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**NOW IS THE SEASON FOR OBTAINING PETITIONS FOR THE SPRING CLASS – INVITE A BROTHER TO THE SCOTTISH RITE**

## COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S CORNER



As I referenced in my last column, we must all strive to love and serve our creator and each other as well as to improve ourselves. As we start a new year, many make

new year resolutions. Some people are blessed with great success in this endeavor but from what I hear and what I have experienced, many of us fail. I can tell you, the reason I have failed has always been because I have made a resolution to do or not do something over the course of that entire year, usually biting off more than I could chew.

One way to make a resolution of value that can also be fulfilled is to set a goal, either a specific, measurable goal to be achieved by the end of the year, or a general goal at the beginning of the year to improve, serve and or love. The value of both of these approaches is they do not require a specific and repeated action or inaction all year long and therefore reduce the chance of failure. Setting an end of the year goal still allows you to accomplish something specific and measurable such as memorize a part for a degree in the valley. The beginning of the year approach allows us to make a pledge to ourselves or others to do something like try harder to show unconditional love to our spouse, be more active in our valley or church or focus on not procrastinating.

The important thing is that we all continue to strive to be better people and make a more positive impact in this world and no one way is best for everybody. I just encourage you to find a way you think may work for you and give it a shot. We owe it to ourselves and others to be our own best selves.

God bless!

**J. B. Van Hollen, 33<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Commander in Chief**

## Officers and Directors Meet To Plan 2011 At The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Meeting & Officer's Party



The Valley of Eau Claire conducted its 6<sup>th</sup> annual working meetings including Officer's Training, Directors Meeting, Committee Meetings, a meeting of All Bodies for the selection of officers, selection of Valley Service Award recipient, Meritorious Service Award Nominations, and general planning meeting for 2011 on January 15, 2011 at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple. Following the Training and Directors' Meeting, the meeting of the bodies, there was a hearty lunch served. Pictured above are some of the officers and directors attending the Winter Annual Meeting. Officer's & their Ladies enjoyed each other's company at the Officer's & Ladies Annual Party following the day of work.

## ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIPS

**In Amounts Up To \$1000 - Now Accepting Applications**  
***New This Year – Applications Must Be Completed On Line***

Applications from children or grandchildren 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, 2011**. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Call the office with questions: 715.832.7759



## Valley Schedule

### February – 2011

- 3 Mosinee Lodge Visitation
- 8 Hancock Lodge Visitation
- 9 Menomonie Lodge Visitation
- 16 Valley Lodge Visitation
- 21 Regular Meeting –7 p.m.
- 28 Buffalo River Lodge Visitation

### March – 2011

- 4 Acacia-Itasca Lodge Visitation
- 8 Landmark Lodge Visitation
- 9 Geo. B. Wheeler Lodge Visitation
- 10 Chetek Lodge Visitation
- 15 Chippewa Lodge Visitation
- 16 LaCrosse Masonic Lodge Visitation
- 22 Regular Meeting –7 p.m.

### April – 2011

- 9 Spring Reunion
- 16 Spring Reunion  
Ladies Program – 8 a.m.  
Dyslexia Center Dedication 4 p.m.
- 18 Regular Meeting –7 p.m.
- 20 Feast of the Pascal Lamb  
Wausau: 6 p.m. – Dinner 7 p.m.

### May – 2011

- 16 Regular Meeting –7 p.m.

### June – 2011

- 2 Sanctuary Lodge Visitation
- 20 Executive Committee 7 p.m.

## From Our Files

**50 Years Ago: Feb. 1961:** Announced Eau Claire Scottish Rite Players to present “Prelude to Victory” play.

**40 Years Ago: Feb. 1971:** Spring Class named for Ralph E. Churchill, 32°

**30 Years Ago: March 1981:** “Mayor of Whoopup” to be Spring Banquet entertainment..

**20 Years Ago: Feb. 1991:** Wine tasting held in conjunction with presentation of 20° on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>..

**10 Years Ago: Feb. 2001:** Fall Southwest Trip announced.

### The emotional attachment to the \$1 bill

In 1975 did you carry 25¢ bills? A 25¢ bill – there is no such thing – what a dumb question – no one would carry around a bill of such little purchasing power. Yet with inflation 25¢ in 1975 is the same as \$1.01 in 2010. So why do we still use the \$1 bill instead of a \$1 coin? Now how about them pennies. It costs 1.79 cents to produce a penny. Maybe it doesn't matter – who carries around real money anymore? Generation Y – born after 1980 uses almost exclusively electronic purchase through cards. **Answer: George Washington is on the \$1 bill and Abraham Lincoln is on the penny. We just love those guys.**

## Spring Class Named Children’s Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin Dedication Class In Recognition of The Dedication of the Dyslexia Center On April 16, 2011

At the General Meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the membership determined to name the Spring Class in recognition of the dedication of Children’s Dyslexia Center on the last day of the Reunion on April 16, 2011. The public is welcome to attend the dedication. Shown left is the completed work & reception room.

### Children’s Dyslexia Center Update: By: Tammy Tillotson, Director Center is up and Running With Students From Around The Area!

If you haven't heard...The Children’s Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin is officially up and running. Tuesday, January 11, we held our first tutoring sessions with 4 of the 10 students currently enrolled in the program. We anticipate that we will be at full capacity with twelve students by the end of January. Once we reach capacity based on the number of tutors, we will start a waiting list and as soon as we have additional tutors (hopefully 10-12 people) go through the training beginning in May, we will be able to add students. We would be delighted to be serving about 30 students from all around the Valley of Eau Claire by the end of the year.



Currently we have students from Rice Lake, Chippewa Falls, Whitehall, Eau Claire, and Eleva.

### Generous Contributions Make The Center Possible

This is all made possible through very generous contributions from people and places like United Bank (shown Right are United Bank Representatives providing a donation) and The Insurance Center which each gave \$20,000 to the Center and Ashley Furniture which donated about \$10,000 worth of furniture. It is also made possible because of wonderful donations of all those small things that add up like office and cleaning supplies. Whether big or small, everyone’s generosity is appreciated – we would not have been able to open the Center without each contribution.



That being said, we have some work to do yet. We hope to have funds in place to put in the handicap accessible entrance to the Center this Spring. This will allow us to serve families who not only struggle with learning disabilities but physical disabilities as well and it will help eliminate kiddos and their families getting turned around in the building. If a large contribution isn't in your budget this year, there is always a list of items we are in need of on our “Giving Tree” outside the Dyslexia Center door which range from \$1 to \$100. And of course, we can use people’s time and skills – whether administrative like typing, filing, and organizing, or reception like greeting and visiting with families, or handicraft like building shelves and light cleaning, or maybe even teaching like becoming a tutor – we could use time, talent, and money.

I would like to invite you to stop in, call (715-598-4986), or email me at [childrensdyslexiacenter@clearwire.net](mailto:childrensdyslexiacenter@clearwire.net) if you have questions or want to help out in some way. It is a beautiful Center that is warm and inviting and if you haven't seen it yet, please stop in and check it out. You won't be disappointed.

# Spring Reunion Schedule

## Saturday - April 9, 2011

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:** Auditorium  
 10:15 AM ..... Communicate 5th Degree: Classroom  
 10:25 AM ... **6<sup>th</sup> Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent:**  
 ..... Large Lodge Room  
 10:50 AM ..... Communicate 8th, 9th and 10th Degrees:  
 ..... Classroom  
 11:10 AM ..... **7th Degree: Provost and Judge:**  
 ..... Auditorium  
 11:45 AM ..... Lunch: Small Dining Room  
 12:45 PM ..... **11th Degree: Sublime Master Elected:**  
 ..... Large Lodge Room  
 1:10 PM ..... Communicate 12th and 13th Degrees:  
 ..... Classroom  
 1:25 PM **14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason:** Auditorium  
 2:30 PM ..... **16th Degree: Prince of Jerusalem:**  
 ..... Large Lodge Room  
 3:00 PM ..... Communicate 15th, 17th and 19th Degrees  
 ..... Classroom  
 3:15 PM ..... **18th Degree: Knight of Rose Croix:**  
 ..... Auditorium

## Saturday, April 16, 2011

8:00 AM ..... Donuts and Coffee: Ballroom  
 8:00 AM .Ladies Program: Breakfast: Small Dining Room  
 8:15 AM ..... Class Assembly: Class Room  
 8:30 AM ..... Class Picture: Large Lodge Room  
 9:00 AM ..... Active & Director of the Work Presentation:  
 ..... Classroom  
 9:30 AM ..... **23rd Degree: Knight of Valor:** Auditorium  
 10:20 AM . Communicate 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> Degrees:  
 ..... Classroom  
 10:30 AM ..... **20<sup>th</sup> Degree: Master ad Vitam:**  
 ..... Large Lodge Room  
 11:30 AM ..... Lunch: Small Dining Room  
 12:30 PM ..... **28<sup>th</sup> Degree: Knight of the Sun:**  
 ..... Large Lodge Room  
 1:15 PM . Communicate 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Degrees:  
 ..... Classroom  
 1:30 PM ..... **31st Degree: Knight Aspirant:** Auditorium  
 2:30 PM ..... **32nd Degree: Sublime Prince:** Auditorium  
 4:00 PM ..... **Dyslexia Center Dedication:** Auditorium  
 5:30 PM ..... Spring Banquet: Ballroom

**Note: There Will Be No Candidate's Cocktail & Hors d' Oeuvres Reception Prior To The Banquet For This Reunion & The Banquet Will Start ½ Hour later at 5:30 p.m. Due To The Children's Dyslexia Center Dedication**

## The Valley of Eau Claire Is Coming To A Lodge Near You

The Valley of Eau Claire will continue the long tradition of making Lodge visitations this coming year. This is the opportunity the Valley has to make connection with the Lodges and invite members to explore the Scottish Rite. Review the Valley Schedule on page two to see when the Rite is coming to your lodge and make every effort to attend your Lodge that night so that you can endorse the benefits of being a 32° Mason. To schedule a lodge visitation at your lodge contact Arby Humphrey, Director of Development at 715.364.8021



## Ladies Program Expanded To Full Day Will Include Cooking Class By Sweetwaters Chef, Lunch At Sweetwaters & Brewery Tour

The Ladies Program for the last Saturday of the Spring Reunion on April 16, 2011 has been expanded giving the Ladies more time together. The day will start at 8 a.m. at the Eau Claire Masonic Temple with a Continental Breakfast of coffee, juice, milk, Danish, fruit and yogurt which will be followed by a 15 minute discussion about Scottish Rite Freemasonry and then a Presentation about Dyslexia with tour of the Dyslexia Center by Center Director Tammy Tillotson. Then the Ladies will leave by bus to Sweetwaters Restaurant for a cooking class by Sweetwaters Chef to learn to prepare Chicken Tchoupitoulas (Piquant chicken sautéed w/ a Cajun style potato, ham & mushroom hash, topped with creamy béarnaise sauce) Lunch of Chicken Tchoupitoulas will then be at Sweetwaters at a cost of \$10 per person, plus beverage and tax. No charge for candidates Ladies. Following Lunch, the Ladies will travel by Bus to Chippewa Falls for the Leinenkugels Brewery to shop, browse and enjoy 4 free 5 oz. samples. Dress for the day is casual. Call the Valley Office to reserve your space: 715.832.7759



Petitions Are Needed For The Spring Reunion



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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**  
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**Thank You For Caring & Contributing**