

# The Rite Light

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, N. M. J., U. S. A  
VALLEY OF ALBANY, N. Y.

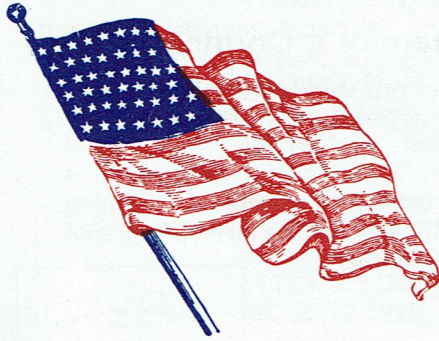
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## "WELKOME IN ALBANY"

III.:Dr. Fop. I. Brouwer, 33°  
Grand Lieutenant Commander Supreme Council 33°  
Kingdom of the Netherlands



DR. BROUWER

DR. BROUWER TO SPEAK AT PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, MAY 17, 1985.

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Valley of Albany  
Thursday, May 9, 1985

Consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing officers of the four Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Albany, for the ensuing year, will be held on Thursday, May 9, 1985, beginning at 8:00 PM with the convening of the Lodge of Perfection. At the closing of Lodge, each of the remaining three Bodies - - Council, Chapter and Consistory; in succession, will hold their respective stated meetings. Refreshments will follow.

James J. Brumaghim, 32°  
Thrice Potent Master

Harold G. Morrow, 32°  
Sovereign Prince

Richard F. Cesare, 32°  
Most Wise Master

III.:Glen P. Cook, 33°  
Commander-In-Chief



# ALLEGIANCE

THE BODIES OF THE SCOTTISH RITE SITTING IN THE VALLEY OF ALBANY STATE OF NEW YORK ACKNOWLEDGE AND YIELD ALLEGIANCE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33° ANCIENT SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHOSE GRAND EAST IS IN LEXINGTON MASSACHUSETTS AND WHOSE OFFICERS ARE:

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ILL :: BRUCE WIDGER, 33°

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ILL :: ALFRED M. KRAMER, 33°  
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## Supreme Council Charities Anniversary Award

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program and the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage.

Your gift of \$35 or more to the Blue Envelope Appeal allows you to wear the Supreme Council Charities Award pin.



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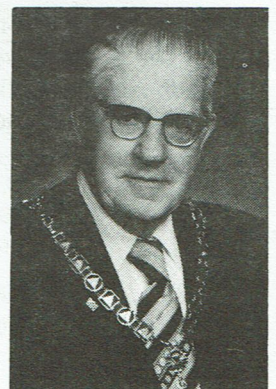


IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

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Please send your Blue Envelope gift today.

Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°  
Sovereign  
Grand Commander  
Ancient Accepted  
Scottish Rite





# You're Invited

## Installation of Officers

The Valley of Albany will install its officers for the coming year on the evening of Friday, May seven-teenth. This will be a special evening because of the visit of Ill.:Dr. Fop. I. Brouwer, 33° from the Netherlands. The program for the evening includes a social hour from 6:00 to 7:30, a Filet Mignon and Shrimp dinner at 7:30 and the Installation at 8:30. Reservations for the social hour and dinner may be made by check payable to Russell J. LaGrange, Jr. and sent to him at 794 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 no later than Monday, May 13th. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Ladies and guests are welcome and we are confident of a large turnout.



**ATTEND YOUR  
BLUE LODGE**

## WHEN SHALL IT BE?

That the merchant can say:

"I have had bad accounts on my books, but not one of them represent a man who wore the Square and Compass."

That the minister can say:

"I know nothing about the degrees of Masonry, but I have never heard a Mason speak lightly of the Church or God."

That the Judge can say:

"Masons seem to settle their own difficulties—very few of them come before me."

That your friend can say:

"Does the little 'g' in your Masonic pin stand for 'gentleman?' Almost everyone I know who wears that emblem is one."

That our neighborhood can say:

"We shall be glad to meet the Masons at any kind of neighborhood meeting. They exhibit a clean-mindedness, along with the sociability that we like."

That Brother Mason can say:

"The gospel of Freemasonry has taught me to ask only for a drinking cup when I come to the River of Life."

—Freemason, Toronto, Canada

**"Average" is as close  
to the bottom as to the top.**

*It is much easier to recognize error than to find truth; for error lies on the surface and may be overcome; but truth lies in the depths, and to search for it is not given to everyone.*

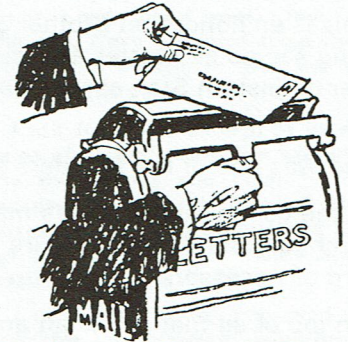
— Goethe —

# Take note of this!

## A Distinguished Visitor from Overseas

On the occasion of its public installation of Officers, May 17th, the Valley of Albany will be honored by the presence of a distinguished visitor from abroad. Ill.:Doctor Fop. I. Brouwer, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Kingdom of the Netherlands will be with us at the invitation of Ill.:Glen P. Cook, 33° and will be our speaker for the evening. Illustrious Brother Brouwer is a biologist and past Director of the Agricultural College of the City of Groningen [Holland]. He was raised a Master Mason in 1939 and has had a distinguished Masonic career. He is a Past Master of Lodge "L'Union Provinciale" and of Mark Lodge "Adon Hiram"; past Grand Senior Warden Of District Mark Lodge; past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge Mark Masons of London; past Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter; past Preceptor of Knights Templar "St. Maarten"; Grand Officer of the Provincial Priory; and Past Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland. We welcome Illustrious Brother Brouwer to the Valley of Albany. This is a rare opportunity to meet and hear so distinguished a Brother from abroad. Everyone is urged to attend.

# YOUR GIFT COUNTS



The Supreme Council's Blue Envelope Appeal depends on you.

Your one gift supports three great charities —

- Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program
- Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage
- Scottish Rite Scholarships

Remember, your gift is important.



**THE SCOTTISH RITE CARES**  
SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES



**IF YOU THINK  
EDUCATION  
IS EXPENSIVE,  
TRY IGNORANCE.**



# Announcing...

## THE RITE LIGHT CONGRATULATES:

Sublime Prince Joseph H. Benedict, on his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near the Grand Lodge of New York.

This is an honor that Brother Joe richly deserves. He has been very active in Masonry and related organizations, having served as Master and, currently, Secretary of Berne Lodge; member and Past Patron of Uhai chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, as well as District Grand Lecturer of the First Albany-Rensselaer-Schenectady District of the Star.

Joe was one of the founders and is now the Secretary of the Past Master's Unit of Cyprus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

In the community, Joe has made his presence felt also. He has long been active in the Second Berne Reformed Church, the Berne Board of Fire Commissioners and the Berne Fire Company and is a former member of the Berne Board of Assessors.

On top of all that Joe is an amateur radio operator associated with Albany County Civil Defense.

Wear your Purple Apron Proudly, Joe, you deserve the honor it represents.

AND

Sublime Prince Atlee Philip Warner, who has been granted the Dedicated Service Award by the Grand Lodge of New York. It would be hard to find a more dedicated worker in the quarries of Masonry than Phil Warner.

Phil is a member of Ancient Temple Lodge No. 14 and Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, The Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Albany, The Order of Amaranth and the Order of Eastern Star. Not only is he a member of these Bodies but he is active in them as well. What is it they say about a busy man?

Brother Phil not only serves Masonry well, but he served his Country well during World War II. He entered the Service in 1941 and served in the European Theatre and in the African and Middle East campaigns. Phil was wounded three times and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

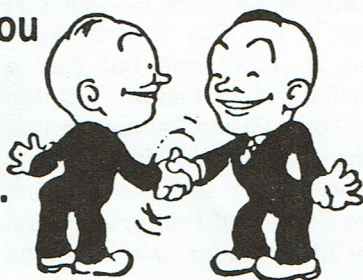
Brother Phil is well known as Tiler for various Masonic Lodges and for the Scottish Rite Bodies. Just try to get into a meeting unless Phil knows you are entitled to attend, and you'll see what a good Tiler is.

Congratulations Phil, you deserve this high honor.

Phil will receive his apron at the Mother's Day Program sponsored by Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, on Wednesday evening, May 22, 1985. This night is open for the ladies and guests. A beef burgundy dinner at a cost of only \$3.50 per person will be served at 6:30 PM. Reservations may be made by sending your check payable to Jule Fuller, to her home, 6045 Old State Road, Schenectady, NY 12303.

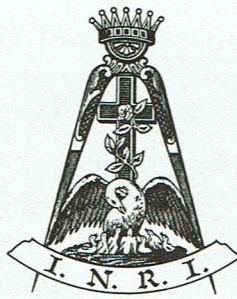


Someone is waiting for you  
to invite him to become  
a Scottish Rite Mason ...  
Don't disappoint him.



ATTEND YOUR  
BLUE LODGE





### Perfect Knights of Rose Croix:

As my year of serving as Most Wise Master draws near, I wish to thank all who have helped me in any way to fulfill the programs I planned. This past year, as each presiding officer had separate meetings, it was extremely beneficial to receive the cooperation from them and their officers so as to conduct the affairs of the Chapter. The joint meetings that prevailed, the two "Patent Presentations," which were a first in the Valley of Albany seemed acceptable to all.

I, along with the others, who had preceeded me, have endeavored to bring forth interesting programs this past year. The "Home Computer" demonstration was unique; entertainment wise. The films that were presented, courtesy of the Commerce Department, "I Love New York", "Bountiful Boundaries" and "Essex County" were also very interesting and entertaining.

My major program in trying to promote a joint Ceremonial "Feast of the Paschal Lamb" with the Sigma Body of Schenectady or the Delta Body of Troy did not materialize this year. However, I was grateful of the opportunity to have held this Solemn Ceremony in my Church at Latham, as I believe it was the first time it had ever been presented in this area. It was very well attended and again I thank all of you who had participated to make this event the success it was.

I would urge, rather strongly recommend, that considerable efforts to be made to bring about a joint ceremony of this observance in the near future between the Bodies of Troy and Schenectady.

I have enjoyed my term of office this year and the cooperation of other officers in the Valley of Albany, who helped me in many ways to make it a satisfying experience.

It has been my pleasure to have served you.

Richard F. Cesare, 32°  
Most Wise Master



### A New Years Resolution

Lord, you know better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will someday be old. Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind from the recital of endless details — give me wings to come to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains — they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. Help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memory of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint — some are hard to live with — but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

(From Eerdman's Book of Famous Prayers. Usually attributed to a seventeenth-century nun, this prayer is in fact of unknown origin.)

### PETITIONS

Let's give a lot of thought to concentrating on getting all those blank petitions completed and not wait until the last moment. Prospects are out there but it is up to you to commit them and assist them in furthering their work in Masonry.

### ATTENTION:

You know where you are.

You know where we are.

We know where we are.

But we don't always know where you are . . .

Please keep us posted on your current address!

### MASONIC LAW ON MEMBERSHIP

Blue Lodge membership must be retained to be eligible to be a member of any appendant order of Masonry. Loss of your membership in your Blue Lodge automatically terminates your membership

in all other Masonic related organizations, such as Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shrine. Loss of membership in the Scottish Rite and York Rite terminates membership in the Shrine.



## Commander—In-Chief Bids Adieu

Dear Sublime Princes:

As I start to compose this, my final communication to you as your Commander-In-Chief, I am filled with mixed emotions on several accounts. I had the pleasure of bringing greetings from the Valley of Albany to the Valley of Schenectady, when I recently attended their Spring Reunion. I witnessed that grand historical degree, the 20th, sometimes known as the George Washington Degree. It was superbly conducted and certainly arouses ones sense of patriotism for this great land in which we are so fortunate to live. The Sigma Bodies are worthy of commendation for their organization, efficiency and performance of their degrees.

I want to thank all of you who extended expressions of sympathy to me and my family over the loss of my mother on March 26th. She was a brave and noble lady who was sharp right up to her passing at the wonderful age of 94 years and 7 months.

My feelings of mixed emotions comes about as I realize that my administration will come to a conclusion on the evening of May 17th, when we have the installation of our new officers. We look forward to that evening to be a great occasion and I will address you concerning the affair a little further along in this communication.

Right now, however, my thoughts return to the beginning of my administration two years ago, to review the things that have been accomplished during this tenure of office. My mixed emotions must confess to a sense of satisfaction at the number of things we have accomplished, as well as a sense of disappointment for not having implemented some things that I had hoped to institute. Establishment of a Ladies Auxiliary, which has proved so successful in many Valleys

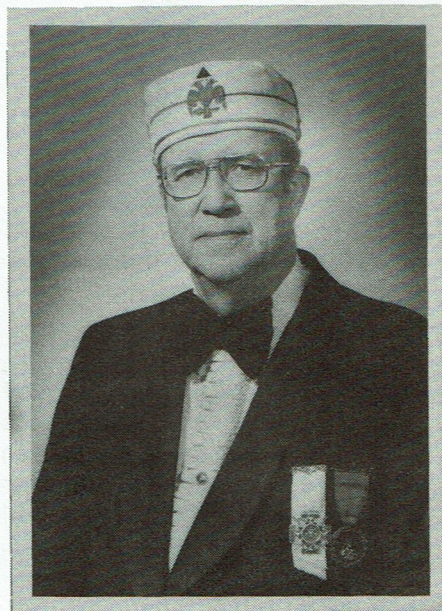
throughout the State was not to be had. Another one was to establish a once-a-year gathering of all our local 33° Brothers and their ladies for a day or an evening unfettered by the obligations and duties of a Council of Deliberation or a jurisdiction-wide convocation of all the 33° Brothers and their ladies together with the encumbrances thereby incurred.

From the outset of my stewardship the resignation of our Valley Secretary, made it immediately necessary to secure a new Secretary. Later on, we had to secure both a new Custodian of the Works and a new Treasurer. I am happy to report that these things were done. We had successful attendance and participation at our Council of Deliberation held during both the last two years. We have had three successful classes at our Reunions and I am looking forward to one more successful class to be held on Saturday, May 4th.



We have revamped and enlarged our Scottish Rite office and secured some new equipment to help make this a better and much more efficient operating center for our Scottish Rite business and records. We have had two very successful Annual Ladies Nights in the early part of each December gone by. We also have had two very successful installation of officers programs. Additionally, two very successful Patent Presentation programs were instituted.

Perhaps one of the more significant accomplishments during these last two years has been the establishment by your Valley of an Executive Board to control the affairs, the budget and the finances of the Valley.



All of these things would not have been accomplished without the excellent cooperation of a very fine team of officers, not only in the Consistory, but in all the Bodies making up the A.A.S.R., Valley of Albany.

I want to thank you all for giving me your wholehearted support in whatever capacity, especially III: Robert F. Case, 33° Active. Were I to name all the others individually the list would be far longer than any of you would care to read and I would also be entertaining the hazard of inadvertently missing some name which would haunt me forever after, so I will, therefore, conclude my gratitude by extending my sincere thanks to one and all.

Now, to return to coming events, our May 2nd meeting will be a joint meeting of all Bodies at which time the petitions of our candidates for the Spring Reunion will be balloted upon. Any petitions received after the balloting on this evening will not be balloted upon until next Fall.

**TAKE NOTE**—There will be no meeting on Friday, May 3rd as shown on your green 1984-1985 Scottish Rite program. This has been cancelled. The Spring Reunion will begin with candidates reporting to the Secretary at 8:30 A.M. on



## Commander-In-Chief Bids Adieu Cont'd

Saturday morning, May 4th. On May 9th, the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory will hold their Annual meetings consecutively on that evening.

Again, TAKE NOTE—the public installation of officers shown in the green schedule to be held on May 18th has been changed to the night before and will be held on Friday, May 17th. This will be an open meeting to which your ladies and friends are invited. The Social hour will begin at 6:00 P.M. at which time hors d'oeuvres will be served, with a filet mignon and shrimp dinner [surf and turf] following at 7:30 P.M. The price for the dinner will be \$12.50 per person and NOT as indicated in the green schedule, as the quality of the dinner has been sharply upgraded because of the nature of the occasion.

At my invitation, the Valley of Albany is honored to have as its guest the Ill.:Dr. Fop. I. Brouwer, 33° Active, Grand Lt. Commander of the Kingdom of the Nether-

lands, who will be our speaker for the evening. He and Mrs. Brouwer will be arriving in Albany on the day previous and will be entertained by a group of your officers and taken on a tour both of the city of Albany and our Temple. Ill.:Dr. Brouwer is a biologist in his own country as well as an historian and he is currently writing a book on the Grand Lodge of Perfection of which your own Ineffable and Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, 14°, is reputed to be the oldest continuously active Lodge of Perfection in the world. This promises to be a delightful evening to which we are looking forward and I encourage each of you to secure tickets for you and your lady well in advance of the closing date which will be Monday, May 13, by mailing your reservation check to Russell J. LaGrange, Jr., 794 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.

Formal dress for the occasion is preferred. Officers are requested

to wear tuxedo or dark suit and jewels; their ladies in gowns. All others dress will be optional.

The Council of Deliberation this year will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 12, 13 and 14, at the Holiday Inn, Rochester, New York.

In conclusion my thanks to you all once again for your support in helping me to accomplish two successful years of administration. I urge each of you to give as much and even added support to your incoming Commander-In-Chief, Ill.:William S. Assini, 33°, and to his Lt. Commanders, and with that support I am sure their years of administration will be equally as successful as mine. I congratulate each of the new incoming officers and pledge to them my continued support in whatever capacity I may be of service.

Glen P. Cook, 33°  
Commander-In-Chief

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## Friendship

Friendship is the greatest treasure you are every going to have in your life. What is a friend? Well, if you look at Webster's definition he tells you, "one who is attracted to another by affection, respect, admiration." A London newspaper had a contest to see how people would define it. One definition said this: "A friend is someone who understands my silence." Another said, "A friend is like a very valuable watch that continues to beat time without end." Here is the winner, "A friend is someone who comes in when the world goes out."

Now if you can accept these definitions of friendship, even partially, then I hope you see that you cannot deal with the subject of friendship in a silly and superficial way.

How do you become a friend or have a friend? The first thing you have to do is *GIVE*, not material

stuff; that is too superficial. You have to give to another human being a window by which he can look into the very depth of your spirit. You have to be open with him, you have to be honest with him. You have to be free with him. He has to see who you are and where you are coming from; and that's not easy, because all of us like to protect ourselves.

The second thing is you have to *RISK*. Any time you make yourself vulnerable to another human being and let him know who you are and what you feel, you are risking something.

The last thing is you have got to *STICK*. If you are a true friend you are going to stick even if you get mud on your shirt and dents in your personality. You are going to stick no matter what someone else says about that person.

Friendship is the highest relationship you can encounter in the human experience. It is more

important than being a husband, a father, or a son. True friendship is the greatest treasure one can ever have.

Do you have someone, someone who cares enough about you, who will help you without weakening you, someone who cries with you or laughs with you, someone who enjoys your successes, someone who stands by you even when you act like a fool, someone who takes it when you put your mouth in gear and you turn your brain off, someone who stand by you because he cares? If you have one such person, then get on your knees and thank God because you are truly a wealthy person. Through your friend you may see God.

Think of the question that Robert Browning once wrote: "Hush, I pray you, for what if my friend should happen to be God?" What indeed?

From the Scottish Rite News, Valley of Buffalo



### The Figure "3"

God created the earth with *land, water and air*. All creatures *walk, crawl or fly*. We travel by *land, water and air*. Our Constitution guarantees us *liberty, equality and justice*. We pass through life in three stages, *childhood, adulthood and old age*. Christians use three terms in their religion, *Father, Son and the Holy Ghost*. Jesus rose from the tomb *three days after his crucifixion*. Blue Lodge Masonry consists of three degrees, *Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason*. Three things are found on Masonic Lodge Altars, the *Holy Bible, square and compass*. In Masonry we are taught to practice *brotherly love, truth and belief*. A day consists of *morning, afternoon and night*. Time consists of *past, present and future*.

### NEVER WAS A TIME

There never was a time when the peace-loving, freedom-loving people of the world needed the teachings of Scottish Rite more than they do today. The idealisms of Scottish Rite Masonry will be a definite factor in the keeping of human freedoms which have made America great. A stronger Scottish Rite is vitally needed today to forestall the encroachments of communism and other ideologies which can be nothing but detrimental to human liberties everywhere.

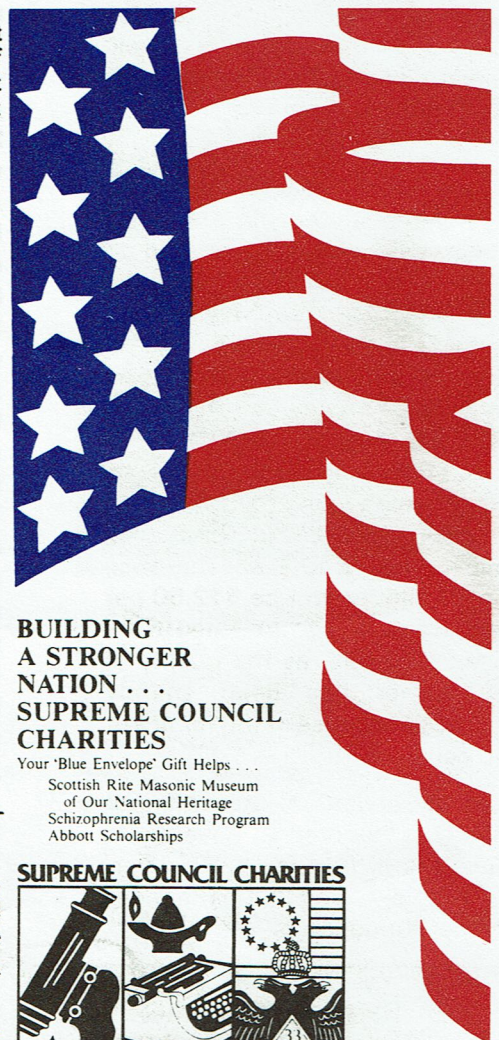
You as Scottish Rite Masons must become more dedicated to the cause of freedom and of human rights. The best way to show that dedication is to get your Masonic friends interested in petitioning the Scottish Rite. Help sell Scottish Rite to him. He will always thank you for getting him to petition because the teachings of the Rite are the things in which he believes. Scottish Rite will help him not only to strengthen that belief, but will encourage him to stand more firmly against any efforts made to curb liberty in the world.

It is time to stand up and be counted. There are forces even here in America who would weaken the public schools and who would destroy the freedom of religion. The Scottish Rite is standing firm against any such forces. The stand will be stronger if there are more Scottish Rite Masons.

Get that petition now for the spring reunion class and help build Scottish Rite into an even greater force for good.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are reporting a change of address, please send it to the secretary's office and not to the editor of the Scottish Rite Bulletin. Sending it to the editor causes a delay in making the change.



### BUILDING A STRONGER NATION . . . SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES

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