



THE RITE LIGHT



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St. Andrew's Day Celebration

Valley of Albany AASR, NMJ

Friday, November 30, 2012

Albany Masonic Hall
67 Corning Place, Albany, NY

Sublime Princes and Guests:

The pleasure of your company is requested at the Valley of Albany's Third Annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration, which will include the conferral of the 4th and 29th Degrees. Attendance at the degree conferral will be open to Candidates and AASR Members only.

Registration:	5:00 p.m.
4 th Degree:	5:30 p.m.
29 th Degree:	6:00 p.m.

At about 6:30 p.m., the Knights of St. Andrew welcome all Brothers, family, and friends to retire to the ground floor dining room for cocktails and dinner. Dinner will feature hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and roast pork with all the fixings. During the course of the evening, we will enjoy scotch whiskey, haggis, and celebratory toasts. The dress for the evening will be Tuxedo, Dark Suit, or Kilt for the men and comfortable evening attire for the ladies.

The cost of the evening will be \$25.00 per person. Dinner reservations are required and must be made on or before **November 23, 2012** to: Eric Benson at ejbenson1@gmail.com or (518) 506-1143.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Benson or John W. Scott, 32°, MSA, Secretary scottydawg2000@aol.com, (518) 283-1168.

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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:

The *deadline* for the **Spring Issue** of *The Rite Light* is **January 20, 2013**. Please be prompt and send letters and articles to the Secretary for review by **Jan. 16, 2013** at scottydawg2000@aol.com or to the Editor at thekellys@nycap.rr.com. After this date, send corrections, additions, or new material directly to the Editor.



Degree Directors for November 16-17

6th—William M. Korn, 456-4704/265-6710

Degree Directors for November 30

4th—Daniel J. Kelly, 758-1778/657-9403
29th—Drew A. Millier, 885-4323/605-8084

Degree Directors for February 2, 2013

4th—Daniel J. Kelly, 758-1778/657-9403
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19th—Aaron B. Harrell, Jr., 937-6761

Consistory



A Message from your Commander-in-Chief

Dear Sublime Princes of the Valley of Albany,

What a night it was! We had over 80 guests to honor our brother Ill. Russell (Rusty) LaGrange, Jr. 33°. Before dinner, we were served hot hors d'oeuvres that were so-o-o good. After dinner and dessert, Rusty was presented his white hat by Ill. Richard Mills 33°. The heads of the different bodies told brief stories about Rusty and Ill. Mike Morris 33° gave an inspiring talk. Many thanks go to John Scott and Eric Benson for their hard work and attention to detail. It was a night to remember!

The Reunion on October 20 went well. The clambake was excellent and if you missed it you missed a great evening. Thanks to all who helped.

On November 15, we will have a meeting that Council of Princes of Jerusalem will be running. If possible, we would love to see YOU there.

On November 15 and 16, a Lodge of Perfection Reunion will take place in Poughkeepsie at the Grand Hotel. We have a part in this. Check page 5 for more information.

November 30, we will celebrate St. Andrews Day with the 29° and dinner. (Details on the cover.)

On February 2, 2013, we will have a Winter Reunion at the Albany Masonic Hall. Council will again be in charge and we will do the 4°, 16°, 18°, and 19°. Dinner will be our Robert Burns celebration. Please note the change of date and location from prior trestle boards. Watch for a reminder postcard and get your reservation in early as this event sells out fast.

On February 21, the Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix will be in charge of the meeting. Your elected officers would love to have your support at these meetings.

The Rite Lite

Brothers, please put the *Council of Deliberation on July 25–28* on your calendar. We will be asking for your commitment for our degree work. We are the hosts and want to put on a good show.

Thanks to all for the help you have given this year. Keep up the good work.

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

Lodge of Perfection



A Message from your Thrice Potent Master

My Brothers:

I hope this finds you all in good health. As you know, we had our lodge meeting on September 20, which was run by the Grand Lodge of Perfection. Unfortunately, it was not well attended. We had a program which was given by brother Ray Brooks on the Civil War. His rendition was excellent. If you weren't there, you missed a really great program. I hope to see more brothers in the future.

The program for Ill. Russell LaGrange on Sept. 22 at the Cyprus Shrine Center, was to honor him for becoming a 33rd degree. It was well attended by many of Rusty's friends. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The next event was the Fall Reunion on October 20. Please try to attend the late fall and winter meetings. I hope to see as many of my brothers as possible.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul Rosenblatt
Thrice Potent Master

Council, Princes of Jerusalem



A Message from your Sovereign Prince

Princes of Jerusalem,

Do you have a vision of why and where you are in Masonry? What caused you to join the Valley of Albany and become a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry? What has been your level of involvement? Where is it you are going?

Each of us has a vision of what we strive to be. That vision, to be effective, must be based on a clear understanding of what our capabilities are, the goals we seek, and the path(s) we should take to achieve them.

A basic goal common to most, if not all of us, is to learn more of what Masonry has to teach us. The Scottish Rite does this with gusto in its degree dramas that are akin to the morality plays of the Middle Ages. Here is taught the value of moral truth based on ethics, optimism, and freedom. Here also is the potential for a renewed faith in God and man. Is this important to you?

The degree dramas offer a unique opportunity for participation in a speaking or a non-speaking role. There is also an important need for stage hands and wardrobe assistants. The presence of sideliners shows brotherly support for candidates and the drama participants. Are any of these a goal for you?

Then there is fellowship. After each of our Reunions, there is a gathering such as a banquet, an outdoor picnic, or a clambake with the ladies and guests invited. Then there is the Annual Feast of the Pascal Lamb. Who can forget the St. Andrew's celebration and the Robert Burns Night.....eating haggis, telling stories, toasting with scotch, and asking Eric Benson to stand up! Is that a goal for you?

My vision for you is involvement. But that vision is tempered by your cable tow and comfort level.....the goals you choose to achieve. My belief

is that your potential is/can be the strength, heart and soul of the Valley of Albany. Go for it!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Martin W. Leukhardt
Sovereign Prince of Jerusalem

Rose Croix



A Message from your Most Wise Master

Perfect Knights, Brothers:

Our year is off to a great start with the testimonial dinner in honor of Rusty LaGrange's attainment of the 33rd degree. With dignitaries in attendance and a fine turnout of brethren, we honored a fellow that has toiled in the quarries across several masonic bodies and deservedly received accolades for such devotion. Well done, Rusty, well done....

As I write, the plans of our annual Fall Reunion on October 20 are being finalized. I am especially looking forward to the first annual Clambake which is being held afterwards. Something about warm clam chowder on a brisk fall day makes my mouth water.

I also call your attention to the St Andrews Day Celebration on Friday November 30 and the Robert Burns Celebration/Reunion on February 2, 2013.

If there is a message to take from our schedule it is this: Come out and share good food and fellowship. You will add to your masonic experience by participating or by viewing our degrees that drive home the core values that we hold most dear. The whole package adds up to pleasant event. So make every effort to attend what you may. You won't be disappointed.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Ken White
Most Wise Master

VALLEY OF HUDSON

**LODGE OF PERFECTION REUNION
PLUS 32ND DEGREE**

The Valley of Hudson cordially invites you to be part of a very special reunion.

November 16–17, 2012

**Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
40 Civic Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY
845-485-5300**

On Friday night, beginning at 5:00 PM, we will confer the 4th Degree, followed by the 5th, 6th, and 7th Degrees.

On Saturday morning, from 8:00 AM to Noon, we will confer the 8th thru 11th Degrees, and then break for lunch.

After lunch, we conclude with the 12th thru 14th Degrees, culminating with the new 32nd Degree.

Cocktail Hour at 6:00 PM
Banquet at 7:00 PM

Saturday Lunch @ \$15
Saturday Banquet @ \$65

Meal Reservations by 10/24/12
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VOHReunion>

Friday dinner—on-your-own
Saturday breakfast—free with hotel stay

**Contact Hotel for Room Reservations before
October, 12, 2012**
Room Rates \$109.00 + Taxes

For information: E. Oscar Alleyne, 32° at
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Knights of the Double Eagle



**A Message from your Knight
Commander**

My Brothers,

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the program, the Order of Knights of the Double Eagle (KoDE) is a service award program that is used to recognize Scottish Rite members who participate in Valley of Albany activities. Members are awarded various point amounts based on those activities, and their point totals as of December 31st of each year are used to determine the level of award they will receive at an annual KoDE awards night. Guidelines on earning points and the various award levels can be found on the KoDE page of the Valley website at <http://valleyofalbany.aasmasonry.us/KoDE.html>.

In the previous issue of the *Rite Light*, I requested that you provide me with a list of your Valley activities for the period when you used blue wallet cards to track your own activities and associated points, which was from *September 1, 2011 through August 1, 2012*. I have members' point totals before and after those dates, but I need your information for the specified timeframe to give you credit for all of your activities. *Please* either mail your blue cards to me at 68 Henderson Road, Glenmont, NY, 12077, or email your information to me at sconant2@nycap.rr.com.

I am in the process of updating point totals for those members who already have provided me with their information and will post an updated list of members' point totals in the near future.

Feel free to call me at 518-598-1388 if you have any questions or concerns about the program. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this worthy program.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant
Knight Commander

Secretary's Note

Sublime Princes, Brothers:

We are gearing up for a busy winter season in the Valley of Albany. The Valley of the Hudson Lodge of Perfection Reunion in Poughkeepsie on November 16-17, the St. Andrew's Celebration on November 30 at the Albany Masonic Hall, and the Winter Reunion and Robert Burns Celebration at the Albany Masonic Hall on February 2, 2013 are all planned and promise to be successful events in the life of our Valley. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend all of these Scottish Rite events.

The Winter Reunion will conclude with the celebration of the life of Brother Robert Burns with haggis, single malt Scotch, a spectacular meal, raucous toasts, and the opportunity to wear your finest Highland attire. We will be joined this year by members of the Black Watch Regiment from Montreal and a special guest from Scotland. Your wives, Brothers, and guests are cordially invited.

I am so encouraged by your response to the dues notices. Thank you for prompt attention to this important matter. If you misplaced the notice, no worries, because a second notice will go out in the not-too-distant future. If there is any reason that paying your dues at this time does not fit into your budget, please let me know. Your Brothers in the Valley of Albany stand ready to assist you in any way we can. Always remember that Scottish Rite Masonry is a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.

Your attention is directed to the new web site for the Supreme Council: www.scottishritenmj.org. This site is beautifully designed to be the place to go for news, information, forms, and links to other sites of interest. I highly recommended it to you.

Please look at the trestleboard on the back cover for the remainder of our year. You are encouraged to 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. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact any of your officers for answers and assistance. The contact information for all officers is also contained in this newsletter.

Finally, it is my pleasure to once again announce the coronation of Russell J. LaGrange, Jr. as an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°. Please congratulate Rusty on his receipt of this well deserved honor.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John W. Scott, 32nd Degree, MSA
Secretary, Valley of Albany



**Rusty gets his White Hat from Ill.
Richard Mills.**



**Russell LaGrange, Jr. 33° gives us
words of wisdom.**

**Reunion and Robert Burns Nicht
Saturday, February 2, 2013
Albany Masonic Hall, Albany, NY**

The pleasure of your company is requested on February 2, 2013 for the Winter Reunion of the Valley of Albany, AASR, NMJ. The Reunion, which will be conducted at the Albany Masonic Hall, will consist of the conferral of the 4th, 16th and 18th and 19th Degrees. Attendance at the conferral of these Degrees will be open to Candidates and AASR Members only. In addition, immediately following the Degrees, the Valley of Albany will conduct a Knighting Ceremony for all AASR Members who are eligible and desirous of becoming a Knight of St. Andrew. Details regarding this event will be available in future notices and mailings.

After the conferral of the degrees and the Knighting Ceremony, the Knights of St. Andrew welcome all Brothers, Family, and Friends to our Robert Burns Banquet where we will celebrate the life of Brother Robert Burns (1759-1796), Poet Laureate of Scotland and world renowned bon vivant. We will have scotch and haggis at the ready for your enjoyment, and toasts will be given by Brethren and guests throughout the evening. Please be prepared with your best jovial toasts.

Dress for the evening will be Tuxedo, Dark Suit, or Kilt for the men and comfortable evening attire for the ladies. Please contact John W. Scott, 32°, MSA, Secretary scottydawg2000@aol.com, (518) 283-1168 with any questions. Reservations are necessary.

**Confetti Fest 8
brings local plays to life**

Confetti Stage, Inc, Theatre Without Limits, announces its annual short play festival, **Confetti Fest 8**, featuring plays written by Capital District playwrights. Confetti Stage's award-winning short play festivals were the first truly local play festivals in the Capital District.

**October 25-27, 2012 7:30pm
November 1-3, 2012 7:30pm**

**Confetti Stage at The Albany Masonic Hall
4th Floor Theater,
67 Corning Place
Albany, New York 12207**

Tickets are available at the door or may be reserved by calling the Confetti Stage Box Office at **518-242-8015**.

General Admission Tickets are: **\$10**



Dan Kelly tells about Rusty's most recent encounter with Santa Claus.

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Valley of Albany 2012–2013 Meeting Dates

		* Opens and Closes Meeting			
November 15, 2012	Thurs.	Lodge, Council* , Chapter, Consistory	April 4, 2013	Thurs.	Executive Board
Nov. 16–17, 2012	Fri./Sat.	Valley of Hudson Reunion 4°, 14°, Valley of Albany to confer 6°	April 18, 2013	Thurs.	Lodge* , Council, Chapter, Consistory
November 30, 2012	Fri.	Knights of St. Andrew—St. Andrew's Day Observance 4° and 29° Albany Masonic Hall followed by dinner	April 27, 2013	Sat.	Reunion: Chapter* , 4°, 27°, 31°, 32° Albany Masonic Hall followed by Valleys of Albany and Troy 32° Banquet
December 6, 2012	Thurs.	Executive Board	May 16, 2013	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory*
February 2, 2013	Sat.	Reunion: Council , 4°, 16°, 18°, 19° Albany Masonic Hall followed by dinner—Robert Burns Celebration	May 18, 2013	Sat.	Reunion: Consistory* , 4°, 22°, 24° at Norray Farm, Berne, NY followed by Picnic
February 7, 2013	Thurs.	Executive Board	June 6, 2013	Thurs.	Executive Board
February 21, 2013	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter* Consistory	July 25–28, 2013	Thurs. /Sun.	Council of Deliberation , Syracuse, Valley of Albany to Host
March 21, 2013	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*			
March 24, 2013	Sun.	Feast of the Pascal Lamb. Troy Masonic Hall			