



SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

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Commander In Chief's Corner



January Officers & Directors Day Starts With General Meeting

Another holiday season is upon us and as we hurry about in this hectic time it is easy to forget the true meaning of the season. I hope you take the time to reflect on the true meaning of the holidays and enjoy the season with loved ones. It is very easy at this time to become stressed and ill, so please slow down, relax and let things come as they may.

This is also the season of Blue Lodge installations. We would like to congratulate all the new Worshipful Masters and their officers.

May your term be exciting, enjoyable and successful. We look forward to seeing many of you on our lodge visitations. If you don't have a Scottish Rite visit scheduled for your lodge, there is still time to schedule one. We would be more than happy to arrange someone to come make a short presentation.

This is also the season of big bills and your Valley is the same as anyone else in that regard. We do have bills to pay. Again this year there many Brothers that are behind in their dues. These are difficult financial times for everyone and that is understood by this Valley, so any effort you can make to pay your dues will be greatly appreciated. One of the hardest things to be done at a meeting is suspending a good Brother for nonpayment of dues. I have been at several meetings where this was done and it is always a sad event.

The Valley is busy preparing for the Officer Seminar on January 17, 2009. We will be starting our day out with a general meeting at 9:00 in the large dining room. The Valley needs you there with your ideas about fundraising or any other idea you may have to make our Valley stronger. The candy sale for Valentine's Day is again offered. Arby Humphrey is the Chairman and has done a great job setting this program in motion. Thank you, Arby. At our last meeting Roger Bischoff presented a fine opportunity for us with the Healing Field Flag Memorial. This is a way for us to show our support for this cause and to raise funds for our Valley. Please watch for more information on this in future reporters.

Once again I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Remember, family and fraternities both take a lot of work to make them great and survive. The more active you are in both the greater your rewards. Have a safe holiday and see you all in January.

Fraternally
Ken Pelo 32°
Commander in Chief

Valley Schedule

January – 2009

- 17 Annual Working Meeting: Executive Committee, Officer's Training, Directors Meeting, Meeting of All Bodies, Committee Meetings, General Meeting, 9 am
- 17 Officers & Ladies Party At The Green Mill. 4pm– pg 2 for information.
- 22 Tomah Lodge Visitation

February – 2009

- 16 Executive Committee 6:30 pm
Regular Meeting 7 pm
- 17 Chippewa Falls Lodge Visitation
- 18 Wisconsin Rapids Lodge Visitation

March – 2009

- 4 Forest Lodge Visitation
- 10 Eau Claire Lodge Visitation
- 16 Executive Committee 6:30 pm
Regular Meeting 7 pm
- 25 Geo. B. Wheeler Lodge Visitation

April – 2009

- 17 Spring Reunion 1 pm
- 18 Spring Reunion 8:30 am
- 25 Spring Reunion 8:30 am

May – 2009

- 19 Executive Committee 6:30 pm
Regular Meeting 7 pm

June – 2009

- 16 Executive Committee 7 pm

THIRD AND FINAL DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT

If you received this notice, you are not current. Please bring yourself current. This was the final dues notice for this dues year. Thank you to all our members who have paid their dues.

Roger Bischoff, 32°, Treasurer



New Membership Directory Will Be Available At The January 17 Meeting

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE



Valley Directory
Alphabetical Edition
2008-2009

For the first time in a decade there will be new Valley Directories available at the January 17 meeting. The directories will be in two editions. There will be an Alphabetical Edition and an Officers and Directors Edition. The difference between the two editions will be how the members are listed. As the name indicates, the members will be in alphabetical order in the Alphabetical Edition. The Officers and Directors Edition lists membership by geographical location because when organizing a degree or area event it is important to know the members in a particular area. This edition also has an alphabetical index. Both editions include the name, address, phone number and birthday of the member. Also, both editions have all the office information, an officers directory, directors and area chair directory and a directory of area lodge masters for 2009. These directories are being produced entirely in house by the office volunteers in limited numbers so don't miss your chance to get one. Be sure to be at the January meeting. A special thanks to Ill. Doug Lundholm, 33°- MSA, who asked the mystic question resulting in these directories.

A Full Day Is Planned For The Valley General Working Meetings On January 17, 2009

The Valley of Eau Claire will be conducting a 3rd annual working meeting including General Meeting, Directors Meeting, Committee Meetings, selection of Valley Service Recognition Award recipient, Meritorious Service Award Nominations, and general wrap up planning meeting for 2009 on January 17, 2009 starting at 9 a.m. with the General Meeting at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. There will be a new Valley Directory which will include an officer & directors directory, general membership directory and Lodge Masters directory. There will be a lunch served featuring a hearty soup & sandwiches. The day will culminate in a casual party for Valley Officers at the Green Mill.



Schedule For January 17, 2009

9:00 a.m.	General Meeting
10:30 a.m.	Directors Meeting
Noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Photographs
12:45 p.m.	Valley Service Recognition Award Nomination Meeting
12:45 p.m.	Meritorious Service Award Nomination Meeting
1:15 p.m.	Committee Meetings Retention Committee Recruiting Committee Hospitality Committee
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Wrap Up Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Social Hour @ Green Mill – Officers & Ladies Party
5:00 p.m.	Dinner @ Green Mill – Officer and Ladies Party

Officers and Ladies Party To Top Off January General Meeting Day



Immediately following the General Meetings on January 17, 2009 there will be a party for Valley Officers and Ladies at the Holiday Inn Campus. The Officers and Ladies party will start at 4:00 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. and will conclude in plenty of time to return home for those traveling far distances. There will be no program but rather it will be a time to relax and enjoy fellowship. The menu choices are: Chicken Breast stuffed with sage dressing, garlic mashed potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables and house salad for \$19; Sliced Sirloin of Beef topped with rich mushroom gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable of the day, and house salad for \$20; Walleye Pike with parsley baby red potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables and house salad for \$24. The price includes tax and tip. A special invitation to officers and ladies was mailed out in mid-December. Be sure to reply with payment by January 9th so that appropriate arrangements can be made. A special thanks to Randy Ellifson, 32°, 2nd Lt. Commander for making the necessary arrangements for what will be a fun evening.

Congratulations To The New Worshipful Masters



The Valley of Eau Claire extends congratulations to all the newly installed Worshipful Masters in our area for the coming year. Shown left are John W. Wilke, 32°, Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin; and Worshipful Masters: Wayne C. Cowan, 32°, George B. Wheeler Lodge, # 351; Peter J. Thompson, 32°, Sanctuary Lodge, # 347, and Jerome D. Rundall, Eau Claire Lodge, # 112. Grand Master Wilke

installed all the officers of the Eau Claire area lodges on December 10, 2008. The Valley of Eau Claire congratulates all the lodge officers on their installation and extends fraternal well wishes for a successful Masonic year in 2009.

Area - Worshipful Masters For 2009

Acacia-Itasca, #329**John E. Conner**, Superior Ancient Landmark, #210 **Timothy Paul Mott**, Iron River Barnes, #365**William C. Conner III**, Superior Bayfield-Washburn, #215.....**Bryan A. Paulsen**, Washburn Black River, #74.....**Donald L. Koxlien**, Black River Falls Bloomer, #281 **Clyde W Shipman**, New Auburn Blue Hills, #234.....**Paul Nicholas Jacobs**, Birchwood Buffalo River, #252**Jon Buckley Hageness**, Osseo Chetek, #277.....**Charles E. Harrison**, Chetek Chippewa Falls, #176 **Lester C. Paulson**, Chippewa Falls Clear Lake, #230 **Matthew Charles Cuper**, Clayton Collins-Spring Valley, #192**Douglas John Henry**, Baldwin Durand-Pepin, #149.....**Richard A. Brommer**, Durand Eagle River, #248 **Gordon C. Kollauf**, St. Germain Eau Claire, #112 **Jerome D. Rundall**, Mondovi Forest, #130 **Peter Charles Rotter**, Wausau George B Wheeler, #351 **Wayne C. Cowan**, Chippewa Falls Hancock, #229.....**Gary L. Waltz**, Maiden Rock Hurley, #237 **Walter R. Semenok**, Manitowish Waters Keystone, #263.....**Dennis T. Zajac**, Radisson Landmark, #244..... **William Beetcher**, Webster Marshfield, #224..... **Robert Martin Le Sage, Sr.**, Marshfield Medford, #217 **Clem H. Dozer**, Irma Menomonie, #164.....**Bruce W. Trimble**, Menomonie Merrillan, #279.....**Raymond J. Ransom**, Merrillan Mosinee, #318 **Steve Reid**, Mosinee Mystic Tie, #280..... **Robert B. Grunseth**, Tony New Richmond, #195**Mark E. Smith**, New Richmond North Star, #187 **Tom Kenneth Peterson**, Star Prairie Northwestern, #105 **David H. Finley**, Prescott Owen, #317 **Paul D. Stasek**, Owen Park Falls, #300**Jerome William Johnson**, Park Falls Phillips, #225.....**David A. Sonntag**, Phillips Rhinelander, #242.....**Don William Schroeder**, Rhinelander River Falls, #109**Ozcan Kilic**, River Falls Sanctuary, #347 **Peter J. Thompson**, Eau Claire Shell Lake-Spooner, #221 **Scott Martin Smith**, Shell Lake St Croix, #56..... **David Duane Gagnon**, Afton Superior, #236**Bradley Erwin Edstrom**, Superior Tomah, #132.....**Kenneth C. Kuhn**, Tomah Virginia Falls, #226 **Stanley T. Seeger**, Merrill Wisconsin Rapids, #128**James H. Hanneman**, Wisconsin Rapids



Forsight Brings A Huge Asset To The Masonic Temple Building Corporation

At the end of September, 2008, the River Edge apartment building located adjacent to the Eau Claire Masonic Temple reverted to the Temple Building Corporation. The apartments were the vision of a developer from Minneapolis. Over forty years ago, the Temple Trustees became involved as the Lake Street Bridge was being proposed. The Masonic Temple building would have lost the land upon which the River Edge is now located to the street easements, if something had not been built there.

Forty years later, the cycle comes full circle. Now this land, the Eau Claire Masonic Temple was leasing to the apartment consortium, has a building which has reverted to the Temple Building Corporation at the conclusion of the lease.

The River Edge is now a significant asset of the Temple Building Corporation. It has 36 units; 18 each, 2 bedroom and 1 bedroom, and a hotel room like rental unit that rents to the tenants for their guests. The Temple Corporation has contracted with AHMC as the River Edge management company, with Katie Graham having the most contact with the tenants. AHMC is also working on updating the apartment building for both safety and appearance. The Temple building corporation Board of Directors are in discussion at this time for refurbishing the pool and surrounding area, or if this should be a recreation room, etc. The apartment building also has an onsite maintenance person.

AHMC can be contacted at 715-831-3256, if you have interest in renting. The one bedroom units are rented for around \$500 per month, and the two bedroom units for \$900 per month. There is a small waiting list at this time, and all the apartments are rented.

The River Edge apartment building should support itself and substantially help to defray costs for the Eau Claire Masonic Temple in the future. Currently, net income from River Edge is being used to pay off the debt from refurbishing the Masonic Temple elevator. This asset will be significant in the future for the financial health of the Valley of Eau Claire, which is responsible for about 60% of the costs of the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. The Valley has the Temple Trustees of 40 years ago to thank for the foresight of this venture and our current Temple Trustees as directors of the building corporation to thank for the sound management of this asset.

Next month, the **Reporter** will go inside the building to highlight some of the features of the River Edge including the apartment of our own Trustee, Otis Franke, 32°.



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**SPOTLIGHT ON
 THE VALLEY FUNDRAISERS
 VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY & HEALING FIELD FLAGS**



The Valley Fundraisers will be especially important this year because of investment losses all organizations faced this past fall. There are two fundraisers for the Valley. First, the second annual Valentine's Day Candy Sale is under way. This is a great opportunity to get delicious handmade chocolates for your sweetie for Valentine's Day. The choices are assorted chocolates or fudge. If you would prefer to help out the Valley and the charity of building for a Learning Center within the Valley you can make a donation instead. The second opportunity is through the Planting the Seed of Awareness for Child Abuse prevention with the Healing Field® of Eau Claire. You can sponsor a flag in memory of a child for \$30. After the event your flag may be picked up at the Scottish Rite Office in Eau Claire to proudly fly as a remembrance of your sponsorship in the cause to prevent child abuse. This event will be held September, 18-20, 2009 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin at the grassy field of the Chippewa Valley Technical College located at 615 W. Clairemont Ave. This event is being presented in cooperation between the Valley of Eau Claire and Eau Claire Exchange Club. Proceeds benefit the Boy and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, the Valley of Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Exchange Club.

***We Are On the Web
 See The Reporter In Color***

Be sure to check out the new Valley Web site – www.scottishrite-ec.org under the direction of Webmaster, Lee Katz, 32°, for a color copy of this Reporter and other up to date information. Note this is not the valley e-mail address which is Scottish Rite-ec@sbcglobal.net

From Our Files

50 Years Ago: January – 1959: Central Wisconsin Scottish Rite Club held the 10th annual Ladies night party
40 Years Ago: January – 1969: Ronald Rud, 32° is currently on duty in the Antarctic as part of operation deep freeze
30 Years Ago: January – 1979 Ill. Cornell Carlson, 33°, a member of the Board of Trustees for fifty years dies at age 86.
20 Years Ago: January – 1989: Reported that Ill. William Abraham, 33°, to have Spring Class in his honor.
10 Years Ago: January – 1999: Reported that Ill. Theodore R. Lyons is nominated for the 33°.