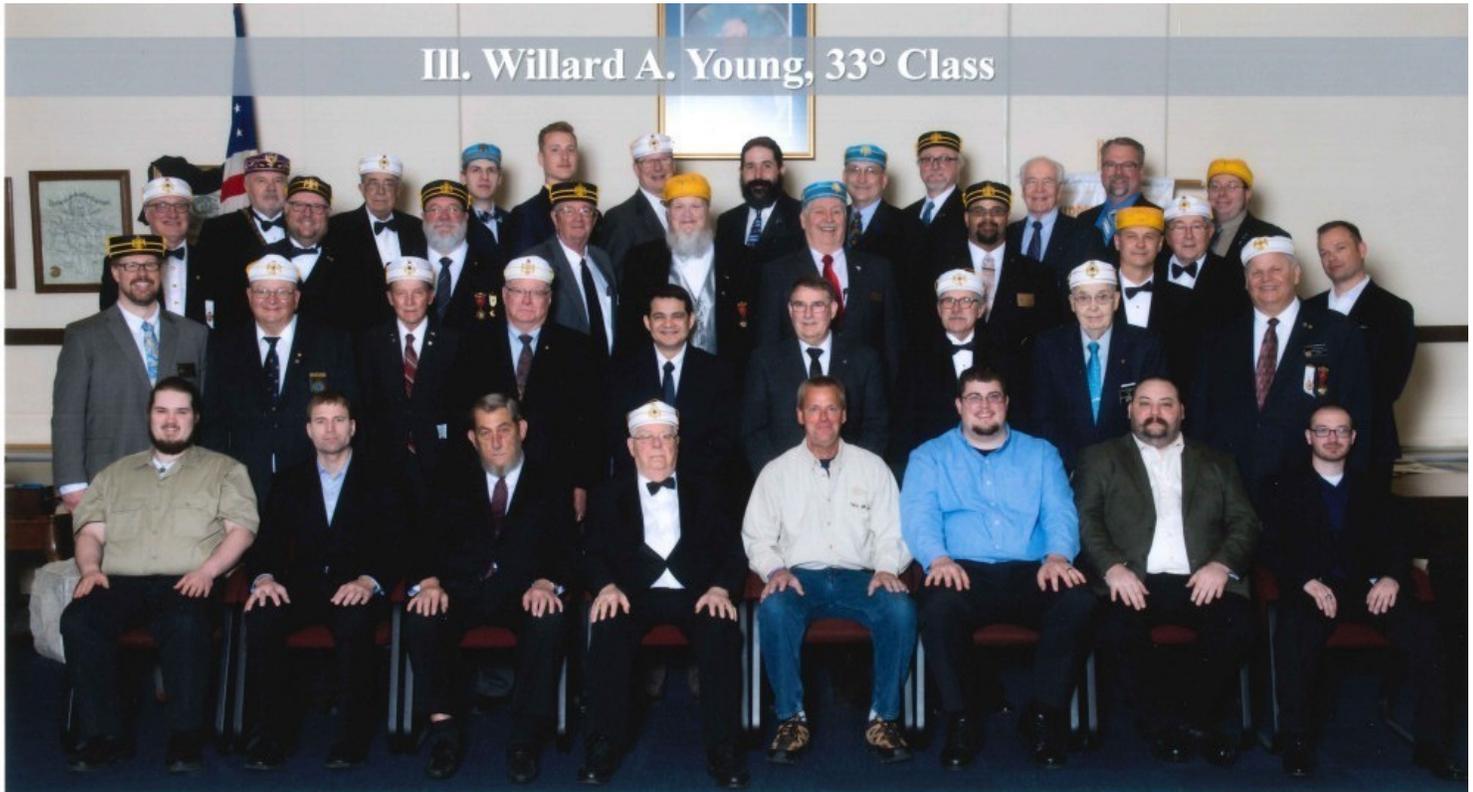




SCOTTISH RITE

FALL 2017

# REPORTER



Ill. Willard A. Young, 33° Class

Row 1:

McGregor Czyscon 32°, Jared Anderson 32°, Barry Diehl 32°, Ill. Willard A. Young 33° for whom the class is named, Danny Bourassa 32°, Coty Hazelett 32°, Brian Miller 32°, Richard Withington 32°

Row 2:

Brian Dunham 32°, James Trowbridge 33° Valley Secretary, John Hein 33° PGM, Loren Barnes 33°, Mario Altuzar 32°, Steve Lasure 32° MSA Valley Treasurer, Randy Elifson 33° PCIC, Art Hotvedt 33°, Paul Gilbertson 33°

Row 3:

Ken Pelo 33° PCIC, Chris Roberts 32°, Mike Abernathy 32°, Bill Rhiger 32°, David Imlah 32°, Jim Hager 32°, Nick Koerner 32°, Lyle Koerner 32° CIC, Don Olds 33°, Joe Barlow 32°

Row 4:

Gary Hageness 33° Active Emeritus, Sterling Standiford 33° PCIC, Ryan Wojicechowski 32°, Anthony Wisnewski 32°, Lester Paulson 33° 1st Lt. Commander, Cory Lemons 32°, John Nebelsiek 32°, Troy Peters 32°, John Eldred 32°, Kevin Sorenson 32°, Stephen Britton 32°



Bill Hoopes/April 2017

Brothers please welcome the Ill Willard A. Young, 33<sup>0</sup> Spring 2017 class. You already have their names. They are all committed at some level to the Valley of Eau Claire for the Fall Reunion. They will be in choir, speaking parts, non-speaking parts, and in some officer lines. We look forward to a very involved class. Congratulation to all the new 32<sup>0</sup> Masons for taking the next step and participating in our Rite.



# Scottish Rite Reporter

Valley of Eau Claire  
Fall - 2017



## COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER

Hello Brothers!

Summer has come and gone 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 2017 reunion named in honor of the Ill. Willard A. Young, 33°. Seven (7) new princes were able to complete their Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret adventure. Three (3) princes came from Mystic Tie Lodge 280 (Ladysmith), and in turn received the Spring 2017 Reunion Membership Award. I also want to thank Gale Abernathy and Cathy Jewell who helped make our Women's program a success.

It was my honor to present in person at the spring reunion banquet, three (3) gentlemen their years of service awards: Richard Warsinske, Springfield, Illinois, his 60 years of service award; Leland Chenoweth, Blair, Wisconsin, his 65 years of service award; and Willard Young, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, his 65 years of service award. These gentlemen served our Valley for many years, and we all greatly appreciated them being at our Banquet. Unfortunately, nine other princes celebrating their service awards were not able to attend, and we will do our best to present their achievements at a later date. For 65 years of service: John Moreland, Hayward, Wisconsin, and Thomas Rondeau, Cable, Wisconsin. For 60 years of service: LaMoine Robertson, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and Thomas Woods, Ashland, Wisconsin. For 50 years of service: Sydney Goffin, Apache Junction, Arizona; Carl Gulley, Kingston, Illinois; Roger G. Lee, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Melvin Potter, Marana, Arizona; and Robert I. Talbot, Cumberland, Wisconsin. Thank you, Princes for serving our Rite for all those years.

For those that joined us at our Spring reunion, it was very apparent that our sound system for the auditorium was in need of some upgrades. A committee had been established and the needs of the sound system were identified and addressed. It is only fair for those running the sound system, and those performing in the degrees to have the ability for a good working sound system for everyone to share the degree message that is being delivered. The upgrades have been made and we are excited to try this enhanced sound system out in October. Thank you to all those princes who assisted in this project.

I would like to congratulate Wayne Franson 32° and Steve Lasure 32° who received the MSA award at the 2017 Council of Deliberation in Oshkosh. Two (2) other princes of our Valley have been selected to receive their MSA award next year at the Council of Deliberation, Gerald Berg 32° and Guy Wood 32°.

I would also like to congratulate two (2) princes of our Valley who have been selected to receive the Valley Special Recognition Award (SR). Dave Imlah 32° and Joe Barlow 32° will receive their green hats at the Fall 2017 reunion. Congratulations Princes!

We have prepared our Valley for a great Fall 2017 reunion in honor of Richard Mitchell. 32°, MSA. The Fall schedule is included in our Reporter. The dates are: October 14th, and 28th, so please put these dates in your calendars and please join us at this wonderful event.

Lastly, I would like to thank Brian Trowbridge 32° for many years of his dedication toward the development and distribution of our Scottish Rite Reporter. Brian has temporarily stepped away from this endeavor for the time being because of his busy schedule. It is our hope that we are able to continue to create and deliver four Scottish Rite Reporter editions throughout the year.

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 in October. Until then, stay healthy, safe, and stay true to your masonic beliefs and principals. Have a great fall!

Fraternally,

**Lyle N. Koerner Jr., 32°**

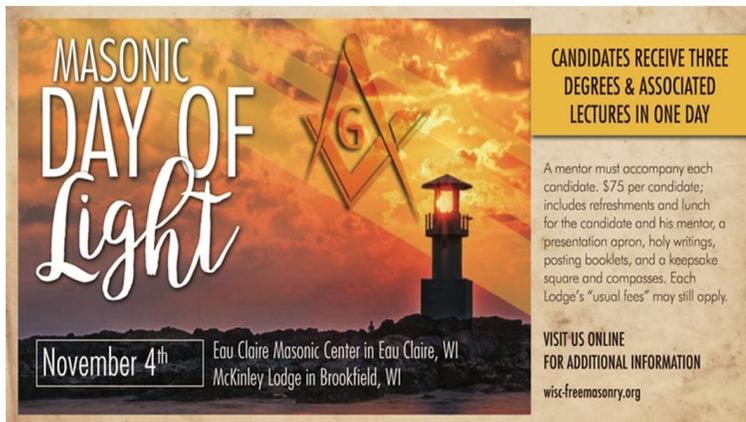
Commander in Chief - Valley of Eau Claire

After a very successful pilot or beta test of the **Masonic Day of Light** (MDoL) at 3 Pillars on July 22, with 21 new Master Masons raised, we are moving forward to the November 4 events to be held in Eau Claire and Brookfield. The event site **coordinator for Eau Claire** is **WBr. Larry Ganske**, and for **Brookfield** is **WBr. Pat Cholka**. They are looking for Marshals to help for November 4<sup>th</sup>; please contact them if you want to help. They are planning to engage the “best of the best” in the degree work, so contact your local District Lecturer if you want to be considered in the degree cast.

Lodges need to move quickly to process new candidates and register them for the **MDoL**. ***It is critical that caring brothers are chosen as Mentors*** since this is the start of a long Masonic journey for these candidates. This is a good role for experienced brothers in our appendant bodies, and all are welcome to contact the **MDoL** event site coordinators or your local District Deputy Grand Master (**DDGM**) if you want to serve in this role. Some lodges may be seeking additional mentors to register their candidates and will turn to other lodges or their **DDGM** if they need mentors. ***As a member of an appendant body, you very well understand that you need more brothers in the lodges to increase your own membership numbers.*** **Please don't rely on just the lodges to find candidates.** You too should be seeking good men who would be good Freemasons.

**Our MWGM, Br. Arby Humphrey, has encouraged all to openly recruit good men into our fraternity.**

We look forward to seeing many from our appendant bodies attending the **MDoL** events, recruiting candidates for their lodges, and being involved as they have the ability.



**MASONIC DAY OF Light**

November 4<sup>th</sup> Eau Claire Masonic Center in Eau Claire, WI  
McKinley Lodge in Brookfield, WI

**CANDIDATES RECEIVE THREE DEGREES & ASSOCIATED LECTURES IN ONE DAY**

A mentor must accompany each candidate. \$75 per candidate; includes refreshments and lunch for the candidate and his mentor, a presentation apron, holy writings, posting booklets, and a keepsake square and compasses. Each Lodge's "usual fees" may still apply.

VISIT US ONLINE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
[wisc-freemasonry.org](http://wisc-freemasonry.org)

Registration must be completed by the sponsoring lodge for each candidate who will be participating in the class. There must be **one (1) Mentor for each candidate**; candidates may not share Mentors.

Included with the registration is:

- Lunch for the Candidate & his Mentor
- Square & Compasses
- Cable-Tow Hoodwink Holy Writings
- Lambskin Posting Material all degrees

Prior to registration the candidates must have a petition that has been properly vetted, received by the lodge and voted upon. You will need the Candidates MORI number as well as his Mentors number to complete the registration process.

**A word about Mentors:** The mentor is a vital part of the candidate's experience. Mentors will assist in the degree, attend and participate in the training sessions and assist with the posting process. While not required, the mentor should be familiar with the Wisconsin Program. Ultimately, if this Masonic Day of Light experience is to have the needed impact on the candidate that starts them on a lifelong Masonic journey, their mentor must have a key role in how this journey begins, so the lodge should choose mentors wisely.

#### **Date and Time**

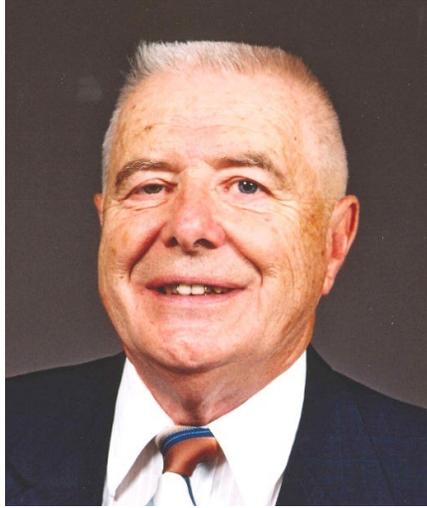
Sat, November 4, 2017  
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM CDT

#### **Location**

Eau Claire Masonic Center  
616 Graham Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

## Fall Class Named in Honor of Richard E. Mitchell, 32°- MSA

Brother Richard (Dick) Mitchell was born on a very cold day in the original Sacred Heart Hospital on North Dewey St on December 23, 1928 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He grew up and attended school in Eau Claire. Dick worked at various part-time jobs including at the Post Office before serving in the Navy for four years during the Korean conflict. After his honorable discharge, he went back to work at the Eau Claire Post Office where he had a 33-year career.



Dick's Masonic life began when he was initiated in Eau Claire Sanctuary Lodge #347 on May 17, 1956. April 21, 1960, he was passed to Fellow Craft; May 12, 1960, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Dick served as Master of his Lodge twice, in 1998 and 2000.

His Scottish Rite journey began in October 1997 where he was a member of the Illustrious Robert O. Ralston 33° class. Dick soon joined the Scottish Rite Choir, where he has been a faithful member of the bass section ever since. He has also been a member of the "kitchen crew" for many years, and has been an office volunteer and caller.

Dick has been active in the Shrine, transporting patients to and from the hospitals, and has driven with the Tin Lizzies for the past 20 years. Dick also serves as their treasurer. His Shrine involvement extends to the Shrine Circus, where he assists disabled patrons, and sells tickets.

Dick has been a proud member of the American Legion for the past 63 years, and has been initiated into their "40 et 8" group. He is a faithful contributor to many

area humane societies, and has assisted in many of their fundraisers.

Dick has been active in the Boy Scouts, serving locally and nationally in various capacities for many years. He has been awarded the highest award that scouting can bestow, the "Silver Beaver", as well as the "Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter"

award.

His Masonic achievements include "Mason of the Year" in 2003, the "Valley Special Recognition" (Green Hat) award in 2005, "Shriner and Tin Lizzie of the Year" in 2013, and the "Henry L. Palmer Meritorious Service" award (Red Hat) in 2014. He has also earned his Masonic Proficiency card and was presented with his Proficiency Emeritus medallion in 2016.

Dick has received awards and other certificates from the American Legion, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Red Cross. Dick was also presented with the Jefferson Award in 2017.

Dick and his wife Rosemary live in Eau Claire, are proud parents of son Bruce and daughter Amy, and proud grandparents to Matthew, who will be completing his Blue Lodge work in Lodge #347 this fall.

Congratulations, Dick, for a lifetime of successful Masonic adventure, and thank you for being such a tremendous example to your community and all your Masonic brothers.

## FALL REUNION SCHEDULE

### Saturday – October 14, 2017

7:30 AM Coffee & Donuts Large Dining Room  
8:00 AM Class Registration Office  
9:00 AM Ceremonial Opening All Bodies  
Classroom  
9:30 AM **4<sup>th</sup> Degree: Master Traveler** Auditorium  
10:00 AM Discussion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
10:30 AM **15<sup>th</sup> Degree: Knight of the East**  
Auditorium  
11:30 AM Discussion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
11:45 AM Lunch Small Dining Room  
12:45 PM **12<sup>th</sup> Degree: Master of Mercy**  
Auditorium  
1:15 PM Discussion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
1:45 PM **13<sup>th</sup> Degree: Master of the Ninth Arch**  
Auditorium  
2:15 PM Discussion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
2:45 PM **14<sup>th</sup> Degree: Grand Elect Mason**  
Auditorium  
3:45 PM Discussion of the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
4:00 PM Reception Small Dining Room

### Saturday, October 28, 2017

8:00 AM Donuts & Coffee Large Dining Room  
8:45 AM Class Assembly Classroom  
9:00 AM **19<sup>th</sup> Degree: Brothers of the Trail**  
Auditorium  
9:45 AM Discussion of the 19<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
10:15 AM Class Picture Large Lodge Room  
10:45 AM **18<sup>th</sup> Degree: Knight of Rose Croix**  
Auditorium  
11:30 AM Discussion of the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
11:45 AM Lunch Small Dining Room  
12:45 PM Presentation by Director of Work and  
Active Class Room  
1:15 PM **25<sup>th</sup> Degree: Master of Achievement**  
Auditorium  
1:45 PM Discussion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
2:15 PM **32<sup>nd</sup> Degree: Sublime Prince of the  
Royal Secret** Auditorium  
3:30 PM Discussion of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
Open to all Brethren Upper Lounge  
4:00 PM Installation of Officers Auditorium  
4:30 PM Reception Small Dining Room  
5:30 PM Banquet Large Dining Room

## BANQUET IN HONOR OF THE CLASS

Main Ballroom – October 28, 2017–5:30 PM

### HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY

*CATERED BY KP KATERING*

The Banquet honoring our new members and their Ladies will start promptly at 5:30 P.M. in the Historic Eau Claire Temple of Freemasonry Main Ballroom. **KP Katering** has provided fine dining in the Eau Claire area for years and will be catering the Fall Banquet.

The buffet dinner will feature a choice of **Chicken Marsala, Cheese Tortellini with Marinara Sauce, Grilled Italian Sausage Alfredo over Pasta, and Green Bean Almandine**. There will also be a **Caesar Salad with a Fresh Garlic Bread Basket**. Appetizers will include **Caprese Skewers with Sausage and Prosciutto and Bacon Wrapped Kielbasa with Brown Sugar Glaze**. Dessert will consist of **Warm Apple Crisp with Whipped Topping and Ice Cream**. There will be Coffee, Iced Tea and Milk.

The cost is **\$20.00 per person** pre-paid and includes tax and tip.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, October 20, 2017. No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door. You can reserve either at the office or on Eventbrite.

Candidates & their Lady do not need to purchase tickets,  
however, must have meal reservations in by October 20, 2017.

## Council of Deliberation 2017

### Meritorious Service Award (MSA)

There shall be an award known as the "Meritorious Service Award" which may be conferred upon members of the Rite in this Jurisdiction who have attained the 32° and who, by reason of meritorious service of a Masonic character, are deemed worthy of such recognition.

At the recent Council of Deliberation two of our own Valley of Eau Claire Brothers received their MSA red hats.



Wayne Franson 32° and Steve Lasure 32°

Both brothers work tirelessly to create a great reunion for all of us. Steve is our Valley of Eau Claire Treasurer. Wayne works "behind the scenes" with costumes and props for the various allegories.

Congratulations to both Brothers on a job well done and for the recognition that you both so richly deserve.

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### Have you updated your records lately?

Recently we checked our Low 12 Club email listing for every member. BIG surprise, we had a number of bad emails. If you have recently changed jobs and were using your work email, moved and changed addresses, replaced a phone with a new service and number, OR you recently had a change of life style (new wife, child, etc.) and need to change your beneficiary WE would really like to know, **really NEED to know**.

One of the most important things with any organization is communication. We can't communicate with you if we don't know how to contact you.

If you provide either the Scottish Rite office OR the Low 12 Club updates we'll pass it on. My contact information is in the next column. Thanks for keeping us all up to date.

## Masonic LOW TWELVE CLUB of EAU CLAIRE

The Low Twelve Club is an organization of master masons, maintained for the purpose of assisting widows or other dependents of its members. Upon the death of a member, a sum not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), is paid to the designated beneficiary. Such payment is made as soon as possible after notification of a member's passing, and is intended primarily for the purpose of defraying expenses.

The club has no regular dues. Its fund is maintained by assessments of two dollars (\$2.00) for each member DEATH, and it has been a policy of the directors to levy such assessment each time a benefit is paid.

Applications for membership will be received from master masons in good standing, and residing in the general area of the State of Wisconsin.

Acceptance or rejection of applications is controlled by the Board of Directors.

Membership fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to accompany application.

THE BENEFITS PAID BY THE CLUB ARE NOT INSURANCE, and should not be regarded as such. They are rather a means by which members of the Masonic fraternity may help each other. We may not all be in need of such assistance; but who can tell when and where the need exists! Such help is often most welcome where we least suspect it might be needed. Giving to all can help those whose wants are hidden from public view; for this reason, we desire the membership of all, regardless of their needs and circumstances.

There are numerous ways a Mason may experience the Inner peace and Contentment, which results from active membership in our fraternity. Most gratifying is involvement in Low Twelve Club. We fulfill our obligation to help "widows and orphans" by this simple act AND remind recipients that we are there to help.

Applications are at the Masonic center at your area lodges. If you have any questions about the Low Twelve Club, feel free in contacting Club Treasurer John Nebelsiek at (715) 720-7570 or email at:  
handyman\_john@hotmail.com

Attached to the back of this newsletter is an application. If you are inclined please fill it out and send it with a check for \$10 to:  
Low 12 Club  
PO Box 292  
Eau Claire WI 54702

## Building Attendants Needed

If you would like to **raise funds** for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin, for your lodge, for another charity or for yourself please consider offering your services for an evening; training will be provided. Work times are generally from about 5:00 or 6:00 PM until about 1:30 AM on a Saturday night when a wedding reception is scheduled. **You could earn \$112** for your charitable contribution **or \$94 for yourself** less withholding deductions. If interested, please contact the office at 715-832-7759

## Abbott Scholarships Awarded



**Tanner  
Carlson**



**Kaylee  
Halgren**



**James  
Larson**

This year's Valley of Eau Claire recipients of the Abbott Scottish Rite scholarships were Tanner Carlson of Duluth, Minn., Kaylee Halgren of Mondovi and James Larson of Eau Claire.

All received checks for \$1,150 to further their college education. Larson, son of David D. Larson, and Halgren, daughter of Bill Halgren, are students at the University of Minnesota-Duluth; Carlson, son of Jim Carlson, will attend the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Named for Leon Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921-32, the program provides financial support for the continuing undergraduate education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$15 million has been awarded to students from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

## Valley of Eau Claire Schedule

October – 2017

- 14 Fall Reunion (Regular Meeting @ Lunch)
- 28 Fall Reunion & Banquet

November – 2017

- 13 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

December – 2017

- 18 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

January – 2018

- 20 Annual Officer Training & Meeting

February – 2018

- 19 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

March – 2018

- 19 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

April - 2018

- 7 Spring Reunion (Regular Meeting @ Lunch)
- 21 Spring Reunion & Banquet

Please put these dates on your calendar, in your phone, or inside your hat. All members are encouraged to attend the regular monthly meetings either in person or by compute/phone link.

## LADIES PROGRAM



The Ladies Program on October 28th will start at **8:00 a.m.** at the Masonic Temple. We will start in the third-floor lounge with refreshments of coffee, tea, juice, and pastries and getting to know each other.

**9:30 am** - we will be tasting Seasonal / Holiday themed drinks and food.

**11:30 am** we will head to the Acoustic Café for lunch. You will have a choice of a hoagie or pita sandwich, cup of soup and a beverage.

**1:00 pm** we will be making our own greeting cards in the upstairs lounge.

There will be a time and a place to change before the social hour begins.

**Cost for non-candidate wives is \$15** for the day. As always **candidates'** wives are free.



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

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

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

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

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

Step into your favorite fun shoes  
and join us for a Friday evening  
of all you can eat dinner,  
live & silent auctions, raffles,  
entertainment, & dancing.

Friday Festivities  
\$35 per person

# STEPPIN'



FOR  
DYSLEXIA

## October Awareness

Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin

**Friday, October 20, 2017 at 6:00pm**

At the Children's Dyslexia Center 616 Graham Ave. Eau Claire

Live entertainment, dancing, eat-as-you-please meal,  
raffles, live and silent auctions, and more.

**(715) 598-4986**      [cdcuid@gmail.com](mailto:cdcuid@gmail.com)      [www.wicdc.org](http://www.wicdc.org)  
Call or email for ticket information



## TEXAS DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Wisconsin Freemasons Care!

Let's help our devastated Brothers and their families.

As you are aware, much of southeast Texas has experienced heavy hurricane activity and massive flooding recently, resulting in the destruction of many homes and buildings, leaving tens of thousands homeless. The Grand Lodge of Texas has placed an appeal through the Masonic Service Association (MSA) for disaster relief. In response, the MSA has established a disaster relief fund for Texas, with all donations received to be transferred directly to the Grand Lodge of Texas for distribution to those in need.

### How do I help?

1. By Check to the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation
2. By Credit Card Donation to our 'Go Fund Me Account' at [DONATE NOW](#)
3. Directly to the MSA Appeal

Any Wisconsin Masonic Lodge or individual member wishing to make a donation to relieve those affected by the disaster in Texas should make their checks payable to "Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, Attention: Texas Disaster Relief Fund" and send to:

**Wisconsin Masonic Foundation**  
**Attention: Texas Disaster Relief Fund**  
36275 Sunset Drive  
Dousman, WI 53118



### Thank you!

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation will forward a contributors list and the entire amount in addition to its own contribution on behalf of all Wisconsin Masons to the MSA for distribution.

L. Arby Humphrey  
Grand Master

Please note "Texas Disaster Appeal" on your check.

The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation is a tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organization.

### MSA Direct Donation

You may also donate with a credit card directly through the MSA website <http://www.msana.com/msappeals.asp#texas>

I have attached a link to the press release we received from the MSA that can be used on your websites, Facebook pages, trestleboards, etc. Thank you!

To download the MSA disaster news release, click on the link below:

[2017 MSA Texas Press Release](#)