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LAST CHANCE TO HELP THE VALLEY WITH THE VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY SALE IS FEBRUARY 4TH – ORDER NOW!

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I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays. I would like to thank all who took the time to participate in the Officers Seminar on Jan. 17th. I hope you came away with something useful from this event. It takes a lot of time and effort to make this work. To all who made this happen, I give my heartiest thank you. This is a good time of the year to start getting ready for the Spring Reunion. Looking over your lines and maybe even learning new ones, hopefully meeting with some prospective members. We can always use more candidates for the reunions. In your last Reporter you saw there are many changes going on in our Valley. The update to the elevator was a major project that really needed to be done. Also, you noticed the article about the apartment building next door. This has the potential to be a great asset to our organization. Further updates and information will be forthcoming in upcoming Reporters. Please look these articles over and give us your input. Remember this is OUR valley and we all make it work.

Fraternally,
Ken Pelo, CIC



Officers and Directors Work Together In Training and Meetings To Plan 2009 At 4th Annual Winter Conference & Officer's Party

The Valley of Eau Claire conducted its 4th annual working meetings including Officer's Training, Directors Meeting, Committee Meetings, a meeting of All Bodies for the selection of officers, selection of Valley Service Award recipient, Meritorious Service Award Nominations, and general planning meeting for 2009 on January 17, 2009 at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. Shown above are the Valley Officers, First Row, L-R, Sterling Standiford, 33°, Secretary, Garry Hageness, 33°, Todd Berg, 32°, Orator; Randy Ellifson, 32°, 2nd Lt. Commander; Ken Pelo, 32°, Commander In Chief; J. B. Van Hollen, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander; Bill Beetcher, 32°, Chancellor; Rick Schnabel, 33°, Director of the Work; Second Row, L-R: Wayne Franson, 32°, ME, Princes; Arlen Erickson, 32°, Past Sovereign Prince, Princes; Ozcan Kilic, 32°, Senior Warden, Princes Barry Cohen, 32°-SR, Sovereign Prince, Princes; Shawn Matthes, 32°, High Priest, Princes; David Renly, 32°, MC, Rose Croix; Steve Lasure, 32°, Senior Warden, Rose Croix; Dan Hendrickson, 32°, Junior Warden, Rose Croix; Lee Katz, 32°, Valley Webmaster; Third Row, L-R: Otis Franke, 32°, Trustee; Jeff Brewer, 32°, Director - 11° & 12°; Bill Mathe, 32°, Director of Sound, Larry Drangstveit, 32°, Junior Warden, Perfection; David Lombardo, 32°, Thrice Potent Master, Perfection; Dayrl Morning, Orator, Perfection; Larry Ganske, 32°, Director 31°; and Rod Anderson, 33°, Director 4°. The officers and directors each received a packet or updates for their packets from last year including: the schedule for the day, officer's training materials, body and committee meeting agendas, general meeting agenda, officer's duties for this year, and the new officer & director edition of the Valley Membership Directory. Following the Training and Directors' Meeting, the meeting of the bodies, there was a hearty lunch served featuring soup & huge roast beef au jus sandwiches. Following lunch were committee meetings, a wrap up meeting and Officer's & Ladies Party at the Green Mill in Eau Claire. Much progress was made in planning the coming year.





Valley Schedule

February – 2008

- 16 Executive Committee 6:30 pm
- Regular Meeting 7 pm
- 17 Chippewa Lodge Visitation
- 18 WI Rapids Lodge Visitation
- 20 Acacia-Itasca Lodge Visitation

March – 2008

- 3 River Falls Lodge Visitation
- 4 Forest Lodge Visitation
- 12 Keystone Lodge Visitation
- 14 Ancient Landmark Visitation
- 16 Eau Claire Lodge Visitation
- 16 Executive Committee 6:30 pm
- Regular Meeting 7 pm
- 12 or 19 Feast of The Pascal Lamb – Wausau
- 15 Breakfast With The Easter Bunny – Eau Claire – 9 am
- 25 Wheeler Lodge Visitation

April – 2008

- 6 Marshfield Lodge Visitation
- 10 Spring Reunion 1 pm
- 11 Spring Reunion 8:30 am
- 14 Landmark Lodge Visitation
- 21 Shell Lake Spooner Visitation
- 25 Spring Reunion 9 am
- 25 Ladies Program 8:30 am

May – 2008

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

June – 2008

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

July – 2008

- 14 Barns Lodge Visitation
- 20 Executive Committee 7 pm

August – 2008

- 17 Executive Committee 7 pm

September – 2008

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

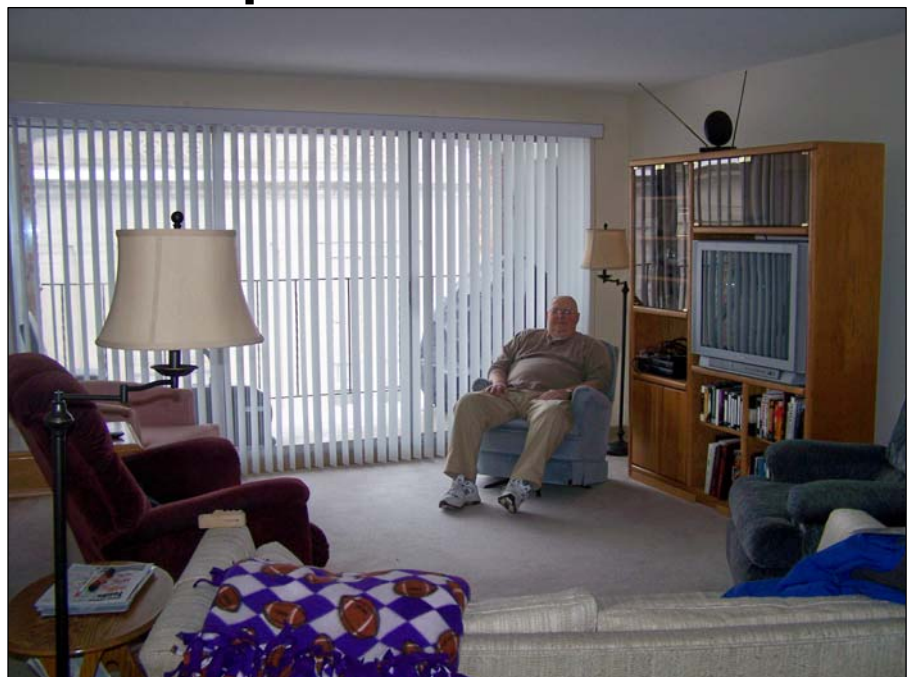
October - 2008

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

The Valley of Eau Claire Is Coming To A Lodge Near You

The Valley of Eau Claire will continue the long tradition of making Lodge visitations this coming year. This is the opportunity the Valley has to make connection with the Lodges and invite members to explore the Scottish Rite. Review the Valley Schedule to the left to see when the Rite is coming to your lodge and make every effort to attend your Lodge that night so that you can endorse the benefits of being a 32° Mason. To schedule a lodge visitation at your lodge contact Arby Humphrey, Director of Development at 715.364.8021

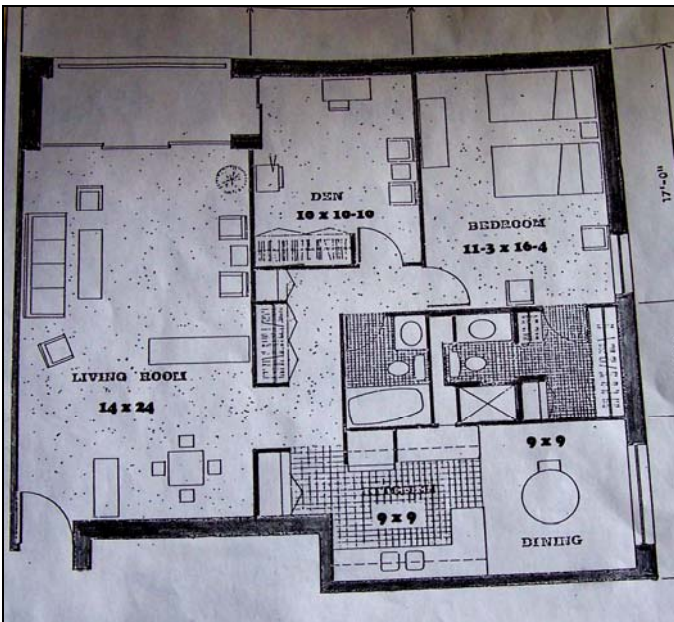
A Look Inside The River's Edge Apartments From Otis Franke's Own Spacious Bachelor Pad



As reported in the January issue of the Reporter, the Eau Claire Masonic Board of Trustees, LTD, the ownership and management corporation for the Eau Claire Masonic Temple, came into full ownership of the adjacent River's Edge Apartments at the end of September, 2008. Through sound judgment forty plus years ago and sound management today by the Board of Directors of the Temple building corporation this 36 unit apartment building is an income producing asset to the corporation to help defray Temple building costs. This month we go inside the building through the apartment of our own Trustee, Otis Franke, 32°, Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection. Yes indeed, Otis has *moved on up to a deluxe apartment in the sky*. Otis, the *Austin Powers* of the River's Edge Apartments, shown above, in his living room has one of the two bedroom – two bath apartments located on the fourth floor overlooking the Chippewa River. Spacious, modern, convenient with great views and maybe "*groovy baby*" are just a few of the words that can be used to describe his apartment.

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A Look Inside the River's Edge Apartments



Floor Plan of Two Bedroom – Two Bath Apartments

At approximately 1200 sq. ft., the two bedroom – two bath apartments are about the size of a suburban ranch style house. Entering from the newly redecorated hallway into the large, 14'X24', Living Room, giving Otis plenty of room for entertaining his frequent guests. The living room seems even bigger with floor to ceiling glass overlooking a recessed balcony. From the balcony are spectacular views of Chippewa River and Owen Park across the river shown below. Otis says he looks forward to summer being on the balcony for many a relaxing evening sharing a sunset and a bottle of wine.



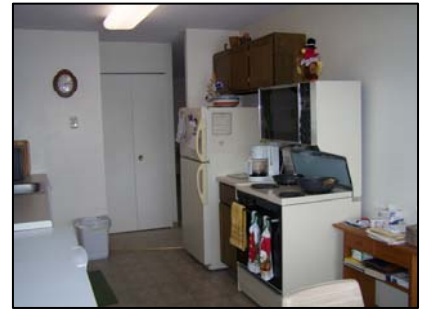
Winter View From Otis's Balcony

The combined Kitchen and Dining area is 9'X18' and as shown below has another great view of the Chippewa River and the Historic Randal Park neighborhood. Otis is awaiting



The view from Otis's Dining area

watching the UWEC river tubers going by this summer. The Kitchen features new flooring and appliances, including range, refrigerator and dishwasher. Otis indicates that he especially enjoys the Kitchen since he has such a love for cooking and preparing romantic dinners for two.



Next on our tour is the Master suite consisting of a large master bedroom being 11'3" X 16'4" which is easily able to accommodate a king size bed. From the Master Bedroom is another view of

the Chippewa River and Owen Park.

Otis relates that as a bachelor, he keeps pretty busy but that there are still a couple of evenings a week still available.

Off the Master Bedroom is a walk-in closet leading to the Master Bath shown right. In addition there is another bath off the main hallway featuring a full bath. Also off the main hallway is the second bedroom or den which is 10'X10'10", has a window to the balcony and can easily function as a guest bedroom or den, though Otis maintains that his guests never use the guest bedroom.



The apartment building is a secure building with a buzz-in entry, secure garage with access to the elevator, new entry foyer and pool. There is another feature which is a hotel style room with full bath on the first floor which tenants can rent for a reasonable price for guests, shown below.

To get on the waiting list for living at the River's Edge Apartments

contact Katie Graham, building manager at 715. 831-3256. Thanks to Otis for a look inside his home.





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From Our Files – Reporters Past

- 50 Years Ago: February – 1959:** Valley of Eau Claire visits Chippewa, Alma, & Menomonie Lodges
- 40 Years Ago: February – 1969:** Announced that the Spring Reunion will be held on three Saturdays.
- 30 Years Ago: February – 1979:** The Valley Scottish Rite Choir to present Spring Concert under direction of Howard Elliot, 32°.
- 20 Years Ago: February – 1989:** Supreme Council moves to make Masonry more open to minorities. Council predicts a minority President one day.
- 10 Years Ago: February – 1999:** Feast of Pascal Lamb announced to be held in Eau Claire in March.