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ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, N.M.J., U.S.A.



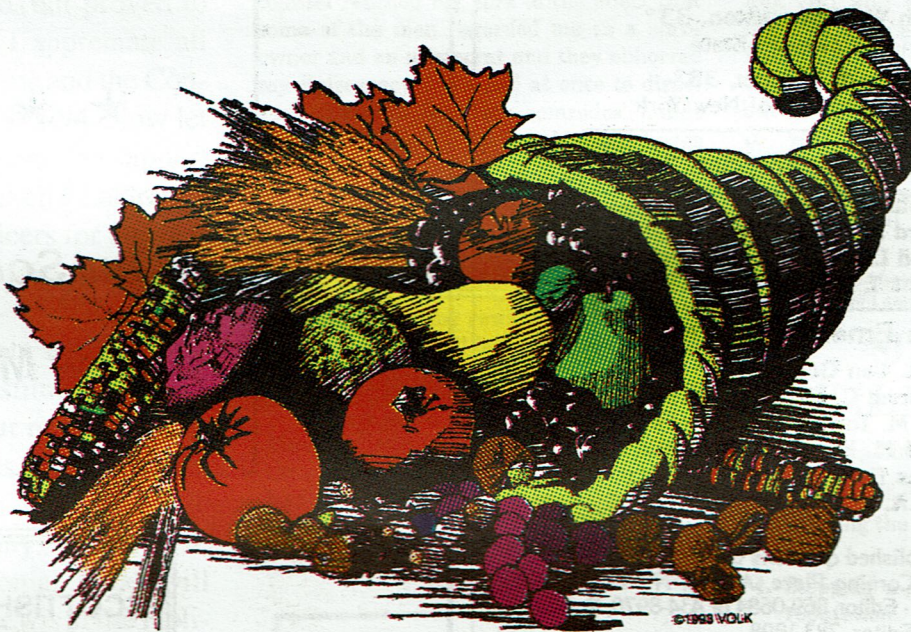
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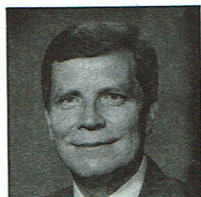
***"Don't find fault.
Find a remedy."***

-Henry Ford

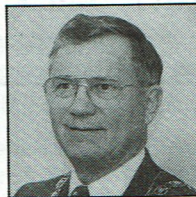
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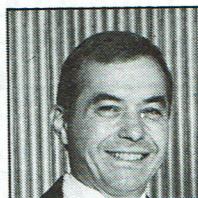
The Bodies of Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Albany, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and whose Officers are:



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Deputy for the
State of New York



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III. Harold L. Aldrich, 33° (1992)
III. Dwight T. Worthy, 33° (1993)

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III. Ralph M. Tompkins, 33° (1981)
III. Alfred M. Kramer, 33° (1982)
III. James F. Niehoff, 33° (1991)
III. Carlton A. Winchester, 33° (1992)

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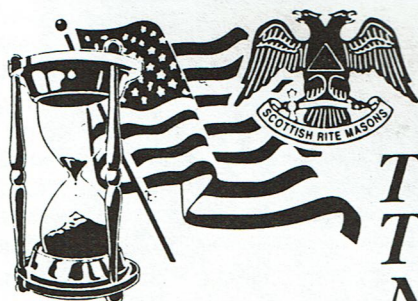


BLUE LODGE



Our Source

For New Members



*The
Time Is
Now!*

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

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

A TIME SCOTTISH RITE TEACHINGS WERE NEEDED MORE

There was never a time when the peace-loving people of the world needed the teachings of the Scottish Rite more than they do today. The idealisms of Scottish Rite Masonry will be a definite factor in the keeping of human freedoms which have made America great. A stronger Scottish Rite is vitally needed today to forestall the encroachment of communism and other ideologies which can be nothing but detrimental to human liberties everywhere.

**Get A Petition . . .
It's the RITE thing to do!**



FAREWELL

Time flies when you're having fun. And fun it was.

Thank you all for the privilege and honor of serving as Commander-in-Chief of the Albany Sovereign Consistory for the year just past. It was not only a challenge, but proved to be very rewarding. I appreciate all of the support given me and the Consistory Officers in 1993/94. Now let us all give our whole hearted support to my successor, Russell J LaGrange Jr and his line of officers for the year 1994/95, and help make it a banner year.

Two important events will be coming up this Fall. A testimonial dinner for Bill Techumi, our newest recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, will be held at the Troy Masonic Temple on Saturday, October 8, 1994. Also a testimonial dinner will be held for Alan C Lewis at the Holiday/Turf Inn on Saturday, November 12, 1994. Brother Lewis will be coroneted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33° in Cleveland, Ohio, September 27.

In closing, let us all pull together and attend our Consistory meetings and Reunions. To paraphrase an old motto - "If it's to be, it's up to all of us.

William V Iacocca, 33°
Commander-In-Chief, 1993/94

George Washington Tells Why He Became A Mason

"My first desire to become a Mason was due to the fact that many of Virginia's noblest sons were members of the Fraternity. Therefore, it was not without forethought that on Saturday evening, November 4, 1772, in the village of Fredericksburg, I was made an Entered Apprentice Mason.

"The Masonic lessons I learned on my admission to Masonry and my contact and conversation with prominent Masons thereafter were of the greatest encouragement in after years when I encountered and underwent severe trials, especially those of commencement and during the Revolution.

"It was at this time that friendly counsel reached my ears to the effect that some of the men regarded me as a slave owner and an aristocrat and they abhorred my Episcopacy. I decided at once to dispel such thoughts from my comrades' minds and on one occasion sat in a Masonic Lodge

at Cambridge of which an Orderly-Sergeant was Master. I made it a point to 'meet upon the level' and 'part upon the square' with all my comrades, regardless of rank or position and my reward was the loyalty and friendship of all far beyond my expectation.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry and its lessons were helpful throughout the Revolution both upon the battlefield and in the Legislative assembly."

—SCOTTISH RITE BULLETIN,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**A YAWN IS
A SILENT
SHOUT.**

—G. K. Chesterton



If God Should Go On Strike

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike, because He wasn't treated fairly in things He didn't like. If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it—I'm through! I've had enough of those on Earth, so this is what I'll do: I'll give My order to the sun, cut off the heat supply; and to the moon, give no more light and run the oceans dry. Then just to make things really rough and put the pressure on, turn off the vital oxygen until every breath is gone!"

You know, He would be justified, if fairness were the game, for no one has been more abused or met with more disdain, than God—and yet He carries on supplying you and me with all the favor of His grace, and everything for free. Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go; but what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe. We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like; but what a mess we'd all be in. . . if God should go on strike.

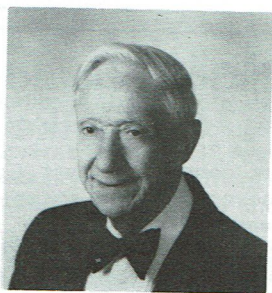
From the December, 1981 issue of The Inquiring Elk, bulletin of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, Lodge No. 1863

SIX THINGS YOU'LL NEVER REGRET

1. Showing kindness to an aged person.
2. Destroying a letter written in anger.
3. Offering the apology that saved a friendship.
4. Stopping a scandal that could wreck a reputation.
5. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
6. Feeling reverence for your Maker.

**"A wise man will
make more
opportunities
than he finds."**

—Francis Bacon



CONGRATULATIONS NEW RED HATS

At the recent Council of Deliberation held in Syracuse, New York, we were delighted to hear the announcement of three deserving individuals in the Valleys of Albany and Troy who are to receive the prestigious Meritorious Service Award in June of 1995 at the Council of Deliberation meeting in Melville, Long Island.

Those to receive their MSA are George J. Deveneau and Douglas C. Hays of the Valley of Albany; and Donald D. Seyboth of Delta Bodies, Troy.

George J. Deveneau was born in Albany, NY on February 8, 1914, the son of Milow and Mary Schmidt Deveneau.

Educated in the Albany Public School, he graduated from Albany High School in 1943. George also graduated from the New York City American Management School.

Brother Deveneau saw service in the U.S. Army in the China/Burma/India Theater of Operations during World War II. He is the widower of the former Mildred Van Alen Deveneau and the father of one son, George "Doc" Deveneau. He has one granddaughter, Michelle.

Presently residing in Loudonville, NY, he is a communicant of The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He retired from the New York State Thruway Authority in 1979 as Bureau Chief of Office and Building Services.

Brother Deveneau was raised in Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3 on February 14, 1944 and served as its Master three years. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Albany District by Most Worshipful Robert C. Singer, Grand Master, for the year 1986/87, and served as President of the Hudson Champlain Valley Right Worshipful Association.

He is a member of the Valley of Albany, presently serving as its Treasurer. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies in Albany and is now Secretary of the Capital City Chapter No. 242. He belongs to the York Rite College and the Cyprus Temple Shrine where he was Potentate and now is its Recorder. He also is a past president of the Cyprus Cabiri and the New York/Ontario Shrine Association. He is a past Director of the Albany Court No. 77, Royal Order of Jesters, a companion of the Red Cross of Constantine Albany Conclave and a member of the Albany and Schenectady Shrine Clubs.

George's other fraternal activities include the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mountaineer Lodge No. 321 where he served as Noble Grand and currently holds the office of Treasurer. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows from 1980 to 1981. He also is a member of the Colonie Lodge of

Elks.

During his spare time, George enjoys golf and playing cards.

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Be an active member,
The kind that would be missed.
Don't be just content,
That your name is on the list.
Do attend the meetings
and mingle with the crowd.
Don't stay at home
and crab both long and loud.
Do take an active part
to help the lodge along.
And take time out to visit
a member who is sick.
Don't leave the work for just a few
and then gripe about he clique.
There is quite a program scheduled,
that means success if done,
And it can be accomplished
with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly
and help with hand and heart,
**BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER,
AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART.**
Think this over member,
Are we right, or are we wrong?
Be an Active Member,
DON'T JUST BELONG.

A few weeks after asking her class to choose independent study projects, the chemistry teacher reviewed the proposals with her students. One ambitious chemist said he wanted to discover a universal solvent. "A liquid that will dissolve anything!" "Great!" said the teacher, "But what kind of container will you keep it in?"

At age 6, children know all the questions.
At age 18, they know all the answers.

"My child certainly has a lot of original ideas," one parent boasted during a teacher-parent conference. The tactful teacher replied: "Yes, but unfortunately, they are all in spelling."

Concerned that his students were not really learning the material, an algebra teacher sent a note home to parents, asking them not to do any of the homework assigned to their children. The next day, one student handed in a reply: "Dear Mr. Wood: We are flattered that you think we could."

"RED HATS" continued

Douglas C. Hays was born July 13, 1947 in Albany, New York to Clinton and Janet Hays.

He has resided for the past 45 years at 9 Killeen Park, Colonie.

Brother Hays attended the Colonie Schools, graduating from Colonie Central High School in 1965. He graduated from the Junior College of Albany in 1969 and from the State University of New York at Albany in 1970, and from its Graduate School in 1976.

He is an active communicant of Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Colonie. He is active with the Republican Town Committee for the eleventh Election District, and a member of the Village of Colonie's Planning Commission.

Since 1972, Brother Hays has been employed as a Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Town of Colonie.

Doug was raised in Wadsworth Lodge on 4/18/78, served as Worshipful Master in 1984 and is currently its Chaplain.

Brother Hays joined the Valley of Albany, AASR April 25, 1981. He has served as Sovereign Prince of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem in 1987/88 and Thrice Potent

Master of the Ineffable and Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1992/93. He is currently Captain of the Guard in the Albany Sovereign Consistory. Doug is active in several degrees.

Additionally, Doug is a member of Cyprus Temple Shrine and takes an active part in the Cast.

"Too often, the opportunity knocks, but by the time you push back the chain, push back the bolt, unhook the two locks and shut off the burglar alarm, it's too late."

—Rita Coolidge

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 18°
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 Rite as 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 apurious every other Body of whatever degree claiming to be of the said Rite, that may be established within its Jurisdiction, that is not holden immediately 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 forewarn. "And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen."

Name in Full (Print)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	(GIVE 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.

FALL REUNION OCTOBER 15, 1994



A WORD FROM THE THRICE POTENT MASTER

By Brothers, as your new Thrice Potent Master, I wish to thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me. I look forward to working with you in what I hope will be a lively year.

On September 8, 1994 (note that this is the SECOND Thursday of the month) we will start off the new season with a guest speaker on the "New Technology in NYNEX". Part of this is the privacy issue concerning the telephone.

For our second meeting on January 12, 1995, the guest speaker will be Susan Nealon from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. The topic is "Great Expectations - Niagara Mohawk and Social Responsibility". Niagara Mohawk manages a variety of programs that contribute to the social welfare of people and its service territory. The program discusses several important customer assistance programs.

I hope that these programs will be entertaining and informative and that you will make every effort to attend.

For those of you who do not know me, I was raised a Master Mason in Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3 on

April 3, 1978, and have served as its Worshipful Master twice.

I was made a prophet in Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto on September 14, 1981 and was its Monarch once.

I joined Scottish Rite in 1988 and the Cyprus Temple Shrine, and have taken part in degrees and the Shrine Cast since.

Please join me in giving your full support to our Blue Envelope appeal for our Scottish Rite Charities, and do your part in bringing in at least one new member for the Fall Reunion, October 15.

Merrill C Smith
Thrice Potent Master

Arthritis On The Rise

By the year 2020 arthritis will afflict nearly 20 percent of the population, up from 15 percent in 1993, predicts the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The dramatic increase will largely reflect the aging of the baby-boom generation, says Don Riggan, president of the Arthritis Foundation.

The name *arthritis* encompasses more than 100 different diseases marked by pain and swelling in joints and connective tissue. The two most prevalent forms are both chronic: *osteoarthritis*, in which the cartilage in the joint deteriorates and *rheumatoid arthritis*, an autoimmune disease in which immune system activity causes the joint lining to become inflamed and deteriorate.

Because the prevalence of arthritis increases rapidly after 45, the Arthritis Foundation recommends that those born before 1950 routinely check for initial symptoms. These include recurring pain or swelling in joints and stiffness or limited movement that lasts for more than two weeks. "Early treatment is essential if you hope to avoid future limits on your daily activities," says Riggan.

People with arthritis can reduce pain by regular exercise, applying hot or cold treatments (such as ice packs, ointments, heating pads and compresses) and protecting joints from stress.

Customer Quirks

"I have a terrible time with shelf control," said one shopaholic to a friend.

"Don't you mean *self* control?" the concerned friend queried.

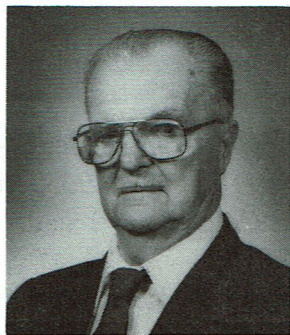
"No, *shelf* control—when you go to the store for a loaf of bread and buy only a loaf of bread."

Mail order customer: "Last week I placed an order for one dozen oranges, but when they were delivered there were only ten in the package."

Service Representative: "That's part of our excellent customer service. We saw that two were bad, so we saved you the trouble of throwing them away."

Sign in optometrist's window:

"If you don't see what you want, you've come to the right place."



RAMBLINGS FROM THE MOST WISE MASTER

It is very gratifying to have been elected your Most Wise Master in the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix for 1994/95. I promise to live up to your expectations and I hope that you will reciprocate by attending the meetings scheduled. Your help and support are needed.

Interesting to note is that we Scottish Rite Masons meet on the grounds of an historic site - the first Masonic Lodge House owned by a Masonic Lodge in America was erected on the present site in 1768. The city of Albany has the distinction of being the home of the oldest working body still in existence of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection received its charter on December 20, 1767 from Henry Andrew Francken, Deputy Inspector General of all the Superior Degrees of Masons in the West Indies and North America.

The Chapter of Rose Croix was chartered in 1824.

In the late 1700's there were three Blue Lodges, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Commandery of Knights Templar and the Lodge of Perfection, AASR.

The Albany Temple will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary next year and we need your help to highlight the meaning of Masonry and our heritage that was felt when Albany was a "Masonic Town". A lot of good men has passed through these historical doors, including five Grand Masters, Mayor William Hackett and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Times have changed and since the high point of membership in 1929, our numbers have been decreasing at a rapid rate. If it continues on this downward trend, by the year 2000, Masonry will be on display in a glass cage in the State Museum like the Indians of old. However, none of us should be included in the "Prophets of Doom" and speak of Masonry and Scottish Rite shortly becoming history. Your help is needed in getting that pendulum swinging the other way. New members are needed, and it is up to you to get those new folks to join our ranks. Masonry is alive and will continue to flourish. We still pay our bills and make necessary improvements in the temple. More importantly, our presence is felt in the community.

We are not moving and have no immediate intentions of moving. Neither are any of the other bodies in the temple planning to move now.

As Most Wise Master, your help is needed in fulfilling the obligation and commitment I've assumed. Your attendance at our meetings is most important and helpful. We'll have programs this year which can only be successful with your participation. As for you officers, you too have taken on a responsibility. Be at all

of our meetings if within the length of your cabletow and help make this a great year for the Chapter.

See you at Chapter
George E. Thomas
Most Wise Master

AASR NEWS

**Albany Scottish Rite Sponsored
Poster Contest at Wm. S. Hackett
Middle School 7th & 8th Grade**

Scottish Rite Poster Contest
for 1993

The contest was another success.
Following are the winners:

1st. prize - \$200.00 Savings Bond
to Jamie Weeks

2nd. prize - \$100.00 Savings Bond
to Ida Marie Rougle

3rd. prize - \$75.00 Savings Bond
to Dom Oliveri

4th. prize - \$75.00 Savings Bond
to Mary O'Brien

*Thank you all
for your support.*

Chairman,

James L. Fuller

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

SUMMA CUM LAUDE



ALAN C. LEWIS

Brother Lewis was born on October 1, 1932 and attended the Berlin, New York public schools. He graduated from the Berlin Central School in 1950.

Alan is married to the former Shirley A. Haman. They have three daughters - Kim René, Tracie Ann and Aimee Elisabeth.

Brother Lewis is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, having received his BS degree in 1957 and an MS degree in 1959, majoring in mathematics and physics.

He spent three years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1953 with the rank of Petty Officer Third Class.

Having spent time with the New York State Teachers Association, Brother Lewis has been Legislative Relations Coordinator for the New York State United Teachers since 1972, which position he now holds.

He is a member of the Delmar Methodist Church and served as its Director of Youth Fellowship in 1965.

Brother Lewis began his Masonic career in Van Rensselaer Lodge No. 400, F & AM in Hoosick, New York where he was raised a Master Mason on December 2, 1957. He served as its Master in 1963 and 1964 and as Secretary from 1967 to 1971.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1994, Alan Clark Lewis, Commander-In-Chief of the Albany Sovereign Consistory from May 1991 to May 1993, will be coroneted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°.

In recognition of Brother Lewis achieving this highest Honor in Scottish Rite Freemasonry, a testimonial dinner will be held in his behalf, Saturday, November 12, 1994, at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road, Colonie. Formal invitation can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Rite Light.

Brother Lewis was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada near the Grand Lodge of New York from 1969 to 1972. Over a period of time he has served on the Grand Lodge 1981 Bicentennial Committee; the Grand Lodge Education Committee; and the Grand Lodge Taxation Committee.

Brother Lewis affiliated with Bethlehem (now Onesquethau) Lodge No. 1096 in 1964 and has served as its Master in 1977 and 1983. He has been Secretary of this lodge since 1985.

Since 1958 Brother Lewis has kept himself very active in the Order of Eastern Star. He has been Patron in Berkshire Star No. 500 in 1959, 1961, 1963 and 1970; and also Patron in Onesquethau Chapter No. 223 in 1975 and 1988.

He served as Grand Marshal for the Order of Eastern Star, New York State, in 1960 and became Grand Patron, OES in 1978.

Amongst his many memberships, Brother Lewis is a Life Member of the Capital District Masonic (Charities) Association, serving as its Treasurer from 1980 to 1987.

He belongs to Temple Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons and served as its High Priest in 1985.

Brother Lewis served as District Deputy Grand High Priest, 10th Capital District, Royal Arch Masons from 1990 to 1992.

He is a member of the DeWitt Clinton Council No. 22, Cryptic Masons and Temple Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar in Albany, the Albany York Rite College No. 24,

Albany Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland.

He has been a member of the Valley of Albany Scottish Rite Bodies since November 1964. He has served as Sovereign Prince of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem from 1982 to 1983 and as Commander-In-Chief of the Albany Sovereign Consistory from 1991 to 1993.

Brother Lewis also is a member of Cyprus Temple, AAONMS, Albany, NY. He served as president of the Past Masters Unit in 1984 and as President of the Greater Albany Shrine Club in 1987.

Letter from a would-be customer to a mail-order house: "Please send me the food processor listed on page 73 in your catalog. If it's any good, I'll send you a check."

Reply from the mail-order house: "Please send us your check. If it is any good, we'll send the food processor."



Russell Jay LaGrange, Jr., 32°, MSA
 Commander-In-Chief
 of the
 Albany Sovereign Consistory
 takes pleasure in announcing
 that the Active Membership of the Supreme Council
 Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
 of Freemasonry
 Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
 has elected

ALAN CLARK LEWIS

to become
 an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°

September 27, 1994

Anticipating that he will be coroneted
 in Cleveland, Ohio

the Valley of Albany will hold

a TESTIMONIAL DINNER

in Alan's Honour

at

Holiday Inn - Turf

Wolf Road, Colonie

Saturday Evening

November 12, 1994

Social Hour with Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres

six o'clock

followed by

Rock Cornish Game Hen Dinner

seven o'clock

\$25.00 per person

Ladies & Guests invited

Black tie/Evening gowns optional

ALAN C. LEWIS TESTIMONIAL

NOVEMBER 12, 1994

Reserve-----Dinners for me @ \$25.00 each. Enclosed is my check payable to AASR
 for the total number of dinners - \$----- Name _____

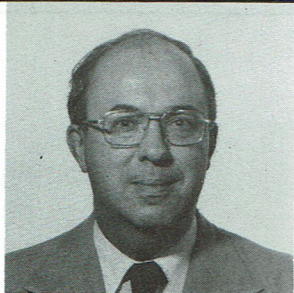
Name of Lady (Guest) _____

If Possible, please seat me with _____

Mail this reservation and your check to: Richard G. Barrell, Secretary
 Valley of Albany, AASR, 67 Corning Place, Albany, NY 12207-1904

Deadline - November 1, 1994

Your tickets will be held at the door.



FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Sublime Princes, a new year is beginning and as your Commander-In-Chief I would appreciate your participation and support in making it a banner one for Scottish Rite Masonry in Albany. I will give the Office the best that I can, but remind you that without your help we can generate "plenty of nothing".

I am the second of your new one-year term Commanders-In-Chief. I hope that my performance will parallel the excellence of my predecessor, Ill. William Iacocca, whom I personally thank for his sagacious guidance, counsel and example.

The 1994-95 schedules have been distributed. I would appreciate your reserving the following two dates and planning on attending and participating: Saturday, October 15, which is our Fall Reunion, and Wednesday, October 26, which is the scheduled Area IV meeting. I am anticipating full support by the Officers and members of the Consistory to make these meaningful events.

There are also two Testimonials at which your presence would be appreciated to honor two very deserving Scottish Rite Masons. On Saturday, October 8, William Tschumi will be feted for his receipt of the Meritorious Service Award; on Saturday,

November 12, Ill. Alan Lewis will be toasted for his coroneting as an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°.

It is not too late to start thinking about the 1995 Annual Ladies Night. Our May event may have been sparsely attended, but was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Your individual input as members would be most sincerely appreciated with respect to determining a date and place which you would feel comfortable with. For many years the event was held the first Friday in December in Latham. In May we met in Albany. Any suggestions????

At this year's Council of Deliberation in Syracuse, emphasis was placed on degree work. Many degrees are being rewritten to bring them more up-to-date without impairing or weakening the important lessons that they teach.

In December, I have arranged to have the Sigma bodies exemplify a degree for us. It will be a degree that, to my knowledge, we in Albany have not put on (at least for many years anyway). I believe that it is enriching and enlightening to witness degrees with which we are not familiar. Perhaps we will become interested in trying to come up with a team to put them on ourselves or in conjunction with the Delta and/or Sigma bodies.

There is a need for Degree performance enhancement. This implies rehearsals. Officers have assigned roles at our Annual Reunions and frequently fill in for Second Section Allegories. It is my intent to try to have more frequent rehearsals this

year than in the past so that our Degree presentation will be more effective and meaningful.

As there is only one scheduled Scottish Rite meeting per month, it is hoped that every effort can be made by members of all of our bodies to attend and support the particular body which is hosting that night's event. This was one of the reasons why the schedule was cut back from what it was in the past. We need to consider the Scottish Rite as a cohesive whole and work together toward that end.

Last year at Symposium 2001 in Utica, major concerns of Scottish Rite Masonry were addressed. One of the programs which was stressed and which the Albany Valley is supporting is "RE-Member" the Blue Lodge. Some Valleys have made significant strides in promoting the objectives of this program. Hopefully, we will be able to pursue a more vigorous posture in this effort.

I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed the summer recess. I look forward to meeting and working with you in September to make things happen in Scottish Rite.

Russell LaGrange, Jr.
Commander-In-Chief

Customer: Did you know that the sign on your door says "Fishing Tickle"?

Clerk: Oh, yes. Many people have mentioned it. But whenever they drop in to tell me, they always wind up buying something.

After the baby shower:

The sales clerk, exasperated by the number of items a new mother intends to exchange or return, asks "Are you at least going to keep the baby?"



OUR NEW SOVEREIGN PRINCE

To be elected Sovereign Prince of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Valley of Albany, AASR is certainly an honor I humbly accept. You can be sure that I will give it my best during the year ahead and I thank you all for the trust reposed in me.

To give you a better idea as to who I am, I was born in Rochester, NY on July 16, 1933 and spent most of my youth in Maine. After a hitch in the US Navy, I married by lovely wife, Marion, who has been with me for thirty-three years. We have four sons and three daughters.

My profession is mainly electrical work.

My Masonic career began in Philmont, NY where I petitioned and was elected to membership in Agawamuk Lodge No. 841. We then moved to the town of Clermont, NY and I subsequently took out a dual membership in Monumental Lodge No. 374. In 1987 I joined both York and Scottish Rites and Cyprus Temple Shrine. I have been President of the Hillbilly Band for the past five years.

To start the year off in Council, Thursday, October 6 we will have a "Bring a Friend Night" (Prospective Masons and/or Prospective Scottish

Rite Masons). This meeting is open to the ladies also. A chicken dinner will be served before at 6:45 PM in the Albany Temple Banquet Hall. The cost is \$8.50 per person. Your invited prospect is free. For reservations, send your check to the Secretary at 67 Corning Place, Albany, NY 12207-1904, payable to AASR. Be sure to state the number of prospective friends you are bringing. During dinner, the Cyprus Hillbilly Band will entertain us.

Looking ahead, we will have a venison dinner February 2, 1995.

Your support is appreciated.

Edward J. Lester
Sovereign Prince

*"Judge a man by his
questions rather than
his answers."*

—Voltaire



The Correct Way . . .

Our Deputy asks that the following guidelines be used by the Valley, until superseded by directives of the Supreme Council, AASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

"It is NOT improper to wear your Scottish Rite cap at all Valley functions: in fact, you are encouraged to do so.

"The cap SHOULD BE REMOVED from your head during prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, altar preparations, and Obligations to Candidates. Hold the cap in your left hand at side, with arm extended downward.

"The SIGN OF FIDELITY should always be given during altar preparations, Obligations to Candidates, addressing Officers during tiled meetings, or Degrees, as well as during prayer in the LODGE room, but NOT in the Dining Room.

"The SIGN OF FIDELITY is also given during the OPENING and CLOSING DECLARATIONS, except in the Chapter of Rose Croix where the sign of the Good Shepherd is used.

"The other exception is the PROPER SALUTE in the CONSISTORY which is the SIGN OF FIDELITY, FOLLOWED BY EXTENDING THE ARM FORWARD WITH PALM DOWN AND LOWERING TO YOUR SIDE, ALL IN ONE CONTINUING MOTION.

"During the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and the National Anthem, place your right hand over your heart."

..... TEAR HERE

BRING A FRIEND NIGHT OCTOBER 6

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TSCHUMI TO BE FETED

William F. Tschumi of Cohoes, New York was born in Troy, NY in 1927.

He attended the Troy and Lansingburgh Public Schools and graduated from the Lansingburgh High School.

He is a graduate of the Troy Business College and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Married to the former Shirley A. Clark in 1949, they have one daughter, Ellen Ruth.

Brother Tschumi was formerly employed at the Ford Motor Company and after 37 years he retired as Vice President of the Snack Food Distributors.

He was raised in Cohoes Lodge No. 116 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1974, 1985 and 1991. He also was its Brotherhood Chairman from 1991 to 1994.

Bill was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1979/80.

He is a member of Cohoes Chapter No. 168, Royal Arch Masons and served as its High Priest in 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Bill is a past president of the Cohoes Masonic Temple Association and is currently its Treasurer. He is also a member of the Right Worshipful Association of the Rensselaer/Schenectady District.

Bill joined the Troy Delta Bodies and the Albany Sovereign Consistory on October 11, 1980. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Award last June at the Council of Deliberation held in Syracuse, New York. He served as Most Wise Master of the Delta Chapter Rose Croix in 1990.

Brother Tschumi also belongs to the Royal Arch Masons and the Council Officers Association of the Capitular District No. 10.

He is a member of Oriental Shrine and the Troy Area Shrine Club. Bill also belongs to the Past Masters Association of the Old 17th Masonic District and is a representative to the Troy Masonic Association.

He belongs to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Friends of Pruyn House.

An active communicant of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Latham, Bill has served 13 years as Communion Stewart, and has been chairman of their Trustees, Staff Parish Relations and the Finance Committee.

In his idle moments, Brother Tschumi enjoys woodworking, refinishing and canoeing.

A testimonial dinner in Bill's honor

for receiving the Meritorious Service Award, will be held on Saturday, October 8, at the Troy Masonic Temple. A cash bar will commence at six o'clock in the evening, followed by roast beef dinner at Seven. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Reservations by check to Troy Delta Bodies should be made with Joseph Posefsky, Delta Bodies, 9 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY 12181.

Check Your Social Security Benefits

A good first step in retirement planning is to know how much Social Security income you can expect. Call 800/772-1213 and request a free Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement request form. Complete the form and return it to the Social Security Administration. Within four weeks, you will receive a detailed history of your earnings, along with benefits estimates for retirement at age 62, at normal retirement age 65, and at age 70. You will also find out about survivor and disability benefits.



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

— John Quincy Adams

VALLEY OF TROY ELECTS

At the annual meeting of the Valley of Troy, the following officers were elected and installed.

Delta Lodge of Perfection: Thrice Potent Master - Byron D. Moak, Deputy Master - Robert Roseberger, Senior Warden - Ralph E. Shaffer, Junior Warden - Lewis O. Slocum, Master of Ceremonies - Conrad F. Gangone - Master of Enterances - Richard Lebowich.

Delta Chapter of Rose Croix: Most Wise Master - Bruce C. Jerome, Senior Warden - Donald D. Seyboth, Junior Warden - Frank J. Guinta, Orator - Merrill R. Fuller, Master of Ceremonies - Raymond J. Jerome, Jr., Captain of the Guard - Howard Clarkson.

Thrice Potent Master, Byron D. Moak is a Past Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 355, located in Lansingburgh, Troy, New York. He is also a member of the Shrine, Oriental Temple No. 7 A.A.O.N.M.S. Troy, New York. He is presently Publicity Chairman for Oriental Temple. Brother Moak is a teacher in the Lansingburgh High School at Troy. He has been active in the Lansingburgh and New York State Parent Teachers Association.

Sovereign Prince, Dough Hull is a Past Master of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge No. 91 in Troy. He is also a noble in Oriental Temple No. 7 A.A.O.N.M.S.. Brother Hull is Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Rensselaer-Schenectady Masonic

District. He is Assistant Grand Lecturer for the 10th Capitular District of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. He has also served as Monarch for the Iran Grotto, in Troy. Brother Hull is self-employed as a contract electrician.

Most Wise Master, Bruce C. Jerome is a Past Master of Apollo Lodge No. 13, Troy, New York. He is a noble of Oriental Temple No. 7 A.A.O.N.M.S., Troy. Brother Jerome is a member of the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company. He is a member of the Star of Liberty No. 379 Order of the Eastern Star. He holds dual membership in King Solomon's Primitive Lodge No. 91. Brother Jerome is a retired Building Engineer for the New York State Education Department.

"My experience in government is that when things are non-controversial and beautifully coordinated, there is not much going on."

—John F. Kennedy

MASTER'S WAGES

A Master's Wages may be the same or different for any two brothers. They are friendships formed through Freemasonry; the consciousness of unselfish work; taking part in movements and actions for the betterment of the condition of neighbors; inherent in learning and in making it possible for other men to learn that men of widely different beliefs, convictions, circumstances, education, skills and character may live and work, play and love together in peace and happiness. A Master's Wages are intangible, but the more real because any brother may earn as much as he will.

I worked for menial wages
Only to learn, dismayed,
Any wage I asked of lodge
Lodge would have paid'

This is a paraphrase indicating that there is no limit to the Master's Wages which any brother may receive, except that which he may put upon himself.

—MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

"It is better to wear out than to rust out."

—Richard Cumberland

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

—Spencer Beebe

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

—Native American Proverb



RECENT GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

At the 230th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, F & A M of the State of New York held in New York City, May 3, 1994, Brother Robert G. Balzer, 32°, member of the Valley of Albany Scottish Rite, was elected Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

Brother Balzer was born in Queens, New York on November 12, 1937 and now resided in Woodstock, NY with his wife Dorothy. They have four children and one grandchild.

Bob graduated from Clarkson University with a BSID in 1959 and was employed with IBM for thirty-two years. He is now a self-employed consultant and sales representative specializing in training and development.

Brother Balzer served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. and Medical Service Corps. from 1959 to 1967 and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

The Balzers are active communicants of Christ Lutheran Church in Woodstock.

Bob began his Masonic career in the Queen City Chapter, Order of DeMolay and was raised in Harlem Valley Lodge No. 827, Pawling, NY

on June 16, 1959. He served as Master of his lodge in 1988 and 1989.

Brother Balzer was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Dutchess District for 1990 to 1992. He has served on various District and Grand Lodge Committees including, Brotherhood Fund, Fair Booth, Membership Development Umbrella Committee, Area 5 Chairman for Membership Development, Grand Master's Planning and Educational Task Force on redistricting.

He is a member of the Valley of Albany and takes an active part in the two reunions held. He belongs to Cyprus Temple, AAONMS and is a member of the Past Masters Unit and Ulster County Shrine Club. Bob also belongs to Tri-Po-Bed Grotto.

In his spare (?) time, Brother Balzer enjoys woodworking, old cars and model railroading.

The Rite Light extends warm wishes to Brother Balzer for a successful term of office as Junior Grand Warden.

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations also to Laurence A. Brown - District Deputy Grand Master of the Columbia District; Anthony M. Balunas - District Deputy Grand Master of the Delaware District; and William C. Murphy - Staff Officer of the Dutchess District.

Teacher: Andrew, can you tell me where Brazil is?
 Andrew: (stalling) Uh, where do you think it is?
 Teacher: I don't think, I know.
 Andrew: I don't think I know either.

"Remember when students brought their teachers apples?" one teacher sighed to another during a loud and frenzied recess period. "I do," the other replied, "Now, they just drive us bananas."

PEACE and HARMONY

Peace and Harmony is as much part of Masonry as two and two makes four, but sometimes when we forget these words of wisdom and think of ourselves instead of all the Brethren, we border on disruption of meetings. We must at all times take a very broad outlook on what constitutes things for the good of the Order, and not enter the narrow path that does not allow for give and take. Although we as Brother Masons belong to Masonic Lodges that are numbered, we at the same time belong to the great Brotherhood of Free and Accepted Masons that is universal. Let's remember, that Peace and Harmony is the chief strength and support of all regulated institutions and from this we can go on to build greater things for all mankind, and love for each other. If differences do arise it is far better to sit down and talk things out in a peaceful manner than to air them out for all to hear.

If being a Mason means anything to us: if to spread the knowledge of Masonry means anything to us, then we must surely ask ourselves, "Am I truly living and acting as a Mason?" Masonry will stand or fall according to how its members carry out its high moral and spiritual precepts. It is by showing what sort of Masons we are, that we encourage, or discourage other men to desire to be one with us and to join our beloved Order.

—EL PASO BULLETIN

NOT FREE

It would appear that too many of our brethren have misinterpreted "Freemason" to mean free from attending lodge, free from helping the Master, free from fulfilling obligations voluntarily assumed, free from taking part in the work and free from giving any effort or time toward the welfare of the lodge.

Masonry, my brother, is not free. Its rights, lights and benefits can be purchased with your time and effort. Let us make it a point, from now on, not to wait until we have a free evening before we attend lodge, but sacrifice just a few of our other pleasures to support our great Fraternity in which we claim to have so much pride.

—EXCHANGE

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CLEVELAND, OHIO SITE OF 182ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, N.M.J.U.S.A.

An attendance of more than 2,200 made up of nearly 1,200 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies are expected to visit Cleveland, Ohio, between September 23-28 as the Supreme Council for Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the 15-state Northern Jurisdiction holds its 182nd Annual Meeting.

The Cleveland Supreme Council Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's Thirty-third Degree upon 139 Scottish Rite Masons who were nominated and elected to receive this high honor at the 1993 meeting at Boston, Massachusetts. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place in Cleveland's Convention Center Music Hall on Tuesday evening, September 27.

Introductory luncheons honoring the Thirty-third Degree candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon with the Men's event scheduled for the Grand Ballroom, Stouffer Tower City Plaza Hotel while the Ladies' Luncheon will be held in the Ambassador Ballroom at Stouffer's.

Business conferences attended by the Active Members and officers of the Supreme Council will be held September 23 and September 24.

The larger-scale events will begin on Sunday, September 25, when the Grand Ballroom of the Stouffer Tower will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service. The Rev. Lewis W. Raymond, 33°, Pastor Emeritus of The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, will deliver the Vesper message.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Robert O. Ralston, 33° will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council which will open on Monday, September 26, in the Cleveland Convention Center Music Hall. In the course of these particular meetings, it is anticipated that prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and South America will join Northern Jurisdiction members for report and discussion periods.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Mart will be set up in the Gold Room of the Stouffer Tower and there will be seminars on Monday, including such Scottish Rite activities as the jurisdiction-wide date processing system and the increasing use of video to improve the production and presentation of degree.

The 1994 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Milwaukee, Wisconsin in October 1995.

Choosing Words That Have Dignity

When writing about or referring to people with disabilities, it's important to focus on the *person* and not the disability. What you write and say can enhance the dignity of people with disabilities and promote positive attitudes about their abilities, according to the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

On the occasion of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, being observed in the U.S. in October, learn these recommended guidelines from the President's Committee:

Do Say

- persons who *are* blind, or visually impaired
- persons who *are* deaf, or hearing impaired
- persons who *have* multiple sclerosis (MS)
- persons *affected* by cerebral palsy (CP)
- persons *with* muscular dystrophy (MD)
- persons *with* mental retardation
- persons *with* epilepsy
- persons who *use* a wheelchair
- *physically disabled*
- *unable to speak*
- persons *without disabilities, non-disabled*

Instead of

- *the blind*
- *the deaf*
- *afflicted by MS*
- *victims of CP*
- *stricken by MD*
- *retarded, mentally defective*
- *epileptic*
- *confined or restricted to a wheelchair*
- *crippled, lame, deformed*
- *mute*
- *normal*

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