



Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

# SCOTTISH RITE

# REPORTER

Valley of Eau Claire

Spring 2022

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S CORNER

Princes,

We have reached that point with our organization where we have had real discussions regarding our annual dues structure. We have evaluated our annual dues as they relate to our operational costs. Our current dues structure is not providing sufficient revenue for us to sustain our operations. It is necessary to communicate with you a proposed increase in our Scottish Rite annual dues and an increase in our membership dues. Our financial obligations for the Valley of Eau Claire have continued to rise. We are continually evaluating our operations in order to be more efficient and effective while still maintaining our obligations to our membership. We have made changes to provide quality services in all areas, we have reduced our expenses by changing the way we communicate, reduced our mailing costs by partnering with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction services which has streamlined our communication.



However, with the rise in inflation, our increase in heating and electricity for our beautiful building and at the same time experiencing the reduction in membership (mostly because of death). All these factors resulted in overall cost increases to where our current dues revenue does not cover our annual expenditures. In 2021, the Supreme Council increased its assessment by \$2.50 per member for our Valley and we chose not to include an increase, in fact, our Valley has not increased our dues for several years.

We are part of a great organization that touches so many lives through the Dyslexia Centers, Abbott Scholarships, and Almoner's Fund.

Respectfully,

Kevin R Sorenson, CIC  
Valley of Eau Claire

# SPRING CLASS HONOREE: Ill. Michael A. DeWolf, 33°

The spring class has been named in honor of the **Ill. Michael A. DeWolf, 33°**. Michael was born October 9, 1950, in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wausau Senior High School in 1968, and then attended the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh where he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Geology degree. After earning his undergraduate degree, he worked for Enderies Fasteners as a sales representative during which time he attend night school and earned a Master of Business Administration graduate degree. Michael worked for Abbott Interfast as sales representative for a few years, then he and a partner started IQS International which grew and evolved into several successful businesses, including Wisconsin Fulfillment & Design, LLC. and Total Quality Integration, LLC 1986 - 1990, where Michael served as Executive Vice President and IQS International, LLC. where Michael served as President and COO from 1990 until 1996 when he sold his interest in the business.



Mike met Marilyn in 1982, they fell in love and were married in 1983 and had a son, Andy. They were happily married for 30 years. In 2012 Marilyn passed away after a long battle with cancer. In December 2014, Mike was fortunate to be introduced to Annie Fang by a close friend, and Past Potentate of Tripoli Shiners, at a Masonic Christmas Party for Freemasons Lodge. Annie and Mike fell in love were married in September 2016.

Most Worshipful Brother DeWolf began his Masonic journey at the age of 14 joining the Order of DeMolay, Wausau Chapter where he served as Master Councilor in 1968. He is a recipient of the Chevalier Degree, which is the highest honor an active DeMolay can receive. He also earned two Blue Honor Keys, was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and in 2021 he was elected an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Supreme Council.

Brother DeWolf was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 2, 1984, in Myron Reed Lodge #297 in Milwaukee, WI. In 1991 he served as the Worshipful Master of Wauwatosa Lodge #267, Wauwatosa, WI. He is plural or honorary member of several Wisconsin Masonic Lodges. Most Worshipful Brother DeWolf served as a District Deputy Grand Master from 1992-95 and was appointed to the progressive line of the Grand Lodge in 1996. In 2003 Most Worshipful Brother DeWolf was elected and served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Wisconsin and he has served as Grand Secretary since 2005.

Most Worshipful Brother DeWolf is an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, Honorary Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Kansas, Grand Representative to The Grand Lodge of New York and New Jersey and is an Honorary Past Grand Master of Saskatchewan. He recently received the Honorary Degree of Saint George in the Degree of Grand Cross from the Grand Lodge of Portugal.

Noble DeWolf has been a Member of Tripoli Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Milwaukee since 1984.

Ill. Brother DeWolf's Scottish Rite journey began on November 2, 1984, in the Valley of Milwaukee. He served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1992-93 and has participated in many degrees over the years, to include 4th, 14th, 27th, 32nd, and 33rd. Michael was coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd degree in 2004 and elected an Active member of the Supreme Council in 2005, and is a past Grand Keeper of the Archives and the Grand Representative to Luxembourg. Ill. Brother DeWolf 33° serves on the Supreme Council Masonic Education and Program Development (Leadership) Committee, Chairs the Site Selection committee for the Annual Meeting and Strategic Planning and served as the Deputy for Wisconsin from 2013-2019.

Ill. Brother DeWolf 33° is held in the highest esteem by Masons and their leaders across the United States and in many countries around the world. Ill. Brother DeWolf served as Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Conference of Grand Secretaries in North American from 2012 - 2018. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the George Washington National Masonic Memorial and the Wisconsin DeMolay Foundation. For the past five years Past Grand Master and Ill. Brother DeWolf has been honored to serve in the prestigious position as the Executive Secretary for the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

Very few men in the world have had such a highly distinguished history of masonic service as Ill. Brother DeWolf 33°. We are proud to name our spring class in honor of his lifetime of exemplary service to our craft.

# 2022 SPRING REUNION SCHEDULE

## Saturday, April 9, 2022

7:30 AM	Donuts and Coffee	Small Dining Room
8:00 AM	Class Registration	Office
9:00 AM	Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies	Class Room
9:30 AM	<b>4th Degree: Builder (DVD)</b>	Upstairs Lounge
10:00 AM	Discussion of the 4th Degree - Open to all Brethren	Upstairs Lounge
10:15 AM	<b>22nd Degree: Prince of Libanus</b>	Auditorium
10:30 AM	Discussion of the 22nd Degree - Open to all Brethren	Upstairs Lounge
11:00 AM	<b>5th Degree: Perfect Master</b>	Auditorium
11:30 AM	Discussion of the 5th Degree - Open to all Brethren	Upstairs Lounge
11:45 AM	Lunch	Small Dining Room
12:45 PM	<b>27th Degree: Knight of Jerusalem</b>	Auditorium
1:30 PM	Discussion of the 27th Degree - Open to all Brethren	Upstairs Lounge
2:00 PM	<b>31st Degree: My Brother's Keeper</b>	Auditorium
2:30 PM	Discussion of the 31st Degree - Open to all Brethren	Upstairs Lounge
2:45 PM	Reception	Small Dining Room

## Saturday, April 30, 2022

7:30 AM	Donuts and Coffee	Small Dining Room
8:15 AM	Class Assembly	Class Room
8:30 AM	<b>24th Degree: Brother of the Forest</b>	Auditorium
9:15 AM	Discussion of the 24th Degree - Open to all Brethren	Class Room
9:30 AM	Presentation by the Director of the Work	Class Room
10:00 AM	Class Picture	Auditorium
10:30 AM	<b>14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason</b>	Auditorium
11:30 AM	Discussion of the 14th Degree - Open to all Brethren	Class Room
12:00 PM	Lunch	Small Dining Room
1:00 PM	<b>6th Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent</b>	Auditorium
1:30 PM	Discussion of the 6th Degree - Open to all Brethren	Class Room
2:00 PM	<b>32nd Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret</b>	Auditorium
3:00 PM	Discussion of the 32nd Degree - Open to all Brethren	Class Room
3:30 PM	<b>The Last Full Measure</b>	Auditorium
4:00 PM	Reception	Small Dining Room
5:30 PM	Banquet	Large Dining Room

# FROM THE “DIRECTORS OF THE WORK”

Mark your calendar for the presentation of the play “The Last Full Measure”. It will be presented on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 3:30 PM at the Eau Claire Masonic Center.



**Mark  
Your Calendar!**

This play is the story of Abraham Lincoln immediately after he returns from Gettysburg, where he gave one of his most famous speeches. The dramatic presentation will give you an insight into the minds and hearts of the individuals who gave their last full measure.



**LINCOLN**

For more details, please refer to the poster included in this edition of the Scottish Rite Reporter.



**Directors of the Work**

**Contact Information**

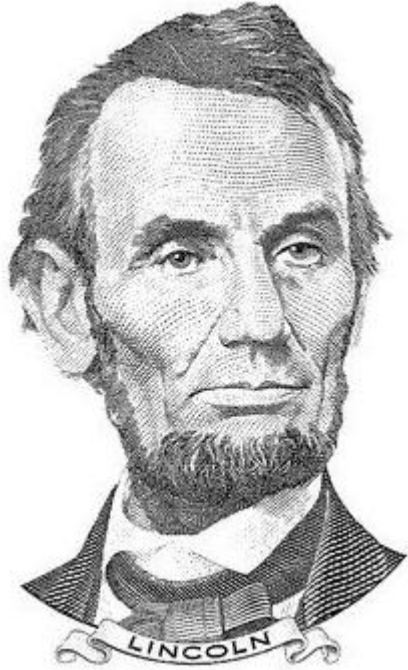
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*We are always looking for pictures and articles to print in the Scottish Rite Reporter. If you have something that you would like to have included, please contact the Directors of the Work – use the contact information listed above.*

# “The Last Full Measure”

based on the short story *The Perfect Tribute* by Mary Shipman Andrews



The Scottish Rite  
Valley of Eau Claire  
will be presenting the play  
“The Last Full Measure”  
on Saturday, April 30, 2022  
in the Auditorium of  
the Eau Claire Masonic Center  
at 3:30 PM

This event is open to all Masons, you do not have to be a Scottish Rite Mason in order to attend. Please invite your spouse and children, and Masons you know, to attend as guests. Extend an invitation to them to join us at a reception for the new class in the Small Dining Room following the play. **They can also stay for the Reunion banquet – as long as banquet tickets are purchased in advance.**

Reservations for the banquet can be made by contacting the Valley Secretary at 715-832-7759.

The setting of this drama is in the Civil War era. We acknowledge that the content of the scenes may be fictitious, may be historically inaccurate, or may be out of proper chronological order. They do, however, serve to present an important moral lesson.

This play lasts about 30 minutes, and exemplifies the type of degree work that is done in a Scottish Rite Valley.



# 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 2022 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 current or deceased Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A member of a Masonic sponsored youth group within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school 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/abbott> and you have arrived at the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction website. You will see the Abbott Scholarship information and requirements. At the bottom of information click Forms to Download the application.

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 15, 2022.**

# DUES CHANGE

It is unfortunate, however necessary to communicate with you regarding an increase in our Scottish Rite annual dues. It is no secret that the cost of our Valley of Eau Claire has risen and there is a need to increase our annual dues as we also need to increase our Membership dues as well. Within the By-Laws of our Valley this increase is placed on our membership without a vote. Therefore, regardless next year, 2023 dues will automatically see an increase for the assessment.

## Current Dues Breakdown: Proposed

DUES	2022 Dues Amount	Increase Amount	2023 Dues Amount
Lodge of Perfection	\$10.50	\$2.50	\$13.00
Princes of Jerusalem	\$10.50	\$2.50	\$13.00
Rose Croix	\$10.50	\$2.50	\$13.00
Consistory	\$24.00	\$3.00	\$27.00
Supreme Council Assessment	\$27.50	\$2.50	\$30.00
<b>Total Dues Amounts</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$96.00</b>

**NOTE:** The last time the dues were increased was 2013, membership was 1051, currently 575

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES	2022 Fees Amount	Increase Amount	2023 Fees Amount
Lodge of Perfection	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$50.00
Princes of Jerusalem	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Rose Croix	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Consistory	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$70.00
Supreme Council Assessment	\$27.50	\$2.50	\$30.00
<b>Membership Fee Amounts</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

**NOTE:** The last time new membership fees were changed was in the 1950's

Therefore, the officers of the Valley of Eau Claire have approved the proposal of an increase in dues effective for the 2023 annual dues at the February 21, 2022 officer meeting to be sent to the membership for vote.

The notice is therefore given to the Valley of Eau Claire membership through an email communication that will/was sent out March 1, 2022 (for those Valley members who have email) and/or communication by an Article in the Spring 2022 Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reporter. A vote of the dues increase will be concluded on April 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm, which is the conclusion of the first Spring Reunion weekend.

You can detach the Ballot on the next page and mail it the Valley Secretary at PO Box 345, Eau Claire, WI 54702, or complete the Ballot and email it back to the Valley Secretary at [ec.scottishrite@gmail.com](mailto:ec.scottishrite@gmail.com).

Voting will be available from March 1, 2022 through April 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite Office.

# DUES BALLOT

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OFFICIAL BALLOT (example)

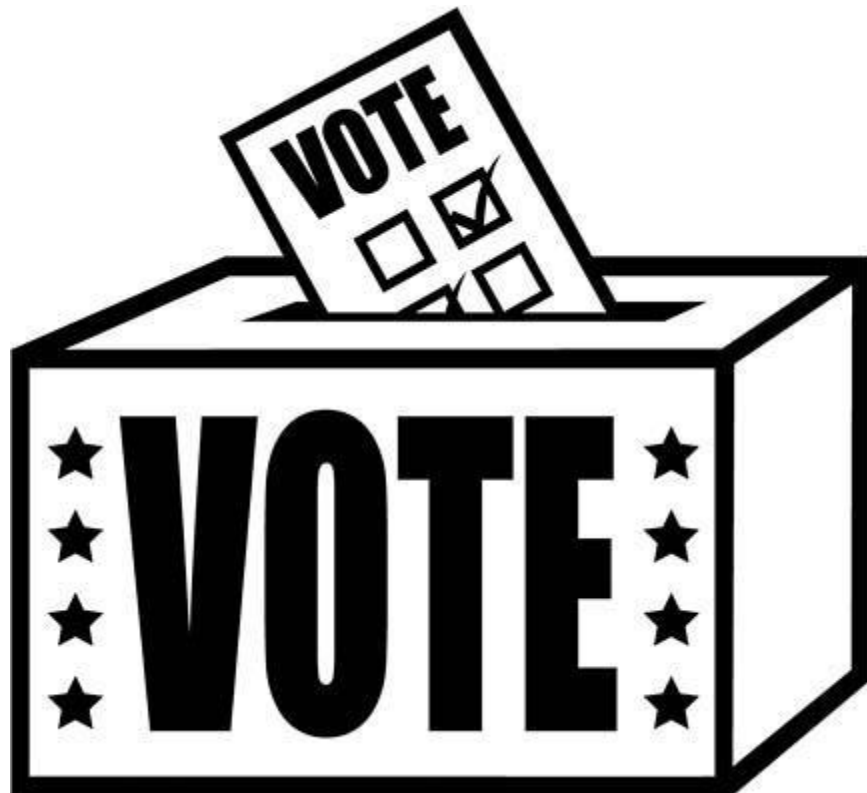
The Valley of Eau Claire 2023 Annual Dues will total \$96.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove

The Valley of Eau Claire 2023 Candidate Fees will total \$200.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove

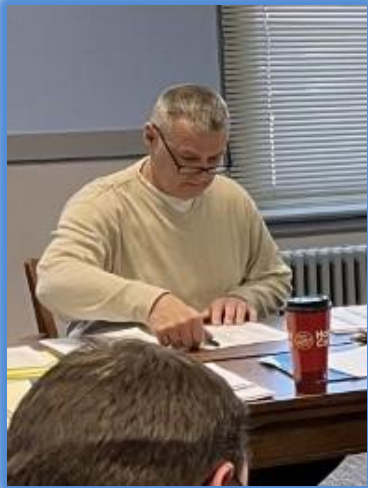
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# 2022 OFFICER MEETING

On Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, leaders of our Valley met at the Eau Claire Masonic Center, along with ZOOM participants, for the Annual Officer's General Meeting. Topics that were discussed included member communication, CIC goals, manual for officers, Valley of Excellence Award, leadership training, Almoner's fund, retention, and recruitment, in addition to other topics.







**Friday, April 1st**

*It's not foolish to join us for a fundraiser that includes a chicken Marsala dinner, served at 6:30 pm, with live & silent auctions, and raffles.*

UPPER WISCONSIN



Children's  
**Dyslexia**  
**Center**

**PLEASE purchase tickets before March 25th**



**for tickets**

\$25 each in advance or \$30 at the door

Mail check payable to Children's Dyslexia Center to the address above or call or email

(715) 598-4986

upperwisconsin@cdcinc.org

# SPRING REUNION LADIES PROGRAM

April 30, 2022

Come relax and socialize while making a customized citronella candle. You will be painting your own unique design on a wine bottle and then turning the decorated wine bottle into a citronella candle. We will be meeting in the 3rd floor lounge of the Masonic Temple. Starting at 8:00 there will be coffee and light breakfast snacks. About 9:00 the painting begins. No artistic talent is needed for this activity, just an imagination!

Lunch will be in the small dining room with the men.

Test your critical thinking, collaboration and creativity skills in the afternoon with a Breakout digital game. (This is similar to an Escape Room only you solve clues and record your results digitally.) See if you and your team can solve the puzzle elements in a set time (or before the other team if there are enough ladies to form 2 teams).

Please come dressed casually. There will be time to change before the Last Full Measure play.

There will be no cost for the day's activities and lunch. Please reply if you are attending with your banquet reservation to make sure we have enough supplies for the citronella candle.

Any questions feel free to contact me.

Gail Abernathy  
715-523-1174  
gabernathy1174@gmail.com

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## SPRING REUNION ENTERTAINMENT



Variety Sound Entertainment will be our DJ at the Reunion Banquet – you will not be disappointed. They'll play our favorite music and YOU can be the star while singing Karaoke. Plan to stay and enjoy the music after the Banquet.

# SPRING REUNION BANQUET

IN HONOR OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS MICHAEL DEWOLF, 33° CLASS

Main Ballroom – April 30, 2022 – 5:30 PM

HISTORIC EAU CLAIRE TEMPLE OF FREEMASONRY

CATERED BY WISSOTA LODGE CATERING

The Banquet honoring our new members and their Ladies and recognizing the Illustrious Michael A. DeWolf, 33°, will start promptly at 5:30 P.M. in the Historic Eau Claire Temple of Freemasonry Main Ballroom. Wissota Lodge Catering (Jack Schulte) has provided fine dining in the Eau Claire area for years and will be catering the Fall Banquet.

The **Buffet Dinner** will feature:

Mixed field green salad with a zesty citrus vinaigrette garnished with feta cheese, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and black olives. Sliced warm French bread with butter. Garden fresh vegetables. Snow flake mashed potatoes. Pan-fried chop sirloin with a caramelized onion and mushroom gravy. Chicken breast medallions with a lemon caper sauce. Coffee or Milk will be served, and 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.

All this for \$26.00

Child Plates (under 12 YO) available for \$13.00

Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, April 23, 2022. No Tickets Will Be Sold At The Door. You can reserve either at the office or on Eventbrite, however taxes will be charged in addition to the service fee for those utilizing Eventbrite. Those having questions please contact the Valley Secretary at 715-832-7759.

Candidates and their Lady do not need to purchase tickets, however must have meal reservations in by April 23, 2022.

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

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Number of Meals

Adult Meals at \$26 each

Total for Adult Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child Meals at \$13 each

Total for Child Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount** \$