



THE RITE LIGHT



Valley of Albany
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Feast of the Pascal Lamb

Valley of Albany AASR, NMJ

Sunday, April 13, 2014

Albany Masonic Hall
67 Corning Place, Albany, NY

Sublime Princes and Guests:

We will remember our brothers who have passed to the Great Architect in the Sky with our usual ceremony. Please note that the event will take place in Albany this year. After the ceremony, we will gather for supper in the ground floor dining room

Ceremony: 3:00 p.m.
Dinner: 4:00 p.m.

All Brothers, family, widows, and friends are welcome for the entire afternoon. Dinner will feature hors d'oeuvres and light libations followed by meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, and cheesecake. The dress for the evening will be jacket and tie for the men and business casual for the ladies.

The cost of the evening will be \$16.00 per adult and \$8.00 for children under 12.

Dinner reservations are required and must be made on or before April 7, 2013:

Please email or call:

Dan Kelly, Most Wise Master, thekellys@nycap.rr.com, (518) 758-1778.

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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.

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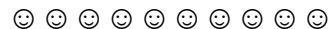
Editor's Note:

The *deadline* for the **Summer Issue** of *The Rite Light* is **April 1, 2014**. We hope to include articles on the May-July activities. Letters, articles, and pictures to the Editor at thekellys@nycap.rr.com.

New Event Added to Trestle Board

April 30, 2014
Five-year anniversary of
Knights of St. Andrew Celebration at
The Olde English Pub & Pantry
683 Broadway, Albany, NY 6:30 p.m. \$25

Reservations to Drew Millier at
drewmillier@me.com or 518-605-8084



Bring the Family Event

Saturday May 17, 2014
Valley of Albany Family Picnic
Watch for a postcard with details.

Consistory



A Message from your Commander-in-Chief

Sublime Princes,

I would like to congratulate everyone on all the good work that is being done in our Valley. We have had an increase in attendance at our meetings, excellent fellowship, and increased visibility at other Valley's events.

At our meetings, the various bodies have been presenting Degree work we do not normally have on our trestle board. This has greatly increased attendance and will be increasing our membership as well. I would encourage you to attend and get the Degrees stamped off in your passport.

We have had wonderful events for our Brothers and friends to enjoy. The Knights of St. Andrews have hosted both their St. Andrew's Day Observance and Robert Burns Night. I would also encourage you to attend the 5-year anniversary of the Knights of St. Andrew on April 30 at the Olde English pub. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes food and drinks. Reservations can be made with Drew Millier at drewmillier@me.com or call 518-605-8084

I would also like to thank Sublime Princes Karl Schlegel and Al Aumick for assisting me at the Valley of New York City. In January, we conferred the Order of Knighthood and installed the officers of the newest Chapter in New York.

Your Valley is alive and well, my Brothers. I encourage you to attend and assist in as much as your cable tow allows. I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Eric J. Benson, 32°
Commander-in-Chief
The Rite Lite

Lodge of Perfection



A Message from your Thrice Potent Master

My brothers,

The fall season of our Scottish Rite year consisted of a number of quality programs. The fall reunion was held on November 2 and featured presentations of the 4th, 6th, 10th, and 14th degrees followed by a collation. At the regular joint-body meeting on November 9, the seldom seen 9th degree was presented and was well-received. On November 30, the annual St. Andrews Day observance was held and featured the 29th degree followed by an enjoyable dinner that included haggis and toasts of scotch.

Speaking of haggis and scotch, they enhanced the enjoyment of a top-notch dinner at the annual Robert Burns celebration held on January 25. The event was topped off by entertaining banter between Drew Millier and his father. If you weren't at this event, you missed a truly enjoyable time.

I hope you were able to attend the above events. Whether or not you were able to do so, please try to participate in upcoming Valley events being held over the next few weeks. They include a regular meeting on March 20 (annual Knights of the Double Eagle ceremony), and the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on April 13 (Palm Sunday).

Your participation in the Valley's upcoming activities will help make these worthwhile events a success and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Steve Conant, 32°
Thrice Potent Master

Council, Princes of Jerusalem



A Message from your Sovereign Prince

Princes of Jerusalem,

Every Freemason receives at least one or two Masonic mailings every month. Many of these magazines and newsletters have, on a regular basis, articles about the history of Freemasonry and or celebrated Freemasons. It has been said that those who fail to study history are doomed to repeat its mistakes. To a large extent, this is true. However, in the majority of Masonic readings, the subject is success and not failure. In this light, the corollary, the success stories of history should teach us how we, as Freemasons, can enhance our search for more light.

Every single one of us has a story. The plot of that story is our life. In another part of my journalism career, I was often assigned to write obituaries. Most of those stories were about what many would call “ordinary people” whose names and lives would soon be forgotten and never recorded in history. A very senior advised me early on that these “ordinary people” deserved my best writing as comfort to family and friends. Another tradition among journalists is the assignment to write your own obituary. A couple of attitudes come forward in this task. All of mother’s teaching says you must be humble. However, the other side of that coin is the temptation to boast about all the trophies, awards and victories of your life. The solution here is to let someone else edit the obituary when you’re done. In the end, all that ink will likely wind up as someone’s fish wrapper.

There is one more approach to a personal history. It doesn’t even involve writing anything down on paper. When all is said and done and you are called by the Almighty to go on that journey from which there is no return, the number of trophies, awards you have accumulated may be written down as your personal history. However, it will not matter how big your house was, how fast your car could go, what kind of clothes you wore, what elected offices

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you held or what kind of success you had in business. What probably won’t be mentioned but is much more important is the positive effect you had on the life or another human being. As Freemasons, we are obligated to something beyond ourselves. Without a doubt, our personal history, which may not be included in the newspaper obituary, is to have a lasting positive effect on another life. One person can be the spark that lights the fire in another’s life. And only God knows what you did to light that spark. Imagine for a second, who lit the Masonic fire in George Washington, Ben Franklin, Gerald Ford and Harry Truman. Now think about what these Masons did to inspire so many other people.

Sincerely and fraternally,
R. Victor Stewart
Sovereign Prince of Jerusalem

Knights of St. Andrew Dinner

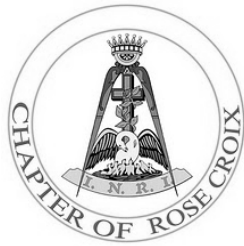


Steve, Drew, Eric, John, Ben, and Byron



Bill Carlucci getting the Dedicated Service Award (Blue Hat)

Rose Croix



A Message from your Most Wise Master

Dear Brothers,

It's been a crazy winter, but spring is on its way. One way to tell is it's time for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Palm Sunday. This year we will be at the Albany Masonic Hall. After we finish the feast, we will have a supper in the banquet hall, starting with hors d'oeuvres. Then we will be served salad, meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and dessert. The members of Van Rennselaer Star will be catering this event. All are welcome. In fact, you can bring a friend or relative or a child. The cost will be \$16 per adult and \$8 for children under 12.

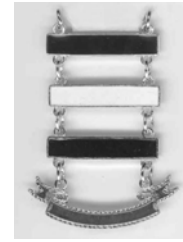
Keep an eye open for our family picnic on Saturday, May 17. This is a family event. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni salad, and coleslaw. Soda, beer, and wine will be available. So plan to come out and enjoy the day.

Brothers, a brother recently told me he was demitting from Scottish Rite. I asked him "Why?" He said, "we never do anything." But brothers, if YOU don't come out to see a degree *or* for a reunion *or* for the picnic, then you are right, we don't do anything. When you get the Rite Light, look on the back page. Pick out some function you might like, put it on your calendar, and come to it. You might see that WE do do things. But if you don't come out, you are right, we don't do anything for you. But maybe it's not us; it's YOU that don't do anything.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Daniel J. Kelly, 32° MSA
Most Wise Master

Knights of the Double Eagle



A Message from your Knight Commander

My Brothers,

I am pleased to report that based on Scottish Rite activities by Valley of Albany brothers through the end of 2013, four brothers will be knighted at the next Knights of the Double Eagle ceremony to be held on March 20. An additional fifteen brothers will receive one or more hanging bars to attach to their medals or colored ribbons from which the medal hangs. Invitations will be sent in the near future to the brothers who will be honored at the ceremony. Please mark the date on your calendar for this special ceremony.

Please note that **nineteen** brothers will be honored at the awards ceremony. This is indicative of a consistent level of participation by a core group of our members. If you currently are not among those who are regularly active in Valley activities, please consider joining in. Your participation is always welcome. Participation will lead you to gain more light in Masonry. Please make sure you sign in at each event to receive credit for your participation.

Feel free to contact me at sconant2@nycap.rr.com or 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, 32°
Knight Commander, KoDE

Knights of the Double Eagle Total Points—January 2014

Name	Points
Roland Abare	675
Andrew Abolafia	150
Stanley Adams	150
Charles Alfano	75
Michael Angilillo	250
Alison Aumick +	575
David Barkstedt	225
Scott Barth	100
Wilfred Baumann	625
Keith Becker	200
Eric Benson *	1,900
Donald Blake	300
Gene Bousselot	75
Raymond Brooks	125
Terlon Burke	100
William Carlucci *	2,025
Paul Casavant	75
Kenneth Ciatyk	100
Steven Conant *	2,700
John Coughcri	50
Dennis DeBell	325
Michael Derry	1,925
Gerald Dievendorf *	1,600
John Dievendorf	75
Robert Dunn	450
Robert Fickies	1,925
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	250
Benjamin Garry	700
Chris Gerber	50
Gordon Gibson	100
Aaron Gladd	50
Edward Grant	50
Walter Grom	125
John Grose	50
William Guterslow	50
Aaron Harrell	825
Paul Heintz	50
Ralph Hill	175

Name	Points
Dale Hotaling	125
Richard Hundertmark *	1,125
William Hyatt	325
Gerald Irwin	450
Charles Jessie	50
Francis Jessie	50
Robert Joel	75
Paul Karamanol	150
Cullen Kasunic	100
Daniel Kelly *	2,875
Steven King *	1,000
Daniel King	200
Karl Koch	300
Anton Konev	950
Kyle Kotary	150
William Korn *	1,600
Charles Kreuter	25
Alfred Krueger	425
Brandon Lachterman	375
Grover LaFountain	75
Russell LaGrange *	1,000
Ed Lass	50
Thomas Leary	75
Martin Leukhardt *	1,750
Alan Lewis	475
Bruce Lock	425
Michael Lopez	200
John MacNeill	50
Donald Magill	50
Andrew Manchester	75
Patrick McIntyre	75
Otto Metzger	75
Drew Millier	1,825
Richard Mills	250
John Minozzi	450
Byron Moak	875
Richard Mullen	100
Don Nelson	50
Ronald Noll	1,075
John Norray	100
Malcolm Ogden	700
William Okesson	450
Bruce Pavloff	125
Joel Pierre-Louis	75
John Polydouris	475
Schuyler Poukish	50

Name	Points
Thomas Prenoveau	100
Robert Reifmueller	700
Dwight Rogers	50
Timothy Rose	300
Paul Rosenblatt *	1475
Mark Scarselli	75
Karl Schlegel +	850
John Scott **	3,600
Gary Smith *	1,125
Manuel Steele	600
Corey Steigleman	75
Victor Stewart *	1,100
Roy Stock +	525
Eric Stott +	675
Ali Taciroglu	50
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	200
Kenneth White *	2,225
George Wilk	225
Walter Young	50

* receiving bar or ribbon
+ new knight 2014

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Valley of Albany 2013–2014 Meeting Dates

March 20, 2014	Thurs.	Lodge* , Council, Chapter, Consistory— Double Eagle Ceremony	May 3, 2014	Sat.	Reunion: Consistory *, 4°, 9°, 18°, 27°, 31°, 32° Albany Masonic Hall followed by Cocktail Reception
March 22–April 6, 2014		Confetti Stage play on 4th floor	May 17, 2014	Sat.	Valley of Albany Family Picnic , Details TBA
April 3, 2014	Thurs.	Executive Board	May 22, 2014	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory*
April 13, 2014	Sun.	F.O.P.L. Albany Masonic Hall , 4th floor, dinner to follow	June 5, 2014	Thurs.	Executive Board
April 24, 2014	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory* George Washington Degree, Albany Masonic Hall	July 25–26, 2014	Fri. /Sun.	Council of Deliberation , Syracuse
April 30, 2014	Wed.	5-year Anniversary for Knights of St. Andrew, 6:30 p.m. Olde English Pub , 683 Broadway, Albany	* Opens and Closes Meeting		

Note: The 23° at the USS Slater (Four Chaplains) has been postponed to Fall because the destroyer will not be ready for guests in April.