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Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, N.M.J., U.S.A.

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**32° Masonic
Learning Centers for Children, Inc.**



TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA

Saturday, September 29, 2007

"The Crossings Park"

Albany - Shaker Road, Colonie, NY

(see insert for additional information)

Fall Reunion

Friday & Saturday

October 19th - 20th, 2007

Albany Masonic Temple

(additional information enclosed)

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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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Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, 33°

1966 # Francis Miner
1983 Clayton Simons
1987 # Richard H. Welkley
1990 # H. Joseph Heath
1991 Riichard F. Ceasre
1993 # William F. Iacocca
1994 Alan C. Lewis
1996 # Malcolm L. Ogden, Sr,
1999 # Stephen F. Miner
2000 Arnold W, Poskin
2002 William M. Korn
2007 Ronald H. Noll

(# Troy)

Meritorious Service Awards

Valley of Albany

1973 Paul G. Heintz
1975 Clayton E. Simons, 33°
1986 Russell J. LaGrange, Jr.
1988 Harold J. Clark
1992 James L. Fuller
1993 Alfred Krueger, Jr.
1995 Douglas C. Hays
1996 James E. Johnston
1997 Robert E. Murphy
1999 William M. Korn, 33°
2000 William F. Okesson, Jr.
2001 Gerald F. Irwin
2002 James M. Fuller
2004 Ronald H. Noll
2006 Stephen S. King
2006 Bruce M. Pavloff
2007 John W. Scott (elect)

Valley of Troy

1984 William V. Iacocca, 33°
1988 Robert F. Parslow
1989 Stafford J. Willis
1991 Russell G. Sutherland
1992 Alexander R. Grone
1993 Lewis O. Slocum
1994 William F. Tschumi
1996 Robert R. Roseberger
1997 Byron D. Moak
1999 Ralph E. Schaefer
2002 William A. Jerwann
2007 Michael G. Angiolillo (elect)

Dedicated Service Awards

1978 Atlee P. Warner

2002 George B. Hunt

Message from our Walk-a-thon Chairman

Greetings Brothers,
My name is Jordan Jaquay and I am the 2nd Lt. Commander of the Valley of Schenectady. I am writing this letter as the chairman of the Capital Region Scottish Rite Charities Corporation walk-a-thon on September 29th at "The Crossings" in Colonie.

I am issuing a challenge to every Scottish Rite brother in the Valleys of Albany, Schenectady, and Troy. That challenge is to make a \$10 donation to the cause. If every brother in the three Valleys donated just \$10 we would have in excess of \$14,000 before the walk even starts.

You can send your donation to CRSRC, PO Box 89, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Also Remember the WALK on 9/29. We hope to see you there!

Jordan

Greetings all...

I'm writing this as one of the nicest days of the summer comes to a close. I don't think I could find one thing wrong with today, no matter how hard I tried. It's amazing how a beautiful day can improve your attitude and outlook; make you feel reinvigorated and ready to face the challenges of our everyday lives. I sat here earlier wondering how I could get this same feeling, even when the day was less than perfect and I had an interesting thought: Isn't that what our involvement in Masonry is supposed to do?

One need only listen to the words in the opening and closing prayer at every Symbolic Lodge meeting to realize that if we indeed practice what we pray for, we'd have a time when we could find respite from the trials and tribulations of our lives. A place where we could renew our Masonic beliefs, subdue discordant passions, harmonize and enrich our hearts and prepare to return to our everyday lives reinvigorated by the experience.

The next logical question might be, "is that what Masonry *really* does for us?" It should be so, but often isn't. Perhaps we should all resolve to review the tenets of our gentle Craft and pledge a return to them. If we can find a way to make our Masonry a philosophy to be lived rather than a problem to be solved, we'll all find greater joy in our involvement, no matter which quarry we labor in.

Think about it.

Much has happened this summer and all of it positive, Brothers. The 138th Annual Convocation of the NYS Council of Deliberation held in Syracuse last month was a big-time home run. The attendance was up and everyone attending had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. If you missed it, make a plan to be with us next year, same time of year, same place. Everyone left with a feeling of reinvigoration and prepared to meet the challenges of a new Scottish Rite year.

In the Capital Region, two Brothers were Coroneted 33°, Honorary Members of Supreme Council at its Annual Communication in Washington DC. Our congratulations to Illustrious Brother Ronald Noll, 33°, from the Valley of Albany and Illustrious Brother Roger Pelham, 33°, from the Valley of Schenectady. Both these Brothers epitomize the image of an Honorary Member of our Supreme Council and we're proud to have them numbered amongst the leaders of our Scottish Rite.

The Meritorious Service Award was conferred upon one of our Scottish Rite Brothers at the July Council of Deliberation in Syracuse. Distinguished Brother David Kazda, 32° MSA, from the Valley of Schenectady received this well deserved honor.

Three Brothers were selected to receive the Meritorious Service Award next year. They are: Brother John Scott, 32°, from the Valley of Albany, Brother David Schaeffer from the Valley of Schenectady and Brother Michael Angiolillo, 32°, from the Valley of Troy.

We all hope you'll be with us next year as we honor these three deserving Capital Region Scottish Rite Brothers.

Our efforts to establish a learning center in the Capital region are ongoing and moving steadily forward. Look for more information in the next issue of the Rite Light.

A part of our fund raising for the Center is the annual Walkathon, scheduled for September 29, 2007. Once again we'll hold the event at the Crossings in Colonie. Look for additional information in this issue and find a way to support us in this important endeavor. Can you find some subscribers and walk to raise money? Can you come and help on Sept. 29th? Remember, many hands make light work! Maybe you can't do either but you can still help. Think about sending a contribution designated for support of the Walkathon, to:

Capital Region Scottish Rite Charities, Inc.
PO Box 89
Clifton Park, NY 12065

My Brothers, your support now will help make the Learning Center a reality much sooner. I thank you for your consideration. Remember who the ultimate benefactors will be: local kids with dyslexia.

**With warmest fraternal regards,
Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33° Active**

News From Troy Delta Bodies

Although the summer is fast fading away Troy Delta Bodies has been hard at work over the summer months planning what they hope will be a great 2007 – 2008 season.

First, Troy Delta Bodies is proud to announce that Bro. Michael Angiolillo has been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the Council of Deliberation in 2007. We would all like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mike for his hard work and dedication in receiving this much earned award.

Messages from the Presiding Officers

News From Troy Delta Bodies Cont.

There will be a Troy Delta Bodies social night scheduled for October 26th in lieu of a formal meeting. This is to be held in Warrensburg in the hope that this will encourage a greater participation from our brethren living in the North Country. A postcard with detailed information will be mailed out shortly.

Several educational lectures are planned over the next year centering around the significance and importance of the 14th, 16th and 18th degrees. These are tentatively scheduled for September 21st, November 16th and January 18th, 2008. All are encouraged to come and see.

My brothers, if you have a email address, please email me at: avalent3@nycap.rr.com so that I may add your name and email addresses for future electronic Valley news items and information thereby saving postage.

Al Valente,
Secretary, Valley of Troy



From the Commander-in-Chief...

Dear Sublime Princes:

I thank the brethren for your confidence in electing and installing me as your Commander in Chief for 2007 - 2008. This is a great responsibility and I promise to do my best to serve you and the Valley of Albany. The Consistory Officers also installed are as follows: Robert H. Fickies, 1st Lt. Commander; John W. Scott, 2nd Lt. Commander; Steven S. King, Trustee; Ronald H. Noll, Orator; Martin W. Leukhardt, Chancellor; Wilfred C. Baumann, Master of Ceremonies; Paul

B. Rosenblatt, Sr., Engineer & Seneschal; Vacant, Standard Bearer; Vacant, Captain of the Guard. Congratulations to these officers and I know that these brothers will do their best to support the Valley.

To summarize the upcoming year, there will be four Stated joint meetings of the Valley with each of the four Bodies responsible for a meeting. The Lodge of Perfection will open, close and be responsible for a program on October 4, 2007. Similarly, the Chapter's night is November 29, the Council's on March 27, 2008, and the Consistory's on April 3, 2008. The Annual Meeting will be convened on May 29, 2008.

On membership, as you may have already read, our next Scottish Rite REUNION is October 19 and 20, 2007. Please plan on attending and get those petitions in. The Degrees to be conferred are listed elsewhere in this issue.

Congratulations are in order! At the 2007 Council of Deliberation, Sublime Prince, John W. Scott was announced as the next recipient of the prestigious Meritorious Service Award for the Albany Valley. The members of the Valley extend congratulations to hard working Brother John Scott, MSA elect.

I thank the Valley officers and honored MSA's who attended this year's C. O. D. The session was informative and very well organized. Promoted was "Valley Degree swapping" and this concept will be utilized in our Valley. Our neighbors, Sigma Bodies of the Valley of Schenectady, hosted the session and did an outstanding job.

Sublime Prince and Treasurer of the Valley, Ronald H. Noll, will be Coronated an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, August 27, 2007. Details of a Testimonial for Brother Noll will be communicated as plans are formalized. As you read this, please extend to Ron congratulations on

becoming the Valley's newest 33rd.

The presiding officers will be promoting "team work" and working together in our labors for the Valley of Albany. At a recent officers picnic, it was stressed that all the officers should be encouraged to do the best they could to fulfill the responsibilities of their respective office and also help each other succeed.

Finally, I hope that your summer has been enjoyable and I look forward to seeing and greeting each of you this fall.

Fraternally,
Ill. William M. Korn, 33^o
Commander in Chief



A message from your Most Wise Master

Perfect Knights:

Greetings to all Knights of Rose Croix. I am looking forward to our upcoming year. I believe it will be a great one in Scottish Rite. I am looking forward to our meeting the last Thursday in November which is November 29th when the Rose Croix will meet and I hope that the program I have planned will be very enjoyable. We also will have the Feast of the Pascal Lamb next year and hope that everyone that can come will attend both of these events as well as the other events including the reunions we have scheduled for this year. I am honored as being elected your Most Wise Master for this year and look forward to working with all of you.

Fraternally,
Dennis DeBell

Messages from the Presiding Officers



Council, Princes of Jerusalem

My Brothers,

We are preparing for our fall reunion. We need help from our brothers to put on great degrees. But more than that, we need new candidates to bring into our Rite. You can talk to a Blue Lodge brother about Scottish Rite. You may be surprised at who is interested. Most Masonic brothers ARE interested in further light; all they need is someone to bring up the subject. We have two new public degrees. They are

the 4th degree and the Lincoln degree. We are hoping to put these on for some Blue Lodge brothers before the reunion.

In closing, I hope you can make it this fall. If you only came for your first reunion, you should think about coming out to see this one. Let us know you are coming, so we can plan for refreshments.

Remember, our RE_NION needs U.

Fraternally,
Dan Kelly,
Sovereign Prince



Lodge of Perfection

A word from the Thrice Potent Master

My Brothers,
I am honored to have been Elected and Installed as Thrice Potent Master for the 2007-2008 year. I will try to make this a successful year. The officers of the Lodge of Perfection are:

Thrice Potent Master:
William Okesson, Jr., MSA
Deputy Master:
Cullen C. Kasunic
Senior Warden:
Gary E. Smith
Junior Warden:
John A. Minozzi
Trustee:
Alan C. Lewis, 33rd
Orator:
William Carlucci
Master of Ceremonies:
Alison L. Aumick
Captain of the Guard:
Vacant

For the second year in a row, our Valley and several Masonic bodies took a lead role in organizing and running the Soap Box Derby. The Soap Box Derby was held on Madison Avenue in Albany on June 9 and 10. June 9 was a practice day so the drivers could get familiar to the cars and the track. The 10th was the official race day. Katie Scott, daughter of John Scott, won every heat she ran in. By winning the Sunday race, she won a trip to Akron, Ohio where she raced contestants from all over the United States. Although she did not prevail in Akron, she gained valuable experience and will probably race again next year.

Our Valley, along with the Valley in Schenectady and Troy, will be sponsoring the Walk-a-thon at the Crossing in Colonie. The event is a fundraiser for the Capital District Scottish Rite Learning Center for Dyslexic children in Schenectady and will be held on September 29, 2007. Please, in whatever way you can, support the Learning Center.

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

“Secretary’s Notes”

Sublime Princes, we are entering a new year in our Valley, under the leadership of Ill. William M. Korn, 33rd, Commander In Chief. Our Executive Board has met and new committee

assignments have been made and a schedule of events prepared. Enclosed in this edition of your newsletter is the 2008 schedule and list of officers.

Dues are again payable for the fiscal year 2008 that began August 1, 2007. According to the Constitution and our Bylaws, dues are payable in advance. We continue to find some brothers suspended for non-payment of dues. In the past, we suspended after a brother was two years in arrears. Now, due to a change in the constitution, we must suspend after one year in arrears. Accordingly, any member not having paid his 2007 dues by the end of this fiscal year will face suspension. Please do not let this happen to you!

While I am not encouraging anyone to request a demit, it is the honorable approach for any member wishing to terminate his membership. It allows the member to return to membership in the Scottish Rite and does not cost his Valley the value of unpaid assessments levied by our Council of Deliberation and Supreme Council.

I encourage all members to come out to our meetings and especially our Reunions. Members have renewed their commitment to improve their proficiency in the degrees and we have new stage sets that will make you proud to be a member of our Valley. We have been adding many new members each year, but it is difficult to keep ahead of the Angel of Death.

There are interesting programs or degrees performed at our regular meetings so you can be assured of receiving value for your time. Our Valley continues to update its web site and I encourage you to search it for information about your Valley. The current address is:

<http://valleyofalbania.aasmasonry.us/>

In addition, if you have not sent your e-mail address to me, please do so and we will include you in the distribution list of electronic news.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Michael D. Derry
Secretary

"A Golfers Nightmare"

It was a sunny morning, a little before 8.00am, on the first hole of a busy course, and I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot when a piercing voice came over the club house loud speaker,

"Would the gentleman on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee please!"

I could feel every eye on the course looking at me.

I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption.

Again the announcement, "Would the man on the woman's tee kindly back up to the men's tee."

I simply ignored the guy and kept concentrating,

When once more, the man yelled, "Would the man on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee, please!"

I finally stopped, turned, cupped my hands and shouted back . . .

"Would the jerk with the microphone kindly keep quiet and let me play my second shot!"

Necrology

We are saddened by the loss of our departed brothers. They are now in that celestial house, not made by human hands, eternal in the heavens. They have gone to be with our Grand Architect of the Universe, and our brothers who have gone before us.

John Tears Rose

August 27, 1935
April 1, 2007

Marshall Henry Petlitz

March 7, 1915
January 1, 2007

Buhl Frank Beach

April 1, 1924
June 14, 2007

Paul Jacob Tryon

July 19, 1929
July 27, 2007

Milton Webster Pinckney

October 24, 1909
May 1, 2007

Robert Henry Murray

December 16, 1928
October 14, 2006

Milton Morris Tinkle

April 20 1913
November 10, 2006

Leonard James Wohlrab

September 22, 1920
July 12, 2007

Albert Fredrick Lanz

April 6, 1924
April 10, 2007

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of these brothers. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Local Scottish Rite Scholarships Awardee

"The Valley of Albany is pleased to announce the names of three Abbott Scholarship winners in 2007. Erin Rathbun, Lucy Parker and Mathew Scott. Erin is the Granddaughter of Mike Angiolillo and is a third year student at Adirondack Community College, majoring in Child Psychology. Lucy Parker is the Granddaughter of John C.W. Rowley and is a Senior at Sterling College, majoring in Ecotourism. Matthew Scott is the Son of John Scott and is a Junior at SUNY Institute of Technology, majoring in Civil Engineering. Our charitable contributions to the Scottish Rite Scholarship Fund helps to make these scholarship awards possible. The next application period will be announced in the winter months and usually has a deadline in mid-March."

MANY EMPLOYERS MATCH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Many members of the valley are very generous in their support whether they 'Walk the Walk' by participating in our annual walk to help dyslexic children, or they 'Talk the Talk' by spreading the news of our specific events, or they simply make a Contribution. When you decide to help our cause by making a donation please remember many employers have matching gift programs and will double the net total of the gift by matching the amount contributed by the employee. We were pleased to see this program was exercised during our recent Dyslexia Walk this year.

If you work at General Electric or one of the major employers in the capital district you may have the opportunity to double your support by participating in this matching gift program. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity please call Roger Pelham at 518 877-8299 who will help you with the process. The result is great and requires only a few minutes of your time.

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NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U.S.A.
VALLEY OF ALBANY, N.Y.
67 CORNING PLACE, ALBANY, N.Y. 12207-1904

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P.O. Box 263
Central Bridge, N.Y. 12035-0263

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 _____ Since _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY ZIP CODE

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? _____

SYMBOLIC LODGE MEMBERSHIP I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF _____ LODGE

No. _____ LOCATED IN _____

RECOMMENDED BY _____
PLEASE PRINT SIGNATURE

DATE CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

	LODGE	COUNCIL	CHAPTER	CONSISTORY	TOTAL
INITIATION FEES	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$135.00

NOTE: MINIMUM OF \$50.00 MUST ACCOMPANY PETITION.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

* opens and closes

2007

- Oct. 4 Lodge*, Council, Chapter and Consistory -
Program: History of Lodge of Perfection
Oct. 19 **1st Night of Fall REUNION - 4^o, 10^o & 14^o**
Oct. 20 **Saturday of Fall REUNION**
15th, 18th, 24th, 31st, 32nd Degrees
Nov. 29 Lodge, Council, Chapter* and Consistory

2008

- January (Dark)
February (Dark)
Mar. 16 *** Feast of the Pascal Lamb *** 3:30 pm
Mar. 27 Lodge, Council*, Chapter and Consistory
Apr. 3 Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory*
Apr. 18 **1st Night of Spring REUNION - 4^o & 6^o**
Apr. 19 **Saturday of Spring REUNION**
14^o, 16th, 18th, 20th, 31st, 32nd Degrees
May 29 *** Annual Election and Installation of Officers ***
July 25-26 Council of Deliberation - Syracuse, NY

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.