



SCOTTISH RITE

Fall 2018

REPORTER

Our Vision

We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.

32° Freemasonry seeks to strengthen the community and believes that each man should act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.

Our Values

32° Scottish Rite Masonry expands upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, exploring Masonic teachings more deeply. Building upon the ethical and philosophical teachings of the blue lodge, Scottish Rite reveals a wealth of knowledge about Masonry not found in the other degrees. It seeks to enrich the philosophy of the Symbolic Lodge in order to help good men become even better.

A member of the Scottish Rite seeks to:

- **Aid mankind's search for identity and destiny in God's universe**
- **Produce wiser men in a wiser world, happier men in a happier world, and therefore better men in a better world**
- **Promote the dignity of every person and the humanity in all activities**

Our core values are:

- **Reverence for God**
- **Devotion to Country**
- **Integrity**
- **Justice**
- **Toleration**
- **Service**

This is what we are; this is what we do; this is why we exist.

Illustrious Randy Ellifson 33°, PCIC



Randy was born on May 8, 1953 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to Vernal and Genevieve Ellifson, and grew up on a farm in Strum, graduating from Eleva-Strum Central High School in 1971. After attending one year of college at UW-LaCrosse, he decided college wasn't for him. So, he left LaCrosse and moved to Milwaukee, spending the next four years working there in the steel industry.

On August 18, 1979 Randy was united in marriage to Debra Fox. The new family moved to Eau Claire and Randy made a career change and started in the construction industry as a union carpenter. Randy was involved with building everything from schools to bridges- many of those jobs as the foreman or superintendent.

Randy and Debra were blessed with two sons: Casey Robert, who is 37 and married to Kristen; and Brady Marcus, who is 34, and his significant other is Leah. In October 2001 our pride and joy arrived- granddaughter Jayden Kay.

In 1981 Debra and Randy decided they needed a change of scenery and some adventure in their lives and moved their family of three to Grand Junction, Colorado where our youngest son Brady was born in 1984. As the family began to miss family and friends, they returned to Strum in 1985 where Randy continued in the construction field until my retirement in 2010. Randy indicated that he was very proud of both of his sons who followed in their father's footsteps.

Randy's Masonic journey began on April 13, 1992 when I was raised to the degree of Master Mason, serving as Master of Buffalo River Lodge in 1998 and again in 2004. His journey continued later that year when he became a member of the Zor Shrine and the Scottish Rite Fall Class of 1992. Randy served as the Thrice Potent Master of The Lodge of Perfection in 2000-2001 and has been involved over the years in the 14th, 26th, 30th and 32nd degrees. Randy served as Commander In Chief for our Valley of Eau Claire from 2012-2014, and in August 2012 he was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33° Degree in Cleveland, Ohio. Randy is currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin. He has been there from the start of the Center beginning January 11, 2011 and continues to lead the board for the continued success of the center.

Congratulations Brother Randy Ellifson for a lifetime of successful Masonic adventure and all you have done for our Valley of Eau Claire.

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 20 new members since January 1, 2018. We are at 174 members.

Some of the basic rules are that you must maintain Masonic membership to remain in the Low 12 Club. Dropping Masonic affiliation requires immediate suspension from the Low 12 Club. The other basic tenant is when assessments are sent they should be paid

within 30 days. This is the reason we remind everyone to keep their address, phone, and emails up to date. If we can't contact you we can't send you information.

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 of Eau Claire consider joining. It is another way for you to fulfill YOUR Masonic obligation. It's a GOOD THING.



**COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S
CORNER**

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Hello Brothers!

Summer has come and gone; I hope all of you were able to find time to enjoy the warm temperatures, fun activities, and more especially your family and loved ones. It is also hard to believe that my tenure as your Commander and Chief has almost come to its conclusion. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the past two years as your Commander in Chief and to represent you within our fraternity. I cannot thank you enough for giving me the opportunity to oversee the strongest Valley in Wisconsin. I continue to be proud of our Valley and will continue to join with the new officers to move our Valley forward for many years to come. Thank you!

We have prepared our Valley for a great Fall 2018 reunion in honor of **Illustrious Randy Ellifson 33°**, **Past Commander in Chief**. The Fall schedule is included in our Reporter. The dates are: **October 13th, and 27th**, so please put these dates in your calendars and please join us at this wonderful event. It is our hope, that we will have a class of over twenty new princes. This can only be achieved if you reach out and ask our brothers to join our Scottish Rite fraternity. Please do so!

I again would like to congratulate **Gerald Berg 32°** and **Guy Wood 32°** who will be receiving the MSA award at our Fall reunions banquet. I would also like to congratulate two (2) princes of our Valley who have been selected to receive the **Valley Special Recognition Award (SR)**, **Chris Roberts 32°** and **Jacob Seever 32°** will receive their green hats at the Fall 2018 reunion as well. Congratulations Princes!

As many of you already know, the **Ill. James Trowbridge, 33°** has announced his retirement after our Fall 2018 reunion as our Valley's Secretary. For more than the past decade, Jim has been there for all of us, has run our Valley's office efficiently and organized as possible. Thank you, Jim, for your dedicated service to our Scottish Rite Fraternity and especially the Valley of Eau Claire.

We wish you a long and healthy retirement as our Valley's Secretary.

I would also like to thank **John Nebelsiek 32°** for his dedication toward the development and distribution of our Scottish Rite Reporter. John continues to develop our Reporter and finds ways to improve its quality. It is our continued hope that we will continue to create and deliver four Scottish Rite Reporter throughout the year.

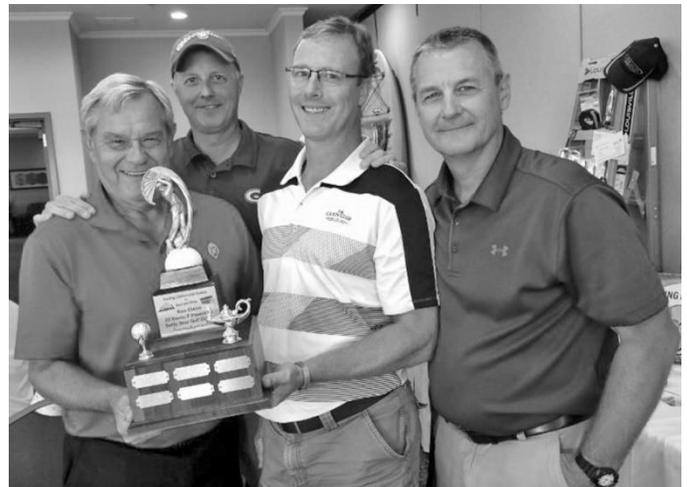
It takes a lot of people giving a lot of time to make our Valley a success. I greatly appreciate all those who have been involved and hope that all of you assist us in any way you can. If you know of a Master Mason who is not a Scottish Rite Prince, please explain what our Rite is about and suggest to 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

Big winners at Steve Prewitt Teddy Bear Classic



Dave Klinkhammer, Jay Winzenz, Brad Stange and Lyle Koerner

Area Masons & golfers raise Thousands for Dyslexia Center (by Scott Thomson)

Valley of Eau Claire Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite members and other Masons again helped raise thousands of dollars for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin during the summer.

Most of that was generated by the **Steve Prewitt Teddy Bear Classic Golf Outing**, held Aug. 13 at the Wild Ridge Golf Course in Eau Claire. Ninety-three golfers teed it up that day for the four-person, best-ball tournament.

Entry fees for the golfers, hole and other sponsorships, donations, live and silent auctions and other activities brought in more than \$10,000 for the



CDCUW. Located in the Eau Claire Masonic Center, supported by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, area Masonic Lodges, and appendant bodies, the center and its certified tutors offer after-school remedial tutoring to children ages six to 18 who struggle with dyslexia, at no cost to their families.

The Teddy Bear event is now named after the late **Steve Prewitt**, and members of his family helped raise about a fifth of the fundraising total. Prewitt's daughters, **Tina**



and Tanya, served as auctioneers, and their enthusiasm and dedication helped bring in more than \$2,000, during the live auction.

Another family provided a testimonial about the CDCUW during the Teddy Bear outing. **Renee Pierce**



and her son, Ryan, gave a heartfelt presentation about their experience with the center and how grateful they are for everyone's support through the golf event.

The big winners from the Aug. 13 golf outing, of course, are the CDCUW and the children it serves. But there was a golf competition that day, as well; the best-ball tournament champions, with a score of 11 under par, were Dave Klinkhammer, Jay Winzenz, Brad Stange and Lyle Koerner.

CDCUW Director Tammy Tillotson thanked the participants and volunteers for helping to again make the annual Teddy Bear outing a success. "The event was a wonderful success in raising awareness and money for dyslexia," Tillotson said.



The golf outing was not the only CDCUW fundraising done over the summer, though. Valley of Eau Claire members, Brethren from the Chippewa Valley Lodges, along with the families of CDCUW students and others, were among those who worked shifts at the June 21-23



Country Fest and the July 12-14 Rock Fest; the Dyslexia Center was one of the area charities that earned funds through time those volunteers donated selling tickets, mixing and serving drinks and serving food.

CDCUW staff and the center's Masonic supporters are now gearing up for the CDCUW's other major fundraiser, **Steppin' Up for Dyslexia** – Friday, Oct. 12, at the Masonic Center.



Members of the Valley of Eau Claire,

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

For the Fall reunion on October 27, 2018 we are planning on continuing a relatively new and exciting option for our banquet. We are asking all members/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. It was a huge success at our Spring 2018 reunion and we would like to continue this delicious variety of deserts.

Thanks for your participation!
Mike & Gail Abernathy

BANQUET **IN HONOR OF THE CLASS**

Main Ballroom – October 27, 2018–5:30 PM
HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY

CATERED BY HOULIGANS

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. Houligan's has provided fine dining in the Eau Claire area for years and will be catering the Fall Banquet.

The buffet dinner will feature Houligan's Fresh Chicken Breast stuffed with wild rice, mushroom, cashew filling topped with a fall squash sauce, Roasted Pork Loin with a cranberry pan sauce, oven roasted potato and vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Salad.

There will be Coffee and Milk. **The cost is \$24.95 per person pre-paid and includes tax and tip.** Ladies program participants please include an additional \$20.00.

Appetizers will also be served: Bruschetta & Candied Garlic Meatballs

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.

LADIES PROGRAM



Come and enjoy the day with other Ladies at the Masonic Temple in the 3rd floor lounge.

7:30 – 8:30 Coffee, tea, juice, light breakfast snacks

9:00- Wine glass painting (or a water glass)

11:00 Lunch (TBD)

1:00 Wine and cheese tasting

*All times are approximate

Cost is \$20.00. New candidates Ladies are paid for by the Valley

Please pay with your banquet ticket

Dress casually and ready to paint: There will be time to change before the banquet.

Call Gail Abernathy with questions at 715-523-1174

Abbott Scholarship recipient



Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite **Secretary Jim Trowbridge** recently presented an Abbott Scholarship check to **Nicole Larson**, the daughter of Bro. David Larson. Nicole will be attending St. Scholastica College.

Other 2018 Recipients are: **Ben Tillotson (not pictured)**, son of Bro. Scott Tillotson, and **Karissa Halgren (not pictured)**, daughter of Bro. Bill Halgren. Ben will be attending the University of North Dakota, and Karissa will be attending the University of Minnesota – Duluth. All three received checks for \$730 to further their college education

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.

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 **19th Degree: Brothers of the Trail**
- 11:15 AM Discussion of the 19th 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 **24th 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



Did anyone look? The leaves are already turning colors and that means ... well you know what it means; I won't use a 4 letter word here just yet.

What I will do is remind everyone of pending "things" and things to do.

1. Check your tires for wear & air pressure and rotate them as needed.
2. Stock up on cold weather windshield fluid; the summer stuff freezes.
3. Change the batteries in car flashlights.
4. Car blankets, shovel, tow strap, sand?
5. Have your furnace checked and replace the filter.
6. If you have a fireplace get the chimney checked and cleaned.
7. Change the oil, belts, and skid plates on that s ___ blower, oh and while you're at it grease the gears.
8. How about the plastic shovels?
9. Salt & sand for your sidewalks.

Oh, and for Masons we are reminded that DUES for lodges and appendant bodies should be paid as part of our obligations.

Finally, don't forget to give generously to those in need as you are able. Homeless, hospice, helpless, and elderly don't just need money but sometimes your hand up, a visit, a phone call, or your time at a shelter, or assisting them is just what is needed.

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Floor & Stage Director

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Join Us in STEPPING FOR DYSLEXIA

Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin
Friday, October 12, 2018 at 6:00pm
At the Children's Dyslexia Center
616 Graham Ave. Eau Claire

Friday, October 12th

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.

 October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!



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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 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*