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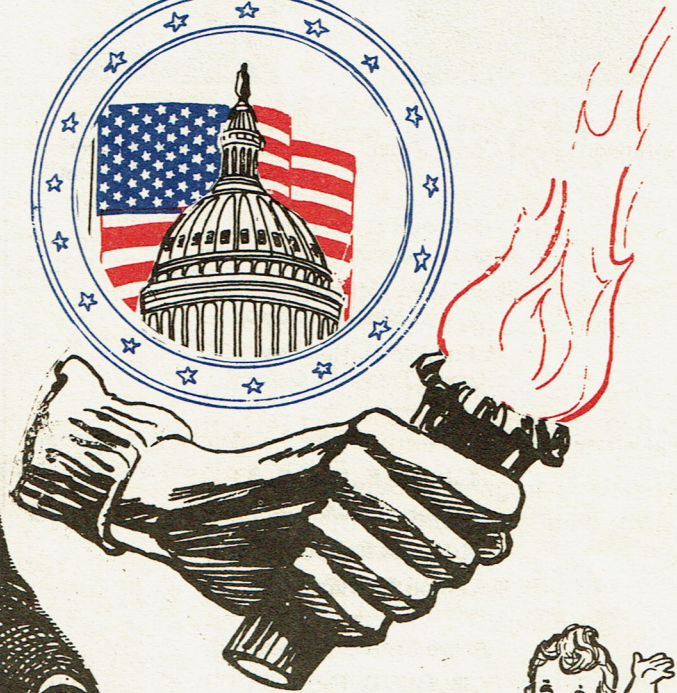
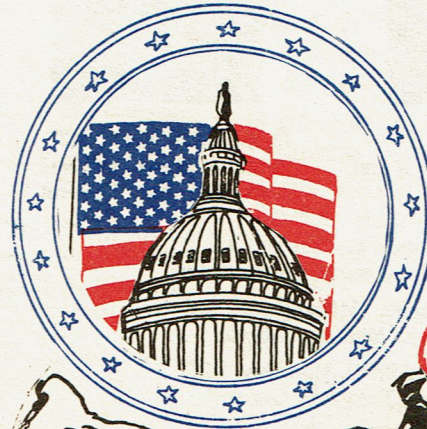
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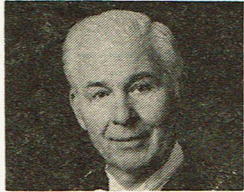
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Happy
New Year



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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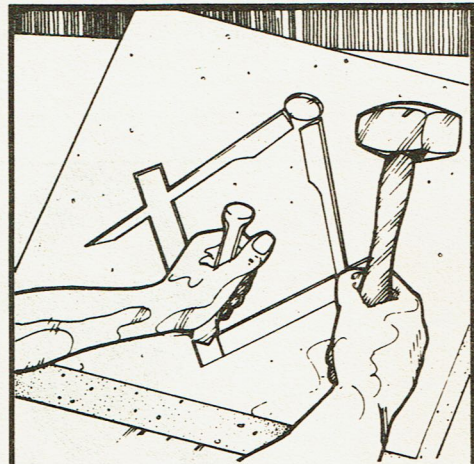
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Drug Abuse Help Line

Need to help a friend or family member who has a drug problem? Call 800-662-HELP, the new government hotline, operated by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Callers can get answers from drug experts and locations of treatment programs. The hotline operates 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, and noon to 3 a.m. weekends.

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SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES**

**SUCCESSFUL
PEOPLE DO THOSE
THINGS
UNSUCCESSFUL
PEOPLE DON'T
WANT TO DO.**

*"Small opportunities are
often the beginning of great
enterprises."*

—Demosthenes (343 B.C.)

SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES

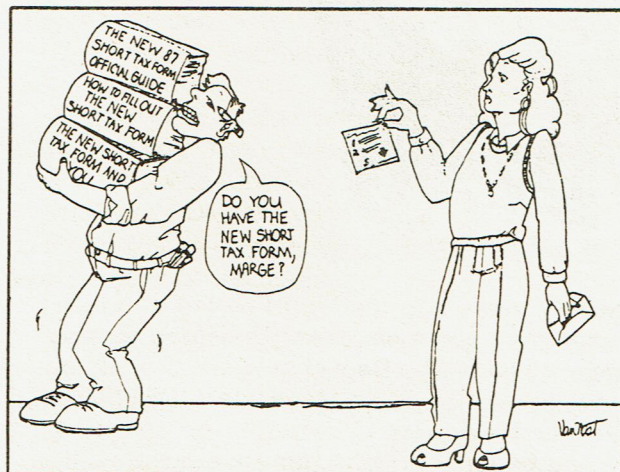


IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

**ONE
TODAY
IS WORTH
TWO
TOMORROWS.**

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.



Middle-age is that time of life when you you no longer need a pillow to play Santa Claus.

★ ★ ★
The most disillusioned girls are those who married because they were tired of working.

★ ★ ★
The difference between the old dime novel and the best seller of today is about \$3.40.

★ ★ ★
Nature is amazing. Who would have thought of growing a fly swatter on the rear end of a cow.

★ ★ ★
A race horse is an animal that can take several thousand people for a ride at the same time.

Cold Hard Facts

If your doctor treats your cold, it will go away in two weeks. If you leave it alone, it will go away in fourteen days.

Twisted Definitions

(Though geared to the construction field, they apply fairly well across the board.)

Contractor: A gambler who never gets to shuffle, cut or deal.

Bid Opening: A poker game in which the losing hand wins.

Bid: A wild guess carried out to two decimal places.

Low Bidder: A contractor who is wondering what he left out.

Engineer's Estimate: The cost of construction in heaven.

OSHA: A protective coating made by half-baking a mixture of fine print, split hairs, red tape and baloney, usually applied at random with a shotgun.

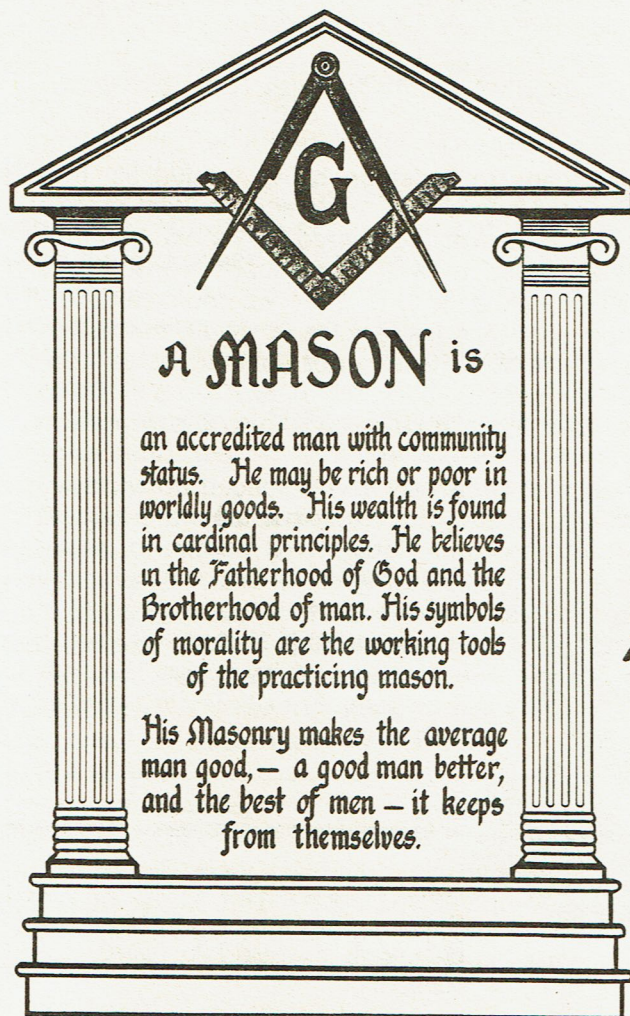
Completion Date: The point at which liquidated damages begin.

Liquidated Damages: A penalty for failing to achieve the impossible.

Diversification: An attempt to profit by betting on every horse in the race.

Specialization: Betting everything on the wrong horse.

QUOTE



Support the 'Blue Envelope' Appeal

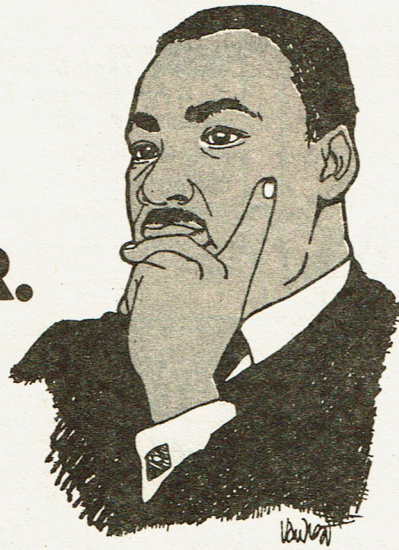
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IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Dream Lives On



"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

Nearly twenty years ago the world reeled in shock when the youngest man ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize was assassinated. The Baptist minister, civil rights leader, renowned author, *Time Magazine's* 1963 "Man of the Year," and eloquent dreamer of dreams was dead. Only one national holiday honors a private citizen: Dr. Martin Luther King, a man with a dream. His great achievements will be honored this year on Monday, January 18.

Born on January 15, 1929, King rose to national prominence in 1955 when he led a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, and inspired generations of black Americans to insist on being treated as first-class citizens. Through his leadership, a local protest over a moral issue was converted into a national crusade. He appealed to white Americans' consciences and sense of justice. In turn, there was political leverage on the country's leaders. As a result, black citizens reaped the benefits of better housing, better education, better jobs, enabling the descendants of slaves to finally have a fair chance to join in the American dream.

The man who preached and practiced nonviolence died a violent death. But he left a legacy that lives today. More than equal rights, King wanted to generate a sense of pride and dignity in black Americans. He wanted to plant the seeds of mutual trust in all of us. His dream—"That one day this Nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal'"—lives on in each of us.

Dining Out

Restaurant Customer: "How long for a table?"

Maitre d': "Thirty minutes or \$10, whichever comes first."

"Labor to keep alive in your heart that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

—George Washington

CELEBRATION

PRESIDENT'S DAY:

February 15, 1988

George Washington, the "Father of Our Country," would have been crowned king if a group of patriots had had their way! Fortunately, Washington was appalled at the idea of a coronation. He favored a republican form of government.

Who was this man who refused to be king, and became the first of 40 presidents to serve our nation through our 200-year history?

Nearly a century after Washington's birth, a lanky country boy named Abraham Lincoln took a job as clerk in a general store in Illinois. There he witnessed the brutality of slaves being chained, whipped, and sold like cattle. Did this experience shape his political thinking and lead to his becoming our 16th President?

President's Day, the third Monday in February, falls between the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, our tallest and most illustrious presidents—one the founder, the other the savior of our country. We pause this month to remember some details of their lives.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, downed by an assassin's bullet on Good Friday in 1865, is best remembered for his impoverished childhood, the "Gettysburg Address," and death by assassination. What happened during the course of these events is in many ways the story of our nation.

Lincoln was born in a remote Kentucky log cabin, February 12, 1809. Self-taught and ambitious, he never found success easily. He lost his first election in Illinois in the early 1830s. His grocery business went bankrupt shortly thereafter, because his partner drank heavily and Lincoln himself was preoccupied studying law.

Success came at last when he won a seat in the Illinois assembly in 1834. He became an attorney and rose to power within the Whig party. In 1836, he was ambivalent on the issue of slavery, feeling that it was unjust, but fearing that abolition would cause severe problems.

Lincoln was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1846. After his term, he returned to work as a circuit lawyer. Although he lost the senate election of 1858, his debates with Stephen A. Douglas during that summer brought him to national attention.

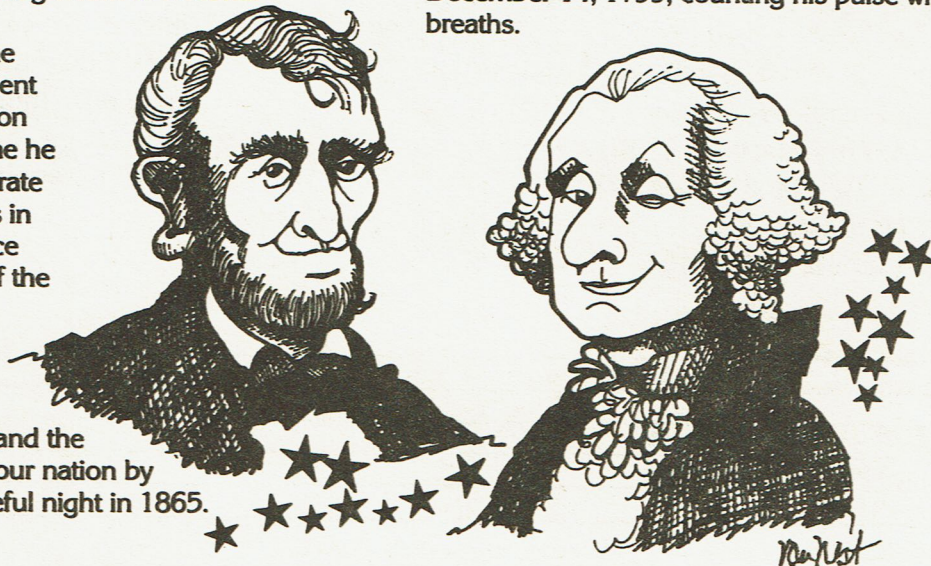
Two years later he became the Republican candidate for President and won, amid threats of rebellion from southern states. By the time he took the oath of office, Confederate armies were seizing federal forts in their states. His first term of office was consumed by the turmoil of the great Civil War.

Reconstruction began during his second term. He and his wife, Mary, celebrated the end of the bitter war and the beginning of renewed hope for our nation by going to Ford's Theater that fateful night in 1865.

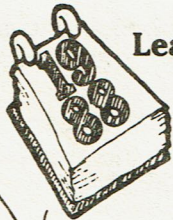
GEORGE WASHINGTON, born February 22, 1732, was destined to become a military hero: At the age of 20 he joined the Virginia militia as a major. Later, he was elected to command five Virginia militia companies. He took an active part in the Second Continental Congress; John Adams nominated him to be commander in chief of its proposed army. His election was unanimous.

The war that followed was not nearly so harmonious. Washington's military exploits were thwarted by factionalism, lack of funds, chronic desertions, poorly trained troops, and unreliable intelligence. Truly, he commanded a ragtag army!

Although at times ready to give up, Washington persevered until he had healed the wounds of the new nation. Never a flawless hero, he faced countless challenges and brought dignity to the new post of president. He also shaped America's foreign policy for generations. Washington died quietly on December 14, 1799, counting his pulse with his last breaths.

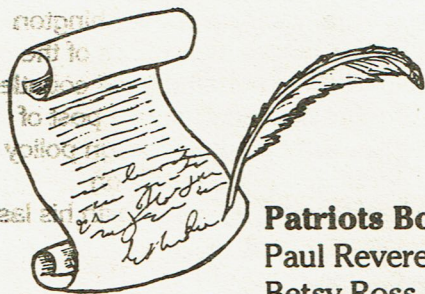


WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT *January?*



Leap Year! comes once every four years. And here it is, staring us right square in the eye ... with the promise of an extra day and high hopes of romance for marriage-hungry singles. Welcome 1988!

January Celebrations:
National Hobby Month
National Soup Month
Prunes for Breakfast Month.



Patriots Born in January:

Paul Revere (January 1, 1735)

Betsy Ross (January 1, 1752)

Benjamin Franklin (January 17, 1706)

Ethan Allen (January 21, 1738)

Thomas Paine (January 29, 1737)

In Canada: John A. MacDonald, Canada's First Prime Minister (January 11, 1815).



National Clean-Off-Your-Desk Day: January 19.

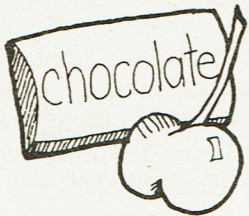
Make a point to clear your desktop down to the bare wood (or laminate, as the case may be). No better way to gear up for that inevitable onslaught of paperwork in the new year.



Vietnam War Cease-Fire Day: January 27, 1973.

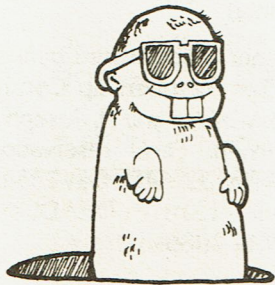
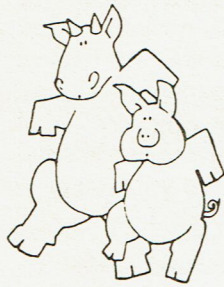
Fifteen years have passed since the Paris Peace Accord ended our involvement in Southeast Asia. Make this anniversary day a stunning remembrance to those Americans who fought for freedom in Vietnam at great personal sacrifice.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT *February?*



February Celebrations:
National Cherry Month
National Chocolate Lovers Month
Potato Lovers Month
Shape Up with Pickles Time.

National Meat Month. Lean meats are "in," to help consumers eat healthier. In 1986, Americans consumed 26 percent less fat per day from retail cuts of beef and pork than they did just 10 years before, says the American Meat Institute.



Ground Hog Day: February 2, 1988. It's an old superstition from the Heart of Pennsylvania: If the sun shines on this day or if the groundhog sees his shadow on emerging from his den, you can expect winter to stay for an extra six weeks.

Achievers Born in February:

Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell (February 3, 1821)
 Gertrude Stein (February 3, 1874)
 Norman Rockwell (February 3, 1894)
 George Herman "Babe" Ruth (February 6, 1895)



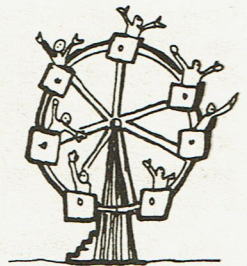
Thomas A. Edison (February 11, 1847)
 Susan B. Anthony (February 15, 1820)



Ronald Wilson Reagan's Birthday: February 6, 1911. So you think George Washington was "old" when he became president! Age is relative. President Washington was only 57 when he was inaugurated in 1789. President Reagan was 69 at his inauguration in January, 1981.

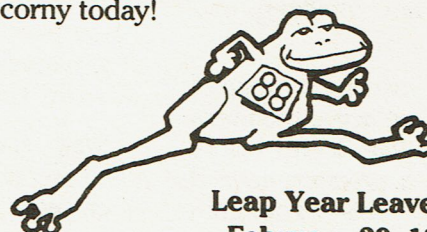
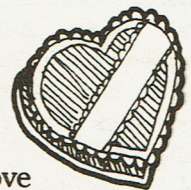
Ferris Wheel Day: February

14, 1988. George Washington Gale Ferris was born on this day in 1859. A civil engineer, he is best remembered as inventor of the Ferris Wheel, developed for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. The first Ferris Wheel was 250-feet in diameter with 36 coaches, each capable of carrying 40 passengers.



St. Valentine's Day: February

14, 1988. Valentine's Day is the world's most popular unofficial holiday. Here's your chance to reach out to the someone you love or admire. Lay it on: Foil-wrapped chocolates, red roses, full-hearted kisses, greeting cards with romantic messages. No signs of affection are too corny today!



Leap Year Leaves Its Mark:
February 29, 1988.

From the Most Wise Master



As you read this, we will be on the verge (if not already there) of another New York winter. While the wind will blow cold from the north, the warmth of family and good friends more than overcomes it. Let the exchange of brotherly greetings at our Scottish Rite meetings be a part of that special warmth in your heart that helps you to forget the snow and chill.

At our November meeting we were honored by the visit of Ill.:C. Donald McKenzie, 33° in an official capacity. We were also fortunate to have with us Lt. Commander and Brother Steven Raster, who gave a view of the modern United States Navy. Lt. Commander Raster is a member of Bethlehem Lodge #1096, and as a Past Master of that Lodge, I can say we are very fortunate to have him as a Brother.

As was previously announced, W.:Roger Keenholts, Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Albany Masonic District will present a Historical Program at our January 21 Conclave. W.:Bro. Keenholts is well-known in the Albany and suburban areas for many of his activities. He is an avid researcher and writer on many topics of local interest and writes for the Altamont Enterprise and other local publications. He serves as Guilderland Town and Altamont Village Historian as well. I am certain we will be presented with an extremely entertaining program. Brethren and ladies are invited.

At our March 17 meeting, a group of our Brethren who are active members in the various York Rite Bodies will be present to portray a program entitled "Fervency and Zeal." This is a program which was developed by Royal Arch Masons in New York State to tell the story and partially explain the valuable

lessons of the four Capitular Degrees. It is designed to be used in Blue Lodges as a way of spreading information about an organization that only about 10% of the Lodge membership belongs to. I feel it will be a valuable addition to our Scottish Rite activities for this year. The program will conclude with the presentation of a motion picture entitled "The Saga of the Holy Royal Arch."

On Palm Sunday, March 28, the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix will present our annual Feast of the Paschal Lamb ceremony. It will be held at the Albany Masonic Temple, with R.:W.:Stuart Sturges, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York, as our guest speaker. While many details of this event are not finalized, I can say that this program should prove to be one of the most memorable of this year.

As our Fraternity's tenets teach us that our duty is to our families first before our Craft and as we ponder the gifts of God to man while performing the highest duty of all, may the present holiday season be for us a time of enrichment of our love for the Master, our families and our neighbors. Peace be with you all in the wonderful season upon us.

Gerald F. Irwin
Most Wise Master

Congratulations!



Walter C. Fuller, initiated into the Valley of Albany last October, is shown here displaying the trophy he won for "Low Net" in the Albany District Golf Tournament held last Spring at the Western Turnpike Golf Course.

Walt says he looks forward to returning to the greens next year and do even better on his score. He invites any members of the Albany Valley to join him in the fun and enjoyment of this annual tournament.

Prospective Member Dinner to be held in Troy

On January 15, 1988 a dinner will be held to attract prospective members to Scottish Rite Masonry. The dinner will be held at the Troy Masonic Temple, 9 Brunswick Road at 6:45 P.M. (attitude adjustment begins at 6 P.M.). The Ladies Night dinner (our normal meeting night) will cost \$6.50 per person (FREE FOR INQUIRING MASONIC PROSPECTS FOR SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY). Our keynote speaker is Illustrious Robert F. Case, 33° Active, Deputy for the State of New York. Come and bring an inquiring Masonic Friend and his Lady.

We are looking for candidates for 2 Reunions this spring: April 23, 1988 in Albany and May 14, 1988 in Utica - The Most Worshipful Roswell T. Swits' class. We have three opportunities this year to increase memberships. Each valley in New York State is requested to have 4 candidates at Utica. I would like to see 75 candidates in Albany from the Valley of Troy. In New York State only 19% of the Master Masons are Scottish Rite Masons. (Compare this to 50+% in Pennsylvania)

The dinner is sponsored by the Troy Delta Bodies Membership Committee: Richard H. Welkley and H. Joseph Heath are Chairmen. Send reservations to Stafford Willis, 32°, P.O. Box 1354, Troy, New York 12181. DEADLINE IS JANUARY 8, 1988!



Please Join Us

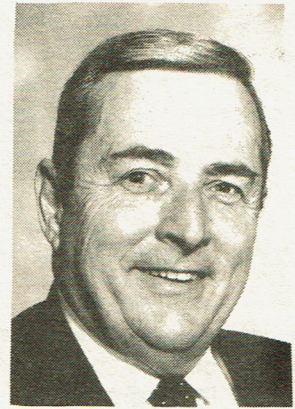
Thursday, March 24, 1988
Our Annual
Patent Presentation

Guest Speaker: Ill. and R.:W.:Roswell Taylor Swits, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

Illustrious Brother Swits, no stranger to the Valley of Albany, was raised in St. George's Lodge No. 6, Schenectady, and is a member of the Valley of Schenectady Sigma Bodies.

We welcome him again in Albany and especially look forward to meeting him on March 24th at our Patent Presentation program and dinner.

This annual event is open to the ladies and guests and begins with a social hour in the Albany Masonic Temple Banquet Hall at 6:00 PM. An Indian Pot Roast of Beef dinner will be served at 7:00 PM at a cost of only \$10 per person.



Our guests, the members of the 1987 Spring and Fall Reunion Classes and their ladies are free. However, we still require reservations. So, please notify the Secretary.

A short business meeting will follow dinner, after which the diplomas and certificates (patents) will be presented to the new initiates.

Dress is informal. But, we do request the Officers to wear tuxedos.

The program will be held in the Scottish Rite Hall located on the fourth floor.

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Count me in on the March 24, 1988 Patent Presentation Dinner and Program.

Please reserve _____ dinners for:

Make checks payable to A.A.S.R.
 and send to: R. G. Barrell, Secretary
 A.A.S.R.
 67 Maiden Lane
 Albany, NY 12207

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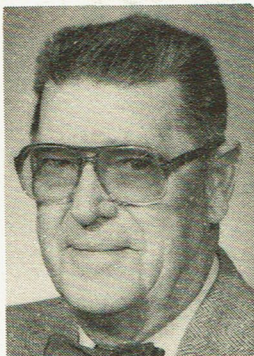
 Total Enclosed

Deadline: March 18, 1988

No tickets will be issued.

1987 Class Reunions Members & their Ladies = Free

The C-I-C Speaks



Thank you, all the members and friends, who attended the Family Life Week Go to Church Sunday, on November 22, 1987 at the United Methodist Church in Copake, N.Y. The Hillsdale Lodge No. 612 served a very nice Ham dinner, and although the weather was cold the one big family table brought us together as brothers and sisters in the family of God.

Now that we have started the new year of 1988 I hope the Holidays of 1987 were happy for you. Let us now turn our thoughts and efforts to the spring of 1988.

The January schedule of events will probably be over before you receive this issue of the Rite Light.

In February there will be only one meeting: the Lodge of Perfection with a Vignette of the 9°. Therefore there will be time to review our parts in each degree making sure that we can be present on April 23, 1988 to take part in the following: Troy the 6°, Albany the 14°, Troy the 16°, Albany the 17°, Troy the 18°, and all of us in the 31° and 32°. It would be nice if we could each bring a Candidate to see us perform. Yes, a Candidate for each actor. How about that?

But before the Reunion we have other important activities. Let us consider the busy month of March. The Lodge and Council Tour takes place on March 3rd. On March 17, the Chapter will hold Inter-Rite Fellowship Night "Fervency and Zeal." On March 24, the Consistory Patent Presentation for the 1987 Spring and Fall Classes takes place at which time Ill. and R.W.: Roswell T. Swits, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York, will be our speaker. On Sunday, March 27th, the

Chapter will hold the Feast of Paschal Lamb in the Masonic Temple at Albany, at which time the R.W.: Stuart Sturges, Grand Historian, will be the guest speaker.

Albert W. Mills, 33°
Albert W. Mills, 33°
Commander-In-Chief

BY GEORGE!

"If George Washington was such an honest man," asked a skeptical little girl, "Why do they close all the banks on his birthday?"

Courtesy of THE ROYAL NEIGHBOR

*You can fool all of
the people some of
the time and some of
the people all of the
time, but you cannot
fool all of the people
all of the time.*

—Abraham Lincoln
Sept. 8, 1858

**Get That Name . . .
On The Dotted Line.**

SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

Candidates are Everywhere

How do you get a
New Member?

ASK HIM!

Do your Master Mason friend a favor . . . ask him to take the Scottish Rite degrees!

ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION

"Am I — and have I been — willing to devote a few minutes each day to tell my Blue Lodge brethren what Scottish Rite membership can mean?"

Maybe you have neglected it unwittingly, thus leaving the enlistment of new members to those actively engaged in that work. There are many things you can do. For instance:

No Memorization — Tell the prospective member there is much to learn but nothing to memorize in our degrees.

No Horseplay — Tell him the Scottish Rite does not engage in any such procedure.

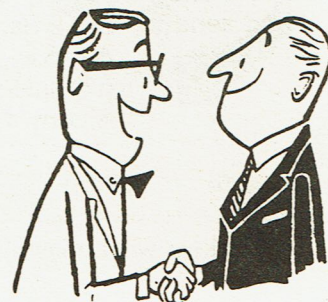
No Passwords — Tell him all he will need to be welcomed as a Scottish Rite Mason anywhere is his current dues card and "passport."

Schizophrenia Benevolence — Tell him he will be a part of the great crusade to find the cause and cure of schizophrenia.

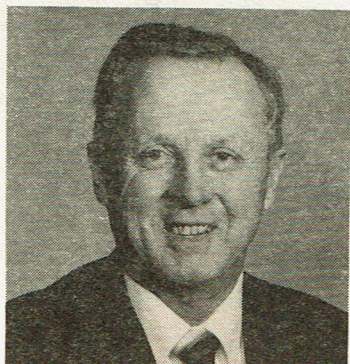
Promotional Aids — Tell him of the benefits and privileges that go not only to him as a member but to his wife or lady of his choice. Give him a copy of "The Facts of Scottish Rite."

Degree Participation — Tell him of the opportunity to take part in our ritualistic work.

**WILL YOU EXTEND
a Hand of Friendship to a
Brother Master Mason?
Invite him to become a
Scottish Rite Mason!**



Words from the Thrice Potent Master



With the Holidays just behind us, you can still feel the excitement in the air as we look forward with anticipation to the beginning of 1988.

By the time you read this issue of the Rite Light, our January 7 meeting (Sportsmen Dinner) will have passed and from all indications, you'll wish you had attended.

The February 4th night will be a vignette of the 9°, chaired by Walter Cure. This will be a good night and we're always glad to see new faces. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Everything is all firmed up for the March 3rd tour of the Mohawk Paper Mills, 465 Saratoga Street, Cohoes. This is a two hour tour open to the ladies and all of your friends. It is suggested that ladies wear slacks and low heel shoes. We will all meet at the inside entrance of the plant at 7:15 PM where we will be divided into smaller groups and assigned to our guides. Reservations are a must and can be made by telephoning my son Jimmy at 456-5122. Remember, this is open to the public so don't forget your favorite lady and friends. (This event is free to everyone!)

While we're marking our calendars, keep April 16 and 17 open for our overnight trip to the Supreme Council Headquarters Library and Museum in Lexington, MA. We are planning on leaving Albany early Saturday morning, stopping for breakfast and arriving in Lexington in time for lunch and the tour of the Museum. We'll be staying at the Burlington Marriott Hotel, which is one of the finest in the area. The Burlington Shopping Plaza and the nearby towns of

Concord and Lexington are sights to behold. (I guess our ladies would consider this stop a must!) You'll be hearing more about this in the next Rite Light.

Our Spring Reunion will be fast upon us. Let's start now to get those petitions in. We need 75 new initiates to reach our goal for the year. It can be done only if YOU help.

See you in Lodge!
Jim Fuller
Thrice Potent Master

**DON'T SETTLE
FOR SECOND
BEST—
BE THE BEST
THAT YOU
CAN BE!**

**TELL YOUR
FRIENDS ABOUT
SCOTTISH RITE**

A VALENTINE FOR YOU

*This valentine I send to you
Is not done up in lace;
It has no flowered border
Nor a cupid on its face.
It isn't tied with ribbons
In little bows of blue;
It doesn't smell of lilacs
And it isn't even new!*

*But it is full of loving thoughts
For only you alone,
Recalling tender yesterdays
That you and I have known.
I have wanted so to tell you
Many times before today,
Of the sweetness you have added
To the miles along the way.*

*For the meadows grow the greener
As we wander hand in hand;
You have made my life a heaven
And the world a promised land.
Two lives closely joined together,
Such as we may never part!
For your valentine, my darling,
I am sending you my heart!*

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CONGRATULATIONS!!



Russell G. Slingerland Receives Special Award

At a recent dinner a plaque was presented to Brother Russell G. Slingerland, 32°, by the Troy Delta Bodies for sponsoring 12 new brothers into Scottish Rite membership. The plaque was presented by Illustrious Robert F. Case, 33° Active, Deputy for the State of New York Scottish Rite Masonry. Illustrious Brother Case remarked that Brother Slingerland was one of two recipients in the State of New York and that he, Illustrious Brother Case, now had the distinction of presenting both plaques.

The dinner was held at the Royal Savage Restaurant in Plattsburgh, New York. The dinner was designed to attract prospective members to Scottish Rite Masonry by presenting Scottish Rite to them through friends and information. The Troy Delta Bodies sponsored the dinner and all in attendance (some inquiring Masons) were treated to the keynote address by Illustrious Deputy Robert F. Case, 33° Active.

Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

Supreme Council and the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Francis G. Paul, 33°, continue their strong support of the Leon M. Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarship Program. New scholarship application forms are now available from your Valley Secretary.

Abbott Scottish Rite Masonic Scholarships are given to deserving students in recognition of scholastic and citizenship achievements. Our goal is to help young people fulfill their career goals by assisting them financially as they further their education beyond high school.

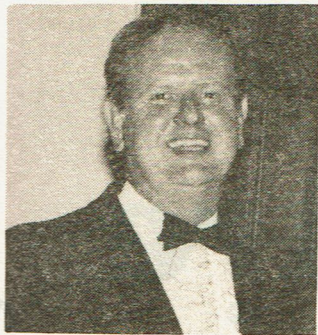
Freemasonry has always been dedicated to the importance of education in a free society, and this scholarship is another indication of our continuing commitment.

Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships are given to the children of Scottish Rite Masonic families or to young people who have been active in Masonic-related organizations such as DeMolay, Rainbow and Triangle and are awarded throughout the fifteen state Jurisdiction.

Those of you who wish to obtain a scholarship application should write or call Richard G. Barrell (474-0914), 67 Maiden Lane, Albany, New York 12207.

Final date for accepting applications is **March 10, 1988.**

Reflections of the Sovereign Prince



Happy New Year!

Probably, many of you will not receive the "Great Light" until after the Holidays. Consequently, I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the religious as well as the merriment of the season gone by.

Speaking of the holidays, a neighbor was telling me, a short while ago, that she couldn't wait for them to come, because that meant that they would soon be over with. It seems that neither she nor her husband looked forward to receiving anything in the line of material goods, as they already had what they wanted. Furthermore, just preparing for the holidays was an extra burden that they easily could do without. In other words, the joy, merriment, etc, normally associated with the season was missing.

I am sure my neighbor isn't the only one who feels this way. However, what is more important here isn't the holidays themselves, but rather this similar attitude in regards to Masonry. Is it not true, that for many, attending a Masonic meeting has increasingly become a burden? Can it not also be said that apparently people feel that they have everything that they need and therefore do not look forward to receiving anything from Masonry? If this is not true, then why is attendance usually quite low?

There are numerous reasons that could be given as to why people cannot attend. But, the fact still remains that there are quite a few who could come, but don't. Unfortunately, the solution isn't as simple as it might appear, because it has to come from those individuals themselves. No one else can do it for them. As long as they feel that they have nothing to gain from it or

loath at the fact that there is another meeting to attend, they will undoubtedly miss the true meaning of what the Craft is about.

Normally, this time of year is when we make all sorts of resolutions. So, why not make a resolution to willingly come to Scottish Rite meetings, not only to receive what Masonry has to offer, but to give as well.

I will be looking forward to seeing you on Thursday evening, January 14th, at eight o'clock, when the Council of Princes of Jerusalem will begin the new year with a program entitled "You Can't Do It."

Douglas C. Hays
Sovereign Prince

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Fun With Numbers

The number 142857 can be multiplied by any number from one to six and the result will be the identical figures in the same order but starting at a different place. Try it. Then multiply it by seven. Nine reigns supreme.

Courtesy of Orchid Isle
Auto Center, Hilo, Hawaii.

What Price Risk?

Homeowner to insurance salesman: "Have you got a policy with a lower premium and less peace of mind?"

Meds

Patient: "Doc, tell me in plain English exactly what's wrong with me."

Doctor: "You are just plain lazy."

Patient: "Now give me the medical term, so I can tell my friends."

THINK!

Don't deceive yourself into thinking that black coffee, cold showers, exercise, and fresh air will lower your blood alcohol content, says the American Academy of Family Physicians. If you're intoxicated, don't drive. If a guest appears intoxicated, don't let him drive. Call a cab, find a sober substitute driver, or put the celebrant up for the night.

Put Yourself
In This Picture

Get Active in
**YOUR
SCOTTISH
RITE**

**THE RETURNS
ARE GREAT**



Promise Yourself a Perfect New You For '88, promise...

- To make all your friends feel they're special.
- To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To look on the bright side of everything.
- To be satisfied with the results after you've done your very best.
- To forget yesterday's mistakes and press on to greater achievements.
- To be too busy for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too optimistic to let trouble disturb your peace of mind.
- To act like you enjoy life, thereby convincing yourself that you really do.

Adapted from **TIRE WAREHOUSE COMMUNICATOR**, Tire Warehouse Central, Keene, NH



Where Are You Going?

Are you tempted to rest on your laurels? Have you been so successful that you figure it's time to sit back and reap some rewards? Or have you stopped forging ahead, because you don't see any future in your work? Keep yourself on a winning career track with these tips from Robert Ladd, a successful insurance agent.

If you don't know where you're going, you will surely get there.

Set goals for yourself, some you can accomplish rather soon, others that are more distant. Identify some markers along the way to convince yourself of your progress. A higher salary might be one goal, but what about the book you always wanted to write, or the workshop you want to offer?

Plan what you will do to achieve your goals. Identify the steps you need to take to make your goals a reality. Revise your daily schedule to include them. Establish a routine of accomplishment.

Assess your skills. Make a list of your talents, expertise, and achievements. This is not a resume, but a list of what you know how to do.

Examine your life for balance. A successful life is not measured by time spent at work. Do you

make sure you have time for your family, and for some "pamper myself" time as well?

The freedom of choice in setting goals means you need to exercise self-discipline. Even when you feel you are at the top, you can find more to learn, either about new technology, or human relationships, or economics, or... Reach for new heights, even in the face of difficulty.

Evaluate your contributions. How can you improve your service? It is the heart of every business.

Appreciate being on a winning team. Companies field winning teams when they keep setting higher institutional goals; challenge employees to continue to learn; encourage balance between work and personal activities; and serve clients faithfully with quality products. You're on a winning team: It's up to you to make the plays!

**"To be in hell is to drift.
To be in heaven is to steer."**

—George Bernard Shaw

We Want You! & We Need You!

*In love, it is said, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."
Not so at work, where absence is a nasty word.*

In the new year, resolve to show you love your job, your career, your co-workers, and your company:

MAKE IT TO WORK EVERY DAY!

"Change is the process by which the future invades our lives."

Alvin Toffler in *Future Shock*

SPRING REUNION - APRIL 23, 1988**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite**

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A.

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

PETITION FOR { DEGREES
AFFILIATION
(Cross Out One)

To the Officers and Members of

INEFFABLE AND SUBLIME GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION 14°

GRAND COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16°

ALBANY SOVEREIGN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX 18°

ALBANY SOVEREIGN CONSISTORY S. P. R. S. 32°

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have resided in above place since _____

Have resided in New York State since _____

Occupation _____

Business Address (or Employer) _____

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

Telephone No. _____

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

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

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

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

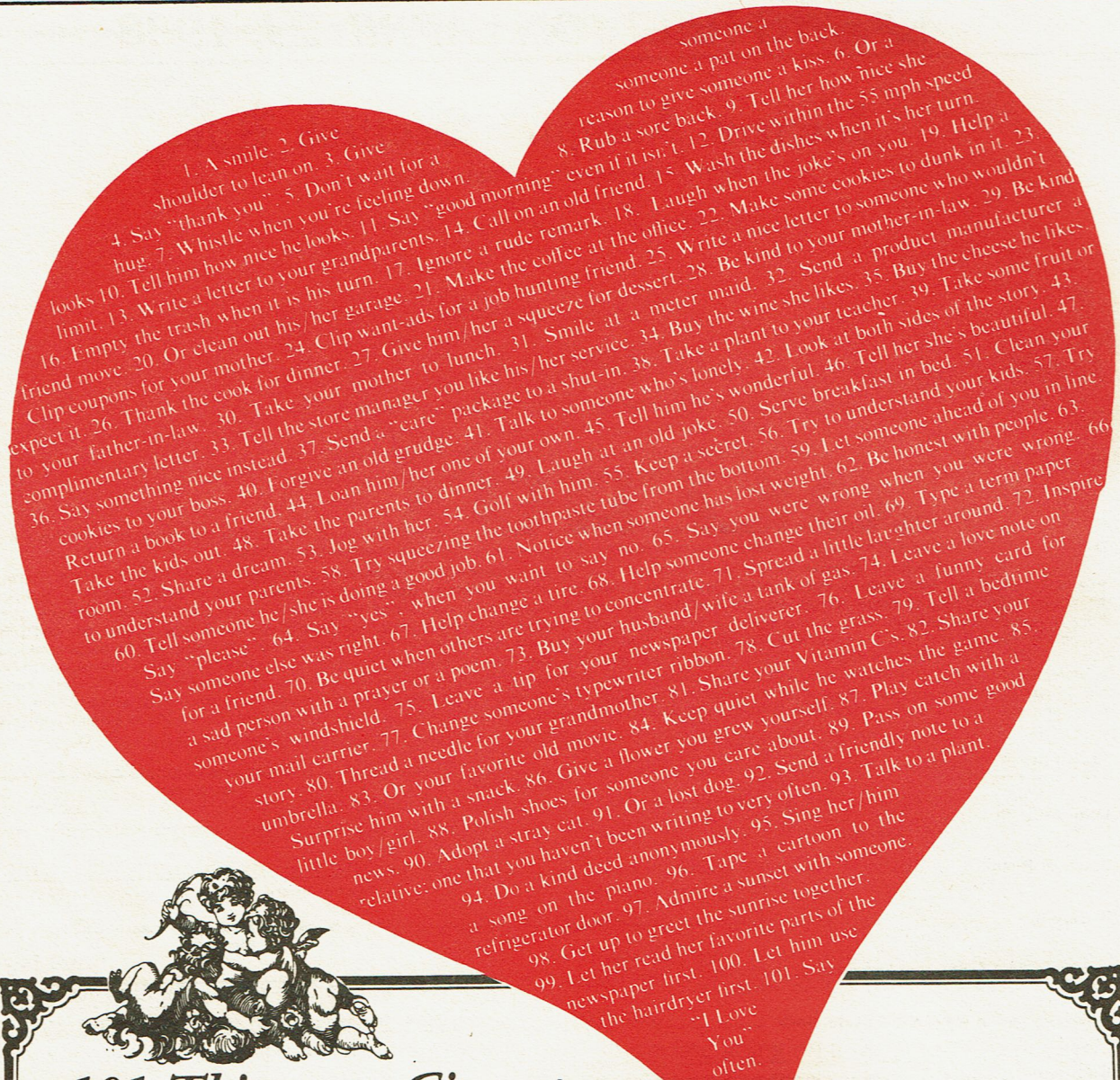
_____ Chapter of Rose Croix _____ Consistory; located at _____

Date _____ Candidate's Signature _____

Recommended By _____ Signature _____
(Please Print)

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

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.

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1. A smile. 2. Give someone a pat on the back.
 3. Give someone a kiss. 6. Or a reason to give someone a kiss.
 4. Say "thank you". 5. Don't want for a hug. 7. Whistle when you're feeling down.
 8. Rub a sore back. 9. Tell her how nice she looks. 10. Tell him how nice he looks. 11. Say "good morning" even if it isn't.
 12. Drive within the 55 mph speed limit. 13. Write a letter to your grandparents. 14. Call on an old friend. 15. Wash the dishes when it's her turn.
 16. Empty the trash when it is his turn. 17. Ignore a rude remark. 18. Laugh when the joke's on you. 19. Help a friend move. 20. Or clean out his/her garage. 21. Make the coffee at the office. 22. Write a nice letter to someone who wouldn't expect it. 23. Clip coupons for your mother. 24. Clip want-ads for a job hunting friend. 25. Write a nice letter to your mother-in-law. 26. Thank the cook for dinner. 27. Give him/her a squeeze for dessert. 28. Be kind to your mother-in-law. 29. Be kind to your father-in-law. 30. Take your mother to lunch. 31. Smile at a meter maid. 32. Send a product manufacturer a complimentary letter. 33. Tell the store manager you like his/her service. 34. Buy the wine she likes. 35. Buy the cheese he likes. 36. Say something nice instead. 37. Send a "care" package to a shut-in. 38. Take a plant to your teacher. 39. Take some fruit or cookies to your boss. 40. Forgive an old grudge. 41. Talk to someone who's lonely. 42. Look at both sides of the story. 43. Return a book to a friend. 44. Loan him/her one of your own. 45. Tell him he's wonderful. 46. Tell her she's beautiful. 47. Take the kids out. 48. Take the parents to dinner. 49. Laugh at an old joke. 50. Serve breakfast in bed. 51. Clean your room. 52. Share a dream. 53. Jog with her. 54. Golf with him. 55. Keep a secret. 56. Try to understand your kids. 57. Try to understand your parents. 58. Try squeezing the toothpaste tube from the bottom. 59. Let someone ahead of you in line. 60. Tell someone he/she is doing a good job. 61. Notice when someone has lost weight. 62. Be honest with people. 63. Say "please". 64. Say "yes". 65. Say you were wrong when you were wrong. 66. Say someone else was right. 67. Help change a tire. 68. Help someone change their oil. 69. Type a term paper for a friend. 70. Be quiet when others are trying to concentrate. 71. Spread a little laughter around. 72. Inspire a sad person with a prayer or a poem. 73. Buy your husband/wife a tank of gas. 74. Leave a love note on someone's windshield. 75. Leave a tip for your newspaper deliverer. 76. Leave a funny card for your mail carrier. 77. Change someone's typewriter ribbon. 78. Cut the grass. 79. Tell a bedtime story. 80. Thread a needle for your grandmother. 81. Share your Vitamin C's. 82. Share your umbrella. 83. Or your favorite old movie. 84. Keep quiet while he watches the game. 85. Surprise him with a snack. 86. Give a flower you grew yourself. 87. Play catch with a little boy/girl. 88. Polish shoes for someone you care about. 89. Pass on some good news. 90. Adopt a stray cat. 91. Or a lost dog. 92. Send a friendly note to a relative: one that you haven't been writing to very often. 93. Talk to a plant. 94. Do a kind deed anonymously. 95. Sing her/him a song on the piano. 96. Tape a cartoon to the refrigerator door. 97. Admire a sunset with someone. 98. Get up to greet the sunrise together. 99. Let her read her favorite parts of the newspaper first. 100. Let him use the hairdryer first. 101. Say "I Love You" often.



101 Things to Give at Valentine's Day and All Year Long

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