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Valley of Albany

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## A matter of faith

All things depend upon faith. There is faith in God and faith in our families. There is faith in our beliefs, our institutions, and in each other. And there is faith in ourselves.

There are men of faith. Men who believe faith not only can move mountains, but can guide us to make this world a better place.

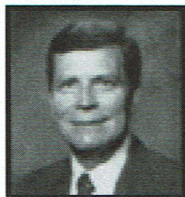
Who are these men? They are 32° Freemasons.



*32° Freemasonry – Making a Real Difference!*

### Allegiance

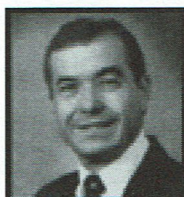
The Bodies of Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Albany, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to thy Supreme Council, 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and whose Officers are:



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



III. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°  
Deputy for the  
State of New York



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

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

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Grand Lieutenant Commander

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Grand Minister of State

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Deputy for New York State

#### ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK

III. Richard H. Welkley, 33°

III. Douglas K. Wilson, 33°

III. Gary A. Henningsen, 33°

III. Frederick D. Greene, 33°

#### ACTIVE EMERITI MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK

III. Ralph M. Tompkins, 33°

III. James F. Nichoff, 33°

III. Carlton A. Winchester, 33°  
Past Deputy for New York

III. Bruce Widger, 33°  
Past Deputy for New York

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## Remember the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children



## When Paying Your 2002 - 2003 Dues

### Teddy Bear Awards

The first annual Valley Teddy Bear Awards will be announced at the Supreme Council Annual Meeting in Boston. The awards will recognize Valley participation in fund raising for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children.

Each Valley has received a financial goal based on the size of the Valley membership. The level of the award is determined by the percentage of the goal reached as well as the extent of member and public awareness activities.



# Do Your Part . . . RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!

OUR  
23°



GEORGE L. FOX

### The Four Chaplains

George L. Fox, the oldest of the four, knew all about war. Lying about his age in 1917, he enlisted in the Army as a medical corps assistant. He won a Silver Star for rescuing a wounded soldier from a battlefield filled with poison gas, the Croix de Guerre for outstanding bravery in an artillery barrage, and the Purple Heart for wounds. A resident of Vermont, he was a successful accountant and family man when he heard God's call to the ministry. Fox went back to school and later was ordained into the Methodist denomination. When war came, he once again enlisted, telling his wife, "I've got to go. I know from experience what our boys are about to face. They need me." Fox began active duty on August 8, 1942, and served until that fateful morning of February 3, 1943.

Alexander D. Goode was both an outstanding athlete and scholar. Following in his father's footsteps, this young man known for his laughter and love of life, became a rabbi. While studying for his calling, he joined the National Guard and kept up an active membership. The return of the body of the Unknown Soldier had a profound effect on Goode. He attended the ceremonies, choosing to walk the thirty miles rather than drive or take a bus, because he thought it showed more respect. Goode married his childhood sweetheart and was serving a synagogue in York, Pennsylvania, when World War II broke out. He served on active duty from August 9, 1942 until February 3, 1943.



ALEXANDER D. GOODE



CLARK V. POLING

Clark V. Poling was the youngest of the Four Chaplains and the seventh generation in his family to be ordained in the Dutch Reformed Church. When war came, he was anxious to go, but not as a chaplain. "I'm not going to hide behind the church in some safe office out of the firing line," he told his father. The elder Poling replied, "Don't you know that chaplains have the highest mortality rate of all? As a chaplain you'll have the best chance in the world to be killed. You just can't carry a gun to kill anyone yourself." So Clark Poling left his pastorate in Schenectady, New York, and enlisted as a chaplain. Just before he left for active duty, Clark asked his father to pray for him — "not for my safe return, that wouldn't be fair. Just pray that I shall be adequate." Poling began active duty on June 10, 1942, and served until February 3, 1943.

John P. Washington grew up poor, scrappy, and determined in the toughest section of Newark, New Jersey. One of nine children born to an Irish immigrant family, he was blessed with a sunny disposition, a beautiful singing voice, and a love for music. He also loved a good fight, and was leader of the South Twelfth Street gang when he was called to the priesthood. He played ball with the



JOHN P. WASHINGTON

### 23° "The Four Chaplains"

DURING WWII, FOUR CHAPLAINS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS GAVE THEIR LIFE JACKETS TO SOLDIERS FROM THE TORMENTED TROOP SHIP, S S DORCHESTER, AND IN DOING SO, KNOWINGLY SACRIFICED THEIR OWN LIVES. THE FOUR CHAPLAINS WERE -

LT & BRO GEORGE LANSING FOX	- MINISTER
LT ALEXANDER DAVID GOODE	- RABBI
LT CLARK V. POLING	- MINISTER
LT JOHN P. WASHINGTON	- PRIEST



boys of the parish, organized sports teams and, when war came along, went with his "boys" into the Army. He began active duty on May 9, 1942. His wonderful voice, raised in song and prayer to comfort those around him, could be heard until his final moments on February 3, 1943.

"Valor is a gift," Carl Sandburg once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes."

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## The Commander-In-Chief's Message

Dear Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret:

After what I hope was a fine summer for all, we return to face many of our longstanding problems (challenges and opportunities, to be sure), the greatest being - the very survival of our Rite.

For over one hundred years, not only the Scottish Rite, but all of North American Masonry, has drifted to an overemphasis on purely social fraternalism at the expense of a deep participation in the history, philosophy, and ritualism of Freemasonry.

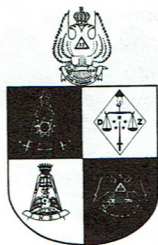
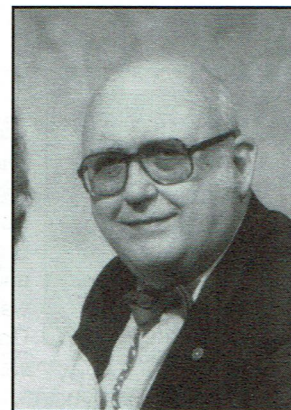
Now that the Scottish Rite no longer enjoys the luxury of having others recruit for us; now that we must stand on our own two feet and "sink or swim", how are we to do this with a membership that is over 90% motivated to social fraternalism?

The only hope is to "point" our meetings toward the traditional roots of Masonry. And we still may fail if the attendance at both regular meetings and Reunions remains as disastrously low as has been the case in recent years.

If you have a real and sincere desire to both help and learn, as we begin our Fall Program, please come, join in the literal fun of finding out what really makes the concordant Rites "tick".

Our first Stated Rendezvous will be October 24, 2002, at which time you will be entertained by a "surprise" guest speaker. Hope to see you then.

Alexander R Grone  
Commander-In-Chief  
Albany Sovereign Consistory



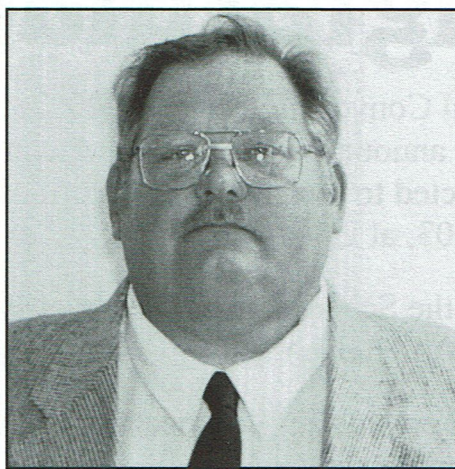
### Summoned Meeting

To All Respectable Brothers, Valorous Princes,  
Perfect Knights, & Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret  
of the Valley of Albany, AASR

You are hereby summoned to attend a Joint Meeting of all Four Bodies of the Valley of Albany, at precisely 7:30 PM, Thursday, October 24, 2002, for the purpose of voting on proposed revised Bylaws.

By Order of the Executive Board

## Greetings from The Most Wise Master



Dear Perfect Knights:

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Brethren of the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix who placed their confidence in me and voted to have me serve you as the Most Wise Master for the ensuing year 2002/2003. This is a distinct honor that you have reposed in me, and I will do my best to gain your respect. We can look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Assisting me in this challenge is the following fine line of Officers:

William M Korn	Senior Warden
William F Okesson Jr	Junior Warden
George J Deveneau	Treasurer
Richard G Barrell	Secretary
Ronald H Noll	Trustee
Kurt W Mason	Orator
George E Thomas	Master of Ceremonies
Alfred Krueger	Hospitaler
Bruce N Hazard	Captain of the Guard
Thomas W Snow	Tiler

The programs scheduled should prove to be interesting as well as informative.

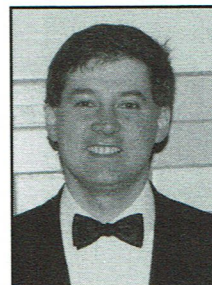
Beginning September 26, 2002, our first Stated Conclave will feature Ill..Alan C Lewis, 33\*, who will speak to us about our Masonic Home in Utica, New York.

Those of us that have never visited this beautiful campus, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of New York and sustained by the generous contributions of New York State Masons, will have a clearer picture of where these caring dollars are spent for many of our Brothers and widows.

Brothers Jack and Tim Norray will give us first hand knowledge of using trained dogs assigned to rescue squads, utilized in search and rescue missions, as well as their expertise in ferreting out bombs and dangerous explosives, at our second Stated Conclave, November 7, 2002.

# Congratulations

At its Annual Convocation July 20, 2002, the New York State Council of Deliberation announced that James Maclin Fuller, 32° has been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award in 2003, at Utica, New York.



Educated in the Schenectady NY school system, Jimmy is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College.

Brother Fuller resides in Schenectady NY with his wife Elizabeth, and young daughter, Sara Mae. He is President of "Fuller's Printing Corporation" which takes care of all our printing needs, including publishing the "Rite Light".

Raised in Wadsworth Lodge No 417, F & AM, November 3, 1979, Brother Fuller was initiated into the Valley of Albany Scottish Rite, April 25, 1987, and has served as Thrice Potent Master of the Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection in the year 1991 to 1992.

The Rite Light proudly salutes this deserving Brother on receiving this MSA award.

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## (MOST WISE MASTER CONTINUED)

On February 20, 2003, Bro Kenneth Moore, member of the Board of Governors, of the Boston Shriners Burns Hospital, will give us an update of this unit's activities.

The numerous accomplishments of the Springfield, Massachusetts Shriners Hospital for Children, will be brought to us on April 3, 2003, by Bernadette White, Public Relations Consultant at Springfield.

Don't forget our Fall Reunion on Saturday, October 19, 2002, at the Albany Masonic Temple, 67 Corning Place. Non speaking participants, stage and kitchen help are more than welcome.

Membership is very important. Now is the time to ask that Blue Lodge Brother of yours to sign up for this class. We need more members to take part in our work. Please do your part, and more important, become involved.



Alan C Garrison  
Most Wise Master  
Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

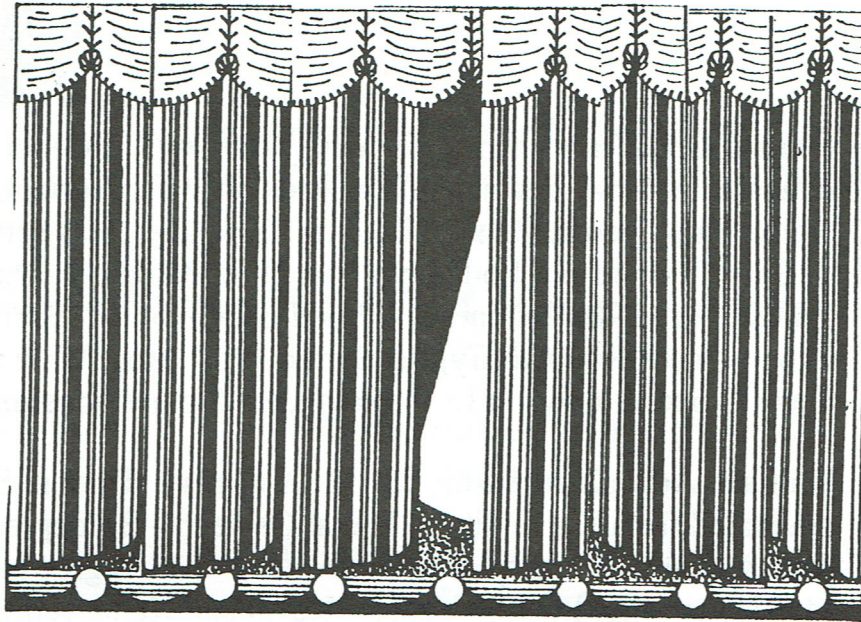
**Your master mason friend**

**may very well . . .**



. . . appreciate your invitation to him to join the Scottish Rite. Why not call him . . . it will only take a few moments of your time?

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



**75% of our goal was reached in the New Stage Curtain Appeal because of the generous contributions of the following:**

<b>Robert Alcorn</b>	<b>Leslie Kerr</b>
<b>Lewis Baisden</b>	<b>William Korn</b>
<b>Richard Barrell</b>	<b>Alfred Krueger</b>
<b>Wilfred Baumann</b>	<b>Russell LaGrange Jr</b>
<b>Cyprus Shrine Center</b>	<b>Erwin Marquardt</b>
<b>George Deveneau</b>	<b>Robert Murphy</b>
<b>William Fink</b>	<b>Ronald Noll</b>
<b>Betty Getman</b>	<b>Arnold Proskin</b>
<b>Alexander Grone</b>	<b>Clayton Simons</b>
<b>Paul Heintz</b>	<b>Richard Welkley</b>

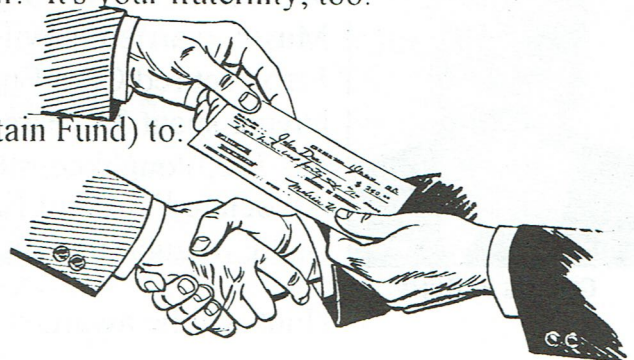
To the many other friends, families and Brothers of the Valley of Albany, you are also invited to become the owner of at least a piece of the new curtain (3" x 3") for a minimal donation of just \$5.00. Of course, larger donations will be cheerfully accepted.

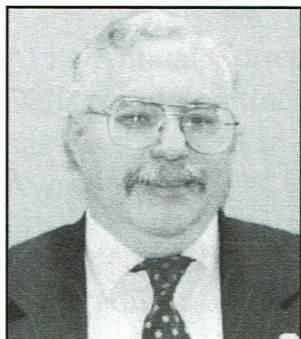
This fund raising was absolutely necessary to replace a very old, worn-out curtain that crumbled in your hands at the slightest touch. Won't you find it in the kindest of your heart to help pay for this much needed item? It's your fraternity, too.

Thank you for your consideration.

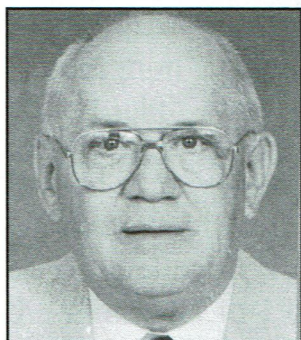
Kindly send your check (payable to AASR Curtain Fund) to:

Peter J Gregory  
Chairman  
34 Center Lane  
Glenmont NY 12077



**RED HATS****GERALD F. IRWIN**

**Gerald Frederick Irwin, 32° MSA (Albany).** Born in Albany NY; educated in local area schools; married to wife, Patricia; one daughter, Kelly; employed at General Electric Company. Has served as Master of Social Friendship Lodge No 741, New Baltimore, Onesquethau Lodge, No 1096, Delmar, & Berne Lodge No 684, Berne. Active in Albany York Rite and Cyprus Shrine. Past Most Wise Master, Albany Rose Croix, & now 1st Lt Commander, Albany Sovereign Consistory.

**WILLIAM A. JERWANN**

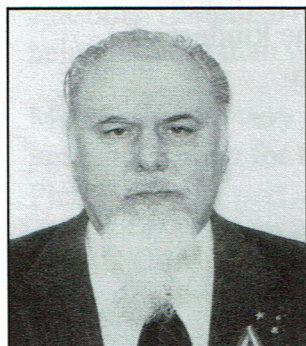
**William Adolph Jerwann, 32° MSA (Troy).** Born in Saugerties NY; graduated from University of NY at Oswego - BS degree in Industrial Arts & from University of NY at Albany - MS degree in Administration. Married to wife, Lois; two sons - Kevin and Keith; retired Industrial Arts teacher & Adult Education Director, North Colonie Central School. Past Master of On-Da-Wa Lodge No 820, Mechanicville; Past Patron & Past District Grand Lecturer, Eastern Star; active in Oriental Shrine; Past Thrice Potent Master, Sovereign Prince & Trustee - Delta Bodies.

Irwin & Jerwann awarded Meritorios Service Awards, July 20, 2002.

**WHITE HAT****ILL.-WILLIAM M. KORN**

**Ill.: William Minor Korn, 33°.** Born in Albany NY; graduated with a BA degree from Central College, Pella, Iowa; married to wife, Barbara; daughter - Sara & son - Matthew; employed, Knolls Atomic Laboratory as scientific computer programmer; served as Master of Noah Lodge No 754, Altamont NY, present Secretary; active in Schenectady York Rite, Grotto & Cyprus Shrine where he serves as Recorder; Past Thrice Potent Master, Lodge of Perfection; currently - Sr Warden, Rose Croix; Director of 10 & 32 ; chairman, Thespian Reinforcement Committee.

Korn became an Honorary Member of Supreme Council, 33°, 09/03/02.

**BLUE HAT****GEORGE B. HUNT**

**George Bruere Hunt, 32° DSA.** Born in Trenton NJ; earned his BA degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.; began his musical career at Trenton Conservatory of Music; married to wife, Judith; daughter - Cherie & two sons - Ralph & Errol; retired Civil Engineer with the NYS Department of Transportation having spent 36 years in Highway Design; Past Master of Triune Lodge No 782, Poughkeepsie NY, now Secretary; three time Patron and Associate Patron of Eastern Star; active in York Rite & Cyprus Shrine Band; regular participant in Albany Scottish Rite Reunions.

Hunt will be awarded the Dedicated Service Award at this testimonial.

# Award

ormal Affair

# s/Honors

*Preparations Have Been Made For  
A Star Spangled, Red, White, and Blue Testimonial  
Honoring*

*Gerald F Irwin, 32° MSA & William A Jerwann, 32° MSA  
(Red Hats)*

*Ill.: William M Korn, 33°  
(White Hat)*

*George B Hunt, 32° DSA  
(Blue Hat)*

**Friday Evening, November 8, 2002, at Six-thirty o'clock**

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*Mallozzi's Restaurant  
1930 Curry Road (Route 7), Rotterdam NY (near Altamont Avenue)*

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*Beginning with a Cash Bar, Unlimited Hot & Cold Hors D'Oeuvres  
including Assorted Breads, Bistro Meats, Cheeses, Fresh Fruit, Chicken  
Brochettes, Beef Teriyaki, Quiches, Stuffed Mushrooms, Clams Casino*

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*Seven-thirty o'clock: Choice of Dinner Entree  
Chicken Cordon Blue, Roast Loin of Pork, or Shrimp Francais*

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**Cost Per Person: \$46.00**

**Dress: Black Tie Tux (or Dark Suit); Ladies - Appropriate Evening Attire**

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**Reservation Form**

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Dinners for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 32° 33° DSA MSA Office \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Lady: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Dinner Choices: / / Chicken Cordon Bleu; / / Roast Pork; / / Shrimp Francais

Enclosed is my check payable to AASR \_\_\_\_\_ x \$46.00 for Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM & CHECK TO: B BARRELL, 59 Fuller Ter, Albany NY 12205-4024  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO 150. NO PHONE CALLS.

Deadline: October 25, 2002

**April 20th Reunion a big success:**

To all who participated in any way at our April 20th Reunion -- (degree Directors -- degree casts -- stage crew -- dinning room/kitchen -- sideliners -- and especially the candidates) -- I express to each of you, on behalf of the Valleys of Albany & Troy, our thanks for your help in making our Reunion a great success. After four years as Director of the Work, I have decided to "retire". It has been both frustrating and rewarding -- I believe that we have made significant improvements in our portrayal of the degrees each reunion. My personal thanks to all who have made this possible. Good luck to my successor and our two great Valleys.

Alan C. Lewis, Director of the Work

Following are listed the cast members for the several degrees exemplified at our Reunion -- please say thanks when you see them, or give them a call to express your appreciation.

**4th Degree -- Russell J. LaGrange, Jr -- Director -- April 20, 2002**

King Solomon	Raymond H. Gaul	355-1714
Adoniram	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr	438-7128
Abda	Bruce S. Pavloff	452-1022
Zabud	Morgan R. Searles	767-0205
Zadok	Alan C. Lewis	439-3931
Ahishar	Paul G. Heintz	459-2975
Prologue	Alan C. Lewis	439-3931
Zerbal	Ben F. Froggett	459-8690
Guard	William F. Okesson, Jr	482-6972
Guard	Vincent R. Morey	872-1329
Guard	Richard F. Cesare	785-7294



**14th Degree -- Russell J. LaGrange, Jr & William M. Korn****Co-Directors -- April 20, 2002**

Thrice Potent Master	William M. Korn	456-4704
Deputy Master	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr	438-7128
Senior Warden	Bruce S. Pavloff	452-1022
Junior Warden	William F. Tschumi	237-6107
Orator	Alan C. Lewis	439-3931
Master of Ceremonies	Robert S. Walenta	439-7350
Hospitaler	Paul G. Heintz	459-2975
Captain of the Guard	Bruce E. Zeh	765-2280
Prologist	Kurt W. Mason	785-3657
Moses	Richard G. Barrell	869-0684
Inquirer	Gerald F. Irwin	872-0672
Music	Mark H. Baumbach	765-4419

**15th Degree -- Gerald F. Irwin -- Director -- April 20, 2002**

Cyrus	Alan C. Lewis	439-3931
Sysina	Raymond H. Gaul	355-1714
Nebuzaradan	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr	438-7128
Daniel	Benjamin T. Garry	869-0437
Abazar	Gerald F. Irwin	872-0672
Ratim	Bruce S. Pavloff	452-1022
Zerubbabel	Steven S. King	489-1341
Zemira	Vincent R. Morey	872-1329
Satrap	John Mancini	
Guard	William F. Okesson, Jr	482-6972
Guard	Morgan R. Searles	767-0205

**18th Degree -- Alan C. Lewis -- Director -- April 20, 2002**

Most Wise Master	Alan C. Lewis	439-3931
Senior Warden	Byron D. Moak	235-5868
Junior Warden	J. Richard Wilson	758-7941
Orator	Ben F. Froggett	459-8690
Master of Ceremonies	Gerald F. Irwin	872-0672
Capt of the Guard	Vincent R. Morey	872-1329
Off-Stage Voice	Morgan R. Searles	767-0205
Story of the Cross	Ben F. Froggett	459-8690
Prologue	J. Richard Wilson	758-7941

**26th Degree -- Richard G. Barrell -- Director -- April 20, 2002**

President Lincoln	Steven S. King	489-1341
James Smart	William M. Korn	456-4704
Warrington Blair	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr	438-7128
Carter Blair	Kenneth R. Ciatyk	865-2847
Union Solider	Ben F. Froggett	459-8690
Union Solider	Morgan R. Searles	767-0205
Prologue	George J. Deveneau	458-1481

**WE  
NEED YOU !**

**32nd Degree -- William M. Korn -- Director -- April 20, 2002**

Commander-in-Chief	Alexander R. Grone	768-2045
1st Lt. Commander	Gerald F. Irwin	872-0672
2nd Lt. Commander	Luiz Silva	845-246-4251
Orator	Malcolm L. Ogden, Sr	747-4327
Hospitaler	Paul G. Heintz	459-2975
Chancellor	Byron D. Moak	235-5868
Master of Ceremonies	Benjamin T. Garry	869-0437
Engineer & Seneschal	Ronald H. Noll	783-1898
Standard Bearer	George J. Deveneau	458-1481
Standard Bearer	Bruce E. Zeh	765-2280
Captain of the Guard	Howard J. Lasker	459-3345
Worshipful Master	Raymond H. Gaul	355-1714
Thrice Potent Master	Kurt W. Mason	785-3657
Sovereign Prince	William F. Okesson, Jr	482-6972
Most Wise Master	Ben F. Froggett	459-8690
Constans	William M. Korn	456-4704
Bishop	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr	438-7128
Prince Commander	Alexander R. Grone	768-2045
Herald	Bruce E. Zeh	765-2280
Knight Lodge of Perfection	Robert S. Walenta	439-7350
Knight Prince of Jerusalem	Dominick Schoonmaker	355-7480
Knight of Rose Croix	Richard G. Barrell	869-0684
Knight Kadosh	David C. Schaefer	377-9613
Florio	Michael D. Derry	868-4040
Urban	Rev. Richard H. Welkley	373-0910
Rufus	Gerald F. Irwin	872-0672
Ignatius	Richard F. Cesare	785-7294
Priest	George J. Deveneau	458-1481
Priest	William F. Okesson, Jr	482-6972
Soldier	Kurt W. Mason	785-3657
Soldier	Raymond H. Gaul	355-1714
Soldier	Byron D. Moak	235-5868
Acolytes	Mark H. Baumback	765-4419

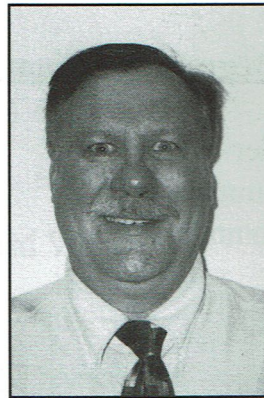
***Candidates Are Everywhere - Just Ask!***

***\*\*\*Fall Reunion - Saturday, October 19, 2002\*\*\****

## A Word from the Sovereign Prince

Valorous Princes:

Another season is beginning for us in Scottish Rite. This may be a bit of a misnomer because our work goes on all year long. Most of us like to take some time during the summer for a vacation, or to spend time with our families. Now that the dog days of summer have passed, our 2002/2003 schedule of programs will begin. Everyone has endeavored to put together interesting and informative programs. We will be having a rehearsal of the Fourth Degree at our first Stated Assembly on October 10, 2002. You are all welcome to attend.



Each of us had our own reasons for joining the Scottish Rite. Some - to experience the learning of more about Freemasonry; some - to enjoy more fellowship with their Blue Lodge Brothers and widen their circle of friendship with Brothers they had not met before; and others - to use it as a means to another end. Regardless of your motive for joining, you are a member of Scottish Rite, and are entitled to all the rights and benefits of your membership.

Remember when you attended your first Reunion as a candidate, and witnessed for the first time, the beautiful degree work? Did it not fill you with awe to see ritual work performed in an entirely different way than in the Blue Lodge? Did it not make you want to become part of all you saw? Well, you can. How fortunate you are! That is the right and benefit of being a member of the Scottish Rite. There are positions available to suit whatever your comfort level is. There are major speaking roles, minor speaking parts, and "mummers" (non-speaking) characters needed. Also, help is always wanted with the stage crew, kitchen and registration. Become part of the team. You will always be welcome.

Our Valley covers a large geographical area, and it can be difficult to make weekday meetings (assemblies) for those of you who live far away. If you happen to be in the Albany area some Thursday evening, check your Program Schedule, and if there is a Scottish Rite meeting, stop by. Your only requirement to be admitted is your current dues card, or an avouchment by the Secretary; no passwords or grips necessary. For those that reside in the area, plan on coming to at least one meeting this coming year. Try making attendance a habit. One can never have enough good habits.

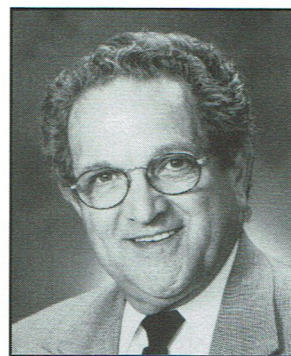
In any event, please mark your calendars and make attending one or both of the upcoming Reunions - Saturday, October 19, 2002 and Saturday, April 26, 2003. Join with fellow Scottish Rite Brethren in your area and share a ride for that day. Attending a Reunion is a positive experience for all. We look forward to seeing you.

Raymond H Gaul  
Sovereign Prince  
Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem

## Salutations from The Thrice Potent Master

Respectable Brothers:

I very much appreciate the confidence you have shown by electing me Thrice Potent Master of the Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing year.



Dull, boring, business-as-usual-meetings are no incentive to attend Scottish Rite Communications. This year's programs are intended to be interesting and informative, and hopefully, make you want to come back. We'll have a guest speaker at our first Stated Communication, September 19, 2002, after we've all enjoyed a pleasant (but hot) summer.

October 19 is our **Fall Reunion**. Now is the time to ask that Blue Lodge friend of yours to get "even further light" in Masonry by filling out that petition for the Valley of Albany Scottish Rite. A "new" degree (one that has never been conferred in this Valley) - the 10th Degree "Master Elect of Fifteen", will be presented at this Reunion. Try not to miss it. Bill Korn has put a lot of effort into selecting cast members and holding rehearsals. He deserves your support.

Speaking of Bill - and Gerald Irwin, Bill Jerwann and George Hunt - a Testimonial Dinner will be held to honor these Brothers, Friday, November 8, 2002, at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Rotterdam NY. See details elsewhere in this issue.

Please mark your calendar for ***The Feast of Tishri - Thursday, November 21, 2002***. Our guest speaker for this event will be **Ill.: Arnold W Proskin, 33°**. A **roast lamb (or chicken, if you prefer) at a cost of only \$5.00 per person**, will precede the main program, during which time the traditional toasts of obligation will be offered. The Feast of Tishri (also known as the Feast of the Tabernacle) as described in the Old Testament where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying that in the fifteenth day of the month (the first month of the Hebrew civil calendar) when "ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days" (Leviticus 23:39, 42-43), as well as the Torah "it shall be the feast of ingathering at the end of the agricultural year" (Exodus 23:16). Special prayers are said for rain (geshem), and memorial services for the departed, plus reflections on the purpose of life and man's ceaseless strivings. We observe this feast in Scottish Rite because it fosters the warm spirit of fraternal fellowship so vital to our Rite. We meet at a common table, express our mutual esteem, and so promote that essential bond of cordiality and respect which lightens and shares the weight of our Masonic endeavors. Such social amenities open us to each other in an atmosphere elevated beyond the sphere of normal day-to-day communication. Within the context of the Feast of Tishri, we realize more deeply than ever before the value of our fellowmen, without which the individual is lost in a self-imposed prison of human isolation.

Please call me at **459-8690** for reservations. **Note: This is a TILED Meeting.**

Ben F Froggett  
Thrice Potent Master  
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## THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER WITH ME

by Anonymous

There's nothing whatever the matter  
with me,

I'm just as healthy as can be  
I've got arthritis in both my knees.  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze,  
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
I think my liver is out of whack,  
And there's a pain right down my back,  
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,  
The doctor says my days are few  
For every week comes something new,  
The way I stagger around's a crime  
I'm likely to drop most any time,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
Sleepless I am, night after night,  
And in the morning I'm a sight,  
My memory's failing, my head's in a  
spin . . .

I'm practically living on as-pir-in,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.  
The moral is . . . as our woes are told,  
That for you and me who are growing old  
It's better to say, "We're fine" with a grin,  
For that will improve the shape we're in.

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## Prayer For Bad Times

by Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston

Dear God: Help me be a good  
sport in this game of life. I don't ask  
for an easy place in the lineup. Put me  
anywhere you need me. I only ask  
that I can give you 100 percent of  
everything I have. If all the hard drives  
seem to come my way, I thank you for  
the compliment. Help me remember  
that you never send a player more  
trouble than he can handle.

And, help me, Lord, to accept the  
bad breaks as part of the game. May  
I always play on the square, no matter  
what the others do. Help me study the  
Book so I'll know the rules.

Finally, God, if the natural turn of  
events goes against me and I'm  
benched for sickness or old age, help  
me to accept that as part of the  
game, too. Keep me from whimper-  
ing that I was framed or that I got a  
raw deal. And when I finish the final  
inning, I ask for no laurels. All I want  
is to believe in my heart that I played  
as well as I could and that I didn't let  
you down.

## JUST FOR TODAY

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will try to live through this day  
only, and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do  
something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that  
I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will be happy. This assumes to  
be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as  
happy as they make up their minds to be.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will adjust myself to what is, and  
not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my  
"luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will try to strengthen my mind. I  
will study, I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental  
loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and  
concentration.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will exercise my soul in three  
ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out;  
if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two  
things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show  
anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today  
I will not show it.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will be agreeable. I will look as  
well as I can, dress becomingly, keep my voice low, be  
courteous, criticize not one bit. I won't find fault with  
anything, not try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will have a program. I may not  
follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two  
pests: hurry and indecision.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will have a quiet half-hour, all by  
myself and relax. During this half-hour, sometimes, I will try  
to get a better perspective of my life.

**JUST FOR TODAY** I will be unafraid. Especially I will  
not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe as I give  
to the world, so the world will give to me.

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