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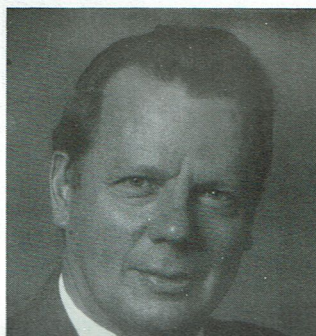
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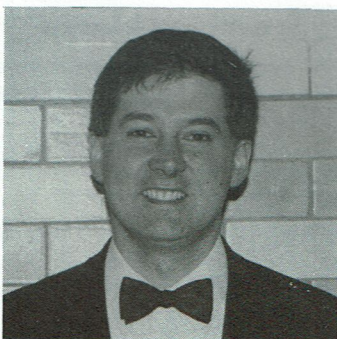
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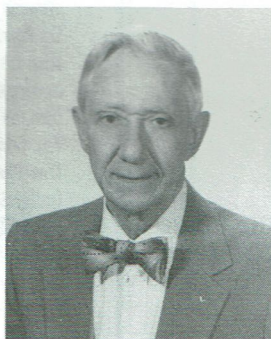
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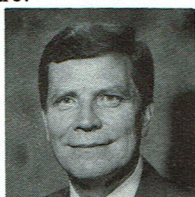


ILL..Richard G. Barrell, 33°
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**GET THOSE PETITIONS IN
TODAY
FALL REUNION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1996**

Allegiance

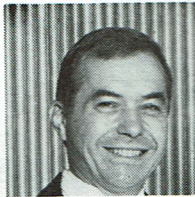
The Bodies of Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Albany, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and whose Officers are:



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"God could not be everywhere,
and therefore he made mothers."

- Jewish Proverb



Today's Strength - Tomorrow's Hope
Scottish Rite Masonic Family Life Program



**Are You
Beating the
DRUM
for Petitions
to the Fall
Reunion?**

**Jump on the Bandwagon!
Fall Class: October 19**

The Pledge of Allegiance

From the Red Skelton Hour, January 14, 1969

I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name...He Said:

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

I - me, an individual, a committee of one

Pledge - dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity

Allegiance - my love and my devotion

To the Flag - our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United - that means that we have all come together

States - individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

Of America

And to the Republic - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation - meaning, so blessed by God

Indivisible - incapable of being divided

With liberty - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats of fear or some sort of retaliation

And justice - The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all - which means it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance - "under God."

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from our schools, too?

Red Skelton, 33°



On April 27, 1996, The Reserve Officers Training Corps conducted the 46th Annual "Presidential Awards Ceremony" at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

Among those honored were: Air Force: Cadet Melanie A. Schlosser
Army: Cadet Daniel J. Meyers
Navy: Cadet Timothy J. Buckley

A National Sojourners Award was presented to each of them by Ill. Francis Miner 33°, who was representing our Sovereign Grand Commander, the Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Active.

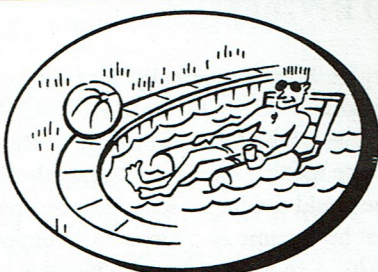
Depicted in the photo, reading left to right are; Cadet Melanie A. Schlosser Cadet Daniel J. Meyers; Cadet Timothy J. Buckley; and presenter Ill.: Francis Miner, 33° of the Albany Sovereign Consistory.

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy."

- Abraham Lincoln

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

- Arthur Godfrey



Stay Cool!

"A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman, of the next generation."

- J.F. Clarke

VICTORY DAY, AUGUST 14, 1996

On this date in 1945, President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered to the Allies, bringing the war in the Pacific, and World War II to an end. The surrender came little more than a week after the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb used against an aggressor, devastating the city of Hiroshima. Several days later, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The peace treaty was signed on September 2 aboard the U.S. battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

1996-97 AASR OFFICERS - VALLEY of ALBANY

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Director 24th	Richard F. Cesare
Director 26th	Richard G. Barrell
Director 20th & 32nd	Ronald H. Noll
Class Marshal	Frederick A. Werking
Assistant Class Marshal	Lewis O. Slocum

U.S. PRESIDENTS AND THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE

There has been some loose talk about Presidents of the United States being Thirty-third Degree Masons. Actually but two Presidents have had this honor—Harry S. Truman and Gerald R. Ford. Truman was crowned in Washington, D.C. on October 19, 1945. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1940 and signed the Dispensation and Charter of the Missouri Lodge of Research of which he became its Master in 1950, while President. Warren Gamaliel Harding was elected to receive the 33° on September 22, 1921. On September 20, 1922 he wrote a letter to the Sovereign Grand Commander stating that he could not be present. He was given an extension of one year but died before the degree was conferred. An oddity in this case is that he became an Entered Apprentice on June 28, 1901, received his Fellowcraft on August 13, 1920 and Master Mason on August 27, 1920. A short time later he became a member of a great many Masonic bodies and visited frequently. Ford received the 32° in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on October 16, 1957 and the 33° on September 26, 1962, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



The Sovereign Prince

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in allowing me to preside over our Council of Princes of Jerusalem. I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Our Valley is endeavoring to stimulate increased attendance at our meetings and the recruitment of new members. It cannot attain its goal without your support. We are trying to schedule programs that will appeal to you. If you have any suggestions for programs that would be of interest to our members, please share your suggestions with any of the presiding officers. They will welcome your ideas and do their utmost to facilitate them. I try to attend all of our meetings, not only for the programs presented, but more so because of the camaraderie and good fellowship I enjoy each time we gather together. I cherish my Scottish Rite Mason Brothers as my closest and most trustworthy friends. Come and join us and take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

To my officers, I thank you for accepting your office. However, with that acceptance you have also assumed a responsibility. You have agreed to help me with my duties

to advance Scottish Rite Masonry, and I expect you to honor that obligation. I hope you will try to attend all of the meetings of our Valley, but it is especially important that you attend our **Council Assemblies October 3, 1996 and February 6, 1997**. If for some good reason you are unable to attend, please call me at home (518) 439-2288 or work (518) 449-5576 to be excused.

It is not too early to petition new members. Our Fall Reunion, October 19, 1996, will be here before you know it. Let's try to have our largest class ever. In addition, why don't all you members of our Valley make a sincere effort to attend. Our casts work hard to put on the degrees. Why not attend the reunions and reacquaint yourself with the valuable and important lessons these degrees portray.

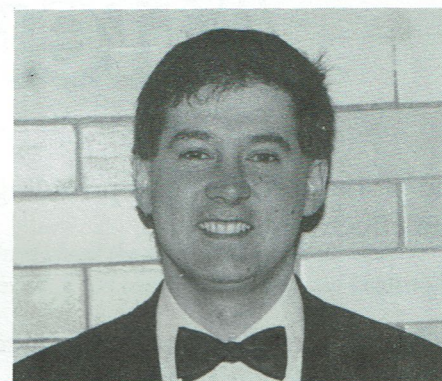
Your Scottish Rite Brother
Warren D Moessner
Sovereign Prince

"The artist who aims at perfection in everything achieves it in nothing."

- Delacroix

"Short as life is, we make it still shorter by the careless waste of time."

- Victor Hugo



From the Most Wise Master

Thank you for electing me as Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Albany. I look forward to meeting with you and working together.

This June, we just came back from attending Council of Deliberation at Lake Placid, my first official gathering since being elected Most Wise Master. This first experience started out a little rocky because after driving three hours and arriving at ten o'clock at night, my wife said "Where did you put my dress? - as we were unpacking the car. So, very early the next morning I couldn't wait to go dress shopping in the village.

All the meetings were enjoyed but the most memorable was the church service where we listened to God and Job talk - (ie) Richard H. Welkley and Bruce W. Widger who played the parts.

The first meeting will be **November 7 at 8:00 pm** in the Albany Masonic Temple. I hope to see you there.

James M. Fuller, 32°
Chapter of Rose Croix

Attention Please!

Officers Training Session

One of the gifts of a good presiding officer is knowing what his responsibilities are and executing them with effectiveness.

A Leader!



Ill. Alan C Lewis, 33° has scheduled an officers training program for Thursday evening, September 5, 1996, beginning at seven o'clock, in the Scottish Rite Hall, Albany. Refreshments to follow.

It is your duty as an officer to attend this meeting. For only through training and learning can you expect to enhance your performance.

Call Alan Lewis ONLY if you are unable to attend (459-5400 or 439-3931 at home).

Remember the date: Thursday, September 5, 1996.

Area Four Reunion Training

All Officers, MSA's, 33rds and particularly Degree Directors, Cast Members, Stage-Props-Regalia Hands and support groups, are asked to attend this meeting - important to everyone. Other Valley members are welcome, also.

Dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 PM.

While there is no charge for dinner, your check for \$5.00 (refundable at the door), payable to Sigma Bodies, MUST be sent to Robert M Armbrust, 6984 Amsterdam Road, Scotia NY 12302. Absolutely NO PHONE RESERVATIONS.

Mark your calendar NOW for Wednesday, October 4, 1996, 6:30 PM, at Beukendaal Lodge, Schonowe Avenue, Scotia, New York (first right at traffic light after crossing Mohawk River bridge).

Hotel Safety Tips

The American Hotel and Motel Association suggests that travelers follow these safety tips:

1. Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel room without verifying who is on the other side. If the person claims to be an employee, call the front desk to make sure they dispatched someone to your room.
2. Always use the main entrance when returning late in the evening. Be observant and look around before entering parking lots.
3. Close the door securely whenever you are in your room, and use all the locking devices provided.
4. Place all valuables in the hotel safe before retiring. Don't leave valuables in your car.
5. If you see any suspicious activity, report it to management.

"If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

- Dolly Parton



"The problem with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it."

- Franklin P. Jones

Find these summer words in the scrambler below:

Heat	Lifeguard
Scorcher	Swim
Beach	Barbecue
Sun	Tan
Sand	Lemonade
Surf	Iced Tea
Volleyball	Baseball
Pool	Vacation

L	L	A	B	Y	E	L	L	O	V	N
I	O	L	E	M	O	N	A	D	E	O
F	O	T	X	H	R	I	B	N	B	I
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R	K	J	I	S	O	E	R	T	E	V
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F	R	G	F	I	S	R	O	E	A	L
G	U	D	E	U	H	A	N	C	L	M
J	S	A	N	D	C	B	B	I	L	A

The Brother Who, Had No, Will

I asked him straight out "Jim do you have a Will?"

We replied Without blinking "No and I don't need one either. "

I swallowed Here was a married Member of the Craft in his late 50 's who was either grossly misinformed about the need for a Will or who simply didn't care. Instead of backing off I decided to press on. Perhaps I could persuade him to change his mind. If so I could do both him and his family a favor.

"You know " I began "you 're wrong about not needing a Will "

He blinked.

"That's right " I said "If you die without a valid Will or other appropriate documents state laws will determine the disposition of your estate. And the state 's Will for you may be far from what you might want. "

Since they must "go by the book " they will not be able to consider your desires. Nor will they provide anything for the charities you on have supported so faithfully over the years Probate costs will likely be greater and a stranger may be named to represent you. Your lack of direction concerning your desires will likely cause confusion and frustration among your relatives. In short you 'll leave behind a mess.

I told him about estate taxes and how they could diminish what passes through to his children after his wife 's death. "By making certain provisions in your Will " I explained "these taxes could be reduced or avoided altogether. "

I sensed he was having second thoughts about his no Will mind-set. I pressed on: "By the way have you considered what would happen if you and your wife should die in a common disaster? "

He looked down He had never allowed for that possibility. He just assumed he would die first and that his wife would then do some estate planning with the help of the kids and an attorney.

I could see the wheels turning as he imagined the various scenarios of a common death. Where would the estate Go? How would the children benefit? What about the court-appointed administrator and the expenses of selling property and gathering records? What about all the misunderstandings and family problems that could develop? And what about those charitable organizations he supported? What about the good works of the Masonic Homes or the other Masonic Charities?

Finally, Jim spoke, "How do I go about making a Will?"

If you find yourself without a Will, or with a Will that is out-of-date, contact a reputable estate planning attorney and make an appointment today.

Have You Been CONNED?

If so, you're not alone. Last year, swindlers used scams to cheat consumers out of about \$40 billion. Have you ever:

- ✓ Given your credit card number to a phone solicitor?
- ✓ Purchased land you haven't seen?
- ✓ Sent money as part of a chain letter?
- ✓ Agreed to home repairs that were quick, cheap and paid for up front?

Be skeptical of anything that sounds too good to be true or promises of easy money. If you are the victim of a con artist, report it to the police immediately. Here are some tips to avoid cons (you may have heard them before, but they're worth repeating):

- ✓ Don't trust strangers who ask for or offer you instant cash.
- ✓ Get more information before buying the "sure thing."
- ✓ Check out charities that are new to you with the local Better Business Council before contributing.
- ✓ Don't give your credit card number to anyone over the phone.

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



127th ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION for THE STATE OF NEW YORK

THE HOLIDAY INN SUN SPREE
Lake Placid, NY, U. S. A.

June 15, 1996

Committees, Area Meeting Chairmen
and
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The Chairman of each Committee or Panel shall appoint a secretary to record the minutes of each session. The Secretaries' Meeting, the Treasurers' Meeting, the Communications Panel, the Hospitalers Panel, and the Membership Panel will be led by the brethren indicated above. Secretaries have already been assigned to some meetings. A legible, corrected copy of all GROUPS' minutes shall be submitted to the Council Secretary NOT LATER THAN August 15, 1996.

COMMITTEES, AREA MEETING CHAIRMEN AND PANEL CHAIRMEN APPOINTMENTS

For the Year 1996-1997

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1996 SUPREME COUNCIL

An attendance of more than 2,000 made up of nearly 1,000 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies are expected to visit Boston, Massachusetts, between August 23-28 as the Supreme Council for Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the 15-state Northern Jurisdiction holds its 184th Annual Meeting.

The Boston Supreme Council Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's Thirty-third Degree upon Larry "Lars" LaBounty and 151 Scottish Rite Masons who were nominated and elected to receive this high honor at the 1995 meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 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 Boston's John Hancock Hall on Tuesday, August 27.

Introductory luncheons honoring the Thirty-third Degree candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon with both events scheduled at the Westin Hotel Copley Place.

Earlier business conferences attended by the Active Members and officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 23-24.

The larger-scale events will begin on Sunday afternoon, August 25, when the Grand Ballroom, Marriott Copley Place Hotel will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service. The Rev. John P. Robertson, 32°, Retired Minister of the First Congregational Church of Wakefield, will deliver the Vesper message. Assisting will be Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Raston, 33°; Grand Prior Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, Interim Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio; and Ill.:. Oscar A. Guinn, Jr., 33°, Retired Pastor, Westport Methodist Church in Westport.

Sovereign Grand Commander Ralston, installed in office at the 1993 meeting will be completing his initial term and will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council which will open on Monday morning, August 26, in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriot Copley Place Hotel. 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.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a luncheon for all ladies attending the Boston meeting which will take place in the American Ballroom, Westin Hotel Copley Place on Monday noon, August 25. Mrs. Susann Ralston, wife of the Sovereign Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon with entertainment following. At the same time, a luncheon will be served in the University of Massachusetts Exhibit Hall, Marriott Copley Place Hotel for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the 1996 Thirty-third Degree Class. On Monday evening, August 26, an entertainment program will be presented in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Copley Place Hotel. Special sightseeing tours will be available for the visitors.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will be set up in the University of Massachusetts Exhibit Hall, Marriott Copley Place Hotel, and there will be seminars on Tuesday, including such important topics as Children's Learning Centers in Action, and New Directions in Membership Procurement and Retention.

Throughout the week, there will be many smaller social functions occurring under the auspices of the 15 participating states and the 109 centers comprising the Northern Jurisdiction.

The 1996 meeting will end with the announcement for the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, 1997.



FROM THE INEFFABLE & SUBLIME GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION, 1767 - 14°:

Throughout the Albany District and Valley of Albany we have been hearing that Brethren are confused as to the purpose and goals for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Questions such as "What do you do?"; "What is a 32° Mason?"; "What is the structure of the Scottish Rite?"; "What are your programs?"; and the like are often asked. The goal for the Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing year is quite simple: Communicate to Members and nonmembers alike the workings and purpose of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. We will do this in a relaxed atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.

At the **September 09, 1996 8:00 pm** meeting we will answer questions and re-introduce you to the meaning of the A.A.S.R. Programs, Ritual and Goals will be explained. We ask that those of you who customarily attend regular meetings please bring other members who do not normally attend with you. We are very committed to "jump-starting" the Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Albany. The A.A.S.R. Valley of Albany is not a mystery. It is a great organization of Brethren working to-

gether for the purposes that most of us originally joined the Craft for. Come on down, don't worry about not knowing all the intricacies of procedure, and have a fun evening with your own Brethren.

At the Spring '97 meeting of the Lodge of Perfection we will be doing a similar presentation to nonmembers... similar to the "Brother Bring A Friend Night" most of you have heard about. This will again be a relaxed evening of fellowship and communication to get our message out.

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite has many laudable programs benefiting several different groups within our Society. We are sure you will be impressed and interested. Participating in the Valley of Albany does not require a lot of your time. Four days a year pretty much covers all of our formal activities. In addition there are optional social gatherings and occasional trips. In fact, in the Spring of 1997 we are planning a trip to A.A.S.R. Headquarters and Museum in Lexington, Mass. This will include guided tours of the Scottish Rite grounds, a guided tour of the newly expanded and nationally renown Scottish Rite Museum, a guided tour at Concord, and a day trip to downtown Boston... All in one exciting weekend. Ask those who went on a similar excursion about ten years ago... it was one of the most fun events we ever had.

If at any time you have questions about the Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Albany, dates, programs, activities, etc. please feel free to contact either myself, Peter Pafunda 32° at 518-456-6688, or Deputy Master Howard Lasker 32°

at 518-459-3345, or the Secretary, Richard G Barrell 33° at 518-434-8970.

In closing, I thank you for allowing me to serve you as Thrice Potent Master, I thank Howard Lasker for his help as Deputy Master, I thank all of our line Officers for their appreciated dedication, and I invite you all to enjoy a year of fellowship, communication, extended Masonic Family involvement and fun. God Bless.

Peter WJ Pafunda, 32°
Thrice Potent Master
Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, 1767 - 14°



The Brain Quiz

Scientists say that you can improve your work habits by determining whether you are a "left-brain" person or "right-brain" person. Those who work primarily with the left side of

their brains tend to be fastidious and orderly, wanting all the details on an assignment. So if you are left-sided, you may want to tailor your work habits to take advantage of these strengths by, say, creating a detailed filing system for your desk to better handle your assignments.

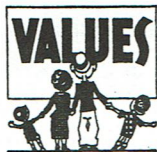
Right siders take a more easygoing approach to their work, concentrating more on the big picture. So if you are right-sided, you might excel at thinking of new ways your company can make money, rather than bothering with a complex filing system.

This quiz will help you determine which side you favor. With this information, you can work to your strengths and de-emphasize your weaknesses:

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| 1. When I enter a movie theater, I tend to sit on the:
A. right
B. left | 6. I usually know what time it is without looking at my watch.
A. yes
B. no |
| 2. I usually follow a hunch:
A. yes
B. no | 7. In school, I was better at:
A. geometry
B. algebra |
| 3. I always keep my things in specific places, so I know where they are.
A. yes
B. no | 8. I am more comfortable as:
A. speaker
B. listener |
| 4. I learn an activity best by:
A. imitation
B. studying the mechanics of how it works | 9. I plan activities:
A. in advance
B. spontaneously |
| 5. I change the pictures in my home several times a year.
A. yes
B. no | |

Give yourself one point if you checked any of the following: 1. A; 2. A; 3. B; 4. A; 5. A; 6. B; 7. A; 8. A; 9. B.

A score of 0-3 = left-brained; 4-5 mixed; 6-9 = right-brained



Contest Winners

In conjunction with last year's Family Life Program, the four top winners of the poster contest sponsored by the Valley of Albany were presented U S Savings Bonds at a recent school assembly, by the chairman of this event, James L Fuller, 32° MSA, assisted by his brother, Richard A Fuller, 32°.

One hundred six seventh and eighth grade students from Hackett Middle School in Albany participated in the poster contest, all using the theme "Family First...To Last". These posters were displayed in the Albany Masonic Temple and the Empire State Plaza where viewers were afforded the opportunity to cast a ballot on their four choices.

Julie Niedhamer Tenan, Principal of Hackett Middle School, (newly appointed to her position) told Chairman Jim Fuller that not being too familiar with our program, was pleasantly surprised that we actually awarded the winners with money in the form of savings bonds. She said that too often organizations wishing to involve students, merely "use them" to promote their own products and show little if any recognition to the students themselves. She thanked Fuller and Scottish Rite for their good work and community service.

The winners of the contest were: First Place (\$200 Savings Bond Tiffany Holbine; Second Place (\$100 Savings Bond) - Michelle Whelan; Third & Fourth Place (\$75 Savings Bond) - Chris Boise and Brittany Martinez.

Awards

Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships are given to qualified students in recognition of scholastic and all around achievements. Our goal is to help young people fulfill their career goals by assisting them financially as they further their education beyond high school.

We are delighted to award scholarships to the following:

\$750 ----- Jessica Lyn Dawber, daughter of Jack R Dawber, 32° of
Kerhonkson NY, enrolled in High Point University, NC.

\$1000 ----- Kristina Ann Miszko, daughter of Michael Miszko, 32° of
Accord NY, enrolled in Springfield College, MA.

\$1000 ----- Tanya April Miszko, daughter of Michael Miszko, 32° of
Accord NY, enrolled in the University of Dayton, OH.



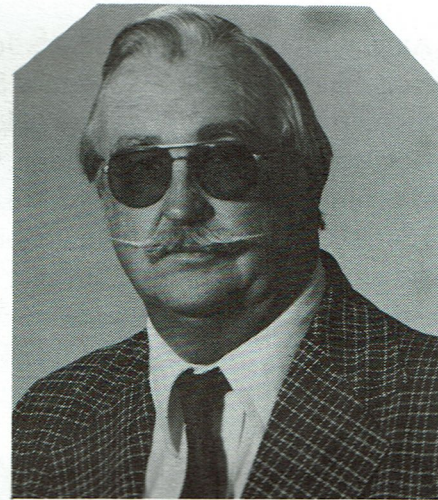
The support for the growing scholarship program comes from the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund established through the generous legacy of former Sovereign Grand Commander Leon W Abbott. The fund is strengthened by sharing in annual contributions to the "blue" envelope appeal

SPOTLIGHT

**Robert E Murphy, 32°
Nominated For
Meritorious Service Award**



At its 127th Annual Meeting held in Lake Placid, New York, June 14, 1996, the New York State Council of Deliberation announced that Robert E Murphy, 32° had been nominated to receive the prestigious Meritorious Service Award at the 128th meeting July 11, 1997 in Rochester, New York.



**Robert E Murphy, 32°
(MSA Elect)**

Best Wishes

Robert Murphy was born in Albany, New York, March 13, 1929 and attended the Albany Public Schools. He served in the U S Navy from 1949 until 1953 when he was honorably discharged.

Brother Murphy and his wife, Mary, reside in Voorheesville, New York. They have three sons - Lawrence, Roger and Thomas, and a daughter Pamela.

He is an active communicant of the First Lutheran Church in Albany NY having served as Deacon. Bob also served as Voorheesville Village Justice for 17 years.

Brother Murphy is a Past Master of Noah Lodge No 754, Altamont and was elected Assistant Secretary of Wadsworth Lodge No 417, Albany since 1988.

A member of the Valley of Albany since 1980, he has served as Thrice Potent Master and Sovereign Prince. He now assists with the stage crew.

The Rite Light congratulates Bob for this achievement, so richly deserved.

*"Be always sure you are right
— then go ahead,"*

- Davy Crockett

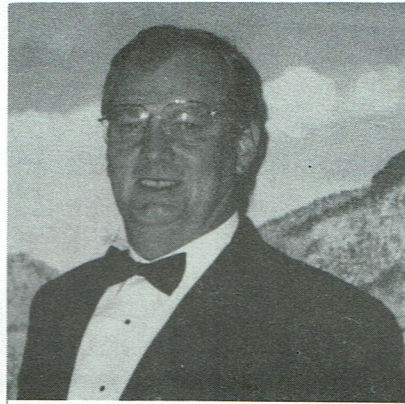


Malcolm L. Ogden, Sr. To Be Feted

At the 184th Annual Meeting of Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, August 24 to 27, 1996, Malcolm Ogden will be one of 152 Scottish Rite Masons to be coronetted an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°.

A testimonial dinner honoring Brother Ogden for him reaching this milestone in his Masonic career, will be held on Saturday evening, September 21, 1996, at Phelan's Banquet House, Route 9 (Exit 9 Northway), beginning at six o'clock.

The cost will be \$24.50 per person for a choice of beef or turkey. Reservation form to be sent R G Barrell, Secretary is on opposite page.



James E. Johnston, 32° MSA Testimonial

James Johnston received his Meritorious Service Award at ceremonies held at the Council of Deliberation, Lake Placid, New York, on June 14, 1996.

In honor of his achievement, Brother Johnston will be given a testimonial dinner and presentation of his "Red Hat" on Friday evening, October 4, 1996, at Oceans Eleven, Route 20 (Western Ave), Westmere, New York, starting with a social hour at six-thirty o'clock.

Dinner Will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp scampi at \$24.50 per person.

Reservation form to be sent R G Barrell Secretary. is on opposite page.



Robert R Roseberger, 32° MSA Testimonial

Also awarded the prestigious Meritorious Service Award at Lake Placid, New York, was Robert Roseberger. member of the Valley of Troy Delta Bodies.

Brother Roseberger's testimonial dinner will be held October 12, 1996 at the Troy Masonic Temple, Route 2 (Brunswick Rd), Troy NY starting at 6 PM after which he'll be presented his "Red Hat".

A roast beef dinner at a cost of \$15.00 per person will be preceded by a cash bar at six o'clock. Reservation form to be sent J P Pozefsky, Secretary is on opposite page.



The Rite Light congratulates these three honorees and deserve your support.

Your attendance at their testimonials will be appreciated.

Dress for all occasions is black tie for Officers, MSA's & 33° + Hat & jewel

"Age is not a handicap. Age is but a number. It is how you use it."

- Ethel Payne

T e s t i m o n i a l D i n n e r
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Malcolm L Ogden Sr, 33°

Saturday, September 21, 1996 - Phelan's Banquet House
1589 Route 9 (Exit 9 Northway, south of Rt 146)

Cash Bar - 6 PM Dinner - 7 PM

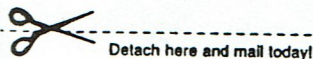
Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Circle one: 32° MSA 33°

Dinner Choice: _____ Beef _____ Turkey
STATE NUMBER

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$24.50 per person. My check payable to AASR
enclosed to R G Barrell, 67 Corning Pl, Albany NY 12207

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 14, 1996



T e s t i m o n i a l D i n n e r
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James E Johnston, 32° MSA

Friday, October 4, 1996 - Oceans Eleven
1811 Western Ave (Rt 20) west of Northway Exit 1

Cash Bar - 6:30 PM Dinner - 7:30 PM

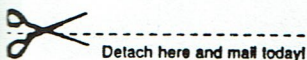
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Circle one: 32° MSA 33°

Dinner Choice: _____ Prime Rib _____ Shrimp Scampi
STATE NUMBER

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$24.50 per person. My check payable to AASR
enclosed to R G Barrell, 67 Corning Pl, Albany NY 12207

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 1996



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Robert R Roseberger, 32° MSA

Saturday, October 12, 1996 - Troy Masonic Temple
Route 2 (Brunswick Rd) east of Rt 66 (Pawling Ave)

Cash Bar - 6 PM Dinner - 7 PM

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Circle one: 32° MSA 33°

Dinner: Roast Beef

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$15.00 per person. My check payable to
Troy Delta Bodies enclosed to J P Pozefsky
PO Box 1354, Troy NY 12181

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October 26, 1996

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On Saturday, October 26, 1996, the Albany Masonic Temple (home of the Valley of Albany) will be **One Hundred** years old.

In recognition of this historical event, James L Fuller, 32° MSA, Chairman of the Albany Masonic Temple Centennial Committee, announced that there will be "a jubilant anniversary celebration" on that day, including a rededication ceremony performed by Grand Lodge Officers, topped off with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the main floor and a choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu in the banquet hall.

Dinner reservations are limited to the first 200. Your check, payable to the **Albany Masonic Hall Association Centennial**, at a cost of \$25 per person, should be sent to Jim Fuller, 6045 Old State Rd. Schenectady NY 12303, (30.00 after 9/15/96).

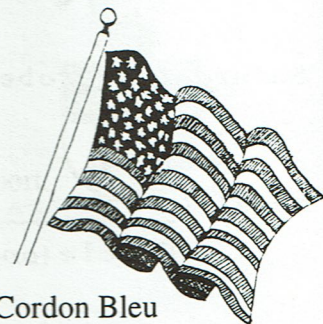
Albany Masonic Temple Centennial

**Saturday,
October 26, 1996 -**

Albany Masonic Temple
Corner of Lodge St & Corning Pl, Albany

Festivities start at 2:30 PM
Followed by Cocktails & Dinner

Dinner Choice: _____ Prime Rib _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu
(STATE NUMBER)



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