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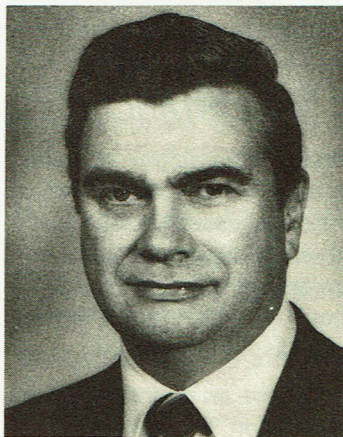
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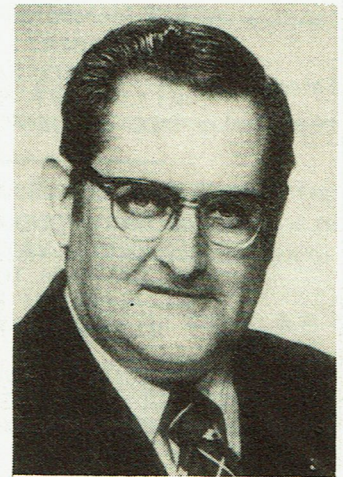
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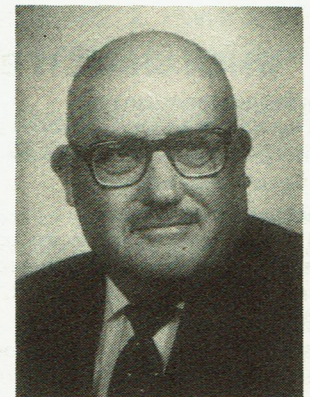
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Deputy Grand Master



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Junior Grand Deacon



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Deputy Grand Marshal



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Deputy Grand Standard Bearer

At its 205th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York held May 6 and 7, four area members of the Valleys of Albany and Schenectady were elected or appointed to the Grand Line of Grand Lodge.

Elected and installed to the second highest post in Grand Lodge, was III: Roswell T. Swits, 33° [St. George's Lodge No. 6, Valley of Schenectady], who is now the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

Appointive Officers were John S. Jones [Corlaer Lodge No. 932, Valley of Schenectady] - Deputy Grand Marshal; Richard G. Barrell, 32° [Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, Valley of Albany] - Junior Grand Deacon; and John R. Potts, 32° [Van Rensselaer Lodge No. 400, Valley of Schenectady] - Deputy Grand Standard Bearer.

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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 ACCEPTED 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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## Lest We Forget - "The Nazis"

When the Nazis first came into power in Germany, one of their first acts was to dissolve all Masonic lodges and send all Masonic dignitaries to concentration camps. The Gestapo seized the membership lists, confiscated lodge paraphernalia, and looted the libraries and museums. This practice continued, and the Masters of lodges were sent to concentration camps, upon the invasion of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and France.



IF YOU THINK  
EDUCATION  
IS EXPENSIVE,  
TRY  
IGNORANCE.

Put  
Every  
Thing  
In  
To  
Influencing  
One  
New  
Signed petition



## 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

## After The Winter God Sends Spring!

*Springtime is a season*

*Of Hope and Joy and Cheer,*

*There's beauty all around us*

*To see and touch and hear.*

*So, no matter how downhearted*

*And discouraged we may be,*

*New Hope is born when we behold*

*Leaves budding on a tree.*

*Or when we see a timid flower*

*Push through the frozen sod*

*And open wide in glad surprise*

*Its petaled eyes to God.*

*For this is just God saying —*

*"Lift up your eyes to Me."*

*And the bleakness of your spirit,*

*Like the budding springtime tree,*

*Will lose its wintry darkness*

*And your heavy heart will sing —*

*For God never sends the Winter*

*Without the Joy of Spring.*

## INHERITANCE!

Not every father is able to leave his son a big estate made up of lands, mortgages and bonds, but any father can bequeath to his children an estate worth infinitely more...one for which they will rise up to call his name blessed.

He can leave an honorable name, a good reputation, the memory of a Godly life and a record of fair dealing. He can teach his son to have a profound respect for a fact, deep reverence for character, a thirst for knowledge and a willingness to work.

If any youth has all this, he will not need any money that may be willed to him; if he does not have this, no money left him will do him much good.



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Masonic and related bodies that comprise the Masonic Temple Association plan to contribute financially to the "Save The Carillon" fund drive that is now being conducted in connection with the City of Albany's Tricentennial celebration. The purpose of the drive is to raise the money necessary to restore the historic Carillon in Albany's City Hall to peak condition as part of the celebration. The Executive Board voted to contribute \$50.00 from each of the four Bodies. This money will be combined with that from the other member bodies of the Association to make one gift from Albany Masonry to this cause.

It was brought to the Board's attention that the organ in the Scottish Rite room is very much in need of tender loving care or, perhaps, replacement. The Board decided to explore the possibility of having it repaired. If this does not appear to be practical, consideration will be given to replacing the organ.

Some Scottish Rite members are always on the alert to bring new candidates into the organization and consistently bring in petitions for every Reunion. The Board decided that there should be some way of recognizing those members whose efforts in securing new petitions has been outstanding. Consideration will be given to some way of saying 'Thank You' to those who deserve recognition for their efforts. For starters, we have printed the name of each sponsor in our list of newly initiated candidates.

Phil LeFevre

## The Sovereign Prince Bids Farewell

My year as Sovereign Prince is fast coming to a close. To the next Sovereign Prince I extend my very sincere wishes for a successful year.

For my last message, I would like to share with you a portion of the talk I presented at my D.D.G.M. Homecoming. The other day I was reading a talk entitled - "What did you expect of Freemasonry?" That question directed me to ask myself a question. What induced me to present my petition?

My Dad was a Mason. He was raised in Washington Lodge No. 86 in 1909, and later affiliated with Ancient Temple Lodge No. 452 in which my grandfather, his father-in-law, held membership. As long as my Dad was able he never missed a lodge meeting. That started me thinking there must be something in Masonry that some day I would like to be a part of.

DeMolay was the catalyst that started me on my Masonic career. I Petitioned Ancient City Lodge No. 452, F. & A. M. I was initiated January 15, 1941; passed March 5, 1941 and raised March 19, 1941.

For the next 25 years because of Army service and business commitment, I was unable to take an active part in Masonry, and for that reason I received nothing from it. However, the Masonic ritualistic ceremony extracts many promises from us but promises us nothing.

After our son Lloyd affiliated with me in practice, I returned to Masonry and became active in Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shrine. Since that time, I have received much more from Masonry than I had expected.

To ask the question again - "What did you expect from Freemasonry?" I do not know what I expected, but I do know what I have received. - 1. I have been associated with men with whom it is a pleasure to be associated. 2. I have been led to higher, nobler and better things. 3. I have benefited morally and spiritually, and have developed an attitude toward life that has given me many hours of pleasure.

Many of us here this evening have experienced the same. You did not receive these things, and neither did I, sitting around waiting for Freemasonry to bring them to you. You received these things, and so did I, through the realization that Freemasonry can put out only what we put in.

It has been nice to know that putting in has taken nothing from us. We have been enriched by our giving. We have been rewarded through the pleasure our efforts have provided for others. I believe that if each does his part to make Masonry what he expects it to be, Freemasonry will be for others what they expect it to be.

Outside the home and the House of God, there is nothing finer than Freemasonry.

J. Wilson Miller

*Sovereign Prince*

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Also elected and installed were: III.: Robert C. Singer, 33° - Grand Master; Charles C. Kysor - Senior Grand Warden; Frederic A. Williams - Junior Grand Warden; William Perlman - Grand Treasurer; and III.: Wendell K. Walker - Grand Treasurer

General James H. [Jimmy] Doolittle, World War II flying hero, a member of Norwalk Lodge No. 315, California, received the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement at the Grand Master's Dinner, Tuesday, May 6.

Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, and member of Midwood Lodge No. 310, New York City, also was honored that evening on his 60th Masonic birthday.

The appointed Officers will be formally invested at the annual St. John's Day program held at the Masonic Home at Utica, Saturday, June 21, 1986.

The Rite Light congratulates all of the elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge, especially Brothers Swits, Jones, Barrell and Potts. May the ensuing four years in Grand Line be pleasurable and rewarding.



## A Word From The Most Wise Master

### PERFECT KNIGHTS OF ROSE CROIX

By the time that this issue is before you, my term as Most Wise Master will have come to an end. This has been a most enjoyable year, as the various programs were a success, highlighted by the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, with Ill. Albert Mills as a most informative speaker.

Our other program, March 20, the Mystery Night now known as Rowing, which event took place last year on the Hudson River, here in Albany and again will be held this year. This program was presented by Brother Garry Loeb, who himself is an inspiring athlete in this sport, having participated in college and is still taking a part in current events.

I also wish to thank you, the members of the Valley of Albany, for allowing me to have been in various offices of the Lodge of Perfection, thus, Thrice Potent Master and also similar activity in the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and their Sovereign Prince. All of these stations have been most enjoyable and rewarding to me, for I was able to understand better the inner parts of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and while I profited by this experience, I trust that I conveyed to you and the officers that followed me, the TRUE meaning of BROTHERHOOD.

This term ends my Officership positions in Scottish Rite, yet, I am active in Cyprus Temple Shriners and I would urge any of you that have not advanced from Scottish Rite to the Shrine, which is the Worlds Greatest Philanthropy, with Hospitals for Crippled and Burned Children, to consider advancement at this time, for with the guidance of God, I shall be Potentate of Cyprus Temple in 1987 and would be pleased to have you as a new member of Cyprus in that year.

Again, thank you, Knights of Rose Croix and all of the other titles of Scottish Rite bodies that have granted me the pleasure of serving you over the years.

Fred B. Hill, Jr.

*Most Wise Master*

## WHAT FREEMASONRY MEANS TO ME



Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, 33°



RECENTLY received a letter in which the writer asked: "Why are you a Freemason?" The question caused me to think and reaffirm my feelings about the Masonic Fraternity.

At first I thought about my own forebearers. My grandfather was a Mason for 50 years, my father for 50 years, and I have been a Mason for 60 years. This means that my tie with Freemasonry extends back to 1869 when my grandfather joined the Masons.

My feelings on my first entrance into a Masonic Lodge are very clear in memory. I was a young man and it was a great thrill to kneel before the altar of the Lodge to become a Freemason. This must have been the same feeling my father and

grandfather experienced before me. And it must also have been identical to the one that many great leaders of America and the world felt as they became Masons. Prominent among this select group are George Washington, Harry Truman and 12 other Presidents of the United States, as well as countless statesmen and benefactors of humanity.

So I found myself thinking: "What does Freemasonry mean to me?" Of course Masons say that Freemasonry actually begins in each individual Mason's heart. I take this to mean a response to brotherhood and the highest ideals. I recall the story of a man who came to me once and said: "I see that you are a Freemason. So am I." As we talked, he told me of an experience he had years ago. It seems that he joined the Masonic Fraternity shortly after he became 21 years old. When he was stationed in the military, he decided to attend various Lodge meetings. On his first visit to a Lodge in a strange city, he was a bit nervous. One thought was constantly in his mind; could he pass the examination to show that he was a Mason? As the committee was carefully examining his credentials, one of the members looked him squarely in the eye and said: "Obviously you know the Ritual, so you can enter our Lodge as a Brother

Mason. But I have one more question. Where were you made a Mason?" With that he told the young visitor to think about it because when he knew the answer the examiner would not have to hear it. He would see it in his eyes. My friend told me that after a couple of minutes a big smile came to his face and he looked at the examiner, who said: "That's right, in your heart."

Freemasonry is not a religion though, in my experience, Masons have predominantly been religious men and, for the most part, of the Christian faith. Through Freemasonry, however, I have had opportunity to break bread with good men of other than my own Christian faith. Freemasonry does not promote any one religious creed. All Masons believe in the Deity without reservation. However, Masonry makes no demands as to how a member thinks of the Great Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry is, for all its members, a supplement to good living which has enhanced the lives of millions who have entered its doors. Though it is not a religion, as such, it supplements faith in God the Creator. It is supporting of morality and virtue.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new initiates into the Valleys of Albany and Troy received their Scottish Rite Degrees at our Spring Reunion - The Ill.:Harry Gavette McNeil, 33° Class - on Saturday, April 26, 1986, in the Albany Temple.

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## The Thrice Potent Master Speaks

As I approach the end of my term as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, it is not only with regret at it's swift passing, but with a sense of satisfaction, and keen appreciation for the cooperation and assistance I have had from the other officers of the Lodge, as well as the officers of the Valley and the other bodies, in achieving our goal of an interesting and fruitful year.

Highlights of the year featured Testimonial Dinners and Programs for the III: Vincent D'Anza and the III: Ted Goodrich, the Celebration of The Feast of Tishri, the Patent Presentation Dinner and Program, as well as informational programs on other occasions. It has also been our pleasure to join with the other bodies in their presentation of programs and events, especially The Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Palm Sunday.

Again, let me thank all those who helped make my term a most rewarding experience. May we continue to strive to carry on the heritage of the Valley of Albany for future generations.

**Louis J. Lantz**  
*Thrice Potent Master*

Freemasonry has no dogma or theology. It offers no sacraments. It teaches that it is important for every man to have a religion of his own choice and to be faithful to it in thought and action. As a result, men of different religions meet in fellowship and brotherhood under the fatherhood of God. I think that a good Mason is made even more faithful to the tenets of his faith by his membership in the Lodge.

Freemasonry is much more than a social organization. Through Masonic teachings, good men practice love and charity. As a Fraternity they spend millions of dollars to support hospitals, childhood language disorders clinics and research into problems that plague man's physical and mental being. Whenever I visit a Masonic hospital, of which there are many my eyes fill with tears. As I see a youngerster, who could not walk, now able to get from one end of the corridor to the other with the aid of an artificial leg, I am thrilled. For a young person to have the opportunity to become whole and productive is to me exciting and wonderful. And this opportunity is given at no cost to his or her family or the state. Living is beautiful, but sometimes life can be harsh and cruel. Whenever or wherever people are in need Masons are there to help. From large undertakings to the smallest of needs, Masons are always there, caring and serving.

I have always been interested as to why Masons devote so much time to their Fraternity. A good answer to this question came from a Grand Master who once told me that he enjoys his involvement because it gives him another dimension to living. The same answer is echoed by Brethren as they meet in Lodge rooms from one end of our Country to the other and around the world. Many of my best friends, associates and fellow Christians are Freemasons and good churchmen as well.

In my travels at home and abroad a goodly number of Freemasons notice my Masonic ring, which I always wear. With pride they say: "I, too, am a Freemason."

To me, Freemasonry is one form of dedication to God and service to humanity. I too was a Freemason in my heart and so I will remain. I am proud of my involvement. I am proud to walk in fraternal fellowship with my Brethren. Why am I a Freemason? Simply because I am proud to be a man who wants to keep the moral standards of life at high level and leave something behind so others will benefit. Only as I, personally, become better, can I help others to do the same.

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