



SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE ▲ WISCONSIN ▲ APRIL - 2009

NO WEEK BETWEEN REUNION WEEKENDS! – ORDER BANQUET TICKETS BY APRIL 21ST.



COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER

Greetings Brethren,

I hope this finds all well and ready to go after this long winter. The warm weather may not be here just yet, but we can feel it in the air. With the spring season comes our spring Reunion. I

hope you can all make it, if not for all, then at least some of the reunion. Please come and make some new friends. You can also renew old friendships. That is one of the reasons for holding reunions.

We are fast approaching the time when the unpleasant task of suspending members for unpaid dues needs to be addressed. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. There are several on the books for non-payment and quite frankly the Valley cannot afford to keep carrying the members. I always dislike having to constantly be bringing this up, but it is a fact of life.

April brings to us the reunion, our breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. It would be very nice to have a good turnout especially for the Feast, since it is the ceremony to honor those that have left us this past year. It is a very impressive ceremony if you have never seen it. There will not be a monthly meeting for April due to the amount of activity that month. Anything requiring immediate attention will be taken care of during the reunion.

Our candy sale fell flat on its face this year due to lack of participation by the membership. Brethren we need ideas for fundraisers if we are to continue to operate as a Valley. Any and all ideas will be considered. Please keep that in mind. Watch your Reporter for updates and changes to upcoming events in the Valley. Things are changing rapidly and we will try to keep everyone in the loop as best we can. Hope to see you at the meetings and at the reunion.

Fraternally,

**Ken Pelo
Commander In Chief**

Spring Reunion Schedule

Friday - April 17, 2009

- 12:00 PM..... Class Registration
- 1:00 PM..... Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies
- 2:00 PM..... 4th Degree: Master Traveler
- 2:45 PM..... Communicate 5th Degree
- 3:00 PM..... 7th Degree: Provost and Judge
- 3:45 PM..... Communicate 8th, 9th and 10th Degrees
- 4:00 PM..... 11th Degree: Sublime Master Elected
- 4:45 PM..... Communicate 12th and 13th Degree
- 5:00 PM..... Dinner
- 6:00 PM..... 14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason
- 7:00 PM..... Friendship and Hospitality

Saturday, April 18, 2009

- 8:30 PM..... Donuts and Coffee
- 8:45 AM..... Class Assembly
- 9:00 AM..... 16th Degree: Knight of Jerusalem
- 9:45 AM..... Communicate 15th, 17th and 19th Degrees
- 10:00 AM 18th Degree: Knight of Rose Croix
- 11:15 AM..... Lunch
- 12:15 PM..... 20th Degree: Master ad Vitam
- 1:30 PM..... Communicate 21st and 22nd Degrees
- 1:45 PM..... 6th Degree: Intimate Secretary
- 2:45 PM..... 24th Degree: Prince of the Tabernacle

Saturday, April 25, 2009

- 8:30 AM..... Donuts and Coffee
- 9:00 AM..... Class Assembly
- 9:00 AM..... Ladies Program
- 9:15 AM..... Active & Director of the Work Presentation
- 10:15 AM Class Picture
- 10:45 AM..... 23rd Degree: Chief of the Tabernacle
- 11:45 AM..... Communicate 25th, 26th and 27th Degrees
- 12:00 PM..... Lunch
- 1:00 PM. Ladies Program – What Are These Guys Doing
- 1:00 PM..... Communicate 28th, 29th and 30th Degrees
- 1:15 PM..... 31st Degree: Knight Aspirant
- 2:15 PM..... 32nd Degree: Sublime Prince
- 3:30 PM..... Reception
- 5:00 PM..... Spring Banquet



Valley Schedule

April – 2009

4	Breakfast With The Easter Bunny Eau Claire – 9 a.m.
5	Feast of the Pascal Lamb – Wausau
6	Marshfield Lodge Visitation
14	Landmark Lodge Visitation
17	Spring Reunion 1 pm
18	Spring Reunion 8:30 am
21	Shell Lake Spooner Visitation
25	Spring Reunion 9 am
25	Ladies Program 8:30 am

May – 2009

5	Bayfield Washburn Visitation
18	Executive Committee 6:30 pm Regular Meeting 7 pm

June – 2009

8	Executive Committee 7 pm
26-28	Wisconsin Council of Deliberation

July – 2009

14	Barns Lodge Visitation
20	Executive Committee 7 pm

August – 2009

17	Executive Committee 7 pm
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September – 2009

21	Executive Committee 6:30 pm
21	Regular Meeting 7 pm
24	Black River Lodge Visitation
26	Senior Warden's Workshops

October - 2009

16	Fall Reunion begins – 1pm
17	Fall Reunion – 8:30 am
24	Fall Reunion – 8:30 am
24	Ladies Program – 8:30 am

**It Is Not too Late To
Sign Up Candidates
For The Spring
Reunion**

INTERESTING DEFINITIONS

Of Non-Masonic Conduct
“Renege” to go back on an agreement or upon your word. A Mason is to be trusted upon his word, indeed some of our officers are called trustees. To renege is contrary to all Masonic teachings.

Spring Reunion Named For 150 years of Masonry in Eau Claire



Dance To Follow Spring Banquet

On March 26th, 1859 in a tiny little room, 12 or 14 feet square, something special happened. The first lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was instituted in the area now known as Eau Claire, Wisconsin. It was a small thing, really. The little frame building on the corner of South Barstow and Gibson Streets was no palace. Historical notes tell us that the lodge ceiling was about seven and a half feet. The alter was a nail keg. But, the first time that rough wood held the Three Great Lights, illuminated by the three lesser, that little room shown with something no mere palace has ever housed. That first night that little room shown with the Light of Masonry. A palace, no. A Temple, yes.

On June 14th of that same year they received their charter, and became Eau Claire Lodge #112 Free and Accepted Masons. We've held this as the anniversary of Masonry in Eau Claire, ever since. As a member of lodge #112, I can tell you that we are quite proud to be celebrating 150 years of light, this year. But we didn't get here alone. Among all the others, The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has spent many years contributing not only to Masonry, but to the communities that make up the Valley of Eau Claire.

In honor and celebration of this we're holding a 150th anniversary presentation and dance in honor of Scottish Rite, after the Spring Reunion Banquet, on the night of Saturday, April 25th. There will be a band and refreshments. This event is open to all Masons, as well as friends and relatives, so that all may join in the fun. The dance will begin at eight, and run until eleven. Bring that special someone, and let's make this a night to remember. (Submitted by Eau Claire Lodge #112)

Freemasons At Gettysburg DVD Available

Brother Lew Mallow, 32°- SRA, of the Valley of Eau Claire, has produced a superb DVD version of his multimedia story of “Freemasons at Gettysburg” enhancing his original slide presentation with the technology of motion. This story illustrates examples not only of courage, bravery and heroic deeds of Freemasons at Gettysburg, but also of how their Brotherly Love and Affection for each other as well as their compassion for others emerged during this conflict. **This DVD makes a great addition to any home, Lodge or Valley Library.** This presentation has been used during reunions at the Valley of Eau Claire and other Valleys and will work well for a presentation at Lodge. Because the Valley of Eau Claire is so convinced you will appreciate this DVD it is available to you at cost - \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Orders must be received by April 25, 2009.

Freemasons At Gettysburg

Name _____

Address _____

Please send \$13 to: The Valley of Eau Claire, P.O. Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Orders must be received by April 25, 2009 – Thank you.

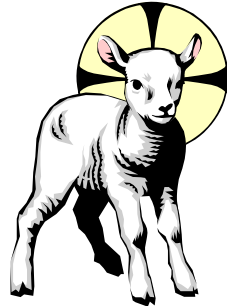


**4th Annual Breakfast
With The Easter
Bunny At Eau Claire
Masonic Temple On
Saturday April 4,
2009 at 9 a.m.**

**Easter - Egg Hunt To Follow
For Children Ages 2-12**

Yes Virginia, there really is an Easter Bunny – at least at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 4th. This fourth annual family event sponsored by the Valley of Eau Claire begins at 9 a.m. with breakfast including French Toast, Sausages, Milk, Juice and Coffee with a candy filled Easter-egg hunt to follow. **There is no charge for children 2-12 years and the cost for adults is only \$5.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Bring your Easter basket to carry your eggs.** This is a great event for your children or grandchildren. **Please call the office at 832-7759 to let us know you are coming by April 1st so we can estimate the number.**

**Feast of the Paschal
Lamb To Be At The
Wausau Masonic
Center on April 5,
2009 at 4 p.m.**



The Valley of Eau Claire Chapter of Rose Croix will be presenting the impressive Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony honoring our Scottish Rite brothers who have left this world for the next this past year. The Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be at the Wausau Masonic Center at 4 p.m. Following this moving ceremony will be a fine Sunday Dinner. Let us remember all those who came before and continue to make a place for us.

From Our Files – Reporters Past

50 Years Ago: April– 1959: Ill. Rex Paxton, 33° Director of Public Relations for Sutherland Paper to be Banquet key note speaker.

40 Years Ago: April – 1969: New scenery backdrops are in the process of installation on the stage to replace those destroyed by the fire on Sept. 21, 1968.

30 Years Ago: April – 1979: Ill. G. Otis Linderman, 33°, past CIC, 1949-52, and Consistory Trustee from 1952 until his death at age 70.

20 Years Ago: April -1989: Lodge of Perfection travels to Madison to confer the 14°.

10 Years Ago: April- 1999: Erica Stang announced as a new office assistant to the Secretary.

Order your banquet tickets by April 21st

Ladies Program

April 25, 2009

Breakfast – Juried Art Show at UWEC - What Are These Guys Doing Anyway !

**Breakfast – Juried Art Show at UWEC
What are These Guys Doing Anyway?**

The Ladies are in for a treat on the final day of the Fall Reunion. The Ladies program this fall will start at 8:30 a.m. when the Ladies will be transported by trolley to the Grand Avenue Café for breakfast. Following breakfast, the Ladies will be transported to the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire for the annual Juried Art Show. Then, they will be transported back to the Temple for lunch. Following Lunch there will be a program – What Are These Guys Doing Anyway – which will be a 1 hour program about Masonry and the Scottish Rite in particular – **find out the secrets and mysteries.** Whether you are from out of town or from Eau Claire, it promises to be a fun day. There is no charge for the program except the cost of breakfast. Limited Reservations. **Call the Valley office at (715) 832-7759 to make reservations.**



REUNION RECEPTION & BANQUET

APRIL 25, 2009

RECEPTION

**OF NEW MEMBERS & LADIES
3:30 P.M.**

BANQUET

IN HONOR OF THE CLASS

**MAIN BALLROOM - APRIL 25, 2009 – 5 P.M.
HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY**

The Banquet honoring our new members and their Ladies will start promptly at 5:00 P.M. in the Historic Eau Claire Temple of Freemasonry Main Ballroom. The sit-down dinner will feature a choice of Cheddar Cheese & Broccoli Stuffed Chicken Breast or Bacon Wrapped Fillet of Pork Loin together with a fresh tossed salad served on chilled plates with Sweetwaters house dressing, garlic smashed potatoes topped with either cheddar cheese sauce or rich mushroom gravy, steamed mixed vegetables, warm bakery fresh rolls & butter, coffee and sherbet. **Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 21, 2009. No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door. \$17 per person.**

**DANCE TO FOLLOW CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
FREEMASONRY IN EAU CLAIRE**

Spring 2009 Reunion Banquet Ticket Order

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

_____ Chicken Entrée # _____ Pork Entrée

**Send with \$17 per Entrée to: Eau Claire Consistory, P.O.
Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54702 so to be received on or
before April 21, 2009**



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SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEGREE PRACTICES



Attention All Casts You Are Needed On The Set!

A 30 to 60 minute degree presentation takes many hours of preparation – the quiet hours of memory work and a number of practices. The Work is worthwhile and results in a truly memorable experience for all. It is fun too. It is very important for cast members to be at the degree practices whether your part is large or small. **Please make every effort to be at your degree practices – your cast is counting on you.**

Degree Practice Schedule

4°	April 5 @ 7pm Eau Claire Temple	18°	April 12 @ 4:30 pm Wausau Masonic Center	24°	Indian Cast April 12 @ 7:30 pm @ Wausau Masonic Center
6°	March 31 & April 14 @ 6:30pm River Falls Lodge	20°	April 12 @ 6:15 pm Wausau Masonic Center	31°	April 25 @ 12:40 pm Eau Claire Temple
14°	April 8 @ 6:30 pm April 15 @ 6:30pm Eau Claire Temple	23°	April 24 @ 6:30 p.m. Eau Claire Temple	32°	April 25 @ 1 pm Large Lodge Room Eau Claire Temple
16°	April 13 @ 6 pm Marshfield Lodge	24°	Lodge Cast – Eau Claire April 14 & 16 @ 7 pm @ Eau Claire Temple	Choir	April @ 6 pm Auditorium