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Happy Holidays!

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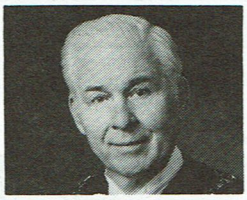

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Selling Scottish Rite Long

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

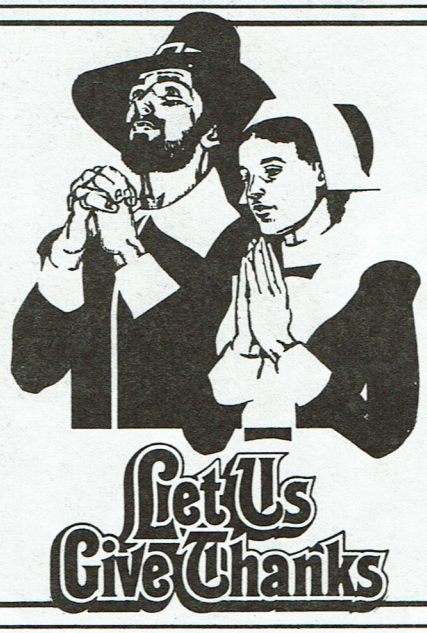
Problems of Life, quarrels between friends, respect for law, jury service, business ethics, patriotism, proper family relations, best methods for charity and relief—all are exemplified in a manner that remains vivid in the memory of anyone who passes through the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

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 develops the studies of the grade school.

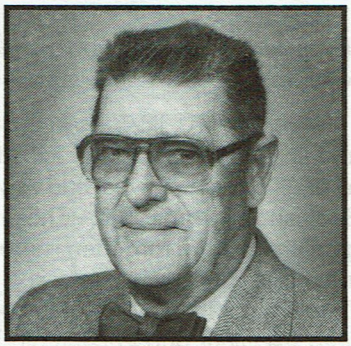
To those who seek to know the principles that animated and inspired the best men in the world's history—to those who seek a clearer light on the difficulties and perplexities of life—to those who desire to learn how to apply and use their Masonry, the doors of the Scottish Rite are always open in a hearty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

Who says there isn't a bull market anymore? You should have heard the deal my broker tried to sell me this morning!

Herm Albright in QUOTE



In this year of 1988, let us all rejoice and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings and gifts of life that He has bestowed upon ourselves, our families and our neighbors.



The C-I-C's Message

Again the Editors of our Rite Light are to be congratulated for the beautiful "Full Bloom" picture on the September-October issue.

Although I write this in the early part of October, by the time you read it in November the Valleys of Albany and Troy will have had a very busy month.

I hope those who went salmon fishing had good luck, and those who attended the Grand Master's Ball had a wonderful evening.

Our Fall Reunion will be a thing of the past and hopefully we had a big class of candidates.

Our 1st Lt. Commander and his wife Gladys have worked hard on the Testimonial Dinner for Ill:.Richard C. Mills, 33° and Ill:.Stuart Sturges, 33°. Their efforts made it an enjoyable evening for all who attended.

The Area Four Meeting was held in Scotia this year on October 26th with the Valley of Schenectady as host.

The Testimonial Dinner for Robert F. Parslow M.S.A. under the chairmanship of Raymond A. Zink M.S.A. was held on October 29th at Sunset Inn, North Troy. A good time was had by all.

Please refer to the Schedule of Events for all our November and December activities.

Our Family Life Week Program this year will be held early, in fact on November 3rd, 1988, under the direction of P.T.P.M. Jim Fuller and T.P.M. Dick Fuller. The Lodge of Perfection served a Pancake and Sausage Supper for our Families and Friends.

I particularly direct your attention to the Testimonial Dinner honoring Harold J. Clark M.S.A. to be held on November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Colonie Elks Club.

On December 2nd, 1988 we again honor our Ladies' with our Dinner Dance at the Century House in Latham. Our 2nd Lt. Commander Alan Lewis is again Chairman of the Committee with Ill:.William Assini, 33°; Ill:.Glen P. Cook, 33°; Fred Werking M.S.A.; and Russell J. LaGrange M.S.A. The Tommy Rhodes Orchestra will again provide the music for our dancing pleasure.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Albert W. Mills
Commander-In-Chief

Thanksgiving

It may be I am getting old and like too much to dwell
Upon the days of bygone years, the days I loved so well;
But thinking of them now, I wish somehow that I could know
A simple old Thanksgiving Day, like those of long ago
When all the family gathered round a table richly spread,
With little Jamie at the foot and grandpa at the head,
The youngest of us all to greet the oldest with a smile,
With mother running in and out and laughing all the while.

It may be I'm old-fashioned, but it seems to me today
We're too much bent on having fun to take the time to pray;
Each little family grows up with fashions of its own;
It lives within a world itself and wants to be alone.
It has its special pleasures, its circle, too, of friends;
There are no get-together days; each one his journey wends,
Pursuing what he likes the best in his particular way,
Letting others do the same upon Thanksgiving Day.

I like the olden way the best, when relatives were glad
To meet the way they used to do when I was but a lad;
The old home was a rendezvous for all our kith and kin,
And whether living far or near they all came trooping in
With shouts of "Hello, daddy!" as they fairly stormed the place
And made a rush for mother, who would stop to wipe her face
Upon her gingham apron before she kissed them all,
Hugging them proudly to her breast, the grownups and the small.

Then laughter rang throughout the home, and, Oh, the jokes they told;
From Boston, Frank brought new ones, but father sprang the old.
All afternoon we chatted, telling what we hoped to do,
The struggles we were making and the hardships we'd gone through;
We gathered round the fireside. How fast the hours would fly —
It seemed before we'd settled down 'twas time to say goodbye.
Those were the glad Thanksgivings, the old-time, families knew
When relatives could still be friends and every heart was true.

— EDGAR GUEST

A Message from the Most Wise Master

The Officers of the Rose Croix want to extend our congratulations to the newly made Scottish Rite Brothers. We welcome you into the oldest Scottish Rite Body in the United States and encourage you to participate in our many activities. You will find friendly Brotherhood and an opportunity to share in our treasures.

As the season changes from Fall into Winter we begin to prepare ourselves for the upcoming holiday festivities. It is a time of the year we have had the opportunity to appreciate the wonders of the Supreme Being in the colors of Fall and the harvesting of crops. Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to celebrate with our families and friends and express our thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon us.

During this time we should also renew our obligation to the Masonic Fraternity and display our pride by expressing our thanks through attending and supporting the different bodies that we have membership in. It is a busy time of the year and at times conflicts arise, but search your obligations and establish your priorities. All of our Bodies are in need of membership support and welcome all who can attend.

On Thursday, November 17, 1988, the Albany Sovereign of Rose Croix is pleased to have as its Guest Speaker - Mr. Charles P. Treadgold. Mr. Treadgold is the president and Risk Manager of Hamlin, Robert and Ridgeway, Ltd. in Albany, New York. He has spent over 35 years in Risk Management and served as a Vice-President of a major insurance company. The subject for the presentation is *"Love thy Neighbor, Dream the Impossible Dream and Properly Insure your Assets."* I am certain this will be a very interesting, entertaining evening and urge all to attend who are able to. This meeting is for Scottish Rite members only and refreshments will be served following the program.

In as much as our next issue is January, 1989 - I would like to ask all to keep the evening of January 19th open. We will be honored to have the Illustrious Robert F. Case, 33° Active, Deputy for New York as our Guest Speaker. This program will be open to the Ladies'.

From all of the Officers of the Albany Chapter of Rose Croix - we wish for all our Brethren and their families a healthy, happy and prosperous holiday season and New Year.

Edward T. Rose
Most Wise Master

Rural Ramblin's with the Sovereign Prince

"Change of Seasons"

In the great Northeast - unlike normal calendars - there are two seasons - not four. We enjoy Summer and Masonic Seasons. The second is now upon us in its full glory. That is, the season of great fellowship with men of like thinking and principals, our work of long standing rituals to remind is of our principals and our work for our numerous charities. Get out there and enjoy them Brothers. There is much to choose from!

Here at the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, our Trestleboard includes the following dates and programs:

November 10 - Ill:.Clayton E. Simons, 33° and Ill:.Richard G. Barrell, 33° will speak to all of us explaining what and why we do it as Scottish Rite Masons. These two fine gentlemen have forgotten more about our functions and why we exist than this "yodeling" prince will ever know. They are both excellent and enlightening speakers. Don't miss this evening. It will be tiled and our usual refreshments and fellowship will follow.

January 12, 1989 - We will be entertained musically by The Suburban Sounds, a super local choir that has entertained at several Masonic functions and elsewhere throughout the Capital District. They will favor us with many of your favorites for about 45 minutes. This will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. This is an OPEN MEETING. Bring your family and friends. If you miss it, you will have missed a great time!

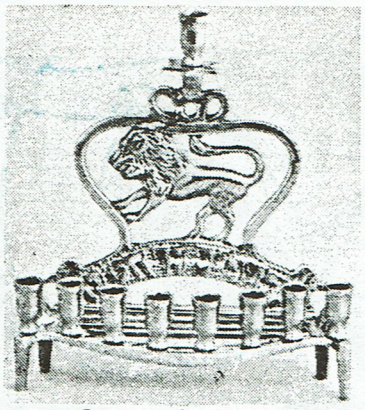
I extend all of our heartfelt congratulations to Richard C. Mills and Stuart Sturges in honor of their entrance into the Supreme Council, 33°. The Valley of Albany takes extreme pride in this dual honor. We also take extreme pride in helping honor Harold J. Clark on receiving the richly deserved Meritorious Service Award. A harder worker for our Craft does not exist, nor does a finer gentleman.

While I am speaking of pride - help yourself to a generous portion and mail your Blue Envelope donation at your next chance. You will feel better for it! AND while you are mailing it, why not make out an additional donation to the L.E.A.F. Program and feel twice as good. Want to feel even better and not spend any money? Drop a card to Bill Ogren - he already has too much money, but could use a cheerful card.

In closing, remember our dates, remember our work, and remember that selective petition.

Fred C. Fredrickson
Sovereign Prince

Children would learn to write much sooner if chalkboards had the appeal of wet cement or freshly painted walls.



Reflections on Chanuka

Festival of Dedication, Light and Freedom

Dr. John Greenwood, 32°, K:.C:.C:.H:.
15101 Interlachen Drive, #318, Silver Spring, MD 20906

As we approach the holiday season, Jews throughout the world will be celebrating Chanuka. What does it denote? How is it represented? It is a joyous feast about a historic event which occurred over 2,000 years ago in Palestine. It commemorates the victory of the Maccabees, the faithful Jews over the forces of the Syrian King, Antiochus IV. It was a historic struggle to overcome oppression - a fight for religious freedom. Chanuka is also the celebration of the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.

History tells us that in the year 175 B.C. Antiochus IV succeeded to the throne of Syria following the assassination of his older brother. He attempted to introduce a form of cultural totalitarianism and proceeded to force a radical policy of Hellenization over the large Seleucid Empire which he ruled. In one of his several battles, he entered Jerusalem, destroyed houses, pulled down walls and plundered the Temple. He prohibited the Jews to worship according to the laws of God. They were pressured to abandon their monolithic religion and made to worship the pagan gods of the Greeks. In this effort to force Hellenism upon Judea, one of Antiochus' Syrian Commissioners had an altar erected to Zeus in a town near Jerusalem. He then ordered the population to come forth in the name of the King, but the aged priest Mattathias refused to comply. Instead he urged his fellow townsmen to follow him if they felt that they were zealous for the law and wished to maintain the covenant. By his refusal to sacrifice, the priest gave the first signal for the rebellion. Accompanied by his five sons and many other followers, he fled into the mountains. The next year in 167 B.C. the leadership of the rebellion went to his son Judah because of his military skills. He overthrew the Syrian army, reentered Jerusalem to find the Temple desecrated. The Hellenists escaped to Syrian and the victorious Jews were engaged in cleansing and purifying the profaned sanctuary. They found only one cruse of holy oil which normally was adequate for keeping the lights burning for one day. However miraculously the oil kept the lights burning for eight days. Hence Chanuka is celebrated for eight days beginning with the 25th day of Kisley of the Hebrew calendar (which is based on the lunar system). Therefore, Chanuka is also called the Festival of Lights. According to Hebrew tradition, candles are lit for eight evenings during Chanuka, using a candelabra, called a Menorah. With the aid of a starter light, one candle is illuminated on the first evening and one more each successive evening until all eight lights shine brightly. Prior to the lighting ceremony appropriate blessings and benedictions are recited giving thanks to the Almighty for the miracles of the occasion. It is a joyous celebration, the season of family gatherings, parties, presentation of gifts to the children, singing of traditional songs and special foods are fried in oil - symbolizing the oil that kindled the lights. However, the outstanding symbol is the Menorah. There are a great variety of them displayed in Museums throughout the world. Some are of unique craftsmanship made out of gold, silver or other metals, as well as pottery and clay.

The word "*Chanuka*" has been spelled in the English language in several different ways, e.g. Ha*nn*uka, Hanu*kk*ah, Chanuka*h*. In the written Hebrew language, the vowels are frequently entirely omitted, thus writing only the consonants; e.g. Ch-N-K-H.

The "Ch" represents the first letter of the word which simply does not exist in the English alphabet. It is not pronounced like the "Ch" in the word "child" nor like in the words "chorus" or "choir". The "Ch" represents a rather harsh guttural pronunciation coming from the back of the throat. The literal translation of the word "Chanuka" is "dedication" or "inauguration." The linguistic origin of the word is "Chanoch" which has several meanings: *INITIATE, TEACH, TRAIN, DEDICATE, CONSECRATE.*

These words, however, may have additional significance to members of the Masonic Fraternity. They may bring back memories to the very beginning of our Masonic experience. The Entered Apprentice Degree reminds us that we were once the *INITIATE* who was given the Charge: "At your leisure hours, that you may improve in Masonic Knowledge, you are to converse with well-informed Brethren, who will always be ready to give, as you will be ready to receive instruction."

The Worshipful Master appointed an experienced Lodge instructor who was assigned to *TEACH* us some of the history, jurisprudence, customs, symbols and landmarks of the Order. It was his responsibility to *TRAIN* us in the ritual, catechism and ceremonies of the degree. His commitment in turn inspired us to *DEDICATE* ourselves to the philosophies of the Ancient Craft and Mystic Tie. Thus we were privileged to have touched the building blocks which will help us erect that spiritual edifice and lead us to *CONSECRATE* our Temple.

May the courage of the Maccabees, the faithful Jews in Palestine, their determination over 2,000 years ago to fight oppression and tyranny be an inspiration to all freedom-loving people.

May this holiday season be a period of rededication to the spirit of the American Revolution, our pursuit of civil and religious liberty including the complete separation of church and state.

**The illustration for the heading of this article is a replica of a 19th century Chanuka lamp made as an award for the Praga B'nai B'rith. Originals can be found in the collections of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C., and the State Jewish Museum, Prague in Czechoslovakia. Photo by Quicksilver Photographers.*

COOPERATION IS DOING WITH A SMILE WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO ANYWAY.

HAPPY TRAILS

When the couple arrived at the main highway, the man prepared to make a left turn. "Look your way," he ordered. "Any cars coming?"

"No," she replied.

The man started to make the turn when she added, "Only a truck."

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LADIES' NIGHT

December 2, 1988

Annual Ladies' Night Is Fast Approaching !

Our Ladies! What would be do without them?

Maybe, we should ask what we can do for them. But, there IS one thing we CAN DO - bring them to our Annual Scottish Rite Ladies' Night!

This year it will be held on Friday evening, December 2nd. And, once again, it will be at the Century House, Route 9, 1¼ mile north of the Latham Circle. We've always had a bang-up time at this affair, and this year should be no different. What, with an attitude adjustment hour before a full course dinner, followed by your favorite music and dancing to the melodious tunes of Tommy Rhodes, everyone should enjoy themselves.

The Social Hour, with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, will be from seven o'clock until eight. Your choice of Roast Breast of Vermont Turkey, Old Fashion Yankee Pot Roast with egg noodles, or Broiled Boston Bay Scrod at a cost of $22.50 per person, will be served at eight o'clock sharp.

For RESERVATIONS, please use the form below and mail it with your check (payable to A.A.S.R.) to Alan Lewis. Specify your choice of entree and, if you have a preference as to who you would like to sit with, so indicate in the space provided.

So, Scottish Riters, tell your best gal to get all gussied up, because you're taking her out for a great evening!

We'll See You There!

RESERVATION FORM

Annual Scottish Rite Ladies' Night

Name *(Please Print)*: _____

Title: ☐ Illustrious ☐ M.S.A. ☐ 32° ☐ Other ***(Check One)***

Number of Reservations Requested: _____ at $22.50 per person. Enclosed: $ _____

Choice of Entree: ☐ Roast Turkey ☐ Pot Roast ☐ Scrod ***(check one for each person)***

Please Seat Us (Me) With: _____

_____

Make check payable to A.A.S.R. and mail to: Alan C. Lewis
41 Hawthorne Avenue
Delmar, New York 12054

_____
Signature

May your holidays be safe, happy,
and bright, this—and every—year!

HEARTY TREATS FOR THIS SEASON'S COOKIE JAR

SUGAR COOKIES

½ c. margarine, softened
1 c. sugar
1 egg (or 2 egg whites or egg substitute equal to 1 egg)
2 T. skim milk
1 t. vanilla extract (or ¾ t. almond extract)
2 c. flour
2 t. baking powder
powdered sugar
colored sugars

Beat margarine, sugar, egg, milk, and extract together 'til light and fluffy. Stir in flour and baking powder, mixing well. Chill dough thoroughly.
Roll small portions of dough on board coated with powdered sugar. Cut shapes using a cookie cutter, dipped in powdered sugar to prevent sticking. Sprinkle cookies with colored sugar and place on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 12 minutes. Cool and store in tightly covered container.

Yield: 4 doz. Approx. 60 calories

GINGER COOKIES

¾ c. margarine
1 c. sugar
1 egg (or 2 egg whites or egg substitute equal to 1 egg)
¼ c. molasses
2 ½ c. flour
2 t. baking soda
1 t. cinnamon
1 t. ginger
powdered sugar

Cream margarine and sugar together. Beat in the egg and molasses. Sift flour with soda and spices, and mix with the wet ingredients. Chill dough.
Roll small portions of dough on board coated with powdered sugar. Cut shapes using a cookie cutter, dipped in powdered sugar to prevent sticking. Place cookies 2 inches apart on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.

Yield: 3 doz. small cookies Approx. 130 calories

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

½ c. margarine
½ c. peanut butter
½ c. granulated sugar
½ c. brown sugar
1 egg (or 2 egg whites or egg substitute equal to 1 egg)
½ t. vanilla extract
1 c. flour
½ t. baking soda

Cream together margarine and peanut butter. Add white and brown sugar. Stir in egg, vanilla, flour, and baking soda. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll each in granulated sugar, place on a cookie sheet, then press with a floured fork. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Cool a minute or two before removing from cookie sheet.

Yield: 4 doz. Approx. 50 calories

MERINGUES

2 egg whites
1 ½ c. sugar
¼ t. cream of tartar
1/3 c. cold water
1 t. vanilla

Line a baking sheet with parchment or brown kraft paper, or use an unlined Teflon cookie sheet. Combine all ingredients except vanilla in the top of a double boiler. Mix well for a minute or two with an electric beater at low speed.
Place over heat and continue beating at medium speed (with long bursts of high speed) for about 10 minutes or until the mixture is quite firm and holds its shape. Remove from heat, add vanilla, and beat at high speed for another minute. Place nicely rounded tablespoons of batter on cookie sheet, allowing ¾ inch between the puffs. Bake for about 1 hour at 275° or until the puffs have just faintly browned and are dry and crisp to the touch.

Yield: 30 large puffs, 45 smaller puffs
Approx. 48 calories/puff

VIENNESE CRESCENTS

1 c. margarine
½ c. sugar
2 t. vanilla
2 ¼ c. sifted flour
1 c. freshly chopped almonds
vanilla-flavored powdered sugar (Bury a vanilla bean in a container of powdered sugar for special flavor.)

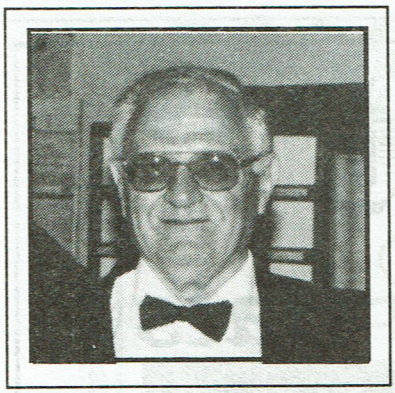
With a wooden spoon or spatula, cream margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add vanilla. Work the flour into the creamed mixture. Chop fresh almonds until coarse but not powdery. This gives extra almond flavor. Add nuts to batter and mix until thoroughly blended and smooth. Chill for one hour. To make the cookies, work one teaspoon of chilled batter into a long shape with your fingers, then fold into a crescent on an ungreased baking sheet.
Bake for 15 minutes at 325° until cookies have turned a sandy color. Remove from oven and sprinkle generously with vanilla-flavored powdered sugar.

Yield: about 7 doz. Approx. 46 calories

RUM OR BOURBON BALLS

1 box vanilla wafers
1 c. powdered sugar
½ c. corn syrup
½ c. finely ground walnuts
3 T. cocoa
½ c. rum (or bourbon)
granulated sugar

Crush wafers. Add powdered sugar, corn syrup, nuts, cocoa, and rum. Mix well by hand. Form into small balls and roll in granulated sugar. No baking required. Store in an airtight container. Make at least a week ahead to season.



Message from the Thrice Potent Master

Our trip to the Salmon River at Pulaski, New York was enjoyed by 10 Brothers. The friendships that develop during these trips make it well worthwhile. James M. Fuller caught a nice salmon in the order of 30 inches and 32 lbs. His father, Jim Fuller, caught a fish also. I caught the bridge, four trees, three floating objects (snags) and left enough lead sinkers in the stream to cause lead poisoning for centuries. We fished from about 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and I believe that everyone in the group had a fish on the line but could not land it.

At the end of the day everyone was exhausted but had enough left to enjoy a gourmet meal at the Pulaski McDonald's and talk about the one that got away. This fishing trip is one that can be enjoyed by everyone because you find out when you arrive at the stream, there are all kinds of equipment used from the most expensive to the least. Who would guess that the local people use the least expensive and are the most successful.

The Feast of Tishri was a most successful night. In order to include Brothers who live some distance from the Temple, it was decided to have a Buffet type meal prior to our meeting. I think everyone enjoyed himself and the 7:15 starting time made getting there easy. Our guest of the evening, Ill:.Sheldon K. Blank, 33°, gave a talk on the Fraternity interlaced with humor. Ill:.Richard G. Barrell gave a dissertation on the Feast of Tishri and all present renewed their obligation of the 14th Degree.

Our next meeting will be family night on November 3, 1988. It will include a pancake supper and entertainment. It is hoped that some of our new members will attend and learn about our organization. I'm sure you will have a good time and promise that you will be on the way home by 9 p.m. Please make your reservation now. Call Dick Fuller (356-0887) or Jim Fuller (456-5122).

Due to "Ladies' Night" being the night after our December meeting, the December meeting will be a Stated Meeting. I would also like you to mark on your calendar our "Sportsman Dinner", January 5, 1989. Call me or my brother for this one too!

Richard A. Fuller
Thrice Potent Master

TROY DELTA BODIES
Message from the Thrice Potent Master

We have good news in the Delta Bodies . . . At the Council of Deliberation in July, our Valley was presented with a plaque for the largest membership increase in the State for 1987 - 1988.

On September 28 our Valley received a newly coroneted 33° Mason in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ill:.Stuart Sturges of Glens Falls and Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York has joined the ranks of leadership in our Valley.

A "Potential Members Dinner" was held in Lake Placid on September 30. A number of prospective members and their ladies were invited to an enjoyable dinner at the newly dedicated Masonic Temple. The dinner was organized and set up by H. Joseph Heath, 32°. A presentation by First Lieutenant Commander of the Albany Sovereign Consistory, Ill:.Clayton E. Simons, 33° was made. Clay laid out some of his dreams of what he wants to accomplish during his tenure as Commander-In-Chief. The north country has been a very good source of new members for our Valley and we want to return to presenting degrees in that area.

Family Life Week will be celebrated in our Valley on November 26. On that day, a crew will gather at the Troy Temple under the direction of Ill:.Newton Buckner, 33°, and Stafford Willis, 32° to cook meals for the homeless of Troy. The meals will then be delivered to Joseph's House after preparation. The meals will include Saturday and Sunday dinners, and Sunday and Monday breakfasts.

We want to welcome 12 new members into the Delta Bodies. They received their 32nd Degrees at the October 15 Reunion in Albany. They are: Albert Altone, Christopher Arnsen, Timothy Cahill, Bassel M. Jones, Douglas J. Lawrence, William S. Liebl, John A. Litten, John H. Rensink, Craig A. Schmitt, Dennis W. Stevens, Richard E. Studler, and Michael Teachout.

Please keep in mind our Ladies' Night Holiday Dinner Dance on December 2. The Festivities will be at the Century House in Latham. This is our opportunity to enjoy the social company of our brothers and their ladies from the Valley of Albany and with others from Schenectady Sigma Bodies.

Also looking ahead: January 20, 1989 - a Men's only dinner meeting. Most Wise Master Louis Slocum, 32° will preside over this meeting. Under the able direction of L. John Garhardt, 32°, Degree Director, the Seventh Degree will be exemplified.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS Ladies' Night - Troy Temple - February 17, 1989 - 6:45 p.m. Each one of us will invite a prospective member and their lady to be our dinner guests. We look forward to the SPRING REUNION - April 15, 1989 and 25 more new members.

Richard H. Welkley
Thrice Potent Master

"Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait for the answer."

—Ed Cunningham in
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INTRODUCING

Our Newest White Hats

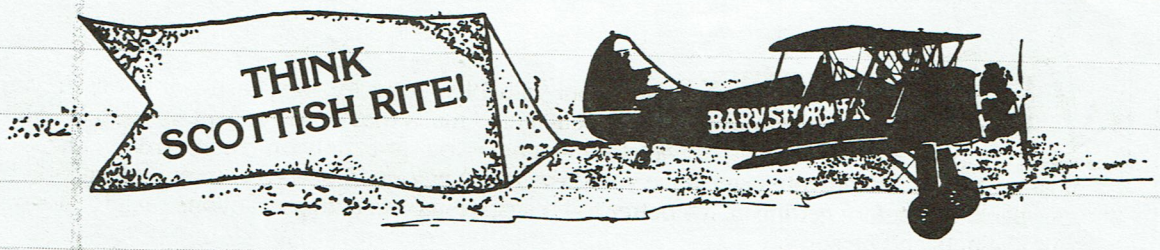
The highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry was conferred on this group of local area Freemasons on Tuesday, September 27, 1988, in the DeVos Hall, Grand Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The degree conferral climaxed the yearly meeting of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite for the fifteen northeastern and midwestern states, comprising the 436,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. A total of 172 received the degree in the 1988 Class. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for "outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contribution to humanity, reflecting credit upon the Fraternity."

Pictured above left to right are: FRANK M. CHUPP, Valley of Binghamton, New York; EDWARD B. HARRER, JR., Valley of Utica, New York; RICHARD C. MILLS, Valley of Albany, New York; and STUART STURGES, Valleys of Albany and Troy, New York.

The Rite Light extends fond congratulations to these well deserving Illustrious Brothers!

Important Memo:

DATES TO REMEMBER



November 02 Executive Board Meeting; 7:30 p.m. at Scottish Rite Office.

November 03 Lodge of Perfection. Family Life Week Program. Sausage and Pancake Supper for only $2.00 per person; $1.00 for kids (10 & under); No more than $6.00 per family. Call Dick or Jim Fuller at 356-0887 or 456-5122 for reservations. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

November 10 Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem. "What, Why, Who and When?" *Guest Speakers* - Ill:.Richard G. Barrell, 33° and Ill:.Clayton E. Simons, 33°.

November 17 Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix. *Guest Speaker* - Charles R. Treadgold, Risk Manager - Hamlin, Robert & Ridgeway, Ltd.

November 19 Testimonial Dinner - R:.W:.James A. Higgins, Grand Lecturer Emeritus; Evergreen Country Club, Schodack. Reservations with Ill:.Richard A. Welkley, 33° (235-1863).

December 01 Lodge of Perfection. Stated Communication.

December 02 Annual Ladies' Night. Century House, Latham.

Have a Happy–and Safe–Holiday

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY Whether you drive to holiday parties, family reunions, or to get away from it all, you need to allow extra time. Traffic is always heavy on holidays. New-fallen snow may add to the party spirit, but it can mean treacherous roads. Make sure your vehicle is in tip-top shape to weather traffic and storms. See that every passenger is buckled up before you turn the key. Then, be especially alert for other drivers' mistakes as you go over the river and through the woods.

DRINK SENSIBLY Alcoholic drinks are standard fare at many holiday gatherings. If you're planning to drive home after tippling a few, designate a nondrinker in your party to get behind the wheel. Or, as an alternative, drink in moderation, eat heartily to slow down your body's absorption of alcohol, pass up refills, and wait one hour for every drink before you drive. The best solution of all: Drink healthier beverages that won't impair your self-control.

SHOP WISELY Leave your valuables—jewelry, furs, cash—at home, so you don't proclaim your wealth. Park in well-lighted malls that have frequent lot patrols. While you shop, tuck your handbag or wallet firmly under your arm. Rely on credit cards or checks for most purchases. When you leave, have your keys ready before you get to your car. Always check your back seat before getting in. It's better to be suspicious and take precautions than to disregard your instincts and be sorry.

DECORATE SAFELY Many holiday decorations are fire hazards. Lights in your window or on your tree should be checked for frayed cords and damaged sockets. Select fire-retardant decorations, especially if they are combined with electrical items. Keep candles a safe distance from greeting cards, curtains, gaily wrapped packages, and other flammables. Use indoor decorations only indoors, and turn off all the lights when you leave or retire for the night.

PLAY CAUTIOUSLY Children's toys first and foremost should be safe. Toys that are fine for elementary children may be lethal to infants and toddlers, who put things in their mouths and whose balance is precarious. Read labels for age recommendations. Choose well-made toys that can stand up to hard use. If you're creative enough to make your own toys, buy new paints without lead for the rocking horse, and securely sew small parts on your Raggedy Ann and Andy. Toys with pull strings and balloons are best for children older than three (choking is a real possibility before then). Avoid glass, sharp metal objects, projectiles, electric items, and toys that make loud noises.

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