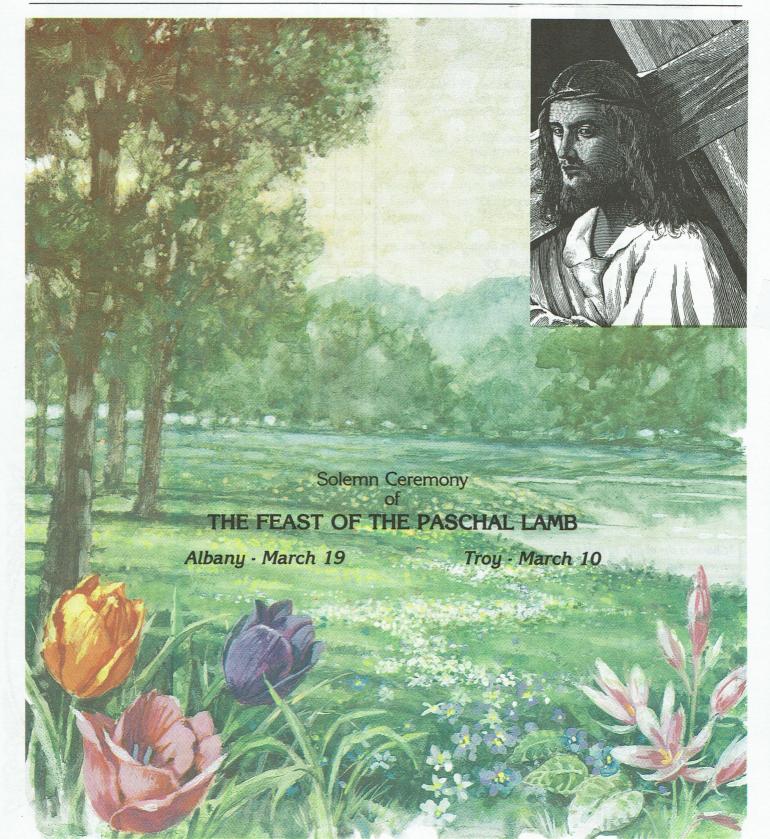
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ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, N.M.J., U.S.A. VALLEY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

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"Charm is the ability to make someone else think that both of you are quite wonderful."

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IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY

HAVE YOU



OBTAINED

A

NEW MEMBER?

It never occurs to a boy of 18 that some day he will be as dumb as his father.

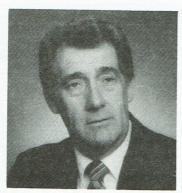
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A man in the bookkeeping department was being laid off. His boss wanted to break the news as gently as he could, so he said, the news as gently as he could, so he said, "I'm sorry, Joe, but because we are automating our department, we are reducing our ing our department, we are reducing our accounting personnel by half."

"Do you mean I'm being replaced by a computer?" the man asked.

"Not exactly," his boss said. "In your case it in your exactly," his boss said. "In your case it isn't an entire computer—just a microchip."





A Message from the Most Wise Master

Our last two meetings have provided those in attendance with informative programs by two very knowledgeable speakers.

In November, Mr. Charles P. Treadgold gave a very interesting presentation on the importance of insurance and how it affects each of us.

For our January meeting, Ill.: Robert F. Case, 33°, Deputy for New York and Grand Secretary General, described the beginning of Scottish Rite in Albany and then proceeded to explain the structure and policies of our fraternity.

I list these past programs to give those of you who were unable to attend because of sickness, distance, conflicts or otherwise, an idea of what your leaders are trying to do in the various bodies and attempt to stimulate interest in attending in the future.

Just prior to a recent Masonic related meeting I called three members and asked if they would like a ride and attend. All three accepted my offer and afterwards thanked me for calling as they probably would not have gone. We must all take the initiative to try and increase the attendance at all our Masonic organizations, not only to support the officers but to rebuild the interest and fraternalisim.

On Thursday evening March 16th we will have Fred B. Hill, Jr., MSA, a member of the Board of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, in Springfield, Mass., as our guest speaker. There will be a short business meeting at 8:00 P.M. and then opened to families and guests, at which time Ill.: Hill will give a report on the progress of the new hospital under construction. Even if you are not a member of the Shrine, come and find

out what great work is being done for those children who are in need of our help. It can be a very motivating and rewarding experience to learn what is being accomplished.

All of the officers of the Albany Soverign Rose Croix are looking forward to our annual Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Sunday March 19th to hear the message of R:W:Richard E. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. On that evening we also take time to remember all our departed members over the past year. We encourage all to attend and make an effort to bring someone with you.

As we enter March, spring is coming upon us. With spring comes longer daylight hours, the planting and fertilizing of new crops as well as grooming our yards. What better time than now, with renewed interests, to apply this spirit of enthusiasm to our Masonic bodies. Come out and be a part of the growing crop of the fraternity.

A Happy Easter or Passover to all.

EDWARD T. ROSE Most Wise Master Have You Invited A
Master Mason
To Join The
Scottish Rite?
Next Reunion-4/15/89

LAST DAY TO RECEIVE PETITIONS TO THE SPRING CLASS IS APRIL 12, 1989

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> > Scottish Rite Bulletin



Eagle of Lagash

Inquiries frequently are made about the symbolic significance of the double-headed eagle often displayed in Scottish Rite Masonry. The Constitutions and Regulations of the Supreme Council provides the following explanation:

The Double-headed Eagle of Lagash is the oldest Royal Crest in the world. No heraldic bearing, no emblematic device of today can boast such antiquity. It was used a thousand years before the Exodus from Egypt and more than 2,000 years before the building of King Solomon's Temple.

As time rolled on, it passed from the Sumerians to the men of Akkad, from the men of Akkad to the Hattitee, from the Denizens of Asia Minor to the Kiljukian Sultans from whom it was brought by the Crusaders to the Emperors of the East and West, whose successors were the Hapsburg and the Romanoffs.

The city of Lagash in Sumer in southern Babylonia, between the Euphrates and the Tigris and near the modern Shatra in Iraq, had a calendar of twelve lunar months, a system of weights and measures, a banking and accounting system and was a center of art, literature, military and political power 5,000 years before Christ.

In 102 B.C. the Roman Consul Marius decreed that the eagle be displayed as a symbol of imperial Rome. Later, as a world power, Rome used the double-headed eagle, one facing East and the other facing West, symbolizing the universality and unity of the Empire. The Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire continued its use and the symbol was adopted later in Germany during the halcyon days of the conquest and imperial power.

So far as is known, the double-headed eagle was first used in Freemasonry in 1758 by a Masonic body in Paris — the Emperors of the East and West controlled the advanced degrees then in use and became a precursor of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

The clock of life is wound but once And no man has the power

At late or early hour.

To say just when the hands will stop— Now is the only time we have, Live, love, work and with a will

Place no faith in tomorrow for The clock may then be still."





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Ralph Collier Bramer	1/15/88	Harry Horowitz	11/12/00
George William Thone	9/13/88	Ill:.Jack Byron Spear, 33°	11/24/88
Delbert Raymond Campbell	11/5/88	George Alfred Crowley	10/13/88
Delbert Warren Robison	11/11/88	Bernard A. Katz	12/3/88
Roy Isaac Blake	10/1/88	Andrew Os	5/1/88
Clyde Simonds Dunn	9/25/88	Gerald Richard Summerson	1/30/88
Herbert John Fadeley, Jr.	11/28/88	David John Baul	2/1/89
Michael Freeman	11/10/87	Alexander Michael Mitchel	1/14/88
Seldon David Harris	2/14/88	Gustave Alexander Ryff	12/15/87
Albert Ariel Patterson	6/30/88	George Eugene Marlow	12/14/87
John Henry Miller	1/17/89	Harry Ernst Kuehn	1/5/88
Allen Lewis Gillett	11/29/87	Melvin David Heflich	1/7/88
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Herman Katz	12/16/87	Blasco Stergas	5/14/87
Michael A. lacocca	1/9/88	John Palmer Ogsbury	10/1/87
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John Van Vorst	4/4/88	Maurice Gandler	6/1/86
Jack Woodhead	5/15/88	Edgar Almeron Nelson	5/23/88
Richard Harley Hunt	1/25/88	Philip Schuyler	4/4/88
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Charles Aaron Dilg	7/1/88	Frederick Charles Haman	4/1/88
Earl William Farnsworth	8/1/88	Frederick Merkle Synder	4/1/88
William Milton Walker	8/7/88	Lester Alfred Osgood	7/20/87
Dewitt Sisson Carl	8/28/88	Stanley J. Andorn	8/4/87
William Arthur Feinberg	7/22/88	Arthur John Jansen	8/19/87
Edward Burton Gavin	6/9/88	Leon Morse Severance	12/28/87
Sanford Kramer	8/19/88	Edward Starr Munger	10/1/87
Harold Margolis	8/20/88	Sanford Sheldon Beach	10/29/87
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James Eddy Rapp	10/17/88	Charles Louis Koster	4/13/88
Albert Raymond Meader	10/19/88		4/14/88
Charles Diamond	4/24/88	William Jessup Sadlier	4/23/88
Milton Klein	11/24/88	Louis Lieberman	7/11/88
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Bernard Louis Kramer	9/21/88		
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The Thrice Potent Master Speaks

The Sportsman Night Venison Dinner was a huge success. Approximately 70 people attended and while a few did not taste the venison prepared by Head Chef Dick Barrell, those who did stated they never tasted better and those who tasted venison for the first time loved it. The Sportsman's Dinner has been growing in size each of the years it has been held and is at the point where help is needed to serve and cleanup. The amount of serving and cleanup is minimal. Won't you please volunteer! This is an informal dinner whose purpose is to get acquainted with each other and to invite potential candidates to look us over. The results to date are very encouraging. Again, my thanks to those who helped Dick Barrell, Jim Fuller, Jule Fuller and Margaret Fuller. Many thanks to Bob Murphy and Jim Johnston for the venison. We may need more next year.

Our February meeting included a talk on the Erie Canal—its past, present and future. It was a very interesing presentation which made you more aware of its existence and of the role the Erie Canal played in the development of the west.

The meeting on March 2 will include a tour of the New York State Power Pool on Rte. 146 in Guilderland. The purpose of this tour is to give us an idea of the complexities of power transmission/ generation in the State of New York and to make us realize that there is more to the power problem than plugging our toasters into the receptacle. For this meeting, we will gather in the parking lot of the power pool at 7:00 P.M. The tour will be followed by refreshments at my home which is very near the power pool. You will get instructions during the tour. The tour is open to high school students

and above and the tour is open to all. The number of people allowed on the tour is restricted so phone in your reservations early. First come first served. Phone Dick Fuller 356-0887, and leave message if I'm not home.

The meeting on April 6 will be held at the Masonic Temple in Hudson, NY. This will be an open meeting and all are invited. The intent is to attract some of our members who have not attended a meeting since their initiation, plus potential candidates for the fraternity. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner the cost of which will be \$7.50. Wine and cheese will be served at 6:30. Dinner (Baked Zita) at 7:00 and a meeting at 8:00. Your check is your reservation which closes March 27, 1989. Please mail to R. A. Fuller, 7235 Belleview Dr., Schenectady, N.Y. 12303.

The Temple in Hudson is located at the corner of So. 3rd and Union. Directions are as follows: Taking the Thruway take the Rip Van Winkle Bridge to Hudson; second right to Union and Third. Rte. 9 into Hudson; right on Green, cross RR track, left on Seventh; to end of Seventh and right on Union to the Temple. April is a beautiful time for an auto ride to Columbia County and perhaps the dogwoods will be in bloom. Won't you 32° and Most Wise Master of Troy Delta come join us?

> Richard A. Fuller Thrice Potent Master

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Make a \$35 contribution to the 1988-1989 Supreme Council Charities' Blue Envelope Appeal and receive a gold "Masonic Pride" lapel pin.

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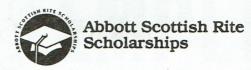
This is another way to make your

SCOTTISH PRIDE mark on life THE SCOTTISH RITE CARES

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TROY DELTA BODIES Message from the **Thrice Potent Master**

Congratulations to Lewis O. Slocum, Chapter Rose Croix, who was elected Potentate of Oriental Shrine on January 14. We all hope that Lew will have a good vear.

On Friday, March 10, 1989, Lew Slocum will preside over the annual FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB which will be held in the Troy Temple at 8 P.M. A dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. by reservation only. Reservations are accepted by Stafford Willis, 32° Secretary, (237-1516) no later than March 6th.

Remember! Bring those petitions in!

Degrees in Troy Temple on April 8, 1989.

SPRING REUNION at Albany on April 15, 1989.

Let's aim for 50 candidates this spring.

EACH ONE BRING ONE! A candidate, that is.

Please keep in mind the Valley of Troy Workers Party scheduled for Friday, June 16, 1989.

> Richard H. Welkley, 33° Thrice Potent Master



TO ALL:

Respectable Brethren
Valient Princes
Perfect Knights
and
Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret

Consecutive Annual Meetings of

The Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection
The Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem
The Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix
The Albany Sovereign Consistory

will be held in the Scottish Rite Hall on Thursday, May 11, 1988 beginning at 8:00 P.M.

followed by a Joint Meeting of all Bodies for the purpose of Installation of All Officers.

Richard A. Fuller, 32° Thrice Potent Master Edward T. Rose, 32° Most Wise Master Fred C. Fredrickson Sovereign Prince Ill. Albert W. Mills, 33° Commander-In-Chief

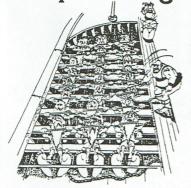
CYPRUS TEMPLE Spring Ceremonial (STAG)

Saturday May 6, 1989 Cold Sands

For Further Information CALL

518 - 436 - 7892

It Takes a lot of Hands to Keep a Ship Moving!



Ask any Degree Director. The Valleys of Troy and Albany are fortunate in having dedicated members to exemplify the several degrees conferred during our Class Reunions. And especially are we blessed in having such dependable Degree Directors. Our two Directors of Degrees - Ill::Albert W. Mills, 33° and Ill::William S. Assini, 330 - Albany and Troy respectively, are to be commended for their time and effort. Together with Ill::Eugene L. Rogers, 33°; Ill:: John A. Sainz, 33°; Russell J. LaGrange Jr., MSA; Aloysius H. Curran, MSA; Harold J. Clark, MSA; Richard H. Welkley; Donald MacKenze, Lewis O. Slocum; and Robert F. Parslow, MSA, our beautiful degrees reflect the hard work and cooperation in putting them on.

And let's not forget those that "keep the ship moving". Here are some of the names of the participants in the upcoming Spring Reunion:

SPRING REUNION 1989 10° Cast

ZadocRichard Welkley
Nathan
Solomon Robert Roseberger
Benaiah Lee Perry

Guards Cherethites

Stafford Willis

James Higgins

Louis Slocum

Clifford Thomas

Joseph Pozefsky

Fred Gemmill

Pelethites

Merrill Fuller Robert Parslow
Carlton Troeger William lacocca
Gordon Kirkland Robert Haizlip

Oracles

Charles Fake Alexander Grone

14º Cast

Director: John A. Sainz, 33°
Thrice Potent Master . . John A. Sainz
Deputy Master . . . William V. lacocca
Senior Warden . . . Richard F. Cesare
Junior Warden . . . William F. Tschumi
Captain of the Guard William S. Assini
Orator Malcolm L. Ogden
Master of
Ceremonies Robert F. Parslow
Prologue &

Moses Rev. Donald J. Gardner Inquiry Rev. Richard H. Welkley Exam - Questions . . William V. Iacocca Exam - Answers Robert F. Parslow

16º Cast

Esdras	William Webster
	Secretary
Ananias	Secretary Joe Pozefsky
	Treasurer
Mordecai	Don Gardner
	Jr. Warden
Seriah	Jr. Warden
Joshua	Newt Buckner
	High Priest
Zerubbabel	William Tschumi
	Soverign Prince
	William Assini
2nd Knight	Robert Webster
	John Garhartt
Workman	Richard Cesare
Workman	Gordon Kirkland
Workman	Stafford Willis
Solimeal	William Jerwann
2nd Section	
Grand Chancellor	Malcolm Ogden
Nehemiah	Robert Parslow
Darius	Gene Rogers
Artaban	William Iacocca
	Richard Welkley
	Alex Grone
Persian Guard	. Kenneth Stannard
	Milton Dobert
Persian Guard	Charles Fake
Persian Guard	John Russell

17º Cast

Director: Harold J. Clark, MSA
Most Wise Master Ed Rose
Senior Warden Steve Dallas
Prologue Arthur Brown IV
Venerable Master Richard Mills
Senior Warden Russell J. LaGrange
Junior Warden Robert Brown
Fishkill
Master of
Ceremonies Aloysius H. Curran

Captain of Guard Bruce Pavloff
Oracle Norman Johnson

18º Cast

Director: Robert F. Parslow Most Wise Master . . Robert F. Parslow

Senior Warden L. John Garhartt
Junior Warden Lee P. Perry
Orator
Master of
Ceremonies William S. Assini
Captain of
the Guard Robert P. Haizlip
Exemplar Lewis O. Slocum
Offstage VoiceNewton Buckner

32º Cast

Director: Eugene L. Rogers, 33°
Ceremonial Section

Commander-in-Chief . . Albert W. Mills 1st Lt. Commander Clayton E. Simons 2nd Lt. Commander . . . Francis Miner Orator William V. lacocca Chancellor . . . Russell J. LaGrange, Jr. Master of

Ceremonies Robert F. Parslow Engineer &

Seneschal Richard F. Cesare Hospitaler James J. Van De Wal Standard Bearer . . . Lewis O. Slocum Asst. Standard

Bearer Robert D. Webster Guard William A Webster

Thrice Potent

Master Richard A. Fuller Sovereign

Prince Fred C. Fredrickson Most Wise Master Edward T. Rose Worshipful

MasterFrederick W. Mathews
James J. Van De Wal
OrganistGlen P. Cook

Trumpeter George Hunt Allegory

Bishop......Clifford Thomas Prince

Commander Alexander R. Grone Herald Frederick W. Mathews Knight Lodge of

Perfection William A. Webster Knight Prince of

Jerusalem Richard H. Welkley Knight of

Rose Croix Lewis O. Slocum Knight Kadosh . . . William V. Iacocca Constans Richard C. Mills

Florio Robert F. Parslow Urban Robert D. Webster Rufus Richard Sherman

Ignatius Richard F. Cesare Captain of

the GuardWilliam S. Liebl PriestNewton Buckner Priest

Custodian James E. Johnston Wardrobe Alfred Krueger

Sport the Green on March 17

arly each March 17 you cheerfully survey your closet and choose at least one green item to wear—Irish or not. Thousands of Irish—from immigrants to those who wish they had a wee bit of the heritage—parade through the streets of many major cities. St. Patrick's Day is a fun holiday in the United States and Canada.

In Ireland, however, St. Patrick's Day is primarily a religious observance that is spread over three days. Everyone wears shamrocks, and the pubs overflow with green.

How did this holiday, with such diverse celebrations in two parts of the world, ever get started?

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born somewhere in Europe, sometime between 373 and the early fifth century, to a wealthy Roman government official.

He was probably not even named Patrick, but perhaps Maewyn. March 17 is undoubtedly neither the date of his birth nor of his death. Stories about him may even describe the lives of two different people.

We do know, however, some exciting details about St. Patrick's life. He was kidnapped at about age 16 and taken to Ireland, where he had a spiritual awakening. After risking his life to escape from slavery and herding pigs and sheep, he studied for the priesthood and eventually became a bishop in 432.

He spent the rest of his life converting the Irish to Christianity and founding churches and schools across the country. St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock—now Ireland's national flower—to explain the concept of the Trinity to his converts.

Many legends and tales of miracles surround St. Patrick's life.

Perhaps he drove the snakes from Ireland by beating his drums. Or he raised his father from the dead. Or burned snow. Or drank poisoned wine and survived. He may have died at the age of 120, just as Moses did. Some people even believe God granted St. Patrick the right to decide which of the Irish will enter heaven. According to the book ST. PATRICK'S DAY by Joyce K. Kessel, "They say that the fish rise from the sea each March 17. They pass before Patrick's altar, then disappear."

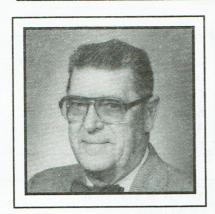
St. Patrick's year of death is almost as uncertain as the date of his birth. He probably died in either 461 or 492, and may be buried under the Abbey of Downpatrick where a stone marker rests.

This year, when you put on the symbols of Ireland, remember this holy man who changed the direction of that country.



Analographobia: The fear of computers.

—Attributed to Art Seidenbaum, Editor of the Los Angeles TIMES. One parent to another: "My daughter is at that awkward age: she tore her pantyhose while hunting Easter eggs."



Chit/Chat from the CIC

We now come to the very busy part of our Scottish Rite year.

The month of February began with a Lodge of Perfection presentation of the history and future of the Erie Canal, which we enjoyed with our ladies.

The Council, Chapter, and Consistory, did not meet in February, so much of our time was given over to plans and arrangements for March and April.

Due to the early arrival of Easter this year, the Chapter of Rose Croix will hold the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Palm Sunday March 19th. Most Wise Master Edward T. Rose has as the Guest Speaker the R.: W.: Richard E. Thomas Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Details will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The March 30th meeting of the Albany Sovereign Consistory will begin with a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner at 6:30 P.M. The cost will be \$7.50 each. Make reservations with III.: Clayton Simons on or before March 23, 1989. P.O. Box 5111 Albany, N. Y. 12205, and enclose check for \$7.50, payable to AASR.

This meeting is open to all members of the Scottish Rite, and will be helpful to all workers who take part in our reunions. Our Secretary, Ill.: Richard Barrell, 33° will talk to us about Petitions, how they should be submitted and the work to be done after the Petition has been received.

Ill: Eugene Rogers, 33° Past Commander-In-Chief and Degree Director will discuss problems in the selection of the cast for each degree.

Ill.: Clay Simons, 33° 1st. Lt. Commander, will explain about the problems relating to the food served for an all day reunion.

Brother James Johnston, 32°, our Custodian, will talk with us regarding the Stage and Floor Setups as his part in a reunion.

PLEASE, will all Workers, Officers and those who would like to be a part in our reunions come to this meeting and offer your suggestions for the improvement of our work.

The April meeting of all bodies will be the 13th for balloting and on the 15th for the Reunion and degree work only.

The following degrees will be conferred: 10° Troy; 14° Albany; 16° Troy; 17° Albany; 18° Troy; 22° Dutchess Team; and 32° all Bodies.

On May 11, 1989 the Annual Meetings of the Lodge, Council, Chapter, and Consistory will be held with the election of all officers (sigh and thank you).

May 13, 1989 Public Installation of Officers, Ladies and Guests invited. A dinner will precede.

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



Maple Drippin's from the Sovereign Prince

Greetings from the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. I hope this communication finds all in good health and spirits as the Winter drags to a close. It is my pleasure to report to you that at our last meeting, January 12th, over 50 fine Masons, ladies and friends enjoyed a wonderful evening of song, fellowship and refreshments. My heartfelt thanks to the Suburban Sounds Choir, those brave souls who

ventured onto ice covered roads and our Secretary who provided us all with refreshments befitting the Scottish Rite.

My regrets are extended to all in having to cancel the Yellow Dog degree. It is a fun degree, sanctioned by our governing bodies, that I had scheduled for our January meeting. Unfortunately, brother Joe Flynn, who is authorized to confer this degree, is now working evenings. Perhaps at a future date.

We welcomed in the new year the *Rite* way. During Albany's First Night Gala, the Albany Temple was proud to participate in the evenings festivities. Many of the crowd of approximately three thousand were given a tour and general explanation of the Scottish Rite. My thanks are extended to all that helped. As we quite honestly did not expect such a large crowd, I must admit that we were caught a little short handed. Please feel free to contact any officer if you can plan to help out next year. It is my understanding that we will again participate in this event.

The next meeting of the Princes of Jerusalem will be March 9th at 8:00 P.M. This will be a tiled meeting and the topic to be discussed will be "what and why?" We would like to know what the Brothers would like to do and why. This type of input is invaluable for future planning. This will be a good time for suggestions for trips, family outings and such. Any suggestions will surely help. Our usual refreshments will follow.

In closing, don't forget the Albany District's annual family picnic. It will be held Sunday, May 21st, noon 'till dark, at the Altamont Fair grounds. Featuring badminton, volleyball, softball, horseshoes and a generous helping of fellowship and goofing off. Steak dinner for five dollars (reservations for dinner a must). Please contact me at 861-5341 or 462-6731 for reservations. Bring your family and friends. An open event, with no better place to carry that selective petition.

Fred Fredrickson Sovereign Prince



Guest Speaker!

Feast Of The Pascal Lamb Albany Rose Croix Sunday, March 19, 1989



Richard P. Thomas, 32° Deputy Grand Master

RW Richard P. Thomas of Manhasset Hills, Long Island, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, was elected to this office, the second highest in the State, at the 207th annual meeting of Grand Lodge in May.

His Masonic career began in Solon 771 (now Lessing 608) in 1962. While he was progressing through the Lodge line of officers, he was Secretary and Vice President of the Ninth Manhattan District Wardens Association. In 1967, he was elected Master of his Lodge, which he later served as Secretary. He continues today as a Trustee of Lessing Lodge.

Appointed to the District's Ger-

man Masonic Home Committee in 1968, the next year he became Statistical Secretary of the Home Corporation. After two years as First Vice President, he was elected President 1973-74.

In 1975, RW Bro. Thomas was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Manhattan District by MW Arthur Markewich. Two years later, he was elected a Trustee of the Statewide Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, serving a total of ten years and concluding as Treasurer and supervising Trustee for the Masonic Hall at 23rd Street, N.Y.C. He was also Chairman of Grand Lodge's Long Range Planning Committee for four years. In 1984, he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

RW Bro. Thomas majored in textile engineering and business administration at the City College of New York.

Since 1979, he has been Manufacturing Manager of Megastar Apparel Group, an Interco Company. In 1952, he married the former Margie Lohrmann. They have two children, Linda, 32, and Rick, 22, and one grandson, Erik, age 5. The Thomases attend Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hyde Park.

The Deputy Grand Master's Masonic memberships are numerous. In addition to honorary membership in several Lodges, he is active in the following: Past Masters Association and 15th Street Square Club; Empire Chapter No. 170, Royal Arch Masons; New York Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; Valley of Rockville Centre, 32°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Kismet Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Lorelei Chapter No. 581, Order of the Eastern Star (Past Patron): Post No. 22, Masonic War Veterans. He is also a member of Fraternity Post, American Legion.

RW Bro. Thomas served for three years in the U.S. Army in Japan, and in Korea during the Korean Conflict.

One politician to another: "At least half the lies you tell about me aren't true."

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ADVICE TO NEW LEADERS

"When in charge, ponder. When in trouble, delegate. When in doubt, mumble."

-James Boren



From the Editor . . .

Every year death and suspensions take their toll in membership reduction. There is nothing we can do about death — and not a great deal about suspensions. But you can do something about new members.

How long has it been since you have taken the time to interest a friend and brother in securing the benefits of Scottish Rite Masonry?

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The Solemn Celebration of the

Valley of Albany Sunday, March 19, 1989

Albany Masonic Temple 67 Corning Place, Albany

Ceremony: 7:00 PA

Guest Speaker:

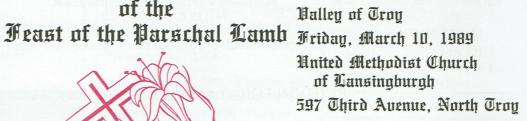
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Dinner: 6:30 PM

By Reservation Only to Staff Willis (237-1516)

Ceremony: 8:00 PA

In keeping with ancient custom, and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, each Chapter of Rose Croix should observe the Feast of the Paschal Lamb by an appropriate ceremony. Traiditionally, this day of obligation was Maundy Thursday. In deference to the Maundy Thursday rites of the churches, another day should be designated for the ceremony.

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

The Jewish Feast of the Passover commemorates the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt, when God, smiting the first-born of the Egyptians, passed over the houses of the Israelites. Thus the blood of the paschal lamb, which had been used to mark the houses of the Israelites, has symbolized redemption. For observance of this Feast, Jesus gathered his disciples in the night in which he was betrayed. In their midst he instituted the sacrament which Christians revere as The Last Supper.

Chapters of Rose Croix observe this beautiful and symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a memorial service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. In spirit, we seem to sense their presence at the Mystic Banquet as we seek to strengthen the ties of brotherly love which bind our hearts in holy remembrance.

In the followship of kindred minds, we meet to express our faith as symbolically we break the bread and drink the wine of fraternal love, becoming aware once more that the only hope of a better world still abides in the simple command of our great Exemplar, "Love one another."

The ordinance establishing the Feast of the Paschal Lamb dates back to the Old Testament narrative: "And this day shall be unto you a memorial: and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever."

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