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Valley of Albany

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See details inside for time and reservations.

A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST RESTORES THE SCOTTISH RITE SETS

Do you remember the last Reunion you attended? I am sure you found the theatre seats comfortable and the auditorium presentable. However, when the curtain opened, I am also sure you noticed that the carpeting on the stage was worn and discolored; the curtain was torn; and the scenery was time worn, ripped and water stained. No matter how hard the degree teams tried to put on a presentable degree, the stage facility took away from their best efforts. Well, rejoice my Brothers because the carpeting and the curtain have been replaced, and this past Spring your Executive Board approved another major improvement project for our fourth floor of the Masonic Hall. We commissioned a theatrical artist to totally recreate the Cathedral set we use for the 31st and 32nd degrees, among others.

Amy Nichol is a gifted artist who possesses enormous talent and vision. Amy received a B.F.A. degree from SUNY at Purchase College in 1994. After graduation, Amy has perfected her craft by serving as Lead Scenic Artist in private practice and for several theatre companies. The projects Amy has worked on are too numerous to list in full in this short article. However, by way of illustration, while she worked at the New York State Theatre I institute, her credits included, among many others, *Incident at Vichy*, *Secret Garden*, *Sherlocks Legacy*, *Harvey*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Man of LaMancha*. I am sure you will agree that we were very fortunate to attract an artist of Amy's caliber to help us with this Scottish Rite project.

With the assistance of Ron Noll and myself, Amy has done extensive research into the art and architecture of medieval cathedrals and the images of Scottish Rite Masonry. As of the date of this article, she has devoted more than two full months designing and executing her vision for a four layered set that incorporates the Masonic columns in the lobby of the Masonic Hall, the symbols of our Scottish Rite bodies, the building of King Solomon's Temple, and architectural aspects from Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland. The set will draw your gaze from the pillars on the outer limits of the stage at the curtain, to the focal point at the rear of the stage, where there will be three spectacular, back-lit stained glass-type windows. These windows will depict a knight kneeling with his sword, a pelican feeding her young, and Jesus with the cross and rose. While before we had a nice scene of a generic cathedral, we will now have a uniquely Masonic Cathedral set that will rival similar facilities anywhere.

I invite all of you to visit the fourth floor when you are at the Masonic Hall. Amy welcomes visitors, and she will be glad to give you a tour of her work in progress. I also invite you to gather petitions for new candidates from your respective Lodges and plan to attend the Fall Reunion for the unveiling of this masterpiece. I can assure you that our new venue for conferring degrees will be grand and befitting of our historic Valley of Albany.

Fraternally,
John W. Scott
Most Wise Master



The 32nd degree Rite Life Program is a year-long celebration of Scottish Rite Masons and their families, with events activities, and programs held throughout the year. As varied as the many Valleys themselves are, the Family Life program differs between locations. A long-time tradition of 32nd degree Masons, the program celebrates family life and reinforces individual commitment to families, and strengthens our communities, state, and nation. Family forms the foundation of life.

This year's theme is "Make Way for Family"

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

The bodies of the 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 of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and who officers are:

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In Memory of Richard G. Barrell 1929 - 2005

Richard G. Barrell, 33° was visited by the Angel of Death on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at home, after a long illness. Richard was born on November 13, 1929. He served in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps and with the U.S. Military Advisory Group to the Republic of Korea. In 1992, after more than 23 years of service, he retired from the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles. He was an active communicant at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Colonie, NY.

Richard was raised as a Master Mason in Wadsworth Lodge No. 417, F&A.M. in 1955. He served as Master in 1971-72 and D.D.G.M. in 1981-82 and served as Secretary for Wadsworth Lodge for 20 years. Richard was Chairman of the Board of Directors and later, Secretary of the Capital District Masonic Association.

He was an active member of the Valley of Albany, AASR, serving as Secretary until August 2003. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General and created a Honorary Member of the Supreme Council 33 Degree in 1986.

Richard joined Cyprus Shriners in 1977 and became active in its Capital District Clown Unit where he was known as "Pickles". He served as Potentate of Cyprus in 1993.

Richard was also a member of the American Legion, the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was a Past Patron of Ella Nicholson/Ft. Orange Chapter No. 429, Order of the Eastern Star and a Past President of the Albany Visually Impaired Lions Club.

Richard left behind his wife of 51 years, Barbara Ann McKay; sons Gary R. Barrell, Kenneth D. Barrell, Andrew M. Barrell, and a daughter, Deborah A. VanDerVolgen. He also left behind many friends and acquaintances who now feel a void in their lives with his absence. He was a source of advice and counsel for many and took an active part in every organization in which he was a member.



From the Commander in Chief..... The 137th Annual Convocation

The 137th Convocation of the New York State Council of Deliberations was held at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool, New York from July 21-23, 2006.

An Italian Buffet dinner was held in the hotel on Friday night.

On Saturday morning, several programs were offered on "Children's Book Time Capsuls" by Sue Burgess and "Journey from God to Great" by Ahern & Murphy Associates.

Well received was the National History Museum Program by John Ott, Executive Director, who talked about the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts, which just celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary in 2005.

Brother Ott gave a presentation about the outbreak of the American Revolution. On April 19, 2007, the National Heritage Museum will begin the **"SEEDS OF LIBERTY CAMPAIGN"**. Financial contributors are being sought to help defray the costs of this program which will highlight the events that occurred in the area that began the American Revolution.

The tiled meeting of the Council of Deliberations began Saturday afternoon. The meeting was conducted by Illustrious Harold L. Aldrich, 33rd Degree and Deputy for New York State.

The meeting began with the introduction of numerous dignitaries from various Masonic organizations including, M.W. Neil Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons, State of New York.

Our Illustrious Deputy Harold Aldrich solemnly remembered our late Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Walter E. Webber, 33rd and the late Illustrious Carlton A. Winchester, 33rd, who was an active member for New York.

In the Necrology Report for those

Scottish Rite members who were MSA or 33rds, who had passed away since the last Convocation in Utica, from the Valley were Richard G. Barrell and Albert W. Mills.

Over the past year, the Scottish Rite in New York State saw a decline of about 9 percent and dipped below 9,000 members.

In regards to membership, it was stated that no Scottish rite member may be given Senior Status without Supreme Council approval. Hospitaler funds can be used to help a brother in need.

Membership development and retention should be the highest priority of each of the Valleys. William Fink, 33rd, will be the coordinator for the Eastern Region.

The Carlton A. Winchester Membership Award named after the late Illustrious Carlton A. Winchester, 33rd Active Member for New York will go the Valley that has the greatest percent on new members, and the Valley that has the greatest number of new members.

It was emphasized that with less members, the Scottish Rite will be unable to perform more service.

Awards for Ritual Excellence in degree presentations were given to the Valleys of Buffalo, Middletown, New York City, Schenectady, Syracuse and Utica.

The Robert A. Jackson Award, named after the Jamestown native, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice and U.S. Prosecutor at the Nuremburg Trials, was given to former New York State Supreme Court Justice Hon. Joseph Geraci, who was escorted to the podium by Illustrious Bruce Widger, 33rd.

Rite Life Program Awards went to the Valleys of Rochester and Schenectady. In the State of the Rite Report, some successful programs done by Valleys were mentioned including the Tri-Valley (Albany-Troy-Schenectady) trip to the National Heritage museum last

November.

The Valley of Albany is presently in need of a Deputy Representative who would be the highest ranking Scottish Rite member in the Valley.

Each Valley must submit a strategic planning report by October 1st to the Supreme Council.

David Barnes, 32nd, Chairman and Commander in Chief of the Valley of Schenectady gave a report on the Scholarship Committee for the Academic Year 2006-2007.

Thirty students were selected to receive Abbott Scholarships in the amount of one thousand dollars each and six students were selected to receive the New York State Scottish Rite Charities Scholarships of five hundred dollars each.

Two students from the Valley of Albany received the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships. They were Matthew W. Scott, who is attending Hudson Valley Community College for Engineering and Lucy S. Parker, who is attending Sterling College, studying Outdoor Education and Leadership.

Effective as of January 2007, there will be a raise in per capita for 14th degree recipients from four dollars to six dollars.

A change in Article #35 was approved concerning the Committee on Finance. The committee was increased from four to five members. There will be a chairman at large and one member from each of the Council of Deliberations regions.

At the Tiled meeting and later at the banquet, reports were given from both Learning Centers, Oriskany and Rochester. Both are doing well.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, in which new Meritorious Service Award winners were honored, the Valley of Albany had two award winners, Stephen S. King and Bruce F. Pavloff.

**Fraternally,
Byron D. Moak
32nd Degree, MSA**

Messages from the Presiding Officers



From the Commander-in-Chief...

In beginning my second year as your Commander-in-Chief, I report to you the news of the recent 137th Convocation of the New York State Council of Deliberations, held in Liverpool, New York in July. For the past five years, the Convocation had been held at the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. The full report of this event, you will find in another article in this issue.

This year we will again try to involve the membership in some interesting activities and provide communication about these activities.

This past year 2005-2006, the Valley of Albany tried to shorten the Fall and Spring Reunions by having some of the degrees presented on meeting nights prior to the Reunions.

This year, 2006-2007, tentative plans call for putting on some of the degrees the night before the reunions along with a dinner.

The Fall Reunion will begin on Friday Evening, October 13th and continue with the rest of the degrees on Saturday, October 14th. We are hoping that many Scottish Rite members will attend and or participate in putting on the degrees. Lunch will be served on Saturday.

An added highlight of this year's reunion will be the new scenery. The scenery has not been refurbished in many years. The new scenery we hope will create a real sense of pride among our members.

Do you know of a Mason who might like to join the Scottish Rite? Get their petitions into the secretary, Michael D. Derry.

On September 18th at the Albany Masonic Temple, we'll have a practice for the Sixth Degree. Prior to the practice, we'll have a potluck supper.

Efforts are under way to have a Walk-a-Thon for the Children's Learning Center at the Colonie Crossings on Saturday, October 7th. Previous walks at the Saratoga Battlefield and in Scotia have raised a considerable amount of money. The site for a Learning Center has been selected in Schenectady. Do you know of a business that would like to contribute to the worthy cause? Further information can be obtained from Roger Pelhan at: PEL6FAM@nycap.rr.com

Again this year, on November 5, 2006 the Valley of Albany will host a program for our area veterans. This program was well received on 2005. If you are a veteran, come so we can honor you. You might be able to share your experiences with us. If you are not a veteran, come to honor those who make it possible for us to go about our daily lives including being a Mason.

Last year, Scottish Rite Masons from Troy, Schenectady and Albany enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Woodland Club in Glenville. The party for Masons and spouses will be on December 8th.

Looking ahead to 2007, some plans are in the works for going again this year to the Veterans Hospital to bring some cheer to those veterans there on Super Bowl weekend.

The Valley of Albany may also help with the Soapbox Derby as Cyprus Shriners and some local lodges are doing.

The Valley of Albany may also be putting on the Sixth Degree for the Valley of Schenectady during their Spring Reunion. Last year, the Valley of Schenectady came over to Albany to put on the Ninth Degree for us.

As you can seem a lot will be happening this year. We hope to see more old and new faces at our programs.

Cordially and Fraternally,
Byron D. Moak,
32nd Degree, MSA



A message from your Most Wise Master

Brothers,

I am sure you know how important it is to be always mindful of the virtues of Scottish Rite Masonry. More light in Masonry is not an entitlement to a Master Mason. It is a rite that is achieved only through reading, study and fellowship with good men who share similar beliefs and character. It is my fervent belief that we become better men and Masons only by participating in meetings, degrees and reunions with other brothers who we can learn from and teach.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Walter E. Webber, reminded us in a recent issue of "THE NORTHERN LIGHT" that, "We have a great story to tell, we are relevant to today's society, and our lessons are as needed today as they were the day they were created." I think this is a beautiful statement. However, I believe our lessons are needed more now than ever. In today's society when individual achievements and personal wealth are more valued and encouraged than our Masonic corporate philanthropies, I think our lessons that teach love, integrity, fidelity, loyalty, caring, duty, citizenship, confidentiality and honor are more relevant and important than ever. We all need these lessons to continually remind us to stand in the Northeast corner of our own lodges, and everywhere else we go in life, as upright men and Masons.

Please review the schedule that is contained in this issue of "The Rite Light" and mark on your calendar the meetings and reunions you want to attend. You will notice that several of the meetings have degree presentations/rehearsals where you can re-familiarize yourself with our story without the need to invest an entire day. The reunions are planned for Friday and Saturday this year to make the events more comfortable, and to allow for more

**Ancient Accepted
Scottish Rite
Valley of Albany, New York**

**2006-2007
SCHEDULE**

Meetings open 7:30 PM

Masonic Temple
Corning Place and Lodge Street
Albany, New York 12207

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*opens and closes

2006

Sept. 18 *Lodge and Council –*

6th Degree Rehearsal and potluck dinner

Chapter and Consistory

Oct 13

Lodge and Council –

4th and 6th Degrees Chapter and Consistory

Oct 14

FALL REUNION –

14th, 15th, 18th, 26th, 31st, 32nd Degrees

Nov 05

Veterans' Program

2007

January (DARK)

February (DARK)

Mar 01 *Lodge, Council –*

Rite Life Program

Chapter and Consistory

Apr 01

*** *Feast of the Pascal Lamb**** 3:30 P.M.

Apr 20

Lodge and Council –

4th and 10th Degrees Chapter and Consistory

Apr 21

Spring REUNION.

14th, 16th, 18th, 24th, 31st, 32nd Degrees

May 31 *** *ANNUAL ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS****

July 27-29 *Council of Deliberation –* Syracuse, NY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

August 22, 2006

October 3, 2006

December 5, 2006

February 22, 2007

April 19, 2007

June 7, 2007

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Master of Ceremonies	t/b/a	
Captain of the Guard	t/b/a	

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Emeriti Officers

Tiler/Sentinel	Atlee P. Warner	438-6334
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Degree Directors

4 th , 6 th , 10 th , 31 st and 32 nd ...	William M. Korn
14 th	John W. Scott
15 th	Gerald F. Irwin
16 th	Byron D. Moak
18 th	Alan C. Lewis
26 th	John W. Scott

Active for Albany

III .: Peter J. Samiec, 33°

Executive Board

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.....	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr. MSA
.....	Stephen S. King, MSA
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Financial Advisor	Kenneth M. White

DUES

	Lodge	Council	Chapter	Consistory	Total
Initiation	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$135.00
Dues	11.00	6.00	7.00	13.00	37.00
Assessments					14.00
			Total Annual Dues		\$51.00

Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, 33°

1966 # Francis Miner	1991 Richard F. Cesare
1983 Clayton E. Simons	1993 # William F. Iacocca
1985 # John A. Sainz	1994 Alan C. Lewis
1987 # Richard H. Welkley	1996 # Malcolm L. Ogden, Sr.
1988 Richard C. Mills	1999 # Stephen F. Miner
1990 # H. Joseph Heath	2000 Arnold W. Proskin
	2002 William M. Korn

#Troy**Meritorious Service Awards**

Valley of Albany	Valley of Troy
1973 Paul G. Heintz	1984 William V. Iacocca, 33°
1975 Clayton E. Simons, 33°	1988 Robert F. Parslow
1983 Fred B. Hill, Jr.	1989 Stafford J. Willis
1986 Russell J. LaGrange, Jr.	1991 Russell G. Slingerland
1988 Harold J. Clark	1992 Alexander R. Grone
1992 James L. Fuller	1993 Lewis O. Slocum
1993 Alfred Krueger, Jr.	1994 William F. Tschumi
1995 Douglas C. Hays	1996 Robert R. Roseberger
1996 James E. Johnston	1997 Byron D. Moak
1997 Robert E. Murphy	1999 Ralph E. Shaffer
1998 George E. Thomas	2001 Howard B. Clarkson
1999 William M. Korn, 33°	2002 William A. Jerwann
2000 William F. Okesson, Jr.	
2001 Gerald F. Irwin	
2002 James M. Fuller	
2003 Ronald H. Noll	
2004 Stephen S. King	
2005 Bruce M. Pavlov	

Dedicated Service Awards

1978 Atlee P. Warner	2000 Thomas W. Snow
	2002 George B. Hunt

Your Current Dues Card is **BLUE**, Valid Through July 31, 2007

Do You Have Yours?

Thank You for Paying Your Dues Promptly!

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Messages from the Presiding Officers

Most Wise Masters Message, Cont.....

companionship during dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Also, there are joint events planned with the Schenectady Valley, such as the Holiday Party and Spring Ladies Night that will allow us to join together in a social setting with our wives or significant others. Finally, there are special events, such as the Veterans Day Program and the Super Bowl Party at the VA Hospital that will be great opportunities for us to promote all of the Masonic bodies to the community at large. Join us in some or all of these events as a way to gain more light in Masonry, and help make the Valley of Albany as vibrant as it can be.

Finally, your attention is directed to the numerous improvements that have been made to our Fourth Floor of the Masonic Hall. In the not too distant past, the auditorium was repainted. Additionally, the carpeting on the stage and the window treatments in the auditorium were replaced last year. Finally, throughout this past summer, an exceptionally talented theatrical artist has created a totally new Cathedral set for us to use in the 31st and 32nd degrees, among others. A tremendous amount of research and work had gone into making this new project a success, and I can assure you that we now have a facility for conferring degrees that is second to none. The thought of seeing this new Cathedral set for the first time when the curtain opens for the Fall Reunion should be sufficient incentive for everyone to plan to attend.

As you can see, a lot of effort has been invested to try to give all of us many good reasons to participate in and promote the meetings, reunions and events that are planned for our historic Valley. However, I fear that all of this effort will be for naught if we do not sit back and contemplate what motivated us to become 32nd Degree Masons. Our goals must have included advancing our knowledge in the Craft through active participation in Scottish Rite Masonry. Please remember, we

can never have too much knowledge or learn too much no matter how far we have advanced in Masonry.

Welcome home my brothers. I look forward to seeing you all very soon. As always, it will be my pleasure to greet you at the various meetings and functions that are planned by the Valley of Albany for this Scottish Rite season.

**Most Fraternally,
John W. Scott,
Most Wise Master**



Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for allowing me to sit as Sovereign Prince. I will try to make everyone proud to be a member of the Valley of Albany.

Our Reunions are well planned and our cast is ready to put on the degrees. But, it is nice to play to a full house. If you can possibly make it to our Reunion on October 13 and 14, you will be delighted with our NEW stage sets. They are currently being painted by a professional set artist. She has researched some of the Masonic buildings and worked online to find detail from Roswell Chapel in Scotland. Seeing our stage will help you to ask your friend and brother about joining the Valley of Albany. You will be very proud to show him our Scottish Rite auditorium.

We are planning to do our Super Bowl Party at the Veterans Hospital in Albany. Last year was magnificent. We were able to give out socks, mittens, hats, hygiene products, and plenty of Super Bowl food. We had a great time and the Vets really enjoyed it. It's great to say thanks to our people who have given so much for our country.

The Council of Jerusalem still needs officers, specifically Orator and Master of Ceremonies. We need two volunteers to fill the chairs. I will be calling all members until I can find a brother to fill the chairs. Of course, you could call me first and volunteer. But, I'll probably be talking to you on the phone.

I hope to see you at our Reunions and other meetings. Brothers, we need your help. Please ask a brother Mason to join our ranks. Remember: **It takes one to get one!**

**Fraternally,
Dan Kelly
Sovereign Prince**



Lodge of Perfection

A word from the Thrice Potent Master

Respectable Brethren:

I am honored to be able to serve as your Thrice Potent Master of the Ineffable and Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection for the following year. I will need help and my line officers will give me their continued support.

Thrice Potent Master

William F. Okesson, Jr.

Deputy Master

John A. Minozzi

Senior Warden

James P. Caruso

Junior Warden

Robert H. Fickies

Trustee

Alan C. Lewis

On July 21-23, 2006, the Council of Deliberation was held in Syracuse, New York. Bruce Pavloff was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. The recipient distinguishes himself through outstanding service or leadership and dedication to the Rite. We are finally getting a Learning Center located in Schenectady, N.Y. The learning center provides quality, state of the art, remedial education of children, diagnosed as having dyslexia. These services are free. It makes you feel proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, when you can be a part of

helping children with dyslexia. I want to encourage our membership to support us and support our activities. They say it takes a minute to find a special friend, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Do not value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life.

**Fraternally,
William F. Okesson, Jr
Thrice Potent Master**

Message From the Secretary

My Brothers,

We completed the third full year with a whole new Administration in August 2006, starting with your Secretary, Treasurer, and Rite Light Editor. Many cost cutting measures were taken to reduce expenses in 2003 and these continue forward yet today. Now that the Valley is on a more stable financial footing, we plan to use some of our investment income to help subsidize some upcoming events such as a Holiday Party and Ladies' Night. This past year, we subsidized a Bus Trip to Lexington and two social events.

Your Executive Board is continuing the practice of the Coordinate Bodies meeting on fewer occasions by combining meetings. In addition, fewer meetings are being held on a Thursday, the night some Blue Lodges in the Albany District meet. I call to your attention the schedule of meetings and programs included in this issue of the Rite Light. Please post the schedule conspicuously for future reference and plan to support your Scottish Rite body. You will notice that there will be degrees performed on the Friday night before the Fall and Spring Reunions. We will be able to accommodate more new members than if we held the degrees on a separate meeting night or tried to conduct eight degrees on the day of the Reunion.

We had a new officer join our ranks in 2005-06. Brother Dan Kelly was elected Senior Warden in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and now moves

up to Sovereign Prince. Let's give him and all of our officers good support this year.

Dues notices were mailed from Lexington in early August. Dues are payable in advance and your check is welcomed as soon as possible. Your dues are the primary source of income with which we conduct business and social programs. We also pay over \$7,000 in assessments to Supreme Council and the Council of Deliberation. In 2007, we will be required to take action on any member more than one year in arrears with his dues, so it is even more important to maintain a current status.

Your Valley has undertaken a major renovation of the stage props during the summer months. Please make it a point to come out to the next meeting or especially the Fall Reunion on October 14 to see the vast improvement! We are also holding a degree rehearsal session and work party preceded by a "pot luck" dinner at our September 18 meeting. Please come, bring your

favorite dish, and share with us.

Please make a note of the Valley's web address and check it regularly for announcements. It is:
<http://valleyofalbany.aasmasonry.us/>

**Fraternally,
Michael Derry, 32°
Secretary**

In Memory

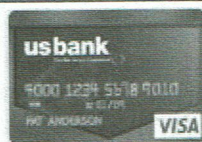
Ill. Albert Walton Mills, 33° was visited by the angel of death on January 19, 2006. He was born on April 2, 1912. He was survived by a son, Ill. Richard Charles Mills, 33° of Commack, NY and also a member of the Valley of Albany. Ill. Mills was a member of Temple Lodge No. 65, in Westport, CT. He was initiated in the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of Princes, the Albany Chapter, and the Albany Consistory on April 1, 1964 and he was elected to receive the 33rd Degree on September 28, 1977. Ill. Mills was a resident of the Masonic Home in Utica at the time of his passing.

NEWS ABOUT THE CAPITAL DISTRICT SCOTTISH RITE LEARNING CENTER.....

The Capital District Learning Center Committee visited the Learning Center in Oriskany at the Eastern Star Home this spring.. We were very impressed with the center, their operations and facility.

We are moving forward with our plans to open a Capital District Scottish Rite Learning center to be located on Broadway in Schenectady. A facility has been located. The property will be donated by a member of Sigma Bodies. We are very fortunate for this donation. The property will work very well for our purposes. Engineer studies are under way.

If you would like to donate to assist with this most important project for Capital District Scottish Rite Masons, please make your tax deductible contributions to **32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.** and send to Michael Derry, Valley Secretary. He will see that your contribution reaches the committee.



US Bank is now processing applications for new VISA cards. Members who use the cards are aiding Scottish Rite Charities. The Charities program no longer receives any benefit from the former cards issued by MBNA but will receive income from US Bank. We encourage you to apply. Gift incentives are available to new applicants.

You can obtain an application when attending a meeting or Reunion?

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PETITION FOR DEGREES / AFFILIATION (CROSS OUT ONE)
To the Officers and Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies sitting in the Valley of Albany, N.Y.

I, _____
PRINT FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME (NO INITIALS)

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREOF, RESPECTFULLY SHOW THAT I AM DESIROUS OF BEING ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF
INEFFABLE & SUBLIME GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°
GRAND COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, 18°
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CONISISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

AND REQUEST THAT I MAY BE RECEIVED AMONG YOU, AND THAT I WILL EVER PRAY FOR THE PROSPERITY AND GLORY OF THE FRATERNITY AND THE WELFARE OF THE BRETHREN.

IN MAKING THIS APPLICATION I PROMISE ON MY WORD OF HONOR THAT SHOULD I BE ELECTED AND BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR HONORABLE BODY, I SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING

Oath of Fealty

I will bear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting in its Grand East in the City of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees.

That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen.

Date of Birth _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth _____
TOWN STATE OR COUNTY

Residence _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY ZIP CODE Since _____

Your Mailing Address (if different than Residence) _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY ZIP CODE

Have resided in New York State since _____ Occupation _____

Business Address (or Employer) _____

Telephone No. _____ (HOME) _____ (WORK) Were you ever a member of the Order of DeMolay? _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEFORE PETITIONED FOR ANY DEGREE IN THE SCOTTISH RITE TO ANY OTHER VALLEY AND BEEN ACCEPTED OR REJECTED? YES OR NO? _____

IF YES, TO WHICH VALLEY AND WHEN? _____

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No. _____ LOCATED IN _____

RECOMMENDED BY _____ PLEASE PRINT SIGNATURE

DATE _____ CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE _____
INITIATION FEES LODGE COUNCIL CHAPTER CONSISTORY TOTAL
\$35.00 \$25.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$135.00

NOTE: MINIMUM OF \$50.00 MUST ACCOMPANY PETITION.

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Valley of Albany 2006-2007 Meeting Dates

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September 18, 2006	Mon.	Lodge*, Council, Chapter, Consistory. Practice 6th ^o
October 3, 2006	Tue.	Executive Board
October 7, 2006	Sat.	Capital District Walk-a-Thon for the Learning Center The Crossings, Colonie Park
October 13, 2006	Fri.	Lodge, Council*, Chapter, Consistory. 4 th and 6 th ^o
October 14, 2006	Sat.	Fall Reunion, 14 th , 15 th , 18 th , 26 th , 31 st , 32 nd
November 5, 2006	Sun.	Veterans' Program,
December 5, 2006	Tue.	Executive Board
December 8, 2006	Fri.	Tri-Valley Scottish Rite Christmas Party, Woodland Club
February 22, 2007	Thurs.	Executive Board
March 1, 2007	Thur.	Lodge, Council*, Chapter Consistory Rite Life Program
April 1, 2007	Sun.	Feast of the Paschal Lamb
April 19, 2007	Thurs.	Executive Board
April 20, 2007	Fri.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*. 4 th and 10 th ^o
April 21, 2007	Sat.	Spring Reunion, 14 th , 16 th , 18 th , 24 th , 31 st , 32 nd
May 31, 2007	Thur.	Annual Meeting, Election and Installation All four bodies.
June 7, 2007	Thurs.	Executive Board

If you have an e-mail address, please contact our Secretary at mdderry@yahoo.com. He is building a Scottish Rite contact list so that members can be reminded of meetings and special events.