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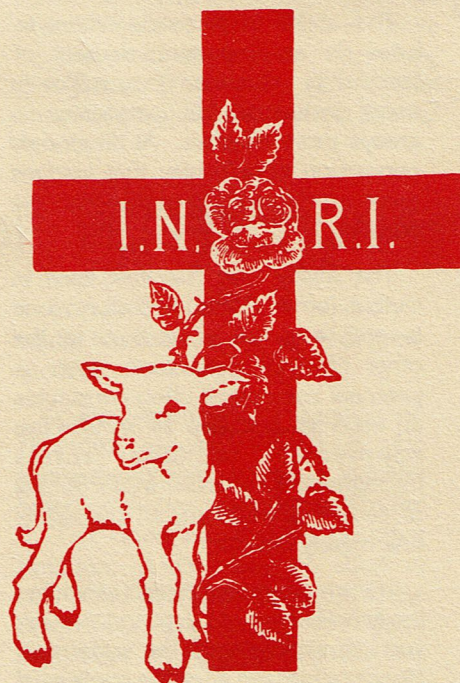
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To All Knights Rose Croix
Valleys of Albany and Troy

Feast of the Paschal Lamb



The Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix
will present, in public, a
symbolic celebration of the
Feast of the Paschal Lamb
on Palm Sunday, March 23, 1986
at the Delmar Reformed Church
386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York
at 7:00 P.M.

The Delta Chapter of Rose Croix
will hold a public
ceremony of the
Feast of the Paschal Lamb
on Friday evening, March 21, 1986
at the Troy Masonic Temple
9 Brunswick Road, Troy, New York
at 8:00 P.M.

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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GREETINGS FROM THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE

When the January issue of the Rite Light was going to press, I was confined to the hospital and was unable to submit a report regarding the Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

I wish to thank all for their cards, visits and prayers. They all play a vital part in the recovery process. My sincere thanks too, to all Bodies for the basket of fruit! It was delicious!! I am happy to report that I have resumed full schedule.

Looking back, the November 14, 1985 assembly was joint with the Chapter of Rose Croix. The setting and history of the 5th and 6th Degrees was the topic of the evening, followed by a very interesting discussion. On January 9, 1986, the theme was a Biblical Character in Masonry. A biography of Aaron, Moses' brother, was presented and is included in this message.

Looking forward to March 13, 1986, the topic of the evening will be the **16th and 32nd Degrees**. I sincerely invite you to come and join the discussion. I will be happy to personally greet you.

Aaron - Persuaveness

The ability to persuade others to follow is an important element of leadership. Coercion may suffice in some instances, but persuasion is always more effective. At times only persuasion of a quality that inspires great enthusiasm will accomplish the purpose.

The ability may manifest itself in various forms. Although oratory alone is rarely a complete substitute for the other form of persuasion, such as personal example, it often constitutes an essential first step as an effective supplement to other forms throughout. It can make a difficult task of leadership easier and an impossible one merely difficult.

In the momentous project of leading the Israelites out of Egypt and through years of wandering in the wilderness, Moses possessed all of the qualities of leadership except oratorical ability. Aaron, his brother, supplied this deficiency.

Aaron whose name means "bright" or "shining" was born in Egypt in the 13th Century, B.C., the son of Amram and Jochebed, and the brother of Miriam and Moses. The family were Levites and later, through Aaron, God selected the Levites for the priesthood and special service to the priesthood and the Tabernacle.

Throughout much of Aaron's life - and that of his younger brother Moses - a tyrannical Pharaoh subjected the Israelites in Egypt to oppression and persecution. God chose Moses to lead his people out of Egypt and picked Aaron as his assistant and spokesman, although both were in their eighties at the time. It became the great mission and purpose of their lives.

In selecting Moses and Aaron for their difficult mission, God recognized the limitations of each and the need of each to supplement the abilities of the other. Moses could lead the Israelites out of their slavery, but he needed persuasiveness of Aaron's oratory to make his leadership fully effective. Persuasion became important, not only in dealing with Pharaoh, but in handling the quarrelsome, willful and often rebellious Israelites.

Aaron's life reflected the complexity of his character and the intermingling of his strength and weakness. It also illustrates God's use of the whole complex person as an instrument of His purpose. Even Aaron's transgressions provided valuable lessons regarding God's will and purpose.

God conferred supernatural powers, as needed, on Aaron at the beginning of his mission. God stated to Moses: "And Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet". The Lord then told Moses that when they appeared before Pharaoh thou shalt say unto Aaron: "Take thy rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent". Moses and Aaron did as God had commanded and God manifested His power through Aaron as well as through Moses. It took numerous manifestations of that power, however, before Pharaoh gave them the brief opportunity that they sought to deliver their people.

But Aaron possessed less miraculous abilities as well. Of these, his skill of speaking and the persuasiveness of his oratory were particularly important. He proved to be adept at communicating the thoughts of others less articulate than himself, including Moses. Equally important, Aaron displayed humility and selflessness in serving Moses and,

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PERFECT KNIGHTS OF ROSE CROIX



With my year as Most Wise Master, rapidly winding down, this is by no means the time to relax, for there still is the most important *Celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb* to be observed and to this Feast, you, your family and non-Masonic friends are cordially invited to attend. If you have never before participated in this Feast, it is indeed a moving experience that will remain with you for a long, long time. This year, it will be held Palm

Sunday, March 23, 1986, at 7:00 P.M., at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

The next important event, is the presenting a Petition of a Brother Mason into the Scottish Rite Valley of Albany, that he might obtain Further Light in the Masonic Fraternity. The 1986 *Spring Reunion* degrees will be presented Saturday, April 26, 1986 at the Albany Masonic Temple, starting promptly at 8:00 A.M. Won't you endeavor to join with others and present that New Petition completed to the Secretary, Richard G. Barrell, as early as possible, preferably not later than Monday, April 21, 1986, that he may have sufficient time to complete the required paperwork in time for the Reunion?

To those of you that have not attended our meetings to date for the 1985-86 season, the officers of the other bodies and myself have endeavored to present interesting programs of a wide variety, that hopefully would be of interest to all of you.

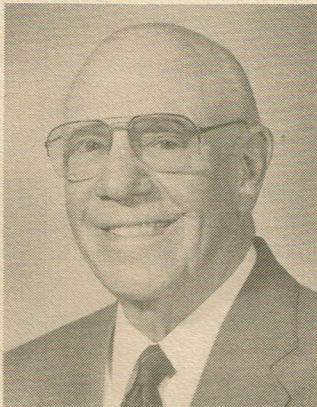
The last program presented by this Chapter was on January 16, when we had a representative from the Internal Revenue Service, (visit us on a friendly basis) who explained the various aspects of our Personal Income Taxes, answering questions on the same, as the new law applies to our 1985 Tax Returns, that we are now filing.

The next program, that this Chapter will present, will be Thursday, March 20, when a *Mystery Program* (an unusual Sporting activity, rarely witnessed in the Capital District) will be presented, both in lecture, accompanied by slide pictures. This is a must, that we might experience what others accomplish in this field of sports.

I have enjoyed being your Most Wise Master and promise that when this term of office is completed, that I shall endeavor to lead in other fields of the Masonic Fraternity.

Fred B. Hill, Jr.
Most Wise Master

THE LODGE OF PERFECTION

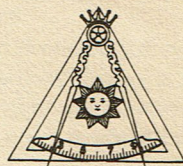


It was a most rewarding experience for those Brethren who attended the *Celebration of the Feast of Tishri* on the evening of February 6. A *sumptuous* dinner preceded the stated communication of the Lodge. The program, arranged by Brother Dick Barrell was most interesting and informative. My thanks to Dick and the

others who made this event a great success!

At the Stated Communication on Thursday evening, March 6, the planned program will be a Vignette based on degree work, directed by the Ill. Ted Goodrich, assisted by other Brethren. Let's make an effort to attend and lend your support to all the programs presented for your enjoyment by all the Scottish Rite Bodies.

Louis J. Lantz, M.S.A.
Thrice Potent Master



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through Moses, God. With many talents of his own, Aaron subordinated his abilities and himself to Moses. He helped in forwarding Moses' great work with his sensitive, self-effacing and sometimes heroic responsiveness to Moses' need of him.

Along with his strengths, however, Aaron suffered from serious weaknesses. When collaborating closely with his strong-willed brother, Aaron demonstrated strength and resolution but he erred badly on at least one occasion when Moses left him on his own. He gave in to public pressure and allowed the Israelites to make and worship a golden calf. He compounded this sin by blaming others for his lack of resolution. The episode angered Moses, but Aaron repented and was forgiven.

At God's command, Moses made Aaron the first high priest and selected Aaron's four sons, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazer and Ithamar as priests. Nadab

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COMMANDER - IN - CHIEF'S — MESSAGE



SUBLIME PRINCES:

As we begin this new year of 1986, I again ask your continued support. Kindly refer to your schedule for date of meetings and social functions. Please help your Officers in carrying out their programs.

In this respect, may I call your attention to the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. The Valley of Troy will hold their observance of this beautiful ceremony on Friday, March 21, at the Troy Masonic Temple.

The Valley of Albany's ceremony is to take place Sunday, March 23, at the Delmar Reformed Church. I urge the participation of members from each Valley. Also, invite your family and friends to witness this impressive ceremony.

It is my sad duty to report the death of Ill. Harry G. McNeil, 33°. Seventeen Scottish Rite members from Albany and Schenectady, including Ill. Robert F. Case, 33°, journeyed to the South Argyle United Presbyterian Church on January 22 to attend the funeral.

A Thirty-third Ritual Service was performed. Brother Harry McNeil was a gentleman and a fine Mason devoting a good part of his life to our great fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming Scottish Rite affairs.

*William S. Assini, 33°
Commander-In-Chief*

REMINDER
Last Day to
File Petitions
for the
1986 Spring Reunion
April 24, 1986
DON'T WAIT
See Your Prospective
Member Now.

Feast Of The Paschal Lamb Ceremonies - Valleys of Albany and Troy

The annual observance of the **Solemn Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb** in the Valley of Albany will be held on Palm Sunday, March 23, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. in the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

Perfect Knights, their ladies and quests, and the PUBLIC are all cordially and fraternally invited to this annual ceremony sponsored by the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix.

The guest speaker will be the Illustrious Albert W. Mills, 33°, First Lieutenant Commander of the Albany Sovereign Consistory.

The meeting will be open to all members of the Fraternity, their families and friends. Knights Rose Croix are respectfully reminded that this is a ceremony of obligation. It is particularly hoped that not only will many members of Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix be present, but that they will extend a cordial invitation to others, whether Masons or not, especially the families of the past members, to witness this solemn ceremony.

The **Feast of the Paschal Lamb** is neither the Feast of the Passover nor the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates both holy events.

The Jewish Feast of the Passover commemorates the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt. For observance of this Feast, Jesus gathered his disciples on the night in which he was betrayed. In their midst he instituted the sacrament which Christians revere as the Last Supper. Chapters of Rose Croix observe this beautiful and symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a Memorial Service, honoring our brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. We urge you to join us in this service. **The meeting will be open.**

The Valley of Troy's observance of the **Feast of The Paschal Lamb** will be held on Friday evening, March 21, 8:00 P.M. at the Troy Masonic Temple, 9 Brunswick Road. As usual, the public is invited to witness this ceremony, one of the most solemn in all Masonry. The speaker will be Brother J. Albert Barsamian, well known Troy attorney. There will be a dinner at 6:30 P.M. Reservations are necessary and may be made with the Secretary, Brother Stafford Willis. His telephone number is 237-1516.

The Delta Bodies of Troy decided on this date in order to avoid having their observance on the same night as Albany's as has happened in the past. This will make it possible for members of both Valleys to attend both ceremonies if they so desire.

In Memoriam

*"The clock of life is wound but once To say just when the hands will stop— Now is the only time we have, Place no faith in tomorrow for
And no man has the power At late or early hour. Live, love, work and with a will The clock may then be still."*

Allen Edward Austin, Sr.	May 24, 1985
Thomas Alexander Barron	Nov. 15, 1984
William Duff Bennett	July 1, 1985
Louis Bishop	July 1, 1985
Floyd Willard Bliven	Aug. 9, 1985
Bill Bryant	Oct. 4, 1984
Erwin Harold Buckmen	July 1, 1982
Stanley Edward Davies	Apr. 6, 1985
Herbert William Devlin	June 25, 1985
Joseph Duncan	June 15, 1985
Haley Beverly Etheridge	July 1, 1985
Julius Albert Fincken	June 6, 1984
Benjamin Samuel Fribush	June 1, 1985
Harold Herbert Goodman	Feb. 1, 1985
Lawrence Frederick Graham	Mar. 16, 1985
Walter Graham	Feb. 6, 1986
William Robert Graham	Nov. 21, 1985
Arthur Green	May 23, 1985
Horace Griffiths	Jan. 12, 1986
Clifford John Harden	Aug. 29, 1985
Paul Albert Helmer	July 12, 1985
Morris A. Herson	Sept. 8, 1985
Howard James Hook	July 22, 1985
George Francis Kalbus	May 31, 1985
Martin Robert Karig	July 1, 1985
Charles Walter Kessler	Jan. 23, 1985
Henry Francis Klahr	Mar. 30, 1985
Kelton R. Klahr	June 7, 1985
Charles Klarsfeld	Nov. 19, 1980
Rudolph Frederick Knaack	Mar. 24, 1985
Alfred Emerson Krug	July 1, 1985
Louis George Leitgeb	June 8, 1985
Clifford Ager Lewis	Apr. 8, 1985
Gordon Bennett Linscott	Apr. 8, 1985
Boyd West McConaghy	May 3, 1985
III.:Harry Gavette McNeil, 33°	Jan. 19, 1986
George Eros Mayakis	July 13, 1985
Moses Meyer	July 31, 1980
Edward Walter Morrison	July 1, 1985
John Bernard Neilson	Apr. 17, 1985
Leon Francis Ogden	June 1, 1985
Gilbert William Park	Apr. 5, 1985
Joseph Louis Peller	July 10, 1985
Saul Polonsky	July 1, 1985
Nelson Ray Potter	July 1, 1985
Jacob Rosenstein	Feb. 1, 1986
Paul Adam Ross	Nov. 16, 1985
Loren Earl Safford, Jr.	Apr. 10, 1985
John Nicholas Sekac	July 24, 1985
Donald Peterson Shearer	Jan 31, 1985
William King Skolfield	Feb. 13, 1985
Frank Lewis Smith	Nov. 9, 1984
Conrad Paul Spuck	Feb. 1, 1986
Sidney Wells Talbot	July 1, 1985
Louis Toppall	Oct. 3, 1985
Paul Rupert Tryon	May 30, 1985
Max Uzewitz	Jan. 19, 1986
Robert Fred Varcoe	June 28, 1985
Isaac Weinstein	Dec. 16, 1983
Leland Teller Weller	July 11, 1985
Lewis Clarence West	July 1, 1985
Romaine Charles Williams	Jan. 1, 1986
Dawson Young Wright	June 8, 1985
Henry John Zyfers	Apr. 15, 1985

Well Done, Good and Faithful Brother

WILL YOU HAVE A FRIEND IN THIS CLASS?

SPRING REUNION SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1986

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^o
GRAND COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16^o
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX 18^o
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CONSISTORY S. P. R. S. 32^o

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

NOTE: Rules and Regulations—Article 1. Section 20, An accepted petitioner must be present himself for the degrees within one year of his election, or the election shall lapse, unless the time is extended by unanimous vote of the body by ballot. Each extension by vote shall be for one year.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD AN OFFICE IN THE VALLEY OF ALBANY SCOTTISH RITE?

Holding an office in one of the four bodies in the Valley of Albany Scottish Rite is an honor and a privilege. However, as with most honors and privileges, come responsibilities. Some of the requirements and qualifications that an officer or prospective officer should possess are:

1. Competence in leadership and initiative.
2. Industriousness.
3. Ready availability for performance of assignments.
4. Dependability.
5. Regular attendance at all meetings and events.
6. A willingness to assume and discharge the duties of office and to cooperate fully with the Presiding Officer in carrying out his program and activity.

If you are interested in becoming an officer and believe that you can meet the above standards, please complete the following questionnaire and mail or leave it in the Scottish Rite Office, 67 Maiden Lane, Albany, NY 12207 - ATTN: Secretary.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Occupation _____

Have you presided over other meetings (church, business, fraternal, etc?) _____

Have you signed petitions for candidates for membership in Scottish Rite? _____

If chosen, would you agree to attend meetings and other activities? _____

Would you help us to obtain more new members? _____

Do you have the time to devote to the office, meetings, and activities? _____

Are you willing to learn and do the work of the office? _____

Signature _____

PATENT PRESENTATION — April 3, 1986

A "Joint Meeting" of all four Bodies of the Valley of Albany will be held on Thursday evening, April 3, 1986 for the purpose of presenting patents and diplomas to each of our new initiates from the Spring and Fall Reunion classes of 1985.

A ham dinner with all of the fixin's will be served at 7:00 P.M. before the meeting. All of the Initiates will be guests of the Valley. Others wishing to attend dinner will be charged a nominal cost of \$7.00 per person. Reservations for the dinner should be made with Richard G. Barrell, 59 Fuller Terrace, Albany, N.Y. 12205. Sorry, no telephone calls.

Checks are to be made payable to R. G. Barrell. A social hour will precede the dinner at 6:00 P.M.

This is always an interesting meeting. You are all urged to attend. Since it is open to the public, why not bring along a potential *Scottish Rite candidate*.

Deadline for reservations — April 1, 1986.

Remember the date - April 3, 1986. See you there!

ATTENTION!

Interested in taking a part (speaking and non-speaking) in any of the degrees?

There are several openings in the 4th, 6th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 32nd Degrees. You are needed to round out the fine casts that continue to present these beautiful degrees.

We also need someone to assist with the makeup at our reunions.

Those wishing to lend a hand should contact the Secretary - Richard G. Barrell, at either 869-0684 or 474-0914.

FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB CELEBRATIONS

Valley of Albany

Palm Sunday

March 23, 1986

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Ill.: Albert W. Mills, 33°



Valley of Troy

Friday, March 21, 1986

Time: 6:30 P.M. - Dinner

8:00 P.M. - Celebration

Guest Speaker: J. Albert Barsamian, 32°

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and Abihu were struck dead, when, defying God's commandments, they introduced "strange fire" in a prescribed ritual. Eleazar and Ithamar carried on the line, however, and the priesthood remained the province of Aaron's descendants, with the other Levites consecrated to special service to God, the Tabernacle and the Priests.

Like Moses, Aaron died without entering the Promised Land. He died alone in a cave on Mount Hor, which

later became known as Mount Aaron.

In the Masonic ritual, Aaron appears several times, illustrating the highest standards of the priesthood - piety, devotion, consecration and persuasiveness by words and example.

He epitomizes faithful fulfillment of priestly duties and by the faithful fulfillment demonstrates the lesson that zeal for the service of God and devotion to the welfare of man should burn eternally in the heart of one who

serves God. Gratitude to God for His blessings demands nothing else.

References: *Book - Biblical Characters in Freemasonry by John H. VanGordon - 1980*

Masonic: Symbolic Lodges - York Rite: Royal Arch: Cryptic Scottish Rite: 11th, 14th, 23rd and 25th Degrees.

J. Wilson Miller, M.S.A.
Sovereign Prince

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