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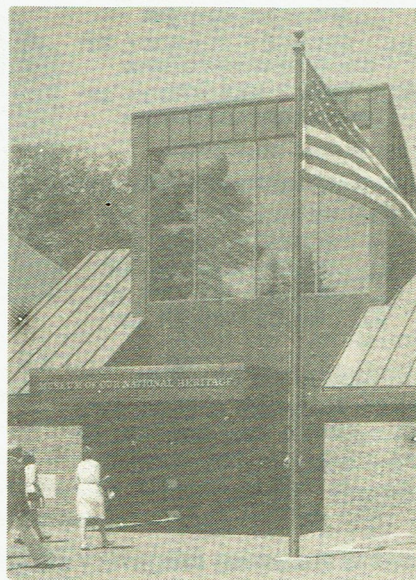
It's your **Museum of Our National Heritage** in Lexington, Massachusetts, supported by **your** generous donations in the annual **Blue Envelope** appeal.

You folks out there that never had an opportunity to visit Supreme Council Headquarters and Museum ought to include this trip as soon and as convenient as possible. You won't regret it.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary year, the museum will have on exhibit—**Fraternally Yours: A Decade of Collecting**, an exhibition of decorative arts with fraternal symbolism. The exhibit, which runs through January 12, 1986, features objects from the museum's unique collection.

The exhibition is one of several special events and exhibits celebrating the yearlong 10th anniversary of the museum. In 10 years of collecting material associated with fraternal societies, the museum's growing collection has become a unique resource. The collection documents the history of many organizations, both thriving and defunct, attempting to place each group in its historical context and emphasize its contribution to American social history.

Founded in 1975, the Museum of Our National Heritage is a museum and library of American history featuring changing exhibits on America's growth and development from its founding to the present. Located in historic Lexington, Massachusetts, it was the



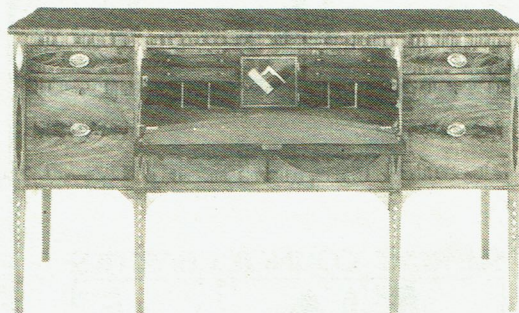
Bicentennial project of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Northern Jurisdiction of the US.

The Museum of Our National Heritage, located at 33 Marrett Rd., Lexington, is open seven days a week. Admission and parking are free. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April through October; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., November-March. Sunday hours all year are noon to 5 p.m.



19th century American gravemarker with symbols of the Order of American Mechanics.

Photo John Miller



Mahogany sideboard, probably made in New York c. 1800. The Federal-style sideboard opens to reveal an inlaid design of the Masonic square and compasses on the interior door. From the collection of the Museum of Our National Heritage.

GET A PETITION!
IT'S THE RITE THING TO DO

Fall Reunion — October 12, 1985

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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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.



Your Membership in the Sovereign Grand Commander's Council

Donors of \$100 or more to the Blue Envelope Appeal are honored with membership in the Sovereign Grand Commander's Council. Along with a beautiful certificate suitable for framing Council Members will be given a Supreme Council Charities Anniversary Award pin.



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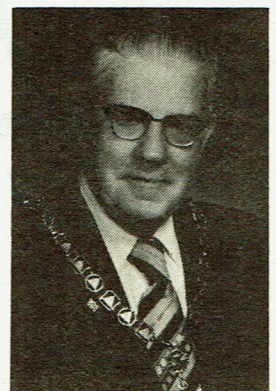


IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

"Help make this Supreme Council Charities Anniversary Year a great success."

Please send your Blue Envelope gift today.

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



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S MESSAGE

SUBLIME PRINCES:

As this is my first communication as Commander-In-Chief, I wish to thank each of you for permitting me the privilege and honor of serving in this important office. I ask and urge you to support the new officers of the valleys of Albany and Troy by your attendance and assistance during the coming year. Your cooperation and willingness to participate will make our Scottish Rite fraternity prosper and grow.

Since not all of the brothers have read or heard about the valley of Albany Public Installation of May 17, I will give you a brief summary. III ∴ Brother Glen Cook, 33° invited III ∴ & Dr. Fop I. Brouwer, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33°, Kingdom of the Netherlands, to be our guest speaker following the installation.

The morning and afternoon of May 17 was spent on a tour of Albany with our guest and his wife. We were warmly welcomed at city hall by Mayor Thomas Whalen. We then traveled to the First Church [Reformed] for an interesting tour of this historic church. We then proceeded to the New York State Capitol for a guided tour through the assembly and Senate plus other interesting areas of the Capitol.

After a fine lunch at the University Club, which was arranged by III ∴ Jack Spear, 33°, we visited the Empire State Plaza and The Schuyler Mansion. It was an interesting and very full day.

An enjoyable social hour preceded our evening dinner. The



III ∴ WILLIAM S. ASSINI, 33°
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

preparation and serving of 195 dinners was an enormous task and a fine job was done by S.P. Richard G. Barrell, 32°, and his committee.

The ceremonies of the evening were held in the Ten Eyck Room. Members of Temple Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar were our Honor Guard. III ∴ Eugene L. Rogers, 33°, was convening officer assisted by III ∴ Theodore A. Goodrich, 33°, Installing Officer; III ∴ Francis Miner, 33°, Master of Ceremonies; III ∴ Jack B. Spear, 33°, Marshal and Rev. Richard C. Mills, 32°, Chaplain. Upon the completion of the Officer Installation, the III ∴ Dr. Fop I. Brouwer, 33°, active, addressed the Assembly. III ∴ Dr. Brouwer

discussed the early beginning of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in America as it was brought from France to this continent by Stephen Morin.

The 116th annual meeting of The Council of Deliberation for the State of New York was recently held at The Holiday Inn, Rochester, New York. Thirty-nine brothers and their ladies attended from the valleys of Albany and Troy. The delegates attended their respective meetings and found them informative.

The Albany/Troy Hospitality room was a popular gathering spot. Refreshments were plentiful thanks to the ladies from the two valleys.

Just a reminder that summer is fast moving on and it is time to think about our Fall Reunion on October 12. Let's start getting petitions in from our Blue Lodge Brothers so that we can have a respectable class of candidates.

I would suggest a frequent referral to the Fall, '85 and Spring, '86 schedule for meetings and social functions. Also, let us assist our editors of the Rite Lite S.P. Richard G. Barrell, 32° and S.P. Philip D. LeFevre, 32° with this excellent means of communication at our disposal. Articles and other items of interest are welcome.

In conclusion, I would like to thank III ∴ Glen P. Cook, 33° and S.P. Richard G. Barrell, 32° for their continued assistance and advice.

WILLIAM S. ASSINI, 33°
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

THE SECRETARY'S NOTES

Membership It's No Secret!

Its no secret that our membership in Scottish Rite and the fraternity has declined in the past few years through normal attrition; dimits, deaths, and unaffiliation.

Most of our losses are through deaths, for which we have no control. But, certainly we **can** do something to reverse this decline. And that, of course, is to sign up more petitioners. All you have to do is — ask!



RICHARD G. BARRELL, 32°
SECRETARY

When you joined Scottish Rite you must have had a good reason. Why not share your motive for becoming a Scottish Rite with your Blue Lodge friend who may still be waiting to be asked?

Let's — each of us — help bring in 100 candidates for the Fall Reunion, October 12 — named in honor of III ∴ Theodore A. Goodrich, 33°. You can start by having one of your Blue Lodge friends complete the petition included in this issue of the Rite Lite.

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Congratulations!

Your Presiding Officers of Delta Bodies

J. Albert Barsamian, Most Wise Master, Delta Lodge of Perfection

J. Albert Barsamian is a trial lawyer with twenty-five years' experience practicing negligence, criminal and labor law. He is admitted to practice in all New York courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York and to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

He is active General Counsel to the Troy Uniformed Firefighters Association and St. Peter Armenian Church. As former General Counsel to the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, he is an Honorary Deputy Sheriff of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

In a special ceremony at Albany, New York, in 1979, he was invested a Knight Commander of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus by reason of being "a man of uncommon achievement (for his) humanitarian service and contribution to law enforcement education." Fewer than 1000 leaders from all walks of life in the United States, Canada and Latin America are privileged to wear the distinctive red, eight-pointed Cross of the Order founded in 1192 and one of the oldest orders of chivalry in the world. He continues active involvement in charitable activities.

Brother Barsamian was raised in Apollo Lodge No. 13 and is a member of Troy Delta Bodies, The Albany Sovereign Consistory, Oriental Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Royal Order of Jesters and the Masonic Veteran Association of Troy.



Delta Lodge of Perfection

GORDON L. KIRKLAND—THRICE POTENT MASTER

Brother Kirkland is a Past Master Counselor of DeMolay and a recipient of the Chevalier Degree. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge #91 and holder of the Grand Lodge Dedicated Service Award. He is a member of Oriental Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and past President of the Troy Area Shrine Club.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburgh he has served as one of its Elders.

Brother Kirkland has a notable record of volunteer service having totaled over 2,000 hours as a volunteer at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. He was also the first male member of that Hospital's Auxiliary.

Delta Council Princes of Jerusalem

DOUGLAS R. HULL—SOVEREIGN PRINCE

No material available and camera shy.

THE ALBANY VALLEY NEEDS A FEW GOOD MEN

The Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix has two openings in its "line". You may be the person to help fill this gap. Going through the line in Chapter in no way compares to Blue Lodge line of Officers. To be sure, it requires dedication and dependability.

If you are so inclined to join the line of Officers in Chapter, please contact the Secretary. You will be given every consideration for immediate appointment into this fine line of Officers.

Message from the Sovereign Prince

Greetings from the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem. It is my personal privilege to extend to all a sincere invitation to meet with us this coming year.

The hot, muggy days of Summer are fast coming to an end and the cool days of Fall are on the way. The time to be called from refreshment to labor is at hand. I hope this year many members will become involved in our activities. As the Bible says: "As you sow, so shall ye reap". Become involved and reap the benefits of the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem.

September 5th - First meeting of the Council will be combined with the Lodge of Perfection. Ill: Vincent D'Anza, 33°, will be honored. A dinner will precede the meeting.

October 5th - Another joint meeting for the purpose of voting on candidates for the Scottish Rite Reunion on October 12th.

November 14th - Discussion of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees.

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January 9th - Talk about some of the Biblical Characters in Masonry.

March 13th - Discussion of the Sixteenth and Thirty-second Degrees.

April 3rd - Joint Meeting of all Bodies. Patents will be presented to the members of the Fall Class of '85.

May 8th - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

May 10th - Public Installation of Officers, preceded by a dinner.

Many of you may have questions regarding Scottish Rite. Please bring them to a meeting and, if possible, we will answer them. If not, we will get the answer for you.

Remember, you do not need a password or grip to attend a meeting. All you need is your smile, a friendly greeting and a paid-up dues card.

Fraternally
J. Wilson Miller, 32°, M.S.A.
Sovereign Prince



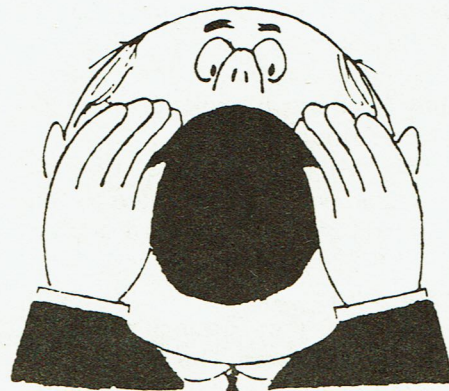
Photo: John Miller



Masonic trestle board, oil on canvas, Boston, 1796.

This Masonic trestle board was listed in the 1796 inventory of Union Lodge, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Trestle boards depicting symbols were laid on the floor and used as teaching tools in Masonic lectures and rituals.



From the collection of the Museum of Our National Heritage.

CALLING FOR PETITIONS!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

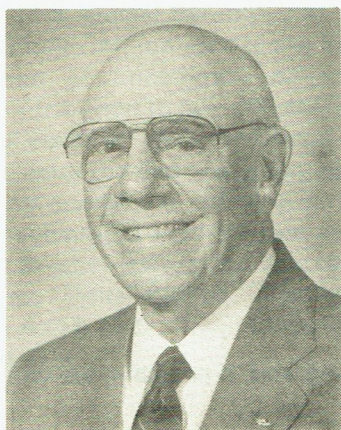
To Sovereign Prince J. Wilson (Doc) Miller:

On his installation on Saint John's Day as District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District. While Doc is involved in many Masonic and related bodies he has consistently maintained his interest and participation in Blue Lodge affairs. He was raised in March of 1941 in Ancient City Lodge #452 (now Ancient Temple Lodge #14). In addition to Scottish Rite, Doc is a member of Temple Chapter #5, Royal Arch Masons, Temple Commandery #2, Knights Templar, Cyprus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and is Director of Albany Court #77, Royal Order of Jesters. He has served two years as Master of Ancient Temple Lodge and has twice been High Priest of Temple Chapter #5, R.A.M. In Scottish Rite he is Past Most Wise Master and currently Sovereign Prince. The Rite Light congratulates Right Worshipful Brother Miller on his appointment. Wouldn't it be nice if some of his Scottish Rite Brothers followed him around as he makes his official visits to the Albany District Lodges? How about it?



To Brother Louis J. Lantz, M.S.A.:

At its annual meeting in Rochester in July, the New York State Council of Deliberation conferred the Meritorious Service Award on Brother Lantz. A recipient of this award is first recommended to the M.S.A. Committee of the Council by the presiding officers of the four Scottish Rite bodies. The Committee considers the individuals qualifications and decides whether to recommend the granting of the award to the full Council. The individuals service to Scottish Rite and Masonry in general, as well as his participation in church and community affairs that reflect credit on Masonry, are among the factors that are considered. On all counts Brother Lou is deserving of this honor. He is a member of Wadsworth Lodge #417, Capital City Chapter #242 Royal Arch Masons, Temple Commandery #2 Knights Templar, Cyprus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. He has been very active in his church and in community affairs. In Scottish Rite, Lou has served as Sovereign Prince and is currently Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection. He has always been a willing participant in degree work and committee activities. As the old saying goes, it couldn't happen to a nicer (or more deserving) guy. Congratulations Lou.



Annual Meeting, Supreme Council

An attendance of more than 2,200, composed of nearly 1,100 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies, is expected to visit Detroit between September 20-26 as the Supreme Council for Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the fifteen-state Northern Jurisdiction holds its 173rd Annual Meeting.

This year's Supreme Council sessions, will be highlighted by the conferral of the Thirty-third Degree on 156 Scottish Rite Masons who were chosen to receive the high honor at the Council's 1984 meeting at Boston. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take

place in Detroit's Ford Auditorium on Wednesday evening, September 25th.

Executive business conferences attended will occur on Friday, September 20th. Business sessions continue on September 21st followed by the annual dinner for the governing body.

Large scale events begin on Sunday afternoon, at the Vesper Service.

Visiting members and their ladies will be welcomed to tours of Detroit's noted Masonic Temple on Monday morning and afternoon, September 23rd.

General meetings of the Supreme Council will occur at the Ford Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24th and

25th, when prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and South America will join Northern Jurisdiction members for report and discussion periods.

A number of other events have been scheduled including a luncheon for all ladies present, September 24th, at which Mrs. Dorothy R. Maxwell, wife of the Sovereign Grand Commander, will preside.

The 1985 meeting will conclude on Thursday forenoon, September 26th, with a final general session at the Westin Hotel and with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Cincinnati in September, 1986.

The Thrice Potent Master Speaks

My brothers: It is with deep humility, but also with great pleasure that I look forward to serving the Lodge of Perfection as it's Thrice Potent Master during the coming year. In conjunction with the other Scottish Rite Bodies some most interesting and instructive programs have been scheduled and I am sure that all brethren will find attendance at the meetings very worthwhile.

The convocation of the Council of Deliberation for the State of New York was held in Rochester on July 12th, 13th, and 14th and was to me outstanding, both in the interesting and informative discussions and in the good fellowship which prevailed among those attending from the various valleys in the jurisdiction. The panel discussions provided much material for serious thought. The one for Thrice Potent Masters was especially stimulating, culminating in the proposal that action be taken for the improvement of the image and visibility of Freemasonry to combat the problems being experienced currently by the craft. I hope that at some future date, with the cooperation of our Senior Warden, Dick Mills, who accompanied me to this meeting, to present more detailed information on this discussion.

Hospitality provided by the valley with the able assistance of the ladies, was enjoyed not only by ourselves but by visitors from other valleys, together with the Grand Master and other dignitaries, all of whom expressed their gratitude at being able to participate in our fellowship. The entire session was most enjoyable and, I hope, will help to provide an incentive for a productive and interesting year.

LOUIS J. LANTZ
THRICE POTENT MASTER



Brother Swits is a member and Past Master of St. George's Lodge No. 6 F.&A.M. of Schenectady. He is Past President of the Capital District Masonic Association and presently serving as a member of its Board of Directors. He was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York in May 1984. He is a Past Grand Standard Bearer and he has served on the Grand Lodge Masonic Charities Committee, Grand Lodge Masonic Home Fund Committee as Regional Director and a Director of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. He is a member of the Right Worshipful Association of the Rensselaer-Schenectady District.

Brother Swits is a member of Sigma Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory and is a past Sovereign Prince of Sigma Council of Princes of Jerusalem. He is a member of St. George's Chapter No. 157 R.A.M., St. George's Commandry No. 37, Cyprus Temple AAONMS and the Albany Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

Brother Swits was born in Schenectady and received his elementary education at Schenectady Schools and graduated from Nott Terrace High School. He attended the University of Colorado. Since 1954, he has been employed by the New York State Office of General Services as Mechanical Specifications Writer.

Brother Swits is a member of the Methodist Church, and he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ingersoll Memorial Home for Aged Men.

Brother Swits and his wife, Elvira, reside at 678 Duanesburg Road, Schenectady, New York. They are the parents of two children, David and Holly.



Photo: John Miller

This photo above is an advertisement of Elias Combs. Printed on paper by Baker, Godwin & Co., New York, 1855.

Elias Combs, a regalia manufacturer, advertised regalia, jewels, and emblems for a number of fraternal organizations, including Freemasons, Odd Fellows, Sons of Temperance, etc.

From the collection of the Museum of Our National Heritage.

D'Anza to be Feted

III.: Vincent D'Anza, 33° will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Thursday evening, September 5, 1985, for his recent appointment as an Honorary Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

This will be an open meeting with ladies and invited guests, following a very short Stated Communication of the Lodge of Perfection.

The program will be preceded by a social hour and dinner in the banquet hall at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Reservations should be made with Russell J. LaGrange, Jr., 794 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

The Valley of Albany and the Rite Light extend warm congratulations to Illustrious Brother D'Anza who richly deserves the honor bestowed upon him.

Brother D'Anza has had a rich and illustrious Masonic career as can be readily seen by the following history of this fine gentleman.

RECORD OF VINCENT D'ANZA

Masters Lodge No. 5, Albany: Master 1952, Chaplain
Grand Lodge Dedicated Service Award, 1978
Grand Lodge Committee to lower admission below 21 yrs
Grand Lodge Committee on Related Organizations
American Lodge of Research
Capital City Chapter No. 242: High Priest 1947, Trustee
Grand Chapter, R.A.M.: Past Grand Rep., Oregon
Judge Advocate
DeWitt Clinton Council No. 22, R. & S. M.: Master 1965,
Trustee, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International: General Grand Sentinel 1975-1978
Temple Commandery # 2: Past Commander 1965, Trustee
York Cross of Honor, Trinity Priory No. 5
Past Commanders Association, K.T. of Central New York,
Vice President Scottish Rite Bodies, Albany:
Ineffable Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection:
T.P. Master 1947; Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix:
M.W. Master 1952
Trustee, Valley of Albany: Past President 1953-1968
Supreme Council, 33°: Honorary Member 1959
Red Cross of Constantine, Albany Conclave:
Puissant Sovereign 1974
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests,
Trinity Tabernacle XXIV: Very Eminent Preceptor 1976
Allied Masonic Degrees, Giles Fonda Yates Council,
Schenectady: Sovereign Master 1975
Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, NY
College, Syracuse
Grand Council of Knight Masons of USA: Senior Warden
Grand College of Rites
Order of the Bath
Ye Ancient Order of Corks

Cyprus Temple, Albany, A.A.O.N.M.S.
Bethlehem Shrine Club: Past President
Albany Masonic Hall Assoc.: Past President, Counsel
Grand Council R.&S.M. State of NY: Grand Master 1973,
President Grand Council Charity Foundation
DeMolay: Legion of Honor Active, Cross of Honor,
Chairman of Advisory Board of Wm. D. Goewey Chapter,
New York State DeMolay Foundation, Member,
Board of Directors
The Philaletes Society
Royal Order of Scotland
NY State Law Department: Senior Attorney (retired)
Albany County Bar Association
Association of N.Y.S. Civil Service Attorneys, Inc.,
Albany Chapter, First President
Civil Service Employees Assoc., Law Dept. Chapter:
Former Director
Army of the United States, 1943-1945
American Legion, Blanchard Post, Delmar, NY
American Ordnance Assoc., Cap. City Chap.: Past
President & Counsel
Civil Air Patrol, Albany Squadron: 1940-43 organizer
University Club of Albany
Old Philologia Society: Former Director
Union College Alumni Club, Albany: Past President

Honorary Membership

Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Master
St. George's Council No. 74, R.&S.M., Schenectady
Triangle Council No. 85, R.&S.M., Jamaica
Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Corning, NY

Congratulations Vince. May the energies exerted by you for the benefit of the Craft continue to abound.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Two Outstanding Masons in the Capital District

Anticipating that "all goes well" John A. Sainz, Valley of Albany and Roswell T. Swits, Valley of Schenectady will be coroneted Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, 33° in September, 1985, at Detroit, Michigan.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to these two fine gentlemen who have proven themselves worthy of our esteem.

Frank Miner Presents Sojourners Awards

Every year, the Departments of Military, Naval and Air Science jointly conduct the ROTC Awards Ceremony at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

III: Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, expressed appreciation to III: Francis Miner, 33°, for the six years he has been carrying out this assignment from the Supreme Council in presenting the National Sojourners Award to those outstanding ROTC cadets and midshipmen nominated at each years' ceremony.

The Supreme Council has continued its modest help to the National Sojourners Inc. in the form of assistance towards the procurement of the medals and citations that accompany the Sojourners yearly Americanism Awards to selected ROTC cadets at universities and high schools throughout the country.

III: Francis Miner, 33°, is shown presenting this year's awards, in the photo above, to Army Cadet Lars W. Liebmann [second from right]; Navy Midshipman Dominic Descisciolo and Air Force Cadet Cynthia A. Tolic. The ceremony took place on Saturday, April 20, 1985, at the campus Armory of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



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A Word from the Most Wise Master

To you, the Honorable Knights of ROSE CROIX of the Valley of Albany, I extend to you my thanks, for the honor you have bestowed on me in electing me as your MOST WISE MASTER. I promise you that I will endeavor to do my best in this position, however, I cannot do it alone, for without you the members being present at our meetings, even though well planned, they NEED YOU.

Yes, we the presiding officers of the four bodies of the Valley of Albany have laid plans for what we consider a year of interesting programs. Please watch the respective dates and in the words of modern television "BE THERE".

While we continue to reasonably hold our own in our membership, we are indeed in need of New Members, and this again is where we the officers NEED YOU, for I am sure that YOU know of some MASONIC BROTHER who is in need and is seeking FURTHER LIGHT in the Masonic Fraternity by his application being presented into the Scottish Rite Bodies. Please ASK YOUR MASONIC BROTHER to join in the Fall Class to be held October 12, 1985. I, with the other officers shall be looking forward to greeting you and that NEW member that you sponsor.

Let us this year do without our home parlor entertainment, the "Boob Tube" or Television, and join with our Brothers in the activities of our Scottish Rite meetings. Please plan to "BE THERE".

Again, Thank You for your confidence in me.

Fred B. Hill Jr., M.S.A.
Most Wise Master



★★★
One way to keep people from jumping
down your throat is to keep your mouth
shut.

★★★
Early to bed and early to rise; until you
make enough money to do otherwise.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A.
VALLEY OF ALBANY, N.Y.

MASONIC TEMPLE, 67 MAIDEN LANE, ALBANY, N.Y. 12207

PETITION FOR { DEGREES AFFILIATION (Cross Out One)

To the Officers and Members of

INEFFABLE AND SUBLIME GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION 14°
GRAND COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16°
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX 18°
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CONSISTORY S. P. R. S. 32°

I, the undersigned hereof, humbly show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of your honorable body, and request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the Brethren.

In making this application, I promise on my word of honor that, should I be elected and become a member of your honorable body, I will bear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last Degree, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, under whose authority the said Body is now holden, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees; that I will hold allegiance and be loyal to the said Supreme Council as the Supreme Power of the said Rite within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States; that I will hold as illegal and spurious every other Body of whatever degree claiming to be of the said Rite, that may be established within its Jurisdiction, that is not holden mediately or immediately under its authority and will hold communication whatever in Scottish Rite Freemasonry with any member of the same, nor allow him to visit any body of the said Rite of which I may be a member; and should I violate any part of this promise I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Freemasonry and to forfeit all my rights therein, and in any Body of the Rite, and be denounced to every body thereof in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

Name in Full (Print) _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Date of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Place of Birth _____
(Town) (State or County)

Residence _____
(Street and Number) (City) (Zip Code)

Have resided in above place since _____

Have resided in New York State since _____

Occupation _____

Business Address (or Employer) _____

Your Mailing Address _____
(Street Number) (City) (Zone No.)

Telephone No. _____

Were you ever a member of the Order of DeMolay? _____

I have _____ before petitioned for the degrees of the Rite; and was _____

I am a member of _____ Lodge, No. _____ Located at _____

I am a member of _____ Lodge of Perfection _____ Council, P. of J.

_____ Chapter of Rose Croix _____ Consistory; located at _____

Date _____ Candidate's Signature _____

Recommended By _____ Signature _____
(Please Print)

	Lodge	Council	Chapter	Consistory	Total
Initiation	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$135.00
Dues	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 19.00
Assessment	\$ 2.00				\$ 2.00

John A. Sainz was born November 17, 1924, the son of Julius and Bessie Sainz, in Staten Island, NY. He completed his education in the public schools of Staten Island, graduating from Curtis High School in January 1942. Six months later, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

In January 1944 he went to the European Theatre, serving at the SHAEF Headquarters.

On his return to the States, in September 1946 he was enrolled at New York University, College of Engineering. By continuous attendance through summers and with extra classes, he graduated in June 1949 with a B.E.E. Degree.

He joined the employ of General Electric Company in July 1949, at Lynn, MA, in the Test Engineering Program. January 1950 he transferred to Schenectady, NY, and was subsequently placed in the Power Systems Engineering Dept. In 1956 he transferred to the Hudson Falls G.E. plant where he held various engineering and sales positions. He has served as Marketing Manager, and recently was appointed Manager of Product Planning.

During his early duty with G.E. in Schenectady, he met Elsie Durkee. They were married in May of 1951. They are parents of three children: John, Elizabeth and Katherine. After transferring to Hudson Falls G.E., they became residents of Glens Falls. John and



Elsie are members of the Village Baptist Church in Fort Edward, NY, where they were married. John is a Deacon of the church.

John has been a very active Mason for many years, being raised in Fort Edward Lodge #267 in May 1952. He served as Master in 1979 and subsequently as Trustee. He is currently Treasurer and Brotherhood Fund Chairman.

He was appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Washington District in 1979 and has served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Washington District in 1982-83.

He is a member of Glens Falls Chapter #55, RAM, and served as High Priest in 1980; Joseph Warren Council #81, Cryptic Masons, Glens Falls; Thrice Illustrious Master in 1980-81.

John was elected to the Grand

Line of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York in 1981, and now holds the Office of Grand Conductor of the Council.

He is a member of Calvary Commandery #69. Served as Commander in 1981-82.

He is a member of Trinity Priory #5, Knights of the York Cross of Honor and a member of Albany Red Cross of Constantine.

He joined the Delta Bodies of Troy, and the Albany Consistory, AASR, in 1972. Active in the functions of Delta Bodies, and has participated in several Degree Reunions of Albany Consistory. He served as Sovereign Prince of the Delta Council of Princes of Jerusalem during 1983-84.

In 1973 he became a member of Oriental Temple AAONMS, Troy, NY. In addition to serving as a member of the Cast for the past five years, he has been a Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee since 1979. He served as Membership Chairman from 1978-81. Potentate's Aide 1983, Glens Falls Shrine Club Executive Committee 1977-79, and local Circus Chairman 1978-79.

Member of Troy Court #122, Royal Order of Jesters, 1979. Member of Royal Order of Scotland, 1979.

In addition to church activity, he has served the Boy Scouts of America, Troop #3, as Assistant Scout Master, and recently has assisted on the Mohican Council Administrative Committee.

SECRETARY'S NOTES CONTINUED

Returned — Undeliverable

Mail that is undeliverable or unable to be forwarded is returned to the Secretary. Try as we may, 50% of the returned mail cannot be traced, because the individual overlooked leaving a new address with either his Blue Lodge of Scottish Rite secretary.

Please, Brethren, when you change address, let the Secretary know immediately. Don't become another "lost in the Valley" statistic.

Dues & Fees Increase

A few of our members have asked about the increases in both annual dues and initiation fees.

You are reminded that earlier this year **four** summoned meetings were held to amend our By-Laws to increase dues and fees as follows:

	Lodge	Council	Chapter	Consistory	Total
DUES:	\$4 to \$6	\$2 to \$3	\$3 to \$4	\$4 to \$6	\$13-\$19
FEES:	\$30 to \$35	\$20 to \$25	\$20 to \$25	\$45 to \$50	\$115-\$135

Supreme Council Assessment of \$2 remains the same.

"Thanks"

In less than two months the majority of you have helped break last year's record dues remittances within the same time period. This is tremendous and a healthy sign. For, as you know, the life blood of any organization is the steady and prompt payment of dues by its members.

I know some of you have been on vacation or simply overlooked sending in your 1985/86 dues, but — "dues are due". Won't you take a moment now, and mail it in to the Secretary?



To honor the two (anticipated) recipients of the Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33° — Roswell T. Swits, Valley of Schenectady and John A. Sainz, Valley of Albany — a

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Will Be Held

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1985
LOCATION: ALBANY MARRIOTT, 189 WOLF ROAD, ALBANY, NEW YORK
TIME: 6:00 PM — CASH BAR
7:00 PM — DINNER
MENU: APPETIZER, SALAD, LONDON BROIL, POTATO, VEGETABLE, ROLLS, BEVERAGE AND DESSERT
COST: \$30.00 PER COUPLE: \$15.00 SINGLE
RESERVATIONS: TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND MAIL TO STAFFORD J. WILLIS, 18 ROBIN LANE, WATERFORD, NY 12188

Group reservations are welcome. However, if you desire to be seated with a particular party or group, so state in your reservations. Everything will be done to accommodate your request.

Sorry, but absolutely NO PHONE CALLS. Your tickets will be waiting for you at the door. PLEASE make your reservations early. With the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master in attendance, together with the remainder of the Grand Line, a large attendance is expected.

Deadline for reservations — October 28, 1985. Tickets are limited.

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Yes, Staff, count on me to be there to honor Ros and John.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ reservations, made payable to SIGMA BODIES, AASR

I will appreciate being seated with _____

Seating will be assigned and tickets distributed at the door. Tables will seat eight; indicate names of those you wish to sit with, if applicable.

Name _____

Masonic/Scottish Rite Title: _____

Cancellations must be telephoned to Les Duff (399-4136) by October 28, 1985.

Mail Reservations To: Stafford J. Willis
18 Robin Lane
Waterford, NY 12188