



SCOTTISH RITE

Summer 2018

# REPORTER

## ILL. Arthur L. Hotvedt, 33°- MSA Class



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Bill Hoepfner April 2018





**COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER**

Hello Brothers!

Summer is upon us and I hope all of you are able to find time to enjoy the warm temperatures, fun activities, and more especially, your family and loved ones.

I hope you were able to join us at our Spring 2018 reunion named in honor of the **Ill. Arthur L. Hotvedt 33°**. Twelve (12) new princes were able to complete their Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret adventure. Three (3) princes came from Collins Spring Valley Lodge 192, and in turn received the Spring 2018 Reunion Membership Award. I want to thank **Gale Abernathy** for her help making our Women's program a success, for preparing our appetizers on the first weekend, and her idea of bringing deserts for the reunions banquet: Thanks to all who brought a desert for the banquet meal; all the deserts were delicious and appreciated by all.

It was an honor to present four (4) gentlemen their years of service awards. **Earl W. Arndt 32°** – Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin for **50 years** of service; **Ray L. Henning 33°**– Altoona Wisconsin, for **60 years** of service; **John L. Senty 32°**– Independence Wisconsin for **60 years** of service; and **Arthur L. Hotvedt 33°**– Eau Claire Wisconsin for **60 years** of service. These gentlemen served our Valley for many years; we greatly appreciated them being at our Banquet. Unfortunately, seven (7) other princes celebrating their service awards were unable to attend; we will do our best to present their achievement awards at a later date. They are - **70 years** of service, **Norman R. Stein 32°** – Boca Raton Florida; **James D. Walden 32°** – Bloomington Indiana, and **Henry G. Wells 32°** – Barron Wisconsin; **50 years** of service, **Richard E. Balliette 32°** – Chippewa Falls Wisconsin, **Harold K. Fowler 32°** – Warrens Wisconsin, **Lewis P. Mallow 32°** – Chippewa Falls Wisconsin, and **Donald P. Moen 32°** – St. Paul Minnesota. The combined service of all the recipients is **640 years**; *Thank you Princes for serving our Rite for all those years.*

I would like to congratulate two (2) princes of our Valley who have been selected to receive the **Valley Special Recognition Award (SR)**; **Jacob Seever**

**32°**, and **Chris Roberts 32°** will receive their **green hats** at the Fall 2018 reunion. Congratulations Princes!

We have already started to prepare for the Fall 2018 reunion in honor of **Ill. Randy Ellifson 33°, PCIC**. The dates are **October 13<sup>th</sup>**, and **27<sup>th</sup>**. Another date to be aware is August 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the **Dyslexia Teddy Bear Classic Golf Tournament**. For more information see inside. There are a lot of other Masonic activities throughout our Valley's region; please participate where you can and strengthen your masonic beliefs and principals. Put these dates in your calendars and join us at these wonderful events.

**Ill. James Trowbridge, 33°** has announced his *retirement in later October* as our Valley of Eau Claire Secretary. Thank you, Jim, for your dedicated service toward our Scottish Rite Fraternity and the valley. We wish you a long and healthy retirement. The Valley will be looking for a man to fill his position. Details are identified in an article by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Les Paulson, 33' in this Scottish Rite Reporter. Hopefully a person can be identified so Jim can assist him in the transition of the position. Thank you again Jim!!

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 some way. It would be great if the Fall 2018 Reunion would have a class of twenty candidates: We can do it if you know of a Master Mason who is not a Scottish Rite Prince; 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 soon. Until then, stay healthy, safe, and cool. Have a great summer!

Fraternally,

Lyle N. Koerner Jr., 32°,

Commander in Chief  
Valley of Eau Claire



Arthur Holvedt (left) Ray Henning (right) and John Senty (below left) receive 60 year certificates.



Earl Arndt (left) and Richard Balliet (right) receive 50 year certificates.



Tim Jewell (left) receives a membership award for recruiting 10 new members.

Bret Swenson, Chad Chaves (Class V.P.s) & Richard Scheller receive a Lodge award for most members in this class.



Class President Jacob Hotvedt offers a few words.

And then there's...official fun-having.



## Good News and Bad News

Sublime Princes, first **the bad news**, our Secretary of the Valley, **Jim Trowbridge is retiring** from that office. We wish him well, and thank him for many years of service, and giving us some notice. **The good news is Jim will help with training his replacement.**

We are looking for a man with leadership skills, also planning, implementation, and strategic planning. This is an all too brief description, for the man must have many talents, as Jim Trowbridge has. Organization is high on the list, as keeping up with the needs of the Valley of Eau Claire is a constant call.

This position is a part time position limited to 10 hours per week (520 hours per year), and no benefits are offered, nor will they be.

The busiest times of the year are reunions and dues collections starting in August, so the hours are more flexible, but not to exceed the expectations.

We will accept applications for the position with a letter of introduction, application, and resume, starting now. This will give us time to look them over, and do interviews, as we will look to fill the job by July 31 if possible.

If you have further questions about the office of Secretary for the Valley of Eau Claire, call me, and thank you for your interest.

**Les Paulson**, Chair of the committee for Secretary of the Valley. **715-271-6616**

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### Wisdom of the Past Will Rogers

*"The taxpayers are sending congressmen on expensive trips abroad. It might be worth it except they keep coming back."*

*"There are men running governments who shouldn't be allowed to play with matches."*

*"The only difference between Death and Taxes is death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."*



## 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.

Our Valley generally provides three Scholarships each year. Support for the scholarship program comes from the **Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund** established through the generous legacy of former **Sovereign Grand Commander Leon M. Abbott**. In recent years, the fund has been strengthened by sharing in annual contributions to the **"Blue" envelope appeal** by the Fraternity's 200,000 members while our Valley member contributions to this Abbott Scholarship are directed to the Valley of Eau Claire for scholarship applicant candidates.

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## 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 14 new members in the past year. We are at 172 members

There are a number of Low 12 Clubs across the country. Some incorporate large memberships and huge sums of money. Neither of those are our problem at this point ... sadly.

If you aren't a member of the Low 12 Club consider joining. It will help you fulfill YOUR Masonic obligation. It's a GOOD THING.

# DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

*Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire*



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## 2018 FALL REUNION SCHEDULE

### Saturday, October 13, 2018

- 7:30 AM Donuts and Coffee
- 8:00 AM Class Registration
- 9:00 AM Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies
- 9:30 AM **4th Degree: Master Traveler**
- 10:00 AM Discussion of the 4th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 10:30 AM **12th Degree: Master of Mercy**
- 11:15 AM Discussion of the 12th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 11:45 AM Lunch
- 12:45 PM **16th Degree: Prince of Jerusalem**
- 1:15 PM Discussion of the 16th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 1:45 PM **18th Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix**
- 2:30 PM Discussion of the 18th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 3:00 PM **24h Degree: Brother of the Forest**
- 3:45 PM Discussion of the 24th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 4:00 PM Reception

### Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 7:30 AM Donuts and Coffee
- 8:45 AM Class Assembly
- 9:00 AM **13th Degree: Master of the Ninth Arch**
- 9:30 AM Discussion of the 13th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 10:00 AM Class Picture
- 10:30 AM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason**
- 11:30 AM Discussion of the 14th Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 11:45 AM Lunch
- 12:45 PM **31st Degree: My Brother's Keeper**
- 1:30 PM Discussion of the 31st Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 2:00 PM Presentation by Director of the Work
- 2:30 PM **32nd Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret**
- 3:45 PM Discussion of the 32nd Degree - Open to all Brethren
- 4:00 PM Installation of Officers
- 4:30 PM Reception
- 5:30 PM Banquet



### Fall Reunion Directors ~ Cast Lists ~

Please contact the members of your cast as soon as you can. The cast list needs to be received at the Scottish Rite office no later than September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contacting your cast members **NOW** will give them the remainder of the summer to work on their lines.

Can you find the new members from the last class?

Find their first names in the puzzle below.

B D F Z Q S J E R R Y H  
R D Z U D A U T K Q A K  
E O A A Y L B C V J E A  
N T V H N O P J I J O N  
T I I E C H V L A V E D  
D F L K J C E T K C I R  
A G N R D I F D T P O A  
E F N L R N R N Q X U B

#### *Directors of the Work – Contact Information*

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<b>Rick Schnabel</b>	715-432-3152	<a href="mailto:rickschnabel33@hotmail.com">rickschnabel33@hotmail.com</a>

#### *Floor and Stage Director – Contact Information*

<b>Dave Jacobson</b>	715-796-5341	<a href="mailto:dnkk11@centurylink.net">dnkk11@centurylink.net</a>
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# NEW MEMBER INFORMATION – SPRING CLASS OF 2018

*Don't forget the following new Princes from the Spring Reunion – get them involved*

## JON BEIGHLEY

Nothing at this time  
13316 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
715-214-8595 jkbeighley@gmail.com

## CHAD CHAVES

Stage Crew, Sound, Lighting  
Registration  
Wardrobe  
Line Officer  
544 155<sup>th</sup> St Amery, WI 54001  
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## TODD EDGAR

Class Marshall  
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## JACOB HOTVEDT

Nothing at this time  
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## JERRY LEGGETT

Non-Speaking Part in Degree  
Degree Director (maybe co-director)  
Line Officer  
Registration  
Stage Crew  
Class Marshall  
Recruiting  
Hospitality  
Food and Kitchen Crew  
520 Brentwood Dr Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
715-419-0093 jerry.leggett@candorail.com

## RICK SCHELLER

Speaking Part in Degree  
Non-Speaking Part in Degree  
Registration  
Choir  
Music  
Stage Crew  
Class Marshall  
Line Officer  
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## ELIJAH SCHULZ

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## CHAD SCHULTZ

Non-Speaking Part in Degree  
Registration  
Stage Crew  
Hospitality  
Food and Kitchen Crew  
N1719 945<sup>th</sup> St Eau Claire, WI 54701  
612-875-2409 chads@bernatellos.com

## NICHOLAS SCHULTZ

Speaking Part in Degree  
Non-Speaking Part in Degree  
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## BRENT SWENSON

Non-Speaking Part in Degree  
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Stage Crew, Sound, Lighting  
Class Marshall  
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## GLEN TAYLOR

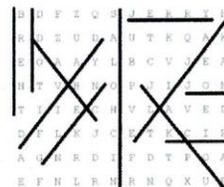
Non-Speaking Part in Degree  
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Stage Crew  
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## DAVID ZUKE

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Degree Director  
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Answers to the puzzle  
from the first page

*How did you do?*



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# 5TH ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR CLASSIC

WILD RIDGE GOLF COURSE 3467 KANE RD. EAU CLAIRE, WI

Monday, August 13, 2018

**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!**  
GOLF "FORE" DYSLEXIA, A "HOLE" LOT OF FUN!

**Golf Includes:** 18 holes, Cart, Lunch,  
Non-alcoholic Beverages, & Dinner

8:00 a.m. Bloody Mary Cash Bar

11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

5:00 p.m. Dinner, Raffles, Live Auction & Dinner



Children's  
DYSLEXIA CENTER

OF UPPER WISCONSIN

wicdc.org 715-598-4986

**For more information & registration details contact**

Sterling Standiford **phone** (715)577-5751 **email** standsr33@gmail.com



## SPONSORED GOLF EVENT

This event is hosted by the Children's Dyslexia Center with support of the Valley of Eau Claire Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Donations of Prizes and Hole Sponsor Fees are tax deductible as the Learning Center is a 501(c)3 Corporation.



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*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 form and mail it with \$10.00 to*

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

1st Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

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