



THE RITE LIGHT



Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, N.M.J., U.S.A.
67 Corning Place
Albany, NY 12207
<http://valleyofalbany.aasmasonry.us/>

Vol. XXXVIII

FALL 2011

No.1

Fall Reunion

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Queensbury Lodge No.121
15 Burke Drive
Queensbury, NY

Registration: 2:00 p.m.
4th degree: 2:30 p.m.
6th degree: 3:30 p.m.
14th degree: 4:30 p.m.

About 5:30 p.m., we will retire to the Ramada Inn (across the street from the Lodge) for drinks and dinner.

Italian Buffet with salad bar will be \$15 per person.

Dinner Reservations please to: Eric Benson at ejbenson1@gmail.com or 506-1143

Directions to the Lodge and Hotel: Take I-87 to Exit 19 (Queensbury). Go west on Aviation Road (2/10 mile) to left on Burke Drive

The Reunion promises to be educational and FUN. We hope all the brothers will make an effort to attend and support our degree teams. Please notify the Secretary, John Scott, with the names of your candidates. This our opportunity to grow our membership.

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.: John William McNaughton, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill.: □ Jim S. Deyo, 33°
Grand Lieutenant Commander

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

Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°
Deputy for New York State

ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR NEW YORK

Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°
Past Deputy for New York
Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°
Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
Ill.: P. Michael Nielsen, 33°
Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°

ACTIVE EMERITUS MEMBERS

Ill.: James F. Niehoff, 33°
Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33°
Past Deputy for New York
Ill.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°
Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°
Ill.: Frederick D. Greene, 33°
Ill.: Edward R. Trosin, 33°

DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE VALLEY OF ALBANY

Ill.: Michael D. Derry, 33°

VALLEY OF TROY

Michael G. Angiolillo, 32°, MSA

Editor: THE RITE LITE
S. Kelly
thekellys@nycap.rr.com
518-758-1778

Communicate

Please communicate sickness and distress and/or glad tidings. We will not be able to share in your joy or give support in your sorrow to our Brothers, their widows and orphans, unless we communicate. 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 Scottydwag2000@aol.com or call (518) 283-1168

Date: July 25, 2011

**To: All Presiding Officers of all NY COD
Scottish Rite Bodies**

**From: Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Active
Member of Supreme Council
Chair, NYCOD, Membership Retention
and Sustainability Team**

Re: "ReMember the Blue Lodge" Program

**At a meeting of the Related Organizations
Committee last Friday, we learned that we
needed to do a "memory jogger" for our Scottish
Rite Brethren.**

**This is a recognition tool for those Scottish Rite
Members that are the first line signer of a
petition for the Craft Lodge. Once the candidate
has been raised as a Master Mason, the
sponsoring Scottish Rite brother is eligible to
submit a form to the Lodge Secretary for
verification.**

**Please contact Secretary John Scott for more
information about and forms for this
membership program.**

**Editor's Note: *The deadline for the Winter Issue
of The Rite Light will be November 21, 2011.
Please have letters and articles to the Secretary for
review by November 18.***



A Message from your Commander-in-Chief

Dear Brothers of the Valley of Albany,

I would like to thank you for electing me CIC of the Valley of Albany. I will try my best to live up to your expectations.

We have a busy plan in the weeks ahead for our Valley. This year we have been given some leeway in the way we put on our degrees. This allows us to move our degree team to other locations and gives us a better chance of bringing new brothers into the Scottish Rite.

On Saturday, October 22, we have a Reunion scheduled for our North Country brothers; however **all** brothers are urged to participate. This program was a great success last year. I hope we can make it better this year.

Saturday, November 12 is a busy day. First, we will be going to the VA hospital to talk to our Veterans. Chairman for this event is Roland (Bud) Abare. Call him at 518-785-5457 to let him know that we are stepping up to the plate to say "thanks" to our Vets. Or call me at 518-758-1778 and I will let him know that YOU are coming.

Later that evening (November 12), we will honor Brother Ken White, with a testimonial dinner at Cyprus Shrine Center. Brother Ken received the Meritorious Service Award at the Council of Deliberation. Bill Korn is Chairman of this event. Please, mark your calendars now and keep this date open. Brother Bill will be posting information soon.

On Wednesday, November 30, the Knights of Saint Andrew will be observing the Feast of St. Andrew and put on the 29th degree, followed by dinner at the Albany Masonic Temple.

Brothers, our schedule is NOT set in stone. If you have an idea for a function, please contact me at 518-758-1778 or thekellys@nycap.rr.com.

The Rite Lite

Well, it is time to stop rambling. Talk about Scottish Rite at your Blue Lodge meetings. There just might be a Brother who would like more light.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Daniel J. Kelly, MSA
Commander-in-Chief
Valley of Albany

Rose Croix



A Message from your Most Wise Master

My brothers,

I would like to thank you for electing me to serve as Most Wise Master of the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix for the forthcoming year. I am honored to hold this position, and will strive to do the best I can to help make the year as successful as possible. This is the first time I have been the presiding officer of a Masonic body, and I look forward to your input and guidance during my year in office.

This promises to be an active and fun year for our Valley. I hope you will try to attend as many reunions as possible and take an active role in the degrees that are staged. Participating in degree work is a great way to enhance your understanding of the deeper meanings contained in the rituals.

Plans are already underway for the next Feast of the Pascal Lamb to be held on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012. The observance will again be held at the Troy Masonic Temple and will be hosted jointly by the Albany and Troy chapters of Rose Croix. Please mark the date on your calendar and make plans to attend this special observance.

Thank you again for entrusting me with the responsibilities of this office. Please feel free to contact me at (518) 598-1388 or sconant2@nycap.rr.com if you have any suggestions or comments during the year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant
Most Wise Master

Council, Princes of Jerusalem



A Message from your Sovereign Prince

My Brothers:

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Sublime Prince for the ensuing year. I consider it a great honor and look forward to becoming more involved in this aspect of the Craft. We are definitely headed in the right direction as evidenced by the quality of our degrees as well as the quantity of fine men that we are bringing into Scottish Rite. But to keep our momentum going, we have to put them to work, which means that we have to have meaningful programs and activities for them. All of us should be encouraging them and other existing members to attend our regular meetings, and participate in reunions. Please ensure that they all know how to qualify for our Knights of the Double Eagle program or how to join the Knights of St. Andrew. See that they get to special events like Table Lodges by whatever means are necessary, even if that means that you pick them up, lock the car doors and drive real fast before they change their minds.

Don't assume that the new guys even fully realize what Scottish Rite is all about. For instance, Council teaches lessons through our degrees based on the ancient captivity of the Hebrews and the building of the second Temple.

Knowing a little background such as this goes a long way in understanding and appreciating what we are all about. Be prepared to sit with the new guys and whisper explanations to them. Don't let anyone feel uncomfortable or embarrassed about not having the correct hat, or password. Introduce them to other members. Try to remember how you felt when you first joined.

My hopes for the upcoming year are to continue to build the organization with new quality members, increase attendance and participation in all aspects of our work, never missing an opportunity to recognize outstanding service and showing appreciation for a job well done. While I am still considering specific goals and projects for the Council, I am confident that we will be able to compliment the work of Rose Croix and the Lodge

The Rite Lite

of Perfection to best serve the membership of the Valley.

Again thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Gerald R. Dievendorf
Sovereign Prince of Jerusalem

Lodge of Perfection



A Message from your Thrice Potent Master

My Brothers,

It's a pleasure to share this first communication with you. For some time I've been wondering how I could contribute to our Valley, and it was a great honor to be asked to serve the Lodge of Perfection as Thrice Potent Master. We have the distinction of being the oldest Scottish Rite Valley in the Northern Jurisdiction. This is a heritage we must all respect and preserve.

I have several important priorities to work on this year. The first of course is to support our Commander-in-Chief as he plans for another exciting and productive year for us all. Second, I'd like to publicize the progress being made on our Learning Center. It's my hope that you will be able to help with that by bringing information and enthusiasm about the Center back to wherever your Masonic travels take you in our Valley.

Third, I want to make the Lodge of Perfection the means of raising funds at our reunions through the sale of pins, jewelry and other Scottish Rite artifacts that are in demand by the Brothers. We haven't had these items available for a while and I believe we're missing an opportunity by not promoting the pins, bumper badges and other regalia that we can all proudly display. Look for our table at the next Reunion.

The Valley Executive Committee is planning a great year for our members. Please take advantage of this great opportunity for fellowship and Masonic fun. And when you're asked to take part in one of

the Degrees, I hope you'll be able to say "YES!" Let's all do our part to make the Valley of Albany the destination of choice for anyone who wishes to travel beyond the Three Degrees. I look forward to working with you this year.

Cordially and fraternally,
Steve King, MSA

Secretary's Note

Sublime Princes, Brothers:

I am honored to serve you and the Valley of Albany as your Secretary. I look forward to great things under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief, Dan Kelly and the other officers of our Valley. With your help I know we can keep the momentum we have experienced in the past several years.

You will note that the format of this publication is different than in the recent past. This is no reflection on the award-winning past editions we have enjoyed or the great work that was accomplished by our editor, Michael G. Angiolillo, MSA. This edition is sent to you in this format to disseminate valuable information to the members of the Valley as expeditiously as possible.

Please bear with me as I attempt to assume the duties of Secretary. I promise you I will try my best to make the learning curve as short as possible. However, as you can see from the late receipt of your 2001–2012 dues notices, I have some work to do. I have received assistance from Ill. Mike Derry and Supreme Council, which has helped greatly. However, nothing will take the place of hands-on training. You have my assurance that I will do whatever it takes to make sure the Valley runs smoothly.

Regarding the dues, please address this important issue as soon as your time and finances permit. Also, if there has been an error in your individual dues statement, be charitable and forgive me. It was a harmless error. I have tried to make sure that all dues received after May 2011 have been entered into the Supreme Council system. If I missed anyone, send me an email or call me. The oversight will be corrected.

Please look at the trestleboard for the year that is contained in this newsletter. You will note that your officers have planned an exciting and ambitious year. Please attend as many Valley events as possible and participate in any way you can. This is your Valley and its success is directly related to the participation of the Brothers.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that Russell J. LaGrange, Jr. was elected to become an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°. This is a great honor that is richly deserved by one of our hardest working Sublime Princes in our Valley. Please congratulate Rusty when you see him.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John W. Scott, MSA, Secretary
Scottydawg2000@aol.com
(518) 283-1168

Congratulations

to

Brother Ken White

on receiving the

M.S.A. Award

at Council of Deliberation
on July 23, 2011

A dinner in his honor is planned.

Save the Date:
November 12, 2011
Cyprus Shrine Temple

Details are incomplete at this time and
will be sent in a separate mailing.

Keep your eye on your mail box.

2011-2012 AASR OFFICERS—VALLEY of ALBANY

Ineffable & Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection

Thrice Potent Master	Stephen S. King	489-1341	sking1@nycap.rr.com
Deputy Master	Paul B. Rosenblatt, Sr.	943-6804/669-3460	pepy33@aol.com
Senior Warden	John N. Polydouris	783-6240	
Junior Warden	Brandon J. Lachterman	851-7303	
Trustee	Alan C. Lewis	439-3931/281-5023	alewis73@verizon.net
Orator	Eric S. Stott	482-6080	estott@localnet.com
Master of Ceremonies	Anton A. Konev	330-5269	konevforcouncil@gmail.com
Captain of the Guard	Dennis L. DeBell	869-379/210-9069	dennisdebell@hotmail.com

Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem

Sovereign Prince	Gerald R. Dievendorf	439-6684/312-6277	jdievendorf@gmail.com
High Priest	Martin W. Leukhardt	785-9697	martinwleukh@yahoo.com
Senior Warden	R. Victor Stewart	869-6200/421-1725	vicstewart@verizon.com
Junior Warden	Robert W. Dunn	767-2347	racerbobd@yahoo.com
Trustee	Robert H. Fickies	674-2737	fickies2@yahoo.com
Orator	Eric S. Stott	482-6080	estott@localnet.com
Master of Ceremonies	Anton A. Konev	330-5269	konevforcouncil@gmail.com
Master of Entrances	Dennis L. DeBell	869-3799/210-9069	dennisdebell@hotmail.com

Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix

Most Wise Master	Steven M. Conant	598-1388	sconant2@nycap.rr.com
Senior Warden	Kenneth M. White	439-3749/527-1962	kmwhite02@verizon.net
Junior Warden	Aaron B. Harrell, Jr	937-6761	ndsg02@yahoo.com
Trustee	Russell J. LaGrange, Jr.	915-1912	
Orator	Eric S. Stott	482-6080	estott@localnet.com
Master of Ceremonies	Anton A. Konev	330-5269	konevforcouncil@gmail.com
Captain of the Guard	Dennis L. DeBell	869-3799/210-9069	dennisdebell@hotmail.com

Albany Sovereign Consistory

Commander-In-Chief	Daniel J. Kelly	758-1778/657-9403	thekellys@nycap.rr.com
1st Lt. Commander	Eric J. Benson	506-1143	ejbenson1@gmail.com
2nd Lt. Commander	Gary E. Smith	729-4582/810-6440	step12@nycap.rr.com
Trustee	Stephen S. King	489-1341	sking1@nycap.rr.com
Orator	Eric S. Stott	482-6080	estott@localnet.com
Chancellor	TBA		
Master of Ceremonies	Anton A. Konev	330-5269	konevforcouncil@gmail.com
Engineer & Seneschal	Wilfred C. Baumann	875-6753	wbaumann@midtel.net
Standard Bearer	Alan C. Garrison	452-8459	
Captain of the Guard	Dennis L. DeBell	869-3799/210-9069	dennisdebell@hotmail.com

Officers of All Bodies

Treasurer	William M. Korn	456-4704/265-6710	kornwm@nycap.rr.com
Secretary	John W. Scott	283-1168/301-3264	scottydawg2000@aol.com
Hospitaler	Donald H. Blake	463-6536	dhblake@gmail.com
Tiler/Sentinel	TBA		
Director of Communications	TBA		
Custodian	TBA		
Regalia & Wardrobe	Alfred Krueger, Jr.	869-7873	
	John A. Minozzi	489-2657	jpm458@aol.com
	Paul B. Rosenblatt, Sr.	943-6804/669-3460	pepy33@aol.com

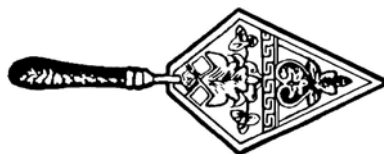
Degree Directors

Director 4th	Daniel J. Kelly	758-1778/657-9403	thekellys@nycap.rr.com
Director 6th & 10th	William M. Korn	456-4704/265-6710	kornwm@nycap.rr.com
Director 14th	John W. Scott	283-1168/301-3264	scottydawg2000@aol.com
Director 15th	Gerald F. Irwin	872-0672	girwin@nycap.rr.com
Director 16th	Byron D. Moak	235-5868	
Director 17th	Aaron B. Harrell, Jr.	937-6761	ndsg02@yahoo.com
Director 18th	Drew A. Millier	885-4323/605-8084	drewmillier@msn.com
Director 24th	Eric J. Benson	506-1143	ejbenson1@gmail.com
Director 26th	John W. Scott	283-1168/301-3264	scottydawg2000@aol.com
Director 27th	Allison L. Aumick	482-6370	aaumick@nycap.rr.com
Director 29th	Drew A. Millier	885-4323/605-8084	drewmillier@msn.com
Director 31st & 32nd	William M. Korn	456-4704/265-6710	kornwm@nycap.rr.com

The Trowel

T is for the tools of the first three degrees
R for every rule as each brother agrees;
O is for the oath, in making all brothers true
W is for the work each one of us must do;
E is for the effort to answer every call
L stands for love...the most important thing of all;

These letters spell **TROWEL**, and as every brother knows;
It spreads love and friendship, wherever it goes.



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., U.S.A.
 VALLEY OF ALBANY
 John W. Scott, Secretary
 Albany Masonic Hall
 67 Corning Place
 Albany, NY 12207

Non-Profit Org. U.S. POSTAGE PAID Albany, NY Permit No. 730

Valley of Albany 2011-2012 Meeting Dates

* Opens and Closes Meeting

September 15, 2011	Thurs.	Lodge* , Council, Chapter, Consistory	February 16, 2011	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter* Consistory
October 6, 2011	Thurs.	Executive Board	March 15, 2012	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*
October 22, 2011	Sat.	Reunion: 4°, 6°, and 14° North Country (Queensbury) followed by dinner	April 1, 2012	Sun.	F.O.P.L. Troy Masonic Hall
November 12, 2011	Sat.	Testimonial Dinner for Kenneth White 32° MSA Cyprus Shrine Center	April 5, 2012	Thurs.	Executive Board
November 17, 2011	Thurs.	Lodge, Council* , Chapter, Consistory	April 19, 2012	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*
November 30, 2011	Wed.	K of SA St. Andrews Day Observance and 29° preceded by dinner	April 28, 2012	Sat.	Reunion: 24° Berne followed by dinner at Berne Lodge
December 1, 2011	Thurs.	Executive Board	May 24, 2012	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies
January 21, 2012	Sat.	Reunion: 4°, 15°, and 17° Troy Masonic Hall followed by dinner—Robert Burns Celebration	June 7, 2011	Thurs.	Executive Board
February 2, 2012	Thurs.	Executive Board	June 16, 2011	Sat.	Reunion: 4°, 27°, 31°, 32° Albany Masonic Hall followed by Valleys of Albany and Troy 32° Banquet