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FALL 2008 CLASS NAMED FOR ILL. STEVEN E. PREWITT, 33^o



Ill. Steven Ezra Prewitt, 33^o, son of Osborn and Agnes Prewitt, was born on September 23, 1953, at Seymore, Indiana being the ninth born of four sons and six daughters. Steve attended schools in Crothersville, Indiana and graduated from Crothersville High School. After high school he attended

Metro Data Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky for one year. He then moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for the FBI. While working for the FBI he met his best friend, Charmaine.

They were united in marriage on August 31, 1974 and two months later started their floral business in Mosinee, Wisconsin. Through the years they have had four floral shops, in Mosinee, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids and additional floral locations in grocery stores and hospitals.

Steve began his Masonic journey at Mosinee Lodge, #318 on May 1, 1975 and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 16, 1975. He then became a Sublime Prince, 32^o, in the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire in the Fall Class of 1976 and was elected Vice-President. Steve served as the Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix in 1985 and served the Valley of Eau Claire as Commander In Chief from 1996 to 1998. He was coroneted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33^o, Northern Jurisdiction, in August 1996 in Boston, MA. He is currently serving the Valley as Deputy's Representative through the conclusion of the Fall Reunion.

Steve belongs to the York Rite, Wausau Chapter #5, RAM; St. Omar Commandery and Wausau Council. He

belongs to the Red Cross of Constantine – Chippewa Conclave. He belongs to the Zor Shrine, Timber Shrine Club and Wausaukean Indians.

Steve and Charmaine have two daughters, Tina and Tanya – Steve's basketball players. Tina is an elementary school teacher in Mosinee and Tanya is a student at the University of Tennessee. Steve and Charmaine have two grandchildren, Allen Ezra Kramer and Hallie Ruth Kramer.

Steve reports that "I am humbled and thrilled that the Fall Class is named in my honor. I would like to thank my family for all of their love, patience, support and sacrifice they have made over the years while I traveled to Eau Claire to participate in the Scottish Rite. This should be the Prewitt Family Class I share with my family this honor. I missed a lot of my girls activities and work at the flower shops to take part in the Reunions. I know Charmaine did not mind; matter of fact, she was probably glad to get rid of me for the day. I know that the girls didn't mind either because they know the difference this fraternity has made in my life. I would like to thank all of my brethren for all their brotherly love, support, suggestions and contributions which has made my Scottish Rite journey one of my top experiences of my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed the 30 plus years of participating first in the degrees and then as officer, and I hope an effective leader. May God Bless each and everyone of you.!"

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, 2008 through July 31, 2009) since the dues cards were mailed on August 2, 2008.

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^o, Valley Treasurer



Valley Schedule

September

- 8th Executive Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
Election of Officers
- 20th **SENIOR WARDEN'S WORKSHOPS**
Hayward & Marshfield
10 a.m.
- 27th **SENIOR WARDEN'S WORKSHOPS**
Eau Claire – Rice Lake – River Falls
& potentially Phillips
10 a.m.

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.
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.

2009

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

Valley Is Set For An Active Fall Assisting Lodges By Holding 6 Regional Senior Warden's Workshops



Shown at the Eau Claire Workshop from 2007 - L to R are: Pete Thompson of Eau Claire, Dick Hazelton of Eau Claire, Steve Botes, Jr. of Mercer, Greg O'Reilly of Eau Claire, Larry Ganske, Facilitator, Ken Rulland of Black River Falls; and Mike Hunter of Durand.

The foundation for all of Masonry is the Symbolic Lodge. The Scottish Rite - Valley of Eau Claire is committed to assisting Symbolic Lodges in being strong and active. The strength of a lodge is largely dependant upon its officers, especially the Master of the Lodge. Good planning is essential for the Worshipful Master to have a successful year. That planning should begin before the Master is installed when he is the Senior Warden. This is the goal of the program – to assist in planning.

The Valley of Eau Claire, under direction of L. Arby Humphrey, 32°, Director of Development, in cooperation with Grand Lodge, will be conducting six free regional Senior Warden's Workshops on two consecutive Saturdays, September 20th in Hayward and Marshfield; and September 27th in Eau Claire, Rice Lake, River Falls and potentially Phillips.

Each of the Workshops will be lead by leaders because the trainers will be Past Masters with good experience and will include Grand Lodge officers. These will be "roll up your sleeves" working sessions lasting about an hour and half where the Senior Warden's will be assisted in planning his year. Special invitations have been sent out to the Senior Warden's in each of the lodges in the Valley of Eau Claire.

From Our Files

50 Years Ago: September 1958: Schedule for Fall Reunion was set for four consecutive days beginning Mon. Oct. 27th and ending Thurs. Oct. 30th.

40 Years Ago: September 1968: It was announced that the Fall Class was named for the late, Ill. Elmer Anderson, 33°

30 Years Ago: September 1978 It was announced that the Fall Class was to be named in honor of past CIC, the late, Ill. Voigt P. "Jim" Gillett, Jr. 33°.

20 Years Ago: September 1988: It was announced that Br. James G. Plahmer, 32°, 1st Lt. Commander was elected to receive the 33°

10 Years Ago: September 1998: It was announced that the Fall Class is named in honor of the late, Patrick A. Hardy, 32°, remembered for his trademark bow tie.

COMMANDER -IN -C**H I E F S
C O R N E R****We Have Turned The Corner
Valley Is In The Black**

Because of your commitment I am privileged to report that the financial state of our Valley is secure!

As you will recall, our Valley had a serious financial problem. We were spending money much faster than we were receiving revenues. This was because Valley operations cost significantly more than initiation fees, dues and investments were generating. Indeed, for a number of years there was an operational deficit of about \$22,000 per year. At that rate the Valley would have been broke by July 2009. Changes were necessary to survive.

In mid 2007 significant operational changes were made. The Valley went to part time operational officers – Secretary and Treasurer assisted by over 20 Volunteers. Also, in 2007 almost 150 brothers contributed extra to the Valley to get us through July 2007. As a result of these changes, the Valley has made a dramatic \$30,000 turn-around. Instead of the \$22,000 deficit we had in the past, the Valley operated in fiscal year ending in July, to over \$7,000 in surplus. It was voted at the July Executive Committee to invest about half of this and provide the remainder in this year for much needed deferred maintenance. Next time you get the chance be sure to thank Ill. Sterling Standiford, 33° - Secretary and Roger Bischoff, 32° - Treasurer, and all the office Volunteers whose dedicated work has made this possible.

**Fraternally and Sincerely
Paul J. Lenz, 32°
Commander In Chief**

Fall 2008 Reunion Schedule**Friday – October 10, 2008**

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

Saturday – October 11, 2008

8:30	AM	Donuts and Coffee
8:45	AM	Class Assembly
9:00	AM	6th Degree: <i>Master of the Brazen Serpent</i>
9:45	AM	8th Degree: <i>Intendant of the Building</i>
10:30	AM	15th Degree: <i>Knight of the East and Sword</i>
11:30	AM	Communicate 16 th , 17 th & 19 th Degrees
11:45	AM	Lunch – Hamburgers & All The Fixens (Ladies Welcome)
12:30	PM	Election of Class Officers
12:45	PM	18th Degree: <i>Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.</i>
2:00	PM	20th Degree: <i>Master Ad Vitam</i>
3:15	PM	Communicate 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd , & 24 th Degrees
3:30	PM	30th Degree: <i>Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander</i>

Saturday – October 25, 2008

8:30	AM	Donuts & Coffee
8:30	AM	Ladies Program: Breakfast & Trolley To Farmers Market
9:00	AM	Class Assembly
9:15	AM	25th Degree: <i>Master of Achievement</i>
10:00	AM	Class Picture
10:15	AM	Presentation by the Active and Director of the Work
11:00	AM	Installation of Scottish Rite Officers – Open To Family
12:00	PM	Lunch – Chicken & Biscuits (Ladies Welcome)
1:00	PM	Communicate 26 th , 27 th , 28 th & 29 th Degrees
1:15	PM	31st Degree: <i>Knight Aspirant</i>
2:15	PM	32nd Degree: <i>Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret</i>
3:30	PM	Candidate's Reception - Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres
5:00	PM	Spring Banquet - Catered by Sweetwaters

News In Brief**L. Arby Humphrey, 32° Named New Director of Development**

1st Lt. Commander, Kenneth Pelo, 32°, has named L. Arby Humphrey, 32°, from the Superior area as the Valley's new Director of Development who is in charge of the Senior Warden's Workshops and recruiting. Arby will be attending a membership development meeting at the Supreme Council Headquarters in Lexington, MA on September 27, 2008.

Norman "Bruce" Berg, 32° - MSA & Paul J. Lenz, 32° Elected To Receive 33° Next August In Boston

At the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council held in Providence, Rhode Island this past August, Valley members, Norman "Bruce" Berg, 32° - MSA and CIC, Paul J. Lenz, 32°, were elected to receive the 33° in Boston, MA next year. Full story in the next issue of the Scottish Rite Reporter.



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SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEGREES
Eighth Degree
"Intendant of the Building"
 To Be Presented By the Valley of La Crosse



The 8th Degree which has not been presented at an Eau Claire Reunion for some time will be presented by the Valley of La Crosse on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 9:45 A.M. under the Direction of Todd Wohlert, 32°. The word "Intendant" is French

from the Latin "intendere" meaning to direct one's thoughts to a thing. An "Intendant" is, therefore, a superintendent, one who is in charge, direction or management of some public business. This degree dates back to 1783 and has been revised many times to the most recent 2006 version.

It is set in King David's throne room and dramatizes how Solomon ascended to the throne of all Israel and Judah. As King David grew old, the struggle among his sons for succession grew bitter. Solomon had no desire to succeed his father as King. The 8° teaches by Solomon's example that each new honor is a step toward moral perfection and that

each honor demands attention to a particular duty. Be sure to witness this degree this fall as it may not be seen here again for many years.

SCHEDULE OF DEGREE PRACTICES	
6°	September 9, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M: River Falls Lodge September 23, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M. River Falls Lodge
25°	October 7, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M. River Falls Lodge October 3, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M: Acacia – Itasca Lodge October 14, 2008 @ 8 P.M. – Barnes Lodge October 17, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M: Acacia – Itasca Lodge
30°	September 29, 2008 @ 7 P.M. – Eau Claire Temple October 6, 2008 @ 7 P.M. – Eau Claire Temple
32°	October 25, 2008 @ 1 P.M. – Eau Claire Temple
USE THE PETITION FOR THIS FALL	
Offer The University of Freemasonry to a Brother today!	