



THE RITE LIGHT



Valley of Albany
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, N.M.J., U.S.A.
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National Scottish Rite Day Saturday, November 12, 2016

Eastern New York Region
32nd Degree and Dinner
The "Egg" - Empire State Plaza



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valleys of:
Albany
Hudson
Schenectady
Troy

Candidates, Members & Ladies are invited.
Parking at Empire State Plaza—Lot "V"

3:30 pm Registration for Candidates and Members
4:00 pm 32nd Degree for men—Swyer Theatre
4:00 pm Ladies Entertainment—Meeting Room 7
5:30 pm Social hour & dinner for all—Lounge Area
Dress: Tux or dark suit for men, caps and jewels
Cost: \$75 couple, \$40 single to: 'Sigma Bodies 32rd Degree'
Meal: **Sliced Beef Tenderloin or Panko Encrusted Salmon**
Money must be in by Nov 1, 2016—250 person room limit
RSVP: William Korn 518-456-4704 or MasonsOnLine
5934 Johnston Rd, Slingerlands, NY 12159

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:

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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.

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:

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 letters, articles, news and pictures.

Confetti Stage Schedule

Confetti Fest 12 Tech (10/1/16–10/6/15)
Performances: 10/7-9/15 and 10/13-16/16
TBA Tech (2/11/17–2/16/17)
Performances: 2/17-19/17 and 2/24-26/17
TBA Tech (4/20/16–4/27/16)
Performances: 4/28-30/17 and 5/5-7/17

Fall Reunion

October 29, 2016

9:30 a.m. Registration for candidates and members

10:00 a.m. Degrees begin for 4°, 7°, 14°, 18°, 22°.

Collation follows the degrees.

Last chance to prepare for the 32° on Nov. 12

Be there!

Consistory



A Message from your Commander-in-Chief

Greetings Sublime Princes and welcome back for another Scottish Rite year! I hope everyone had a very full summer and was able to take some time off for rest and relaxation.

Many things are scheduled for the next few months that I want you to be aware of. The primary activity is the National 32nd Degree Day being held at 4 p.m. on November 12th at the Egg located on the Empire State Plaza. Details of this are on the cover of this issue, and I am working with webmaster Steve Conant to have the PDF documents available on our website: www.albanyscottishrite.org. More information can be obtained on the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's website: <http://srd2016.org/>.

Let's talk a bit about this degree. As you should be aware, the 32nd Degree was not offered by our local Valley, or any others, because of this upcoming event. This event will be held nationwide by ALL Valleys in the United States. The event will be both prestigious as well as memorable.

The degree will be performed on stage at the Egg, with cast members from the Valleys of Albany, Hudson, Schenectady, and Troy. While the Degree will not be full of music, special effects, action, gunfights, or car chases, it will contain all aspects that are meant to be conveyed in the 32nd Degree.

The Degree will be followed by a dinner for 32nd Degree Masons and their Ladies. The cost for this is \$40 for solo participants and \$75 for couples. The members of our Executive Board have voted unanimously to cover the meal costs of all **NEW** 32nd Degree Masons and their Ladies. This dinner will be catered by the Turf Tavern of Scotia.

Participation as a member of the cast is always appreciated. Currently, we have all the speaking parts filled, but there are still vacancies for supporting cast, and the much needed behind-the-scenes people, often referred to as "roadies."

All Masons who wish to participate **MUST** have completed their required degrees in the other three Valleys. To ensure this, we will be holding our Fall Reunion on Saturday, October 29. This will allow Masons to begin their Scottish Rite journey and/or to complete the requirements before being eligible to take the 32nd Degree.

I am sure that you know Masons who are somewhere in the Scottish Rite progress and need this degree to finish their journey. Please make them aware of this event so they can finish their journey. I will compare it to those TV shows that have the "hauntings", where the team goes in and has the ghosts taken care of by having them pass over toward the light. Let's make sure our fellow Brothers are able to "pass over to the light" by attendance at the Fall Reunion on October 29.

Fraternally,

Gary Smith, 32^o
Commander-in-Chief

National Scottish Rite Day Saturday, November 12, 2016 Journal Advertisement

Journal to be Distributed at Dinner

\$150	Gold Page 4.5" x 7.5"
\$100	Silver Page 4.5" x 7.5"
\$ 75	Full Page 4.5" x 7.5"
\$ 60	Half Page 4.5" x 3 3/4"
\$ 35	Quarter Page 4.5" x 1 7/8"
\$ 20	Name on Booster Page

eMail copy to Bill Korn:

kornwm@nycap.rr.com

Cutoff date: October 15, 2016

Check to: "Sigma Bodies 32nd Degree"

**Send to: Bill Korn, 5934 Johnston Rd,
Slingerlands, NY 12159 (518-456-4704)**

Council, Princes of Jerusalem



A Message from your Sovereign Prince

My Brothers,

I would like to thank you for electing me to serve as Sovereign Prince of the Albany Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem. I am honored to hold this position and will do the best I can to help make the forthcoming year as successful as possible.

Let's all work together to make this an active and fun year for our Valley. In addition to our joint body meetings, reunions, and other activities, our Valley will be participating in the presentation of the 32nd degree at the Egg on National Scottish Rite Day on November 12. That event promises to be a memorable one and I hope we have a good turnout.

Thank you again for entrusting me with the responsibilities of this office. Please feel free to contact me at sconant2@nycap.rr.com or (518) 357-8951 or if you have any suggestions or comments during the year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant,
Sovereign Prince

MSA Recipient News

Richard Hundertmark, Valley of Albany, was elected as a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award at the 147th Annual Convocation of the New York State Council of Deliberation on October 1, 2016. A testimonial dinner in his honor is being planned at which he will receive his Red Cap. Richard's certificate and MSA jewel will be presented during the MSA Ceremony at the 2017 Annual Convocation of the New York State Council of Deliberation.

Knights of the Double Eagle



A Message from your Knight Commander

My Brothers,

I am pleased to report that based on participation in Valley of Albany activities by members of the Valley, two brothers were knighted as Knights of the Double Eagle at the knighting ceremony held on March 17. An additional ten brothers received a service bar for their ongoing service to the Valley. Three brothers have already qualified to be knighted at the next ceremony in early 2017 and others have qualified to receive service bars at that ceremony.

It is always a pleasure to recognize Sublime Princes who actively participate in reunions, meetings, and other Valley functions. If you are not among those who were honored at this year's ceremony, please consider increasing your participation in Valley activities. Your participation is always welcome and will lead you to gain more light in Masonry.

Please make sure you sign in at each event in order to receive credit for your participation. Please note that I can email you a copy of the KoDE spreadsheet whenever you would like to ensure that I have credited you with all of the activities in which you have participated—just let me know!

Feel free to contact me at sconant2@nycap.rr.com or 518-357-8951 if you have any questions or concerns about the program. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this program.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Steve Conant
Knight Commander, KoDE

Secretary's Note

Sublime Princes, Brothers:

Great things are happening in the Valley of Albany. Our elected officers are planning their year and evidence of their enthusiasm and innovative leadership is reflected in the Valley Trestle Board. Please look at the Trestle Board for the year on the back page 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.

It is my pleasure to announce that Gerald R. Dievendorf received his Meritorious Service Award at the 2016 Council of Deliberation session. In addition, Richard T. Hundertmark was elected to receive his Meritorious Service Award at the 2017 Council of Deliberation session. This is a great honor for our Valley and so richly deserved by two of the most dedicated Sublime Princes in our Valley. We will honor both Jerry and Rich at Testimonial Dinners that will be planned for the near future. Details for these important events will be provided in separate mailings. I know many of you will welcome the opportunity to celebrate with these worthy Brothers. In the mean time, when you see them, please congratulate Jerry and Rich for these well-deserved awards.

Jerry Dievendorf and Victor Stewart participated in a membership seminar this fall at the Supreme Council Headquarters in Lexington, MA. Reports indicate social media outlets and current web sites are important tools to communicate with members and all Valleys are encouraged to explore these innovations as a method of supplementing existing methods of communication and education. Steve Conant is the Valley Webmaster and he is doing a wonderful job keeping our web site current. Please look at the web site (www.AlbanyScottishRite.org) and thank Steve for his good work. If you have questions about membership development and retention, or if you are interested in helping in this important task of growing our Valley, please speak with Jerry or Vic. Always remember that membership and member retention are issues of primary importance. Reach out to Brothers you have not seen in a while and see if there is anything we as a Valley, or individually, can do to renew their interest and enthusiasm in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Finally, please see information in the newsletter on the Valley Reunion on October 29 and the National Nationwide 32nd Degree Conferral on November 12. The nationwide conferral of the 32nd Degree on the same day and at the same time is a historic event you will not want to miss. Please plan to attend if you want to see the special conferral or if you have not yet received the 32nd degree. Also, please reach out to Brothers who have not yet received further Light in Masonry through membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. To qualify for the nationwide conferral of the 32nd Degree, they will have to receive the predicate degrees at the Fall Reunion on October 29. If you have questions, please contact me or any of the other Valley Officers. You may also use the Petition that is contained in this newsletter. The application fee is \$150.00 and the Petition and fee can be presented on October 29.

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
Scottydawg2000@aol.com
(518) 283-1168

Webmaster's Note

My Brothers,

This is a reminder that the Valley of Albany website is online at www.albanyscottishrite.org. Included on the website are: an up-to-date trestleboard, a list of presiding officers, a link to the current Knight of the Double Eagle point totals, links to other Masonic websites of interest, and the form for applying for a scholarship. Newly added to the site is a page listing Knight of the Double Eagle recipients, found at <http://www.albanyscottishrite.org/KoDErecip.html>.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for the site. Feel free to email me pictures and other items relevant to the Valley that you would like to have posted on the site. Please contact me at sconant2@nycap.rr.com or 518-357-8951 if you have any questions, concerns or recommendations for the Valley website.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant, Webmaster, Valley of Albany

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

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VALLEY OF ALBANY, N.Y.
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PETITION FOR DEGREES / AFFILIATION (CROSS OUT ONE)

To the Officers and Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies sitting in the Valley of Albany, N.Y.

I, _____
PRINT FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME (NO INITIALS)

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREOF, RESPECTFULLY SHOW THAT I AM DESIROUS OF BEING ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF
ALBANY SOVEREIGN CONISISTORY, S.P.R.S., 32°

AND REQUEST THAT I MAY BE RECEIVED AMONG YOU, AND THAT I WILL EVER PRAY FOR THE PROSPERITY AND GLORY OF THE FRATERNITY AND THE WELFARE OF THE BRETHERN.

IN MAKING THIS APPLICATION I PROMISE ON MY WORD OF HONOR THAT SHOULD I BE ELECTED AND BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR HONORABLE BODY, I SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING

Oath of Fealty

I will bear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting in its Grand East in the City of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees.

That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen.

Date of Birth _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth _____
TOWN STATE OR COUNTY

Residence _____ Since _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY ZIP CODE

Your Mailing Address (if different than Residence) _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY ZIP CODE

Have resided in New York State since _____ Occupation _____

Business Address (or Employer) _____

Telephone No. _____ (HOME) _____ (WORK) Were you ever a member of the Order of DeMolay? _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEFORE PETITIONED FOR ANY DEGREE IN THE SCOTTISH RITE TO ANY OTHER VALLEY AND BEEN ACCEPTED OR REJECTED? YES OR NO? _____

IF YES, TO WHICH VALLEY AND WHEN? _____

SYMBOLIC LODGE MEMBERSHIP I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF _____ LODGE

No. _____ LOCATED IN _____

IF APPLYING FOR FURTHER DEGREES, I CERTIFY THAT I AM OR WILL BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF
_____ LODGE OF PERFECTION, LOCATED IN _____
COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, LOCATED IN _____

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, LOCATED IN _____

RECOMMENDED BY _____ PLEASE PRINT SIGNATURE

DATE CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

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Valley of Albany 2016–2017 Meeting Dates

September 15, 2016	Thurs.	Lodge* , Council, Chapter, Consistory	April 6, 2017	Thurs.	Executive Board
October 6, 2016	Thurs.	Executive Board	April 9, 2017	Sunday	Feast of the Paschal Lamb (venue TBA)
October 29, 2016	Sat.	Reunion: 4°, 7°, 14°, 18°, 22°, Albany Masonic Hall at 9:30 a.m. followed by Collation	April 20, 2017	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*–23° (Four Chaplains) USS Slater
November, 12, 2016	Sat.	Nationwide 32nd Degree Conferral	May 13, 2017	Sat.	Reunion: 4°, 14°, 18°, 26°, 31°, 32 ° Albany Masonic Hall followed by Cocktail Reception
November, 17, 2016	Thurs.	Lodge, Council* , Chapter, Consistory	May 18, 2017	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory*
November, 30, 2016	Wednesday	St. Andrew’s Day Observance: 29° followed by Dinner	June 1, 2017	Thurs.	Executive Board
December 1, 2016	Thurs.	Executive Board	June 3, 2017	Sun.	Valley of Albany Family Picnic
February 2, 2017	Thurs.	Executive Board	August 3, 2017	Thurs.	Executive Board
February 16, 2017	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter* , Consistory			
March 16, 2017	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*			

* Opens and Closes Meeting