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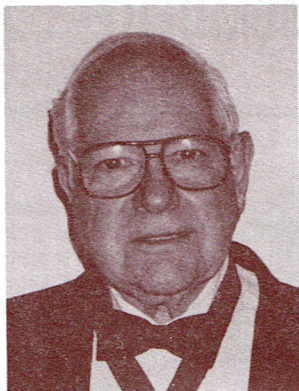
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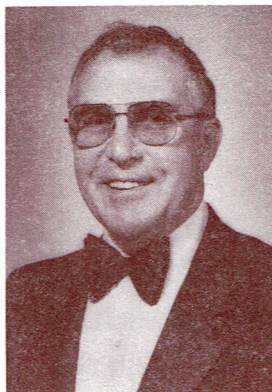
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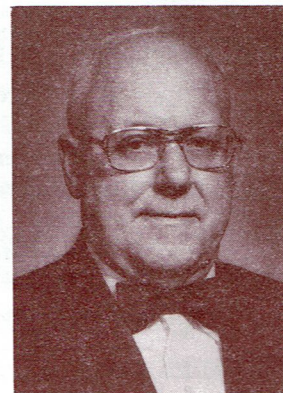
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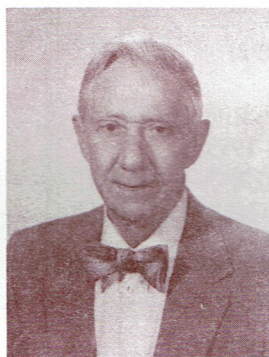
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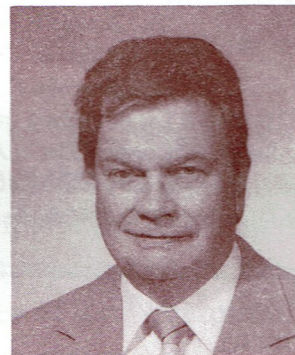
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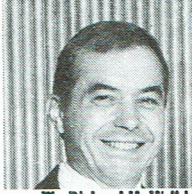
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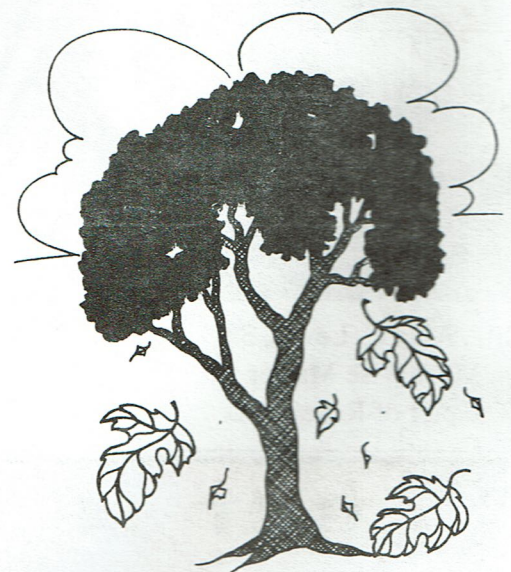
HAVE YOU



OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER?



Goodbye Summer



Hello Autumn

Your Dues Work Even If You Don't

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

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



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DEDICATION

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

The first Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center for aiding and assisting children with **DYSLEXIA**, was dedicated on Saturday, July 12, 1997, in Rochester, New York. It has been named, **The Frank & Bette Paul Scottish Rite Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center**. It has been under construction for the past year and will enroll its first students in the Fall of 1997.

The Center was Dedicated in Masonic fashion by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York officiating, and assisted by, the Grand Line Officers. The dignified and inspirational ceremony began at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral auditorium at the Scottish Rite Temple in Rochester. The Learning Center is located on the premises of the Temple in an area donated by the Valley of Rochester for the Center's use.

The highlight of the day was special appearance of Ms. Megan Hoover of West Newton, Mass., one of the first young students at the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Newtonville, Ma. to successfully complete the dyslexia training program. Megan is a remarkable young lady, and a joy to hear, as she speaks about the Scottish Rite Masons and her experiences at the Newtonville Center. Her parents, Kathy & David Hoover accompanied her.

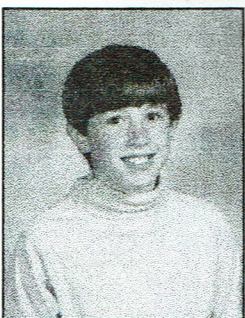
The festivities featured a children's choir, along with Masonic & Community Soloists, as well as the newly elected Board of Governors of the Center, and many other Masonic and community dignitaries.

Further details may be obtained by contacting the Board of Governors' ViceChairman, Ill.. Rod Rittenhouse, 33°, of the Valley of Rochester. You can write to him at, 20 Charles Crossing, Fairport, New York 14450, or phone (716) 223-04,88.



M.:W.: Earle J. Hino

Ms. Megan Hoover





FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALBANY SOVEREIGN CONSISTORY

Sublime Princes: Last May I had the distinction of being elected and installed as your Commander-In-Chief of the Albany Sovereign for the year 1997-1998.

This is a great honor to me. I have served the Valley of Albany for many years in other capacities. I have been Sovereign Prince, Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem, as well as Most Wise Master, Albany Sovereign Chapter, Rose Croix.

In October, 1991, when a testimonial dinner was given me in honor of my becoming an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, the program listed all my Masonic achievements. I would rather omit repeating this, but, more importantly, mention that I shall endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities in the office that in which I have just been installed.

Now, with the help of all the members of the Valley of Albany, (including Delta Bodies, Valley of Troy), I would like to have your support at our meetings and programs. Not only for the Consistory, but, to support the other presiding officers, namely: Howard J Lasker, Thrice Potent Master, Lodge of Perfection; Warren D Moessner, Sovereign Prince, Princes of Jerusalem; and Alan C Lewis, Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix.

We are all trying to increase attendance at our meetings with varied programs that should be of interest to all.

The first Consistory rendezvous, October 23, 1997, should attract your interest. We have planned a slide show: "Lighthouses from Lake Erie to Long Island". We may have a dinner before the meeting.

Next on my agenda is a combined Ladies Night and MSA Testimonials for Byron D Moak (Troy), and Robert E Murphy (Albany), at the Century House Friday evening, Nov 14, '97. We'll have a social hour beginning at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30 PM. Choice of entrees are: (a) Sliced NY Sirloin of Beef, (b) Breast of Chicken Supreme, and (c) Filet of Salmon with Crabmeat. Cost - \$25 per person (\$45 per couple for early reservation).

For many years we have had separate dinners and testimonials for 33rd and MSA recipients, plus combined Ladies Nights for Albany and Troy. My purpose in just holding one dinner for our two honorees, and Ladies Night, is to cut the cost by 2/3rds. Won't you give support to this event? The Century House requires a guarantee of 100. With your participation, we will exceed that amount. Further details elsewhere in this issue of the Rite Light.

Trooper Kenneth K Kippen will be our guest speaker on December 18. His subject is "Child Identification". Your presence will be appreciated.

Richard F Cesare, 33°
Commander-In-Chief



THE MOST WISE MASTER SPEAKS

First of all, thank you for the confidence reposed in me by electing me Most Wise Master, Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix. Let me express my appreciation, also, to the newly installed officers who agreed to serve our Valley as an officer of the Chapter for the ensuing year. I look forward to working with each of you - and working together we can make this the "best year ever" for the Valley of Albany.

Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix -- 1997-98 Officers

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The "Schedule of Events" for the Valley of Albany is on the back of this page. While each of you are encouraged to attend as many of the events as possible - you are expected to be in attendance at each of those events which are in bold type. You will note that we will start each of our four Chapter meetings with dinner at 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 per dinner. Reservations for each dinner will be required so that we can plan on the proper amount of food. Reservations should be made with me at 439-3931 by the day before the meeting - and if you cannot attend I ask that you let me know before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to cancel your reservation so that we do not waste food. At the end of the year any profit on the dinners will be given to the Valley for Uniform repairs.

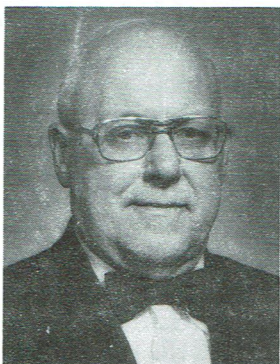
We plan to join forces with Troy (Delta Chapter Rose Croix) for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb - with the celebration being held at the Albany Masonic Temple. Details and copies of your part in the ceremony will be given to you in ample time.

Should you have any question, please let me know.

Alan C Lewis, 33°
Most Wise Master

AASR - VALLEY of ALBANY
1997-1998 SCHEDULE of EVENTS

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| Sept 11 | LODGE & <i>Executive Board</i> |
| Sept 18 | CHAPTER -- 7:00 pm Meat Loaf dinner (cost \$5.00) -- Ladies invited Program: "Masonic Stamps" by Clarence Langley |
| Oct 9 | COUNCIL |
| Oct 16 | <i>Executive Board</i> |
| Oct 18 | REUNION -- Troy 6 & 16; Albany 14 & 18; Both 20 & 32 |
| Oct 23 | CONSISTORY |
| Oct 30 | AREA IV Meeting -- details to be announced |
| Nov 6 | LODGE |
| Nov 13 | CHAPTER -- 7:00 pm Chicken & Biscuit dinner (cost \$5.00) -- Ladies invited Program: "Scottish Rite Charities" |
| Dec 4 | <i>Executive Board</i> |
| Dec 11 | COUNCIL |
| Dec 18 | CONSISTORY |
| Jan 8 | LODGE |
| Jan 22 | CHAPTER -- 7:00 pm Beef Burgundy dinner (cost \$5.00) Program: "The 17th Degree" |
| Feb 5 | <i>Executive Board</i> |
| Feb 12 | COUNCIL |
| Feb 26 | CONSISTORY |
| March 5 | LODGE |
| March 19 | CHAPTER -- 7:00 pm Spaghetti dinner (cost \$5.00) Program: Rehersal for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb |
| April 5 | FEAST of the PASCHAL LAMB at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner -- cost \$5.00 |
| April 9 | COUNCIL |
| April 16 | <i>Executive Board</i> |
| April 18 | REUNION -- Albany 4 & 16; Troy 14 & 18; Both 26 & 32 |
| April 23 | CONSISTORY |
| May 7 | ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION of OFFICERS |
| May 9 | PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF 1998-99 OFFICERS |
| June 4 | <i>Executive Board & Planning Session for 1998-99 Year</i> |



GREETINGS FROM THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE

Valient Princes: I hope all of you had an enjoyable and restful summer, and that, like me, are now ready. for active participation in our Valley's programs.

The Executive Board has been hard at work planning events that will appeal to you. We do need your presence at our meetings to be successful. The programs are diversified so you should enjoy them.

If you are looking for a change in program format, come to the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem Assemblis on October 9, 1997, December 11, 1997, February 12, 1998, and April 9, 1998. Following each meeting, we will retire to the Temple game room for fun and fellowship. We will have available for your use and enjoyment excellent pool tables, a chess set, and cards for pinochle, bridge, and poker. Come and join us for the fellowship of your Scottish Rite brothers.

It was a pleasure for me to represent Albany Valley as your Sovereign Prince, at the Council of Deliberation, held in Rochester, New York, July 10-13, 1997. It's always nice to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. At the various meetings I attended, we learned what the other Valleys throughout New York State are doing, and what our State Officers envision for our Craft in its future development.

We rejoiced when it was announced that our George "Ernie" Thomas was the "Red Hat" elect for the Valley of Albany, in recognition for his meritorious service. Congratulations Ernie! I know the Albany Red Hats are glad to have you on board, and are looking forward to your continued active participation in Albany Valley's activities.

Warren D Moessner, 32° MSA
Sovereign Prince

INVESTIGATOR OF MASONRY JOINS A GEORGIA MASONIC LODGE

The author of a controversial Southern Baptist Convention study of Freemasonry has decided to become a Mason. Gary Leazer, whose 1993 study disappointed those Baptists seeking a condemnation of the Masonic Lodge and eventually led to his firing at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said he almost certainly would never have decided to join had he not been ordered to investigate the organization in 1992.

Leazer said he made the decision because of what he learned about Freemasonry in the study and because Masons stood by him while non-Masonic Christians became "fair weather friends" when he came under fire for his study.

He is quoted as saying "I knew nothing about Freemasonry when I began the study".

All of the above, are portions of an article from the November 23, 1996 edition of the Chattanooga Free Press and are credited to the Associated Baptist Press.

Dr. Leazer petitioned Clarkston Lodge #492. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 17, 1996, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 26, 1996. He was raised to the Master Mason degree before more than 150 Brothers on February 8, 1997.

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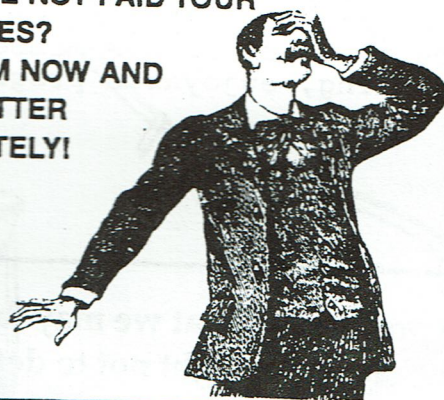
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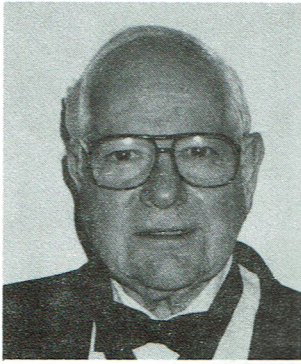
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SURELY NOT!

YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR
DUES?

PAY THEM NOW AND
FEEL BETTER
IMMEDIATELY!





THE THRICE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Respectable Brethren: I feel honored to have been elected Thrice Potent Master of the Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection. I shall do my best to serve you well.

As I see my position for this year, there are three areas that we must promote.

First is membership. We must work on bringing in new members. Our survival depends on our accomplishing this. It is unfortunate, but true, that the Grand Architect of the Universe calls several of our brothers to his side each year. To remain a viable organization, we must not only replace those that we lose, but, we must gain new members and grow.

Second is attendance. For an organization of our size, let's face it, the attendance is very poor. Maybe it has been our fault in the past by not having programs of sufficient interest to bring you out. We shall attempt to correct this this year by having an interesting program for each Stated Communication. There will be no more "just plain business meetings". Let's make a deal. If we provide an interesting program for each meeting, will you attend?

And, the Third point is programs. For our first communication in September, I would like to have an attendance large enough for us to "read" through a degree we have never seen. This should appeal to everyone. Then, in subsequent meetings, we shall have a fun night with prizes for all; a Ladies Night, with an interesting guest speaker, and, and finally a "Bring A Masonic Brother" Night, whereby we shall try to appeal to a non-Scottish Rite Master Mason to join. If anyone has additional suggestions, please contact me.

When I became Master of my lodge, and I had to remember in closing, the order of the three points; "How should we meet, act, and part, I employed the mnemonic device of thinking "MAP". This year I shall employ the same word: MAP, meaning membership, attendance, and program. I ask all of you to bring in new members, attend our meetings, and I promise you interesting, enjoyable programs.

Howard J Lasker, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

**The probability that we may fail
in the struggle ought not to deter
us from the support of a cause
we believe to be just.**

—Abraham Lincoln

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

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

ATTENTION!
ALL OFFICERS
MSA's & 33rd's

AREA FOUR MEETING

Seven O'clock
Thursday Evening
October 30, 1997

LANSINGBURGH MASONIC TEMPLE

Directions:

Route 7 East, across Collar City Bridge to Route 40 No, to Traffic Light @ junction of Route 142; turn right a short distance to another Traffic Light; turn left on Route 40; then turn first left & continue on up the hill. Temple is on right.

All Scottish Rite Masons are invited, especially the officers.

You will have the pleasure of hearing Ill. Larry Foster, 33°, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, as well as Ill. Richard H Welkley, 33° Active.

Please note: There is no dinner before the meeting.

Your presence is appreciated.

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

— Orville Dewey

Do It Now

If with pleasure you are viewing any work
a man is doing,

If you like him or you love him, tell him
now,

Don't withhold your approbation till the
parson makes oration,

And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his
brow;

For no matter how you shout it, he won't
really care about it;

He won't know how many teardrops you
have shed;

If you think some praise is due him, now's
the time to slip it to him,

For he can not read his tombstone when
he's dead.

More than fame and more than money is
the comment kind and sunny

And the hearty, warm approval of a
friend,

For it gives to life a savor, and it makes
you stronger, braver,

And it gives you heart and spirit to the
end;

If he earns your praise—bestow it; if you
like him let him know it;

Let the words of true encouragement be
said;

Do not wait till life is over and he's under-
neath the clover,

For he can not read his tombstone when
he's dead.



SUPREME COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

September 19-24, 1997
Grand Rapids, Michigan

An attendance of more than 2,000 made up of nearly 1,000 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies are expected to visit Grand Rapids, Michigan, between September 19-24 as the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the 15-state Northern Jurisdiction holds its 185th Annual Meeting. The Supreme Council last met in Grand Rapids in 1988.

The Grand Rapids Supreme Council Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's Thirty-third Degree upon 149 Scottish Rite Masons who were nominated and elected to receive this high honor at the 1996 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 on September 23 in DeVos Hall of the Grand Center Convention Complex.

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 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

Earlier business conferences attended by the Active Members and officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 19-20.

The larger-scale events will begin on Sunday afternoon, September 21, when the Grand Center will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service. The Rev. Jamie Schultz, pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church, Centerville, Ohio, will deliver the Vesper message. Assisting will be Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, 33°; Grand Prior Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, Interim Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio; and Ill. ∴ and Rev. Harold C. Prong, 33°, Chaplain at the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma, Michigan.

Sovereign Grand Commander Ralston will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council which will open on Monday morning, September 22, in Welsh Auditorium of the Grand Center Convention Complex. 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.

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A number of other events have been scheduled, including a luncheon for all ladies attending the Grand Rapids meeting which will take place in the Grand Hall of the Grand Center Convention Complex on Monday noon, September 22. 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 East Hall of the Grand Center Convention Complex for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the 1997 Thirty-third Degree Class. On Monday evening, September 22, an entertainment program will be presented in DeVos Hall of the Grand Center Convention Complex. 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 Ambassador East Ballroom, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, and there will be seminars on Tuesday, including such important topics as Children's Learning Centers, the Theatre of the Fraternity and Data Processing Update.

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 1997 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Cincinnati, Ohio, in September, 1998.



Support the Craft

**Attend your Symbolic Lodge meetings.
Interest others in the Craft through your
words and actions.**

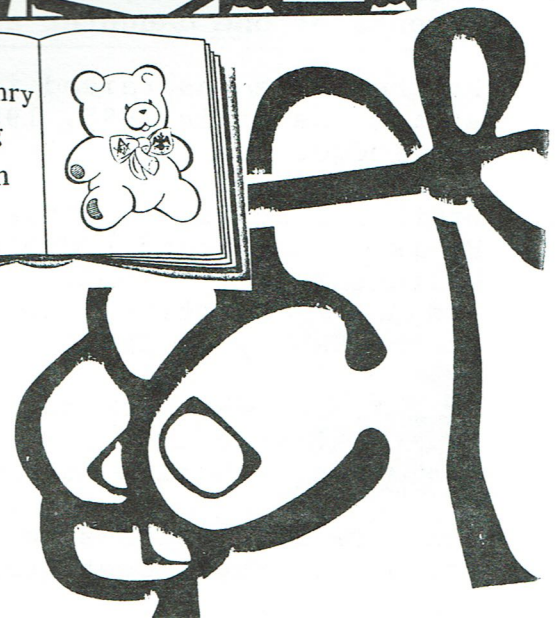
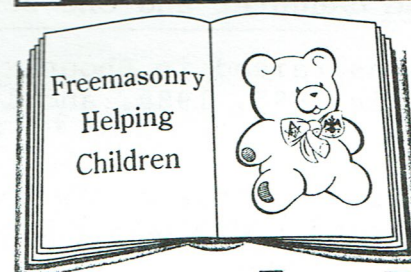
**Become an active member in the
Valley of Albany .**

**Incorporate the principles of the Craft
into your daily life.**

**Resolve to be a sponsor of one new
Mason during the year.**

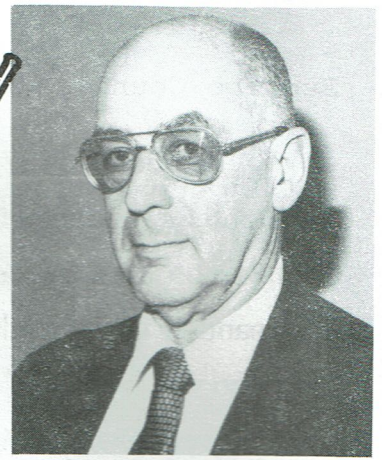
Remember...

Supreme Council Charities





Congratulations!



George "Ernie" Thomas, 32°
Valley of Albany

Charles W Fake, 32°
Valley of Troy

At its 128th Annual Meeting of the Council of Deliberation, held in Rochester, New York, July 10 to 13, 1997, it was announced that Brothers Ernie Thomas and Charlie Fake were elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award next July in Syracuse, New York.

George Ernest Thomas was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, November 5, 1912. He now resides with his wife, Beatrice, in Rensselaer, New York. They are active communicants of the Community Congregational Church in Rensselaer, where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, and Boy Scout Troop No 54. They have 2 sons & 3 grandchildren.

Brother Thomas was raised in Wadsworth Lodge No 417, Albany, on May 10, 1943. He served as Steward and Jr Master of Ceremony. He was initiated into the Valley of Albany, April 26, 1986. Ernie has been Sovereign Prince of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Most Wise Master of the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix.

Ernie has served as High Priest and current Treasurer of Capital City Chapter No 242, Royal Arch Masons; is a member of DeWitt Clinton Council No 22, R & S M; and is past Eminent Commander, Zone Commander, Grand Representative, and past President of Past Commanders Association, Temple Commandery No 2, Knights Templar.

Charles Walter Fake was born in Troy, New York, July 17, 1923. He and his wife, Muriel, reside in Troy. They are active communicants in the First Presbyterian Church of Lansingburgh. He is also active in the American Red Cross, and is a certified Swimming Official. They are the parents of one daughter and one son, and have two grandchildren.

Brother Fake was raised in Phoenix Lodge No 58, Lansingburgh, and served as its Master in 1985, 1988, and 1993. He is currently Secretary of his lodge.

Brother Fake is also Trustee of the Lansingburgh Masonic Temple Association. He is a past Grand Lodge Sword Bearer. He served as Most Wise Master, Delta Chapter, Rose Croix, and is currently Deputy Master of the Delta Lodge of Perfection. He is Director of Degrees and Assistant Treasurer of the Valley of Troy.

Charlie is past Potentate of Oriental Shrine Temple, and is currently the Assistant Treasurer. He is a past President and current Patrol Chief of the Oriental Shrine Patrol (Troy), and a member of the Troy Shrine Club.

The Rite Light wishes to congratulate these two fine gentlemen, and look forward to their continuing unselfish labors in Scottish Rite.

We're Celebrating!

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

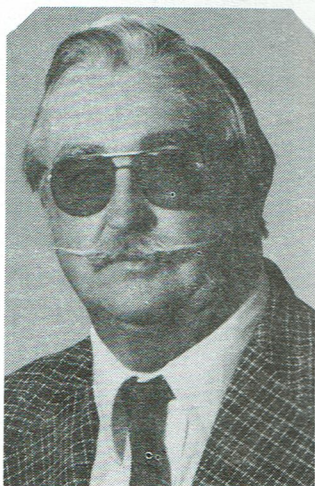
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LADIES NIGHT

When: Friday Evening, November 14, 1997, at six o'clock

Where: Century House, Route 9, 1 mile north of Latham Traffic Circle.

Why: To honor Robert E Murphy, 32° MSA, and
Byron D Moak, 32° MSA
who received the Meritorious Service Award from
the Council of Deliberation in Rochester, New York,
July 11, 1997.



AND, to honor our Ladies.

Cash Bar - 6:00 PM

Dinner - 7:00 PM

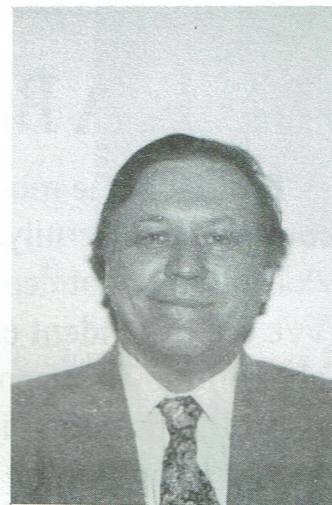
Choice of Entrees:

New York Sirloin of Beef

Chicken Supreme

Filet of Salmon w/ Crabmeat

Cost: \$25 per person
45 per couple (early reservation)



Reservation must be in the hands of the Albany Secretary no later than November 7, 1997. Please complete and return the form below.

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Murphy/Moak Testimonial and Ladies Night

NAME _____ Title _____

Please reserve _____ dinners. Circle Choice: Beef Chicken Salmon

Number of each: _____

My check for \$ _____ payable to AASR, enclosed to

Richard G Barrell, Secretary
AASR
67 Corning Pl
Albany NY 12207-1904





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

-- Franklin P. Jones

What Is A Brother?

A Brother is the most important person in our Fraternity.

A Brother is not dependent on us. We are dependent on him and his able and loyal support.

A Brother is not an interruption of our work. Furthering his Masonic Light is the purpose of our labor.

A Brother performs a favor when he enters our door. We in turn favor him by our friendship and Masonic support.

A Brother should be a valued part of our pride and prestige. He is a human being with feelings and deserves to be treated with the utmost kindness and respect.

A Brother is the lifeblood of this great Masonic institution. Without him we would have to close our doors. Never forget what a priceless possession a Brother is!

ATTEND YOUR



BLUE LODGE