



THE RITE LIGHT



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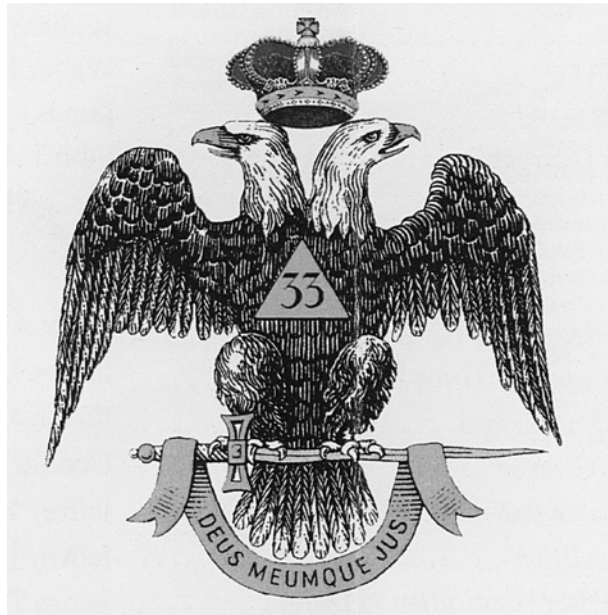
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**Supreme Council, 33°
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction**

33° Conferrals



On August 29, 2017 at its meeting in Rochester, NY, the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, conferred the 33° on **Ill. John Robert Patterson Jr.** of the Valleys of Troy and Albany and on **Ill. John Williams Scott** of the Valley of Albany.

Congratulations to these gentlemen on a well-deserved honor!

Please look for coming information about a testimonial dinner for both our hard-working secretary John Scott and for John Patterson.

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 whose officers are:

Ill.: David Alan Glattly, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill.: John T. Phillips, 33°
Grand Lieutenant Commander

Ill.: Robert F. Ogg, Jr., 33°
Grand Minister of State

Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°
Deputy for New York State

ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK

Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°
Grand Almoner

Past Deputy for New York
Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
Grand Master General of Ceremonies

Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°
Ill.: Steven C. Stefanakos, 33°

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Ill.: Frederick D. Greene, 33°
Ill.: Edward R. Trosin, 33°
Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°
Past Grand Minister of State
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Our Vision

“We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our Members.”

Communicate

Please communicate sickness and distress and/or glad tidings. Share your joy or get support in your sorrow. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of ours.

Please send all communications to: John W. Scott, Secretary, Albany Masonic Hall, 67 Corning Place, Albany, NY 12207 or scottydawg2000@aol.com or call (518) 283-1168

Editor's Note

Please send letters, articles, and pictures to the Editor at thekellys@nycap.rr.com. This is your publication and it cannot be printed without your letters, articles, news, and pictures.

I extend a big “thank you” to the heads of the bodies who submitted their articles in a timely fashion. We have better participation this year.

Confetti Stage Probable Schedule

October 1–21, 2017
February 3–23, 2018
April 22–May 6, 2018

Fall Reunion

October 28, 2017

9:30 a.m. Registration for candidates and members

10:00 a.m. Degrees begin for 4°, 14°, 18°, 25°.

Collation follows the degrees.

Be there!

Lodge of Perfection



A Message from the Thrice Potent Master

My Brothers,

Welcome back to a new year, from the dark unto the light.

Why am I excited? A new experience of a different degree will be available. It is being obtained now. So get out your Passport and bring it to our monthly meeting.

Get out your calendar and mark down these main events.

October 28, 2017, Saturday, Reunion, Albany Masonic Hall, 9:30 am

November 30, 2017, Thursday, St Andrew's Day Observance and 29th degree followed by dinner

April 14, 2018, Saturday, 250th Anniversary, Lodge of Perfection

May 10, 2018, Thursday, Four Chaplains Degree at the USS *Slater* (I would say this is our Marquee Event!)

May 12, 2018, Saturday, Reunion, Albany Masonic Hall, 9:30 am

I am sure more events may be coming out after the meeting of an Inter-Valley session.

Some day before you enter the Albany Masonic Hall front door, **stop**, turn around and notice the stained-glass windows in the church across the street. It may bring a smile to your face.

Thank you for letting be your Thrice Potent Master for this year.

Fraternally,

Charles W. Therrien Jr.
Thrice Potent Master

Council, Princes of Jerusalem



A Message from the Sovereign Prince

My Brothers,

Welcome back, I hope everyone enjoyed this year's beautiful summer.

I am looking forward to an exciting year in the Albany Valley. My sincere thanks to all for electing me to the position of Sovereign Prince of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem. This is a great honor that I hold dearly; I will do my best to uphold the great tradition of this chair.

Congratulations also to all who were elected officers in all bodies in the Valley. I believe that by everyone participating together we will have a very productive year.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

Fraternally,

Edward Kosinski
Sovereign Prince

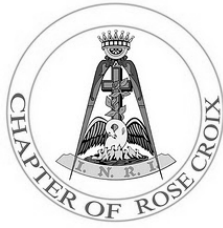
Our Mission

Provide Inspiration for our members through meaningful programs and degrees.

Provide Convenient opportunities for our members to enhance their lives.

Provide Enjoyable programs and fellowship activities for our members.

Rose Croix



A Message from your Most Wise Master

The Present Focus of Scottish Rite Freemasonry

My Brothers:

As we know, Scottish Rite serves us well by expanding our knowledge and understanding of Freemasonry so that we can continue to become better men. The word “Present” has a variety of meanings. Here are 5 Presents that we need to keep in our focus:

1. Present: (noun) the time right now, the current moment between the past and future. We are Freemasons right now in every moment we live, and need to be ever aware of our thoughts, words, and actions of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in the present, not just in past or future events.
2. Present: (adjective) being right here in this place. We must be present at all places as a Freemason, not just physically, but thoughtfully, so that we can fully connect with other people for our benefit and for theirs.
3. Present: (verb) to introduce, show to people. We should present the principles of Freemasonry to others through our positive actions, and share more light by being a good example of Masonic virtue.
4. Present: (noun) a gift. The experiences we have in Freemasonry include gifts to us of many important concepts, ideas and principles. We receive them in many ways, such as through degree rituals, meetings, classes and reading courses. We must continue to seek these gifts proactively to help us grow.
5. Present: (verb) to make a gift. We give unto others to help them, through physical gifts as well as through thoughtful and emotional help. The more we know and understand people, the more likely we can give them the most appropriate gift to help them most effectively.

Let us all stay focused on the Present. I look forward to the times when I may be Present with you!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Rick Ryther 32°, Most Wise Master

Knights of the Double Eagle



A Message from your Knight Commander

My Brothers,

The Knights of the Double Eagle knighting ceremony held in April in conjunction with the Feast of the Paschal Lamb was a success, with five Sublime Princes getting knighted and eight receiving service bars for their continued service to the Valley. Special thanks to Ken White for serving as Knight Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony.

I am pleased to announce that the KoDE points spreadsheet on the valley website now contains a list of all of each brother’s activities for which KoDE points have been credited in addition to the summary. To view the spreadsheet, go to <http://www.albanyscottishrite.org/KoDE.html> and click on “HERE” near the bottom of the page. Please let me know if you discover any errors regarding the activities listed.

Please feel free to contact me at (518) 357-8951 or sconant2@nycap.rr.com if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns about the website or the KoDE program.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant
Knight Commander, KoDE

Sovereign Grand Commander's Letter

Illustrious Peers,

The USA has just experienced two large hurricanes striking land in one season. This is a singular occurrence.

Thus far we have assisted our Brothers in Texas, through the Scottish Rite SGIG, with our debit cards. We sent \$49K of our cards that were in stock immediately and we ordered another \$300K of cards to be used as needed. I committed the next \$100K for immediate use in Texas, and most likely will send more as needed. I have not committed a total number, as I choose to wait and see how things develop. My goal is to have a ready supply of cards so that shipments can be made immediately as developments unfold.

Looking to Florida, as the need for Masonic assistance becomes apparent, we will react. I want to take care of NMJ members with primary homes in Florida first. I am requesting all Deputies to contact all Valley Secretaries to begin to contact all full time NMJ residents to survey for needs. We can forward cards immediately upon request to give our NMJ Brothers needed cash.

ALL requests must come through the Deputy, or an Active appointed to handle this, by the Deputy. ALL requests go through Bill Holland's office, copying Ill. Pete Samiec and myself. The mailing address needs to be verified as it is possible that certain post offices are down.

It is important to react quickly here, as the Brothers in trouble will have a need for immediate cash.

I will also reach out to the SGIG in Florida and offer assistance to him.

Thank you all for your assistance here and for your support of our vision statement. God bless.

Fraternally,

Dave

Ill.: David Alan Glattly, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Secretary's Note

Sublime Princes, Brothers:

This is the start of a new Scottish Rite Season. I hope you are as excited about the possibilities as your officers are. Please see the schedule of events contained in the newsletter for all of the information. I call your attention to several events.

The Council of Deliberation will be at the Doubletree Inn in Syracuse on October 6–7, 2017. Please let me know if you would like more information.

Our Fall Reunion will be on October 28 when we will confer the 4th, 14th, 18th, and 25th degrees. If you know any Brothers who would like more light in Masonry, please speak with them about Scottish Rite and give them a petition. It is always nice to have candidates.

Finally, please mark April 14, 2018 in your calendar as this is when we will join with Masters Lodge #5 to celebrate our joint 250th Anniversary. This will be an important day in the life of the Valley of Albany as our Lodge of Perfection was the first Scottish Rite body in the United States. Your officers are planning a celebration that befits this occasion and we could use your help and suggestions. Please let me know if you would like to help. Many hands make light work.

I want to thank the many Brothers who have paid their dues. Your recognition of this obligation is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet sent in your check, please do so at your earliest convenience. So there is no confusion going forward, as indicated in the last newsletter, we got out of sync as the dues notices went out late one year. To correct this issue and bring our budget back in line, I plan to have Supreme Council send out the new dues notices in October. This will be for the year ending July 2018. If you just paid your dues, you will have until July to pay dues for this year. Next year I will send out the notices closer to July so we will be in proper sequence. Please bear with me as I correct my error. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If this creates any hardship, let me know and the Valley will work with you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Secretary. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Valley of Albany events.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John W. Scott, 32° MSA, Secretary
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A Bit of History

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in each country is governed by a Supreme Council. There is no international governing body—each Supreme Council in each country is sovereign unto itself. In the U.S. there are two Supreme Councils. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) is headquartered in Lexington, Massachusetts, and the Southern Jurisdiction (SJ) in Washington, DC. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction refers to state organizations as Councils of Deliberation and the local bodies are organized into Valleys.

Each Valley has up to four Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees. In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the bodies are the:

- Lodge of Perfection (4°–14°)
- Council of Princes of Jerusalem (15°–16°)
- Chapter of Rose Croix (17°–18°)
- Consistory (19°–32°)

The Supreme Council confers the 33° of Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Scottish Rite Freemasonry today can be found throughout the world. Supreme Councils have been established on nearly every continent and now include the following nations:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, England & Wales, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iran-In-Exile, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

2016–2017 AASR OFFICERS VALLEY of ALBANY

Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection

Thrice Potent Master	Charles W. Therrien, Jr. 758-1987
Deputy Master	James Best
Senior Warden	Alvin Gyles
Junior Warden	Graham B. Mason
Masonic Hall Assn. Rep.	John W. Scott

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Masonic Hall Assn. Rep.	Keith D. Becker

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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
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 BRETHERN.

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
East 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 spuri-
ous 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 Scot-
tish 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 oath 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 _____

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 IN _____

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, LOCATED IN _____

RECOMMENDED BY _____ PLEASE PRINT SIGNATURE

DATE CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

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Valley of Albany 2017–2018 Meeting Dates

October 6–7, 2017	Fri./Sat.	NY Council of Deliberation, Double Tree, Syracuse
October 28, 2017	Sat.	Reunion: 4°, 14°, 18°, 25° Albany Masonic Hall followed by collation
November 16, 2017	Thurs.	Lodge, Council* , Chapter, Consistory
November 30, 2017	Thurs.	St. Andrew’s Day Observance: 29° followed by dinner
December 7, 2017	Thurs.	Executive board
February 15, 2018	Thurs.	Executive board at 6:30 pm Lodge, Council, Chapter* , Consistory at 7:30 pm KoDE Celebration
March 15, 2018	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*
March 25, 2018	Sun.	Feast of the Pascal Lamb

April 5, 2018	Thurs.	Executive board
April 14, 2018	Sat.	250th Anniversary for Lodge of Perfection
May 10, 2018	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory* 23 ° Four Chaplains Degree at the USS Slater
May 12, 2018	Sat.	Spring Reunion, Albany Masonic Hall
May 17, 2018	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory*
June 7, 2018	Thurs.	Executive Board
June 9, 2018	Sat.	Valley of Albany Family Picnic
August 2, 2018	Thurs.	Executive Board

* Opens and Closes Meeting