



# SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE ▲ WISCONSIN ▲ SUMMER – 2008



**Front Row: (L-R)** Aaron Zook, 32°, Orator; Barret Olson, 32°, Vice President; William Odell, 32°, Vice-President; Ill. Garry D. Hageness, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council For Whom the Class is named; Ben Nikosch, 32°, Class President; Rollie Erickson, 32°, Vice President; John Giroux, 32°; **Second Row: (L-R)** Ill. Norman Christensen, 33°, Grand Minister of State & Deputy For Wisconsin; Ill. J. B. Van Hollen, 33°, Grand Master of Masons In Wisconsin & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander; Steve Botes, Jr., 32°; Neil Chapman, 32°; Thomas Christiano, 32°; Robert Scheff, 32°; Alphonso Cantu, 32°; Paul Lenz, 32°, Commander In Chief; Ill. Michael DeWolfe, 33°, Active For Wisconsin; **Third Row: (L-R)** Mark Charbonneau, 32°; Bruce Mahoney, 32°; Richard Finch, 32°; Ill. Douglas Lundholm, 33°-MS; James Hanneman, 32°; Jerry Cundiff, 32°; Christopher Petersen, 32°; Ill. Dale Babbitt, 33°, Active Emeritus; Ill. Steve Prewitt, 33°, Deputy's Representative; **Top Row: (L-R)** Terry Loper, 32°, Deputy's Representative – Valley of LaCrosse; Kenneth Pelo, 32°, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander; Ill. Robert Dawson, 33°, Degree Communication; Ill. William Arnsdorff, 33°, Degree Communication; Scott Smith, 32°, Class Secretary; Ill. Rick Schnabel, 33°, Director of the Work; James Hager, 32°, Class Marshall; Ill. O. Darrell Aderman, 33°; Dan Hendrickson, 32°, Class Marshall; Ill. Sterling Standiford, 33°, Secretary.

## WELCOME TO THE ILL. GARRY D. HAGENESS, 33° CLASS

### Many of the Nineteen New Sublime Princes Eager To Take Up The Work

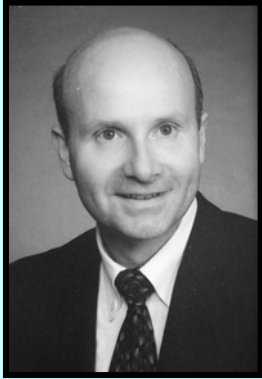
During the course of the Spring Reunion a presentation is made by the Director of the Work, Ill. Rick Schnabel, 33° and Active for Wisconsin, Ill. Garry D. Hageness, 33° about the opportunities for meaningful participation in the Valley of Eau Claire. These candidates, from all over the Valley, including: Mercer, Plover, Frederic, Tomah, Sparta, Onalaska, Shell Lake, Chippewa Falls, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, River Falls, Cumberland, Eau Claire, La Crosse and Marshfield are eager to take up the work. **Candidate Article continued on page 3.**

### Reunion Degree Work & Hospitality Make For Two Full Weekends

During the course of the two weekend Reunion over 260 Brothers came together to participate or witness the degree presentations and partake of the Reunion hospitality. The Spring Reunion named for the Ill. Garry D. Hageness, 33°, Active For Wisconsin began with over 30 on the sidelines with the 4° on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and concluded with 160 in attendance for the Banquet in honor of the class on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. In between the opening of the Reunion and the concluding remarks at the banquet, Valley brothers joined together for eleven degrees, two lunches, two dinners, and two evenings of fellowship. **Continued on page 5**



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S CORNER



**An Active Summer Is Underway For The Valley**

The Valley had a great Spring Reunion season, thanks to the hard work of so many. We thank the 30 plus members who visited 14 Lodges this past Spring cementing strong bonds; to the 25 office volunteers who manned the office, sorted & stuffed mailings, produced the Reunion Program and answered the phone; to hard work of our Secretary and Treasurer in keeping the office running smoothly; and, to the 260 Sublime Princes who came together in reception, food & beverage hospitality, cosmetology, stage, sound and electrical, degree direction, outstanding choir, cast members, sideline members and candidates. What an outstanding volunteer army it is that makes up the Valley of Eau Claire.

Summer, that too short a season in Wisconsin, is finally here. While we enjoy those wonderful long days of summer, we know that this too is the time to plan for the Fall. Now that officers attended the Council of Deliberation in Appleton, the real work for the fall begins, from Directors casting the degrees, Past Masters presenting the Senior Warden's Workshops and the many details for the Fall Reunion, let us all take the time to enjoy our friends and families this Summer.

**Fraternally,**  
**Paul J. Lenz, 32°**  
**Commander in Chief**

**Thomas N. Driscoll, 32°, of Wausau Selected To Receive Meritorious Service Award In 2009**

The Meritorious Service Award is granted by the Wisconsin Council of Deliberation in recognition of distinguished service in Scottish Rite Masonry upon the recommendation of the member's Valley. The Red Hat is emblematic of that recognition and honor. It was the unanimous vote of the 2008



Wisconsin Council of Deliberation held on June 28, 2008 that the Meritorious Service Award for the Valley of Eau Claire in 2009 will be Thomas N. Driscoll, 32°. Tom is from Wausau and is a member of Forest Lodge, # 130. Tom is shown above being congratulated by Ill. Norman Christensen, 33°, Grand Minister of State and Deputy for Wisconsin for this, the highest honor of the Wisconsin Council of Deliberation. Tom has twice progressed through the Eau Claire Chapter of Rose Croix line and twice served as Most Wise Master. In addition to being the Director of the 18°, he is a cast member in the 4°, 18°, 20°, and 24°. He is very well known in the Valley as the Marquis de Lafayette in the "George Washington" Degree. Tom has been nominated and has agreed to continue in service to the Valley as Hospitaler of the Eau Claire Consistory as a non-progressive officer to be installed this fall. His fine degree talents will be well received in the ceremonial 32°. Congratulations-Tom on a job well done!

**News In Brief**

**Fall Class Named For Ill. Steven Prewitt, 33°**

It was the unanimous decision of the May General Meeting to name the Fall Class for the Ill. Steven Prewitt, 33°, of Mosinee, Wisconsin. Steve is a Past Commander In Chief and Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Eau Claire. *Full Story in the September issue of the Reporter*

**Eau Claire Masonic Temple Elevator To Be Rebuilt in July and August - Please Use North Entrance During the Rebuilding Process.**

The Eau Claire Masonic Temple Board of Directors announce that the Elevator is being rebuilt during July and August of this year. During the construction process please use the North entrance facing the apartment building. This is a significant undertaking by the Building corporation and is part of the on going effort to keep the beautiful and historic Eau Claire Masonic Temple current with the times. In the past few years a number of members have gotten stuck in the elevator. The rebuilding of the elevator will bring it up to code so that it run for many years in a safe manner. The Board of Directors ask for your patience and understanding during this process.

# Directors Should Take Note That Many of the New 32° Masons From the Spring Class Are Ready To Take Up The Work

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**Steve George Botes** was born December 31, 1951 in Urbana, Illinois. Steve is a member of Hurley Lodge, # 237 and lives in Mercer, WI. Steve is employed at Retailware, Inc. and his hobbies include scuba diving. Steve was a member of the Fall 2007 Class and is completing his consistory degrees this spring. **Steve is interested in Registration and Hospitality. His phone number is 715.904.0400.**

**Alphonso Raymundo Cantu** was born on 10/19/1974 in Chicago, Illinois. Alphonso is a member of Evergreen Lodge, # 93 and lives in Plover, WI. His Lady's name is Cheryl Lynn. Alphonso is employed as a manager Catco Parts and Services and his hobbies are reading and learning. **Alphonso is interested both speaking and non-speaking parts. His phone number is 715.347.3049.**

**Neal Winslow Chapman** was born on 2/11/1941 in Lewiston, Maine. Neal is a member of Landmark Lodge, # 244 and lives in Roseville, MN. His Lady's name is Kimberly. Neal is retired from public service and a business manager and his hobbies are model trains and tree farm management. **Neil is interested in Registration. His phone number is 715.998.7901.**

**Mark Charbonneau** was born on 9/12/1959 and lives in Tomah, WI. He is a member of Tomah Lodge, # 132. He is employed as a janitor for the United States Veteran's Administration. Mark is completing his Consistory degrees and is a member of the Valley of La Crosse. **Mark is interested in Registration and Hospitality. His phone number is 715.372.6661.**

**Thomas William Christiano** was born on September 18, 1959 in Sparta, Wisconsin. He was raised a Master Mason on January 10, 2006. Thomas is a member of Eau Claire Lodge, # 112 and lives in Eau Claire, WI. His Lady's name is Gena. They have two children. Thomas is employed as an account manager at State Industrial Products. His hobbies include reading, golf, and watching Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer football. Tom was a member of the Fall 2007 Class and is completing his Consistory

degrees this spring. **Tom is interested in being a line officer. His phone number 715.883.0727.**

**Jerald Cundiff, Jr.** was born on 11/5/1967 and lives in Onalaska, WI. He is a member of Onalaska Lodge, # 214. His Lady's name is Shiela. He is an Ophthalmologist with Franciscan Skemp – Mayo. Jerald is completing his Consistory degrees and is a member of the Valley of La Crosse. **Jerry is interested in a non-speaking part and being a line officer. His phone number is 608.783.6027.**

**Roland Lee Erickson** is the Class Vice-President and was born on 12/27/1941 in Ashland, Wisconsin. Roland is a member of Spooner-Shell Lake Lodge, # 221 and lives in Shell Lake, WI. His Lady's name is Barbara. Roland is retired from education and his hobbies are hunting, fishing, reading and volunteering. **Rollie is interested in a non-speaking part. His phone number is 715.468.7002.**

**Richard T. Finch** was born on 10/10/1947 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He was raised a Master Mason on October 7, 1986. Richard is a member of Chippewa Falls Lodge, # 176 and lives in Chippewa Falls, WI. His Lady's name is Diane. Richard is retired from the Chippewa Falls Fire Department and his hobbies are hunting, fishing, and building fishing rods. **Richard is interested in Registration and Hospitality. His phone number is 715.723.0991.**

**John B. Giroulx** is a Class Vice-President and was born on 10/9/1959 in Wausau, Wisconsin. He was raised a Master Mason on May 30, 1984. John is a member of Forest Lodge, # 130 and lives in Wausau, WI. John is employed with Sentry Insurance and his hobbies are fishing and hunting. **John is interested in a non-speaking part. His phone number is 715.842.1576.**

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**James Henry Hanneman** was born on 8/17/1938 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. He was raised a Master Mason on February 19, 2002. James is a member of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge, # 128 and lives in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. His Lady's name is Shirley Ann. James is a retired manager of Roehl Transport and his hobbies are fishing and metal detecting. **James is**

**interested in both a speaking and non-speaking parts. His phone number is 715.423.8632 (home) & 715.459.1273 (Cell)**

**Benjamin James Riley Nikosch** is the Class President and was born on 5/9/1985 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Benjamin is a member of River Falls Lodge, # 109 and lives in River Falls, WI. His Lady's name is Amanda. Benjamin is employed as a market research specialist for US Federal Credit Union in Burnsville, Minnesota and his hobbies are hunting, fishing and hockey. **Ben is interested in either a speaking or non-speaking part and his phone number is 651.783.2000.**

**William Robert Odell** is a Class Vice-President and was born on 10/6/1980 in Cumberland, Wisconsin. William is a member of Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge, # 221 and lives in Cumberland, WI. William is employed in the wildlife service of the United States Department of Agriculture and is a member of the United States Army Reserve. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and gun shooting. **Bill is interested in hospitality, a speaking or non-speaking part, in sound/stage/lighting and in being a line officer. His phone number is 612.961.3228.**

**Barret Thomas Olson** is a Class Vice-President and was born on 2/22/1987 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Barret is a member of Eau Claire Lodge, # 112 and lives in Eau Claire, WI. Barret is a student and his hobbies are hunting, reading, philosophy, learning and family activities.

**Christopher Elliot Petersen** was born on 5/19/70. Christopher lives in La Crosse, WI and is a physician's assistant for Franciscan Skemp – Mayo. Christopher is completing his Consistory degrees and is a member of the Valley of La Crosse.

**Matthew O Redig** was born on 6/1/1981. He was raised a Master Mason on 4/3/2004. Matthew is a member of Marshfield Lodge, # 224 and lives in Marshfield, WI.

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## Directors Take Note – Spring Class Ready To Take Up The Work

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**Robert David Scheff** was born on 2/6/1980 in Spring Valley, Minnesota. Robert is a member of Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge, # 221 and lives in Cumberland, WI. Robert is employed as a web developer for St. Croix Casino and his hobbies are motorcycles, guitars and computers. **Robert is interested in a music (guitar) part, a speaking part, sound, lighting, stage, and being a line officer. His phone number is 715.671.003**

**Scott Martin Smith** is the Class Secretary and was born on 12/27/1966 in Cheyenne, WY. He was raised a Master Mason on April 20, 1999. Scott is a member of Shell Lake-Spooner Lodge, # 221 and lives in Shell Lake, WI. His Lady's name is Tamara. Scott is employed as a consulting engineer and his hobbies are fishing and hunting. **Scott is interested in a speaking and non-speaking part. His phone number is 715.468.4424**

**Aaron Gabriel Zook** is the Class Orator and was born on 10/23/1978 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Aaron is a member of Eau Claire Lodge, # 112 and lives in Eau Claire, WI. Aaron is employed as an actor with Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre and his hobbies are painting, carpentry, philosophy, reading and baseball. **Aaron is interested in a speaking part and in Directing. His phone number is 715.864.1843.**

## We Are On the Web See The Reporter In Color



Be sure to check out the new Valley Web site – [www.scottishrite-ec.org](http://www.scottishrite-ec.org) under the

direction of Webmaster, Lee Katz, 32°, for a color copy of this Reporter and other up to date information.

## Wisconsin Council of Deliberation Presents 2008 Meritorious Service Award To Gordon Englund, 32° - MSA and Mike Hunter, 32° - MSA At Annual Session in Appleton On June 28, 2008

The Wisconsin Council of Deliberation met for its annual session in Appleton, Wisconsin on June 27-29, 2008 to conduct business for the betterment of Scottish Rite Masonry in Wisconsin. Friday, June 27, 2008 included a golf outing and a picnic. On Saturday, June 28, 2008 the Wisconsin Council of Deliberation



consisting of representatives of the five Wisconsin Valleys met in the morning for a strategic planning session. Commander In Chief, Paul J. Lenz, 32°, led a discussion about how the Valley of

Eau Claire has developed the Supreme Council's 2008-2012 Strategic Plan into the Valley of Eau Claire. Shown above at lunch, left to right are: Ill Sterling Standiford, 33°, Secretary; Ill. Garry D. Hageness, 33°, Active for Wisconsin, Paul J. Lenz, 32°, Commander In Chief; and Ill. Willard Young, 33°, the most senior Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection and Wisconsin Council of Deliberation MSA Committee member. In the afternoon, various actions were taken upon the various committee reports, including the unanimous approval of the Meritorious Service Award to be presented to Thomas N. Driscoll, 32°, in 2008. See full story on page 2.



In the evening the brothers and their ladies reconvened for friendship and hospitality. Shown above are Mike Hunter, 32° - MSA (left – sitting) and J. Gordon Englund, 32° - MSA (right – standing) just prior to the Red Hat Award Ceremony. Mike Hunter, 32° - MSA was the 2007 MSA recipient but was unable to attend last year. J. Gordon Englund, 32° - MSA is

the long time Valley Director of Cosmetology and Chair of the Life Membership Committee was selected by the Wisconsin Council of Deliberation to be the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award for the Valley of Eau Claire for 2008. The Meritorious Service Award is granted by the Wisconsin Council of Deliberation in recognition of distinguished service in Scottish Rite Masonry upon the recommendation of the member's Valley presiding officers. Shown above left are the Red Hat recipients from the five Wisconsin Valleys, including above far left, Mike Hunter, 32° - MSA seated with Ill. Sterling Standiford, 33°, standing to present the hat and far right and in photo to the left are, J. Gordon Englund, 32° - MSA, seated with his wife, Beula who is about to present him the Red Hat.



# Degrees & Hospitality Fills Two Weekends During Spring Reunion

One of the highlights of the Spring Reunion was the presentation of the 6° - Master of the Brazen Serpent, on April 12, 2008 by the brethren from River Falls Lodge and the newly formed Wild River Scottish Rite Club. In this first presentation of this degree in many years, the brethren showed both skill and enthusiasm under the direction of Ozcan Kilic, 32°. In this degree, the universality of Freemasonry, toleration of judgment and fraternal concern for the welfare of all mankind was portrayed. The cast included: Steven Schwartz, 32°; Doug Hoffman, 32°; Jim Graham, 32°; Rod Rommel, 32°; Mike Elliott, 32°; Sterling Brazier, 32°; Bob Fischer, 32°; Dave Vold, 32°; Lee Katz, 32°; Dave Akenson, 32°; and Mike Kullman, 32°. This new degree presentation made possible for the Valley to present sixteen different degrees during the past two reunions.

Following the Reunion degree work, the brethren and their ladies gathered for the Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvres Reception for the Class in the small dining room. Expert mixologist, Barry Cohen, 32°, assisted by Paul Lokken, 32° provided refreshments. The lavish hors d'oeuvres were provided under the direction of Hors d'oeuvres chair, Jeff Burgfechtel, 32°, assisted by officers of the various lines. A fine afternoon of good fellowship was had by the 160 in attendance.



The banquet in honor of the class kicked off with an introduction by Ill. Neil Hanson, 33° - MSA, Past Secretary (shown left) of Ill. Garry D. Hageness, 33° - Active for Wisconsin for whom the Spring Class was named. In an emotionally charged address, Garry provided inspiration for the effort to obtain a Learning Center in Eau Claire. The keynote address by Ill. Norman Christensen, 33°, Deputy for Wisconsin and Board member of the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation (shown right) was in keeping with the recent theme of Masonic charity. Class Orator, Aaron Zook, 32°, (shown below left) provided a meaningful oration on the how the Reunion experience had in



changing his life to see the world not alone but as a part of whole. The fifty year members were honored for their dedicated service to Rite during the Reunion Banquet, including: Percival J. Cox, 32° of Menasha; Ray L. Henning, 32° of Altoona, (shown right receiving his 50 year certificate); Arthur L. Hotvedt, 33° - MS of Eau Claire; Robert G. Larson, 32° of Glendale, AZ; John Senty, 32° of Independence; Stuart



Taylor, 32° of Barron; James D. Walden, 32° of Bloomington, IN; and Henry G. Wells, 32° of Barron.

## Valley Schedule

### July – 2008

- 8 Barns Lodge Visitation
- 21 Executive Committee 7 pm

### August – 2008

- 18 Executive Committee 7 pm
- 20 Dawn Dinner Family Picnic hosted by Eau Claire Scottish Rite Club.
- Family Picnic by Brule Scottish Rite Club – Date and location to be announced.

### September – 2008

- 8 Executive Committee 6:30 pm
- 8 Regular Meeting 7 pm
- 20 or 27 Senior Warden's Workshops

### October - 2008

- 10 Fall Reunion begins – 1pm
- 11 & 25 Fall Reunion – 8:30 am

### November – 2008

- 17 Executive Committee – 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

### December – 2008

- 15 Executive Committee – 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

### January – 2009

- 17 Officer's Training, Directors Meeting, Meeting of all bodies
- 17 Officer's & Ladies Dinner

## Fall – 2008 Degree Schedule

### Friday – October 10, 2008

- 1:45 p.m. .... 4° - Master Traveler
- 2:45 p.m. .... 7° - Provost & Judge
- 4:00 p.m. .... 12° - Grand Master Architect
- 6:30 p.m. .... 14° Grand Elect Mason

### Saturday – October 11, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. .... 6° - Master -Brazen Serpent
- 9:45 a.m. ..8° - Intendant of the Building
- 10:30 a.m. . 15° - Knight of East & Sword
- 12:45 p.m. .... 18° - Knight Rose Croix
- 2:00 p.m. .... 20° - Master ad Vitam
- 3:30 p.m. .... 30° - Grand Inspector

### Saturday – October 25, 2008

- 9:15 a.m. .... 25° - Master of Achievement
- 1:15 p.m. .... 31° - Knight Aspirant
- 2:15 p.m. .... 32° - Sublime Prince

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## Spotlight On Outgoing Grand Masters



The Valley of Eau Claire is proud of the accomplishment and service of its members not only to the Scottish Rite but to all aspects of Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite promotes active service in the Symbolic Lodge, Grand Lodge, York Rite and Shrine. We congratulate our Valley members as outgoing Grand Masters and acknowledge their dedication to masonry.



### III. J.B. Van Hollen, 33°

Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons In Wisconsin



III. J. B. Van Hollen, 33°, is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander for the Eau Claire Consistory. He was knighted with the 32° on April 26, 1986, is Director of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Degrees and was coroneted an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°, in August, 2007. J.B. was raised in

Ancient Landmark Lodge – 210 in Ashland in 1985 and served as Worshipful Master 1997-2000. He is a member of the York Rite, Eastern Star and Shrine. J.B. has been in the Grand Lodge line since 1997 and was elected Grand Master for 2007-2008. J. B. concluded his term in June, 2008.

### III. Roderick W. Anderson, 33°

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal & Select Masters of the Grand Council of Wisconsin



III. Roderick W. Anderson, 33°, was knighted 32°, April 1974, served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, 1988-89, and as Commander In Chief, 2002-2004, was coroneted an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°, in 2004. He currently is the Director of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and a participant in many degrees. He was raised in 1974 in Sanctuary Lodge – 347 and was Worshipful Master in 1984 and 1994. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin for 2007-08. Rod concluded his term in June, 2008.