



SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE ▲ WISCONSIN ▲ OCTOBER – 2009

Valley Schedule

October

- 19 Executive Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 23 Fall Reunion Begins
- 24 Fall Reunion)

November

- 14 Fall Reunion Concludes
Ladies Program
Play: *The Last Full Measure*
Fall Banquet
- 16 Executive Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m..

December

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

January

- 16 Annual General Meeting:
Officer's Training, Directors
Meeting, Meeting of all Bodies
- 16 Officer's & Ladies Dinner

February

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

March

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

April

- 9th -10th Spring Reunion
- 24th Spring Reunion

From Our Files

50 Years Ago: Oct. 1959: Roswell Hobbs, is made 33° in Buffalo NY.
40 Years Ago: Oct. 1969: Valley Sponsors European Tour for \$277 pp.
30 Years Ago: Oct. 1979: William Abraham receives 33° in Chicago.
20 Years Ago: Oct. 1989: Chippewa Masonic Temple celebrates six years since construction in 1983.
10 Years Ago: Oct. 1999: Chet Hahn, 32°- SRA is presented the Valley Service Recognition Award.

Kenneth Pelo & L. Arby Humphrey Elected To Receive 33° In Philadelphia In 2010

The Supreme Council Annual Session held in late August, 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts elected two Valley members, Kenneth A. Pelo, 32° and L. Arby Humphrey, 32° to be coroneted 33° as honorary members of the Supreme Council in August, 2010, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Kenneth A. Pelo, 32° was born in 1949 in Mauston and graduated from Nekoosa High School in 1967, then he attended UW-Stevens Point. He then served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969-71. When he returned home to Nekoosa he went to work for Nekoosa Paper Corp and worked there, as a product development technician until his retirement in 2007. He married Nina and recently celebrated 32 years of marriage. Br. Ken and Nina have two daughters, Denise and Kimberly.

He became a Master Mason in 1975 in Wisconsin Rapids Lodge, #128, serving as Master in 1991. He was in the Fall Class of the Valley of Eau Claire in 1979. Throughout his many years he was in the 11°, 12°, 16°, 20°, 26° and 32° and served as Sovereign Prince 1994-95 and is the current Commander In Chief of the Consistory. He has been very active in many Masonic organizations including holding the highest statewide offices in the Job's Daughters.

L. Arby Humphrey, 32°, was born in 1956, is married to Cindy and they have three children, Jessica, Melissa, and Jason. He grew up in South Minneapolis, MN and graduated from South Minneapolis High School in 1974. Arby entered the U.S. Navy with eight years active service and twenty-two years including Reserves. While in the Navy he attended UW-Stevens Point and graduated from Mohegan College in Connecticut in 1983 whereupon Arby went to work for the U.S. Postal Service and is now the Postmaster for Duluth, MN. **Continued on page 2.**

"The Last Full Measure"

**To Be Presented on Nov. 14th At 1:30 p.m
Everyone is Invited**

Everyone is invited to attend the Valley of Eau Claire's presentation of the play "The Last Full Measure", to be held at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 1:30 PM, in conjunction with the Scottish Rite Fall Reunion. This play is the story of Abraham Lincoln immediately after he returns from Gettysburg where he gave one of his most famous speeches. The dramatic presentation will give you an insight into the minds and hearts of the individuals who gave their last full measure.

Please extend this invitation to your family, friends, or anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Masonic Fraternity.

Dues Are Now Due

Thank you, to the many, many of you have been so prompt in paying your dues for the new dues year (August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010) since the dues cards were mailed in July, 2009. If you received your membership card, it means you paid *last* year, and your dues are now due. If you received a dues noticed without a membership card, it means you are not current with one or more past years. Please bring yourself current. 2nd notice statements will go out soon. If your payment & the 2nd notice cross in the mail, please disregard the 2nd notice.

Roger A. Bischoff, 32°, Valley Treasurer



**COMMANDER
IN CHIEF'S
CORNER**



**Greetings
Brethren,**

By now our Blue Lodges are back in the full swing of things and hopefully busy with Degree work. I encourage you all to be active and attend your Lodge regularly. Our Lodge visitation program is in progress and we hope are being well received. They are one of the major membership recruiting

methods this Valley uses. Still nothing works better than the interaction of active members with possible new members. I hope you all can make the fall reunion, this October 23rd and 24th, with the final weekend on November 14th. Our Director of Work has come up with an outstanding program for that day, so I encourage you to be there if at all possible. It would be very nice to have a good crowd to honor Brother Neil Hanson for whom the class is named. There have been several updates and improvements made to the building and parking lots. Come on up and take a look, we think you will be impressed. Many Brothers have dedicated a lot of time and effort to make this all happen. Also, please take the time to say thank you to Carol Paulson who has been more than dedicated in her efforts to make this building a great as it is. Thank you, Carol.

Have you paid your dues yet? We know these are hard economic times with everyone tightening their belts financially, so if you haven't send in your dues please try and do so. This will be very much appreciated by your Valley. We are all trying to be as diligent with our finances as we can while still maintaining the improvements and decisions to keep this Valley sound.

We had a good attendance at the Learning Center informational meeting on September 10th. This was one of the steps needed in the process of obtaining a Learning Center for Eau Claire. This will not happen without a tremendous amount of work and dedication. One of the first things we need is a board of dedicated people to get this going, but more especially, someone to head this board with desire and knowledge to see this through. If you or anyone you know might fit this description, let us know please. Our hope is to have the board consist of members and non-members.

Hope to see you all at the reunion and monthly meetings. Your input is needed and appreciated. No organization can continue without the input of its members. New ideas are continuously needed to keep us fresh and moving forward. Please come, share and listen to new ideas.

**Fraternally,
Ken Pelo, 32°
Commander in Chief**

Fall Reunion Schedule

Friday – October 23, 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, 6th, & 8th Degrees
- 3:00 PM **7th Degree: Provost & Judge**
- 3:45 PM Communicate 9th, 10th, 11th & 13th Degrees
- 4:00 PM **12th Degree: Master of Mercy**
- 5:00 PM **Dinner – Baked Fish (Ladies Welcome)**
- 6:00 PM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason**
- 7:00 PM **Friendship and Hospitality Room**
(Small Dining Room – Cocktails & Snacks)

Saturday – October 24, 2009

- 8:30 AM Donuts and Coffee
- 9:00 AM Class Assembly
- 9:15 AM **15th Degree: Knight of the East**
- 10:00 AM Communicate 16th, 17th & 19th Degrees
- 10:15 AM **18th Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix**
- 11:30 AM **Lunch**
- 12:30 PM **20th Degree: Master Ad Vitam**
- 1:45 PM Communicate 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th Degrees
- 2:15 PM **25th Degree: Master of Achievement**
- 3:00 PM Communicate 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th Degrees
- 3:30 PM **30th Degree: Grand Inspector Inquisitor**

Saturday – November 14, 2009

- 8:00 AM Donuts & Coffee
- 9:00 AM **Ladies Program**
- 9:00 AM Class Assembly
- 9:15 AM Presentation by the Active Member of The Supreme Council & Director of the Work
- 10:00 AM **31st Degree: Knight Aspirant**
- 11:00 AM **32st Degree: Sublime Prince**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Class Picture
- 1:30 PM **PLAY: The Last Full Measure**
- 2:30 PM Installation of Valley Officers
- 3:30 PM **Reception** Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres
- 5:00 PM **Banquet - Catered by Sweetwaters**

Pelo & Humphrey To Receive 33° Continued from p. 1 Arby was raised a Master Mason in 1994 in Acacia-Itasca Lodge, #329, serving as Master in 1999. He became a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Eau Claire in 2002 and has been a member of the 25° cast. He has served as an officer in the Council Princes of Jerusalem before being appointed the Consistory line in 2008 currently serving as Orator and Membership Chair.

With the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin he has been an Area Administrator, District Lecturer and District Deputy for four years. He is currently Grand Orator for the Grand Lodge and Chairs the Education committee. Arby is also involved in the Shrine in Duluth. Congratulations Brothers on this high honor.

REUNION HOSPITALITY

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH DINNER

OCTOBER 23, 2009 – 5:30 PM

Baked Icelandic 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*\$8 pp



FRIDAY NIGHT FRIENDSHIP & HOSPITALITY

OCTOBER 23, 2009 – 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 LUNCH

CHARCOAL GRILLED CHEESE-BURGERS & ALL THE FIXENS' OCTOBER 24, 2009 – 11:30 AM - Charcoal grilled Cheese-burgers with all the fixens, baked beans, carrot-pineapple jello, relish tray, coffee, milk & chocolate chip cookies \$6 pp.



Valley Officers Nominated

The following Valley Officers were nominated at the Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2009 for the upcoming year. Election to be held at Regular Meeting on October 19, 2009 at 7 P.M. Installation of all Officers elected and appointed will be on November 14, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

Lodge Of Perfection

Thrice Potent Master – Gregory L. O'Reilly
Deputy Master – Lyle N. Koerner
Senior Warden – Larry Drangstveit

Council Princes of Jerusalem

Sovereign Prince – Shawn W. Matthes
High Priest – Ozcan Killic
Senior Warden – R. Jeffrey Burgfechtel

Chapter of Rose Croix

Most Wise Master – Steven L. Lasure
Senior Warden – Daniel A. Hendrickson
Orator – Edgar J. Verkest

Trustee

Neil S. Hanson Paul J. Lenz

Secretary

Sterling L. Standiford

Treasurer

Roger A. Bischoff

REUNION RECEPTION & BANQUET NOVEMBER 14, 2009

RECEPTION

OF NEW MEMBERS & LADIES

COCKTAILS & HORS D' OEUVRES

Small Dining Room – November 14, 2009 – 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. All Scottish Rite members and their ladies are invited to welcome the members of the Fall Class of 2009.

BANQUET

IN HONOR OF THE CLASS

Main Ballroom - November 14, 2009 – 5 P.M.

HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY

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, November 14, 2009. **No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door.** \$17 per person.

Fall 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 November 9, 2009.



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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 18 @ 7pm Eau Claire Temple</p>	<p>15° October 14 @ 7 pm Menomonie Lodge</p>	<p>31° November 14 @ 9:15 am Eau Claire Temple</p>
<p>7° October 19 @ 6:30pm October 22 @ 6 p.m. Keystone Lodge</p>	<p>25° October 2 @ 6:30 pm @ Acacia- Itasca Lodge</p>	<p>32° November 14 @ 10 am Large Lodge Room Eau Claire Temple</p>
<p>12° October 15 @ 7 p.m. Wisconsin Rapids Lodge</p>	<p>October 17 @ 6:30 pm @ Acacia Itasca Lodge</p>	<p>Choir October 23 @ 6 pm Auditorium Temple</p>
<p>14° October 12 @ 7:30 pm October 19 @ 7 pm Eau Claire Temple</p>	<p>30° October 12 @ 6:30 pm October 19 @ 6:15 pm Eau Claire Temple</p>	