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Commander In Chief's Corner



I would like to thank everyone who gave up their free time on Saturday, January 19th to attend our yearly planning meeting. There was much discussion regarding several topics

and a lot of good ideas were brought up. The year ahead will be a successful one! A special thanks is in order to Everett for setting up coffee and doughnuts in the morning and an excellent lunch at noon. Also, thank you to Jim and Steve for putting all the paperwork together.

Our Valley has changed dramatically in the last twenty years. No longer are we confined to just participating in a degree during Reunions, or helping out with the various other jobs during the Reunions. We have many other needs to be met. Maybe you would be interested in helping out with the ballroom-being a chaperone;; bartending; or anything else that arises. The Learning Center could use some help too. Perhaps you would consider being on the Board of Governors, or helping out with a fundraiser. Anything would be greatly appreciated. One of the obligations that we need to fulfill is adding volunteers to do calling and answering of the phone at the Center. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. If we have twelve people to do this job, you would only need to volunteer once a month. Easily done, right? The calling program was started a few years ago by then Commander In Chief, Paul Lenz and the volunteers were recruited by Illustrious Dale Babbitt, and it has been recognized by the Supreme Council as being a great arrangement. Some of the other Valleys are also utilizing this program, so we do not want to lose it. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me, Jim in the office, or any of the other brothers currently involved in the program.

Randy Ellifson
Commander in Chief

Spring Class Named In Honor Of III. Roderick W. Anderson, 33^o

Rod is the son of Thorvald and Mary Anderson, was born June 7, 1946 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After graduating from Memorial High School, he received Associate Degrees in Accounting, Fire Science Technology and Supervisory Management from Chippewa Valley Technical College. He completed Wisconsin Military Academy, Camp Douglas, in 1978. In 1988, Rod graduated from Mount Senario College in Ladysmith, Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He served in the Navy, National Guard and Army Reserve for thirty-one years, retiring as a Major. He was an accountant and then worked as a firefighter for twenty-two years.

On December 27, 1969, Rod married Jeanne Talford. They raised two sons, Sean (Michele Gardner) and Brad (Jen) Anderson. They have five grandchildren Maren and Greta Anderson, Piper, Casey and Kelsey Gardner-Anderson.

Rod was raised a Master Mason on April 11, 1974 in Sanctuary Lodge No. 347, Eau Claire. He served as Master in 1984 and 1994. Rod served as District Deputy, Grand Marshall, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tiler for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Rod joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire in the Spring Class of 1974. He served as Thrice Potent Master from 1988-89, Commander-In-Chief from 2002-2004, Family Life Chairman from 1988-2008. Rod has served as a cast member in the following degrees: 4th, 14th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 31st and 32nd. He was director of the 32nd from 2004-2006. He is currently director of the 4th degree. He was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third degree on September 23rd, 2003 in St. Louis, MO. Rod was the Excellent High Priest of York Rite and is currently secretary of Eau Claire Chapter No.36. He was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin. He was elected Grand Trustee of Grand Chapter and General Grand Trustee of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International. Rod served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Chippewa Council No. 25. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin. Rod has served as Eminent Commander of the Eau Claire Commandery No. 8. Rod is currently Grand Governor of Wisconsin for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Rod is a member of the ZOR Temple of Madison and was president of the Mehara Shrine Club of Eau Claire.

Rod reports ð feel humbled and privileged to have this class named in my honor. The Scottish Rite has been one of the greatest fraternities that I have been involved with; it has improved my life greatly. After all of these years, I am still influenced by the lessons taught in all of these degrees. I am affected spiritually, morally, and emotionally. Thank you for this honor.ö





Valley Schedule

April

- 6 Spring Reunion
- 20 Spring Reunion
Ladies Program
Candidates Reception: 3:30 p.m.
Reunion Banquet: 5 p.m.

May

- 20 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
Nomination Of Officers

June

- 2 Sanctuary Lodge Visitation
- 17 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

July

- 15 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

August

- 17-20 Supreme Council: Washington D.C.
- 18 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

September

- 16 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.
Election Of Officers

October

- 6 Fall Reunion
Installation of Officers
(Potential Banquet)
- 18 WI Council of Deliberation: Milwaukee
- 19 Milwaukee Fall Reunion Final Day Option

November

- 9 Potential Alternate Final Day Of Reunion.
- 18 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.

December

- 16 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.

From Our Files

50 years ago-April 19, 1963 Forty One Masons from over twenty-five communities are receiving their Scottish Rite Degrees in the Sesquicentennial Class as the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction celebrates its 150th year..

40 years ago-April 1973 ó Issac Joles, Sr., 32°, Past Sovereign Prince dies at age 83. That summer a sixteen year old teenager from Altoona named Paul Lenz bought Br. Joles 1956 Oldsmobile Super 88 for \$250. He still has it.

30 years ago-April 1983 ó Howie Sturtz and his orchestra played for a dance at the Masonic Temple in March.

20 years ago-April 1993- Commander In Chief, Robert Bailey, 32°, announced the new 4 Chaplains degree would be presented for the first time in the Valley of Eau Claire..

10 years ago-April 2003- CIC Rod Anderson, 33°, announces that the Valley of Milwaukee will be presenting the 28th (Rosicruciana) degree at the Spring Reunion.

**Wisconsin Council Of Deliberation
To Be Held In Milwaukee 10-25-13**

Savor the Flavor of Spring



**Art & Wine Event
Benefit For Children's Dyslexia Center
of Upper Wisconsin
Friday, April 12th
5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**View art exhibit and taste flavors of wine from the valley and beyond
7:30pm to 8:30pm art auction and recognition
of outstanding contributors in 2012**

Attendees will be invited to taste a variety of wines and their food pairings throughout the evening and make purchases if they choose to. Attendees will be able to view and bid on professional and amateur art pieces. Spring themed items will be available for raffle. Event sponsored in part by Cap N Corks Winery, Northwoods Liquor, Swiss Cellar Wines and Free & Accepted Masons. \$17 per person.

Tickets available through Gordy's County Market &
Children's Dyslexia Center, 616 Graham Ave., Eau Claire, Website: www.wicdc.org
Email: cdcadm@clearwire.net Phone: 715-598-4986

Self Directed Ladies Program A New Approach

The spring reunion will be soon upon us and we have often found it difficult to find an activity that interests all of our ladies for the final Saturday of our reunion. For this spring reunion, we will be creating a document and/or packet to identify many of the activities that are available to our ladies throughout the Chippewa Valley for April 20th. This document and/or packet will be available at the reunion for the brethren on April 6th allowing them to distribute to their ladies. Our ladies will have two weeks to plan and prepare for a full day of possible activities of their choosing. For those Ladies who wish to have this information sent to them directly, please contact the Scottish Rite Office at 715-832-7759 after April 6th, and the information will be sent to you in a method of your choice.

Feast of the Pascal Lamb Honors Our Deceased Members

The Feast of the Pascal Lamb held at the Wausau Masonic Center by the Eau Claire Chapter of the Rose Croix on March 24th honored out members who passed on to the Celestial Valley in the past year. Our departed brothers from the last year are: Edwin O. Baker Jr., Harold Clark, Charles Colburn, Richard Carpenter, Richard Hillis, Michael Sterner, Eugene Hopkins, Thomas Hemstock, Mark Hill, Tomas Tourville, Joseph Kosek, Marvin Pearson, Wilber Kranz, Paul Stasek, Donald Mac Pettridge, Cloyce Campbell MSA, Roy Marcus Jr. MSA, Marvin Pueschner Ewell Mc Abee, Robert Stratton, Lawrence Mickelson, Edwin Hanson, John Rezin, Edward Ruckman, Harry Schweigert, George Peterson, Clifford Powers, Bruce Arnold, Ellsworth Giese, Ellsworth Brooks, Larry Skipton, Albert Milner, Joseph Prohaska.

Reminders

**Abbott Scholarship Applications Are Due By April 1
Petitions Are Needed For the Spring Reunion**

Spring Reunion Schedule

Saturday - April 6, 2013

Activities Are In The Auditorium Unless Otherwise Noted

7:30 AM Donuts & Coffee: Ballroom
 8:00 AM Class Registration: Office
 8:45 AM **Play: Defense of the Ruffians**
 9:30 AM Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies: Classroom
 10:15 AM **4th Degree: Master Traveler**
 10:45 AM Communicate 5th, 6th & 9th Degrees Classroom
 11:15 AM **11th Degree: Sublime Master Electedm**
 11:45 AM Lunch: Small Dining Room
 12:45 PM **8th Degree: Intendant of the Building**
 1:15 PM Communicate 10th, 12th and 13th Degrees
 1:45 PM **16th Degree: Prince of Jerusalem**
 2:15 PM Communicate 15th, 17th and 19th Degrees Classroom
 2:45 PM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason**
 3:45 PM Day Completed

Saturday, April 20, 2013

8:00 AM Donuts and Coffee: Ballroom
 8:30 AM Class Assembly: Class Room
 8:45 AM Active & Director of the Work Presentation:
 Classroom
 9:30 AM **23rd Degree: Knight of Valor**
 10:20 AM Communicate 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, & 25th Degrees:
 Classroom
 10:30 AM Class Picture: Large Lodge Room
 11:00 AM **7th Degree: Provost & Judge**
 11:30 AM Lunch: Small Dining Room
 12:30 PM **18th Degree: Knight of Rose Croix**
 1:15 PM . Communicate 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th Degrees:
 Classroom
 1:45 PM **31st Degree: Knight Aspirant**
 2:45 PM **32nd Degree: Sublime Prince**
 3:30 PM ... Reception Of Candidates: Small Dining Room
 5:00 PM Spring Banquet: Ballroom

Children's Dyslexia Center Of Upper Wisconsin Needs Trained Tutors!

To Masons In the Valley of Eau Claire:

The Children's Dyslexia Center is currently accepting applications from individuals to be trained as tutors. As you may know, the mission of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin is to provide free, one-to-one instruction to children who struggle with reading, writing, and spelling by first training tutors to use a highly effective method of teaching. Individuals interested in becoming a certified tutor are required to have a Bachelor's degree, submit application materials, and complete our International Multisensory Structural Language Education Council (IMSLEC) accredited training program. The training, which typically costs about \$5,000, is **free** to the trainees. We currently have 18 children on our waitlist who need tutors so the more you share, the sooner we may be able to serve them. Thank you! ó Tammy Tillotson ó Center Director.

REUNION HOSPITALITY & BANQUET

CANDIDATES & LADIES
 COCKTAIL & HORS D' OEUVRES RECEPTION
 APRIL 20 AT 3:30 P.M.

Immediately following the 32nd Degree on April 20st there will be a Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvres Reception at 3:30 p.m. in the Small Dining Room to honor the Candidates and their Ladies. This is great opportunity to meet the new Sublime Princes and their Ladies. Come and give them a warm welcome to your fraternity.



ILL. RODERICK W. ANDERSON, 33°
 CLASS REUNION BANQUET

APRIL 20 AT 5 P.M. IN THE BALLROOM

One of the Masonic Ballrooms & four fine caterers will be providing an exquisite menu for the Reunion Banquet. Blue Moose Grill & Steakhouse of Bloomer, Wisconsin. The sit-down dinner served by professional wait staff will feature your choice of stuffed Chicken Breast with sage dressing and whipped potatoes or a 12 oz. Prime Rib with roasted reds. Both include a fresh tossed salad served on chilled plates with ranch dressing, caramelized carrots, and rainbow sherbet.

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 15th.

No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door.

\$17 per person for Stuffed Chicken Breast or \$23 for 12 oz. Prime Rib of Beef, including tax and gratuity.

Clip And Return With Check Payable To: Eau Claire Consistory, P.O. Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54702

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Suffed Chicken Breast # _____ Beef Prime Rib



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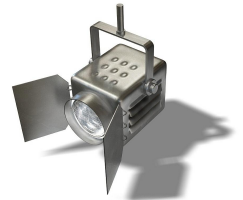
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE DEGREE PRACTICES



Attention All Casts You Are Needed On The Set!

A 30 to 60 minute degree presentation takes many hours of preparation ó 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

- 4° April 1st @ 7pm
Eau Claire Temple
- 11° March 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
Wisconsin Rapids Lodge
- 14° March 25 & April 2 @ 6:30 pm
Eau Claire Temple
- 23° April 19th (@ 7 p.m.
Eau Claire Temple

- 32° April 20th @ 1:30 pm
Large Lodge Room
Eau Claire Temple
- Choir April 6th @ 2:15 p.m.
Auditorium
Eau Claire Temple

**Contact Your Degree Director For
 All Other Degree Practice times.**

