



THE RITE LIGHT



Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, N.M.J., U.S.A.
67 Corning Place
Albany, NY 12207
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Summer Reunion

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Albany Masonic Hall
67 Corning Place
Albany, NY 12207

Sublime Princes:

Your attendance is requested at the Valley of Albany's Summer Reunion.

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| Registration: | 2:00 p.m. |
| 4 th degree: | 2:30 p.m. |
| 27 th degree: | 3:15 p.m. |
| 31 st degree: | 4:00 p.m. |
| 32 nd degree | 4:45 p.m. |

**We apologize but, contrary to prior announcements, the 19th degree will not be conferred.

At about 6:00 p.m., we will retire to The Hotel Albany for our 32nd Degree Banquet honoring our new Sublime Princes.

Dinner will be Deluxe Tossed Salad, your choice of Lemon Thyme Chicken, Tortilla Encrusted Tilapia, or Sliced Roast Beef, Chef's Choice of Vegetables, and Black and White Chocolate Mousse Cake.

The cost will be \$35 per person. Dinner Reservations by June 12, 2012 to: John W. Scott at scottydawg2000@aol.com or (518) 283-1168. Please see **page 6** for reservation form.

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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:

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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



Woodsman Degree at Norray Farm



Indian Degree at Norray Farm

Editor's Note:

The deadline for the **Fall Issue** of *The Rite Light* is **August 1, 2012**. Please send letters and articles to the Secretary for review by **July 29, 2012** or to the Editor by **August 1, 2012** at thekellys@nycap.rr.com
Send corrections or additions directly to the Editor.

Consistory



A Message from your Commander-in-Chief

Dear Sublime Princes of the Valley of Albany,

Just a few words to let you know what is going on in your Valley! On April 28, we tried a new way to bring degree work to our brothers. Brothers, their ladies, and some young ones met in Berne at the farm of Jack and Ruth Norray for a picnic lunch, featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, beer, and soda. Many thanks to Eric Benson and Mike Derry, our grill masters! After lunch, the brothers went up on the mountain for the 22nd and 24th degrees. Both degrees took on a different look because we put them in a new setting, outside under the trees. Luckily, the wind let up during the degree work and we did not get blown off the mountain. We plan to do this Reunion again next year at the Norray farm. The Norrays are so welcoming with their smiles, tents, donkeys, pond, and farm wagons. Thanks to this great couple and their sons again!

At our May 17 annual meeting, we elected and installed new officers for the ensuing year. Please read their letters in this newsletter and check out the list of their names. Congratulations to all!

At our Reunion on **June 16**, we will put on the 4th, 27th, 31st, and 32nd degrees. There are a lot of other functions going on this day, so it will be greatly appreciated if you can possibly make it to this Reunion. That evening we will have a banquet honoring our new members and we don't want to let them down. See the ads in this newsletter for more details.

July 27-29 is the Council of Deliberation in Syracuse at the Holiday Inn. This is a great way to meet brothers from other Valleys. You don't have to come for the whole weekend. Saturday is when all the degrees are put on. You can buy your lunch in the restaurant or a local restaurant or pub. There is a dinner that evening to award the MSA to worthy brothers from all over New York.

The Rite Lite

On **September 22**, we will host a testimonial dinner for our new 33° member, Ill. Rusty LaGrange. More information will follow, but *please* mark your calendar to reserve this important date.

Again, brothers, if you could put **June 16** on your calendar, we could really use the help. If you haven't been to a Reunion in a while, now is the time to lend a hand.

Brothers, I want to thank everyone for the great job you do to keep our Valley moving in the right direction.

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



**Eric Benson and Mike Derry at the grill
Spring Reunion Picnic**

Lodge of Perfection



A Message from your Thrice Potent Master

Brothers,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Thrice Potent Master for this year. I consider it an honor.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul Rosenblatt, Sr.
Thrice Potent Master

Rose Croix



A Message from your Most Wise Master

To all Perfect Knights,

Thank you for the confidence in electing me Most Wise Master for the ensuing year. I want to thank Bother Steve Conant for his excellent leadership this past year. He has set the bar high.

As I write this, our Summer Reunion is upon us. I encourage you all to help or participate as far as your cable tow will allow in any way possible from taking a part in a degree, helping back stage, or by joining us at the 32nd Degree Banquet in the spirit of brotherhood and to honor our new Sublime Princes. A good time will be had by all! Plus (a shameless plug here) you will be earning points toward the “Double Eagle.”

Look for news on our sponsorship of local Soap Box Derby participants this summer for our Family Life Program.

The Council of Deliberation will be held in July, which is always a great experience. Our time to host this event will be fast upon us so take notice. We will want to be at our best.

Lastly, I wish you a safe and pleasant summer and look forward to seeing all as we resume our labors this fall.

Fraternally,
Ken White
Most Wise Master

Degree Directors for June 16

Director 4th—Daniel J. Kelly, 758-1778/657-9403
Director 27th—Alison L. Aumick, 482-6370
Director 31st & 32nd—Stephen S. King, 489-1341

Rose Croix



A Message from your Junior Past Most Wise Master

My Brothers,

I would like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as Most Wise Master of the Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix for the past year. It was an honor to be chosen for that position and I tried to do the best I could to make the year as successful as possible. The year’s Chapter activities were highlighted by an interesting presentation on ex-Brother Benedict Arnold by local author Will Martin. Our Feast of the Paschal Lamb featured Deputy Grand Master James Sullivan as the speaker. The success of those programs was due in no small part to the support and encouragement I received from my fellow Sublime Princes, and I thank each of you for the help you provided.

For the forthcoming year, I will be serving as Deputy Master of the Lodge of Perfection. Thank you for electing me to that position. In that role I am looking forward to assisting Thrice Potent Master Paul Rosenblatt during the year ahead, and I also look forward to participating in upcoming Valley functions. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant
Deputy Master of the Lodge of Perfection



**Ladies enjoying the Sun
Spring Reunion Picnic**



A Message from your Sovereign Prince

Princes of Jerusalem,

I greet you as your newly elected Sovereign Prince and thank you for your vote of confidence. May we Princes look forward in unity to a prosperous, healthy and productive year.

Our Degrees teach lessons that are of special interest to us as Masons. While we are no longer engaged in building edifices of stone, we are occupied in building and rebuilding within ourselves a spiritual temple with lasting love, peace and brotherhood. In so doing, we fill it with the priceless treasures of courage, patience, gentleness, compassionate judgment, and helpful charity.

The trowel reminds us of the ennobling effects of honest work. Any great undertaking requires steady labor and a willingness to meet life's challenges with courage, regularity, and perseverance. That is why, my fellow Princes, it is our sacred duty to work together to bring the message of the Scottish Rite to our fellow Masons. We can do this by participating in our scheduled meetings, reunions, and banquets to build an ever stronger Valley of Albany that can help us and our newcomers learn the ancient, though relevant, precepts of the Scottish Rite. Imagine my amazement when I visited Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland and saw inscribed in the 15th-century stonework the message of one of the degrees of the Scottish Rite!

Your ideas, efforts, and presence are what I seek as your Sovereign Prince. Together we Princes can delve more deeply into the lessons and mysteries of our degrees. What a joy that could be to each and every one of us as we journey through life fulfilling the Masonic Obligations to which we have so solemnly committed ourselves.

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

Sublime Princes, Brothers:

It is hard to believe that our Scottish Rite year is coming to a close. We have had a busy year that included multiple degree conferrals at several locations, special events like the St. Andrew's Celebration and Robert Burns Night, a very successful Feast of the Paschal Lamb event, and an innovative family picnic at the Norray Farm in Berne. We have one more reunion on June 16 and our 32nd Degree Banquet. Then we can enjoy some well-deserved rest for the summer. Congratulations, Valley of Albany, on a job well done!

If you have any suggestions for programs or reunion locations, please let the Officers of the Valley know. During the summer, your officers will work on the annual trestle board and your help is appreciated. If you think we should do additional degrees, make a suggestion and/or offer to help with the production. The more degrees we confer, the easier it will be for all of us to fill our passports.

On a final note, please remember to pay your annual dues. To the many Brothers who have paid, thank you. If you have not, second notices have gone out. With your assistance in the timely payment of dues, we can meet our obligations to the Supreme Council and the Council of Deliberation, administer our local Valley needs, and continue to grow as a Valley. If you are experiencing difficulties such as age or some other circumstance that make paying your dues a financial hardship, please contact me. Always remember that we are a fraternity that strives to fulfill our Masonic obligation to address and care for your needs as Brothers.

We will soon go from labor to refreshment. Rest, relax, and enjoy your time with those you love so that you can return in September ready for the challenges of a new Masonic year. If there is anything the Valley can do for you, please contact me. You may also refer to several relevant web sites: <http://www.scottishritenmj.org/>, <http://www.nyscottishritemasons.org/>, and <http://valleyofalbany.aasrmasonry.us/>.

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



32nd Degree Banquet
The Officers and Members of the Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry



Cordially and Fraternaly Invite you to a

Testimonial Dinner
Honoring
Our New Sublime Princes

Saturday Evening, June 16, 2012

The Hotel Albany
 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY
 (Across Lodge Street from the Albany Masonic Hall)

Six o'clock
 Cash Bar & Crudités Table including
 Assorted cheeses and vegetables

Seven o'clock
 Dinner—Deluxe Tossed Salad, Choice of Lemon Thyme Chicken, Tortilla Encrusted Tilapia, Sliced Roast Sirloin, Chef's Choice of Vegetables/Potato Accompaniments, Black and White Chocolate Mousse Cake, Coffee & Tea

Subscription \$35.00

Dress for Men: Black Tie Tux or Dark Suit, Cap, and Jewels. Ladies: Optional

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Reservation Form

Reserve _____ Dinners @ \$35.00 each

Entrée Choice: Lemon Thyme Chicken ___ Tortilla Encrusted Tilapia __ Sliced Roast Sirloin __

Name: _____ 32°, 33°, DSA, MSA, Office _____

Lady: _____ Tel: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to **Valley of Albany AASR**

Please send your check to: **John W. Scott, 20 Powers Road, Averill Park, NY 12018,**
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Deadline: June 12, 2012

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Valley of Albany—Spring/Summer 2012 Meeting Dates

June 7, 2012 Thurs. Executive Board

June 16, 2012 Sat.

Reunion: 4°, 27°, 31°, 32° at **Albany Masonic Hall** followed by **32° Banquet** for Valleys of Albany and Troy

July 27-29, 2012 Fri.–Sun.

Council of Deliberation, Syracuse, NY,
4° 9°, and 16° degrees, MSA Award dinner,
Ladies lunch cruise on Skaneateles Lake

Sept. 22, 2012 Sat.

Testimonial Dinner honoring
Russell J. LaGrange, Jr., 33°



John Scott, Bob Scott, and Jack Norray
Spring Reunion Picnic

* Bob traveled from Maine to get these degrees in his passport.