



SCOTTISH RITE

REPORTER

Spring 2019



ILL. Randy E. Ellifson, 33° Class

Row 1:

Mathew Shelton 32°; Albie Kramer 32°; David Kulberg 32°; Lars Framness 32°; Randy Ellifson 33° PCIC; David B. Waibel 32°; Benjamin Cornell 32°; Dan Maguire 32°; Charlie Imlah 32°

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Row 5:

Loren Barnes 33°; John Accola 32°; Mike Abernathy 32°; Stephen Britton 32°; Anthony Wisniewski 32°; Sam Runnels 32°; Glen Taylor 32°; David Johnson 32°; John Nebelsiek 32°

Bill Hoepner October 2018



COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER

Ladies, Sublime Princes, and Friends,

Thank you to the **Randy Ellifson Class (Fall 2018 Reunion)** for giving us opportunity for Service. Thank you to the Directors, Cast, Wardrobe, Stage, Choir, Lighting, Sound, Reception, Hospitality, Marshalls, and Kitchen for the Wonderful Reunion.

Congratulations to **Gerry Berg** and **Guy Woods** on their receiving the **Henry L. Palmer Meritorious Service Award**, **Chris Roberts** and **Jacob Seever** on their **Valley Special Recognition Award**, and especially to the **Randy Ellifson Class** on becoming Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

I will follow in Lyle Koerner's footsteps, and continue with Fun and Transparency, in my leadership.

We hope to vote on a By-Law change for our Valley. This will bring the By-Laws to reflect how we are doing business and make it easier to have a meeting. It will keep the need of a representative from each of the Scottish Rite Bodies to be present (live or on WebEx).

Scottish Rite offers Further Light in Masonry in more ways than the Reunion degrees: read the **Northern Light Magazine**, our **Scottish Rite Reporter**, and the **Trestleboard**. Attend degrees when able, but also attend your **Blue Lodge** regularly, for the basis of our Rite still has mysteries to unfold.

A last thought is to visit a brother, as you and he will both benefit. If you don't know any of the men in homes, or just can't drive at night, check with your Lodge Secretary, he may have a few suggestions. There are Widows who may need help with something, or just a visit from someone, and if you take your Lady along this will add to your relationship.

Fifteen Men added in a class - what an accomplishment!

We are proud to announce that the Spring 2019 class will be named to honor Everett Tillung 32° MSA

Thank you for electing me **Commander-in-Chief, Valley of Eau Claire**

Les Paulson - CiC cell 715-271-6616
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Everett L. Tillung 32°, MSA

Everett was born on October 22, 1935 in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1954. Everett joined the Army in December of 1959 and went to Fort Lewis for his Training, was assigned to an Infantry unit for two (2) years, and shortly found his niche preparing food for the troops. In 1960 he was stationed overseas for one year, upon his return was assigned to the 397th Engineers where he became Mess Steward, retiring in 1996 from the Army Reserve after 23 years of Military service. Everett is a member of American Legion Post 53 – Eau Claire.

January 13, 1968 Everett and Diane Rugotzke were married and have been in marital harmony for the past 51 years. Everett and Diane were blessed with one daughter, Tami and two sons; Steve (Theresa); and Todd (Wendy). They are proud of their seven (7) grandchildren, and their two (2) great grandchildren



In 1968 Everett worked for Red Owl Grocery Store as an Assistant Manager until the store closed. He then worked for Handy Food Mart's as a Store Manager until 1991. Everett then worked for the Cigan properties with coffee sales and service and traveled the entire State of Wisconsin until his retirement in October of 2001.

Everett's Masonic journey began May 14, 1997, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he initially became a member of George B. Wheeler 351, later transferring to Sanctuary Lodge 347. His journey continued when he became a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Class Spring of 1998. Everett has received the Valley Recognition award (Green Hat) April of 2006, and the Henry L. Palmer Meritorious Service Award (Red Hat) October 25, 2013. Everett and his tenor voice have sung in many Reunions throughout the years, and he is most known at our Consistory meetings for being one of the Co-Chairs of our kitchen crew. With Everett's cooking and preparation, our Valley lunches are nutritious, delicious, and cost effective for all our brothers to enjoy.

Everett is a past member of St John's church where for 30 years he cooked and organized the meals at the church, any special meals, women's banquets, and picnics. For the past ten years, he has been a member of Peace Lutheran Church. He heads up the cooking teams for the meals. Everett also cooks at the Senior Center for their special meal events. Four times per year, Swedish Meat Ball Dinner, Chicken Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, and for the Holiday – Thanksgiving Dinner. Everett has very little idle time; his hobby is building bird houses which he often donates to local events and charities to be raffled or auctioned as a donation to the entity. Everett assists the Eau Claire Male Chorus with their dinner and has been known to cook at the Paul Bunyan Camp Pancake breakfast. He is a member of the Eau Claire's Sunrise Exchange Club. Through all his dedication to his community, Everett was recognized and received the Jefferson Award for his community involvement in 2017.

Congratulations Brother Everett Tillung for a lifetime of successful Masonic adventure and service; many thanks for all you have done for our Valley of Eau Claire and community.

Fall 2018 Candidate Interest List



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Speaking Degree

Directors, get these Brothers involved as soon as you can. The strength of this fraternity is involving as many Brothers as possible.

Wisdom of the Past
Will Rogers

“Why not go out on a limb? That’s where the fruit is.”

“I don’t make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts”

“Be thankful we’re not getting all the government we’re paying for.”

“Our constitution protects aliens, drunks and US Senators.”

“ We can’t all be heroes; someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.”

A note from the Editor

As I am working full time including some week-ends **we are looking for someone who would like to act as the official photographer for Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite.** We can provide the camera. We ask that you make every effort to attend the functions, reunions, dinners, and award presentations.

Its not a tough job, photos of each new class member, awards at the dinners, etc. Please let the office know if you are interested.

I will be attending the Spring reunions for certain and can show you how to use my camera and give tips on shooting photos.

Thanks, John Nebelsiek – Scottish Rite Reporter editor.

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 2019 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 a Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is:
 - A high school senior currently accepted at an accredited trade school, and 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, 2019.

LADIES PROGRAM
VALLEY OF EAU CLAIRE SPRING
REUNION
APRIL 27, 2019



GENTLEMEN! Please pass on this to your ladies.

Ladies, we hope you will join us for a day of activities and socializing. Please save your real cork wine corks & bring them to the 27th to make a trivet during our craft activity. Each single trivet requires 24-26 corks, so ask your friends to save for you too. Please bring extra's if you're able, and a glue gun.

Dress for a casual day. Feel free to bring your evening clothes & store them in the bride's. There will be time to change before the reception.

7:30 – 8:30 Early Bird Coffee and donuts, lower level dining room.

9:00 Meet on the 3rd floor lounge for introductions & assignments. This morning we will see a presentation by former Dyslexia Center instructor Anita Olds. She will be offering a tour of the Center as well as an interactive, individual activity simulating what learning is like for someone with dyslexia. We will also be making trivets this morning.

11:45 Lunch with men in lower level dining room.

12:45 Meet for a behind the scenes tour of the Pablo Center! Learn about how the project came to life, all of the local materials, and influences that went into the design and construction, and tour the facility including backstage areas. We'll walk as a group (4 blocks) or rides can be organized as needed.

1:00 Meet our tour guide at the Pablo Center.

2:00 Free Time! Visit downtown shops, or return to the Masonic building 3rd floor lounge for wine social.

4:30 Reception

5:30 Banquet

*All times are approximate
 Cost is \$10.00/person includes lunch and activities, to be paid along with banquet meals. **New candidates Ladies are paid for by the Valley.** To help us accurately plan for activity supplies, meals, tour, and presentation space, Please RSVP with your check, which activities (or ALL, we hope!) you plan to attend. Any Questions can be directed to Carol Paulson at: **carolesone2003@yahoo.com** or Gail Abernathy at: **gabernathy1174@gmail.com**

AASR announces 2019 Distinguished Service Awards

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Valley of Eau Claire wish to extend our sincere congratulations to the following men who have been members of our Scottish Rite Family 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 27th. 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 Charles A. Douglas 32° – Merrill, WI
- 60 years Robert A. Kartman 32° – Neshkoro, WI
- 50 years Daryl C. Coons 32° – Hayward, WI
- 50 years Robert M. Dahlke 32° – Stillwater, MN
- 50 years Donald E. Ewald 32° – Chippewa Falls, WI
- 50 years Lester J. Gukenberger Jr., 32° – Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- 50 years Edward M. Mahlum 32° – Mondovi, WI
- 50 years Walter F. Neumann 33° MSA – Wonder Lake, IL
- 50 years Laurie Nourse Jr., 32° – Ashland, WI
- 50 years Donald E. Weinkauff 32° – Wausau, WI
- 50 years Donn W. West 32° – Rice Lake, WI

Likewise if you know one of the aforementioned Brothers and know he can not attend due to medical issues please advise the office so his certificate can be presented to him.

BANQUET

IN HONOR OF THE CLASS

Main Ballroom – April 27, 2019–5:30 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 Catering has provided fine dining in the Eau Claire area for years and will be catering the Spring Banquet.

The **plated dinner** will feature: Option #1 Smoked Pork Loin with Honey Dijon Sauce; Option #2 Braised Chicken Breast with Smoked Gouda Sauce; or Option #3 Butternut Squash Ravioli with Sage Brown Butter. Sides to include: Rosemary Baby Red Potatoes and Green Bean Almandine, Dinner Rolls, and a Cranberry Feta Salad with Candied Pecans and a Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, coffee and milk. We will again be having our open dessert table(s) featuring our Fraternities best desserts. We encourage you to bring a special dessert for us to try.

The cost is \$23.00 per person pre-paid and includes tax and tip. Ladies program participants please include an additional \$10.00. Appetizers will also be served.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 19, 2019.
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 April 19, 2019.

So, you've wondered "what goes on in the Ladies Program each reunion"? We got the photographic evidence that there is a lot of "fun having" and creativity. During the Fall reunion the Ladies created their own wine glasses and then availed themselves of the opportunity to test them at a wine tasting.



You start with a basic wine glass and some paint ...



Add some creativity



and



The moral of the story is



Come join the fun

SPRING REUNION 2019 Valley of Eau Claire

<i>Start Time</i>	<u>Saturday, April 13, 2019</u>	<i>Time Allocated</i>	<i>Floor</i>
7:30 AM	Donuts and Coffee	0:30	Large Dining Room
8:00 AM	Class Registration	1:00	Office
9:00 AM	Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies	0:45	Class Room
9:45 AM	4th Degree: Master Traveler	0:30	Auditorium
10:15 AM	Discussion of the 4th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
10:45 AM	6th Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent	0:30	Auditorium
11:15 AM	Discussion of the 6th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
11:45 AM	Lunch	1:00	Small Dining Room
12:45 PM	20th Degree: Master ad Vitam	1:00	Auditorium
1:45 PM	Discussion of the 20th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
2:15 PM	26th Degree: Friend and Brother Eternal	0:45	Auditorium
3:00 PM	Discussion of the 26th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
3:30 PM	17th Degree: Knight of the East and West	0:45	Auditorium
4:15 PM	Discussion of the 17th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:15	Upstairs Lounge
4:30 PM	Reception	0:30	Small Dining Room

<i>Start Time</i>	<u>Saturday, April 27, 2019</u>	<i>Time Allocated</i>	<i>Floor</i>
7:30 AM	Donuts and Coffee	0:45	Large Dining Room
8:15 AM	Class Assembly	0:15	Class Room
8:30 AM	23rd Degree: Knight of Valor	1:00	Auditorium
9:30 AM	Discussion of the 23rd Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
10:00 AM	Class Picture	0:30	2nd Floor Lodge Room
10:30 AM	14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason	1:00	Auditorium
11:30 AM	Discussion of the 14th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:15	Upstairs Lounge
11:45 AM	Lunch	1:00	Small Dining Room
12:45 PM	22nd Degree: Prince of Libanus	0:15	Auditorium
1:00 PM	Discussion of the 22nd Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:15	Upstairs Lounge
1:15 PM	Presentation by the Director of the Work	0:30	Class Room
1:45 PM	25th Degree: Master of Achievement	0:30	Auditorium
2:15 PM	Discussion of the 25th Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
2:45 PM	32nd Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret	1:15	Auditorium
4:00 PM	Discussion of the 32nd Degree - Open to all Brethren	0:30	Upstairs Lounge
4:30 PM	Reception	1:00	Small Dining Room
5:30 PM	Banquet		Large Dining Room

Here's a sample of what you missed at the last reunion.



Yes we have our own Elvie ...



Jake got harassed by Elvis X 2



Chris Roberts brought a date from AZ ...



I've never seen so much purple



Gerry Berg and Guy Wood got Red Hats ...



And sometimes Masonry is a family affair.
Congrats Larsons.

From the Mehara Shrine Club

LOW 12 Club news

Hello Nobles!

In February we met at the Green Mill in Eau Claire. Prior to dinner we had an opportunity to listen to the banquet manager talk about her experience taking her son to the Shriners Hospital for Children in the Twin Cities. It was very moving. She reported that the level of care her son received was so amazing that some of her son's fondest memories growing up involved going to the hospital. She extended many thanks for what we do. Tom Dunham and Bruce Fransway won the wonderful gift basket door prizes donated by Greg and Mary O'Reilly. Once again thank you to Greg and Mary for the hard work they put into hosting the event! I understand Greg even helped wrap the candies...at least two of them!

March's meeting will be coupled with the FEZtastic bowling event being held on Saturday March 30th. We will be having a short meeting prior to registration to outline the happenings of the first quarter and discuss the upcoming second quarter. Afterward plan to bowl and stay for lunch. Wagner's has a full kitchen and a full bar. Last year we had almost 80 people bowl. I expect another great turnout this year. For \$15 per person we will have raffle prizes, 2 games of bowling, shoes, and it is all starting at 11:00. Last year the winner of the 50/50 left with over \$150. Please register (not pay) online at www.shrinersfun.com or give Chairman Bruce Fransway a call at 715-225-6983.

Almost daily I am reminded what an amazing fraternity we are part of. The bonds of friendship created, the fun we have, and of course the kids we help! On March 30th is the Masonic Day of Light in Eau Claire. If you have anyone on the fence now is the time to get their name submitted. To follow with that time frame, we are planning a Cold-Sands between the shows at the circus. Looking further into the future we will be having a general meeting on April 12, so mark your calendars. Additionally, in April the ladies will be having a wine and shrine event. Ladies, for more info please reach out to Linda at 715-456-6284.

Our kids corner is coming together. The Hartzel family has donated a table, chairs, and some toys. We are still in need of puzzles and books. Perhaps our biggest need is younger volunteers to look after the kids. If you know of any teens looking for community service, I believe this would qualify.

Fraternally,
Brian Dunham

The Eau Claire Low 12 Club has been very fortunate in that we have had very few passings in the past two years. If you thought you missed an assessment you haven't. We assess our membership \$2 per passing, and we prefer to wait until we have 10 members go to the Great Celestial Temple not made of Stone.

We will again hold our annual meeting in late March or early April, the date to be determined. As Club Secretary/Treasurer I confess I've been extremely busy. I started working at a new job full time including week-ends so the meeting will be when I am available.

We have gained membership in the past year. Each time we send out a Scottish Rite Reporter we get one or two new members AND when one of our members goes to another lodge and "sells" Low 12 membership we gain. A special thanks goes to Bert Hamm for his extraordinary effort to recruit new members. Through his personal efforts we have grown by 10 or more members.

We have been asked to address two specific issues at the Annual meeting:

1. Increase payments to beneficiaries from \$300 to \$500 and
2. Diversify our investments. We have 2 CDs which historically are extremely low interest.

Increasing payments means we would have to increase the assessment amount from the current \$2 per person to \$4 or \$5. We would of course then send more assessments so as not to overburden anyone with a single assessment.

The other issue, diversifying investments means taking a portion of the current CDs (we have 2) and changing the investment vehicle to a "stock fund" or something like that to try to gain a significant increase in our return on investments. At present the yield is slightly more than 1% meaning it isn't keeping up with inflation.

Both issues need to be considered. If you can attend the meeting, please do. Time and location will be mailed by Post Card.

John Nebelsiek, Low 12 Secretary/Treasurer



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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: __/__/____

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Phone: _____ cell _____

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