



SCOTTISH RITE REPORTER

Spring 2018

If you weren't there in the fall this is some of what you missed



Brother Dick Mitchell
for whom the class was named (left)

Tillotson family
(Tammy is the Dyslexia
Center director) w/2 new
Scottish Rite members
and a soon to be Mason.



Green Hats
Dave Imlah (left)
Joe Barlow (right)



Past MWGM Ill Struble received
his white hat (left) as did
Ill John Eldred (right)
Both received the 33^o in August



And the rest of the story.





COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER

Hello Brothers

I would first like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and may your 2018 be healthy and safe. As you have given me the opportunity to continue to lead our Consistory for the remainder of the year as Commander In Chief, I continue to consider it an honor and privilege to lead such a successful fraternal organization.

On January 20, 2018, we had our Valley's annual officer training and I would like to thank all the officers who participated. Overall, I thought the work we performed that day allowed us to view our next year's activities and we were able to discuss our opportunities. I appreciated how constructive the discussion was and I strongly believe that our officers of the Valley of Eau Claire will continue to view our opportunities to move our Valley forward.

At our officers meeting, we choose two deserving individuals of our Valley in whom the Spring and Fall classes will be named. I would like to congratulate the Illustrious Arthur L. Hotvedt 33°, for whom the Spring class will be named. I would also like to congratulate the Illustrious Randy Ellifson 33°, for whom the Fall class will be named. Congratulations to both of these princes.

As our spring reunion approaches, we are privileged, and we should be proud to be able to observe nine (9) actual degree presentations. The 4th, 6th, 14th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, and the 32nd degrees will be presented by our fellow Eau Claire consistory princes. The 26th degree (reincarnated) has not been live in the Valley of Eau Claire for many decades. Not a lot of Valleys can produce and present these many meaningful degree's, and I would encourage all of you to join us for fellowship and our continued Masonic education for our personal growth to become a better man and mason.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the following men who have been members of our Scottish Rite Family anywhere from 50 to 70 years. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has awarded these men certificates of appreciation and they will be recognized at our upcoming banquet. It would be wonderful if these men were able to join us at the upcoming reunion on April 28th . If there is a worthy prince who may know one of these princes, please extend to them a personal

invitation and do what you can to have them join us for their due recognition.

- 70 years Norman R. Stein 32° – Boca Raton FL
- 70 years James D. Walden 32° – Bloomington IN
- 70 years Henry G. Wells 32° – Barron WI
- 60 years John L. Sentry 32° – Independence WI
- 50 years Earl W. Arndt 32° – Wisconsin Rapids WI
- 50 years Richard E. Balliette 32° – Chippewa Falls WI
- 50 years Harold K. Fowler 32° – Warrens WI
- 50 years Ray L. Henning 32° – Altoona WI
- 50 years Arthur L. Hotvedt 33° – Eau Claire WI
- 50 years Lewis P. Mallow 32° – Chippewa Falls WI
- 50 years Donald P. Moen 32° – St. Paul MN

Forest Lodge #130 will be hosting a Scottish Rite Appreciation night in Wausau on Wednesday March 21st. The "Defense of the Ruffians" will be presented by the Lodge and it is my understanding that the Lodge will provide a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner starting at 6:00 p.m., tiled lodge at 7:00 p.m. .

For those Princes who have not been at one our reunions for a while, how can we assist you in joining us for our gatherings. You are a valuable part of our Rite. I really mean this, because at one time you were involved in making this Rite function and prosper. Regardless how long it has been, please contact us at the Scottish Rite office (715-832-7759) or contact a Blue Lodge member and ask about how we can assist you.

It takes a lot of people giving a lot of time to make our Valley a success. I greatly appreciate all those who have been involved and hope that all of you assist us in any way you can. If you know of a Master Mason who is not a Scottish Rite Prince, please explain what our Rite is about and suggest to them to be involved with our Valley. If your lodge is interested in a Scottish Rite presentation, I would be happy to visit and discuss our Fraternity in more detail.

I look forward in seeing all of you at our upcoming reunion in April. Until then, stay healthy, safe, and warm. Have a great 2018!

Fraternally,

Lyle N. Koerner Jr., 32°

Commander in Chief - Valley of Eau Claire



ILL. ARTHUR L. HOTVEDT, 33°, M.S.A.

Brother Arthur Hotvedt was born in Eau Claire, WI on October 4, 1927. He attended grade school in Sparta, WI and graduated from Eau Claire Senior High School with the class of 1945. Art served in the Wisconsin State Guard, the United States Army, and the Wisconsin National guard from 1944-1949.

Art attended Ripon College, Eau Claire State Teachers' College, Eau Claire Vocational School, the University of Alabama, and the International Accounting Society in Chicago, where he graduated with a degree in accounting. He worked for Bertelson Co. (now Wipfli) as a C.P.A. for 34 years.

Brother Art received his Masonic degrees in Eau Claire Lodge #112, being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 12, 1959. He was crowned a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret as a member of the Sidney P. Hall class in the spring of 1959. He was Thrice Potent Master in 1976 and received the Henry L. Palmer M.S.A. award in 1977. Art was coroneted a S.G.I.G. 33° in Milwaukee in 1990. Art is a member of the Zor Shrine, Mehara Shrine Club, and was an original member of the Abadan Grotto. He has also belonged to the Hillbilly Clan #73 in McAllen, TX and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Art served as

treasurer, auditor and a Scottish Rite office volunteer and caller. He was a member of the Sunrise Exchange Club and the Wisconsin Institute of C.P.A.'s. He was appointed to the AICPA committee for internal control in the US government.

Brother Art has been married to his **wife Dorothy** for 62 years. They have two sons, Steven and Charles. They also have three grandchildren and one great grandchild. **Grandson Jacob recently completed his Blue Lodge work in Eau Claire Lodge #112.**

Congratulations Brother Arthur L. Hotvedt on your exemplary career and Masonic life.

In case you didn't know the Spring Eau Claire class is the **Arthur Hotvedt Class**. We hope to see you during the up-coming class activities and the banquet. Take some time to note that some of the Brothers mentioned previously for 50-70 years of Masonic service will be in attendance at the banquet. Take the time to find them and congratulate them as well as Brother Art.

Eau Claire Masonic LOW 12 Club

Since including LOW 12 Club information in the publication we have grown with new members every month. That is encouraging to see. As of the day of this writing we have 6 new members in the past year. We are at 162 members (**Brother Dale Babbitt was a member**).

Since starting in the 1960's the club has seen huge growth and like all things today, unfortunate drops in membership. I went back into our archives and found that in 1990 Low 12 membership was 382; of course Masonic membership was much higher then too.

If you aren't a member please consider joining AND offer the same to any other active Mason. We aren't "elite" but just brothers taking their vows seriously.

DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire



SPRING REUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 7, 2018

- 7:30 AM Donuts and Coffee
- 8:00 AM Class Registration
- 9:00 AM Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies
- 9:45 AM **4th Degree: Master Traveler**
- 10:15 AM Discussion of the 4th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 10:45 AM **18th Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix**
- 11:30 AM Discussion of the 18th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM **22nd Degree: Prince of Libanus**
- 1:15 PM Discussion of the 22nd Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 1:45 PM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason**
- 2:45 PM Discussion of the 14th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 3:15 PM **26th Degree: Friend and Brother Eternal**
- 4:15 PM Discussion of the 26th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 4:30 PM Reception

Saturday, April 28, 2018

- 7:30 AM Donuts and Coffee
- 8:15 AM Class Assembly
- 8:30 AM **23rd Degree: Knight of Valor**
- 9:30 AM Discussion of the 23rd Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 10:00 AM Class Picture
- 10:30 AM **20th Degree: Master ad Vitam**
- 11:30 AM Discussion of the 20th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Presentation by the Director of the Work
- 1:30 PM **6th Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent**
- 2:00 PM Discussion of the 6th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 2:32 PM **32nd Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**
- 3:45 PM Discussion of the 32nd Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 4:15 PM Reception
- 5:30 PM Banquet

Spring Reunion Directors

~ Cast Lists ~

Cast lists for the Spring Reunion degrees must be sent to Jim Trowbridge no later than February 28th, so that the names can be included in the Spring Reunion book. Please email your cast list to scottishrite-ec@sbcglobal.net.

TRIVIA TIME

Match the character with *their* degree

6 th Degree	A. Ancient One
14 th Degree	B. Armistead
18 th Degree	C. Florio
20 th Degree	D. George Washington
22 nd Degree	E. Inquirer
23 rd Degree	F. Master Workman
26 th Degree	G. Sethur
32 nd Degree	H. Wyatt Fox

Correct answers on last page

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Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Program



Named after Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Abbott Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing undergraduate and graduate education of Scottish Rite Masons, young men and women from Scottish Rite families, and Masonic-related youth groups.

Eligibility: Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the 2018 Abbott Scholarship program for undergraduate studies:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction or a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is:
 - A high school senior, a currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
 - A high school senior, or undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.
- Applications should be submitted to the Valley of the sponsoring Scottish Rite Mason.

Go to: <https://scottishritenmj.org/valleys> and click the Home Key of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction website. The bottom of the page is an Abbott Scholarship Picture (Information) click on it. At the bottom of information click Forms to Download. Then go to Abbott Scholarship Application Form to download the forms.

Applications can also be obtained at the Valley of Eau Claire's Scottish Rite Office, or an application can be sent to you electronically if you contact the Valley's Secretary via email.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE'S SECRETARY BY APRIL 1, 2018.

Valley Of Eau Claire 2018 Schedule

Keep this for your record

- March 19** **Regular Meeting** – 7:00 pm
- March 21** **Forest Lodge #130** Scottish Rite Night & Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- March 24** **Masonic Day of Light** – Eau Claire
- April 7** **start Spring Reunion** (Regular Meeting @ Lunch)
- April 28** **Spring Reunion & Banquet**
- June 18** **Regular Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
- June 20 – 23** **Country Fest** (opportunity to volunteer for Dyslexia Center)
- July 11 – 14** **Rock Fest** (opportunity to volunteer for Dyslexia Center)
- July 16** **Regular Meeting** – 7:00 p.m.
*Watch for further information in the **Spring S.R. Reporter***

Officers of the Valley of Eau Claire,

For the spring reunion on April 28, 2018 **we are doing something new and exciting for the banquet.** We are asking all officers/Ladies to participate in providing a dessert to share at the banquet. We will be setting up a dessert buffet to be enjoyed by all members. If possible/needed please cut your dessert into serving size portions. Please put your dessert on the dessert buffet table. If your dessert needs refrigeration we should have adequate refrigerator space.
Thanks for your participation!

Mike & Gail Abernathy

April 28, 2018 Ladies Program

Come and enjoy the day with other Ladies.

8:00 Coffee, tea, juice, light breakfast snacks

9:00 Break Out Escape Game - Work as a team to crack codes, follow clues and solve puzzles.

11:00 Trip to Michaels and/or JoAnn Fabrics to buy fairy garden figurine/s (if you desire) for your succulent planter.

(Will need some participants to drive.)

12:00 Lunch at Panera Bread (Choose from the "Pick 2" menu and a beverage incl.)

1:30 Make a succulent planter. (Pots will be provided but if you have a special pot you would like to use please feel free to bring it.)

*all times approximate

Cost for the day is \$15.00. New candidates Ladies are paid for by the Valley.

Please come dressed comfortably. There will be time to change before the social hour.

Any questions feel free to contact me.

Gail Abernathy

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Farewell Illustrious Dale O. Babbitt 33^o Active Emeritus!



Dale Babbitt, 90, of Eau Claire died Friday, Feb. 9 at home, surrounded by his family, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Dale Ormal Babbitt was born Feb. 22, 1927 in Keystone, township of Cleveland, Wis., the youngest child of Benjamin and Mabel (Phillips) Babbitt. He graduated from Bloomer High School in 1944 and joined the United States Army.

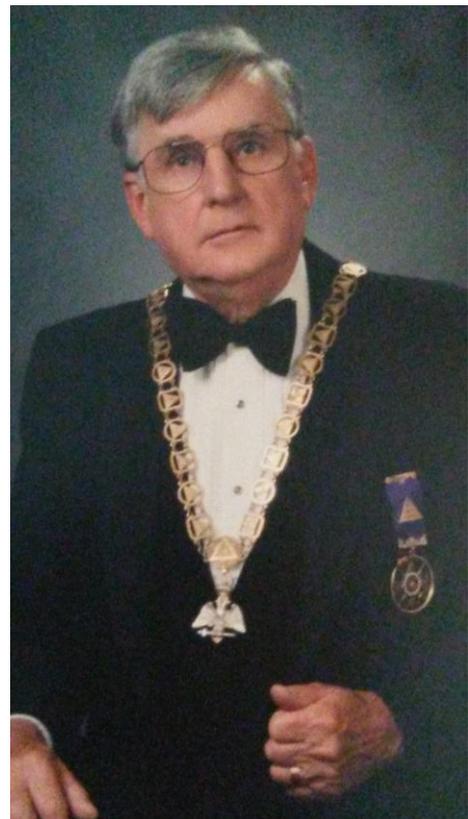
He married Mavis Steinmetz in 1946. In 1947 he became City Clerk of Bloomer and served as the town's mayor from 1952-1954. He worked for and eventually became president of-Chippewa Motor Freight and, later, was the general manager of Dotseth Trucking in Knapp. He became a Master Mason in 1948 and continued to "serve his God, his family, his fellowman, and his country" all his life. He held various leadership roles in the Bloomer and Chippewa Masonic lodges, received the honorary 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite in 1974 and was elected as Deputy of the State of Wisconsin in 1993. Dale led the statewide Masonic effort to establish learning centers for dyslexic children and adults, first in Milwaukee and Madison and then in Eau Claire. Dale also served on the Board of Directors of both the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. and the First National Bank of Chippewa Falls. He was one of the founding parents of the Chippewa Falls Little League and earned the Silver Beaver Award for his work as president of the Chippewa Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a past elder at First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Bloomer post of the American Legion. A gifted tenor, he was often asked to sing at area weddings and funerals.

Dale was preceded in death by an infant son; grandchildren Betsy and Ben Babbitt;

daughter-in-law Debby Lofthus Babbitt; and 12 siblings: Hazel, Ruth, Lester, Frank, Merle, Lyle, Kenneth, Allen, Irene, Marjorie, Marvin and Benjamin Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mavis; four sons: Barry (Fran) of West Bloomfield, Mich., Steve (Linda) of Parker, Colo., Don of Eau Claire and Dean (Sue Ann) of Colfax; six grandchildren: Katie (Dan) Guite of Eagan, Minn., Mark (Becky) Babbitt of Parker, Colo., David (Lara) Babbitt of Denver, Colo., James (Sarah) Babbitt of Littleton, Colo., Andrew Babbitt of Menomonie and Blaire (Travis) Babbitt of Chippewa Falls; and five great-grandchildren: Sam and Rachel Guite and Brenden, Mallory and Luke Babbitt.

(personal note: if you have been raised within the past 10-15 years somewhere in the Chippewa Valley you most likely met Dale. He was very active in raising Master Masons at the various lodges doing Bible presentations.)





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There are numerous ways a Mason may experience the Inner Peace and Contentment, which results from membership in our fraternity. Most gratifying is involvement in the Low Twelve Club.

The Low 12 Club is an organization of Master Masons maintained for the purpose of assisting the widows or orphans of its members. Upon the death of a member a sum not to exceed \$300 is paid to the designated beneficiary. The Club has no regular dues except for the initial \$10 application fee. Funds are maintained by an assessment of \$2.00 for each member death. Assessments are mailed as needed to comply with the purpose of this great club. To join the Low 12 Club please fill out this postcard and mail it with \$10.00 to

Low 12 Club - P.O. Box 292 - Eau Claire, WI 54702

Name: _____ Lodge #: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/____

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**The benefits paid by the club are not insurance*