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VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE ▲ WISCONSIN ▲ HOLIDAYS - 2013

HAPPY HOLIDAYS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 18, 2014 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



WELCOME TO THE BICENTENNIAL CLASS

**Quality Candidates Christopher Armstrong
& Ali Dalkilc Inspired By Degrees**

**Two Saturday Reunion Culminates In
Milwaukee With Council Of Deliberation
And Reunion Final Day**



During the course of the new two Saturday Reunion Brothers, wives and friends came together to participate in or witness the degree presentations, installation of officers or partake of the Reunion hospitality both in Eau Claire and Milwaukee. Shown Left are Eau Claire's new Sovereign Princes: Christopher Armstrong, 32°, a transfer member to Sanctuary Lodge, # 347 and Ali Dalkilc, 32°, of River Falls Lodge, # 109 who began their journey in Eau Claire, also from the Valley of Eau Claire and not shown are: finished in Milwaukee were Christopher Roberts, 32° a plural member of Eau Claire Lodge, #112, and William Shober, 32° of Island City Lodge, #330 in Minocqua. In between the opening of the Reunion and the long travel to and from Milwaukee, the Valley family joined together for degrees and fellowship in both Eau Claire and Milwaukee. It was a very good celebration of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's 200th birthday, the Valley of Milwaukee's 150th Anniversary and 100 years in the Milwaukee Scottish Rite Center.

3rd Annual Silver Moon New Year's Eve Ball To Benefit Dyslexia Center See p. 4



Commander In Chief's Corner



I would like to start by saying "Thank You!" to all the brothers that were able to attend the COD and the final day of the Fall Reunion in Milwaukee at the Humphrey Masonic Center. It was great to see our valley well represented. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and were able to look around the beautiful building that the brethren from Milwaukee have.

For myself, I think the best part

of these get-togethers is the time we are able to spend with all the brethren from around the state and elsewhere in an informal setting. Whether it be at a restaurant or a hospitality room at a hotel. These times are the best! To just sit and visit about whatever comes up is a great way to strengthen the friendships you already have, and to make some new ones along the way. I guess that's why they call it a reunion.

I would like to thank the brethren from Milwaukee for hosting the weekend and for your hospitality. Excellent job!

Congratulations also need to go out to Brother Everett Tillung who will be receiving his red hat next year at the COD in Madison.

On the 18th of October we held our annual "Steppin' Up for Dyslexia" fundraiser. To all who attended, donated, worked the event or contributed in any way, a huge THANKS! It was again very successful and early indications are that this will be the most profitable fundraiser so far.

Anyone who is interested in "The Silver Moon Ball" event on New Year's Eve, tickets will be available until December 23, 2013 for dinner. The price will remain the same at \$75.00 per ticket for dinner and dancing and \$25 for dancing only which are available at the door. So my suggestion to you gentlemen is to put on your tails, grab your sweetheart and come spend your New Year's Eve with us.

If there is anything that you would like to know about the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin, please visit us at WICDC.org.

In closing, I hope everyone is staying warm with our onset of winter weather. I hope your deer hunt was a safe and successful one, and your Thanksgiving happy spent with your family. May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you after the Holidays at our annual meeting on January 18th. It is our most important meeting of the year. Please plan to attend. See full information to the Right!

Randy Ellifson, 33^o
Commander in Chief

Valley General Membership Meeting, Officer's & Directors Meetings On January 18, 2014



This Is the Valley's Most Important Meeting of the Year Please Plan To Attend

The Valley of Eau Claire will be conducting a 9th 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 2014 on January 10, 2014 starting at 10 a.m. with Officers Training with the General Meeting following at 11 a.m. at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. There will be a lunch served featuring a hearty soup & sandwiches. Free will offering appreciated. The afternoon will include a Degree Director's Meeting, and Officer Meetings. The day will culminate in a casual party for Valley Officers, Directors and members at Houligans Steak & Seafood Pub in Downtown Eau Claire.

Schedule For Annual General Meeting January 18, 2014

9:00 a.m.....	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship
10:00 a.m....	Officer's Training – The 10 Qualities of Leadership
11:00 a.m.....	General Meeting
11:50 a.m.....	Photographs
Noon.....	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Director's Meeting
1:40 p.m.	Valley Service Award Nomination Meeting
1:40 p.m. ...	Meritorious Service Award Nomination Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
.....	Retention Committee
.....	Recruiting Committee
.....	Hospitality Committee
3:00 p.m.	Wrap Up Meeting – General Meeting Resumes
4:00 p.m.	Social Hour @ Houligans Steak & Seafood Pub
5:00 p.m.	Dinner @ Houligans Steak & Seafood Pub
.....	Order off the menu

Officers, Directors and Ladies Party To Top Off January General Meeting Day

Immediately following the General Meetings on January 18, 2014 there will be a party for Valley Officers, Directors, Members and their Ladies at Houligans Steak & Seafood Pub, one of our building's caterers and located one block from the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. The party will start at about 4:00 p.m. following the wrap up General Meeting 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. Those attending will order off the menu. **We will take a count at the noon Lunch and place a reservation for the number attending.**

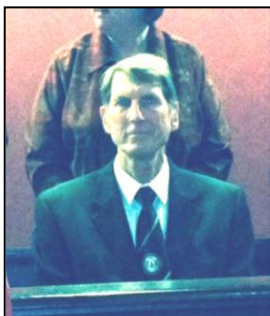
Todd Wohlert Receives 33° In Washington, D.C.



Todd Arnold Wohlert received his much deserved 33° in Washington, D.C. this past summer. His biography follows: He was born June 22, 1974 in La Crosse, WI, to Marlin & Nancy Wohlert. He grew up on a small farm near Nodine, MN, then moved to La Crescent, MN, in 1987. He graduated from La Crescent High School in 1992 then graduated from UW-La Crosse in 1997 with a B.S. degree and a double major in Mass Communications & Theatre Arts. After college, Todd worked for the Enterpriser Business Journal, La Crosse Radio Group, and Midwest Family Radio. Todd now works in sales for a wine importer based in WI. Over the years, Todd has volunteered for events or on boards with the Hunger

Task Force, La Crosse Community Theatre, Big Brothers Big Sisters, & United Way. Todd started his Masonic journey on the Internet. He emailed the Grand Lodge who directed him to La Crosse Masonic Lodge #190, where he became a member in 2006. In 2007, he joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of La Crosse then the Valley of Eau Claire. In 2008, Todd became a Noble in Zor Shrine. In 2009, Todd was installed as Master of #190. He also served as Master of Salem Lodge #125 in 2011 and 2012. Todd's other current Masonic activities include: Grand Lodge Area Administrator 5-3 since 2009, #190 Secretary/Treasurer since 2010, Captain of the Firehouse Jesters since 2009, Secretary/Treasurer of the La Crosse Shrine Club since 2012, Zor Zephyr Editor since 2010, Valley of La Crosse Director of the Work since 2008. There is probably more but Todd forgot some of them. You are probably wondering why Todd does all this stuff. He does all these things because the only way to figure out an organization is from the inside out not the outside in. Over the years, Todd has managed to streamline and productively reshape all the organizations he has been a part of and no one has asked him to turn in his dues card...yet. Todd's ultimate goal is to be a side-liner at one fantastic Masonic event after another, hopefully sooner rather than later. Todd is not married and has no children and according to Todd, his mother is very disappointed.

Jeffrey Brewer , 32° Receives Meritorious Service Award In Milwaukee



Jeffrey Brewer, 32°, Received the Meritorious Service Award of the Wisconsin Council of Deliberation held in Milwaukee on October 25, 2013. Jeff is a member of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge, # 128 and is the long time Director of the 11th and 12th Degrees. Congrats to Jeff on this much deserved honor.

The 7th Annual Lodge Leadership Seminar Sponsored By The Valley of Eau Claire In Cooperation With Grand Lodge Of Wisconsin Was Held In Eau Claire On November 16, 2013

The 7th Annual Lodge Leadership Seminar (formally known as the Wardens Workshop), sponsored by the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. Over fifty lodge officers were in attendance from as far away and outside the Valley of Eau Claire as Clintonville, Shawano, Wautoma and Eagle River. The Seminar is designed to help prepare Lodge officers for the Master's chair and is open to all Lodge officers, especially, Masters, Wardens and Deacons. There were a knowledgeable group of speakers / presenters under the direction L. Arby Humphrey, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander, covering a wide range of Masonic Lodge topics. such as: Lodge protocol and traditions, Grand Lodge and the District Team, the Master's and Secretary's duties and responsibilities, planning for your year in the East, discussion on the Masonic Code and more. It is the philosophy of the Valley of Eau Claire that strong lodges means more masons which equates to more Scottish Rite Masons. The blue lodge is the foundation.

Valley Schedule

December

16 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m..

January

18 Annual General Meeting: Officer's Training, Directors Meeting, Meeting of all Bodies
18 Officer's & Ladies Dinner
28 Visit Virginia Falls Lodge - Merrill

February

17 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

March

4 Visit River Falls Lodge
4 Visit Chippewa Falls Lodge
7 Visit Acacia-Itasca Lodge
10 Visit Buffalo River Lodge
11 Visit Eagle River Lodge
13 Visit Black River Lodge
17 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
19 Visit Wisconsin Rapids Lodge
27 Visit Chetek Lodge

April

5 Spring Reunion
7 Visit Nine Rivers Lodge
9 Visit Superior Lodge
22 Visit Hancock Lodge
26 Spring Reunion

From Our Files

50 Years Ago: Dec. 1963: Ill. Otis Linderman, 33°, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that \$193,000 of the \$200,000 to be spent in 1964 for building remodeling has been pledged. *NOTE:* In today's dollars the amount spent in 1964 was equivalent to \$1,480,000 today.

40 Years Ago: Jan. 1974: Valley prepares to celebrate the golden anniversary in the Spring.

30 Years Ago: Dec. 1983: It was announced that the Spring Class would be named for Ill. Herbert Grewe, 33°.

20 Years Ago: Jan. 1994: Valley had a special dinner to honor Ill. Dale O. Babbitt, 33°, Deputy For Wisconsin.

10 Years Ago: Dec. 2003: Commander In Chief, Roderick Anderson, 33°, announces that the Spring Class would be named in honor Kingman D. Loomis, 33°, PGM.

2014 Abbott Scholarship
Applications Available Soon
The Scholarship Applications
Are On Line @
scottishritenmj.org & Are
Available January 1 & Must Be
Received By Valley Secretary By
April 1, 2014



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**SPOTLIGHT ON THE
DYSLEXIA CENTER SILVER MOON
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL**



This will be the third year for the Rada Dada Band shown above and the first year for the Mike Malone Big Band at the Dyslexia Center Silver Moon New Year's Eve Ball. Mike Malone traveled with the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Tickets for Dinner and Dancing must be purchased by December 23rd, Dancing Tickets are available at the door. **This is a great night for a great cause! See Insert For Details**



**A Benefit For the Children's
Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin**



**Tuesday, December 31, 2013
At The Historic Eau Claire Masonic Temple
Dinner & Dancing \$75 pp.
Dancing \$25 pp.
6 p.m. Social Hour • 7 p.m. 5 Course Dinner
8 p.m. Dancing
Rada Dada Band & Mike Malone Big Band**

Full Information - See Insert