we keep our social calendar active through the summer. Mason Coffee every month, and the KC/Mason chicken dinner are examples. Check our calendar on our website for times and more events. These relaxed and informal settings provide opportunities to catch up, share stories, and strengthen the fraternal bonds that unite us.
2. **Masonic Family Outings:** We have a lodge with members that have younger children. Consider organizing family outings with your fellow Masons and their families to spend quality time together. A day trip to Valley Fair, a hike to Minnehaha falls, or a visit to the Bell Museum can create lasting memories and foster a sense of camaraderie among our Masonic families.
3. **Digital Communication:** In this digital age, staying connected has become easier than ever. Utilize social media platforms, such as Facebook or WhatsApp to create groups with brothers. Share updates, photos, and engage in discussions.
4. **Reach Out Personally:** A simple yet powerful gesture is reaching out personally to fellow Masons. Take a few moments to call or send a text message to check in on how they're doing. This small act of reaching out can make a big difference, reminding them that they are part of a supportive and caring Masonic family.
5. **Masonic Travel:** If you find yourself traveling during the summer, take the opportunity to connect with brethren from other lodges or jurisdictions. Attending meetings or events in different locations can provide a unique perspective and forge new friendships across Masonic borders.

As Masons, we understand the value of maintaining strong fraternal ties. Even during a busy summer season, let's make a conscious effort to stay connected with our fellow brethren. By nurturing these connections, we not only strengthen our lodge but also contribute to the greater Masonic family. Wishing you all a summer filled with meaningful moments, laughter, and lifelong friendships.

Brother Joe Andrus

Senior Warden

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/MASON CHICKEN DINNER

BROTHERS!

ON MONDAY, JUNE 12TH MEMBERS OF OUR LODGE AND MEMBERS FROM THE NEW PRAGUE 4 TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MET AT THE K OF C HALL IN NEW PRAGUE. THE MEETING WAS TO PLAN THE UPCOMING 55 TH ANNUAL KC- MASON CHICKEN DINNER.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 TH
TIME: 6:00 P.M. SOCIAL AND 7:00 P.M. DINNER
WHERE: KC HALL OF NEW PRAGUE
411 4 TH AVE, SW NEW PRAGUE, MN 56071
COST: \$20.00 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!

LODGE MEETING AND TIME

**ADDRESS: 4821 WEST 124TH STREET,
SAVAGE, MN 55378**

**DATE TIME: 1ST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 7:00 P.M., DINNER AT
6:00 P.M.**

The Roll of the Workman Was Called!

And Brother Dallas Horejsi has not responded.

BROTHER DALLAS J. HOREJSI PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023. DALLAS JEROME HOREJSI WAS BORN ON MARCH 25, 1948 TO CHARLES AND LEONA (HONZA) HOREJSI IN NEW PRAGUE, MN. ON MARCH 20, 1971 HE MARRIED MARSHA PETERSEN. DALLAS WAS A VIETNAM VETERAN. PROUD MEMBER OF THE MONTGOMERY HONOR GUARD, MONTGOMERY VFW, MONTGOMERY LEGION AND MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY MASONS. HE WORKED AT MINNESOTA VALLEY ENGINEERING (CHART) FOR 40 YEARS. HE LOVED FISHING, ESPECIALLY HIS YEARLY CANADA TRIPS WITH HIS BUDDIES.

DALLAS IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARSHA, HIS FOUR CHILDREN, WENDY (LARRY) ECKSTROM, JEN DUDLEY (CHRIS PAIROLERO), JEFF (TRACY) HOREJSI AND RACHEL HOREJSI (BEN DANIELSON). 16 GRANDCHILDREN; KYLE, DEANNA, DEVIN, KELSEY, ASHLEY, KIERSTEN, JIMMY, KAYLA, BREANNA, ALEXUS, KEVIN, DUSTIN, DERRICK, ASHLIE, AUSTIN, AND GAVIN. 3 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; LACIE, MYLA, AND BECKHAM. SIBLINGS; DONALD (NANCY), DALLEEN (ED) STICHA, DUANE, DARRELL (SHARI), AND DIANE. SISTER-IN-LAW; VIRGINIA. AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

BROTHER DALLAS WAS INITIATED AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE ON MARCH 3, 1998, AND PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOWCRAFT ON NOVEMBER 2, 1998, AND RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON ON DECEMBER 8, 1998. BROTHER DALLAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OUR FOOD STAND TRAILER, AS THE MAIN DESIGNER AND BUILDER THAT WE HAD A LOT OF FUN MEMORIES USING.



ALAS MY BROTHER!

"DEATH IS NOT THE END, BUT SIMPLY THE PASSAGE INTO THE CELESTIAL LODGE, WHERE ALL OF OUR LABORS MAY BE CEASED, AND WE WILL FIND PEACE AND REST THAT WILL CARRY US THROUGH A BOUNDLESS ETERNITY."

FROM THE SOUTH

THIS PAST JUNE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT EUROPE WITH STOPS IN PARIS, AMSTERDAM, UTRECHT AND BRUSSELS. WE COVERED A LOT OF GROUND IN A VERY SHORT TIME INCLUDING A LOT OF MUSEUMS.

THE ONE THING THAT STOOD OUT TO ME WAS THE ARCHITECTURE. WE LEARN THAT THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY WAS BORNE OUT OF NON-MASONS ADMIRATION FOR THE WORK AND LESSONS OF OPERATIVE MASONS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THERE WAS PLENTY TO ADMIRE.

I TOOK THE FOLLOWING PICTURE AT THE LOUVRE ON THE SIDE OF THE PAVILION DENON. THERE ARE BUILDING PLANS, SETTING MAULS, A SQUARE AND A COMPASS DISPLAYED. AND THIS IS JUST A SMALL DECORATION ON A LARGE, GRAND BUILDING.

ALL ALONG OUR TRIP WE WERE TREATED TO SOME AMAZING ARCHITECTURE. THE GRAND CHURCHES IN AMSTERDAM ARE AMAZING TO BEHOLD. GRAND PLACE IN BRUSSELS IS AN AMAZING COLLECTION OF MASSIVE BUILDINGS FROM THE 11TH THROUGH 16TH CENTURY. THE SCALE AND STYLES ARE AMAZING. AS I SAT THERE OUTSIDE A CAFE HAVING A BEER I MARVELED AT NOT JUST THE SIZE OF THE STONES BUT THE CLEANNES OF THE CUTS, HOW NEATLY THEY FIT TOGETHER AND HOW THEY'VE SAT THERE FOR CENTURIES ALMOST UNPERTURBED BY THE PEOPLE WALKING BY.

IN PARIS WE FOUND OURSELVES AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE FRENCH MUSEUM OF FREEMASONRY. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE WHO IS NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY OUR LODGE. THERE WAS A SPLIT AFTER THE GRAND ORIENT BEGAN ALLOWING MEMBERS WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN A SUPREME BEING. BUT PRIOR TO THAT SPLIT, THEY WERE CONSIDERED "REGULAR" AND INDEED, BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DID JOIN A LODGE THERE WHILST TRYING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

OVERALL IT WAS A GREAT TRIP AND A LOT OF FUN. IT WASN'T PLANNED AS A "MASONIC" TRIP ALTHOUGH IN RETROSPECT IT SURE SEEMED THAT WAY.

BROTHER JAY MORAN
JUNIOR WARDEN



MONTHLY MASONIC WORD: "CABLE TOW" – FROM THE GERMAN "KABLE TAU." ORIGINALLY THE TERM WAS "CABLE ROPE." SYMBOLICALLY, LIKE THE UMBILICAL CORD WHICH ATTACHES INFANT TO MOTHER, IT ATTACHES THE INITIATE TO HIS LODGE. IT IS REMOVED AS SOON AS THE SPIRITUAL BOND OF THE OBLIGATION TAKES THE PLACE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT. THE BALTIMORE MASONIC CONVENTION OF 1843 DEFINED THE LENGTH OF THE CABLE TOW AS "THE SCOPE OF A BROTHER'S REASONABLE ABILITY." HALF A MILE MIGHT BE BEYOND THE LENGTH OF A CABLE TOW FOR A LAME MAN AND A HUNDRED MILES WITHIN ITS LENGTH FOR ONE WITH A CAR AND A GOOD ROAD.

WAYFARER UPDATE

GREETINGS EVERYONE,
STARTING WITH THE JULY AND AUGUST 2023, NEWSLETTER, WE HAVE TWO NEW EDITORS OF THE WAYFARER, AND THEY ARE BROTHER CULLEN FURLONG AND BROTHER DYLAN CARTWRIGHT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND ARTICLES TO THE WAYFARER@MN-RIVERVALLEY.ORG EMAIL ADDRESS AND THEY WILL RECEIVE YOUR ARTICLES. I WILL CONTINUE TO POST THE WAYFARER TO OUR WEBSITE AND SEND TO OUR PRINTER FOR THE ONES THAT GET MAILED. CONTINUE TO WATCH THE WAYFARER FOR THE DUE DATES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF WHEN THEY WISH TO HAVE THE ARTICLES IN BY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BROTHER CULLEN AND BROTHER DYLAN FOR THEIR HELP WITH THIS VERY IMPORTANT FORM OF COMMUNICATION.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A HUGE "THANK YOU!" TO W. BROTHER JAMES WALLIN FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WITH GATHERING THE ARTICLES AND WORKING ON THE WAYFARER, SO THAT WE COULD FINALIZE IT AND GET IT OUT THE DOOR FOR BOTH OUR ELECTRONIC VERSION AND OUR PRINT VERSION. HIS EFFORTS MADE THE REST OF THE PROCESS MUCH EASIER, AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

FRATERNALLY,
W. BROTHER STEVE SCHEFFERT
SECRETARY