

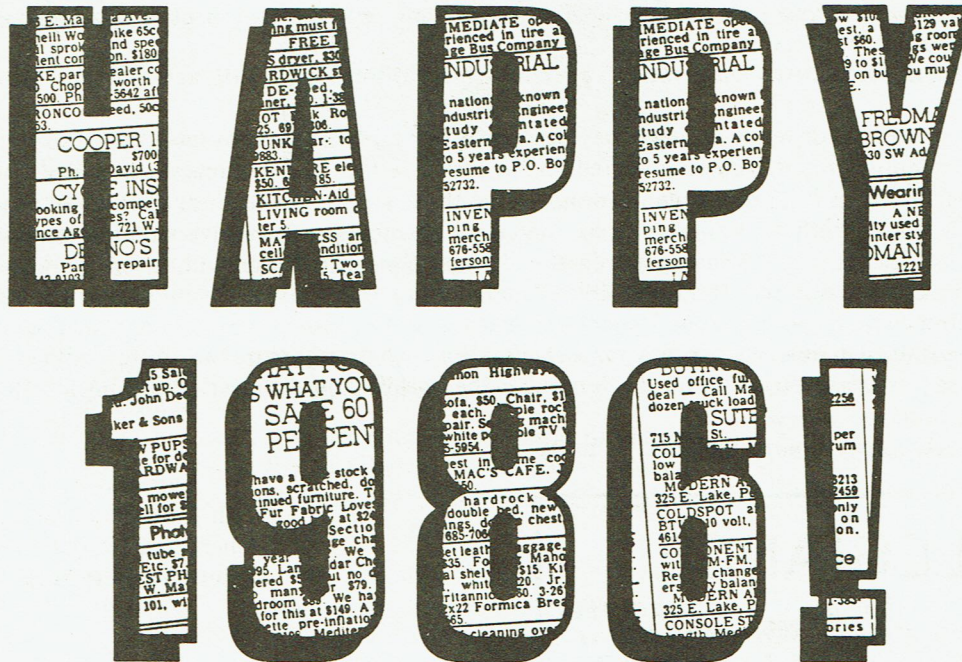
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Case Charts Course



Robert F. Case, 33°

DEAR BROTHERS:

In this first communication with you as your new Deputy, several things are being sought — to open up a new channel of communication — to stimulate dialogue, mainly so that the leaders can learn from the members — to seek your help, and to share some important matters with you.

We are again privileged to have a Sovereign Grand Commander from New York, with Ill. Frank Paul, 33°, Valley of Binghamton, having succeed Commander Maxwell in that position. Commander and Mrs. Paul deserve our full support, and we owe it to them to set the best possible example in New York in all our activities.

I am deeply appreciative for the confidence you have placed in me, and will do my best to build on the successes achieved by earlier leaders in this state. If more than one hundred notes and calls are any indication, many of you **will** help, and make no mistake; your help is needed!

Of vital importance in this effort are the leaders in every Valley, together with all 33° members of the Supreme Council, meritorious service award holders, present and past presiding officers, all of whom have been honored by their peers, and can help greatly in stimulating activity of all kinds in their valleys.

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You — the members — are our greatest resource. Without you, there would be no Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Your leadership is intensely aware of this, and promises to do its best to make you proud of the decision you made at some time to become a Sublime Prince of the royal secret, or to start your journey toward that rank, thereby expanding your knowledge of Freemasonry.

I am familiar with all of the reasons given for our declining membership, and I recognize membership as our most critical issue, mainly because it is basic to the fiscal health, programming success, member participation, excellence in degree casting and, in fact, every aspect of a Valley's existence. Some say we need quality; some say it is quantity we need. I feel strongly that we need **both**, and that you can bring many of the four in every five New York Masons who do not yet belong to Scottish Rite into our ranks **if you want to do so**. If we can help you persuade Masons that Scottish Rite is a vibrant force in Freemasonry and in our communities — if we can develop an intelligent and credible appeal to our youth — if we can truly support DeMolay and train tomorrow's leaders today — if, by imaginative programming, we can enable you to convince potential members that the warmth of our brotherhood is today's "best buy", which it is, unquestionably and best of all, if your leaders can effectively cast and perform our wide variety of wonderful degrees — from memory — so as to carry our system of morality into your hearts, you will gain and retain the fine members we seek and quite likely bring many of our long-term members back to participating status, thus achieving both quality and quantity!

That's a tall order, but your active members and I are enthusiastically dedicated to its achievement. With your help, we can and will succeed!

You are cordially invited to convey your suggestions and ideas to your leaders at any level, and if you wish to write to me at the above address, no communication will go unanswered, in due course, either by me or one of our active members. Your leaders are anxious to meet your needs in this, **your** organization!! So let them know your feelings, please, and they will respond.

Membership achievement both by Valleys and by individual members, will receive suitable recognition at our council of deliberation each year. Incentives, if properly administered, can help stimulate growth, interest and added participation.

So I have stated my case in this first letter to our 26,000 members, and sincerely seek your support, as well as your action toward finding solutions to our common problems, both short and long-range. I and your active members will do our level best to serve you with energetic and sustained action. We ask for your best effort, too, in helping assure the future health of our fraternity in **all** of its concordant bodies, and we know you are proud of belonging to the world's largest, oldest and strongest fraternal order. Let's keep it strong and make it grow.

I believe that we **will** move forward together, in unity.

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Deputy for New York

Support the 'Blue Envelope' Appeal

SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES



IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

Commander - In - Chief's Message

SUBLIME PRINCES:

As we begin a new year I would like to mention some highlights of our Fall activities.

On September 5th, we honored Illustrious Vincent D'Anza, 33°, upon his appointment as an honorary member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. A check for eight hundred dollars was presented to the NYS DeMolay Foundation in honor of Illustrious Brother D'Anza.

At the Colonie Lodge of Elks, September 6, Thrice Potent Master Louis J. Lantz, 32°, was honored for his receiving the Meritorious Service Award. Illustrious Ralph Rely, 33°, made the presentation.

September 10, Sublime Prince J. Wilson Miller, M.S.A. was presented his apron as District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District.

On the following evening, Illustrious Ronald P. Schwemm, 33°, Sigma Bodies, Valley of Schenectady, received his apron as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fulton-Montgomery District.

These two fine men are very active in Scottish Rite and find time and energy to work hard for their Blue Lodge also.

The last week in September, we attended the Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Sublime Prince John A. Sainz received the Thirty-third Degree.

We were pleased to learn that our secretary, Sublime Prince Richard G. Barrell, 32°, was elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree in Cincinnati next September.



While in Detroit we had the privilege of witnessing the installation of Illustrious Francis G. Paul, 33°, as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

It was equally impressive to witness the installation of Illustrious Robert F. Case, 33°, Active, as Deputy for New York State.

On October 10, a Testimonial Dinner was held honoring Illustrious Theodore Goodrich, 33°. Illustrious Robert F. Case, 33°, Active, Deputy for New York State was our guest.

Our October 12 Fall Reunion was a busy and successful occasion. We had twenty-five candidates plus two from the Valley of Utica.

Our Worker's Party was held at Schuetzenpark, Colonie, on October 25. Illustrious Clayton Simons, 33°, Chairman.

The Area Four meeting took place at the Troy Masonic Temple on October 30. Illustrious Dwight J.

Worthy, 33°, Valley of Rockville Center, was guest speaker. He stressed that good presentation and quality degree work makes the best impression on new candidates. Brother William Iacocca, 32°, M.S.A., Chairman.

On November 1, Ancient Temple Lodge No. 14, F&AM, held their Fourth Annual Charity Night and I was privileged to accept on behalf of the Valley of Albany, a check for \$500.00. This gift is to be used for the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Hospital Fund.

On November 2 the Testimonial Dinner honoring Ill.: John A. Sainz, 33°, & Ill.: Roswell T. Swits, 33°, was held at the Marriott Hotel, Albany.

Sunday, November 24, Family Life Week was observed by attending church service at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Albany. The service was followed by a luncheon and presentation entitled "Cool in the Furnace." Brother Alan Lewis, 32°, Chairman.

On Friday, December 6, 153 guests enjoyed our Annual Ladies Night at the Century House, Latham.

Saturday, December 7, a Testimonial Dinner honoring Nicholas J. Cilberti, 32°, Sigma Bodies, Valley of Schenectady, was held at the Ramada Inn, Schenectady. And so ends a busy and pleasant Fall Season!

HAVE A GREAT YEAR, A HEALTHY AND HAPPY ONE and please refer to the Spring, '86 schedule for meetings and social functions.

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

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR



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.

Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

On behalf of the Officers and members of CHAPTER of ROSE CROIX that have been attending the meetings during the Fall of 1985, we wish to advise you that have not been in attendance, that you have missed some interesting and important meetings.

That you may be reminded of the coming events of the CHAPTER, please make a note in your calendar. January 16, 1986, the CHAPTER is sponsoring a meeting with the subject being "Federal Income Taxes", this being a subject that is of interest to all of us, for we will have an opportunity to ask of the Federal representative, those questions that need to be answered, with reference to the current law and the proposed new laws and just how the "New Laws" will effect our personal tax returns.

Further, on March 20, 1986, the CHAPTER will sponsor a "Mystery Night" at which time a subject under



the heading of "Sports" to some and of interest to others will be presented. These accompanied with slide pictures.

Our next event will be the FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB, which will be held at the Delmar Reformed

Church, next to the corner of Delaware Avenue and Kenwood Avenue, known as the "Four Corners". This will be at 7 PM and it is the only time that we of the Scottish Rite Masonry are able to present some of our ritual to the general public. So please as a member of the Chapter, bring other members of your family together with your Masonic Brothers, their families and neighbors. Again ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. Our speaker for that evening will be Ill: Al Mills, 33° who is most knowledgeable with all matters pertaining to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Your attendance is needed at not only the Chapter meetings, but at the Lodge of Perfection, Council and Consistory. For, while the Officers are interested in presenting active programs, they still NEED YOUR ATTENDANCE. Please let's strive to support these programs.

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

"Forgetting Those Things..."

On the last day of the year one has a tendency to look back with regret on the many, many mistakes, stumblings, disappointments, and sorrows that occurred during the year. It is good to look back if one does so constructively, with the idea of seeing where one has made mistakes so that they will not be repeated.

But it is also good to reflect on the days which were completely pleasurable, the days which brought unusual peace and satisfaction from deeds well done, shared joys, stimulating

companionship, and rewarding friendships. It is good to reflect on those events which cause us to chuckle in retrospect, but which were disconcerting at the time.

However, our eyes are put in the front of our head, not the back. We are made to look forward and to go forward. The immediate task before us has right to the full measure of our attention. Instead of being miserable over the past grievances and disappointments, one should reflect on the pleasant things briefly, then press

forward to the achievement of the goals of the present and future.

Arnold Bennett, the English novelist and dramatist, expressed it this way:

"This day is before me. The circumstances of this day are my environment; they are the material with which I have to live and be happy, while refraining from causing unhappiness in other people."

— Sunset Magazine —

WAGES OF A MASON

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid for in their dealings with one another. Sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness — and these are the wages of a MASON.

Scottish Rite Scholarships

*Available for Eligible College
and University Students*

The Scottish Rite Commitment to Education

One of Freemasonry's fundamental principles is a belief in the importance of the educated mind. Freedom, understanding, and brotherhood are dependent upon our ability to reason effectively. That is why the Masonic Fraternity, and the Scottish Rite in particular, have long been committed to fostering the value of education.

The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite has sponsored a growing number of college and university scholarships in journalism and international relations through the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund.

As part of Supreme Council Charities, the Education and Charity Fund Scholarship Program has been expanded. It is estimated that as many as forty scholarships will be awarded each year to eligible and deserving students attending colleges and universities of their choice.

The Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships Program is supported by gifts from members and friends of Scottish Rite Masons to the annual Blue Envelope Appeal.

The Purpose of Scottish Rite Scholarships

At a time when the cost of higher education is increasing, the Scottish Rite wants to assist qualified and deserving students in attaining their educational and career goals through its scholarship program.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for a scholarship must be children or grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons. Or, they may be members of youth organizations sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity.

An applicant must be a graduating senior of a public or private secondary school, or a post-secondary school.

Application forms are available through the Office of the Secretary. Completed applications must be returned to the Valley Secretary in duplicate. The deadline for filing an application is April 1.

The Amount of Scholarship Aid

Both the number of scholarships granted each year and the actual amount of individual scholarships are dependent upon funds available. It is

anticipated, however, that individual grants will range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Grants will be paid directly to the educational institution at which a recipient has been accepted.

The Leon M. Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship Program takes its name from the late Ill. Leon M. Abbott, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander (1921-1932).

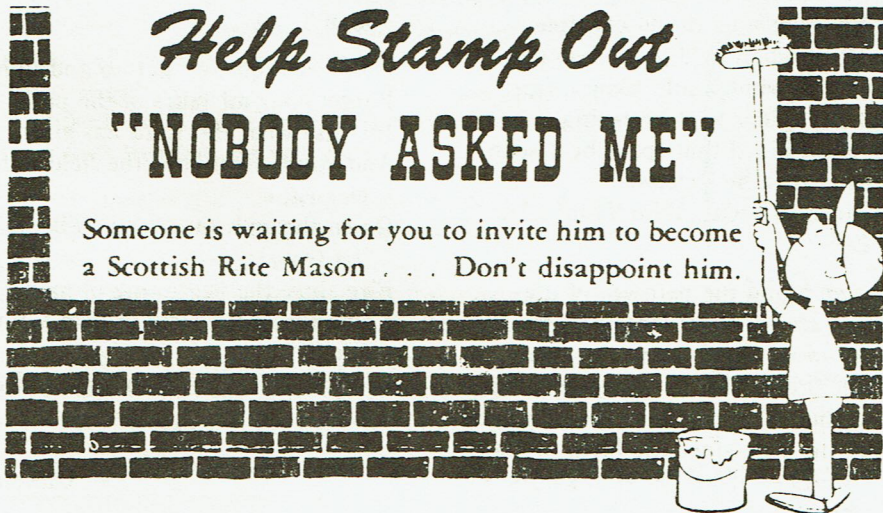
Grand Commander Abbott, a prominent Boston attorney, was active in the affairs of the First Church of Christ Scientist at Boston, and his interest in its highly regarded newspaper, *The Christian Science Monitor*, influenced him to suggest that a portion of his legacy be used to assist journalism students. Thus, the initial Abbott Scholarships were granted to university schools of journalism, and subsequently two scholarships were awarded to university schools of international service inasmuch as Scottish Rite as an international organization is deeply interested in improving understanding and relations between men and nations.

For a number of years, the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund continued to grow steadily but slowly by annual contributions from Scottish Rite Bodies and Councils of Deliberation plus a few individual gifts.

It was not until the 1981 year that the Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship program began to share a portion of the proceeds from the Annual Blue Envelope Appeal for the benefit of Supreme Council Charities. It is primarily this increased support that has made possible the expansion of the program to general scholarship grants to the off-spring of Scottish Rite members and to the young men and women of the youth groups affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity.

Help Stamp Out **"NOBODY ASKED ME"**

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



Masonic Home Has New Guest

Anyone who has witnessed the 20th Degree in recent years will remember Brother John (Jack) DeLancey, 32°, MSA. He took the part of Colonel Crisp, the man with the sword who escorted a certain dishonored Mason into the Lodge. Remember? Brother years.

Last November he was welcomed as a guest at the Masonic Home in Utica.

He was a long time member of

Apollo Lodge #13 in Troy, the Delta Bodies in the Valley of Troy, Albany Consistory, York Rite Bodies and Oriental Temple of the Shrine. He was a recipient of the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service Award.

From reports of Brothers who have seen Brother DeLancey since he made his move to the Home, he is adjusting well to his new environment and is in good spirits. We all wish him good health and happiness in the future.

HELP NEEDED

The A.A.S.R. Valley of Albany is in need of additional help. We are in need of at least four (4) additional workers for the reunions.

The work is not hard, simply moving furniture and props, setting up scenery and a back-up curtain man.

If interested please contact:

Bob Clark

886 - 3rd Ave.

Troy, NY 12182

Home 235-0729

Work 869-5736

Both Al Krueger (costume director) and myself would appreciate any and all help that we can get.

History Made By Every Mason

History is inseparable from the greatness of men whose deeds live on as a perpetual inspiration to mankind. To know and to review the story of such sacrificial service to humanity is to be part of history. Time adds lustre to the memory of those who ennobled mankind by what they did and what they were.

There is a Masonry encompasses Masons of all generations, men motivated by the same ideals and principles.

While such names as George Washington, Paul Revere, Joseph

Warren, Benjamin Franklin, and many others stand out in both Masonic and profane history, we know there are millions of Masons who knelt at the holy altar of Masonry and whose deeds are not a part of history. Yet our brothers were makers of history because they were engaged in a mighty cause.

For one to be conscious of the fact that as a Mason he is the maker of history adds strength and vitality to the institution.

It may be given to a few generations to win freedom, but it is the obligation of every generation of Masons to

preserve freedom. While Masonry abstains from the field of partisan politics, it is the obligation of every Mason to participate actively in the struggle that never ceases between the forces of darkness and light.

When one becomes a Mason he assumes the character and ideals of one illustrious in Masonic history. History is then perpetuated by every Mason who stubbornly retains that identity with greatness throughout his life.

The Mason cannot escape history. He must be the maker of history.

— Exchange

(I'm taking the liberty of using this article from the Topeka, Kansas Bulletin to pass on to you. Sometimes we need a little shot in the arm.)

Don't Be a Quitter

My friends, do you lose your courage when the battle is nearly won?

Do you let defeat o'take you when your labor is nearly done?

If you do, then listen closely
For here is a wonderful plan
Repeat to yourself this motto
And say "He Can Who Thinks He Can."

Once I watched a spider spin his web
From a fence to an old oak tree,
But just when he'd get it fastened
A gust of wind would blow it free;
But the spider kept on trying
He determined that space he'd span,
Until at last he succeeded,
Because "He Can Who Thinks He Can."

Strewn along the pathway of life
There are obstacles large and small;
Some of us stumble but rise again,
While others just lie where they fall,
And those that rise have the Courage;
That heritage since the birth of man
It's yours — it's mine — it's ours
you see;

Because, "He Can Who Thinks He Can,"

Don't be a quitter, get up and fight.
Forget your mistakes of the past,
Just use what the Lord has given you
And you'll soon have the field out
classed;

Down through the ages you'll find
'tis true,

E're since the beginning of man
There's no such word as Can't, my
friend

Because "He Can Who Thinks He Can."

— Unknown

Thousands Respond to Supreme Council's Annual Blue Envelope Appeal

"We are extremely pleased with the number of members who have already sent in their gifts to this year's Blue Envelope Appeal," states Sovereign Grand Commander Francis G. Paul, 33°. The Commander hopes that support for the three Supreme Council Charities will increase this year.

The annual Blue Envelope drive began in early November. "The mailing was sent a month earlier so that members would have more time to give consideration to their donations," the Commander indicated.

Along with the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program and the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts, the Blue Envelope Appeal provides funding for the new Scottish Rite Scholarships.

"Our members are most enthusiastic about the scholarship

program," the Commander states. Initiated last year, these scholarships are awarded in each state to sons and daughters of Scottish Rite families. "Our goal is to help our own young people achieve their educational goals beyond high school," he added. "We have so many deserving young men and women that it is important for us to give them all the help we can."

Blue Envelope funds also aid the annual operating program of the Museum and Library. Commander Paul indicates that each of us can be proud of what our Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage is doing to promote the spirit of patriotism. "This great institution deserves our support."

The Schizophrenia Research Program continues to support vital research both in the United States and in other parts of the world into the

causes of mental illness. "Receiving a Scottish Rite grant is almost like being awarded the Nobel Prize," states the Commander. "This has become one of the most prestigious research programs and scholars consider it a high honor to be awarded a Scottish Rite grant," he adds.

Those contributing \$35 receive the "American Way" tie-tac pin which features the Scottish Rite Double Eagle on an American flag background. The Masonic game — Build — is being sent to donors of \$50, while those contributing \$100 or more become members of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Council and are presented with a personalized membership certificate.

Contributions to the Supreme Council Charities Blue Envelope Appeal may be sent to Supreme Council Headquarters, Box 519, Lexington, MA 02173.

Is YOUR Freemasonry In Jars?

(Short Talk Bulletin, 8/64)

Not often do I find a Masonic lesson in a funny story, but there's one that seems to me to give the opportunity for developing one.

At a gathering of women the conversation turned to a discussion of Masons. Some of the women seemed to be rather well informed on the subject, and discussed it at some length, but one woman was bored and finally remarked, "Well, I don't know much about Masons, but I think their fruit jars are very nice."

If we analyse that, we may find she said a mouthful without intending to point a moral of any kind. Don't many of us Masons have a lot of fruit jars into which we put our Masonry, then seal the jars and set them away in a dark corner? Even when Masonic friends visit us, we don't get out some of the jars and treat our friends to the contents. We might at least take a jar along every time we go to a Masonic meeting and pass around what the jar contains.

Freemasonry put away in jars doesn't improve with age, and the contents are likely to be forgotten. Freemasonry improves by dissemination. Brethren, keep your Freemasonry out of fruit jars; but, if you do put some away now and then, bring it out at the first opportunity and let the Brethren partake with you.



Feast of Tishri Celebration

February 6, 1986

Normally, the celebration of the Feast of Tishri, sponsored by the Ineffable and Sublime Lodge of Perfection, occurs in the month of October. But, because of several conflicts in scheduling, it will be held on Thursday evening, February 6 at the Albany Temple.

No feast day in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has ever had or ever will have greater significance than the "Feast of Tishri" observed Sovereign Grand Commander Clausen of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. "It is the symbolic cornerstone of our Rite. It forms the central theme of most of our degrees. It is a feast of feasts in Freemasonry."

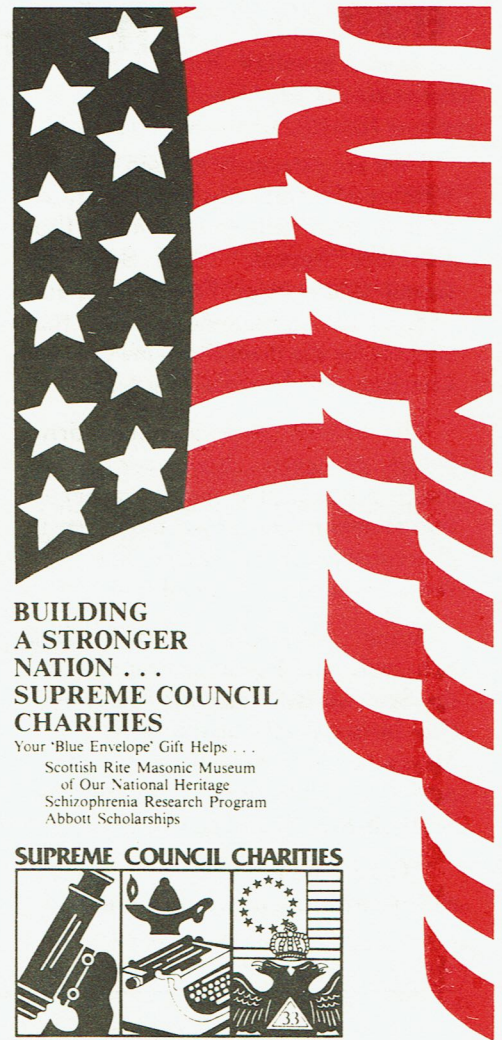
The significance of the FEAST OF TISHRI (or TABERNACLES) is manifold. It rests upon three basic factors: the wanderings of the Children of Israel in the wilderness during the forty-year period; the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple; and the ingathering of the first fruits of the season, for which thanks was made to God, for His great blessings and bounties.

We, of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, should make a special effort to the present this year, for personal rededication to the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity.

The "Feast of Tishri" program will be preceded by a chicken dinner at a cost of only \$5.00 per person. The social hour begins at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. The "Feast of Tishri" program will begin prior to dinner, but will continue on in the Scottish Rite Hall at 8:00 PM.

Please make your reservations by mailing your check payable to R.G. Barrell, 59 Fuller Ter., Albany, NY 12205, no later than February 1, 1986. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

NOTE: This is a tiled meeting.



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