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> The Officers and Trustees of the Halleys of Albany and Troy Extend to All Members and Their Families Sincere Greetings for a Happy Holiday Season

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 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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Happy Hanukka

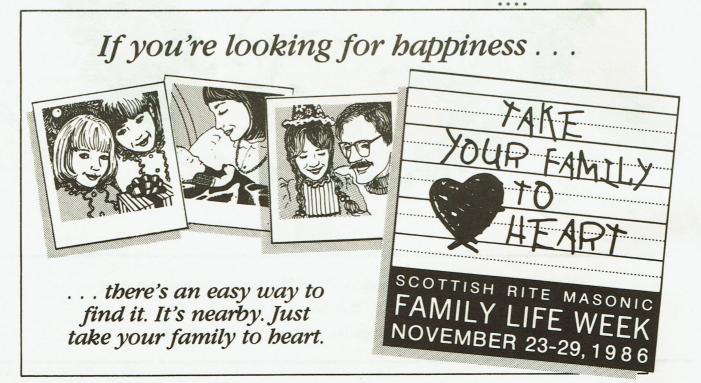
Hanukka-The Feast of Lights-which our Jewish brethren celebrate beginning the night of December 27th is an eight-day festival marking the first recorded battle for religious liberty.

Our brethren light candles on eight nights in succession to commemorate the religious and historical significance of the holiday. Each night an additional candle is lit and on each night, each child is given a gift to mark the holiday. Lights are lit throughout the house as well, and the entire period partakes of a thanksgiving for Israel's deliverance from danger.

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

By watching the clock you cannot fail to learn that it passes the time by keeping its hands busy.

It takes almost as much energy to be indifferent as it does to be positive.



Congratulations!

Brother Richard H. Welkley To Receive 33°

At the Supreme Council session held on September 24, 1986 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Reverend Richard H. Welkley was nominated and elected to become an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33° next September 23, 1987 in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Rite Light joins with all of the members of the Valleys of Albany and Troy in extending our warmest congratulations

to Brother Welkley.

Richard Howard Welkley was born in Rochester, New York on October 23, 1937 to Howard and Mildred (Keyes) Welkley. Brother Welkley has two sons - Andrew Richard and Matthew Jay. He was educated at Fairport Central School, Fairport, New York, 1955; Nyack College, Nyack, New York, 1960; and McGill University, Montreal, P.Q., 1969. He was ordained Deacon (1967) and Elder (1969) in Troy Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Brother Welkley has served pastorates of the United Methodist Church in Warrensburg, New York (1961-1964) at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church; Mooers, (Mooers Forks, Scotia) New York (1964-1970); Associate Pastor, Glens Falls, New York (1970-1972); Eagle Mills, New York (1972-1979); and Lansingburgh, New York (1979-present).

He was President of the Warrensburg Ministerial Association in 1963; Presient, Clinton County Council of Churches, 1967; President, Glens Falls Ministerial Association, 1971; President, Brunswick Ecumenical Cluster, 1973; Chairman, Campus Ministries Committee of the Troy Area Council of Churches, 1979 to 1983; and a Member of the Executive Board, Troy Area Council of Churches, 1980 to 1985.

In community service, Brother Welkley served as District Chairman of Organization and Extension for the Mohican Council Boy Scouts of America in Glens Falls, New York (1962-1964); he organized boy Scout troops in Warrensburg, Mooers, Eagle Mills and a Cub Pack in Glens Falls; Chairman of BSA Troop 237 (Eagle Mills), 1976 to 1980; and was Merit Badge Counselor, Gov. Clinton Council, 1979 to present.

He was also President, Rensselaer County unit of the American Cancer Society, 1976 to 1978 and member from 1972 to 1982; Member of the New York State Division of the American Cancer Society, 1977 to 1982; Secretary and Chaplain of the Eagle Mills Volunteer Fire Co., 1973 to 1979; Crew Chief, Eagle Mills Rescue Squad, 1974 to 1979 (and was a Certified Medical Technician); member of the Town of Brunswick Youth and Recreation Commission, 1974 to 1977; member of the Brittonkill Central School Board of Education, 1977 to 1979 · Vice President, 1978 to 1979; President of the Rensselaer County Community Services Board, 1979 to 1986 and has been a member since 1976; member of the Rensselaer County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Board, 1979 to present, and was Secretary in 1986; charter member of the Lansingburgh Kiwanis Club, 1983 to present and a member of the Executive Committee, 1983 to 1984; and he was advisor for the local Church Youth Fellowship (which included local youth beyond the local church), 1979 to 1986.

Brother Welkley was raised in Champlain Lodge 237 on April 21, 1965. He demitted to King Solomon's Primitive 91 in 1975 and became Master in 1981. In the year 1981, the 200th Anniversary of Grand Lodge, Brother Welkley was invited to preach at special celebrations of the Bicentennial at Fort Ticonderoga and at the Convention Center in Albany. He was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in 1983 and has been reappointed each year since then. Brother Welkley joined the Troy Delta Bodies, Valley of Troy, and Albany Sovereign Consistory, Valley of Albany, in 1976 and has been active at most every Reunion since then. He served as the Most Wise Master of the Troy Delta Chapter of Rose Croix in 1982, presiding over the Feast of the Pascal Lamb, and is now Junior Warden in Troy Delta Lodge of Perfection. Brother Welkley serves as a Chaplain of the Delta Bodies, and is Director of the Sixth Degree. At reunions, he has had parts in the following degrees; 5, 6, 15, 16, 17 and 18. He is also active in the degree work of the Albany Sovereign Consistory, participating in the 20°, 26° (presently), and 32°. He has regularly been invited to conduct special services at Lansingburgh, Bethlehem, and Latham Masonic Temples.

In 1981, he served as President of the Rensselaer-Schenectady Masters and Wardens Association, and in 1982 was Chairman of the Planning Committee for the 50th Anniversary of this Masters and Wardens Association. Brother Welkley is an honorary member of Evening Star Lodge 75 of Latham. He holds membership in the Oriental Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and the Troy Area Shrine Club. He is a Past President of the Masonic Veterans Association of Troy and Vicinity. Brother Welkley is currently Vice Chairman of the Membership Retention Committee for the Valley of Troy, A.A.S.R.

From The Most Wise Master . . .

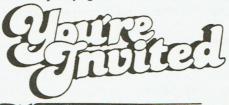
I, as well as you, have been looking forward to a much nicer Fall Season. Maybe it will come after this newsletter arrives at your door step.

I can't think of a better time, then when our climate is acting up, for all of us to become more involved in our fraternity. After all, it is no fun to sit at home and sing the blues.

You know as well as I that activity is the best medicine known to man for making one feel great. And I know of no better way then to find that out than to meet with your friends which can make a big difference in your social life.

If you don't believe this, just ask anyone who happened to be on the same deep sea fishing trip with me into the great expanse of the Atlantic Ocean this last month.

Come to our affairs and enjoy the kind of fellowship that our fratemity has always provided for. Please set aside our next meeting night, November 20, 1986. This will be an Old Tyme Sing-A-Long preceded by a spaghetti dinner. This is an open meeting, so bring along your favorite lady.



Fraternally,
Harold J. Clark
Most Wise Master
Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

Hello, I Am a New Member

I see you at the meeting

But you never say "hello."
You're busy all the time you're there
With those you already know.
I sit among the people and yet,
I'm the lonesome one.
And new "fish" as strange as I
You old members pass me by.
But darn it, you folks ask us in
And talk of fellowship
You could just step across the room
But you've never made the trip.
Why can't you nod and say "hello"

Then go and sit among your friends; Now that I'd understand.

Or stop by and shake our hand?

I'll be at your next meeting, Perhaps a nice night to spend, I just want to be a "friend."

Anonymous

Welcome New Members!

Name

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The Commander-in-Chief's Message:



William S. Assini, 33° Commander-in-Chief Albany Sovereign Consistory



Sublime Princes:

Summer has ended and we are into our Fall and Winter activities.

The Lodge of Perfection celebrated the Feast of Tishri in September. It was well attended and the delicious dinner prepared by Ill:.Richard G. Barrell, 33°, enjoyed by all.

On the same evening, the Valley of Troy scheduled a dinner meeting with the Champlain area Scottish Rite Club in Elizabethtown. Forty-five Brothers attended. Ill:.Robert F. Case, 33°, Active Deputy for New York, was guest speaker.

The Valley of Troy held their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q on September 7, at the Troy Masonic Temple, to benefit Pahl House, a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitating Center.

The Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction took place in Cincinnati, September 19 to 25. It was at this session that Richard G. Barrell was coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.

Rev. Richard H. Welkley, 32°, was nominated and elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree in Boston next year.

With the appointments of George J. Deveneau, 32°; Lewis O. Slocum, 32°; and Leslie C. Duff, 32°, as District Deputy Grand Masters, we have three fine representatives from the Valleys of Albany, Troy and Schenectady. All three are dedicated Blue Lodge Members as well as Scottish Rite. Support these three Brothers at their Blue Lodge Visitations and extend our Scottish Rite image.

A Testimonial Dinner honoring

Ill::Robert F. Case, 33°, Deputy for New York, was held at the Ramada Inn, Schenectady on Friday, October 3. A large turnout of well wishers had an enjoyable evening.

Ill::Robert F. Case, 33°, asked me to be a presenter at Siena College, Loudonville, of the National Sojourner Award (ROTC). It was a pleasant task to present to Cadet LTC David Mansfield of Saratoga, the National Sojourner Medal.

By the time you receive this publication, our scheduled Fall Reunion at the Albany Masonic Temple will have taken place.

An up-coming event will be the Testimonial Dinner honoring Ill:.Richard G. Barrell, 33°, at Michael's Banquet House, Latham. Ill:.Clayton E. Simons, 33°, is Chairman.

Mark your calendar now for the Family Life Week Church Service and Brunch to be held on Sunday, November 23 at Christ Church United Methodist, Troy. The Valleys of Albany and Troy will unite for this event. Further information will follow this printing of the Rite Light.

A Testimonial Dinner honoring Raymond A. Zink, 32°, will be held on Saturday, November 29, at Germania Hall, Lansingburgh. Brother Ray is a recent recipient of the MSA Award.

Kindly reserve Friday, December 5 for our Annual Scottish Rite Ladies' Night at the Century House, Latham. This affair is always enjoyable, so plan to bring your Lady for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Russell J. LaGrange, 32°, will be honored on this occasion for having received the MSA Award.

May I wish each Sublime Prince and his family a Happy Holiday Season and good health throughout the coming year.

What are the Sojourners?

It's a pretty safe bet that many Masons, while they may have heard of the Sojourners, don't really know what they are.

Because the Commander-in-Chief mentions in his message that he recently presented the National Sojourner Award to an ROTC student at Siena College, the Editors thought it well to include the following explanation of the origin and purpose of the National Sojourners.

Early in 1900, pursuant to a call published in one of the Manila, Philippines, newspapers, a meeting of Masonic officers resulted in "The Sojourners Club." Meetings were held in Manila. These meetings became the means of securing a dispensation for a Lodge U.D. with a Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of California, and jewels and furniture presented by The Sojourners Club. A need for a national organization was felt and a meeting was held to which were invited officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps who were masons. The name "Sojourners" was chosen on account of the transitory membership. It was formed August 25, 1921 at City Club, Chicago, Illinois, and incorporated in the District of Columbia as the National Sojourners, Inc., on June 20, 1931.

Its membership is composed of Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers (past and present) of the uniformed services of the United States who are Master Masons.

Purpose - To organize Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers (past and present) of the uniformed forces of the United States into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation, for bringing together representatives (past and present) of the Armed Forces of the United States in a unified effort to further the military need of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.

A Word From The Thrice Potent Master



November and 1986 are almost over. They say as one gets older the time goes faster. Could someone let me know if this is true?

Our Feast of Tishri, held at our September meeting, was an overwhelming success. I wish to thank all of you who took part, especially Ill:Brother Barrell. Brother George Corson presented a very enjoyable talk. Those of you who missed it, really missed something. There are still alot of things to happen in the Valley of Albany before May. Come out to a meeting, you might enjoy yourself.

The Valley of Albany needs you. Your input and presence at our meetings is really important. In an organization as large as this there are many, many jobs to be done. In some cases, jobs are being filled by people who are overworked or not as qualified as you are. Your idea may be just the one the Valley might need, but it won't be a help if no one hears it.

It is good to see one of our own do well. At the Council of Deliberation in July, Russell J. LaGrange, Jr. was awarded the Meritorious Service Award (The Red Hat). "Rusty" served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection for two years. He will receive his Red Hat at our Ladies' Night, December, 5th at the Century House. Please join me in honoring Rusty for a job well done.

See you in Lodge! Richard C. Mills, 32° Thrice Potent Master Ineffible & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection

Annual Blue Envelope Appeal Aids Supreme Council Charities

"The Blue Envelope Appeal is an effective way for Scottish Rite Masons to join together in transforming Masonic values into community service," states Sovereign Grand Commander Francis G. Paul, 33°.

This fall thousands and thousands of Scottish Rite members across the 15-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will respond to the 1986-1987 Blue Envelope Appeal which supports the three Supreme Council Charities.

Mental illness continues to be a major charitable focus. The Schizophrenia Research Program supports grants to scientists seeking answers to the most devastating form of mental illness. "Over fifty years ago, Scottish Rite made a commitment to those afflicted with schizophrenia," states Commander Paul. "We knew the task would be difficult but someone had to lead the way."

Although there are still no final answers to the causes of schizophrenia, the Scottish Rite program has resulted in advances in the understanding of severe mental illness, some of which has led to improved treatment.

In Lexington, Massachusetts, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage reaches thousands of visitors each month. Families, school children, and senior citizens have an opportunity to discover the greatness of our nation through worthwhile exhibits and programs.

"Anyone visiting the Museum and Library comes away with a new sense of pride in our country," comments the Commander. "More than anything else we are fostering a feeling of patriotism, and Scottish Rite Masons can be proud of what they have built in Lexington."

Helping young men and women from Masonic families reach their educational and career goals is the purpose of the Supreme Council Scholarships Program. Deserving recipients are chosen from among applicants from each of the 15 states.

"We are making it possible for our own fine young people to attend college, as well as other institutions of higher education," reports Commander Paul. He points out that scholarship funds are allocated to the states based on their support of the Blue Envelope Appeal. Applications for scholarships are available through Valley Secretaries.

This year special recognition is being given to members contributing to the Blue Envelope Appeal. Contributors of \$35 will receive a red, white, and blue "Freedom Forever" lapel pin, while those giving \$50 will be sent a "Freedom Always" tie bar.

Donors of \$100 become members of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Council and are given a beautiful membership certificate. If the gift is \$250, members will also receive, for the first time, a gold tie bar indicating that they are members of the Sovereign Commander's Council.

"The Blue Envelope Appeal is effective," states Commander Paul, "because it has the support of so many thousands of our members. It is a strong indication of our commitment to community service."



Each of us cares about the future of Freemasonry. Now, you can make a difference.

Your Masonic beliefs are expressed through Supreme Council Charities and your gift to the 1986-1987 Blue Envelope Appeal strengthens our commitment to service.

THE SCOTTISH RITE CARES

Here's your chance to make a difference

Annual Supreme Council Blue Envelope Appeal fosters Freemasonry

- We foster patriotism through the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage
- We fight the ravages of mental illness through the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program
- We aid deserving students from Scottish Rite families and Masonic youth organizations with their education through Scottish Rite Scholarships

Make a difference. Give to the 1986-1987 Blue Envelope Appeal.

Dufore appointed officer in Masonic District



Louis H. Dufore, a member of Sandy Hill Lodge 372, Hudson Falls, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Washington Masonic District, and Steven E. Salisbury of Salem has been appointed Grand Steward of the district.

Both appointments were made by Robert C. Singer, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York. Dufore was initiated in Sandy Hill Lodge in 1968, passed May 28 and raised as Master Mason on June 11, 1968.

He served all the appointed offices and in 1975, he was elected Junior Warden, in 1976, Senior Warden, and in 1977, Master Warden.

He again served as Senior Warden in 1981, Master in 1982, and Junior Warden in 1986.

He is a member of Sandy Hill Chapter 189 Royal Arch Masons of Hartford, serving as Scrife in 1975, King in 1976, and High Priest in 1977-1978 and King in 1985-1986.

Dufore is also a member of Calvary Commandery 69 Knights Templar, holding all appointed offices and served as Generalissamo in 1986 and 1987; the Joseph Warren Council 81 Royal and Select Masters, holding all offices and was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1980; the Scottish Rite, being a Life member of Lodge Council Chapter Valley of Troy, of the Consistory Valley of Albany Oriental Temple AAONMS of Troy, a Past Chapter advisor of Burgoyne Chapter Order of DeMolay and Past Chapter Dad of the Triangle of Glens Falls; member and past Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter 632; past District Grand Lecture of the Warren-Washington district, Order of the Eastern Star, 1978-1979; and Vice President of Workers and Charity of Warren-Washington-Saratoga districts.

He is a member of Warren-Washington-Saratoga Past Masters Association; the American Lodge of Research; the Grand Masters Club; and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Dufore is past member of Quatore Coronatie, London, England; past Vestryman of Zion Episcopal Church; past member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Fort Edward; past Senior instructor for the American Red Cross; past Hunter Safety instructor for firearms and archery; a life member of the American Legion Post 574 and of the V.F.W. Post 918; a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles Aries 2486; and a electoral past general foreman of Local 438 - Troy, New York and a member since 1946.

Dufore was born in Fort Edward on June 7, 1917, married to the former Marjorie Parker of Brooklyn, the father of eight - six daughters and two sons - with seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He attended schools in Fort Edward, and Hudson Falls High School. He took an N.R.I. course in radio and refrigeration in Washington, D.C. and an advanced course in electronics.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1941-1946 and was discharged as a Chief Electricians Mate. He also was past deputy commander of the Tri-County Group of the Civil Air Patrol.

Dufore was employed as an electrical inspector for the New York Board of Fire Underwriters.

He was invested by Robert C. Singer, Grand Master.

The Rite Light congratulates Brother Dufore and wishes him every success in the ensuing year.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY &



Selling Scottish Rite Long

It is your duty to invite prospective members to forsake, for a time, the dust and grime of the broad highway of everyday life, to forget for a while the drudgery and monotony of the workaday world and tread the Path with us.

Problems of Life, quarrels between friends, respect for law, jury service, business ethics, patriotism, proper family relations, best methods for charity and relief-all are exemplified in a manner that remains vivid in the memory of anyone who passes through the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

Tell them how the great moral code of Symbolic Masonry is carried forward and developed in the degrees of the Scottish Rite as a college carries forward and developes the studies of the grade school.

To those who seek to know the principles that animated and inspired the best men in the world's history-to those who seek a clearer light on the difficulties and perplexities of life-to those who desire to learn how to apply and use their Masonry, the doors of the Scottish Rite are always open in a hearty fraternal welcome.

What is the Meritorious Service Award?

Since the Supreme Council approved the Meritorious Service Award as a recognition of distinguished service to Scottish Rite masonry, a number of misapprehensions have arisen or developed among some members of the Rite. The following are some of them:

- That the award is a Scottish Rite Degree ranking between the Thirtysecond and Thirty-third Degrees.
- That the award is a prelude or stepping stone to the Thirty-third Degree.
- 3. That the award is bestowed only in cases where the recipient is not expected to be nominated to receive the Thirty-third Degree.
- 4. That the award is bestowed only in cases where the recipient has not otherwise earned a cap.

Nothing could be farther from the intent and purpose of this award. It is not a degree, nor is it related to any degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. It is not to be considered a stepping stone to the Thirty-third Degree, neither is it intended to compensate or console anyone who may not be nominated to receive that honor. It is bestowed without regard to honors that may or may not have been accorded to the recipient in the past.

What, then, is the Meritorious Service Award: it is a recognition of distinguished service in Scottish Rite Masonry granted to a member of the Rite who has attained the Thirty-second Degree by the Council of Deliberation of State upon the recommendation of his presiding officers and, in the accompanying ceremony, a beautiful jewel and a special cap emblematical of the recognition and honor are presented to the recipient of the award.

Congratulations Brother Zink



Brother Raymond A. Zink, 32°, was granted the prestigious Meritorious Service Award by the New York State Council of Deliberation at its meeting in July.

The Valley of Troy will host a Testimonial Dinner for Brother Ray on Saturday, November 29, at Germania Hall, 309 Third Avenue in Troy. There will be a social hour at 6:30 P.M. followed by dinner at 7:30. Members of the Valleys of Troy and Albany, as well as the public, are invited to honor Brother Ray as he receives the insignia and credentials of this Award.

Reservations are by check to Troy Delta Bodies and sent to Leigh J. Gebhardt, 843 Seventh Avenue, Troy, N.Y. 12182.

The Rite Light congratulates Brother Zink on this well deserved honor.

ATTENTION

You know where you are.
You know where we are.
We know where we are.
But we don't always know where you are . . .
Please keep us posted on your current address!

Ladies' Night

The annual Scottish Rite Ladies' Night will be held again this year at the Century House in Latham, just north of the Latham traffic circle. The date is Friday, December 5, 1986.

There will be a dutch treat cocktail hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 pm. Dinner will follow at 8:00 pm with dancing later. Tickets are \$17.50 per person.

Reservations may be made by check payable to AASR and sent to either Russell J. LaGrange, Jr., 794 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 or William J. Assini, 24 Woodlawn Road, Latham, NY 12110.

By the way, dress is informal. This is always a nice evening out with the Ladies' so let's have a good attendance.



Delta Bodies Work for Pahl House

Pahl House in Troy is a drug and alcohol abuse center. As they have in the past, the Troy Delta Bodies again held a chicken barbeque to raise money for the center.

The affair was held on September 7th at the Troy Masonic Temple. Brothers William Iacocca and Stafford Willis, cochairman, assisted by several hard working Brothers, did a fine job on what has become an annual event. About seven hundred dollars was raised for Pahl House.

The Delta Bodies are to be commended for this activity which demonstrates the true spirit of Masonry.

A Word from the Most Wise Master

Rose Croix

Do you know these songs?

- Sweet Adeline
- Cuddle Up a Little Closer
- Margie
- Plus Several Others

If you do not - come to my Sing-A-Long and Spaghetti Dinner. Bring your favorite Lady - I will furnish the music. It all happens on November 20th at 6:30 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$4.00 per person.

Please send (or call) your reservation by November 12th to Harold J. Clark, Most Wise Master. (462-0470)

> Harold J. Clark Most Wise Master



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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

George Herbert, 17th Century poet, put into a single sentence something which should be on the lips of all men at this season of the year: "O Lord, Thou hath given so much to me, give one thing more — a grateful heart." Think, if you will, of those people who have benefited you, and ask, have I ever thanked them? Then, do so,

It has been 366 years since some 102 brave seekers of freedom, courageously landed from their frail 92-foot boat, and began hacking away at the American wilderness. They were grateful for a land where they were free to practice their religious beliefs. What was the first public building they erected? A church, in which thanks would be given to God. The day itself is only incidentally a feast day; it is primarily a day of religious

devotion.

Plymouth Rock, the symbol of Thanksgiving, may have diminished in some minds over the years, but it still radiates the ideals which the Pilgrims brought with them and remains untarnished as a part of our American heritage. Those recall also on this day our duty of national dedication.

Let us, therefore, with grateful hearts make Thanksgiving one of our most significant holidays, linking our prosperity with God, glad that Divine Providence plays a part in all good fortune, a day of prayer and an occasion for enjoying all the good things in life.

Faithfully and fraternally,

HENRY C. CLAUSEN, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California



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If you can dream-and not make dreams your master; If you can think-and not make thoughts your aim, If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster And treat those two impostors just the same: If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

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