



SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE ▲ WISCONSIN ▲ OCTOBER – 2008

Valley Schedule

October

- 10th **FALL REUNION:** Ill. Steven E. Prewitt, 33° Class
- 11th **Fall Reunion** Continues
- 25th **Fall Reunion – Final Day**
Ladies Program: Breakfast & Transport by Trolley To The Eau Claire Farmers Market 8:30 a.m.
Installation of Officers: 11 a.m.
Ladies Program Continues: 1:15 p.m. – So What Are These Guys Doing?
Reception: 3 p.m.
Banquet: 5 p.m.
 (See Reunion Schedule p. 3)

November

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

December

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

January

- 17th Officer's Training, Directors Meeting
 Committee Meetings, Meeting of All Bodies, General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 Officer's & Ladies Dinner 5 p.m.

February

- 16th Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.
 Regular Meeting 7 p.m.

March

- 16th Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.
 Regular Meeting 7 p.m.

April

- 17th 18th Spring Reunion
 25th Spring Reunion

Norman 'Bruce' Berg & Paul J. Lenz Elected To Receive 33° In Boston In 2009



The Supreme Council Annual Session held in late August, 2008 in Providence, Rhode Island elected two Valley members, pictured left, Norman 'Bruce' Berg, 32°- MSA and Paul J. Lenz, 32° to be coroneted 33° as honorary members of the Supreme Council in August, 2009.

Norman 'Bruce' Berg, 32°-MSA was born in 1921 in Eau Claire and graduated from Eau Claire High School in 1939 when he attended E.C. Vocational school to learn "tin smithing." He was working in the Bremerton, WA ship yards in 1942 when he went into the

U.S. Army serving in the South Pacific as a High Speed Radio Operator until his honorable discharge as a corporal in 1946. When he returned home to Eau Claire he married Viola Tohdal and recently celebrated 62 years of marriage. Br. Bruce and Vi have two sons, David and Mark. Bruce worked at Uniroyal in Eau Claire for 38 years.

He became a Master Mason in 1961 in Geo. B. Wheeler Lodge, #351, serving as Master in 1984. He was in the Fall Class of the Valley of Eau Claire in 1965. Throughout his many years he was in the 4°, 27° and 32° and served as Registration Chair. He received the Meritorious Service Award in 1990 and the Fall Class of 2004 was named for he and Percy Bergerson, 32° - MSA.

Paul J. Lenz, 32°, was born in 1957 and is married to Natalie Arntz-Lenz. He grew up in Altoona, Wisconsin and graduated from Altoona High School in 1975 when he attended the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire graduating in 1979. Paul attended the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, WI graduating with honors in 1982. That year he returned to Altoona to open a general law office. He practiced law in Altoona until 1994 when he was elected a State Circuit Court Judge for Eau Claire County. **Continued on page 2.**

Fall Banquet Features Comedian Ron Dentinger

Those attending the Fall Reunion Banquet are in for a real treat because it will feature noted comedian, Ron Dentinger, shown right with Kenny Rogers, for whom he is often the opening act. Ron has been doing humor from coast to coast for over twenty



years. You have heard him quoted by ABC's Paul Harvey and you've seen him quoted in the Reader's Digest. In the early days, Ron got his start by selling jokes to some of the all-time comic greats, including: Rodney Dangerfield. But unlike comedy club comics, his humor is clean and non-aggressive. Ron's thirty minute routine is "classic style" clean comedy that generates hard laughter wherever he performs. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear a true comedian. Be sure to order your banquet tickets early. **Go to page 3 for banquet ticket ordering information.**



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S CORNER



Its Time To Say Goodbye & Thank You

In the words of the Andrea Bocelli song "its time to say goodbye" at least as Commander In Chief of the Valley of Eau Claire; but even more so to express my

appreciation. I have greatly enjoyed the past twelve years in the Consistory line working with such a fine group of dedicated Masonic brothers. In that time I have come to learn why the Valley of Eau Claire is well respected within Masonry and the Scottish Rite. First, all those generations which came before laid a strong foundation upon which to continue the building process. To those past Valley officers in which it has been my privilege to serve under and learn from at our officers training days, I say thank you for your decades of service and inspiration to our fraternity. Second, the Valley is one of the few which maintains two weekend Reunions demonstrating a high dedication to the Work. To the three Directors of The Work I have known, all the Directors, Casts, Choir, Lighting, Sound, Stage, Cosmetology, and Wardrobe who put in countless hours to see that the Work is top notch, I say thank you for making the Valley of Eau Claire's Reunions excellent. Third, Valley event hospitality provides the strong glue of fellowship. To all those who work Registration, Ladies Program, Meals, Beverage and Banquet, thank you for understanding that your hard work brings us all together for such good fellowship and fun. Fourth, the Valley is well managed. To the dedicated office staff, past and present, part-time and volunteer, your efforts keep the Valley running smoothly, I say thank you. Fifth, the Valley of Eau Claire works hard to get its message out to the Lodges with active Lodge Visitations. To the Membership Chairs and to all those who have participated in all those trips to all those lodges, thank you for getting out there. Sixth, the Valley is not afraid to try new things to keep our fraternity meaningful for this and future generations. To all the officers who have worked on so many different projects and are now planning new projects, I say thank you for keeping our organization vibrant.

The Fall Reunion will be a celebration of transition with the installation of new officers on the last Saturday. I am confident our Valley will continue to grow in strength under the leadership of Ken Pelo, 32° and all the newly installed officers. I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion.

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

Fall Reunion Schedule

Friday – October 10, 2008

- 12:00 PM Class Registration
- 1:00 PM Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies
- 1:45 PM **4th Degree: Master Traveler**
- 2:30 PM Communicate 5th Degrees
- 2:45 PM **7th Degree – Provost and Judge**
- 3:45 PM Communicate 9th, 10th, 11th, & 13th
- 4:00 PM **12th Degree: Grand Master Architect**
- 5:30 PM **Dinner – Baked Fish Dinner (Ladies Welcome)**
- 6:30 PM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason**
- 7:30 PM **Friendship and Hospitality Room –**

Saturday – October 11, 2008

- 8:30 AM Donuts and Coffee
- 8:45 AM Class Assembly
- 9:00 AM **6th Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent**
- 9:45 AM **8th Degree: Intendant of the Building**
- 10:30 AM **15th Degree: Knight of the East and Sword**
- 11:30 AM Communicate 16th, 17th & 19th Degrees
- 11:45 AM **Lunch – Hamburgers & All The Fixens**
- 12:30 PM Election of Class Officers
- 12:45 PM **18th Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix**
- 2:00 PM **20th Degree: Master Ad Vitam**
- 3:15 PM Communicate 21st, 22nd, 23rd, & 24th Degrees
- 3:30 PM **30th Degree: Grand Inspector Inquisitor**

Saturday – October 25, 2008

- 8:30 AM Donuts & Coffee
- 8:30 AM **Ladies Program: Breakfast & Farmers Mkt**
- 9:00 AM Class Assembly
- 9:15 AM **25th Degree: Master of Achievement**
- 10:00 AM Class Picture
- 10:15 AM The Active and Director of the Work
- 11:00 AM **Installation of Scottish Rite Officers**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch – Baked Chicken**
- 1:00 PM Communicate 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th Degrees
- 1:15 PM **31st Degree: Knight Aspirant**
- 1:15 PM **Ladies Program About The Rite**
- 2:15 PM **32nd Degree: Sublime**
- 3:30 PM **Candidate's Cocktail Reception**
- 5:00 PM **Banquet - Catered by Sweetwaters**

Berg & Lenz To Receive 33° Continued from p. 1
Paul was re-elected in 2000 and 2006. Paul was raised in Geo. B. Wheeler Lodge, #351 in June, 1994 and is a member of Sanctuary Lodge, #347. He was in the Fall 1994 Scottish Rite Class. He worked Registration and became Registration Chair. Paul has been a cast member in the 14°, 23°, 30° and 32° and is Director of the 30°. He began the Consistory line in 1996 and progress to be the Commander In Chief for the last two years. Paul is also in the York Rite, Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Societus Rosicrusiana. Congratulations to both brothers on this high honor.

REUNION HOSPITALITY

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNER

OCTOBER 10, 2008 – 5:30 PM

Baked Islandic Lemmon Pepper Cod with seasoned potato wedges, buttered peas, cole slaw, relish tray, dinner rolls, coffee & apple squares with ice cream. **The best fish dinner in town – LADIES WELCOME** \$10 pp



FRIDAY NIGHT FRIENDSHIP & HOSPITALITY

OCTOBER 10, 2008 – 7:30 P.M

Following the completion of the Work in the 14°, Expert Mixologist, Barry Cohen, 32°-SRA, will be serving soda, beer, cocktails and snacks in the small dining room. Open to members & their Ladies, candidates & their Ladies.



SATURDAY NOON LUNCHES

CHARCOAL GRILLED CHEESE-BURGERS & ALL THE FIXENS' OCTOBER 11, 2008 – 11:45 AM - Charcoal grilled Cheese-burgers with all the fixens, baked beans, carrot-pineapple jello, relish tray, coffee, milk & chocolate chip cookies \$8 pp.



BAKED CHICKEN – OCTOBER 25, 2008

NOON – Baked Chicken with mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with ranch dressing, dinner rolls, coffee, milk & assorted rolls. **LADIES ARE WELCOME!** - \$8 pp.



Ladies Program

October 25, 2008

Breakfast – Farmers Market & Program - What Are These Guys Doing Anyway!



Breakfast – Farmers Market & Program 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 downtown Eau Claire Covered Farmer's Market. Then, they will be transported back to the Temple to witness the officer's installation. 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

OCTOBER 25, 2008

RECEPTION

OF NEW MEMBERS & LADIES

COCKTAILS & HORS D' OEUVRES

SMALL DINING ROOM – OCTOBER 25, 2008 – 3:30 P.M.

The reception is held in honor of new members – the candidates of the Fall Class & their Ladies. The reception features cocktails, beer, wine, soda & hors d' oeuvres of assorted cheeses, spreads, sausage, dips, assorted pinwheel rollups, barbequed meatballs & sausages, jalapeño poppers, chicken wings & other savories. All Scottish Rite members and their ladies are invited to welcome the members of the Fall Class of 2008.

BANQUET

IN HONOR OF THE CLASS

MAIN BALLROOM - OCTOBER 25, 2008 – 5 P.M.

HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY

FEATURING THE COMEDY OF RON DETINGER

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CATERED BY SWEETWATERS

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. For over a quarter century Sweetwaters Restaurant has provided fine dining in the Eau Claire area and will be catering the Fall Banquet. 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, October 20, 2008. No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door. \$17 per person.**

Fall 2008 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 Oct. 20, 2008.



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SPOTLIGHT ON 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

<p>4° October 5 @ 7pm Eau Claire Temple</p> <p>6° October 7 @ 6:30pm River Falls Lodge</p> <p>14° October 1 @ 6:30 pm October 8 @ 6:30pm Eau Claire Temple</p> <p>15° September 24 @ 7:30 pm October 1, 2008 @ 7:30 pm Menomonie Lodge</p>	<p>18° October 5, 2008 @ 4:30 pm Wausau Masonic Center</p> <p>20° October 5, 2008 @ 6:30 pm Wausau Masonic Center</p> <p>25° October 3 @ 6:30 pm @ Acacia- Itasca Lodge October 14 @ 8 pm @ Barnes Lodge October 17 @ 6:30 pm @ Acacia Itasca Lodge</p>	<p>30° September 29 @ 6:30 pm October 6 @ 6:30 pm Eau Claire Temple</p> <p>31° October 25 @ 12:45 pm Eau Claire Temple</p> <p>32° October 25 @ 1 pm Large Lodge Room Eau Claire Temple</p> <p>Choir October 10 @ 6 pm Auditorium Temple</p>
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