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TO ALL KNIGHTS ROSE CROIX VALLEY OF ALBANY

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

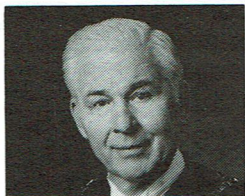


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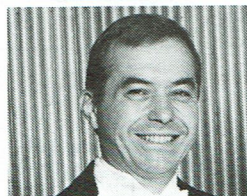
The Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix
will present, in public, a
symbolic celebration of the
Feast of the Paschal Lamb
on Palm Sunday, April 12, 1992
at the Albany Masonic Temple
67 Corning Place, Albany, New York
at 8:00 P.M.
Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

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:



III.: Francis G. Paul, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander



III.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°
Active for Area 4

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Grand Lieutenant Commander
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Grand Secretary General

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III.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° [1983]
III.: Harold F. Dates, 33° [1986]
III.: Richard H. Welkley, 33° [1991]

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III.: John H. Van Gorden, 33° [1974]
III.: Raymond C. Ellis, 33° [1979]
III.: Ralph M. Tompkins, 33° [1981]
III.: Alfred M. Kramer, 33° [1982]
III.: James F. Niehoff, 33° [1991]

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CITY MASONRY VS. COUNTRY MASONRY

We have seen and experienced a demonstration of what might be termed city Masonry and country Masonry. In whatever view we may consider it, the verdict must be in favor of country Masonry.

In the cities the principles of Masonry become contracted; in the country they are expanded and normal.

In the country hamlet with its lodge of 20 members, up to our country towns of 10,000 inhabitants, do we find a spirit of Masonry in marked contrast to that in our metropolitan cities. In the former, when distress or death lays its hands upon a member, there is a free and ready response; in the latter such calamities may receive a passing notice. The country member considers it a duty, and responds with pleasure to any call made upon him. The city Mason responds with an excuse and regret. The country member will labor hard all day and then go and sit beside the sick bed of a brother all night, and do it without hesitancy and as if a labor of love were a pleasure; the city members always have plenty of excuses in stock when a sick call comes, and a labor of love appears as a grievance.

In the country, when death invades their ranks, the farmer, the merchant, the laborer, the professional man lays down his duties and assembles in a lodge of sorrow. Seventy-five percent of the membership are in the ranks.

When death comes into a city lodge only five to ten percent of the members gather together, and the question of a quorum must be overlooked. The merchant has his busy day, the lawyer an important case, the real estate agent a deal to close, the doctor a patient at death's door, and so on the cases might be multiplied *ad nauseam*. The attendance of the city members at a funeral is a disgrace to the fraternity. Selfishness seems to have supplanted duty, and caste takes the place of brotherhood.

-From "Masonic Review" published in Cincinnati, Ohio, June, 1898 and reprinted in "The Northern Light", November, 1991.

SPRING REUNION

April 25, 1992

Get that Petition in now!

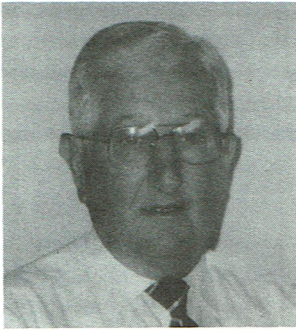
ATTENTION:

You know where you are.
You know where we are.
We know where we are.

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

ATTENTION PERFECT KNIGHTS!

"It is the solemn duty of every Perfect Knight of the Albany Sorereign Chapter of Rose Croix to attend each annual observance of the SOLEMN CEREMONY OF THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB!"



Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

Albert R. Washburn, Most Wise Master

The Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix invites all Perfect Knights, their ladies and guests, to attend the Observance of the Solemn Ceremony of The Feast of The Paschal Lamb and Relighting of The Lights

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 1992

at

The Albany Masonic Temple
67 Corning Place, Albany NY

Roast Beef Dinner 6:30 PM

Ceremony 8:00 PM

Refresments to follow.....

Cost.....\$8.50 per person

A very fine program has been planned. Our music will feature an outstanding choir from the Cathedral of All Saints and our Orator will be Warren D Moessner, Dedicated Service recipient and recent appointee as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia near the Grand Lodge of New York.

We have also invited as our guest speaker for the evening - Right Worshipful Gary A Henningsen, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Reservations for dinner are by check payable to AASR and together with the completed form below, mailed to the Valley Secretary.

Passover
April 18-25



H·A·P·P·Y
EASTER
April 19

-----Tear Off Here-----

MAIL TO: Valley Secretary, AASR, 67 Corning Place, Albany NY 12207

Enclosed is \$_____for_____dinner reservations, April 12, 1992 at 6:30 PM preceding the Solemn Ceremony of the Feast of The PASCHAL LAMB.

Name

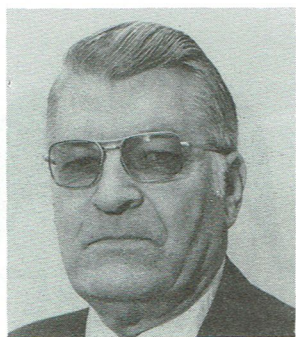
"The clock of life is wound but once And no man has the power
To say just when the hands will stop— At late or early hour.
Now is the only time we have, Live, love, work and with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow for The clock may then be still."

In Memoriam



Name	Died		
Arthur Frederick Aldridge	06/24/91	Moses Kohn	04/04/91
Harold Nathaniel Armstrong	09/18/90	Powell Limbach	12/29/90
William Backer	10/05/90	Harlow James McQueer	09/23/88
Charles George Eben Backstrom	12/28/90	Horace Hoffman Kane	07/11/91
W. Alfred Baker, MSA	10/05/90	Charles Franklin Kerschner	10/11/90
Ariston Kimball Barrows	01/28/91	Emanuel J. Kotlow	06/12/91
Don Lyman Lawrence Bates	02/26/91	Charles Alfred Kratsch	01/18/92
Carl Martin Becker	01/01/91	Otto John Kunzer	11/26/90
Ill. Daniel Becker, 33°	08/20/91	Walter John Lang	04/26/90
Robert William Benjamin, Jr.	03/25/91	Charles Carmel LaRose	01/08/91
Benjamin Webb Bentley	03/20/91	Fred Lewis	10/11/91
Elson Dennis Bertrand	01/08/91	James Dudley Lobdell	12/08/91
Joseph Aycediano Bianca	12/13/91	Horace Rich Maxwell	08/08/91
Peter Blacker	02/18/91	Robert John McCormick	02/01/90
Fred A. Bondgren	12/01/90	Nathan Melzer Medwin	01/31/92
Woodrow Wilson Bowling	04/26/90	Edward Charles Nealand	08/10/90
Daniel Joseph Bradley, Sr.	04/28/91	August Bredo Nelson	08/28/90
William Franklin Brands	07/10/90	Emanuel Matthew Netter, Jr.	10/16/90
James Ballantine Burr	04/24/91	Frederick Corbin Nicholson	12/24/89
William Crounse	11/30/91	Everett Jones Parry	10/26/89
Michael William Daly	04/17/91	Jesse Billings Patten	05/09/91
Adrian Glen Davis	04/01/91	Leon Lynn Pearlman	01/28/91
Robert Franklin Davis	02/02/91	George Clair Philpott	07/28/90
Samuel Davis	10/29/91	Philip Posner	04/01/91
Richard Carl DeBie	12/05/91	George William Prediger	09/16/91
Everett Judd Decker	06/07/90	Robert Arthur Remington	09/18/91
Arthur Dehar	08/17/91	Justus Robbins	06/04/90
Irvin Lawheed Penny	12/20/89	Julius Ross	04/20/90
Ernest Robert Penns	02/12/90	Winston C. Sanderson	01/08/91
John Burns Perl	03/09/90	Walter Arthur Schlansker	07/03/90
Clyde Willard Edgington	02/03/92	William Sumner Shaw	04/05/90
Willard Herman Eells	06/25/91	Vincent George Sheridan	01/22/92
Cecil Rosen Ellis	04/19/91	Phil Sloan	08/17/91
Lyle Peter Fingar, Jr.	05/10/91	Harold Edward Smith	07/26/90
Joseph Edward Foisy	11/23/90	Paul Scudder Smith	12/01/91
Andrew Oscar Fredericks	05/17/90	Robert George Stenger	06/02/91
Sidney Edward Friar, MSA	01/09/92	Rex Dewitt Stilwell	01/27/90
Richard Grant Fritchley	05/24/90	Axel Lawrence Swedberg	09/16/90
Irving Gewirtzman	08/15/91	Lowell Gilbert Teller	03/22/91
Leon Martin Glickman	01/18/91	Owen William Thomas	08/01/90
Harold Franklin Green	05/25/91	Joseph William Thorpe	02/21/91
Lyle Avery Green	04/14/90	Howard John Topping	07/08/91
Joseph Gruberg	09/16/91	Edgar Amasa Tracy	09/29/89
John Henry Guevin, Sr.	04/01/90	Albert Traver	08/14/90
Edward Troy Hansen	02/06/91	Charles William Turner, Jr.	06/01/91
Thomas Cyril Hasselbarth	01/31/91	Henry Richard Van deWal	05/22/91
Harold Edgar Hartman	01/29/91	Benjamin Verstandig	03/28/82
George Mitchell Haughton	08/13/91	Adolph Stephen Wagner	08/01/89
Frank Hawlk, Jr.	04/01/91	William John Walton	06/25/91
Earl Robert Haynes	08/08/91	John Peer Weatherwax	06/25/91
Warren LeRoy Heath	12/20/90	Henry Cuyler Wilkes	08/16/90
Randolph Dales Hillis	11/20/90	Coburn Erwin Wing	10/25/90
Hamilton Kincaid Hoffman	04/22/91	Harold Charles Wurster	11/29/91
Edward Morse Hoffmeyer	12/11/91	Garson Zausmer	06/22/91
Lawrence Richard Hood	11/20/90	Frank Zoubek	12/14/89
Fred Peter Hough	03/28/91		
Peter Alexander Issaris	11/08/91		

Well Done, Good and Faithful Brother



From The Commander- In-Chief

Dear Sublime Princes:

Once again I extend a very sincere "thank you" to each of you who have participated in any of the activities of the Valley this year. We have 46 new members as a result of the Reunions last Fall and now we are looking ahead to our Spring Reunion on April 25. We expect to have candidates from the Valley of White Plains for this Reunion. Let each of us work to obtain candidates for our Valley. Petitions are available from our Secretary or call me at (518) 439-3931 and I will see that you receive all the petitions you request.

As I told you in the last Rite Light, my wife Shirley is willing to do the dinners for our Reunions, if she gets help. Last year and so far this year we have had very few members volunteer to help. Several of our Ladies have helped. We cannot expect our Ladies to do this each time without help from members of the Valley. I have asked Rusty LaGrange to coordinate the "helpers". We need help with these dinners at our Reunions. Please call Rusty at (518) 438-7128 or me at (518) 439-3931 and volunteer to help with the dinner at our next Reunion on April 25 - that is help in the kitchen, or help serve, or help clean-up. Princes, we save dollars by having volunteers do these Reunion dinners. If we do not have members volunteer to help, we will have to pay

some group to do these dinners for us. This additional expense may well mean an increase in dues or a charge for the dinners. We have been trying to cut our expenses in the Valley and will continue to do so. You can help us cut expenses by helping with these dinners.

A special thanks to those who attended our Annual Ladies Night on December 6. It was an enjoyable evening and I know our Ladies really appreciated our showing them that we care and thank them for their support. Nineteen were in attendance at our Consistory meeting on January 23 to enjoy a Beef Burgandy dinner and listen to Joe Flynn, a Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI, tell us about some of the kinds of activities that the FBI is involved with. Over 50 posters were submitted for the Annual Poster Contest. Our "eyes were opened" and "our hearts filled with emotion" as we observed (and saw the messages expressed) and judged these posters at the Lodge of Perfection meeting on February 6. About 80 enjoyed the Annual Venison Dinner this same evening. My thanks to those in charge of these activities for the Valley for a job well done!

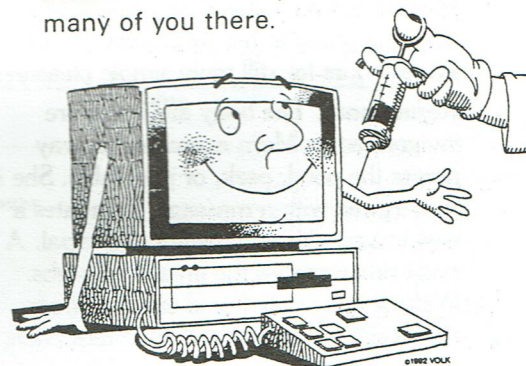
On February 28, we were privileged to participate (with 160 others) in the Testimonial for Ill. Richard Welkley, 33 Active. As you know, Ill. Brother Welkley has responsibility for the Valleys of Albany, Troy, Schenectady and White Plains. We are proud that this Brother has been a very active member of our Valley and again express our congratulations to him on being selected for this honor.

Princes, as I stated in the last Rite Light, your suggestions are always welcome and I assure you they will be seriously considered. I urge you to let us know what is on your mind - eg. what do you think we should do for Family Life Week? - Where should we hold Ladies Night? - How can we do a better job of attracting new members for Scottish Rite? - What kinds of programs would you desire? Frankly, it is kind of frustrating and discouraging that to date, I have not heard from any of you. How can your Presiding Officers plan

programs for you if you don't let us know what your interests are? Please give me a call at (518) 439-3931 or send me a note at 41 Hawthorne Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 and share your ideas with me regarding these and any other suggestions (or questions) you may have.

The next meeting of the Consistory will be held on March 26. This will be "Youth Night" and will be for members of the Masonic sponsored Youth Groups (Rainbow, Triangle, Constellation and DeMolay) as well as for sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, etc. of our members (and any others you want to bring). We will start the evening with a Spaghetti Dinner at 6:49 pm at a cost of **\$5.00 for adults and free for Youth**. This will be followed by a Program by St. Andrew's DeMolay. A short meeting of the Consistory will be held at about 8:20 pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend the dinner so that we will be sure to have enough food for all who attend. My phone number and address are given below. This being the last issue of the Rite Light for 1991 - 1992, I take this opportunity to express to each of you, on behalf of all of the Officers of the Consistory, our thanks for allowing us to serve our Valley this year. It has been fun.

In closing, I ask that you save the date of **Saturday, June 6** for our **Public Installation of Officers** for the 1992 - 93 year. We plan to have a dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the Public Installation at 7:00 pm. We hope to see many of you there.



N O S W E A T !

**YOUR VALLEY'S COMPUTER
ESCAPED THE VIRUS!**

"Youth Night" March 26

Spaghetti Dinner 6:49 PM \$5.00 Adults - FREE for Youth

Home Alone: A Mother's Fantasy

In honor of hardworking mothers everywhere, indulge in this fanciful twist on a recent popular movie. To set the stage, imagine Dad's taken the children and left on vacation—but Mom's been left behind. What would Mom do, given a week at home alone? Most Moms would jump for joy, unplug the phone, and then...

Luxuriate. Mom relaxes during a gourmet candlelight dinner, perhaps of home-delivery pizza, while listening to her favorite music, played at the volume SHE likes. Then she takes a l-o-n-g bubbly bath, dons the silky pajamas tucked in the back of her drawer, devours a long-awaited novel from cover to cover (or watches HER favorite movie), and sleeps until the sun is high. She repeats this routine every night.

Browse. What better time to head to the favorite "children can't touch" glassware shop, green meadow, or glitzy mall for a bit of self-indulgent meandering just for the fun of it. Mom samples 20 pairs of shoes, or stops to watch an artisan crafting jewelry. There's no rush, no small hand tugging onward, no carpool to hustle.

Shop. When Mom is sufficiently relaxed, she might do some serious shopping, relishing a trip to the market without small voices imploring, "Please, can I have it?" Marketing takes half the time when Mother can plan ahead and concentrate on wheeling along at her own speed. That leaves hours for still more simple pleasures.

Rejuvenate. The body and mind are invigorated as Mom exercises her way across the pond, park, or pool table. She is reenergized with a massage, or creates a new image with a manicure and facial. A cycle ride removes the brain's cobwebs. With all this newly-found energy, Mom cleans out the closets without interruption.

Renovate. Not the house, but old friendships. Mom calls a childhood soulmate or a former neighbor, and the two reminisce about past pleasures and treasures. Or perhaps hours are spent composing a tribute to a grandmother whose hand-stitched quilt still graces the guest bed, whose special recipe is recreated faithfully, or whose stamina reaches across the generations to fuel a great-grandchild.

Although a week alone might be an impossible dream, most families can arrange for a day, or even a few hours, to give Mother special moments all to herself. This might be the year to surprise Mom, unless she's one who prefers to make advance plans. Enjoy some time alone with the children while Mother delights in a well-deserved break.



THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

In keeping with ancient custom, and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, each Chapter of Rose Croix observes the Feast of the Paschal Lamb by an appropriate ceremony. Traditionally, this day of obligation was Maundy Thursday. In deference to the Maundy Thursday evening rites of the churches, Palm Sunday was 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 firstborn 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 fellowship 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 generation: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever."

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A.
VALLEY OF ALBANY, N.Y.

MASONIC TEMPLE, 67 CORNING PLACE, ALBANY, N.Y. 12207

PETITION FOR DEGREES / AFFILIATION (Cross Out One)

To the Officers and Members of

INEFFABLE AND SUBLIME GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION 14°

GRAND COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM 16°

ALBANY SOVEREIGN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX 18°

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

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

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

Name in Full (Print) _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name (NO INITIALS)

Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Place of Birth _____
Town State or County

Residence _____
Street and Number City Zip Code

Your Mailing Address (If different than Residence) _____
Street Number City Zone No.

Have resided in above place since _____

Have resided in New York State since _____

Occupation _____

Business Address (or Employer) _____

Telephone No. _____
(Home) (Work)

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

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

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

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

_____ **Chapter of Rose Croix** _____ **Consistory; located at** _____

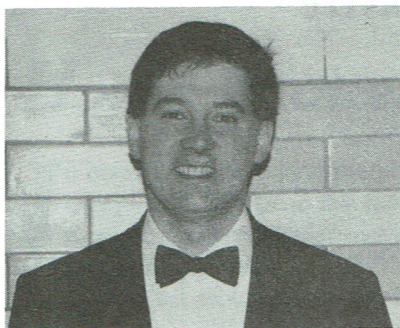
Date _____ **Candidate's Signature** _____

Recommended By _____ **Signature** _____
(Please Print)

	Lodge	Council	Chapter	Consistory	Total
* Initiation	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$135.00
Dues	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 27.00
Assessment	\$ 4.00				\$ 4.00

NOTE: Rules and Regulations—Article 1. Section 20. An accepted petitioner must be present himself for the degrees within one year of his election, or the election shall lapse, unless the time is extended by unanimous vote of the body by ballot. Each extension by vote shall be for one year.

* At least \$50.00 must accompany petition.



A Word From The Thrice Potent Master

James M. Fuller

Spring has just arrived; there is one more meeting to go and my term as Thrice Potent Master is over. Friends tell me it's been good for me! I have to admit, it has been fun, interesting and educational. A **Big Thank You** to all my **Chairmen**. I couldn't have done it without you.

There were eight full meetings from talks on turkey hunting, salmon fishing, fly fishing, model railroads, printing, our Poster Contest, the Venison dinner and our **Strawberry Social** - (Don't forget, **April 2** at the Albany Masonic Temple.)

1991 Poster Contest of Scottish Rite Family Life Week ENDS

Our 1991 Poster Contest ended March, 1992 with the presentation of the savings bonds to the winners. What a happy, worthwhile occasion! Present were 1st. prize winner, Keoshan Brown; 2nd. prize winner, Jason Moore; 3rd. prize winner Li Jiang, and 4th prize winner, Sarah Lyman. The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Bach; the Principal, Mr. Justice the Art Teacher, Ms. Schell as well as Jim Fuller and Dick Fuller, (Chairman) were present. The school photographer took photographs of the group and individuals. The posters were displayed at Hackett Jr. High School on their concert night at which time 49 votes were cast. Then, they were displayed at "First Night" in the Albany Masonic Temple.

Afterwards, they were displayed at Rockefeller Plaza where a total of 117 ballots were cast. (We didn't know what to expect. We just had the ballots printed up.) Five notes said "You're doing a great job, GOD BLESS - we're proud of these kids - they're all winners." The last stop was back to the Albany Masonic Temple for a venison dinner and a total of 68 votes. By the time they were returned to Hackett Jr. High School, they were worn out! The next Poster Contest is scheduled for November, 1992.

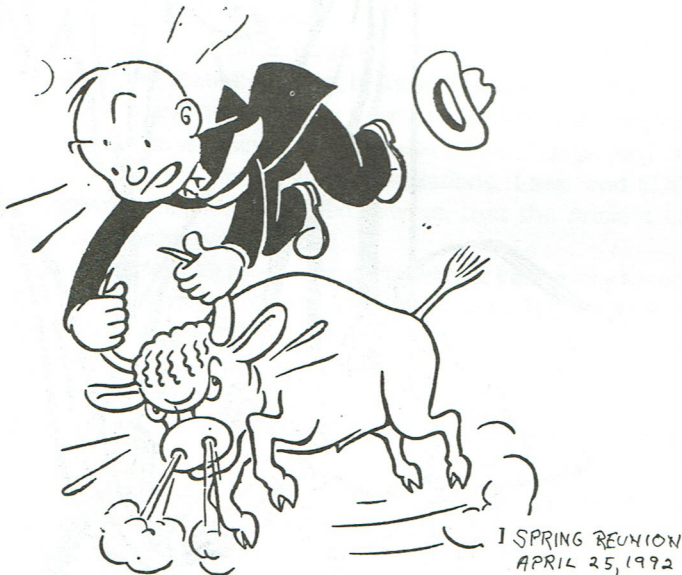
JOB WELL DONE !

Well, the best fishing for steelhead and brown trout is right now at Lake Ontario, so since I've got a good case of cabin fever, you know where I'll be.

James M. Fuller
Thrice Potent Master



TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS
SIGN YOUR CANDIDATE
TODAY!



A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Exchange

A Way With Words . . .

Here are some rib-tickling excerpts from insurance claim forms. In each case, the insured was asked to succinctly state what had caused an automobile accident:

The other car collided with mine without warning me of its intentions.

I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car.

I had been driving my car for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had the accident.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him.

I told the police that I was not injured; but upon removing my hat, I found that I had fractured my skull.

I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passenger left immediately for a vacation with injuries.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car, and vanished.

The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy, in a small car, with a big mouth.

A truck backed into my wife's face.

The guy was all over the road. I swerved many times before I hit him.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way. To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before.

The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.

Poppies Honor Our War Dead

Moina Michael. Her name is not familiar, but she started a tradition—the wearing of the Memorial Poppy.

Moina Michael, a Georgia-born educator and YMCA leader, was inspired by the words of the poem "We Shall Not Sleep" by Col. John McCrae. A Canadian physician and poet, McCrae died in his field hospital just before World War I ended. Michael took his final words as her charge:

"...to you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields."

Determined that our war dead would never be forgotten, Michael worked to gain acceptance for her Memorial Poppy among individuals and organizations. In 1919, a year after she began her work, Michael heard that a poppy-decorated booth had been erected in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to honor those returning with the 32nd Division. In 1920 at the same booth, 50,000 red poppies were distributed on the Saturday before Memorial Day. In exchange for choosing a flower, the public left \$5,500 in donations for rehabilitation of veterans.

Shortly thereafter, the American Legion declared the red poppy the national memorial flower. Moina Michael's idea had taken root!

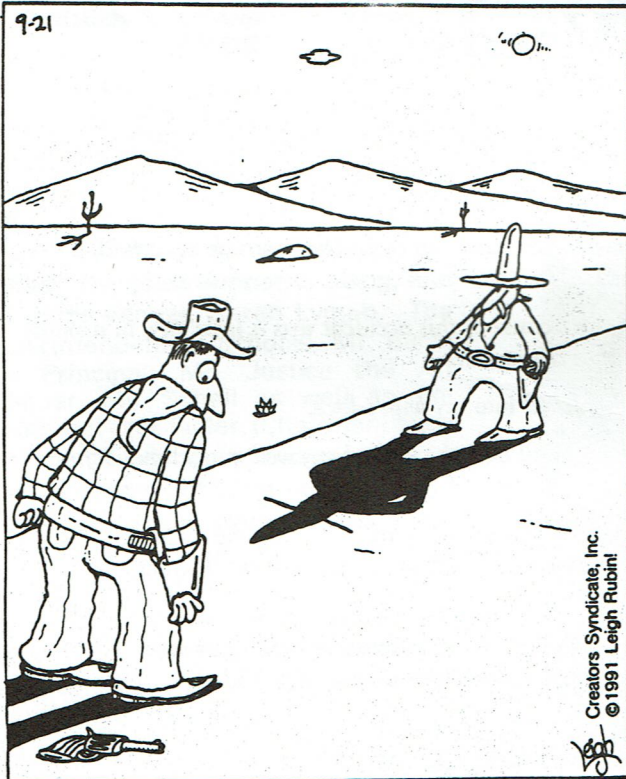
Seventy-plus years later, Poppy Day continues to raise funds to help veterans and their families. In 1991, 2,000 veterans were employed making poppies. Some 7.9 million poppies were distributed by 54,000 volunteers, and the public donated \$3.5 million!



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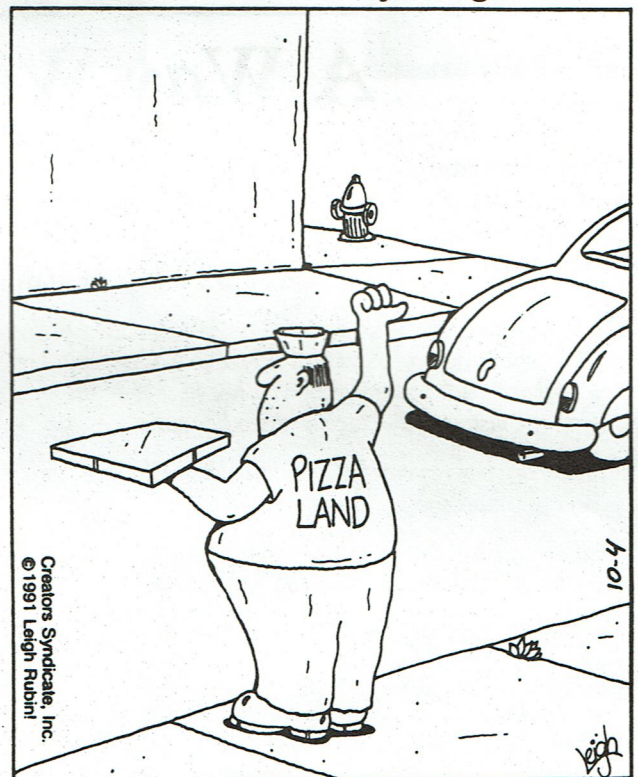
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MASONRY: WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT IT

Masonic membership is declining. That is a definite fact. Some go so far as to say that if we just sit back and do nothing, it will be gone by the year 2025. We are told that the future of Masonry is in our keeping. What can we do about it?

As a member of the Service and Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, I have some ideas and now present them for your consideration.

Article 3, Section 2. Page F-2 of the Blue Book of Michigan Masonic Law states: A Lodge, by its acceptance of a Charter, and its Officers and members by their several Masonic obligations, are bound, in all things, to obey this Grand Lodge, and to be governed by its Constitution, Regulations, Laws and EDICTS; (emphasis supplied) Provided, always, that the Ancient Landmarks be preserved. (1964)

1. MEMBERSHIP. In light of the above, I ask every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction to put his efforts into ALLIANCE and not DEFIANCE with the Edict of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William Skrepnek, and support his membership program as it now exists, at least until the Grand Lodge meets, in May, and either continues or discontinues his program. It deserves a fair chance.

2. APATHY. This shows itself in low and no attendance at Lodge meetings and an apparent lack of interest in the social functions of the Lodge in general and the fraternity in particular. Apathy has no place in fulfilling our obligation of brotherly love to our individual brothers or our Lodge. Some respond by saying: "The Lodge has my support. I pay my dues." Dues are very important but dues alone will not keep the fraternity alive. What will is activity. Attendance breathes life into our Lodges. My advice is to get the Lodge Officers and active membership involved as a committee to call, visit and let these long absent brothers know that they are missed. Ask them to attend the next meeting. Let them know about the next dinner the Lodge is having. Ask them if you can supply a ride for them on Lodge night or any other night for that matter. Ask them how they are doing financially in these hard times and recommend help for them to the Lodge if it is needed. In short, show them you are still their brothers and that you care!

3. STAGNATION. It can be a big problem and contribute to the downfall of any Lodge. Are your Officers positive and enthusiastic? Do the senior officers work with subordinate officers, providing leadership and instruction. Good leadership knows that the only way we can continue to leave our Lodge in good hands is to "train" the subordinate officers and build their confidence.

Every member of our Lodges has a special talent that can be used for the good of all. Find out who has those special talents in your Lodge and put them to use.

Today, more than ever, every Mason, whether active in Symbolic Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine, must do everything he can to provide for the growth of Symbolic Lodge Freemasonry. The world needs our wonderful fraternity, brethren who believe in God and deal with all mankind on the square.

Nate Banks,

Scottish Rite Bulletin Editor

Member Service and Ed. Committee, Grand Lodge of Michigan



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I'M THE BROTHER

I'm the brother who sought admission to his Lodge, then sat on the sidelines listening to friendly talks among the brethren, a circle that seemed to "shut me out". Still I smiled and waited.

I'm the brother who attended every meeting of his Lodge, still hoping patiently to play an active part.

I'm the brother who stood in the ante-room or other adjacent place, still waiting to hear the friendly voice, to feel the common touch.

Yes, I'm that good guy, still standing and waiting, but I'm also another kind of guy - the guy who never comes back.

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Strawberry Shortcake plus Beverage for \$3.50



We will have entertainment (you!)

We will have a chorus (you!)

We will have Video Movies at the end (you!)

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Strawberry Shortcakes will be served any time from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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Door Prizes

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