



SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

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IT IS THE TIME INVITE A FRIEND TO THE SCOTTISH RITE – USE THE PETITION INSERT SOON FOR THE SPRING REUNION



COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER

Greetings Brethren,

The Officer's Seminar/Director's meeting was deemed a success by those that attended. It was suggested we keep the same format next year with possibly a little later start. Thanks for all

the input. I toured the apartment building next door that day with Otis. It is a very nice piece of property. Otis very graciously allowed Paul to take photos for the Reporter. Thanks Otis and Paul. Also thanks to Randy Ellifson for arranging the dinner afterwards for the Officers. I believe a good time was had by all. One final thank you for the day goes to Jeannie Anderson for her help in arranging the ladies to be present for our picture taking part of the program.

April is fast approaching us and it looks to very busy for the Rite. The breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Feast of the Paschal Lamb and our next reunion are all scheduled in that month. Please try and support these events as much as you can. We need candidates for the Reunion, this can't be stated enough. They are out there we just need to find them. If anyone has any ideas on how we can recruit more members we are always open to suggestions. Visitations are in progress and hopefully going well. If you haven't paid your dues please think about it, we need your support to keep operating.

A reminder, that the Valley monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. I will try and not change this format unless necessary. The meetings are open to all members and begin at 7:00 p.m. They tend not to be long drawn out affairs and we get a lot done. Also there is the opportunity for some fellowship with your brethren. Come on down and try it. Look forward to seeing or hearing you there. It is also easy to join in by phone by simply calling 715.872.3063 at 7 p.m. and you will be part of the meeting.

**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 Room

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 26, 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..... Cocktails & Hors d' oeuvres Reception
5:00 PM..... Spring Banquet



Valley Schedule

March – 2009

- 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
- 25 Wheeler Lodge Visitation

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

- 15 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

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

**Now Is the Time To
Sign Up Candidates
For The Spring
Reunion
Be a Friend
Give the Petition to a friend**

Freemasons At Gettysburg By Br. Lew Mallow, 32° Now Available On DVD



A Great Addition To Any Home, Lodge Or Valley Library

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.

Wayne C. Temple, PhD, 33° -MSA, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives, a nationally recognized scholar on “Lincoln and his Times” as well as a noted author of several associated books describes this presentation as “magnificent.” He says “I personally saw it presented in Springfield, Illinois to a Scottish Rite audience that praised it very highly. There were ladies and members of the general public also present. All enjoyed the show immensely. Brother Lew has assembled a wonderful collection of illustrations, and he narrates the story extremely well. He shows and names many Masons who saw action at Gettysburg in July 1863, projects their photographs and ends with a very moving view of the new Masonic Memorial Monument recently erected on the battlefield...the only private monument standing on these sacred grounds, which President Abraham Lincoln dedicated on November 19, 1863, with his immortal few words. **Lew’s presentation is most inspiring and educational. It will make any Mason stand taller and swell with pride in his fraternity. I urge you to experience this major undertaking which Brother Lew has perfected.**”

When loyalty to country and patriotic cause divided men of good faith, the Battle at Gettysburg, as in others of the Civil War, brought them together with a common mission to destroy the enemy! Would the principles of Freemasonry, that teaches tolerance toward all mankind and proudly proclaim that Masons are bound together by the bonds of Brotherly Love, survive within the framework of this brutal conflict? 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.

River's Edge



Overlooking the Chippewa River next to the
Masonic Temple in downtown Eau Claire

1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
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For Information & To Be On The Waiting List
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Scholarships Available For Master Masons Under The Age of 30 To Become 32° Masons

\$50 Scholarships are available from those provided by 32° Masons making pledges to cover \$50 of the \$150 initiation fee for masons under the age of 30 to become Scottish Rite Masons. This is in the great tradition to help a brother in need. We all remember what it was like in our 20's struggling financially at the beginning of adulthood. These scholarships will help these young men seek further light in masonry at the University of Masonry - the Scottish Rite. **To pledge a \$50 scholarship or to get a scholarship application form - call the Valley Office at (715) 832-7759.**

Chest Freezer Wanted

If you have a large chest freezer in good working condition in the Eau Claire area to donate to the Valley of Eau Claire, please call Sterling at 832-7759

Forget Something?

Our country is facing some difficult economic days. Discretionary spending is down. This is perhaps an explanation for the fact that Valley dues payments are down in comparison to last year at this time. In any event dues payments are down. Your Valley has worked very hard to reduce operating expenses. However, your Valley depends on timely dues payments in order to carry on the work of making good men better with the Scottish Rite degrees. Third and final dues notices have been sent. If you have not paid dues for 2009-10, we urge you to make your dues payment. **If you are experiencing financial hardship because of illness or other reasons and are unable to pay your dues, let us know so that we can help you take care of the situation.** Thank you to all the members who have already made their dues payments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sterling Standiford, 33°
Secretary

Roger Bischoff, 32°
Treasurer

Planting The Seeds of Awareness Child Abuse Prevention

In remembrance of the 1400 children who die each year in our country at the hands of Child Abuse. These are America's children. This is America's responsibility.

Sponsor a Flag in memory of a child for \$30. After the Healing Field event, you may pick up your flag at the Fall Reunion to proudly fly as a remembrance of your sponsorship in the cause to prevent child abuse.

The Healing Field®

To be held at the Grassy Field of
The Chippewa Valley Technical College
On September 18-20, 2009

Valley of Eau Claire - Sponsor Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

EMAIL _____

_____ Number of Flags @ \$30 each includes 3'X5' U.S. Flag, 8' pole and rebar for mounting. Flags to be picked at Fall Scottish Rite Reunion.

Make Check payable to Healing Field Foundation and please mail to: The Exchange Club of Eau Claire, 1524 Jensen Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Thank You.



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Applications from children or grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons who are entering in an accredited college or university are eligible to apply for an Abbott Scholarship. The scholarships are available through the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and are available in amounts up to \$1000. **Applications are available from the Valley Secretary and must be submitted no later than April 1, 2009.** Applications received after that date will not be considered. To obtain an application call the Valley Office at (715) 832-7759 or write to the Valley Secretary, P.O. Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0345

From Our Files – Reporters Past
50 Years Ago: March – 1959: Announced that a new group of 30 year members to be special guests at Spring Banquet.
40 Years Ago: March – 1969: CIC, Gordon Brant, 33° indicates that visits to Chetek, Merrill, Tomahawk have brought more petitions than at any time in the past.
30 Years Ago: March – 1979: CIC, Edwin Leist, 33°, thanked Valley members for all their get well wishes during his time of illness.
20 Years Ago: February -1989: Correction in the Reporter, Ill. Bill Abraham, 33°, was the past Patron of the Eastern Star, not the past Matron as had been reported in the prior issue.
10 Years Ago: March – 1999: Fall Valley Bus Trip to New York and Philadelphia announced.