



The Rite Light



Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, N.M.J., U.S.A.
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Spring Reunion to be held in Albany
Friday, April, 23, 2010, we will confer the 4° & 6°
Saturday, April 24, 2010, we will confer the 14°,
16°, 18°, 24°, 31° & 32°

A petition in enclosed - We need you assistance in bringing new members
Into Scottish Rite Masonary! Help is needed for the Degree Teams.
Please contact the Valley Secretary if interested.



Albany Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix
Delta Chapter Rose Croix
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE
Feast of the Paschal Lamb

TROY MASONIC TEMPLE

39 Brunswick Road
Troy, New York

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

Public Ceremony 3:00 P.M.
Dinner 4:00 P.M.

Please make your reservations through you Valley Secretary by April 10, 2010

Testimonial Dinner for Ill. Michael Derry, 33rd Degree, and
Hon. Robert Fickies, 32nd Degree, MSA, on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010
at Cyprus Shrine Center, 27 Hannay Lane, Glenmont, N.Y.

(Reservation form on Page 7)

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:

Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

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Grand Lieutenant Commander

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DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE VALLEY OF ALBANY

Michael Derry, 33°

VALLEY OF TROY

Michael G. Angiolillo, 32°, M.S.A.

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*We mourn the passing of the
following brethren who were
called to eternal refreshment
in the Paradise of God.*

Bros. Charles Burton Back
Charles Thurston Weller
George Bartley Strang
Guy Alfred Loomis
Duncan Alexander McCrae
Robert Voils
Robert Martin Bowman
Frederick John Parker
Raymond Arthur Struck
Edward Arthur Starkweather
William Woore Dowden
Benjamin Frank Markowitz
Joseph Epstein
Samuel Chester Herman

From the Consistory,

Harold Albert Anderson
Robert Gerald Paul
David Goodman
Robert Erskine Wasson
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Joseph Epstein
Robert Gerald Paul
David Goodman
Robert Erskine Wasson.

Hospitaler Notes

If any brother knows of a brother or family member who is in distress or in need of our aid or sympathy, or you would like to make a donation to the Hospitaler Fund, please contact

Donald H. Blake
1031 Third Street
Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144-1913
(518) 463-6536

Albany Sovereign Consistory

A Message from your
Commander in Chief

Dear Sublime Princes:

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. I also hope you found some time to quietly reflect on your good fortune and to share God's bounty with those who are less fortunate than you. Please remember that charity does not end with the holidays. As we head into the New Year, find some worthy cause, such as the Special Olympics, and donate some of your time and resources. In this hard economic environment, every charity needs as much assistance as we can possibly give.

The Fall Reunion and Scottish Rite Day are behind us. These were both very successful events. Although there will always be room for improvement in our ritual memory work, I am very proud of the Valley of Albany. Thank you to all of my Brothers who participated in these fine events.

We will have a very busy spring season. We have four regularly scheduled meetings on February 18, March 18, April 15, and the Annual Meeting on May 27. In addition, we have the Knighting Ceremony for the Knights of the Double Eagle at the February meeting, and the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Sunday, April 28, at the Troy Masonic Center. Finally, we will have a Testimonial Dinner for Ill. Michael Derry, 33rd Degree, and Hon. Robert Fickies, 32nd Degree, MSA, on February 20. Please consult your Valley Schedule of Events, Masons on Line events, and this edition of the Rite Light for more details and mark your calendars accordingly. I hope you will accept this note as your personal invitation to attend all of these exciting opportunities for fraternal friendship and celebration.

We have already announced that Sublime Prince Dan Kelly as been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at this year's Council of Deliberation in July 2010. You will receive more information on this event, which will be held in Syracuse. Please congratulate Dan on his much deserved recognition.

I will be working with the Degree Directors on reviewing our respective cast lists and rehearsal schedules for the Spring Reunion. It is my plan to make sure no one Brother has more than three degree parts in any Reunion. If we are able to increase the cast participation and schedule several rehearsals for the degrees, I am sure we can all learn our parts and put an end to the past practice of settling for reading from the scripts. We must remember that our AASR ritual is as important as the degree ritual in our Lodges. We do not read our parts in our Masonic Lodges and we should not read our parts in the Valley of Albany. Many of you will receive recruiting calls in the near future asking for your assistance in the Reunion. I hope you can find the time to help out in some capacity.

Our Spring Reunion is presently scheduled for April 23-24, 2010 when we will present the 4th, 6th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 24th, 31st, and 32nd Degrees. Discussions are underway to possibly change the Reunion to include the presentation of the 31st and 32nd Degrees in May, similar to the very successful Scottish Rite Day we enjoyed in November. This will allow us to present the remainder of the Degrees on Saturday, April 24th, and it will give us the chance to have a 32nd Degree Banquet in honor of our newest members. I will be interested in receiving your thoughts on these possible changes.

Finally, I wish you and those you love a very happy New Year. I look forward to greeting all of you at the many Scottish Rite events that will be available for us this spring.

**Sincerely and fraternally,
John W. Scott, 32nd Degree, MSA
Commander in Chief**

Rose Croix

A Message from you
Most Wise Master

My Brothers,

It is hard to believe another year has passed. I hope your Holidays were festive and safe.

I'd like to call to your attention a special event coming in March this Spring. The Feast of the Pascal Lamb will be held on Sunday March 28, 2010 at the Troy Masonic Lodge. There is a possibility that other Valleys will participate with us in the event. I do hope you will save this date and plan to attend this program where we remember those who have passed to the Grand Lodge on High, then enjoy fellowship after the program. I look forward to the new year and may our Valley grow with attendance and new members.

Thank you to all the officers who give so much of their time and talents to our Valley. I am grateful to you all.

**Roland "Bud" Abare
Most Wise Master**

Council, Princes of Jerusalem

A Message from you
Sovereign Prince

Sublime Princes

As I write this during the waning days of 2009, I look back at all that has transpired in our National headlines, war, the economy government debates, crime, terrorism the list goes on. You would think that we all were in a pretty sorry state. That panic would be at every turn and a run on hand lotion

inevitable with all the wringing going on. Doom is the forecast so says our weatherman Nostradamus.

As I check the rope around my ankles and my estimated trajectory over the bridge rail, the sparkle off the diamond setting in the Double Eagle ring that I received upon my Dad's passing catches my eye like a slap in the face from an insulted girlfriend. Masonry. Scottish Rite. I come back to my senses with a feeling of inspiration. Despite all the negative noise, we keep believing in our ideals. We keep doing what we do as we always have. Whether it is reaching out to kids and their families with a Soap Box Derby or walking for a cure for Dyslexia. It's the great feeling of teamwork when you accomplish a part that you've never done before along with your cast members during a Reunion. How about the feeling of fellowship at the standing room only Scottish Rite Day held at the new Shrine Temple this fall welcoming a huge class of brothers with a stirring 31st and 32nd degree presentation. Even pulling off a successful program when your guest speaker cancels at the last minute can give you that spark. Yes there was serious stuff going on around us but look at all we accomplished and will continue to. This is what encourages me that 2010 will be even better. I look forward to seeing you all. To you and your families have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**Fraternally,
Ken White
Sovereign Prince
Council, Princes of Jerusalem**

32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.

The Capital Region Scottish Rite Charities, Inc. is still in the process of opening a Learning Center for Children with Dyslexia in the Capital Region. They are still in the process of finding a location that will be suitable for the Learning Center. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a location, they are always open for your comments.

Please contact you Valley Secretary or Ill. Malcolm L. Ogden, Sr. at 747-4327.

Lodge of Perfection



A Message from our Thrice Potent Master

Greetings Sublime Princes,

I hope the holidays were joyous for all. As we move into the second half of our year let us focus on what is Rite. What is Rite for our new members, our existing members, and our Valley.

Let us give a large amount of attention to our new members. Let's encourage them to participate in our reunions. Talk to them about our Knights of the Double Eagle program. Spark the idea of joining the ranks of our officers. The more interaction we have with our new members, the better.

Let us encourage our existing members who we don't normally see to attend our regular meetings. Talk to them about the joining the Knights of St. Andrew. Let us work to see our Valley grow even more in the upcoming years. Many of our new symbolic lodge members are highly interested in the Scottish Rite. Let's give them the Rite information about our Valley and encourage them to petition.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Brother Drew Miller and Distinguished Brother Bob Fickies for providing the impetus to establish these groups within our Valley. Their efforts have had a direct impact on the attendance and enthusiasm of our members.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you this year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our regular meetings and reunion.

**Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Brother Eric Benson
Thrice Potent Master**

"Secretary's Notes"

Sublime Princes,

The health of our Valley continues to improve. We had two successful Reunions, culminating in the performance of the 31st degree by the Valley of Schenectady and the 32nd degree by our Valley on November 14, 2009. Sublime Prince John Scott, our Commander In Chief, has plans for expanding communications and increasing attendance at our meetings.

Your Valley has subscribed to Masons On Line. It is a valuable communication tool and enables members to see upcoming events in all groups in which one is a member. If you are not yet signed up to access the web site, please contact your Secretary, who is also the Administrator for the Valley, for assistance.

Supreme Council has adopted a new concept to lead us into the future: "Each Valley must emphasize Convenience, Inspiration and Enjoyment in all its programs and Degrees". The leadership of our Valley will make every effort to incorporate these concepts in our programs and plans in the years ahead.

The 2010 dues have been coming in pretty well, but if you have not yet sent yours, please do so soon. A third reminder will be in the mail in a couple of weeks and we don't want to have to nudge you to pay.

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://valleyofalbany.aasrmasonry.us/>
**Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Michael D. Derry
Secretary
mdderry@yahoo.com**

**Don't forget the
Soap Box Derby.
Help is always needed.
Just ask How Can I Help!**

Order of Knights of the Double Eagle

Knights of the Double Eagle Program a Winner Robert H. Fickies, 32°, MSA



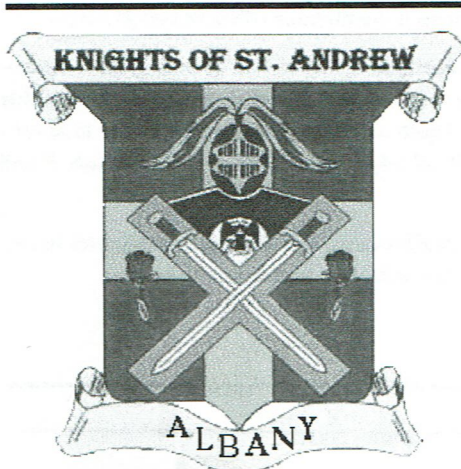
The Knight of the Double Eagle Service Award Program was established in the Valley of Albany in 2008, as a means of recognizing members who actively participate in Valley programs and Scottish Rite sponsored events. Our program was adapted from similar programs active in a number of valleys in the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Valley of Albany is the first valley in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction authorized to run the program. Our members greeted the program with enthusiasm. Currently, there are more than 60 brothers who are participating in the program.

At the Valley's regular (joint) meeting on Thursday, February 18th, twelve brothers will be knighted, and will receive their Double Eagle jewel. These brothers will be the first Knights of the Double Eagle in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

All members of the Valley of Albany are eligible to become Knights of the Double Eagle by actively participating in the business, events and activities conducted or sponsored by the Valley. Points are awarded for participation, and upon receiving 500 points, a member is made a Knight of the Double Eagle, and presented with the jewel signifying his knighthood.

Points are assigned to a brother for participation in valley meetings, events, and service in the officers' line. While only 500 points are needed for knighthood, additional points and recognition can be earned for up to 20,000 points.

More information on the program, and how points are awarded can be found on the valley's web site. The information, and a current list of members and points assigned are also posted in the Valley's conference room on the 4th floor of the Albany Masonic Hall.



Albany, New York Clan

Order of Knights of Saint Andrew



We are a service-based organization of the Valley of Albany NY, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. We are composed entirely of Black Cap Scottish Rite Masons. Membership within our ranks, although voluntary, is not given lightly.

We serve because service is needed. We help when no one else will. We answer the call when others turn a deaf ear. We stand strong when all others have fallen down. We lay up treasures in a place where they never will tarnish. When one of us steps forward, he will find a brotherhood taking that step with him. When one of us puts his hand to a task, he will find an army of hands helping him. Given the heritage that makes up the very fabric our order, how could we be anything less?

"The Knights of Saint Andrew exist as a service organization on behalf of all members of their Consistory. They are under the immediate supervision of the Executive Board of their Scottish Rite Valley and provide services where they are needed. This includes, but not limited to, aiding the Tylers, acting as greeters, providing escort services for dignitaries or for special events created for the ladies during reunions or other functions, serving as guides, assisting the Scottish degree work, helping present the Colors.

Knights of Saint Andrew also assist in the calling committees, participate in parades or civic activities, promote fund-raising events, and aid in any special event. The list can continue on as new ideas and concepts are developed to meet needs and goals.

Their flexibility and enthusiasm make the Knights of Saint Andrew one of the Valley's most active and desirable organizations. It is an excellent way to nurture and develop future leaders as they learn their organizational and leadership skills, explore the inner structures of their Scottish Rite Centers, and thus gain a deeper admiration for our Order and Brethren who work in Freemasonry as a whole."

Additional information is available on the Order of Knights of Saint Andrew on the Valley website:

<http://valleyofalbany.aasmasonry.us>

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

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

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

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? _____

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

No. _____ LOCATED IN _____

IF APPLYING FOR FURTHER DEGREES, I CERTIFY THAT I AM OR WILL BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF

_____ LODGE OF PERFECTION, LOCATED IN _____
COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, LOCATED _____

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, LOCATED IN _____

RECOMMENDED BY _____

PLEASE PRINT

SIGNATURE

DATE

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE



A Formal Affair



Awards/Honors

**The Officers and Members of the Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry**

Cordially and Fraternally Invite you to a

Testimonial Dinner
Honoring

Ill. ∴ Michael D. Derry, 33^o & Distinguished Robert H. Fickies, 32^o MSA

Saturday Evening, February 20, 2010

Cyprus Shrine Center
27 Hannay Lane, Glenmont

Six o'clock

Cash Bar & Unlimited hors d'oeuvres including
Mexican Seasoned Scallops,
Mini Chicken Cordon Bleu, Skewered Marinated Pork
Assorted Cheese Platter with Pepperoni, Vegetables, & Fresh Fruit

Seven-Thirty o'clock

Dinner - Deluxe Tossed Salad, Chicken Francais, Eggplant Parm, Stuffed Salmon,
Prime Rib, Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes, Homemade Tirimusi, Coffee & Tea

Subscription \$25.00 Dress - Men: Black Tie Tux (or Dark Suit), Cap, Jewels. Ladies: Optional

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Reservation Form

Reserve _____ Dinners @ \$25.00 each

Name: _____ 32^o 33^o DSA MSA Office _____

Lady: _____ Tel: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to Valley of Albany AASR
Please return this form & check to: William M. Korn, 5934 Johnston Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.

Deadline: February 15, 2010

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2010 Schedule of Events

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 - Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 - Lodge, Council, Chapter*, Consistory
Thursday, Mar. 18, 2010 - Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*
Sunday, March 28, 2010 - Feast of the Paschal Lamb - Troy
Thursday, April. 1, 2010 - Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, April. 15, 2010 - Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*
Friday, April. 23, 2010 - Spring Reunion, 4°, 6°
Saturday, April 24, 2010 - Spring Reunion, 14°, 16°, 18°, 24°, 31°, 32°
Thurs., May 27, 2010 - Annual Meeting- All Bodies- Election & Installation
Thursday, June 3, 2010 - Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, July 24, 2010 - Council of Deliberation, Liverpool, N.Y.
Every Member is invited to attend.

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.