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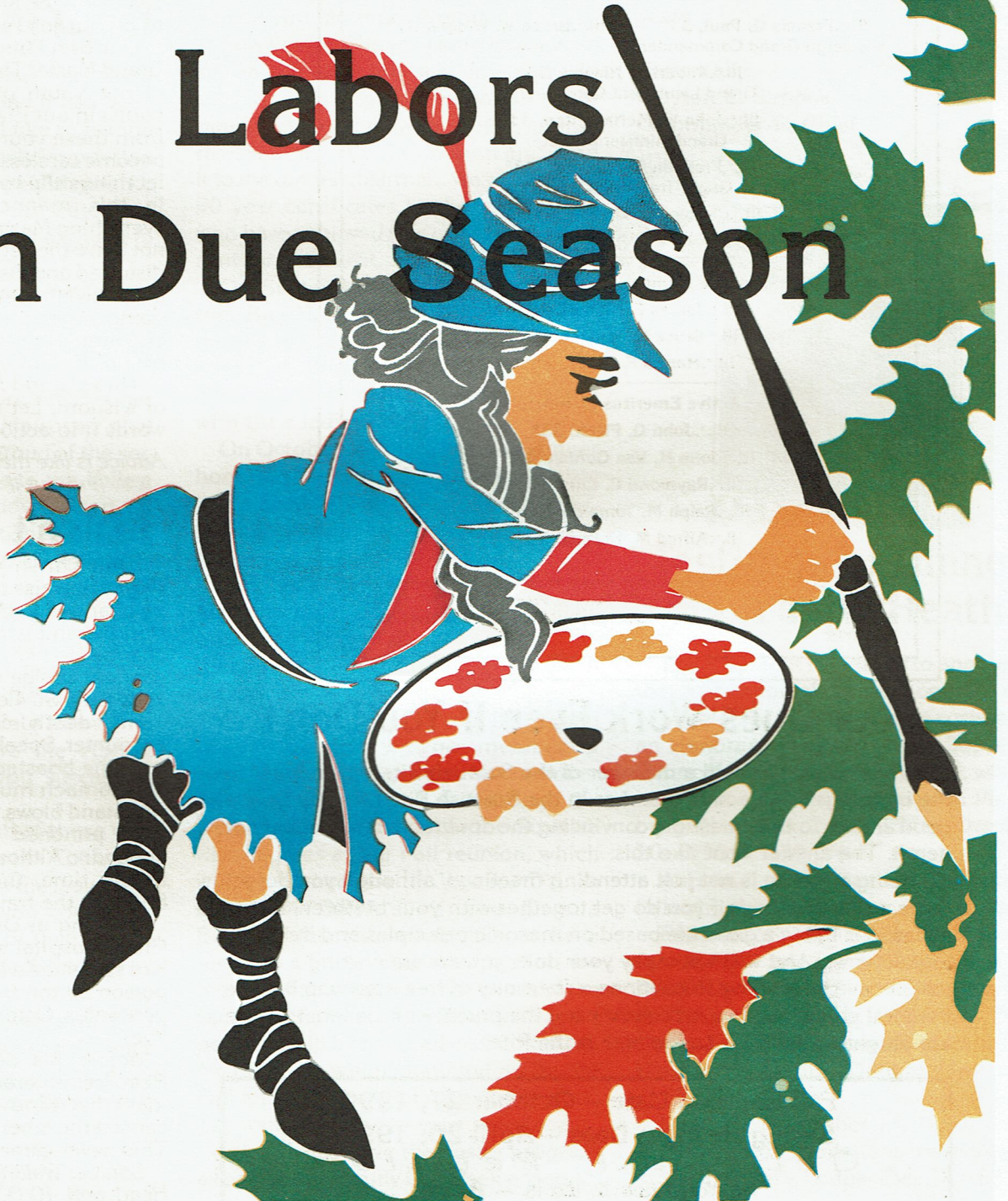
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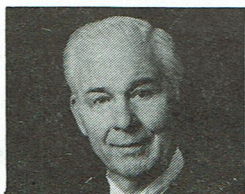
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... Return To ... Labors In Due Season



Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Albany, State of New York, acknowledge and yield Allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose Officers are:



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Sovereign Grand Commander



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Active for Albany

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III.° Raymond C. Ellis, 33°

III.° Ralph M. Tompkins, 33°

III.° Alfred M. Kramer, 33°

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Your Dues Work Even If You Don't

"Why should I remain a member of the Scottish Rite if I can't get to the meetings?" An active member in the Scottish Rite recently gave a good answer to that question, convincing the doubter that he should not demit. The answer went like this:

"Being a Mason is not just attending meetings, although you do get more out of the Craft if you do get together with your brethren. Being a Mason is living a good life based on masonic principles and living up to your vows. And when you pay your dues you are supporting a cause you believe in, helping to continue a fraternity of free men who believe in moral character, love for country and the practice of the tenets as we are taught in the Blue Lodge and in the Rite."

Fall Reunion Date – October 27, 1990

Spring Reunion Date – April 20, 1991

Get That Petition

All You Have To Do Is — ASK!

Words of Wisdom

In the Arizona Masonry, Grand Master Jimmie M. Johnson asks: "If we cannot interest our present members to participate in our meetings and programs, how can we attract new members?"

In the North Carolina Mason, Grand Master Jerry G. Tart writes: "Successful leadership does not just happen. Effort must be put forth to obtain results." He further states; "Delegate authority and take advantage of those members who are willing to help."

The Minnesota Mason tells us that Grand Master Ward C. Sonstebly wants his leadership to practice PMA — POSITIVE MASONIC ATTITUDE. A poor attitude proves disastrous. He said; "We can't sit back and wait for the next guy to do our job. We must give it our all."

Our own Pointe to Pointe quotes our Grand Master Thomas C. Cross, in praise of our youth groups as follows: "The adults in our Fraternity can learn much from these younger members. We have become careless in recent years and have let things slip by. . . We cannot continue in this manner without destroying everything Masonry stands for. We must not allow the very heart of Masonry to be distorted and dishonored by overlooking even the smallest infraction because by doing so, we condone, and by condoning, encourage more serious infractions to occur." End of quote.

Three Grand Masters with true words of wisdom. Let us resolve to put these words into action.

Advice is like medicine; you have to take it to find out if it does you any good.

I Didn't Know That!

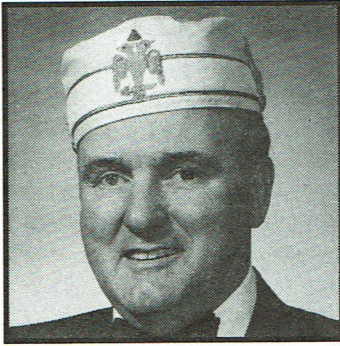
Born Ehrich Weiss, the son of Rabbi Mayer S. Weiss in Appleton, Wisconsin, he changed to the stage name of Harry Houdini and later legally had his name changed to that. He was a member of the daylight Lodge of Entertainers in New York City, St. Cecile Lodge No. 568.

His death came from a bizarre encounter. Speaking to students in Montreal, he boasted about the strength of his stomach muscles and his ability to withstand blows. Without warning, a student punched him twice above his appendix. Although he did not complain at the time, the pains started as he boarded the train for Detroit.

Arriving at Detroit, he was taken to Grace Hospital where it was learned he had sustained a burst appendix that sent poison all through his body. He died of peritonitis, October 31, 1926, Halloween Eve.

Before his death, he and his wife Beatrice, entered into a solemn agreement that whoever died first would try to contact the other from the Great Beyond. This never came about.

Source: *Waiting For Houdini*, by Ralph Head and *10,000 Famous Masons* by W. R. Denslow.



A Message from the Commander-In-Chief

My Brothers, another year has passed in the Valley of Albany and it has been a successful one. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all who supported the valley in all its programs. Attendance and participation within the valley has been on the increase. This is a tribute to the presiding officers.

Brothers Kerr, Pavloff and Meyers are to be congratulated for their planning of interesting programs throughout their year - 1989/1990.

It was my privilege to present Brother Prescott E. Need, Jr. with his worker's hat and we of the Valley are proud of the services Brother Need gives to the Valley.

Now we are about ready to start off another busy Fall of Scottish Rite events. I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready to get down to business. Before I start discussing new events, I would like to bring you up to date on happenings which took place in June. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those who were selected to receive the Abbott Scholarship and wish you success in your College endeavors.

I would like to thank all of those who worked so hard and made the Council of Deliberation a success. All the ladies and Scottish Rite members who worked on this event can be proud of their efforts and deserve a pat on the back from every Scottish Rite member because they made the valley of Albany very proud. As Commander-in-Chief I personally give each of you a standing, resounding applause. Thank you for your time, effort and cooperation.

As you recall, we of Scottish Rite masons sought donations of food and money for the regional Food Bank, as a result of our efforts, we were instrumental in playing a major role for a new soup kitchen project which was started by the food bank in July. On July 2, there was a major news release from the Food Bank which appeared on the front page of the *Albany Times Union* showing a picture of our treasurer George Deveneau, turning over the check. The announcement was also on local radio stations. Thank you for your support.

This year will be very busy, as you can see in the enclosed schedule. We will start the year with a dinner honoring our many 50 year members. For dinner reservations—clip the coupon and send it to the dinner chairman. We will present 50 year certificates to those members who have achieved this goal and are present for the event.

On September 25, it is anticipated that Bro. H. Joseph Heath will be coronated a 33rd° in Milwaukee, Wisc. It is expected that approximately twelve 33rd° members of the valley will be there with their ladies.

On October 13, there will be a dinner honoring Ill. Richard G. Barrell, which is being hosted by Wadsworth Lodge #417. For information contact David G. Loeb, telephone 482-8079.

October 20 will be a testimonial dinner honoring H. Joseph Heath. He will be presented the traditional white hat. Further information and a coupon for reservations are in this issue.

My brothers, we need your help again to build our ranks with new members. If each of you would get one new member we could rebuild the Consistory. On October 27, we will confer the Scottish Rite degrees at our Fall reunion, which will be named the Ill. Vincent D'Anza class. **IMPORTANT**—if you have a Brother who you would like to be a member of this class his petition for membership **must** be in the hands of the secretary no later than **October 17**. All petitions will be balloted on October 18. No petitions will be balloted on for the Fall reunion after that date. Remember, get your petitions to your secretary!

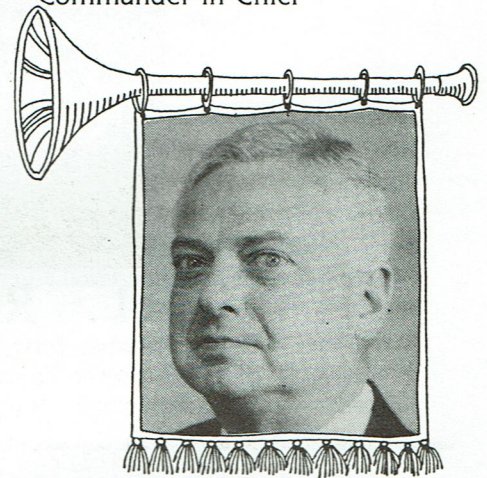
We will also have the Poster program as part of our Family Life Week program.

Congratulations to Warren Moessner and Russ Slingerland who have been selected by the Council of Deliberation to receive the MSA award, more information follows in this issue.

I am asking each of you to support those programs which you are able to.

As Commander-in-Chief, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made this year a year to remember. I have enjoyed serving the valley as Commander-in-Chief and hope that we can see many more successful years.

Fraternally,
Clayton E. Simons
Commander-in-Chief



Testimonial Dinner H. Joseph Heath

The Rite Light is pleased to announce that a testimonial dinner, honoring our newly elected candidate to be coronated an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33° in September 1990, will be held at the B.P.O. Elks Lodge in Plattsburgh, New York, on Saturday, October 20, 1990 at 6:30 PM.

A prime rib dinner will be served following the social hour, at 7:30 PM.

Reservations may be made by check for \$17.50 per person (payable to A.A.S.R.) to either Garth R. Newton, MR 8 37 Algonquin Drive, Plattsburgh, New York 12901 or Alan C. Lewis, 41 Hawthorne Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

Deadline is October 13, 1990.

Motel accommodations are available at the Traveler's Lodge, Exit 37 - I-87 & Route 3W.

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**ILL.°. ROBERT FRANKLIN CASE, 33°**

Active Member, former Deputy for the State of New York, and Grand Secretary General of this Supreme Council, died on Wednesday, June 13, 1990, at his home in Scotia, New York, following a long illness.

Ill.°. Robert Franklin Case, 33°, was born in Troy, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 1924, the son of A. Henry and Margaret (Davidson) Case. He attended the public schools and graduated from Troy High School in 1941, Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire in 1942, and Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science in 1949.

In his youth he was active in Scouting and served as a Scout Honor Guard for the King and Queen of England at the 1939 New York World's Fair. He also held the title of Marble Champion for Northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York and was a contender for the National Championship title at the National Marble Tournament at Ocean City, New Jersey.

In April 1943, his college education was interrupted by a three-year Army enlistment. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at Fort Benning, Georgia, and saw action in the European theatre which took him to Germany at the end of World War II. He received several combat decorations including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and a battlefield promotion to 1st Lieutenant. His interest in the military continued after the war and he spent several years in the New York Army National Guard. At the time of his retirement from the Guard in 1964, he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry Battalion Commander.

On August 20, 1945, he married Mary Frances Wood of Troy, Pennsylvania, who survives along with their daughter, Carolyn M. Queal of Grand Junction, Colorado; and four sons, Davidson W. of Arlington, Texas; A. Henry and Jonathan E., both of Gunnison, Colorado; and R. Marshall of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Sophia P. Case; a sister, Mrs. Adelle Picking, his brother, John P. Case, and four grandchildren.

Immediately following graduation from Dartmouth College in 1949, Ill.°. Brother Case joined the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, in its Financial Management Program. He held a variety of managerial assignments and in 1971 was named Manager of the Schenectady Utilities Operation at the Company's main plant. He was a graduate of the Management Development Program at Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute and of the General Management Course at the Company's Management Institute at Crotonville, New York. In 1959, he served as president of the General Electric Management Association and was the 1975 recipient of the national award for community service presented by General Electric's Elfun Society, a company-wide senior management association. He retired from the company in 1983.

Ill.°. Brother Case was active in his community as a Trustee of the Ellis Hospital Foundation, the Ingersoll Home for Aged Men, and the Troy Savings Bank. He was a member of the Schenectady County Deputy Sheriff's Association; the Armenia Debating Society of Troy, Pennsylvania; the Mohawk Golf Club; and the Scotia Rotary Club. He was a former member of the board of directors of the United Way of Schenectady and also served as its president and chairman. He was also a Board Member of the Schenectady YMCA, Schenectady Chapter of the American Red Cross, Junior Achievement, Travelers Aid and the Community Welfare Council.

In the town of Glenville, he was the town Republican chairman, former chairman of the Board of Assessment Review, a former Assessor, and member of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

In 1964, he was named a Schenectady Patroon by the Mayor, Malcolm E. Ellis. He was a charter member of the Capital District Transportation Authority, serving from 1970 to 1978 by gubernatorial appointment. He was currently a judicial delegate in the Fourth Judicial District of New York.

In church work, Ill.°. Brother Case had served as a Deacon of the Freehold Presbyterian Church, Charlton, New York. More recently he attended the East Glenville Community Church, and the First Reformed Church of Schenectady, New York.

Our Illustrious Brother's long and distinguished Masonic record follows:

- SYMBOLIC:** Raised a Master Mason in Trojan Lodge No. 306 F. & A.M., Troy, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1948, affiliating with Corlaer Lodge No. 932, F. & A.M., of Schenectady, New York, in 1955, and was its Master in 1984. He was a Director of the Masonic Research Laboratory in Utica and was recognized by receipt of the Charles Henry Johnson Medal bestowed by the Grand Lodge of New York. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland near the Grand Lodge of New York in 1986.
- CAPITULAR:** Exalted in Warren Chapter No. 23, R.A.M., of Ballston Spa, New York, April 16, 1970, affiliated with St. George's Chapter No. 157, of Schenectady, New York, in May 1990. In 1988, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International.
- CRYPTIC:** Greeted in St. George's Council No. 74, R. & S.M., of Schenectady, New York, on October 13, 1976.
- CHIVALRIC:** Knighted in Holy Cross Commandery No. 51, K.T., of Gloversville, New York, in 1971, and affiliated with St. George's Commandery No. 37, K.T., of Schenectady, New York, in 1980.
- SCOTTISH RITE:** Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Schenectady on April 21, 1950. He was the Thrice Potent Master of Sigma Lodge of Perfection in 1961-62 and Commander-in-Chief of Sigma Consistory in 1969-71. He was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award in 1967.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 24, 1969, at Boston, Massachusetts, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, and crowned an Active Member at Boston, on September 25, 1975. He was the Grand Marshal General 1978-86, Deputy for New York 1985-89, a member of the Administrative Council 1987-90, and was the Grand Representative near the Northern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council for the Netherlands 1980-90. He was elected Grand Secretary General at the annual meeting held in Boston, on September 30, 1987.

Ill.°. Brother Case performed various Special Assignments and served on the following committees:

- Masonic Education and Program Development, 1977-87
- Ritual and Ritualistic Matters, 1983-90
- General State of the Rite, 1985-90
- Records, 1987-90
- Special Committee to Study Jurisdictional Lines, 1977-79

He was a member and secretary of the Board of Directors of the Trustees of the Supreme Council, 1987-90.

He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Museum of Our National Heritage, 1981-85, 1987-90.

Ill.°. Brother Case was a member of Cyprus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Albany, New York, and was its Potentate in 1973. He was also a member of Albany Court No. 77, Royal Order of Jesters; Albany Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Giles Fonda Yates Council No. 22, Allied Masonic Degrees; Long Island Chapter No. 86, National Sojourners; the Royal Order of Scotland; and was a recipient of the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 18, 1990, at the First Reformed Church with the Rev. Vincent Falsano officiating. It was preceded by a brief 33° Masonic Service conducted by Ill.°. Herbert T. Singer, 33°, with 51 members of the Supreme Council participating. The well-attended church service included a large contingent of Masonic friends and associates headed by Ill.°. Francis G. Paul, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill.°. Stanley F. Maxwell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus; Ill.°. Sidney R. Baxter, 33°, Assistant to the Sovereign Grand Commander; Ill.°. Robert L. Miller, Sr., 33°, Deputy for Indiana; Ill.°. Richard W. Parker, 33°, Deputy for Vermont; Ill.°. Carlton A. Winchester, 33°, Deputy for New York; Ill.°. James F. Niehoff, 33°, and Ill.°. Harold F. Dates, 33°, Active Members for New York. Present also were M.W. Roswell T. Swits, 33°, Immediate Past Grand Master and R.W. Sheldon K. Blank, 33°, Deputy Grand Master, and a number of present and Past Grand Lodge officers in New York.

Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery, Troy, Pennsylvania.

It is hereby directed that this Balustre be communicated to each Body of the Rite, and be suitably mentioned at the first meeting after its receipt.

May our Heavenly Father have him in His Holy Keeping.

"Farewell, My Brother"

National Sojourners Awards

Every year since 1950 the Departments of Military, Naval and Air Science jointly conduct the ROTC Awards Ceremony. Individual achievement awards are presented to outstanding ROTC Cadets and midshipmen.

The 40th Annual President's ROTC Awards Ceremony was conducted, Saturday, April 21, 1990 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

The National Sojourners Award, sponsored by the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, was presented by Ill. Francis Miner, 33°, representing Ill. Francis G. Paul, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander.

The awardees and the presenter for the award are shown in the accompanying picture. They are, left to right: Charles K. Havasy, Air Force; David J. Mendez, Navy; Alayne P. Hoover, Army; and Ill. Francis Miner, 33°, presenter.



Fifty Years of Scottish Rite Masonry

Richard H. Adams
Harold N. Armstrong
Ariston K. Barrows
Walter N. Bates
Walter H. Beers
Frank H. Bonner
Walter S. Branks
Spencer A. Brown
James B. Burr
Alfred W. Chant
David L. Clark
Harold V. Clayton
Morris Marshall Cohn
Harry L. Croll
John P. Cruickshank
Frederick E. Danckert
Harris E. Dexter
Victor E. Durbeck
Raymond Ellenbogen
Raymond C. Friedman
Harry O. Garrett
Leland H. Goddard
Leo Grossman
Samuel D. Harris
Walter Hartje

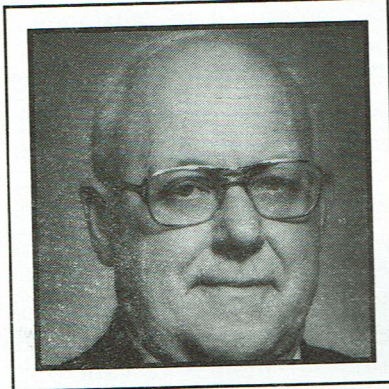
Sam C. Herman
Jacob H. Herzog
Lester A. Herzog, Jr.
John E. Heslin
Charles S. Hollander
John S. Hopkins
Ernest A. Hoppe
Lewis S. Howland
Harold M. Jalonack
Ferdinand C. Kaffer
James Killough, Jr.
Charles A. Kratsch
Edward A. Leach
Zina F. Lewis
Clarence B. Marcley
James P. May
William E. McDougale
John H. McIsaac
Nathan M. Medwin
Amos K. Munson
Jasper M. Myers
Edwin K. Newcomb
Leon L. Pearlman
John H. Peterson
Henry J. Phillippsen

George C. Philpott
Harold J. Reitz
Albert F. Remscheid
Vernon F. Reynolds
J. Newton Rhodes
Jean C. Ricker
Jacob N. Sabo
Charles A. Schade
Walter A. Schlansker
J. Frederick Scott
Vincente R. Secada
Arthur R. Shelmandine
Edwin C. Shuttleworth
Paul S. Smith
Rex D. Stilwell
George E. Strebel
Louis S. Tartaglia
Owen W. Thomas
Raymond B. Thomas
Clarence A. Toellner
G. Stanley Van Wormer
Percy F. VanDeMark
Robert E. Wason
Erwin L. Wood

These Brothers will receive Fifty Year Certificates at a dinner/meeting of the Albany Sovereign Consistory to be held at the Scottish Rite Hall, Thursday, September 13, 1990. A "chef's choice" dinner for \$5.00 a person will be served at 6:30 PM. Reservations to be made with Russell J. La Grange, Jr.

Congratulations!

Our two new "Red Hats" — Warren David Moessner (Albany) and Russell George Slingerland (Troy) will receive their Meritorious Service Awards in Grand Island, New York in June 1991.



WARREN DAVID MOESSNER Personal and Masonic Resume

Warren David Moessner was born on January 28, 1922 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He married Romaine Cross, December 27, 1947 and on November 25, 1952 became the father of a

son, Warren D. Moessner, Jr.

Brother Moessner graduated from Scranton Central High School in 1939, from Keystone Junior College in 1947 with an Associate in Arts Degree and from Syracuse University in 1949 with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Degree.

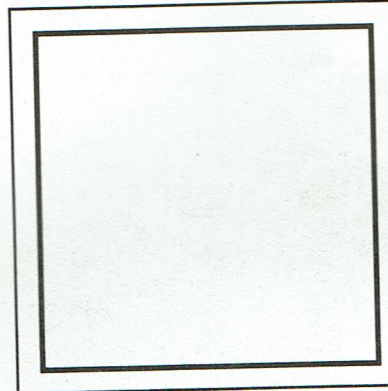
He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945 and saw duty in Africa, Sicily, Corsica, France and Germany.

Warren has resided in the Town of Bethlehem since 1950, and from 1950 to 1979, he was a Construction Engineer for Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas. He is presently employed as a Sanitary Engineer by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the Division of Construction Management.

Brother Moessner is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Lodge No. 2233 Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and a past committeeman of Troop No. 75, Boy Scouts of America. Also, a past Adjutant and present Firing Squad Drill Master for the Nathaniel Adams - Blanchard Post No. 1040, the American Legion.

Brother Moessner was raised in Bethlehem Lodge No. 1096 on April 20, 1971, and served as its Master in 1976. He is currently Chairman of its Ritual Committee. He is also a member of the Past Masters Association of the Old Seventeenth Masonic District of New York State and currently serves on its Board of Directors. He became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Albany on April 22, 1978 and a Shrine Mason in Cyprus Temple on April 29, 1978.

Warren actively participates in ritual work in his Blue Lodge. As a Scottish Rite Mason, he has done ritual work in the Valley of Albany and the Valley of Schenectady and has participated in Albany's Feast of the Pascal Lamb.



RUSSELL GEORGE SLINGERLAND

Russ is no newcomer in receiving Council of Deliberation awards for he received 2 Special Awards from the Council of Deliberation for Exceptional Number of New Members sponsored in both 1985-86, and 1988-89.

Russ was born on April 22, 1926 in Minden, New York, where he was raised on a dairy farm. He graduated from High School in 1944. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp, serving in Alaska transporting personnel and military supplies. Russ enlisted in the New York State Troopers in 1953 serving them most of his time in the northern Adirondack area, and retired in 1973.

Russ's Masonic history begins with his membership in Mt. Arab Lodge #847 in Tupper Lake, New York; raised in 1957. He became a member of Troy and Albany Scottish Rite Valleys in 1962, and has been sponsor for more new Scottish Rites than any other one man in the Delta Bodies. He joined Media Temple AAONMS in 1972 and was its Potentate in 1983. Russ is a member of Ogdensburg Chapter #63 R.A.M.; Massena Council R.E.S.M. #34; Knights Templar Commandery #72 Massena, New York; ROJ Court #142, Watertown; and the Royal Order of Scotland. Russ is a current member of 9 different Shrine Clubs associated with Media, Oriental, and Karnak Temples.

Russ Slingerland has been active in bringing harmony together in the North Country as Chairman of the Malone Shrine Club/4th Degree K of C Pancake festival for 10 years (1973-1982). Among his other community activities, Russ is a Committeeman to organize Adirondack Saranac Lake Ducks Unlimited Chapter in 1989; Spearheaded "Lifeflight" program for N.Y.S. Police Helicopter to transport child emergency burn victims in Northern N.Y.S.; Saranac Lake Pee Wee Hockey Program; Franklin & Essex Counties and N.Y.S. Magistrates Associations; Saranac Lake PTA; Fish & Game Club; AARP; and Lodge of Elks. He even found time to be a Cub Scout Cubmaster. Russ is a member of St. Bernard's Church in Saranac Lake, New York.

Russ and his wife, Margaret, are the proud parents of sons Russell Jr. and Karl.



Most Wise Master's Message

By the time you read this article Summer 1990 will be history, Fall will be on its way and the various lodges will be reopening with new and enthusiastic leadership. I look forward to starting on this, another leg of my Masonic career, as Most Wise Master for the Valley of Albany, Chapter of Rose Croix.

Since my installation in May I have been busy setting up meetings which I am responsible for. The schedule so far is as follows:

November 15th NYS Environmental Conservation with a program of Wildlife in your World.

January 17th Guest Speaker Don Otterness.

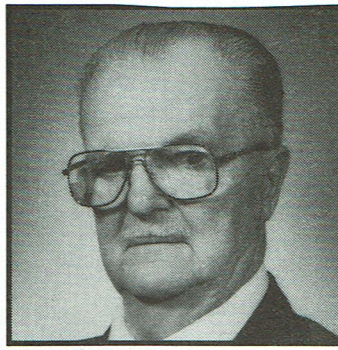
March 21st Rehearsal for Feast of the Paschal Lamb.

March 24th Palm Sunday, plans call for a dinner to precede the Feast of the Paschal Lamb program. Our guest speaker will be Ill. and Rev. Herbert M. Grose, 33°, Grand Chaplain. We will also have the Capital District Community Choir who are looking forward to returning this year and lead us in singing some great gospel songs. Mark your calendars now and reserve this date, March 24.

In June I had the privilege to represent the Chapter at the Council of Deliberation held for 3 wonderful days at beautiful Lake Placid. This was a great opportunity to meet new friends and share with them concerns of the Fraternity. My thanks to the Valley for affording me this opportunity.

And now my Brothers, It's off to our labors, and I borrow the phrase from those brothers Bert & Ernie and say thanks for your support.

Ronald H. Noll
Most Wise Master



The Sovereign Prince Speaks

I want to thank the members of the Valley of Albany for allowing me to serve as Sovereign Prince of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem for the ensuing year. And, I will, to the best of my ability, fill the office with pride!

The year started off in great shape. My wife and I attended the Council of Deliberation at the Holiday Inn at Lake Placid. It was a very instructive session. I learned quite a lot about Scottish Rite.

To start off our part of the schedule of events for the year we of the council have invited the Albany County District Attorney, Sol Greenberg to speak. The date is November 8th and there will be a dinner preceding the meeting. The evening is open to all masons and their families. I hope that we can make this an interesting evening for those who attend.

Brother Greenberg is a member of Washington Lodge.

I hope you all enjoyed the summer and are all rested to put in a full season's work.

This reminds me of a story I heard:

A farmer hired a man to work on his farm for the day. The man got there for breakfast, and after they ate, the farmer said to his wife "bring on the dinner" - they ate again, and the farmer said to his wife, "bring on the supper" - which she proceeded to do. After they finished the supper the farmer said "now that we have eaten breakfast, dinner and supper, we can now go out and do a days work. "oh, no," said the man, "after I have supper I go to bed."

There's much work to be done, especially at reunions - speaking and non-speaking parts, stage, sound, wardrobe, make up, etc. Helping out is rewarding and you'll have fun doing it.

George E. Thomas
Sovereign Prince

We Did Good!

The following letter was received from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

Dear Mr. Deveneau,

Enclosed is a receipt for the Scottish Rite Mason's contribution to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Please call if you have any questions regarding this receipt.

Thank you for selecting the Regional Food Bank to be the recipient of these funds. We are very excited about the soup project and hope that it becomes a permanent part of our program. Your generosity and willingness to support this project may inspire others to do the same.

Thanks again for your support and commitment towards alleviating hunger in our community.

Sincerely,

Kerry Barr O'Connor
Associate Director

Food For Thought

Like many baskets of apples - there frequently appears one that is rotten to the core.

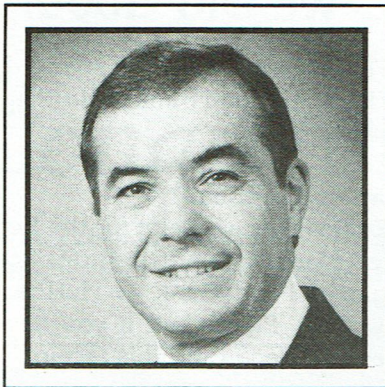
It is unfortunate that an individual Brother (I use the term loosely) finds solace in venting his anger (no matter how trivial) to persons who hold high offices, without having the courtesy of confronting the one who (in his mind) has offended him.

Of all the great Masons I have read about, none surpasses that of our esteemed statesman - Right Worshipful Benjamin Franklin, who, being the wise old sage that he was, said: "Any fool can criticize, condemn or complain—and most fools do."

A tip of the hat to Ben.

"Today's biggest business problem—too many full time employees doing part time work."

—Marlys Huffman in QUOTE



Delta Lodge of Perfection

4° — 14°

Delta Council, P. of J.

15° — 16°

Delta Chapter, Rose Croix

17° — 18°

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Most of you who read this magazine will say with me, "I'm proud to be a Mason!" Why is it that we are happy about our membership in our Masonic Fraternity? Why do we go on from our Master Mason lodges to the likes of Scottish Rite Masonry? First we may say that we are Scottish Rite masons because someone asked us to join. Also, we learn the stock metaphorical answer in the Entered Apprentice Degree; "We want light in Masonry". This answer becomes more important to us as we mature in our Masonic relationships. 'Light in Masonry' is shed further as we progress through the degrees of our Master Mason Lodges and in our Scottish Rite Valleys. As our paths cross and recross with other masons we steadily develop pleasant acquaintances and ultimately bond fond friendships. This becomes a fun result of searching for light in masonry. Many of us go on to emerge ourselves in the Shrine – thus extending our circle of friendship and centering our work on a worthy cause.

From the Masonic Home and Research Center of our Master Mason Lodge charities, through Schizophrenia Research and Scholarships of our Scottish Rite Valleys, to the Shriner Hospitals and Burn Units of our Shrine Temples – we fulfill that inner urging to help mankind. Charity seems to flow from our need to care for our brothers, our families, and all of humankind.

As we enjoy our Fraternal ties more and more we want to share our experiences with friends. This, then, guides us to distribute petitions to these our friends so as to share in the light, charity, and brotherly love of masonry. With Spring Reunion behind us, let us look forward to Fall Reunion and 50 new candidates for October 1990.

Our 1989-90 program year ended on an up beat. About 60 people enjoyed the June 22 Workers Party with a delicious buffet catered by the Eastern Star of East Greenbush. A film, "The Little Mermaid" was enjoyed by all. By the time you read this article our annual CHICKEN B-B-Q benefit for PAHL House will be history. Thank you for your support. You can put the date of August 25, 1991 on your calendar for the next PAHL House Benefit B-B-Q.

MONTHLY MEETINGS are every third Friday at the Troy Masonic Temple – refreshment hour at 6PM and Dinner at 6:45 PM. Our Secretary, Stafford Willis, MSA, likes to have **reservations with check** (\$7.50 per person) in hand by three (3) days prior to the meeting; **LADIES ARE ALWAYS INCLUDED!** One of our goals at each meeting is to promote friendship and fellowship among the brothers and their ladies. Our first meeting of the fall will be September 21 under the leadership of Thrice Potent Master, Ralph Shaffer. Sovereign Prince, Donald Seyboth will preside over the October 19 meeting at which time we will vote on our candidates for the **FALL REUNION**. Already, we have in hand several north country petitions through Ill. Garth Newton, 33°. We hope that **each one of you** are processing a **candidate apiece!** Petitions are available from our secretary, Staff Willis.

CORRECTION

Oops! Our slip is showing AND our faces are RED!

Under the "Schedule of Events" in the 1990-1991 PROGRAM, the Fall Reunion on October 27, 1990 should have shown the 18° instead of the 19°.

Alan C. Lewis's name was inadvertently omitted from the Executive Board and Sidney E. Friar's name should have appeared under Meritorious Service Awards as "1989 – Sidney E. Friar."

Also, Ill. Richard G. Barrell's homecoming on October 13, has been changed to the Park V Restaurant in Colonie.

FALL REUNION – at the Albany Temple – Saturday, October 27, 1990. The Troy Delta Bodies Executive Committee wants to thank the Albany Lodge, Council, and Chapter for backing us with degree changes this year. We are having to change procedures because of conflicts. We are responsible for the 17° and will work with Albany on the 20th and 32nd degrees.

FAMILY LIFE WEEK – Ill. Newton Buckner, 33°, is our Family Life Chairman. He will oversee our Family Life celebration of cooking weekend meals for the homeless of Troy on Saturday, November 24. Newton is looking for volunteers to help cook and deliver. This is our way of being family to the homeless.

CONGRATULATIONS RUSSELL SLINGERLAND of Saranac Lake, N.Y. It was announced at the Council of Deliberation at Lake Placid that Russ is to receive the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) in 1991. The Executive Committee is happy to announce this great honor for Russ to all the members.

Ill. H. Joseph Heath, 33° TESTIMONIAL – Saturday October 20, 1990 at the ELKS CLUB in Plattsburgh, New York. Reservations are being received by Ill. Garth Newton, 33°. See reservation sheet elsewhere in this Rite Light.

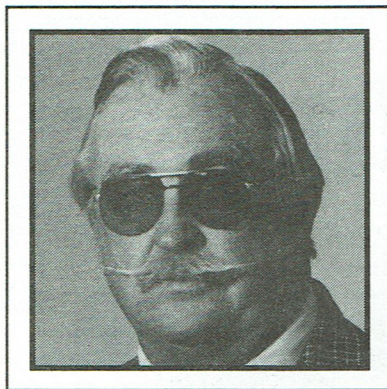
ATTENTION NORTH COUNTRY SCOTTISH RITE MASONS! There will be a North Country Membership Dinner to be held in Plattsburgh, N.Y. on Friday, September 28, 1990; beginning with a Dutch Treat Fellowship Hour at 6:30 P.M.; followed by Dinner (free to your candidates and their ladies). Please send your reservations to Ill. H. Joseph Heath, 33°, Chairman of the Membership Committee at 3 Stewart Avenue, Rouses Point, N.Y. 12979.

IN MEMORIUM – EVERETT J. DECKER – It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Everett Decker, who was a Trustee of our Delta Bodies for many years. Everett was one of the few recipients of the BLUE HAT in our Valley for his strong and dedicated work for the Valley.

Ill. Richard H. Welkley, 33°
Chairman Executive Committee
Troy Delta Bodies

*"An oak tree is just a nut
that held its ground."*

— Fred Shero



A Few Words from the Thrice Potent Master

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Thrice Potent Master in the coming year. Much appreciation goes, also, to those officers who have willingly consented to serve the Lodge. With the support and cooperation of all, by attending meetings and social functions, we should have a worthwhile year. The officers, especially, are urged to attend, for their presence is expected.

Many interesting programs have been planned starting with retired Albany City Police Captain, Kaye Sorenson, who will speak on "Police Affairs" at our October 4 meeting. Anyone who has heard Kaye can attest that he provides much information in a very interesting manner.

Our annual poster judging contest, on a theme depicting "Family Life", will take place on November 1. The contest is open to students in grades 5 through 7, and awards will be presented for those posters which are deemed to be best.

When the Council of Deliberation met at Lake Placid, my most important task was to moderate a meeting of Thrice Potent Masters, which resulted in an informative discussion. Since the Commander-in-Chief, Ill. Clay Simons 33°, had left the choice of topic to anything I was comfortable with, I selected "Communication," and although only 25 members were anticipated, the session concluded with about 50 in attendance. The discussion, which began with some very valid suggestions on ways to improve communication, evolved into complaints about how and why things were happening. Ill. James F. Niehoff, 33° Active, who had stopped in to observe, became a participant and then provided us with some very enlightening insights on ways things should be done

in the Valleys and by whom, and if they are not, why not. He further told us about the progress of things under consideration. His basic message was "get involved," and, "if there are serious problems, don't hesitate to contact those who can help resolve them."

At this point, Ill. Carlton A. Winchester 33°, Deputy for the State of New York took over the discussion and contributed the following:

1. The Consistory is not running the Valleys. All Bodies will be involved in decision making.

2. At a meeting with only 3 members in attendance, no decisions should be made; therefore, he is requesting minutes from Executive Boards, Trustees, etc. (Some Valleys have no official minutes.)

3. Because he is concerned about the AASR in the State of New York, he stated that the Actives will make official visits.

4. Valleys should become aware of their financial situations to forestall possible difficulties.

The group expressed appreciation to the Deputy and Actives for attending and contributing. The consensus was that the exchange of information was extremely helpful, and although the AASR has problems, they are not insurmountable. All agreed that the meeting was excellent and are looking forward to some results.

With your cooperation and support, we can expect a successful year.

Robert E. Murphy
Thrice Potent Master

DENNY'S DOODLING'S

If the Secretary writes a letter, it is too long;
If he sends a postal, it's too short.
If he sends out a notice, he's a spendthrift;
If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.
If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in;
If he stays away, his is shirker.
If he duns the member for due, he is insulting.
If he fails to collect the dues, he is slipping.
If he asks for advise, he is incompetent, and if he does not he is bull-headed.
If he writes his reports complete, they are too long;
If he condenses them, they are incomplete.
If he talks on a subject, he is trying to run things;
If he remains quiet, he has lost interest in the institution.
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
If the others won't do it, the Secretary must.

— Exchange.

THE MAKING OF FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along,
If each every minute looked after himself and good things all went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me,
And we stood all alone in the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be!

If there were no such thing as a flag in the sky as a symbol of comradeship here,
If we lived as the animals live in the woods with nothing held sacred or dear,
And selfishness ruled us from birth to the end, and never a neighbor had we,
And never we gave to another in need, what a dreary old world it would be!

Oh, if we were rich as the richest on earth and strong as the strongest that lives,
Yet never we knew the delight and the charm of the smile which the other man gives,

If kindness were never a part of ourselves, though we owned all the land we could see,

And friendship meant nothing at all to us here, what a dreary old world it would be!

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share;

We want to live on not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care,

It's giving and doing for somebody else, on that all life's splendor depends,

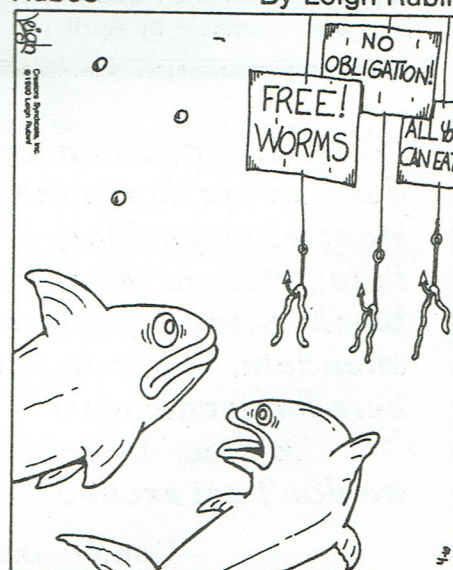
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up is found in the making of friends.

Ill. Brother Edgar A. Guest, 33°

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

Rubes

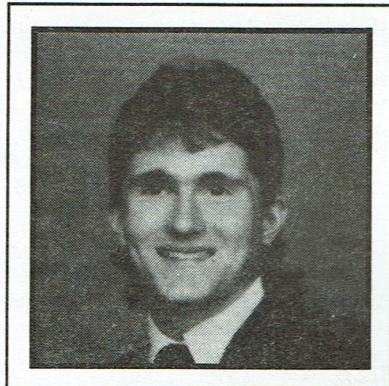
By Leigh Rubin



"There must be some sort of catch."

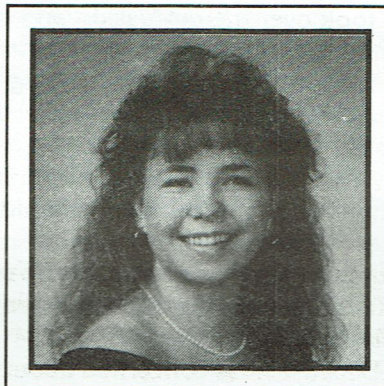
We're Very Proud...

...to announce the awarding of the Leon M. Abbott Scholarship to three area students —



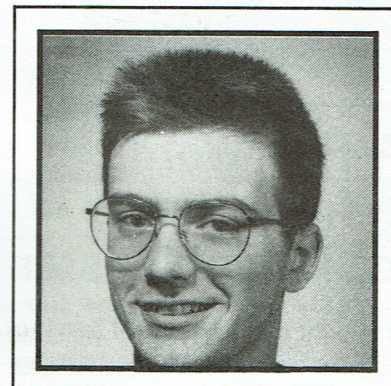
Joseph F. Navarro is a graduate of Colonie Central High School and plans to attend Hudson Valley Community College in Troy.

He is the son of Joseph and Nancy Navarro who is the daughter of Emma and Fred Werking.



Sharon Lynn Mills will begin her Junior Year at SUNY at Oneonta, Oneonta, New York.

She is the daughter of Judith and Richard C. Mills.



Clayton E. Simons Jr. is a graduate of Colonie Central High School and plans to attend Daytona Community College, Daytona Beach, Florida.

He is the son of Gladys and Clayton E. Simons Sr.

Our hope is to help young people fulfill their career goals by assisting them financially as they further their education beyond high school.

We are delighted to have been able to award these scholarships, amounting to \$500 each, in recognition of Joseph's, Sharon's and Clayton's scholastic abilities and all-around achievements. Freemasonry has historically been dedicated to the importance of education in a free society, and these scholarships are 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 Job's Daughters.

Funding for the growing scholarship program comes from the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund established through the generous legacy of former Sovereign Grand Commander Leon M. Abbott.

Applications for the Abbott Scholarship may be obtained from the Secretary.

They are returnable by April 1st.

"After driving in an extremely desolate section of the country, we stopped at a solitary crossroads filling station. My wife studied the bleak surroundings and asked the attendant, 'What do you do around here for excitement?'"

"'Ma'am,' he said, 'around here we don't get excited.'"

—Don Franklin in QUOTE

"It's a simple formula: Do your best and somebody might like it."

—Dorothy Baker

DOING your best is more important than BEING the best.

Annual Ladies' Night

Our Ladies! What would we 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, November 30th. And, once again, it will be at the Century House, Route 9, 1¼ miles 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 Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Yankee Pot Roast, or Broiled Scrod at a cost of \$25.00 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 Ritters, tell your best gal to get all gussied up, because you're taking her out for a great evening!

We'll See You There!

Early Reservations being taken for Annual Ladies' Night November 30, 1990

RESERVATION FORM *Annual Scottish Rite Ladies' Night*

Name (Please Print): _____ Telephone # _____

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

Number of Reservations Requested: _____ at \$25.00 per person. Enclosed: \$ _____

Choice of Entree: ☐ Roast Chicken ☐ 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
Telephone: 439-3931

Signature

Welcome!



Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active

M.W. & Ill. Bruce Widger, 33° Active

With the untimely death of our Ill. Robert F. Case, 33° Active, Ill. Bruce Widger, 33° active, has assumed the roll of Active for Albany/Troy.

Ill. Bruce Widger of Morning Star Lodge 524, was elected and served two terms as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, 1980-82.

He is a native of central New York where he attended school and later college, graduating from Cornell University in 1951 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. He is a Trustee Emeritus of the University, having served 20 years as a Trustee until 1981.

Formerly a partner in a private veterinary practice in Marcellus, in 1982, he was appointed Director of the Division of Animal Industry of the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets.

Past Grand Master Ill. Brother Widger entered Masonry in Freedom Lodge 324, Unadilla, New York and affiliated with Morning Star Lodge 524 the following year. Seven years later, he was elected Master of Lodge 524 and thereafter received a succession of responsible appointments; *Empire State Mason* magazine District Representative; Assistant Grand Lecturer; and Second Onondaga District Deputy Grand Master, 1970-71. He

was elected and served as Junior Grand Warden, 1972-74; Deputy Grand Master 1978-80; and was first elected Grand Master in 1980.

In activities with Masonic-related organizations Brother Widger was awarded the honorary 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (A.A.S.R.), in Boston, 1975, and was elected an Active Member of the AASR Supreme Council in 1983. He is Past Sovereign Prince of Central City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, AASR; Past High Priest of Charles H. Platt Chapter 247, Royal Arch Masons; member Central City Council 13, Cryptic Masons; member, Central City Commandery 25, Knights Templar; an officer in St. Leo's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; member, Tigris Temple Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.); member, Syracuse Court No. 79, Royal Order of Jesters; member, Onondaga District's Past Masters and Wives Association; the Right Worshipfuls Association; and Morning Star Chapter 289, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Widger has been active in other community and professional organizations as well. He served on the Marcellus Town Planning Board for 15 years and was Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

He was a Trustee of the Skaneateles Savings Bank for 16 years and is a

Director of the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company. He is also a member of the New York State College of Veterinary Medical Advisory Council; the New York State Agricultural Society; the New York State Veterinary Medical Society; the American Veterinary Medical Association; the Association of Bovine Practitioners; and the New York State Association of Professions, Inc. He is a Past President, Onondaga County Veterinary Society and member of the County's Agricultural District Advisory Committee.

Brother Widger also holds membership in the National Grange; New York State Grange; and the Onondaga-Pomona Grange. He is Past Master of the Marcellus Subordinate Grange. He is also Past President of the Marcellus Rotary Club in which he held membership for 11 years.

He has served actively in the Marcellus Presbyterian Church, as Elder, Trustee, Deacon, Usher and Teacher.

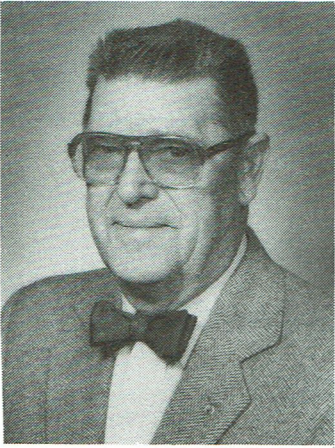
Residents of Albany since 1982, Brother Widger and his wife, Mary, have three children: Mrs. Jane Milem, Byron, and Dwight.

Having recently retired from State service, they now reside in Marcellus, New York.

**Remember The Fall Reunion
Saturday, October 27, 1990**

"The Illustrious Vincent D'Anza, 33° Class"

Al Mills To Be Honored



On Wednesday evening, October 24, 1990 Triune-Obed Lodge No. 782, Poughkeepsie, New York will be honoring R. .W. . and Ill. . . Albert W. Mills. M. .W. . and Ill. . . Roswell T. Swits will be the guest speaker.

Cocktails at 6:30 P.M., Dinner at 7:00, and the meeting at 8:00.

The cost of the dinner is \$8.00.

For reservations please send check for \$8.00 to Richard C. Mills, P.O. Box 217, Hillsdale, New York 12529.



Homecoming Planned for Richard Barrell

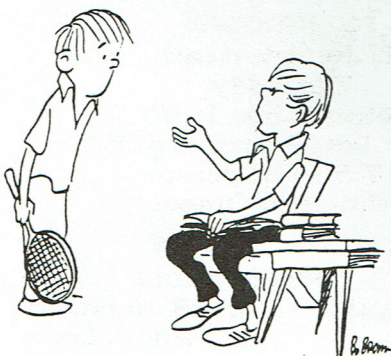
After four long years of dedicated service to the Grand Lodge of New York, under the stewardship of two great Grand Masters – M. .W. . & Ill. . . Robert C. Singer, 33° and M. .W. . . Roswell T. Swits, 33° – Ill. . . Richard G. Barrell, 33°, past Senior Grand Deacon, will be feted at his homecoming testimonial dinner, Saturday, October 13, 1990, at the Park V Restaurant, Colonie.

A social hour beginning at six-thirty o'clock will precede the evenings's dinner of either prime rib, scrod or chicken cordon-bleu, which will be served promptly at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$22 per person.

Reservations are a must and can be made with David G. Loeb, 99 Terrace Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Checks should be made out to Wadsworth Lodge No. 417.

Deadline for reservations is October 8th.

COMPUTERLAND



"I have to waste my whole senior year learning to read just because I'm going to college!"



"I've got the hardware, so gimme your software!"



"I hope it's Pizza ..."

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Happiness is something we make;
it's in our minds.
It's not something to search for,
and seldom find,
It's just waking up and beginning
the day
By counting our blessings and
kneeling to pray.
It's never in wishing for things
we have not,
But in giving thanks for all that
we've got.
For it is by completing what God
gives us to do
That we find real contentment and
happiness too.

Anon.

*"Woman to shoe department
manager: 'Do you have any
loafers?' Manager: 'Certainly. I'll get
one of them to wait on you.'"*

—Lane Olinghouse in QUOTE

TIP OF THE MONTH

In the throes of a problem, force yourself
to stop griping long enough to describe
the situation from the flipside in positive
terms. You will quickly train yourself to
look past problems for solutions.

Veteran's Night Dinner Thursday

September 13, 1990

Albany Temple

\$5.00 per Person

Chef's Choice

\$ _____

_____ Reservations

Check Payable to AASR to

Russell J. LaGrange, Jr.

115 Clermont Street

Albany, NY 12203

Area Four Meeting Officers, Past Presiding Officers, 33° & MSA's only

Wednesday

October 17, 1990

Albany Temple

Meat Loaf Dinner

No Charge

Social – 6 PM

Dinner – 7 PM

Reservations a must

Call Richard C. Mills

1-518-329-4131

Homecoming & Testimonial

R..W.. & Ill.. Richard G. Barrell, 33°

Saturday

October 13, 1990

Park V Restaurant

\$22 per person

☐ Prime Rib ☐ Scrod ☐ Chicken

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_____ Reservations

Check payable to Wadsworth Lodge #417 to

David G. Loeb

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Albany, NY 12203

Testimonial

H. Joseph Heath

Saturday

October 20, 1990

B.P.O. Elks, Plattsburg, N.Y.

\$17.50 per person

Prime Rib Dinner

\$ _____ for

_____ Reservations

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MR 8 37 Algonquin Dr.

Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Alan C. Lewis

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Delmar, NY 12054