



THE RITE LIGHT



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**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Albany
Valley of Troy
Sovereign Chapters Rose Croix**

"And this day shall be unto you for a Memorial and ye shall keep it a Feast to the Lord throughout your generation: ye shall keep it a Feast by an ordinance forever." Exodus 12:14

Perfect Knights, Ladies and Guests:

In accordance with Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of this Body all Perfect Knights are obligated to attend to their duties by observing the

Solemn Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb

to be held at the Troy Masonic Community Center
39 Brunswick Road, Troy, NY 12180

***Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM***

during which time we pay tribute to our departed Brothers.

A buffet dinner will follow at 4:00 PM at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

Reservations are encouraged and can be made with John Scott at
(518) 283-1168 or scottydawg2000@aol.com.

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.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°
Grand Lieutenant Commander

Ill.: Richard W. Elliot, 33°
Grand Minister of State

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

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Past Deputy for New York
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Our Vision

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

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.

Dues Reminder

The dues notices for 2018–2019 have been mailed out. 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. If paying your dues creates any hardship, let me know and the Valley will work with you.

Thank you for your support of the Valley of Albany and Scottish Rite Masonry.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John W. Scott, 33°, Secretary
scottydawg2000@aol.com or call (518) 283-1168

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

Secretary's Note

My Brothers:

The Valley of Albany, NY will finish this Spring/Summer season off with a bang. On April 14, the Valleys of Albany and Troy will have our joint Feast of the Paschal Lamb at the Troy Masonic Center. Please see the front cover for details. As always, this important event is open to Family and Brothers. Extend an invitation to any Brother who is not a member of the Scottish Rite as this will be a very impressive introduction to the Rite. Please make your reservation directly with me or on Masons-on-Line.

I want to call your attention to two important date changes. Due to a conflict with the USS *Slater*, we have changed the dates for the conferral of the 23rd Degree (Four Chaplains Degree) and our annual meeting. This year, and most likely in subsequent years, our annual meeting will be on the second Thursday in May and the Four Chaplains Degree will be conferred on the third Thursday in May.

Please mark your calendar to reflect these changes:

May 9, 2019 Thurs. **Annual Meeting**
Election and Installation for all four bodies,
Consistory*

May 16, 2019 Thurs. Lodge, Council, Chapter,
Consistory*--23° (Four Chaplains Degree) at the USS *Slater*.

At the annual meeting the Valley will elect, appoint, and install officers for all four bodies. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Valley and want to serve in a leadership position, please let me or any of the four principal officers know of your interest.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, July 13, 2019. This year Mick DellaValle has planned to have the picnic at Peebles Island State Park. It will start at noon and go until 5:00 p.m. The Valley will provide food and beverages and the facility has ample space for athletics, water activities, and relaxation. This event is open to family, Brothers, and friends.

Finally, if you have not paid your dues, please do so at your earliest opportunity. Second notices for the 2018–2019 dues will be sent out through Supreme Council very soon. Dues are the Valley's only source of income and the good response we have experienced so far this year has allowed the Valley to provide services, offer special events, and conduct business without relying on our investments. With the help of those who have not yet paid their dues, we can finish the year successfully. For your planning purposes, the dues notices for the 2019–2020 year will go out in early June.

Thrice Potent Master James Best, Sovereign Prince Gary Smith, Most Wise Master Edward Kosinski, and Commander-in-Chief Paul Rosenblatt, along with all officers and members of the Valley of Albany, are working very hard to serve our members in all possible ways. Through these efforts we are attracting members and promoting the Craft. We are excited about the future of our Valley.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

John W. Scott, 33°, Secretary
Scottydwag2000@aol.com
(518) 283-1168

Who is David Gattly?

“Many of you have heard me say, ‘I’m just a DeMolay boy from Clifton, New Jersey.’ I say that for a reason. Not only to promote DeMolay, but to make it clear that I would not be where I am today had it not been for my membership in that organization.”

Scottish Rite Sovereign Grand Commander David Gattly's journey *to* and *through* Freemasonry started with DeMolay International. His journey *to* and *through* adulthood, leadership, and success also started with DeMolay International, changing his life and setting him, as a young man, on the right direction toward the future. . . .

The 32° Scottish Rite, NMJ takes pride in supporting DeMolay's purpose and feels lucky that our very own leader, SGC David Gattly, lives a life built on its trusty foundations.

—scottishritenmj.org

Hospitaler's Note

My Brothers,

The Valley of Albany's Hospitaler Fund is used to help our fellow Valley brothers when an urgent financial need arises in their lives. In the past year, the Fund has been used to help three of our Valley brothers who experienced such a situation.

For the past several years, our Hospitaler program was in a state of dormancy. Even with the generous donations that have been made while passing the collection tin at recent Valley events, the Fund currently has a balance of only about \$1,000.

To ensure funds are available when future needs arise, I'm requesting all Valley brothers to please consider making a donation to the Fund. All donations will remain locally in our Fund and will be used strictly for the purpose of helping members of our Valley. Any size donation would be greatly appreciated.

You may donate by sending your check payable to *AASR Valley of Albany Hospitaler Fund* to:

Steve Conant
614 Lois Lane
Schenectady, NY 12304

Thank you sincerely for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Steve Conant, 32° Degree, MSA
Hospitaler, Valley of Albany

2018–2019 AASR OFFICERS VALLEY of ALBANY

Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection

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Masonic Hall Assn. Rep.	John W. Scott

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Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

Most Wise Master	Edward Kosinski 434-8425/337-0684
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Commander-In-Chief	Paul B. Rosenblatt, Sr. 943-6804/669-3460 pepy33@aol.com
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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 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 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 _____
CITY ZIP CODE

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

VALLEY OF ALBANY
 John W. Scott, Secretary
 Albany Masonic Hall
 67 Corning Place
 Albany, NY 12207

Valley of Albany—2018–2019 Meeting Dates

April 4, 2019	Thurs.	Executive board
April 14, 2019	Sun.	Feast of the Pascal Lamb Troy Masonic Hall, Brunswick, NY at 3:00 p.m.
May 9, 2019	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory* at 7:30 p.m.

May 16, 2019	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory* 23° Four Chaplains Degree at the USS <i>Slater</i> at 7:30 p.m.
June 6, 2019	Thurs.	Executive Board
July 13, 2019	Sat.	Family Picnic at Peebles Island —Noon to 5 p.m.
August 1, 2019	Thurs.	Executive Board
* Opens and Closes Meeting		