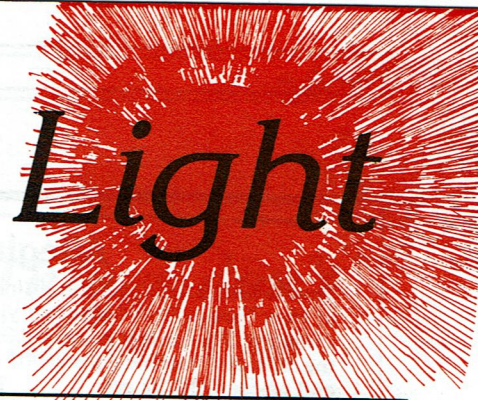




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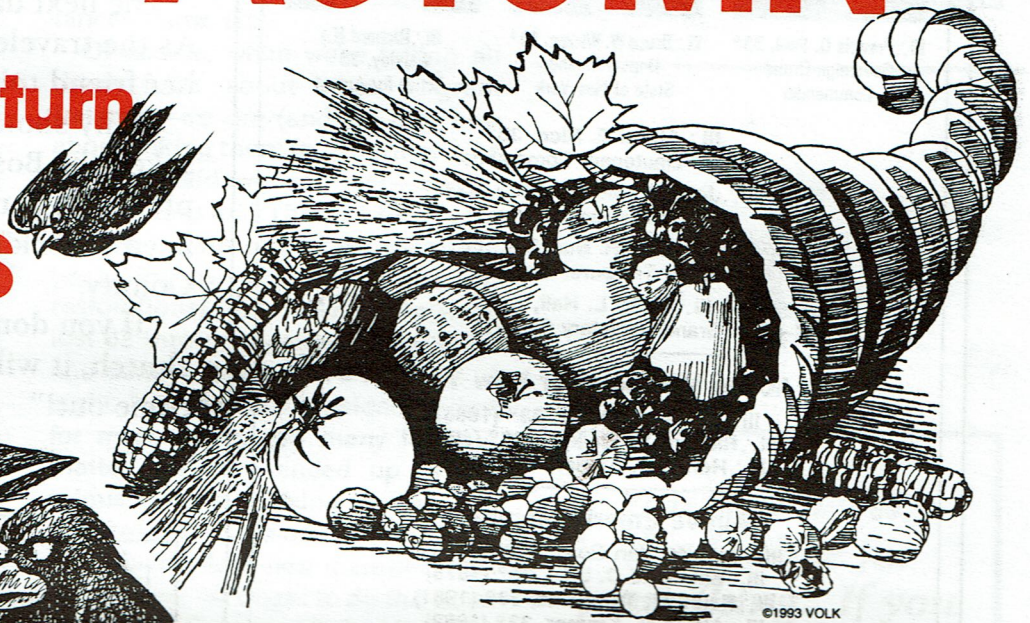
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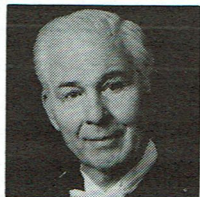
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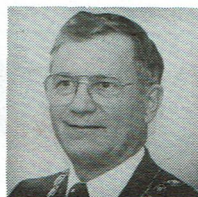
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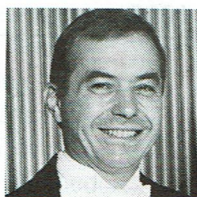
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"Labor is man's greatest function. He is nothing, he can do nothing, he can achieve nothing, he can fulfill nothing, without working."

—Orville Dewey



Did you hear the story about the lady from Boston who came to visit her old school chum in Henderson County, North Carolina?

One Saturday afternoon the two ladies went shopping. Every time they got out of their car, the Bostonian locked her car door. Her friend kept telling her it wasn't necessary to lock car doors in Henderson County.

The next day the two ladies attended church. As the traveler from Boston got out of her car, her friend told her to lock her door.

"Why should I lock the car at church?," asked the Bostonian with a great deal of surprise. "Yesterday you kept telling me I didn't need to lock the car door in Henderson County."

"If you don't lock the car while we're in church, it will be full of zucchini when we come out!"



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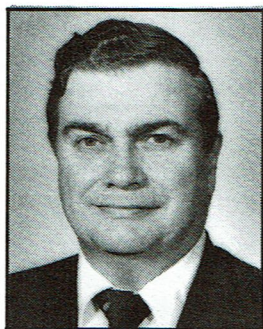
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"Hurry up and take some pictures, Herb. The folks back home are never going to believe this!"

Pen Scratches From The Secretary

III.: Richard G. Barrell, 33°



A group of elderly ladies were gathered at a social tea one day. Most of their husbands belonged to the fraternity, and pretty soon the conversation developed into a discussion on Masonry and the activities of their men. One charming "young" senior citizen spoke up and said, "I don't know much about Masons, but they sure do make nice fruit jars."

Cute little story, but then, there may be some truth to it. How many of us keep Masonry in fruit jars?

Now, more than ever—with declining membership—we need to keep Masonry out in the open, not in fruit jars, all bottled and sealed. We should be telling everyone about what we do. Instead of returning home after a Scottish Rite meeting and putting it on the shelf until the next time, we ought to be bringing it into our community; our house of worship; our family and neighbors. If we are all so proud of Scottish Rite Freemasonry (as we should) why aren't we sharing our experiences with other people? Tell them about the beautiful degrees portrayed and the valuable lessons learned from each one. Scottish Rite has awarded over \$800,000 in scholarships since 1952. Those that come in contact with you—at work, in the neighborhood, church or synagogue, relatives—should be aware of this also. Our research program into the cause of schizophrenia—the most widespread and serious form of mental illness—has been directed and financed by Scottish Rite since 1934. Everyone should be aware of the Scottish Rite Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington,

Massachusetts. This attractive facility at historic Lexington has been erected by Scottish Rite members and friends for the purpose of disseminating knowledge of the country's history, purposes and ideals among all the people—especially our youth. Let all of your friends and acquaintances know, also.

Of course, when we're telling all these folks about what a great fraternity we are (and we are) how about asking them for a petition? As has been said over and over—all you have to do is ask! This last fiscal year we saw a gain of 90 new members (including five Affiliations and two restorations). But, unfortunately, we lost 82 through deaths, suspensions and demits, leaving us a net gain of eight. Not too bad, considering that for many years, too many for that matter, we have ended up in the minus column showing that we lost more members than we initiated. We took in fifty-four new members this last Spring. We ought to do the same for our Fall Ceremonial. And it can be done, provided everyone does their share! Just ASK! It works.

Better than half of our members pay their dues immediately upon receipt of their statement. To them, the Officers and the Valley of Albany are deeply indebted. It's YOU who make it possible to move along and conduct the affairs of the Valley. We still have to pay rent, insurance, Supreme Council and Council of Deliberation Assessments, telephone, postage, etc. If you are one of those who has not paid their dues, please do so—NOW! Naturally, if you find that paying your dues will create a hardship, please let me know.

This has been a great year (1992-93). Let's make the next year even better.

P.S. IF YOU HAVE NO NEED FOR THE RITUAL BOOKS IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO ME IMMEDIATELY. WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU FOR POSTAGE.

"Things don't change. You change your way of looking, that's all."

—Carlos Castaneda



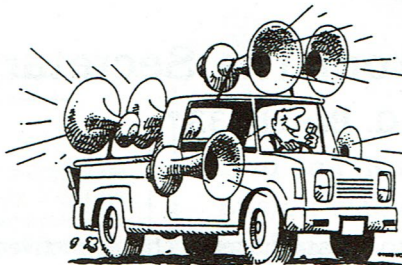
You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

—Charles Buxton



"Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision."

—Peter F. Drucker



SYMPOSIUM 2001

PURPOSE: A two-day seminar designed for Scottish Rite leaders to learn, debate and develop a plan for membership renewal within their respective Valleys.

ATTENDEES: Participation will be limited to the Deputies & Actives, three top officers of each Body, Valley Secretaries and State Directors & Valley Chairmen for Membership Development and Retention.

TIME: The Symposiums are designed to begin on Friday afternoon and end with lunch on Sunday. The first pilot Symposium 2001 is scheduled for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island during the weekend of January 29-31, 1993, at the Factory Mutual Conference Center, Norwood, Massachusetts.

COST: The total charge per participant is anticipated at approximately \$100 per person (room only — single or double available). Supreme Council will cover all other costs which include two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners; coffee/coke breaks; social hour; meeting rooms; materials; guest speakers and other handouts.

FEATURING: This hands-on seminar will preview several new membership development working tools and techniques now available. Computer-generated prospects lists; new videos, titled, "I've Heard the Name — What Does It Mean?," "What It Means to be a Mason" and "Understanding What It Means to be A Mason," and the Supreme Council's "Scottish Rite Freemasonry, A Conscience for America."

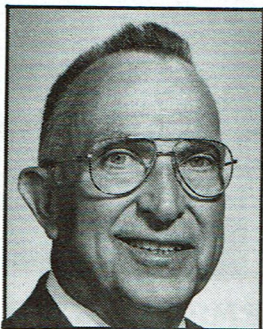
Also available from Joel Barker's "Discovering the Future Series" will be two award-winning films titled, "The Business of Paradigms" and "The Power of Vision." Telemarketing techniques will be explored along with suggestions for a new Grandfather/Father/Son Membership Campaign.

WHY: The Family of Freemasonry has been experiencing a loss in overall membership for nearly 25 years. The fraternity's success rate for attracting and stimulating good men, especially our sons/grandsons, toward joining has been less than sterling. This symposium is designed to ask the tough questions, select solutions, develop and implement a plan for membership renewal for both Symbolic and Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

SPONSOR: The program is being sponsored by the Membership Development and Planning Staff of the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

During 1993, the Symposium 2001 seminars will be offered and hopefully conducted within all states of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. All Deputies are requested to coordinate their respective schedules with the membership development staff headquartered at Lexington, Massachusetts.

The Thrice Potent Master Speaks out



Respectable Brothers:

It was only few years ago I started in line with the Ineffable and Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, and now find myself in the humble position of saying thanks for the confidence reposed in me to serve as your Thrice Potent Master for the ensuing year.

Summer has shot by us rather fast. But, I do hope all of you enjoyed it and were able to relax a little. With that in mind, our thoughts turn to returning to our labors, full of vim, vigor and vitality.

I firmly believe that each of us in this Masonic family of ours should always be communicating with one another so that we learn more from each and keep abreast of what's happening in the other bodies.

I have chosen for our first Lodge of Perfection Stated Communication, a presentation of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, Massachusetts. An overview of the new facility just completed last year, plus new technology developed in the treatment procedures, should be of interest to us all. Ladies are invited to this meeting, which should get underway at 8:15 PM. Light refreshments will follow.

Parting note! In your moments of leisure, reflect on those lessons taught in the Fourteenth Degree - Grand Elect Mason. In particular, remember that the Name of God is the character of God, His very nature and personality as He revealed Himself to Moses on Sinai - merciful and gracious, abundant in goodness and in truth.

Arthur H. Hartmuller, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

Welcome New Members



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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."

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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.

"We do not inherit the land from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."
—Native American Proverb

"The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it."

— Harry Emerson Fosdick

Commander-In-Chief's Message



Dear Sublime Princes:

As we start a new year in the life of the Albany Sovereign Consistory, I wish to thank you for the high honor and privilege to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. I pledge to you to do my very best to live up to your faith in me.

First of all, before we move ahead, I want to take this opportunity to thank Alan Lewis and all of his officers and members for their accomplishments. We had an increase of 13 members at the end of this past fiscal year which was the result of a lot of hard work by many to make the Spring Jubilee an outstanding success. It was an innovative idea and Ill. Richard G. Barrell, 33°, Secretary of the Valley of Albany, as well as Potentate of Cyprus Temple Shrine, has our sincere thanks for making it such a success.

By this time you should have received your copy of the Program Schedule for the year. We only have one meeting a month, and we need the support of every officer and member. Please make an effort to come out and support our Scottish Rite Bodies. Your suggestions are always sought and welcomed. Let us know how we can make our programs more successful. Contact any officer or call me at 899-5991 or drop me a note at 2560 Rt. 9, Lot 128, Malta, NY 12020, and share with me any suggestions you may have.



I hope you are all enjoying the summer and have been fortunate to get away for a bit of relaxation and get recharged for the coming year. Remember also, as the Blue Lodges grow so will Scottish Rite Masonry grow.

Sincerely,
William V. Iacocca
Commander-in-Chief

News From Across The Bridge

Here are some bits of news on the happenings in the Valley of Troy.

On August 16, 1992, we held our ninth annual chicken bar-b-que and raised \$1,000. \$500 of this was donated to Pahl House and \$500 was given to the Building Fund of the Lansingburgh Masonic Temple.

On September 11, 1992 we held a testimonial for Al Grone, our last year's recipient of the prestigious Meritorious Service Award.

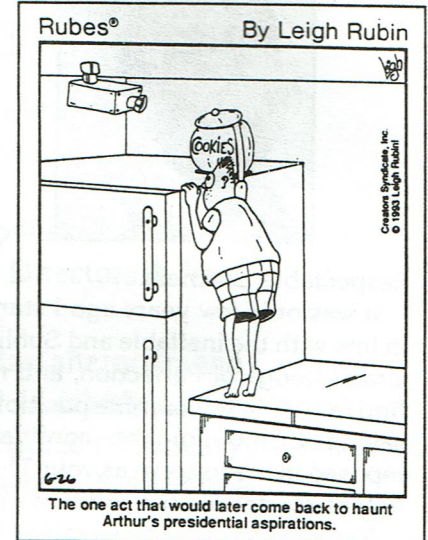
Under the able Chairmanship of Ill. Newt Buckner for Family Life Week we prepared weekend meals for Joseph's House, a shelter for the homeless.

On February 20, 1993 we held a Reunion in Troy and conferred the 14°, 16°, 17°, and 18° on two candidates who received the Consistory degrees at the Spring Reunion.

Our annual membership night was held at the Cambridge Masonic Temple on March 19, 1993. Forty-five members and their ladies were in attendance. We had eight potential new members, two of which were in the Spring Class and the remaining six will be in the upcoming Fall Class.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony was held on April 4, 1993 at the Troy Masonic Temple. Malcolm Ogden, Most Wise Master of the Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, conducted a most successful feast. Ill. Joseph Heath was our guest speaker. He delivered a most inspiring message.

"Saving the planet has never been an issue of money, but rather a matter of resourcefulness and motivation of individuals."
—Spencer Beebe



"Work banishes those three great evils: boredom, vice, and poverty."

—Voltaire



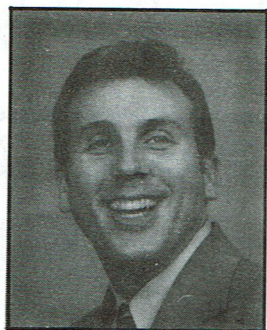
"Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**A YAWN IS
A SILENT
SHOUT.**

—G. K. Chesterton

A Word From The Most Wise Master



A CALL TO ARMS

Almost since the beginning of Freemasonry there have been various groups and individuals who have attacked our fraternity. Anti-Masonic attitudes stem from insecurity. Our Masonic Brotherhood is feared because it provides men with the strength to have faith and to function independently of another entity's control, and, as a result, the Fraternity is sometimes even branded as "evil". The former Soviet Union needed to control or destroy any organization which might include an allegiance to something other than the Soviet Government. Shortly after the Afgan War, a correspondent from "60 Minutes" was interviewing former Soviet soldiers who had fought in Afghanistan. Suddenly a group of soldiers who objected to any criticism of the war came over to those being interviewed and accused them, and the reporter, of being Freemasons! I was amazed, I had never heard our fraternity being utilized as an insult. But, in reality, what greater compliment to Masonry than knowing that it was a threat to the powerful Soviet Union. I strongly suspect that this same attitude of fear is behind the most recent attacks by certain individuals in the Southern Baptist Church. If a man has any loyalty to an alternative organization which gives him the confidence and strength to think independently, i.e., Masonry, then that organization is deemed a threat. In addition, these individuals are no doubt envious of the brotherly trust that we Masons have between one another. A trust which instills in us a sense of comfort and security.

My "call to arms" is for a proper positive approach which will allow Masons to ward off such ignorant threats. A positive, heads-up attitude has helped us endure past threats and it is our best tool for self-fulfillment in the future. A Mason's every word, thought and action should reflect a mentality that sees the proverbial cup as always being half-full rather than half-empty. The more we will ourselves to think this way, the easier it is to strengthen Masonry and our own lives.

Just try it! Next Masonically related function you attend make an honest effort to think with positive affirmations. Before you say or do something which could be viewed as negative or critical, stop, and seek to manipulate those thoughts into positive action. By each of us engaging in positive thinking we create a strong first defense against Masonry's detractors. This same constructive attitude is our primary offense for promoting Masonry as an enthusiastic, vibrant organization bursting with energy to advance the common good for all people. Because we as Masons truly believe in ourselves, nothing will defeat us. So practice positive thinking, Masonry's call to arms!

Our first Stated Conclave of Rose Croix will be Thursday, November 4, 1993. We will have a discussion regarding the potential for an alternate Masonic facility and plan to include speakers from the banking and development community. Mark your calendar and try to join us that evening.

Benjamin T. Garry, 32°
Most Wise Master



How beautiful it is to do nothing, and then rest afterward.

— Spanish proverb



"Do what others say you can't do, and you will never pay attention to their limitations again."

— James R. Cook



"To believe all people to be honest would be folly. To believe none so, is something worse."

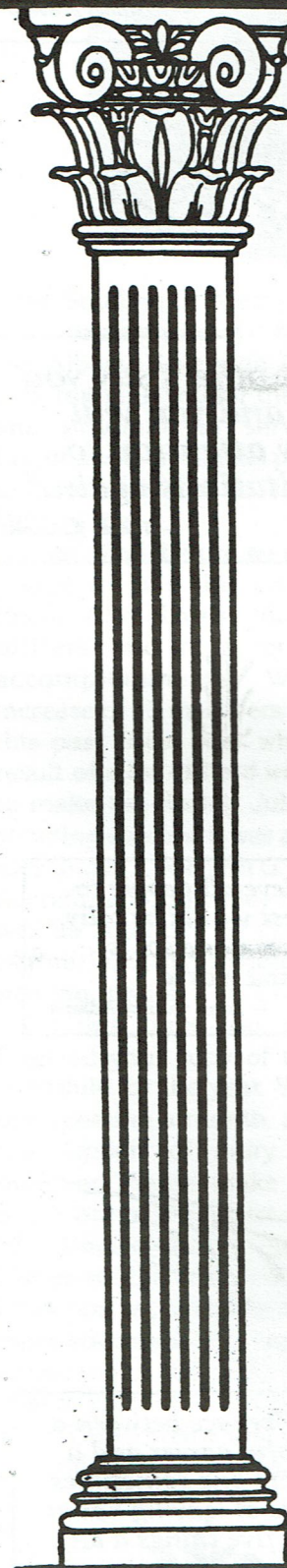
— John Quincy Adams



The difference between a successful career and a mediocre one sometimes consists of leaving about four or five things a day unsaid.

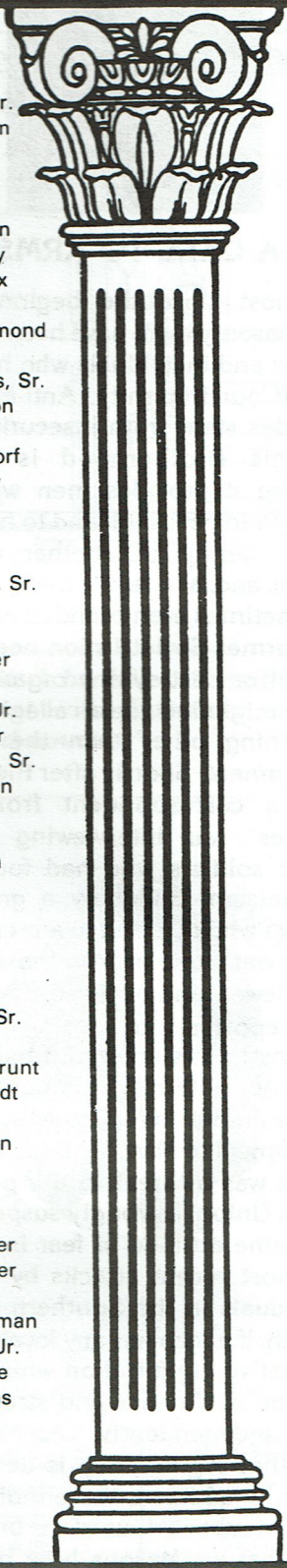
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Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, It's Off FROM Work We Go!

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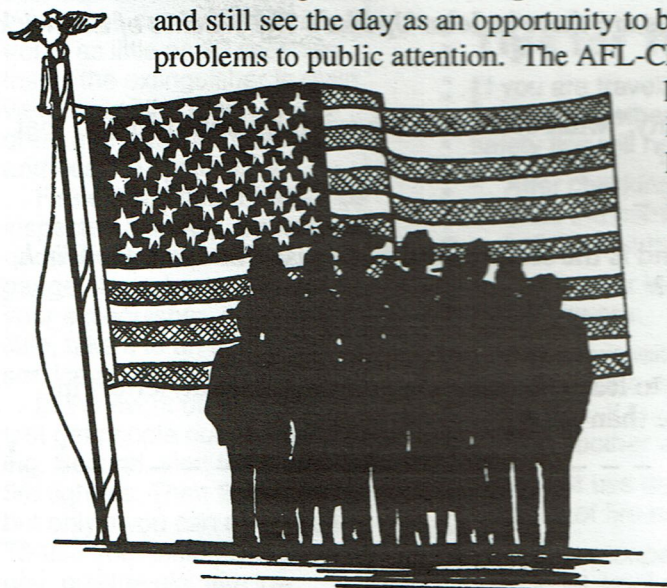
September 6, 1993

In 1882, union leader Peter J. Maguire called for recognition of "the industrial spirit—the great vital force of every nation," and organized the first Labor Day parade. In 1886, the American Federation of Labor proposed a national holiday, when "it shall be as uncommon for a man to work on that day as on Independence Day." In 1894, Labor Day—celebrated on the first Monday in September—was officially declared a national holiday. Working people today can choose from a variety of celebrations and festivities: parades, fireworks displays, fairs, trips to the beach, concerts, picnics, or just a restful three-day weekend at home!

The tradition of a festive holiday for workers pre-dates Maguire's efforts. In ancient Greece, artisans set aside a day for parading through the streets carrying torches. In medieval Europe, the trades were organized into guilds. Each had a patron saint and members would take off from work on their saint's feast day. In Europe today, many countries honor working men and women on May 1.

Labor organizations take special note of this holiday and still see the day as an opportunity to bring workers' problems to public attention. The AFL-CIO and other

large unions issue special Labor Day statements that review developments in the labor movement over the past year.



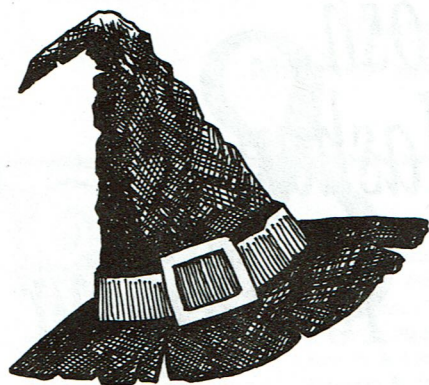
Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur



"May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year." This is the traditional greeting exchanged on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. Unlike the conventional calendar (based on the Earth's orbit around the sun measured against the fixed stars), the Jewish calendar is determined by the movement of the sun and moon in relation to each other (a lunisolar calendar), so Rosh Hashanah does not occur on a fixed date on the solar calendar. This year, the holiday will be celebrated on September 16.

In the Jewish tradition, the fate of each person is written in the "Book of Life." On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, dinner usually includes honey, to represent a "sweet" year. At the close of synagogue services that evening, the New Year is ushered in with the traditional blowing of the *shofar*—a trumpet made of a ram's horn.

Rosh Hashanah also marks the most solemn period of the Jewish year, ten days of self-examination and repentance, culminating in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, this year falling on September 25. Yom Kippur, the most sacred day in the Jewish calendar, is commemorated by fasting and prayers. A candle large enough to burn for 24 hours is lit in memory of the dead.



Which Witch is Which?

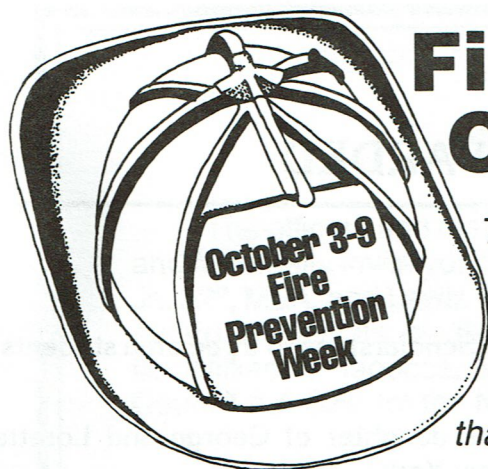
From Greek mythology and Shakespeare to the Brothers Grimm and Walt Disney, witches and witchcraft have been the subject of many an intriguing tale. To celebrate Halloween, see if you can conjure up the answers to the following trivia questions. Then, unscramble the letter clues to solve the secret message.

1. In the popular television sitcom "Bewitched," what was the name of Samantha and Darrin's daughter?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
2. In "The Wizard of Oz," who was killed by a bucket of water?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
3. What is the name of the Sea Witch in Disney's "The Little Mermaid"?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
4. What comic strip witch has a vulture named Gaylord as her best friend?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
5. What Shakespeare play includes The Three Weird Sisters?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
6. What poisoned fruit did the evil Queen give to Snow White?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
7. What Massachusetts town was the scene of witch hysteria in the 17th century?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
8. In "The Witches," Anjelica Houston transformed children into this type of creature.
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
9. Author Anne Rice focuses on witches in her most recent paperback, *The Witching Hour*, but she is famous for writing about what other supernatural creature?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
10. In "Hansel and Gretel," what was the witch's house made of?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
11. How many witches are there in John Updike's *The Witches of Eastwick*?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
12. In "Sleeping Beauty," what event was the evil fairy not invited to that caused her wrath?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐
13. What mythical land is the setting for C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*?
_ _ _ _ _ ☐

Unscramble the clues to learn the following message. (Hint, letters in squares are used more than once!)

Answers:
1. TABITHA; 2. WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST; 3. URSULA; 4. BROOM
HILDA; 5. MACBETH; 6. APPLE; 7. SALEM; 8. MICE; 9. VAMPIRE;
10. GINGERBREAD; 11. THREE; 12. CHRISTENING; 13. NARNIA

HAVE A BEWITCHING HALLOWEEN!



Fire Prevention Week

October 3-9, 1993

The crackle of wood in the fireplace on a cold winter's night... The soft glow of candles during a romantic dinner... Sometimes it's hard to remember that without care and proper attention a fire can turn from friendly to frightening. Take time October 3-9 to review the simple strategies that will help keep you, your family, and your property safe.

Facts About Fire Extinguishers

A small, portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property at home and at work. Fire extinguishers fall into three classes, rated and marked for different types of fires. Class A is for ordinary combustibles, such as wood, cloth, and paper. Class B should be used for flammable liquids, gases, or grease. Class C extinguishers are for fires that involve live electrical equipment. Multi-purpose, ABC extinguishers, are also available.

You should keep your fire extinguisher near those areas most likely to see trouble, such as a kitchen or fireplace, because time can be important; many fires can get out of control in as little as 30 seconds. Install the extinguisher in plain view, out of the reach of children, and away from stoves and heating appliances.

Fire extinguishers should be inspected annually, by weighing or checking the pressure gauge. If you have discharged your extinguisher, even just a little, take it to an authorized service agent to be recharged.

In the event of most fires, first get people out of the building. Second, alert the nearest fire fighters. Then fight the fire, but only if you can do so safely. To use your extinguisher properly, pull the pin, aim low, squeeze the lever, and sweep from side to side.

Plug into Fire Safety

Problems in electrical systems are often the cause of devastating household fires. You can reduce the risk of an electrical fire in your home by reviewing this hazard checklist.

- ___ Are light bulbs the appropriate wattage for the size of the fixture?
- ___ Are lamp cords and extension cords in good condition? Be sure that there's no furniture resting on them and that they are not attached to baseboards or other objects with nails or staples.
- ___ Do outlets and switches work properly? Do electrical plugs fit snugly into outlets? Outlets should have a faceplate so that no wiring is exposed.
- ___ Are your appliances located away from sinks and are cords placed so that they do not contact hot surfaces? If you receive a slight shock when using large appliances, such as a vacuum cleaner, you probably have an electrical problem with the machine.
- ___ Do fuse and breaker boxes have the correct sizes of fuses and breakers? Take care not to overload outlets and circuits.

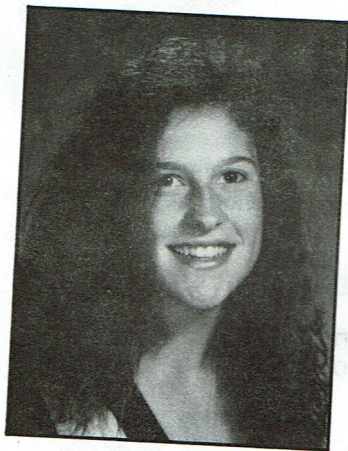
Tips for Travelers

If you are traveling, will you know how to react to a fire emergency in a strange place? Whether you are on the road for business or pleasure, the following safety tips will help you be prepared.

- After checking in at a hotel or motel, locate the nearest hallway exits. Memorize the number of doors from your room to the exit. Note which side of the hall the exit is on.
- Leave your key on the nightstand so you won't waste time looking for it in an emergency.
- If you awaken to smoke in your room, roll out of bed, grab your key, and crawl to the door. Feel to see if the door is hot. If it is not, open with extreme caution. If the hall is passable, use one of your pre-designated escape routes. Don't bother with personal belongings, but shut your door and take your key.
- Do not use an elevator. If you use an inside stairwell, check the doors for signs of fire or smoke.
- If your escape routes are blocked, return to your room. Open a window slightly to let smoke escape. Do not break the window, because a large hole can pull smoke into the room. Close all doors, vents, and air ducts and stuff wet towels and sheets around them.

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Rite Light is proud to announce the awarding of Leon M. Abbott Scholarships to three area students.



CHRISTINA AGAPAKIS, age 19, is the daughter of George and Loretta Agapakis who all live in Stone Ridge, New York.

She graduated this spring from Rondout Valley Central High School and will be attending SUNY in Delhi, New York. She plans on majoring in "early childhood care."

APRIL (AMIE) PAULEY, age 20, is the daughter of Thomas and Helen Pauley, of LeRoy, Michigan. She is currently finishing her freshman year and plans to enter her sophomore year at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. April is pursuing a career in ornamental horticulture.



CATHERINE SIEGEL, age 18, is the daughter of Kenneth and Patricia Siegel, from Greenville, New York.

She recently graduated from Greenville High School and will soon begin her freshman year in a college of her choice. Catherine plans on majoring in accounting and counseling.

We, at the Rite Light, wish each of these young ladies great success in their future endeavors, and congratulate them on being this year's recipients of the Abbott Scottish Rite Masonic Scholarships.

An Invitation

The officers and members of the Scottish Rite Valleys of Troy and Albany, cordially and fraternally invite you to be present at a Testimonial Dinner honoring Alfred Krueger, Jr., 32°, MSA, and Lewis O. Slocum, 32°, MSA, who were elected as Meritorious Service Award Recipients by the New York State Council of Deliberation. Also to honor Ill. William V. Iacocca, 33°, who was elected an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council A.A.S.R., for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Saturday, September 25, 1993

Mario's Theatre Restaurant

126 Campbell Avenue

Troy, New York

Reception and Social Hour at 6:30 p.m.
including hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Program at 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Make checks payable to "Troy Delta Bodies" and mail to:

Russell J. LaGrange, Jr.

115 Clermont Street

Albany, NY 12203

Your tickets will be held at the door.

Dress is optional

Except for Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, MSA holders and officers of all bodies, who are requested to wear tuxedo, cap and jewel.

Deadline for reservations is September 15, 1993

Please indicate choice of meal: Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken —or— Prime Rib of Beef —or— Broiled Halibut or Steak.

Ill. FRANCIS MINER, 33°, General Chairman

(please detach and return reservation form below)

Please make _____ reservations at \$25 each. My check for \$_____ is enclosed.
Indicate number and choice of meal: (____ Chicken) (____ Meat) (____ Fish).

Please endeavor to seat me/us with _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION REJECTS CONDEMNATION OF FREEMASONRY

More than a year ago, Freemasonry came under attack by a small, fanatical element within the Southern Baptist Convention. At the urging of Dr. James L. Holly, a Beaumont, Texas, physician, an intense and very expensive study was begun by the Home Missions Board of the convention.

The Masonic community was first alerted to the machinations of Dr. Holly and his followers by local author and Masonic scholar, John J. Robinson. Working as a team Robinson and Alfred E. Rice 33°, top Scottish Rite official in Ohio, began a nationwide campaign to wake up the fraternity to the serious threat to its integrity. The two concerned Masons wrote letters, spent hours on the telephone and accepted speaking engagements around the country. Robinson even devoted a chapter in his new book, *A Pilgrim's Path*, entitled, "The Physician-Fanatic".

The movement to counteract the vicious attack on Freemasonry grew like wildfire. Masons were outraged by this totally unwarranted effort to discredit the institution through a deliberate campaign of distortion and misinformation. Acting in the best traditions of Freemasonry, with reason and calm, official Masonic organizations, including both the Northern and Southern Supreme Councils, began releasing information to answer the serious allegations by anti-Masonic forces working within the Southern Baptist Convention.

At its annual meeting in Houston last month, the SBC voted overwhelmingly to approve the recommendation of the Home

Mission Board Report that "membership in a Masonic order be a matter of personal choice," thereby soundly rejecting Dr. Holly's proposal that Freemasonry be outlawed. An estimated 75 to 80 percent of the delegates to the convention voted in favor of the report. The action clearly reaffirms the autonomy of each local Baptist Church while also respecting the right of individual freedom of conscience, long a basic tenet of the Masonic fraternity. Masonic leaders across the country greeted the news from Houston with satisfaction. Jim Tresner, Director of the Masonic Leadership Institute, commented, "From 1717 until today, Freemasonry has insisted on the right of every person to worship God according to the dictates of individual conscience. The vote of the Southern Baptist Convention is a rousing endorsement of this tradition. We're proud the messengers of the convention ignored the voices of bigotry in their midst and have come out so strong in favor of tolerance."

Speaking on behalf of grateful Masons throughout the country, Ill .°. Alfred E. Rice, 33°, released the following statement. "The threat posed by Dr. Holly and his group is not limited to Freemasonry because, ultimately, it strikes at the very foundations on which our country was established. Not only should Masons be grateful to John Robinson for leading the battle against this latest attack on the craft but we should also appreciate that Brother Robinson was acting in defense of those basic human rights for which Masonic patriots throughout the history of our country have fought so vigorously."

DO MASONS PRACTICE DISCRIMINATION?

The following is from the Bulletin issued by Arizona Masonry, and is a talk given by Dean Tillston who was the Grand Master at that time.

"Some months ago I was interviewed by a local Radio Station and was asked questions concerning the Masonic Fraternity. At one point, the question was asked, "Do the Masons practice discrimination in their membership policies?" I replied as follows, "We certainly do. Since our membership is limited to men, I guess it could be said that we discriminate against women. In most states, a petitioner must be 21 years of age, so it could be said we discriminate against teenagers; we demand a belief in a Supreme Being so we surely discriminate against the atheist; we demand a man be of good character and reputation, and we carefully investigate each applicant to be sure he meets those standards so we do discriminate against the criminal, the immoral man, the bum. I am glad to be a part of this type of discrimination. But we have no law or regulation that permits us to discriminate against any man because of religion or creed, race or color, so long as he meets the high moral standards we demand."

from The Trumpeteer, Valley of Altoona

"A man should keep his friendships in constant repair."

— Samuel Johnson, 18th Century English philosopher

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

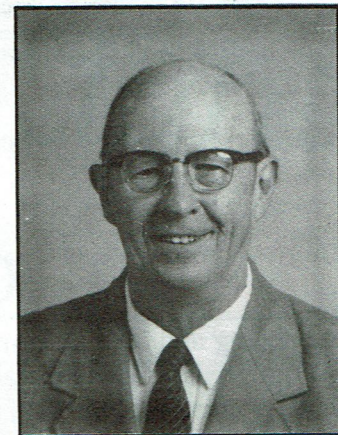
— Fred Shero

"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them."

— George Bernard Shaw

LEWIS OWEN SLOCUM was born in Easton, New York on May 23, 1930. He attended the public schools in Greenwich NY and graduated from Greenwich Central School in 1947. Brother Slocum was a student at the New York State Agricultural-Tech Institute in Alfred, New York, graduating in 1949.

He is married to the former Carol Ann Lane. They have three children - Lawrence, Cynthia and Douglas and six grandchildren. Lew spent time in the United States Army and is now employed by the General Electric Company, Silicone Products Division in Waterford.



He was raised in On Da Wa Lodge No. 820 and served as its Master in 1978 and 1983. He also has held many offices in York Rite Bodies.

Brother Slocum was Thrice Potent Master and Most Wise Master in the Troy Delta Bodies of the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix. He is presently Chancellor of the Albany Sovereign Consistory.



William Vincent Iacocca, MSA has been elected to be coronetted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ.

Brother Iacocca was born February 9, 1929 to his parents, Michael and Diodora Iacocca.

He was educated in local schools and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Siena College in 1952.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, and received an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Sergeant.

On March 15, 1953, he married the former Adrian Perkins, in Troy, NY. They are the proud parents of three children — Diane, Carol and Ronald, and have six grandchildren. Brother Iacocca was employed by the Reynolds Metals Company and retired on June 1, 1991.

Brother Iacocca began his Masonic career on December 4, 1950 when he was raised a Master Mason in Jerusalem Lodge No. 355, Lansingburgh, NY, and later served as its Master.

He received his Scottish Rite Degress on November 4, 1967, and served as the Sovereign Prince and Most Wise Master in the Troy Delta Bodies. He currently is the Commander-in-Chief of the Albany Sovereign Consistory as well as the President of the Albany Executive Board and Treasurer of the Troy Delta Bodies.

Alfred Krueger, Jr., MSA received his Meritorious Service Award on July 16, 1993, at ceremonies conducted in Binghamton, NY.

Brother Krueger was born December 11, 1933 in Albany, NY and is the son of Alfred and Elfriede Krueger.

He was educated in the Albany public school system and graduated from Philip Schuyler High School in June of 1952.

Before entering the U.S. Navy for a 2½ year hitch, he married the former Nancy Bryant in Albany, NY on March 15, 1933. They have six boys and seven grandchildren.

Since retiring from Western Electric, Al has kept himself busy in his Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He received his Scottish Rite degrees in October of 1983 and soon found himself appointed Wardrobe Attendant for the Valley of Albany, as well as being appointed Hospitaler for all four Scottish Rite Bodies in Albany. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Albany Court No. 77.



CARJACKING CRIME PREVENTION

Carjacking and other auto-related crimes are occurring with greater frequency all across the country. No one is immune, but there are steps you can take when behind the wheel or walking to your car. The following techniques, courtesy of the National Safety Council, may reduce the odds of your becoming a victim:

1. **Stay alert.** Plan your route ahead of time. If you must drive in unfamiliar territory, try not to drive alone. Always keep your windows up and doors locked, even while the car is moving. Check your mirrors frequently and stay alert to potentially dangerous situations.

2. **Plan escape routes.** Think of ways to escape a dangerous situation. Leave room to maneuver when you come to a stop. Rule of thumb: keep enough distance between you and the vehicle in front of you so

that you can see where its rear tires touch the ground.

3. **Park with care.** Use caution when you enter or leave a parking lot. Park in well lit areas only. Be alert to what is happening around you when you get in or out of your vehicle. On returning to a parked car, approach with caution. Have your keys in hand and glance underneath the car and in both the front and rear seats before getting in. If someone is loitering nearby, move away. But if you are confronted, don't resist. Hand over your keys and step away from the assailant.

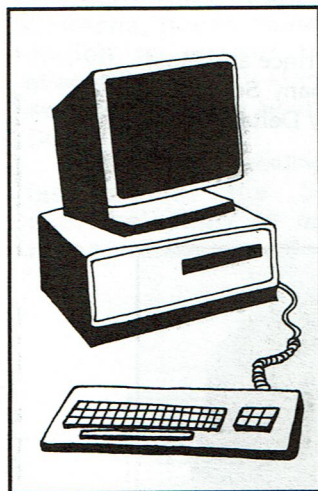
4. **Don't leave your car if you think you might have been bumped intentionally.** Carjackers often hit cars from behind, then threaten the driver with a weapon when he/she gets out to investigate the damage. In such a case, don't leave the car. Motion the driver to follow you to the nearest police station. If someone does confront you with a weapon, give up your car.

5. **If your car breaks down,** pull as far away as possible from moving traffic, tie a white handkerchief around the antenna, close the windows and lock the doors. If someone approaches to help you, open the window only slightly to ask the person to call the police or a towing service. Ask people in uniform (even policemen) to show identification.

Your foremost concern is personal safety. A car can be replaced, but your life cannot.

PROTECT YOUR PC FROM POWER PROBLEMS

In the rush to get started on the weekend, don't forget to turn off your PC and its peripheral equipment. Leaving the power on for extended periods of time can create problems in both software and hardware.



For example, in many buildings the air conditioning is turned off over the weekend to cut energy costs. Heat trapped inside buildings combined with that generated by the computer itself can damage the machine and/or shorten its life-span.

Or electrical storms can pass through unexpectedly over weekends and holidays, which could also damage equipment.

Surge protectors may not always be able to handle the large surges that can occur when power is resumed after an outage.

Make turning off the PC part of your daily exit ritual.

CAN YOU BEAT THE ODDS?

- According to the National Safety Council:
- Someone is injured in an accident of one kind or another every four seconds.
 - A home-based accident injures someone every 10 seconds.
 - A person is hurt in a traffic accident every 18 seconds.

And the National Center for Health Statistics reports that:

- On average, someone visits a physician every 20 seconds.
- One of every eight Americans will enter a hospital in the next 12 months for an average stay of more than eight days.

"Use Your Head! Wear a Helmet!"