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Commander In Chief's Corner



Now that the holidays are behind us and the long, cold and snowy Wisconsin winter has set in, I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy. For myself, personally, this

winter so far has been brutal. Hopefully spring is not that far down the road. Speaking of spring, is everyone working on getting ready for our Spring Reunion? The last Saturday had to be changed due to personal conflicts, so the dates for the Reunion are April 5th, and the last Saturday of the reunion will be May 3rd. I hope this works out for everyone.

The Silver Moon Ball was held again this year on New Year's Eve, and I would like to say thank you to Suellen Hageness and Jennifer Bichanich for the great job that they do with this event. On January 18th we held our annual Officer's Training and General Meeting at the Center. Attendance was poor, but the day was cold and it was snowing. Even so, there was lively discussion and business completed.

Congratulations to the Ill. Paul Lenz for having the Spring Class named after him, and the Ill. Ken Pelo for having the Fall Class named in his honor. Both of these gentlemen are past CIC.

Coming up on April 11th will be our "Savor the Flavor of Spring" art and wine event, which is a fundraiser for The Learning Center. The wine is great, the artwork is great, the company is great, and all proceeds go to The Learning Center. Please join us!

We will be starting a new fundraiser this year. On May 15th, we will be holding a trap shoot at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club. This project is headed up by the Ill. Sterling Staniford and is shaping up to be a fantastic time.

Randy Ellifson, 33^o
Commander in Chief

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIPS

In Amounts Up To \$1000 - Now Accepting Applications
Applications Must Be Completed On Line
Deadline For Application is April 1st!

Applications from children of Scottish Rite Masons who are entering or are enrolled in an accredited college or university are eligible to apply for an Abbott Scholarship. The scholarships are available through the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and are available in amounts up to \$1000. Only applications made using the three (3) page form on the Supreme Council website will be accepted. Also, it must be presented in a typed format. This can easily be done by completing the form on line, printing and mailing to the Valley. The application form is found by going to <supremecouncil.org>, clicking on Philanthropy followed by Abbott Scholarship. At the end of the Scholarship description, there is a place to click to open and complete the application form. Mail the application to the Valley Secretary, P.O. Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0345 **no later than April 1, 2014**. Applications received after that date will *not* be considered. Call the office with questions: 715.832.7759



**Savor the Flavor of
Spring**
Art & Wine Event
**Benefit For Children's Dyslexia Center of
Upper Wisconsin**
Friday, April 11th
5:30pm to 8:30pm

View art exhibit and taste flavors of wine from the valley and beyond
7:30pm to 8:30pm art auction and recognition
of outstanding contributors in 2013

Attendees will be invited to taste a variety of wines and their food pairings throughout the evening and make purchases if they choose to. Attendees will be able to view and bid on professional and amateur art pieces. Spring themed items will be available for raffle. Event sponsored in part by Xcel Energy, Cap N Corks Winery, Northwoods Liquor, Swiss Cellar Wines and Free & Accepted Masons. \$17 per person.

Tickets available through

Children's Dyslexia Center, 616 Graham Ave., Eau Claire, Website: www.wicdc.org
Email: cdcadm@clearwire.net Phone: 715-598-4986

Spring Reunion Dates Changed
Now - April 5 & May 3



Valley Schedule

April

- 5 Spring Reunion
- 21 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.

May

- 3 Spring Reunion
- Candidates Reception: 4:15 p.m.
- Reunion Banquet: 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.
- Nomination Of Officers

June

- 16 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

July

- 21 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

August

- 18 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

September

- 15 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.
- Election Of Officers

October

- 4 Fall Reunion
- 25 Fall Reunion
- 25 Installation of Officers

November

- 17 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.

December

- 15 Regular Meeting: 7 p.m.

From Our Files

50 years ago-April 1964- Fourteen Degrees are scheduled for the 3 day Spring Reunion.

40 years ago-April 1974- Banquet Tickets @\$4 each are going fast for the Golden Anniversary Class. Adjusted for inflation the cost in today's dollars was \$18.98.

30 years ago-April 1984- Deputy for WI, Ill. Robert Nienow, 33°, has set an all Valleys officer meeting in Stevens Point at the Sentry Insurance Auditorium

20 years ago-April 1994- Deputy For WI, Ill. Dale O. Babbitt, 33°, visits Itasca Lodge, #239 with Valley Secretary, Ill. Douglas Lundhom, 33°.

10 years ago-April 2004 - The Spring Class is named in honor of Ill, Kingman D. Loomis, 33°, PGM

**Petitions Are Needed
For The Spring Class.
Offer a Brother
More Light in the
Scottish Rite.**

Spring Class Named In Honor Of Ill. Paul J. Lenz, 33°

The Spring Class has been named in Honor of the Ill. Paul J. Lenz, 33°, Past CIC. Paul is the son of Lloyd and Kathryn Lenz, was born April 5, 1957 Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He grew up in Altoona, Wisconsin in a railroad family. Although it was his intention to “hire out” on the railroad to be a third generation railroad engineer, his father convinced him to go to college. After graduating from Altoona High School, he received B.S. Degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and his Law Degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. In 1982 Paul opened a law office in Altoona engaged in the general practice of law until 1994 when he was elected a Wisconsin State Circuit Court Judge for the circuit of Eau Claire County. Paul was re-elected to the circuit court in 2000, 2006, and 2012. He has announced that this will be his last term and will retire in 2018.



Paul was introduced to Masonry by Ill. Neil Hanson, 33° who was his first line signer. Paul was raised a Master Mason in June of 1994 in George B. Wheeler Lodge No. 351 in Eau Claire. Because the Wednesday lodge night conflicted with his Altoona Lions Club meeting nights he subsequently transferred to Sanctuary Lodge, No. 347. He served there as Master in 2011.

Paul joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire in the Fall Class of 1994. He served as Commander-In-Chief from 2006-2008. Paul has been a cast member in the 4th, 14th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st and 32nd. He was director of the 30th and 32nd. He continued to serve the Valley as Deputy's Representative from 2009 until 2013. He was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third degree, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Boston, MA in 2009 with Ill. Norman “Bruce” Berg, 33°, who had brought a mallet to his head on that June evening in 1994. Paul is also a member of Eau Claire Chapter, Chippewa Council, Eau Claire Commandary, Chippewa Red Cross of Constantine, Heart of Wisconsin Allied Masonic Degrees, SRICF, and the Tripoli Shrine.

Paul is married to Natalie Arntz-Lenz. They enjoy travel in the winter months to their home in Palm Springs, California. They are looking forward to being snow-birds in retirement and traveling together, some by *train*.

Paul reports “It is a honor and privilege to have this class named in my honor. Masonry and the Scottish Rite in particular have greatly influenced me and are personally very rewarding. I especially appreciate the many friends I would not have met but for Masonry and the Scottish Rite who have enriched my life.”

Children's Dyslexia Center Needs Trained Tutors!

To Masons In the Valley of Eau Claire:

The Children's Dyslexia Center is currently accepting applications from individuals to be trained as tutors. As you may know, the mission of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin is to provide free, one-to-one instruction to children who struggle with reading, writing, and spelling by first training tutors to use a highly effective method of teaching. Individuals interested in becoming a certified tutor are required to have a Bachelor's degree, submit application materials, and complete our International Multisensory Structural Language Education Council (IMSLEC) accredited training program. The training, which typically costs about \$5,000, is free to the trainees. We currently have 37 children on our waitlist who need tutors so the more you share, the sooner we may be able to serve them. Thank you! – Tammy Tillotson – Center Director.

Spring Reunion Schedule

Activities Are In The Auditorium Unless Otherwise Noted
Saturday - April 5, 2014

7:30 AM Donuts & Coffee: Ballroom
 8:00 AM Class Registration: Office
 9:00 AM Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies: Classroom
 9:45 AM **4th Degree: Master Traveler**
 10:15 AM Communicate 5th & 7th Degrees Classroom
 10:45 AM **6th Degree: Brazen Serpent**
 11:30 AM Lunch: Small Dining Room
 12:15 AM **11th Degree: Sublime Master Elected**
 12:45 PM Communicate 8th & 9th Degrees
 1:15 PM **13th Degree: Master of the Ninth Arch**
 2:00 PM Communicate 10th, 12th Degrees
 2:30 PM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason**
 3:30 PM Communicate 15th, 17th Degrees Classroom
 4:00 PM **16th Degree: Prince of Jerusalem**
 4:30 PM Day Completed

Saturday, May 3, 2014

8:00 AM Donuts and Coffee: Ballroom
 8:30 AM Class Assembly: Class Room
 8:45 AM . Active & Director of the Work Presentation: Classroom
 9:15 AM **23rd Degree: Knight of Valor**
 10:15 AM Communicate 19th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, & 25th Degrees:
 Classroom
 10:45 AM Class Picture: Large Lodge Room
 11:15 AM **18th Degree: Knight of Rose Croix**
 12:00 AM Lunch: Small Dining Room
 1:00 PM **20th Degree: Master ad Vitam**
 2:00 PM Communicate 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th Degrees:
 Classroom
 2:30 PM **31st Degree: Knight Aspirant**
 3:30 PM **32nd Degree: Sublime Prince**
 4:15 PM ... Reception Of Candidates: Small Dining Room
 5:30 PM Spring Banquet: Ballroom

Invitation To Valley of La Crosse – Spring Reunion March 29, 2014

On behalf of the Valley of La Crosse, we would like to invite you to our Spring Reunion Saturday March 29, 2014 at the La Crosse Masonic Center. We will performing the 5th, 7th, 14th, 18th & 22nd degrees at this event. There is also a Ladies program which will be held in the building as well. Breakfast will be available for a good will offering. Lunch will be at the Center – cost is \$6 featuring AYCE soup, sandwiches, and desserts. The Banquet will be at a nearby restaurant called Pogreba – cost is \$25 per person featuring a three meat buffet with sides and dessert. Money can be paid the day of the event but **reservations are needed by March 20.**

The Valley of La Crosse officers also have some extracurricular ICE events planned for our weekend guests.

REUNION HOSPITALITY & BANQUET

CANDIDATES & LADIES
 COCKTAIL & HORS D' OEUVRES RECEPTION
 MAY 3, 2014 AT 4:15 P.M.

Immediately following the 32nd Degree on May 3rd there will be a Cocktail and Hors d' oeuvres Reception at 4:15 p.m. in the Small Dinning Room to honor the Candidates and their Ladies. This is great opportunity to meet the new Sublime Princes and their Ladies. Come and give them a warm welcome to your fraternity.



ILL. PAUL J. LENZ, 33° CLASS

REUNION BANQUET

MAY 3 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE BALLROOM

One of the Masonic Ballroom's four fine caterers will be providing an exquisite menu for the Reunion Banquet. Yankee Jacks of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The sit-down dinner served by professional wait staff will feature a your choice of Chicken Marsala @ \$17 pp. or a 12 oz. Ball Tip Sirloin of Beef @ \$23 pp. . Both include a Caesar salad served on chilled plates with redskin buttermilk mashed potatoes, steamed fresh baby carrots, warm fresh rolls & butter, coffee and warm Peach Crisp with Whipped cream. All prices include tax and tip.

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 28th.

No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door.

\$17 per person for Chicken Marsala or
 \$23 for 12 oz. Ball Tip Sirloin of Beef, including tax and gratuity.

**Clip And Return With Check Payable To:
 Eau Claire Consistory, P.O. Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54702**

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Chicken Marsala # _____ Beef Sirloin



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**SPOTLIGHT ON THE
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM
FOR THE
CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER
OF UPPER WISCONSIN**



Memorial Contribution Program

In addition to the Legacy of Learning Building Campaign there is a way to provide a contribution to the operations of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin in either in memory of someone or in honor of someone. The contributions are tax deductible. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to the family you specify. You, the donor, will receive a thank you letter specifying the amount of your gift. On behalf of the many dyslexic children and their families who will be helped by the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin, Thank you for your caring and contributing!

Memorial Contribution
Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin

Please Make A Tax Deductible Check Payable To:
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Thank You For Caring & Contributing