



Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
**SCOTTISH
RITE**

REPORTER

Valley of Eau Claire Summer/Fall 2023

III. Steven L. Lasure 33° MSA Class

SPRING REUNION CLASS 2023



Row 1: Mike Abernathy 32° (1st Lieutenant Commander); Jairus Noor 32°; Todd Skortz 32°; Ryan Jean-Baptiste 32° (Class Vice President); Illustrious Steven L. Lasure 33° - MSA; Michael Kastens 32° (Class President); Pat Norton 32° (Class Orator); Donald Grande 32°; Joseph O. Barlow 33° (Commander in Chief and Co-Director of the Work).

Row 2: Rick Schnabel 33° (PCIC and Co-Director of the Work); Wayne Franson 32° - MSA; Nick Koerner 32°; L. Arby Humphrey 33° (Active & PGM); Ryan Larson 32°; Jason Hoffman 32°; Joseph Wadas 32°; Adam Johnson 32°; Corey Nowak 32°; Matthew Meyers 32°; Anthony Stange 32°; Dustin Larson 32° (Thrice Potent Master).

Row 3: Jerry Larson 32°; James Fenno 32°; Ken Pelo 33° (PCIC); John Hein 33° (PGM); Mark Mayry 32°; Dan Boerboon 32°; Kevin Schumann 32°; Ryan Wojicechowski 32°; Jeff Conger 32°; Zander Yensan 32°.

Row 4: Josh Sudbrink 32° - MSA (Sovereign Prince); Loren Barnes 33°; Dan Ploenzke 32°; Jim Giese 32°; Chad Fonseca 32°; Aaren Petersen 32°; Scott Nelson 32°; Alben Kramer 32° (Most Wise Master); Jordan Marquardt 32°; Dan Bourassa 32°; Barry Cohen 32°.

Row 5: Bill Tice 32°; Jon Scott 32°; Gerald Berg 32° - MSA; Peter Sterzinger 32°; Lyle N. Koerner Jr. 33° (PCIC & Valley Secretary); Bryce Fransway 32°; Jerome Gebert 32° (Treasurer); Dave Kulberg 32°; Mark Partridge 32°; Les Paulson 33° (PCIC); David Jacobson 32° - MSA; Kenneth Olm 32° - MSA; Brad Edstrom 32°; David Shedivy 32°; Kevin R. Sorenson 32° (PCIC); Lars Framness 32°; Tim Cree 32°; Cutler Nowak 32°; Dan Hagerty 32°; Dan Maguire 32°; Chad Svacina 32°.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S CORNER

"Listen up boys. A big wheel with one component that is in poor condition will not function properly. Likewise, if there is a part of your personality or lifestyle that reflects poorly, you could appear to be just another incomplete cesspool to the people you meet. Fix it and move on. Also, just bench your weight and read a lot of books."

~ "JOSEPH!"~

That was a conversation that actually happened in our house not long ago. Of course, it was received by two bewildered boys, who looked at me like I had 3 heads, and glare from a disapproving wife. Both looks I've grown accustomed to. This time, however, may have had something to do with the fact that it was unprovoked, and they were quietly minding their business, when I decided to fill my quota of parenting for the day, and barged in with my passive-aggressive method of letting them know to handle loving criticism, and quit being chowderheads for something I'm sure they did, but I didn't know about yet.



The 3 things I took away from my 45 second parenting were:

1) That while I AM a well-oiled machine that this doesn't pertain to, the average man's search for betterment is at the heart of Masonry, and also part our core principles in Scottish Rite. Self-inventory. Self-awareness. Note your strengths and your flaws as a man, and seek to not only wrench on the faulty components, but find things that will improve your machine via your strengths, making her sleek, reliable and exquisite. (Yes, things of beauty, grace and speed should always be referred to in the female gender.)

2) If confronted by a loving passive-aggressive father or "other" shaman-like Yoda, pointing out in the friendliest manner possible, of the cesspool you are becoming, don't get defensive. Just take that self-inventory and fix it if actually warranted. Nothing personal. You can't guarantee they will understand the message, but at least you tried. There are many Brothers in our Valley who I greatly admire, and on the .0001% chance they needed to approach me, I would listen intently and gratefully. (Before pointing out their flaws.)

3) Be sure to share the credit and the rewards. There are many industrious Princes in our Valley, who work tirelessly at their tasks who may not get the recognition, and we need to take the couple of moments to thank them. I walked into the boy's room the other night, when their fighting interrupted my quiet evening of Hee-Haw. "Boys, you both want the pillow fort to be epic, but you can't fight over every little detail. Ronald Reagan once said: 'There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit.' So quit your infernal bickering and work together." "Dad, who's Ronald Raymond?" *sigh* What are you going to do?

I look forward to our fall reunion on Saturday 10/14 and Saturday 10/28 to meet our new candidates, old friends, and our opportunity to recognize and honor the MWPGM of WI, the Illustrious Frank Struble 33° and his many years of sweat equity for our Craft. Let us also take the time to congratulate MWPGM Gary Stang and PCIC Kevin Sorenson who were coroneted as 33° Scottish Rite Masons on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 in Louisville, KY. Congratulations Gary and Kevin, well deserved! When you see them at the reunion, give them noogies. They like that. I am also extremely excited to extend a hearty congratulations to our Valley's newest 33° elect, Joshua Sudbrink, who was nominated and elected to receive the 33° at the next Supreme Council session in Indianapolis, Indiana, in August 2025. Congratulations Josh, well deserved! When you see him though, do not give him noogies. He looks like he wouldn't like it!

So, in conclusion, let's move forward with self-awareness, wrought by an instructive tongue for the attentive ear, take self-inventory, and be willing to share the credit and be happy for others being praised for their efforts. See you in October. Also, bench your weight and read a lot of books.

Cordially and Fraternally

Joe Barlow-Commander in Chief, Valley of Eau Claire

2023 ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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.



Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite is happy to announce the recipients of the 2023 Abbott Scholarship.

Kathryn R. Kyle, daughter of the Brother Darrell Kyle.
Kathryn will be attending the College of Saint Scholastica, with a focus on Nursing.

Brennan B. Trowbridge, son of Brother Brian Trowbridge, and Grandson of James Trowbridge.
Brennan will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Madison, with a focus on Biology - Pre-Medicine.

Both recipients will receive a check for \$1,900 further their college education, thanks from your generous contributions into the Blue Envelop appeal earlier this past year.



Future Reunion Dates

Spring 2024: April 6 & 20

Fall 2024: October 12 & 26

Spring 2025: April 5 & 26

Fall 2025: October 4 & 18

2023 SPRING REUNION CLASS



Michael R. Kastens

Class President
New Richmond Lodge #195

Interested in: Registration, Class Marshall, Non-Speaking Degree Part



Ryan Jean-Baptiste

Class Vice President
Sanctuary Lodge #347

Interested in: Sound, Makeup, Wardrobe, Non-Speaking Degree Part



Patrick Norton

Class Orator
Ancient Landmark Lodge #210

Interested in: Sound, Makeup, Food/Kitchen Crew



Donald C. Grande

Virginia Falls Lodge #226 (Merrill)

Interested in: Registration, Line Officer



New member contact information is available by contacting the Scottish Rite Office (ec.scottishrite@gmail.com) or calling 715-832-7759.

2023 SPRING REUNION CLASS



Jason R. Hoffman

Virginia Falls Lodge #226 (Merrill)

Interested in: Sound, Lighting, Stage Crew, Wardrobe, Non-Speaking Degree Part



Adam G. Johnson

Rhineland Lodge #242

Interested in: Lighting, Stage Crew, Makeup, Wardrobe, Non-Speaking Degree Part



Ryan P. Larson

New Richmond Lodge #195

Interested in: Choir, Music, Lighting, Stage Crew, Makeup, Wardrobe, Recruiting, Speaking Degree Part, Non-Speaking Degree Part



Jairus E. Noor

Eau Claire Lodge #112

Interests are to be determined at this time

2023 SPRING REUNION CLASS



Todd J. Skortz

Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #128

Interested in: Sound, Lighting, Stage Crew,
Non-Speaking Degree Part



Joseph G. Wadas

Men in Brotherhood Lodge #1178 (Illinois)

Interested in: Class Marshall, Line Officer



Class members
receiving Scottish
Rite certificates



Virginia Falls Lodge #226 (Merrill)

received the **Spring Membership Award** by having the most candidates in the class. This award goes to the Lodge that has the highest percentage of their total Lodge membership in the class.

2023 SPRING REUNION HIGHLIGHTS



Commander in Chief Joe Barlow addresses the class



L. Arby Humphrey Active for Wisconsin



Thrice Potent Master Dustin Larson



Sovereign Prince Josh Sudbrink



Most Wise Master Albie Kramer



Class Honoree Steve Lasure



Valley Secretary Lyle Koerner



Stage Crew



Wayne Franson Wardrobe



Stained window from the old building



Gerald Berg transforming Past CIC Sorenson

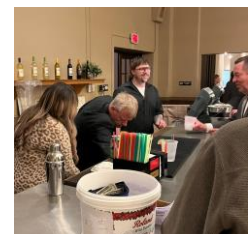


Final instructions and run-throughs before a degree is presented

2023 SPRING REUNION HIGHLIGHTS



Fireside Lounge: Conversation, Relaxation, Games



Membership Award

Ladies Program



2023 SPRING REUNION HIGHLIGHTS



Additional certificates for members of the 2022 Fall Class



4 Past CICs and the Current CIC were in attendance at the Spring Reunion Banquet



VALLEY SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



Dustin Larson (left) and **Lars Framness** (right) received the Valley Special Recognition Award.

The Valley Special Recognition Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Valley of Eau Claire. It is in recognition of distinguished service and labor to the Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite. The recipient is determined by a committee of the second line officer in each body. The Green Hat is emblematic of this recognition and honor.

A NOTE FROM THE “DIRECTORS OF THE WORK”



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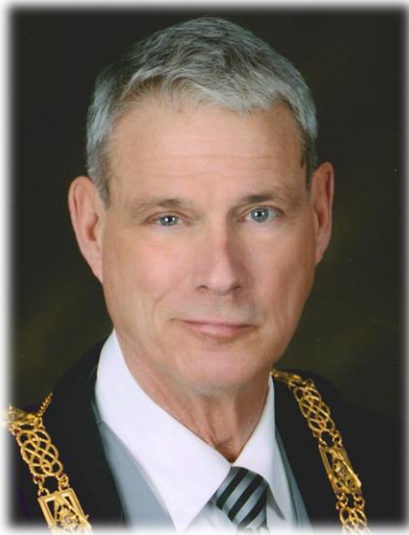
The 2023 Spring Reunion is now history, and we cannot thank everyone enough who helped make the Reunion a great success. We are grateful for your support and we hope to see you all at the Fall Reunion in October.

Without people like you, events like this would not be possible. We appreciate the time and dedication everyone puts into what they do, it does not go unnoticed, and is inspiring to everybody.

For those of you who attended, some new changes were implemented into the Reunion. We heard comments from so many people regarding how much fun they had, and how much they enjoyed being a part of this group.

Your commitment to this Fraternity is nothing short of remarkable. Now let's get ready for an awesome 2023 Fall Reunion!

2023 FALL CLASS HONOREE: Ill. Franklin J. Struble, 33°



Franklin J. Struble was born in Passaic New Jersey to H. Edward and Kathryn B. Struble. Frank attended High School in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he began his Masonic Journey when he became involved in DeMolay for three (3) years. Frank graduated in the half of his high school class that made the top half possible. After graduation, the family moved away from St Joseph. Frank received a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York.

He enlisted in the Regular Army as an infantryman in 1966, and obtained his commission through Officer Candidate School in December 1967. Franklin J. Struble is a retired USAR Officer with twenty-six plus years of service before retiring in September 1993. Colonel Struble last served as the Assistant Division Commander of the 85th Division (Exercise). His military

assignments included serving as a Brigade Commander, Training and Exercise Detachment Commander, Battalion Commander, Intelligence School Commandant, Academy Director, Battalion XO, Brigade S-1, Chemical Detachment Commander, Shop Officer and others. He is a 1983 Command and General Staff College graduate. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Order of St. George and the Silver Spur.

Frank married Coleen Clark in 1969, and were blessed with three children. Marjory (Sanders), Annette (Theobald), and Jim. Coleen passed in 1991, and in May of 1995, Frank married Wendy Hatfield. Wendy brought two stepsons to the family. Her oldest son Travis owns a brush clearing business in Baron, Wisconsin. Her other son, Tristan Loew is an inspector on the pipeline. Frank and Wendy moved to the Chetek area after Frank retired. All of their offspring are successfully leading rich fulfilling lives. Wendy and Frank have 12 grandchildren.

Frank has had a fulfilled Masonic Journey. Frank was raised a Master Mason in Valley Lodge #60 in January of 1979. He is a life member of Valley Lodge #60, Chetek Lodge # 277, and Barnes Lodge# 365. He is an Honorary member of Phillips 225. Frank is Past Grand Master of Wisconsin Freemasons serving as Grand Master 2015-2016. Frank became a Scottish Rite member on October 23, 2009, when he received his 32nd degree. He was conferred a 33rd Degree Mason and became an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on August 29, 2017. He currently serves as a member of the Upper Wisconsin Dyslexia Board of Governors. He has also served as the Executive Officer for Wisconsin Order of DeMolay.

An active citizen, Frank has been listed twice in Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who in Training and Development, and is listed in the 2001 Who's Who International for Professionals. He is also a life member of the Order of Sojourners and the Reserve Officer's Association (ROA). Mr. Struble served for many years as the Director of Training of the Army Reserve Readiness Training Center at Fort McCoy WI. When he lived in Sparta, WI he was active with local school initiatives, and served in elected officer positions in ROA at the Chapter and State levels. Congratulations Frank for a lifetime of successful service to our country and your Masonic adventure.

STICKS AND STONES

Oct. 14th 4-7pm

Eau Claire Masonic Center

Event to benefit Upper WI Dyslexia Center



**Scottish Rite
Sticks and Stones**

**Premium Cigars, Bourbon,
Scotch, Rye, Whiskey, and**

Snacks!

**For
\$50 1 Stick and 3 Stones
choose or
4 stones**



**To Register send \$50 and and contact info for each person
to**

**Sticks and Stones Event
616 Graham Ave Eau Claire WI 54701**

Register and pay through Eventbrite.

Use key words such as Eau Claire or Sticks and Stones

FALL REUNION LADIES PROGRAM

October 28, 2023

Come and enjoy the day with other Ladies at the Masonic Temple. All ladies are invited for the entire day or any part of the day.

8:00 - 9:00 Meet and greet in the 3rd floor lounge of the Masonic Temple. There will be light refreshments available.

9:00 - 11:30 Get ready for Christmas by making a tree out of wine corks! You can personalize it any way you like with an assortment of decorations. I will provide the hot glue and decorations. If you have a hot glue gun and would like to bring it that would be great. I do have several glue guns, but not enough for everyone to have one. Also, if you have corks laying around that you would like to put to good use, please bring them. (The more corks we have the bigger the tree you can make.)

11:00 - 12:00 Lunch with the men in the small dining room downstairs.

12:00 - 3:00 Various activities will be available to everyone while socializing and enjoying the company of other ladies.

*All times are approximate.

Please come dressed casually. There will be time to change before the banquet's social hour.

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 hot glue sticks.

Any questions feel free to contact me.

Gail Abernathy
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FALL REUNION BANQUET

IN HONOR OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS FRANK STRUBLE, 33° PGM CLASS

Main Ballroom – October 28, 2023 – 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 Frank Struble, 33° PGM, 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:

- Harvest Mixed Green Salad with Cranberry Vinaigrette
- Warm Dinner Rolls with Butter
- Candied Baby Carrots
- Red Skin Mashed Potatoes
- Country Style Meatloaf with a Mushroom Gravy
- Chicken Breast Champagne
- 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 \$28.00

Child Plates (under 12 YO) available for \$14.00

Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, October 21, 2023. ***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 October 21, 2023.

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

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Number of Meals

Adult Meals at \$28 each

Total for Adult Meals \$

Child Meals at \$14 each

Total for Child Meals \$

Total Amount \$

SUPREME COUNCIL - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



Brothers Gary Stang and Kevin Sorenson received the 33° on August 29, 2023, at the Louisville Palace Theatre.



Brothers from the Valley of Eau Claire who attended the Supreme Council session included: (front) Gary Stang, Kevin Sorenson (back) L. Arby Humphrey, Jim Trowbridge, Steve Lasure, Lorne Barnes, Lyle Koerner, Rick Schnabel, Joe Barlow



During the Annual meeting of the Supreme Council for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Illustrious Brother L. Arby Humphrey, 33°, Past Grand Master, was elected as the Grand Minister of State. This distinguished appointment positions Brother Humphrey as the second-in-succession to the Sovereign Grand Commander, a role that carries immense responsibility and honor within the Masonic community.

Illustrious Brother L. Arby Humphrey, with a rich history of dedication and service to the fraternity, has consistently exemplified the core values and principles of Freemasonry. His election to the esteemed position of Grand Minister of State is a testament to his unwavering commitment and leadership within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.



The Grand Minister of State plays a pivotal role within the Scottish Rite, acting as a trusted advisor and collaborator to the Sovereign Grand Commander. Brother Humphrey's extensive experience and deep understanding of Masonic traditions and principles make him exceptionally qualified to take on this role.

In accepting this appointment, Illustrious Brother L. Arby Humphrey expressed his gratitude and commitment to upholding the principles of the Scottish Rite. He stated, "It is both an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity. I am dedicated to preserving the rich heritage and values of the Scottish Rite and working diligently alongside our esteemed leaders to further our mission."

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is a branch of Freemasonry that fosters personal growth and development through a system of moral and philosophical teachings. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction encompasses a vast region of the United States and is dedicated to promoting the principles of brotherhood, charity, and lifelong learning.

2023 FALL REUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14, 2023

7:00 AM	Donuts and Coffee	Main Floor Lounge
7:30 AM	Class Registration	Office
8:00 AM	Ceremonial Opening - All Bodies	Large Lodge Room
8:30 AM	4th Degree: Builder	Upstairs Lounge
8:45 AM	Discussion of the 4th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
9:45 AM	5th Degree: Perfect Master	Auditorium
10:15 AM	Discussion of the 5th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
11:00 AM	Lunch	Small Dining Room
12:00 PM	13th Degree: Master of the Ninth Arch	Auditorium
12:30 PM	Discussion of the 13th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
1:15 PM	14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason	Auditorium
2:00 PM	Discussion of the 14th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
3:00 PM	18th Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix	Auditorium
3:45 PM	Discussion of the 18th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
4:30 PM	Reception	Small Dining Room

Saturday, October 28, 2023

7:00 AM	Donuts and Coffee	Main Floor Lounge
7:30 AM	Class Assembly	Large Lodge Room
7:30 AM	Presentation by Directors of the Work	Large Lodge Room
8:00 AM	15th Degree: Knight of the East	Auditorium
8:30 AM	Discussion of the 15th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
9:15 AM	Class Picture	Auditorium
9:45 AM	20th Degree: Master ad Vitam	Auditorium
10:45 AM	Discussion of the 20th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
11:30 AM	Lunch	Small Dining Room
12:30 PM	28th Degree: Knight of the Sun	Auditorium
1:15 PM	Discussion of the 28th Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
2:15 PM	32nd Degree: Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret	Auditorium
3:00 PM	Discussion of the 32nd Degree - Class Members Only	Discussion Area
3:45 PM	Installation of Officers	Auditorium
4:30 PM	Reception	Small Dining Room
5:30 PM	Banquet	Large Dining Room