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Fall Class Named in Honor of JB Van Hollen 33°, PMWGM

The Fall Class has been named in honor of J.B. Van Hollen, 33° - Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin and Past Commander in Chief of the Valley of Eau Claire Consistory. JB was born in Rice Lake on February 19, 1966 to John and Rose Van Hollen, the youngest of three children. He was raised in

Chetek and then Delta, Wisconsin in Bayfield County where he graduated from Ondossagon High School in 1984. He received his Bachelors degrees in Political Science and Economics from St. Olaf College in 1988 and his law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison just two years later. He worked as a Public Defender in Spooner, an assistant United States Attorney in Madison, was appointed and then elected District Attorney first in Ashland County and then in Bayfield County, was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin and in 2006 he was elected as the Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin. After serving two four year terms, including one year as the President of the National Association of Attorneys General, he chose not to seek re-election and now runs his own consulting business. He has been married to his wife Lynne for over twenty years and they have a 17 year old son Byron and a 14 year old daughter Maddy. They currently live in Waunakee, Wisconsin. He has completed an Ironman triathlon, been a volunteer firefighter and first responder and been active in churches wherever he has lived. He was raised a Master Mason in 1985 at the age of nineteen in Ancient Landmark Lodge 210 in Ashland where he served as Master several times and is a life member. He is also a life member of Barnes and Sun Prairie Lodges and has previously been a member of Shell Lake Lodge. He is a life member of the Eau Claire Valley Scottish Rite where he received his 32nd degree in 1986. He went on to join the ZOR shrine that same year and later joined AAD as well. He joined all three York Rite bodies and the Eastern Star in 1997 and 1998 and is a life member of them all. He is also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana and National Sojourners. He served on many committees and held many positions in Grand Lodge before being elected Grand Master in 2007. He received the 33rd degree in 2007 as well and served as the Commander in Chief of the Valley of Eau Claire from 2010-2012. He is also a member and Past President of the Chequamegon Shrine Club, a member of the International Shrine Clown Association, a DeMolay Legion of Honor, and served a three year term on the George Washington Masonic Memorial Board of Directors. In Scottish Rite over the years, he has directed and participated in the 8th, 25th, and 32nd degrees and has also participated in the 7th, 23rd, 24th, 26th, and 31st degrees.

Valley of Eau Claire Schedule

September—2015

21 Regular Meeting @ 7pm

October—2015

10 Fall Reunion
16 Steppin' Up for Dyslexia
17 Council of Deliberation, LaCrosse
19 Regular Meeting @ 7pm
24 Fall Reunion & Ladies Program

November—2015

16 Regular Meeting @ 7pm

December—2015

21 Regular Meeting @ 7pm

January—2016

18 Regular Meeting @ 7pm

February—2016

15 Regular Meeting @ 7pm

March—2016

21 Regular Meeting @ 7pm

April—2016

8 Dyslexia Center Art & Wine event
9 Spring Reunion 1st weekend
23 Spring Reunion 2nd weekend

From our Files

50 years ago—1965—David L. Loken coronated a 33° in Cleveland.

40 years ago—1975—Dr. Frederick W. Fornfelt Jr. coronated a 33° in Boston.

30 years ago—1985—Robert W. Dawson and Percy O. Bergerson names MSA recipients for 1985.

20 years ago—1995—Ill. H. Ray Evans, 33°, featured as guest speaker for reunion banquet.

10 years ago—2005—Fall class named for Ill. Robert W. Dawson, 33° - MSA.





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Commander In Chief's Corner



Greetings, Brothers

September is upon us and with it the beginnings of Autumn. The warm days of Summer are fading and the cooler days are approaching.

Of course, with Autumn comes our Fall Reunion, which this year will be October 10th and the 24th. Most of the planning for the Reunion is complete and it promises to be an enjoyable

time for all. We are in need of candidates for the Reunion, and there is still time to get their paperwork in, so please talk to those Brothers you feel would enjoy joining our Valley. Please make sure you register your lady for the Ladies Program no later than October 17th and the Banquet by October 20.

October is a busy month, as in addition to the Reunion, the Council of Deliberation will be held in La Crosse on October 17th. Brothers, please make plans to attend, especially if you are serving our Valley as an officer in one of the Bodies. More information will be coming concerning registration.

I have just returned from the Supreme Council in Indianapolis, IN where Brothers Ray Mielke, Valley of Madison, Emil Ewald, Valley of Milwaukee, myself and 179 Brothers from across the Northern Jurisdiction had the distinct privilege and honor to receive the 33rd Degree. It was an incredible experience, and I thank the Eau Claire Valley Brothers and their wives who joined us for the event. Congratulations to Brothers John Eldred and Franklin Struble, MWGM as they were elected to receive 33rd Degree in 2017 at Rochester, NY.

A CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US: If you have been a Scottish Rite Mason for a few years or many years, you have undoubtedly seen the Degrees presented many times. Do we truly hear the messages that each Degree presents? Do we appreciate the deeper, more esoteric meanings waiting to be discovered each time the Degree is given? At this Reunion, I challenge each of you to attend all of the Degrees, and really watch and listen with a renewed desire to learn or re-learn the full meaning of each Degree and reflect on what it means to you today. As in all the Degrees of our Fraternity, there are always new lessons to be learned, new meanings to be discovered.

Looking forward to see you at the Reunion,

Faternally,

Bill Beetcher, 33°

Commander in Chief



Scottish Rite Wisconsin Delegation Dinner at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis. Group picture of the Scottish Rite Valley of Eau Claire members and their wives with Bill Beetcher, Arby Humphrey, Jim Trowbridge, Les Paulson, Paul Lenz, Steve Prewitt, Garry Hageness, and Frank Struble.



**Membership
Assistance
Needed!!**



Just about 4 weeks till the 1st weekend of reunion. We currently have 4 candidates for the Fall Reunion; J.B. Van Hollen class.

I am still in need of Scottish Rite Masons as lodge representatives. I promise it takes just a little effort and communication to fill this spot. The Lodge representative would let the district chair or myself know of any Master Masons raised. This is not for immediate recruitment but to congratulate them and let them know of further light available in Masonry. The second part would be to let me know of brothers in the lodge that are looking for further light in Masonry. If you are interested in being a lodge representative for Scottish Rite please let me know.

I would like to see more than 6 candidates for this class. If you have a candidate and not sure how to approach them please let me know and they will be contacted. If you know of a candidate under the age of 30 they could get a \$50 scholarship towards their petition fee of \$150. If you know of a candidate that can not make the first weekend but could make the second accommodations could be made for them to view the 4th degree, become a Scottish Rite Mason then they could attend the second weekend on October 24th and meet the requirements to become a Sublime Prince.

Faternally, Chris Roberts



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Nuto Dixieland Band

The Nuto Dixieland Band will be providing entertainment during the Fall Reunion Banquet!



Brothers and Ladies, please sign up early for the October 24th Valley of Eau Claire Ladies Program!

The Fall Reunion is here. The Ladies Program this fall has been designed by our Commander in Chiefs Lady so it should prove interesting. Here is the itinerary:

Join the Scottish Rite Ladies for a great day of activities on Saturday October 24. We will leave the Masonic Center at 9:00 am for breakfast/brunch at Grandma D's Country Restaurant in Fall Creek. After breakfast, we will drive to Augusta for a guided Amish Rural Countryside Tour that includes Amish homes and farms, The Wood Shed, and Amish Bakery. On the way home, we will stop at the Amish Dam, which is the most photographed site in the area. We will arrive back at the Masonic Center at 2:30 pm in time for the installation of officers.

Cost is \$10.00, so please make your reservation using the banquet forms on this page, or through Eventbrite on the Scottish Rite website <http://scottishrite-ec.org> by October 16.

**Candidates & Ladies
Cocktails & Hors D' Oeuvres Reception
October 24th at 4:30 P.M.**

Eau Claire Masonic Temple Small Dining Room with Cocktails, Beer, Wine, Soda & Hors D' Oeuvres.

**BANQUET
IN HONOR OF THE CLASS
Main Ballroom – October 24, 2015–5:30 PM
HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY
CATERED BY
HOULIGAN'S STEAK AND SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**



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 Restaurant 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 Houligan's Stuffed Chicken Supreme with a wild rice and cashew stuffing topped with an herbed cream sauce, or Roasted Pork Loin, with Yukon Gold Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Fresh vegetables, a dinner salad with housemade ranch dressing, Fresh Rolls with butter, Coffee, Milk and water, and Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Topping. The price of \$20.00 per person includes tax and tip.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, October 16, 2015.

No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door.

You can reserve either at the office or on Eventbrite.

Mail With Payment To: Eau Claire Scottish Rite
P.O. Box 345
Eau Claire, WI 54702

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ @ \$20.00 for Stuffed Chicken/Roast Pork Loin Buffet

_____ @ \$10.00 for Ladies Program



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Saturday – October 10, 2015



Rooms available for fall reunion!

A block of rooms is available at the Sleep Inn & Suites/29 Pines hotel on Highway 29 in Eau Claire. The hotel offers an indoor pool and hot tub, and rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, continental breakfast (including eggs, bacon/sausage, waffles, hard boil eggs, yogurt, fresh whole fruit, pastries and much more) and other property amenities such as restaurant, bar and pizza deli.

The Sleep Inn has offered our group a discounted rate of \$89 per night plus tax. You can contact the Sleep Inn at 715-874-2900.

Another option is available as well. The Plaza Hotel and Suites has rooms available for the dates of the reunion. Rates here are \$109 per night for the dates of the first weekend, and \$99 per night for the dates of the second weekend.

The Plaza can be contacted at 800-916-4339.

7:30	AM	Coffee & Donuts.....Large Dining Room
8:00	AM	Class Registration..... Office
9:00	AM	Ceremonial Opening All Bodies..... Classroom
9:45	AM	4th Degree: Master Traveler Auditorium
10:15	AM	Discussion of the 4 th degree-Open to all Brethren.....Upper Lounge
10:45	AM	15th Degree: Knight of the EastAuditorium
11:35	AM	Discuss the 15 th Degree Open - to all Brethren.....Upper Lounge
12:00		Lunch.....Small Dining Room
1:00	PM	12th Degree: Master of MercyAuditorium
1:35	PM	Discuss the 12 th Degree – Open to all Brethren.....Upper Lounge
2:00	PM	14th Degree: Grand Elect MasonAuditorium
2:50	PM	Discuss the 14 th Degree – Open to all Brethren..... Upper Lounge
3:15	PM	Reception.....Small Dining Room

Saturday – October 24, 2015

7:30	AM	Donuts & Coffee.....Large Dining Room
8:15	AM	Class Assembly..... Classroom
8:30	AM	Presentation by Director of the Work and Active.....Classroom
9:15	AM	19th Degree: Brothers of the TrailAuditorium
10:00	AM	Class Picture.....Large Lodge Room
10:40	AM	Discuss the 19 th Degree- Open to all Brethren.....Upper Lounge
11:00	AM	18th Degree: Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.Auditorium
11:45	AM	Discuss the 18 th Degree Open to all Brethren..... Upper Lounge
12:00		Lunch.....Small Dining Room
1:00	PM	24th Degree: Brother of the ForestAuditorium
1:45	PM	Discussion of the 24 th Degree – Open to all Brethren.....Upper Lounge
2:15	PM	32nd Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret Auditorium
3:30	PM	Discuss the 32 nd 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



Brothers, if you are interested in receiving the Scottish Rite Reporter as a PDF file via email, please send an email to:

valleyofecreporter@gmail.com

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"The Man in the Mirror"

For the Man in the Mirror- we have a tremendous opportunity to spread the meaning of the Eau Claire Scottish Rite Valley to eligible Master Masons.

We have approximately 50 symbolic lodges in the Eau Claire Valley footprint. Of those 50 lodges that are active, there is at least ONE master Mason in the West/North Central Wisconsin area that is not a Scottish Rite Mason.

We have approximately 38 Officers of the Valley of Eau Claire. Each officer knows at least ONE Master Mason in the West/North Central Wisconsin area that is not yet a Scottish Rite Mason; and

We have members- over 850- that are not officers, not active/involved, not participating other than paying their dues every year. Some are in assisted living. Some are in nursing homes. Some are enjoying the weather of Florida or Arizona right now. No matter what their situation, each of those Scottish Rite Masons knows at least ONE Master Mason in the West/North Central Wisconsin area that is not yet a Scottish Rite Mason.

The responsibility for recruiting new members for the Eau Claire Scottish Rite Valley rests squarely on the Man in the Mirror. The Man in the Mirror is every member of the Valley of Eau Claire. Bringing in new members is not the responsibility of a Committee or its Chairman. It's not the function of the "elders" of the Valley or the few guys that "just do it". It's not something that magically happens so that when we show up for the Reunions, we have several guys wearing white collars with the "deer in the headlights look". Every member of the Valley of Eau Claire needs to take a good look in the mirror, come to the realization that it is that man looking back at them who is the one responsible for new members, the one who has the duty and the obligation to provide the opportunity for further light in Masonry to those currently not members of our Scottish Rite Fraternity, and who is the one who absolutely must "Make a Change".

There is no I in team. However, Membership and Member both begin with Me.

So, How is the Man in the Mirror these days?

Thank You to the Valley of Madison Wisconsin for the article copied from their Temple Tidings!

Jim Trowbridge

Secretary, Valley of Eau Claire

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

Event sponsored in part by Mason Shoe, Chilton Subaru, & George B. Wheeler Masonic Lodge with all proceeds benefitting the Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin which serves kids within 2 hours of Eau Claire.

Friday Festivities \$35 per person

STEPPIN'

FOR DYSLEXIA

October Awareness

Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin

Friday, October 16, 2015 at 5:30pm

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

(715) 598-4986 ecduwd@gmail.com www.wicdc.org

Call or email for ticket information



The Scottish Rite Reporter Wants YOU!!!

Brothers, The Scottish Rite Reporter is looking to continue offering a valuable newsletter to the membership of the Valley of Eau Claire.

If you're interested in authoring an article/column for an issue of the Reporter, please do so!!

Articles submitted will be placed in issues of the Reporter as space is available. Some topics of interest would be stories about events of Scottish Rite interest, educational pieces, reviews of literature related to Scottish Rite or its values, etc...

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Abbott Scholarship Winner Korey Jacobson!



Korey receiving his scholarship check at the
July general meeting!