



THE RITE LIGHT



Valley of Albany
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Fall Reunion

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Albany Masonic Hall
67 Corning Place
Albany, NY 12207

Sublime Princes:

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

Registration:	12:30 p.m.
4 th degree:	1:00 p.m.
9 th degree:	1:45 p.m.
14 th degree:	2:30 p.m.
18 th degree:	3:15 p.m.
31 st degree:	4:00 p.m.
32 nd degree:	4:45 p.m.

Collation will follow the degrees at 5:45.

Reservations by November 1, 2014 to:

John W. Scott at scottydawg2000@aol.com or (518) 283-1168.

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**“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.

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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 news and pictures.



Called from Labor

Daniel J. Kelly
October 4, 1942–September 7, 2014

Paul Heintz
December 18, 1922–August 26, 2014

Consistory



A Message from your Commander-in-Chief

Sublime Princes,

Welcome to another exciting year of Scottish Rite Masonry. Our first meeting of the year was a great time. I would like to thank Sublime Prince Richard Hundertmark for putting together the Degree team for the evening. We are continuing to confer new degrees at our meetings. This is a great opportunity to get your passport filled.

On November 8th, we will be conducting our first reunion of the year. If you have Brothers who are interested in joining the Scottish Rite, please bring them with you. If possible, go through your list of Brothers who are members of the Scottish Rite and give one a call. Let us all ask one Brother we know to attend the Reunion. If we do this the Temple will be packed to support our new Scottish Rite members.

I am looking forward to all of our meetings throughout this year. I would encourage you to spread the Light of Scottish Rite Masonry to all of the Brethren in our Districts. Encourage them to come out and participate. Encourage them to become a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Eric J. Benson, 32°
Commander-in-Chief

Council of Deliberation July 2014 MSA Award Night



Steven and Sheila Conant



Sheila about to be pinned



**Steve's Family
Cousin and Wife, Brother, Uncle**

Editor's Note: Messages were not received from the Lodge of Perfection or the Council of Princes of Jerusalem for this edition of the Rite Light.

Rose Croix



A Message from the Senior Warden

Brothers,

When we approached the Master's Chair, we said we were in search of more light. Two models of pocket knives being marketed for Freemasons are inscribed with the motto "In Search of More Light." As Masons, we are obligated to live up to that motto. Many opportunities for getting more light in Masonry are presented to Masons over time. Most of us are aware of the reading courses and many lodges have special speakers at their meetings. However, our historic Brethren saw a need for a pathway for more light.

The Valley of Albany is the oldest Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite organization in the United States. For more than 200 years, we have been offering more light to Masons throughout the Capital District. There are 29 degrees, each of them with a special lesson or message. Over the course of time, the Valley of Albany offers many of those degrees and we are making a conscious effort to offer more to make our meetings more interesting.

However, we need to improve. The only way we can improve is by increased participation. There are two paths to this participation. The first rests within us as members in the Scottish Rite. The second is to talk to our brothers in our respective lodges about the advantages and learning that happens in the Scottish Rite. We have to do this in a manner that does not threaten our home lodges. The Scottish Rite is not a substitute for activity in the Blue Lodge.

Being a Mason is more than wearing a ring, carrying a dues card or showing up for an occasional meeting. Freemasonry is a way of life. We say that we take good men and make them better. Before we can enlighten anyone, we have to get our brothers inside the doors. The executive board of The Valley of Albany is now considering the formation of a Membership Committee.

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The rest is up to the body as a whole. We need to increase participation or we will destroy our inheritance.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. Victor Stewart 32°
Senior Warden

Report of the Family Life Committee

On June 10 and 11, 2014, the Soap Box Derby was again conducted on Madison Avenue in Albany. The Master's Division Car sponsored by the Valley of Albany was driven by Madison Halter. Madison is a very accomplished derby driver and she came in a very close second place. To put her accomplishments into perspective, the car that beat Madison competed in the International Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio in July and finished in second place. We are all very proud of Madison for her excellent finish and we have high expectations for next year.

Thank you to the Valley of Albany for supporting our drivers and this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Jim Fuller, Chairman
Family Life Committee

How Can We Contact You?

Do you have an email address? Is it current? Please provide your current email address to Jerry Dievendorf at jdievendorf@gmail.com.

Another good way to keep up with Scottish Rite activities is through Masons-on-Line. If you need a log-in and password information, please contact Jerry at jdievendorf@gmail.com.

Your help will be greatly appreciated as it will allow the Valley to more efficiently and effectively communicate with the membership.

Secretary's Note

Sublime Princes, Brothers:

Great things are happening in the Valley of Albany as evidenced by the events included in the Valley Trestle Board. Please look at the Trestle Board for the year on the back of this newsletter and plan to participate in as many Valley events as possible. This is your Valley and its success is directly related to the participation of the Brothers.

I would like announce that Steven M. Conant was awarded the Meritorious Service Award at the Council of Deliberation Session this July in Syracuse, NY. This is a great honor for our Valley and so richly deserved by one of our most dedicated Sublime Princes. We will honor Steve at a Testimonial Dinner when he will receive his Red Hat and MSA Jewel. Details for this important event will be sent to you as soon as they are available. Please plan to attend and get your reservations in early as I am sure this dinner will be fully subscribed.

It is also my pleasure to announce that Jerry Dievendorf was elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the next Council of Deliberation session in July 2016. This date is not a typo as the Council of Deliberation has elected to hold their Session every other year and for just one day. Jerry has been a dedicated member of our Valley for many years. We have all profited from his willing and enthusiastic participation in the events of the Valley. This is an honor that is very much deserved for the work that Jerry has done and will continue to do on behalf of the Valley of Albany. Please congratulate Jerry on this recognition when you see him and give him condolences that he has to wait two years for the formal ceremony. The good news is the Valley has been granted permission to present Jerry with his Red Hat at an appropriate time of our choosing.

You should all have received your dues notices for 2014–2015. As you are undoubtedly aware, your dues payments are the Valley's only real source of the income needed to support our important work. Many of you have already addressed this obligation and, on behalf of the Valley, we thank you for your support. If you have not paid your dues yet, please address this important issue as soon as your time and finances permit. The dues statements will not
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have paper dues cards attached since you should have received your new permanent dues card. If you have not received this new gray plastic card, let me know.

Finally, it is my sad duty to announce that the Valley of Albany lost two of its strongest Pillars this summer. Paul Heintz, 32° MSA died on August 26, 2014 and Daniel J. Kelly, 32° MSA passed on September 7, 2014. Both of these Brothers devoted themselves to Freemasonry and worked very hard to advance the cause of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Albany. They will be greatly missed. Please take a moment to reflect on their lives and thank the GAOTU for their friendship and devotion.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Secretary. I look forward to an exciting and successful year for all of us in the Valley of Albany.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John W. Scott, 32° MSA, Secretary
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Council of Deliberation July 2014 MSA Award Night



Jerry Dievendorf and John Scott



Steve receiving his plaque

Knights of the Double Eagle Total Points—August 2014

Name	Points
Roland Abare	675
Andrew Abolafia	150
Stanley Adams	150
Charles Alfano	75
Michael Angilillo	275
Alison Aumick	800
David Barkstedt	225
Scott Barth	125
Wilfred Baumann	675
Keith Becker +	575
Eric Benson	2,400
Donald Blake	350
Gene Boussetot	75
Raymond Brooks	275
Terlon Burke	100
William Carlucci	2,050
Paul Casavant	75
Kenneth Ciatyk	100
Steven Conant	3,175
John Coughcri	50
Dennis DeBell	325
Michael Derry	1,950
Gerald Dievendorf	2,150
John Dievendorf	75
Robert Dunn	475
Robert Fickies	2,050
Bob Foti	25
John Fowler	25
Olivier Francois	125
Richard Frank	75
Ben Froggett	150
James Fuller	175
Michael Gammus	300
Fred Ganzer	50
Alan Garrison	300
Benjamin Garry	700
Chris Gerber	50
Gordon Gibson	100
Aaron Gladd	50
Edward Grant	50
Walter Grom	175
John Grose	50
William Guterslow	50
Aaron Harrell	925
Paul Heintz	50
Ralph Hill	175
Dale Hotaling	125

Name	Points
Richard Hundertmark	1,575
William Hyatt	325
Gerald Irwin	450
Nicholas Jacobia	25
Charles Jessie	50
Francis Jessie	50
Robert Joel	0
Paul Karamanol	150
Cullen Kasunic	100
Steven King	1,250
Daniel King	200
Karl Koch	300
Anton Konev	1,075
Kyle Kotary	200
William Korn	1,725
Charles Kreuter	25
Alfred Krueger	425
Brandon Lachterman	400
Grover LaFountain	75
Russell LaGrange	1,150
Mel Lamphron	25
Mark Lansing	25
Ed Lass	150
Thomas Leary	125
Martin Leukhardt	1,900
Alan Lewis +	525
Bruce Lock	450
Michael Lopez	200
John MacNeill	50
Donald Magill	50
Andrew Manchester	75
Patrick McIntyre	75
Otto Metzger	75
Drew Millier	1,850
Richard Mills	300
John Minozzi	450
Byron Moak	1,000
Richard Mullen	100
Don Nelson	50
Ronald Noll	1,075
John Norray	100
Malcolm Ogden	775
William Okesson	450
Bruce Pavloff	200
Joel Pierre-Louis	75
John Polydouris +	625
Schuyler Poukish	50

Name	Points
Thomas Prenoveau	100
Robert Reifmueller	875
Dwight Rogers	50
Timothy Rose	300
Paul Rosenblatt	1,750
Mark Scarselli	75
Karl Schlegel +	1,075
John Scott	4,075
Mike Slattery	75
Gary Smith	1,725
Manuel Steele	600
Corey Steigleman	75
Victor Stewart	1,450
Roy Stock	625
Eric Stott	950
Ali Taciroglu	50
Chares Therrien	100
Allan Thom	50
William Tschumi	225
Al Valente	50
Daniel Valenti	200
John Van Etten	75
Bob Walenta	25
Lance Wang	75
Robert Wattsman	75
Robert Weidner	75
Richard Welkley	50
Craig Wexler	300
Kenneth White	2,550
George Wilk	300
Walter Young	50

+ new knight 2015

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Valley of Albany 2014–2015 Meeting Dates

September 18, 2014	Thurs.	Lodge* , Council, Chapter, Consistory–5°	March 29, 2015	Sunday	Feast of the Paschal Lamb
October 2, 2014	Thurs.	Executive Board	April 2, 2015	Thurs.	Executive Board
November 8, 2014	Sat.	Reunion: Consistory * , 4°, 9°, 14 °, 18°, 31°, 32° Albany Masonic Hall followed by Collation	April 23, 2015	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*–23 ° (Four Chaplains) USS Slater
November 20, 2014	Thurs.	Lodge, Council* , Chapter, Consistory–degree TBA	May 9, 2015	Sat.	Reunion: Consistory * , 4°, 6°, 15°, 20°, 31°, 32° Albany Masonic Hall followed by Cocktail Reception and Banquet
November 29, 2014	Sat.	K of SA— St. Andrew’s Day Observance and 29° followed by Dinner	May 16, 2015	Sat.	Valley of Albany Family Picnic , Details TBA
December 4, 2014	Thurs.	Executive Board	May 21, 2015	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory*
January 24, 2014	Sat.	Robert Burns Celebration	June 4, 2015	Thurs.	Executive Board
February 5, 2014	Thurs.	Executive Board			
February 19, 2015	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter * , Consistory– degree TBA			
March 19, 2015	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory * –Double Eagle Ceremony			

* Opens and Closes Meeting