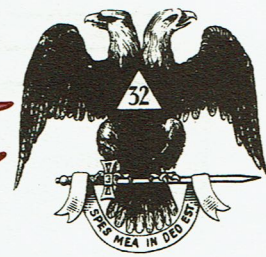




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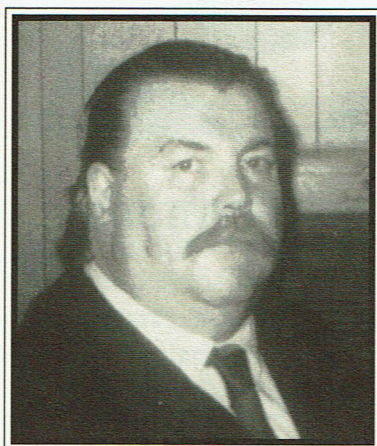
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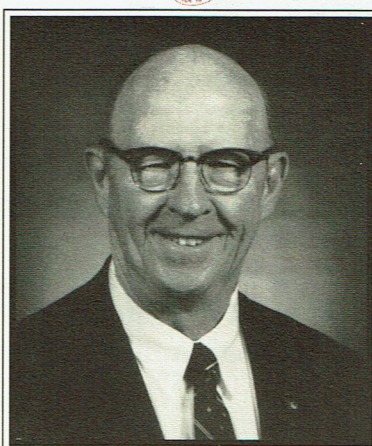
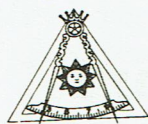


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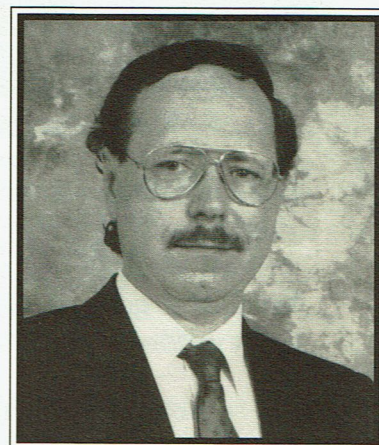
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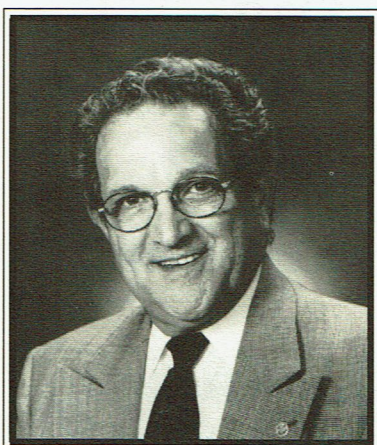
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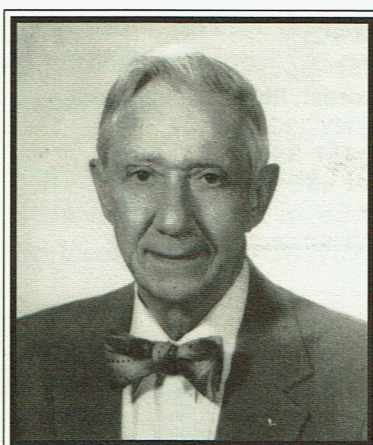
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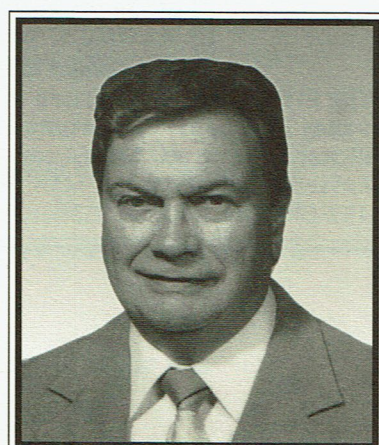
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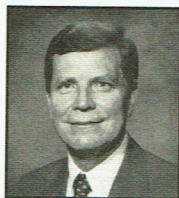


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**GET THOSE PETITIONS IN
TODAY
FALL REUNION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1999**

Allegiance

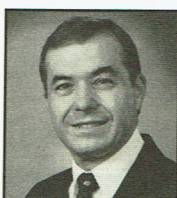
The Bodies of Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Albany, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to thy Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and whose Officers are:



Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°
Sovereign Grand
Commander



Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33°
Deputy for the
State of New York



Ill. Richard H. Welkley, 33°
Active for Area 4

Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°
Grand Lieutenant Commander

Ill. Robert W. Clarke, 33°
Grand Minister of State

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Active Members for New York

Ill. Richard H. Welkley, 33° (1991)

Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33° (1992)

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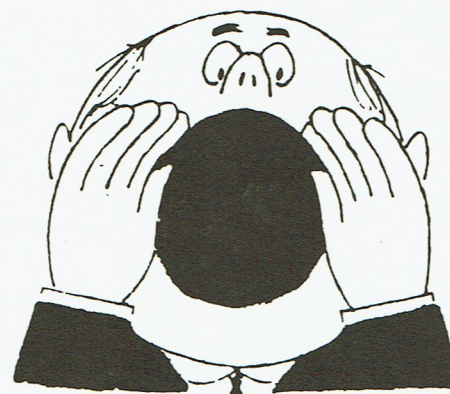
Ill. Ralph M. Tompkins, 33° (1981)

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CALLING FOR PETITIONS!!!

GET A PETITION!
IT'S THE RITE THING TO DO

Fall Reunion — October 9, 1999

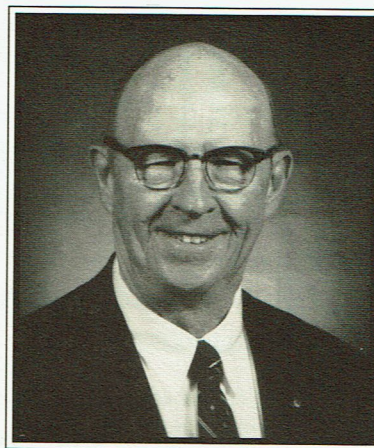
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'Blue Envelope'
Appeal

SUPREME COUNCIL CHARITIES

Family Life
Poster Contest
Winners



Commander-in-Chief's Message



Lewis O. Slocum, 32° MSA

Dear Subline Princes:

You will note there is a new face at the top of this column. It gives your new Commander-in-Chief much pride and yes considerable humility to have been elected to this, the presiding office of Albany Sovereign Consistory. Memory takes me back to the time when I joined the Scottish Rite; Ill. Brother Harry Mc Neil was Commander-in-Chief. When I saw his name the reply was that it sounded familiar, his reply "I knew your father well." A fine friendship followed. That my brothers was twenty five years ago.

At that point in time we had fairly large classes of candidates, somewhere in the range of sixty to seventy five people. Today our classes are smaller which leads me to call on all of you to "go get those candidates." If only twenty percent of the present membership brought in a new member, think how it would help us grow and prosper. In five years membership would almost double. Also of grave concern is N P D, non payment of dues. My brothers if this fits your situation, do not ignore the request sent to you by Brother Barrell. If you find difficulty in paying said dues, call him at the office, 518-434-8970 and we are sure arrangements can be made to keep you as a current member. We need you. We also need your help with artors for the degrees. Have a little ham in you, like having fun, come on down and help with the reunion. We can use people for speaking and non-speaking parts. It will be greatly appreciated.

And last, but not least it gives me great pleasure to announce that the consistory will be sponsoring a De Molay Chapter in our area. This is a great endeavor as we do get new members from this great organization. They need "Dads" if any localy can help. Maybe one evening a month would make a difference.

Well enough of this message. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you in the fall.

Your Commander-In-Chief

Lewis O. Slocum



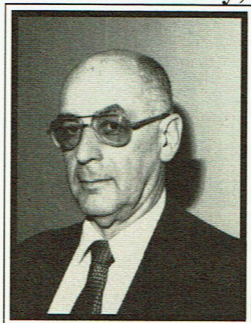
Shown with Jerry E Carafello, Assistant Principal, Hackett Middle School, Albany far left, are Mitchell Weiss (1st Place), Malaika Mackey (2nd Place), Ronnia Cherry (4th Place), and behind them, George E Thomas (Family Life Chairman), and Thomas

W Snow (Committeeman). Zachary Dean (3rd Place) could not be present.

The top four winners of this annual event are awarded U S Savings Bonds, in the amount of \$200 (1st), \$100 (2nd), \$75 (3rd & 4th).

We're Celebrating

Four Brothers from the Valleys of Albany & Troy, and members of the Albany Sovereign Consistory, will be feted at a testimonial dinner & Ladies Night, on Friday, October 22, 1999 (see announcement on opposite page).

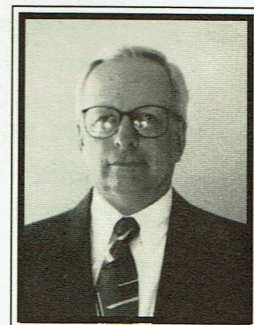


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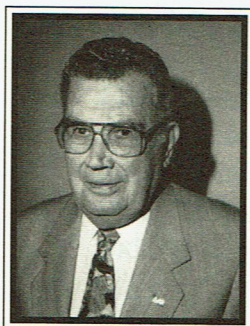
Recipients of the Meritorious Service Award

Charles Walter Fake, 32° MSA. Wife - Murial
 Raised in Phoenix Lodge #58 - Troy. Master - 1985, '88, '93
 Currently, Secretary. Past Grand Lodge Sword Bearer
 Past Thrice Potent Master, Delta Lodge of Perfection - Troy
 Past Most Wise Master, Delta Chapter, Rose Croix - Troy
 Past Potentate, Oriental Shrine Temple - Troy

William Minor Korn, 32° MSA. Wife - Barbara
 Raised in Noah Lodge #754 - Altamont. Master - 1976, now Secretary
 Deputy Master, Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection
 Director - 32, Albany Sovereign Consistory
 Recorder - Cyprus Shrine Temple - Albany



William Minor Korn

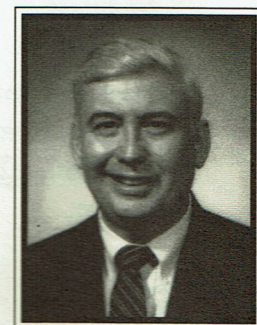


Ralph Earl Shaffer

Ralph Earl Shaffer, 32° MSA. Wife - Doris
 Raised in Phoenix Lodge #58 - Troy. Master - 1970
 Past Thrice Potent Master, Delta Lodge of Perfection - Troy
 Past Sovereign Prince, Delta Council of Princes of Jerusalem
 Treasurer - Oriental Shrine Temple - Troy

Honorary Member of Supreme Council, 33°

Ill.: Stephen Francis Miner, 33° Raised in King Solomon's Primitive Lodge # 91. Master - 1977. Trustee since 1979.
 Past Sovereign Prince, Delta Council of Princes of Jerusalem
 Currently, Trustee - Delta Lodge of Perfection - Troy
 Member - NYS Council of Deliberation Investment Comm, 1994 - '96
 Republican candidate for Rensselaer County Legislature in 1993
 Commissioner, Rensselaer County Sewer Commission since 1994



Stephen Francis Miner

*The Rite Light salutes these Honorees
 and encourages everyone to show appreciation
 for their labors by attending
 the Testimonial Dinner in their honor,
 Friday Evening, October 22, 1999*



AS WE THINK

A wise man pasted this in his hat to serve as a reminder:

"Any man can spoil himself for himself. He can allow himself to grow so sensitive that he lives in constant pain. He can nurse his grudges until they are an intolerable burden. He can think himself insulted until he is apt to be. He can believe the world's against him until it is. He can imagine troubles until they are real. He can insult his friends until they are no longer friends. He can think himself so important that no one else enjoys his friendship. He can become so wrapped up in himself that he becomes very small."



A Black-Tie Event

Friday Evening, October 22, 1999
six o'clock

Testimonial Dinner & Ladies Night honoring

Charles Walter Fake, 32° MSA William Minor Korn, 32° MSA
Ralph Earl Shaffer, 32° MSA Ill.: Stephen Francis Miner, 33°

Phelan's Banquet House
1589 Route 9 (Right side North of Michael's)
Clifton Park, New York

Cash Bar & Hors D'Oeuvres six o'clock
Dinner seven o'clock

Menu

Boneless Breast of Chicken or Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Butter/Rolls
Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Milk

\$26.00 per person

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Reservation Form

Name: _____

Title _____

Telephone _____

Enclosed is my check (payable to AASR) for
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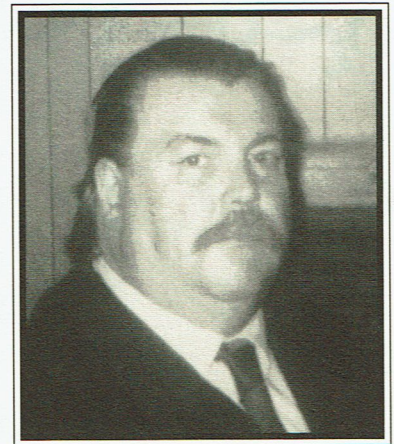
DEADLINE - October 16

Please send reservation to R G Barrell, Valley of Albany, 67 Corning Pl, Albany 12207-1904

Greetings From The Thrice Potent Master

Respectable Brethren:

I am deeply moved by you having elected me Thrice Potent Master of the Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge Of Perfection, here in the magnificent Valley of Albany, AASR.



Richard A. Sherman, 32°

Attendance is always a subject of concern. Hopefully, more of you will turn out for the various programs planned for the ensuing year. So, how about it fellows, won't you help reach our goals and attend at least one meeting during our next year, or take a part in one of our degrees (even non-speaking) at either of the two Reunions.

Your continuing financial support of our Scottish Rite Charities is much appreciated.

The generosity of the Brothers has expanded our research into the cause of schizophrenia, enhanced our varied exhibits at the Museum of Our National Heritage,

increased funds available for scholarships awarded qualified College students, and has given us hope for opening more 32 Masonic Learning Centers for Children, within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

What's in the works? Enjoyable programs! More family participation! Following each short business meeting. These programs should begin by 8 PM and last 40 minutes.

To kick off the year, September 23, 1999, will feature "A Visit from Listening Woman", a Mohawk Indian (portrayed by Judi Sherman) who will intrigue you with legends and history from the 1700's. This program is not only fun, but educational, as she tells the stories of "Listening Women" in the same manner that the Mohawk history was passed on from generation to generation. Ladies and friends invited.

A really marvelous and inspiring presentation that you are guaranteed not to forget, will take place on November 11, 1999 - "Honoring the War Veterans of the 20th Century". Because it is Veterans Day, as many as possible veterans will be invited to participate in this celebration. If you are a veteran, or know of a veteran who would like to come, please join us that evening. Also, if you can put me in touch with the Secretary/Adjutant of any Legion or VFW Post, let me know. Ladies and friends are welcome.

February 24, 2000 will "Bring A Friend Night". Many of your Blue Lodge brothers are just waiting to be asked to join Scottish Rite. If they have'nt made up their mind,

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Choice Notes
from the
Sovereign Prince

Valiant Princes:

I wish to thank all of the Brothers for having elected me to the high office of Sovereign Prince of the oldest Council of Princes of Jerusalem in the United States of America. It is a great honor, of which I hope I am worthy.

We have a very fine line of officers for the ensuing year. Two of them are serving in line for the first time. Welcome aboard Raymond H Gaul (present Junior Warden of Wadsworth Lodge No 417 - Albany) and Howard A Schoonmaker (past Master of Berne Lodge No 684 - Berne).



Charles J. Semowich, 32°

Our programs for the Fall will be as follows: On September 30, 1999, I will demonstrate and discuss the wonderful Johnson organ in the Weaver Room of the Albany Masonic Temple.

A personal tour of the Albany City Hall carillon is planned for December 9, 1999, following a brief business meeting at 7:30 PM.

I hope that as many as possible will make these two events.

Charles J Semowich
Sovereign Prince

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bring them to this informative meeting open to members and their Blue Lodge friends.

A "Night at the Theater" will spotlight the program of March 30, 2000, when a one act play will be performed by the Speech and Drama Class of Schoharie Central School.

Ladies and friends are invited.

Remember our Reunions - October 9, 1999: 4°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 26°, & 32°

April 29, 2000: 4°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 24°, & 32°

I encourage each of you to become a part of this year's programs, and support of Supreme Council's Charities. If you know of any individual, business or organization that may be willing to contribute, please put me in touch with them.

Should you need to contact me, my address is PO Box 395, Schoharie NY 12157-0395, or call me at home after 6 PM - 518-295-8142; work after 11 PM - 518-797-3781, or you can email me at gensherm@midtel.net.

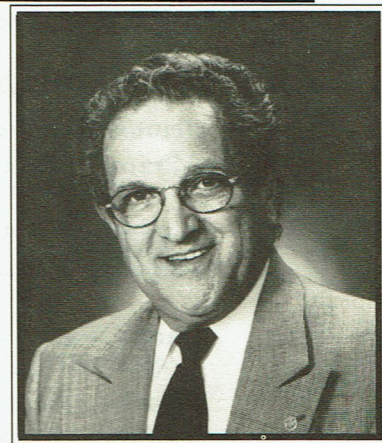
I pray that you have had a pleasant and safe summer, and look forward to seeing you soon.

Richard A Sherman
Thrice Potent Master

Footnotes from the Most Wise Master

Perfect Knights:

During our recent trip to Dallas, Texas, we had the opportunity to visit the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Crayons highlighted the entrance sign to catch one's attention, and it certainly did. It made you proud to say that you were a Scottish Rite Mason.



Ben F. Froggett, 32°

Looking at the building made my heart heavy, thinking that if we don't get busy and get new members, who will be taking care of these children.

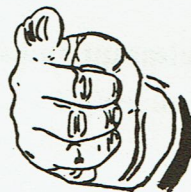
We will have yet another chance to bring in new members at our Fall Reunion on Saturday, October 9, 1999. So, get ready with those petitions. Prospects are everywhere - Just Ask! I don't like to sound like a broken record, but, we do need to increase our membership, and we need to do it NOW!

On Friday evening, October 22, 1999, we will be showcasing some of our members with a testimonial dinner and Ladies Night. We will be honoring our new Meritorious Service Award recipients - Charles W Fake, William M Korn, and Ralph E Shaffer, as well as Ill. Stephen F Miner, elected Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°. The dinner will be held at Phelan's Banquet House, Clifton Park. For an enjoyable evening, and to guarantee your reservation, please send in your reservation form (found elsewhere in this issue) to the Secretary, R G Barrell. Please don't delay. We are limited to 125 people. Deadline is October 16. Let's salute those who have worked so hard for our organization.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and special events.

Ben F Froggett
Most Wise Master

**HAVE
YOU**



**OBTAINED
A
NEW MEMBER?**