



THE RITE LIGHT



Valley of Albany
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The Eastern Region AASR
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
of New York

Cordially and fraternally invites you to attend the

Eastern Regional Degree Festival

November 10, 2018

Albany Masonic Temple ~ 67 Corning Place, Albany, NY 12207

Registration—8:00 a.m. ~ a light breakfast will be provided

4° Master Traveler ~ DVD presentation will be hosted during registration, if interested COME EARLY.

Degree Presentations

9:30 7° Provost & Judge ~ presented by the Valley of Schenectady

11:00 11° Sublime Master Elected ~ presented by the Valley of Troy

12:00 Break for Lunch (Donations Accepted)

1:00 22° Prince of Libanus Musical Version ~ presented by the Valley of Albany

2:00 30° Grand Inspector ~ presented by the Valley of the Hudson

3:00 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret ~ a joint Valley presentation

5:00 Dinner Reception (RSVPs only / Cost \$60 per person) ~ Black Tie / Cocktail Dress

Albany Hilton Hotel, 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207

Rooms are available, **reservation code: 4AASR / RSVP by 10/10/2018**

Anyone attending the reception will have their parking partially validated

Ladies Event (\$40 per person):

- Trip to the Albany Institute of History and Art
- High tea at Tailored Tea
- Tour of the Albany Shaker Village

**All new 32° will receive a Jewel especially
crafted for this event**



To register and for more information

Please contact Dave Barkstedt

845-235-5037 or dave@eliteconsultantsinc.com

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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Our Vision

“We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our Members.”

Our Mission

Provide Inspiration for our members through meaningful programs and degrees.

Provide Convenient opportunities for our members to enhance their lives.

Provide Enjoyable programs and fellowship activities for our members.

Dues Reminder

The dues notices for 2018-2019 have been mailed out. I want to thank the many Brothers who have paid their dues. Your recognition of this obligation is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet sent in your check, please do so at your earliest convenience. If paying your dues creates any hardship, let me know and the Valley will work with you.

Thank you for your support of the Valley of Albany and Scottish Rite Masonry.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
John W. Scott, 33°, Secretary
scottydawg2000@aol.com or call (518) 283-1168

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

Mercy Degree given at 250th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Perfection



R.: W.: Kenneth M. White

Our Recently Installed District Deputy Grand Master for the Old Seventeenth Masonic District was elected at the 2018 Supreme Council Executive Session to Receive the 33rd Degree at the 2019 Supreme Council Session in Milwaukee

The Valley of Albany offers our congratulations to Sublime Prince Kenneth M. White on his election to receive the 33rd degree and on his installation as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Old Seventeenth Masonic District for 2018 to 2020.

Sublime Prince Ken White has been a Mason since he was raised in Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 on February 26, 1986. Since being raised, Ken has served in all appointed and elected Lodge offices, including serving as Master of Wadsworth Lodge for two years, and assisting the Lodge and Trustees by being their financial advisor. In addition, Ken has served as financial advisor to many other Masonic bodies and members, including the Valley of Albany and the Board of the Livingston Library.

Ken is also a very active member of the Valley of Albany. He joined the Valley on April 21, 1990. Becoming a member of the Scottish Rite was very important to Ken as his father was an active member of the AASR in Ken's home state of Pennsylvania. On most important occasions, you will see Ken displaying his legacy status by proudly wearing his father's 32nd Degree ring. From the moment Ken became a Sublime Prince, he has served in most elected and appointed offices in the Lodge of Perfection, Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix; serving as Thrice Potent The Rite Light

Master in 2015–2016, Sovereign Prince in 2009–2010, and Most Wise Master in 2012–2013. Ken has consistently devoted his talents and efforts to all activities of the Valley, including planning and participating in all degree conferrals and reunions, planning and presiding over the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, planning and participating in all Valley social and family activities, enthusiastically promoting the AASR for membership development purposes, and prudently managing the Valley funds and advising the Trustees and Executive Board on all financial matters. Ken has been a member of the Valley Executive Board for the past 12 to 15 years as an elected officer or as the financial advisor to the Valley Trustees. The Valley has profited significantly from his efforts and wise council. In recognition of his hard work, dedication, and love of Scottish Rite Masonry, Ken was honored by the New York State Council of Deliberation with the Meritorious Service Award in August 2011.

We have all benefited in so many ways because of Ken's involvement in Freemasonry. We can be assured that Ken will devote his best efforts on our behalf during his term as District Deputy and as an Honorary 33rd Degree member of the Supreme Council. Be sure to congratulate him for this well-deserved honor when next you see him.

**A Message from the Hospitaler,
Knight Commander
and Webmaster**

My Brothers,

Hospitaler

Thank you for electing me as your valley's hospitaler. I will do my best to see that our valley brothers who are in need of assistance have those needs met. Please consider including a donation to the hospitaler fund when paying your annual dues. All such donations will remain in our local valley for us to use as needed. Please also be as generous as possible when the collection tin is passed at valley events. Any one of us could wind up needing assistance someday and it would be a shame if there were not enough funds in the account at that time of need. Finally, please let me know if you need assistance or if you become aware that one of our valley brothers needs assistance.

Knights of the Double Eagle

I am happy to report that Sublime Princes James Best, Ralph Pfeiffer, and Bruce Pavloff were knighted as Knights of the Double Eagle at a ceremony held on February 15th. In addition, nine Sublime Princes received a service bar at the ceremony in recognition of their ongoing participation in valley activities. Special thanks to John Scott for serving as Knight Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony.

Valley Website

I am pleased to announce that an additional thirty-five Rite Lights have been added to the archive of the newsletters on the Valley website. The archive now contains ninety-three of the newsletters dating back to November 1984. The new additions are mostly from the 1990s and the late 1980s. Even with the additions, gaps remain in the archive. If anyone can provide me with any missing issues, I would be happy to scan and post them on the website. The newsletters can be viewed on the website at <http://www.albanyscottishrite.org> by clicking on "RITE LIGHTS" located in the menu near the top of the page. I hope you find the website in general and the newsletter archive in particular to be interesting and useful.

Please feel free to contact me at (518) 357-8951 or sconant2@nycap.rr.com.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Steve Conant

The Rite Light

**2018–2019 AASR OFFICERS
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Sigma Bodies A. A. S. R. Valley of Schenectady
**Almoner's Fund Banquet
Fundraiser and Roast**

of

Ill.: Roger H. Pelham, 33°

Honorary Member of the Supreme Council

Saturday, October 13, 2018

at

Hilton Garden Inn Troy

235 Hoosick, Troy, NY 12180*

- 6:00 p.m. *Cocktails – Cash Bar and Appetizers*
- 7:00 p.m. *Dinner – Choice of Entrée*
Prime Rib, Chicken Sienna, or Stuffed Filet of Sole
- Cost* \$50.00 per person – checks payable to “Sigma Bodies AASR”
(\$10.00 of this fee will be contributed to the Almoner’s Fund)
- Dress* 33° Members – tuxedo, cap, and jewel
Officers and men – tuxedo or dark suit
Ladies – formal wear
- RSVP* By Friday, October 5, 2018
To: David Barnes (518) 356-2817 or dbarnes986@yahoo.com
 On Masons Online or US Mail (see form below)

*A Block of 10 rooms have been set aside at Hilton Garden Inn for Saturday night at a cost of \$149. Group Code: SIGMA (Saturday only). Call for reservations at 877-STAYHGI (877-782-9444) or at website www.troy.hgi.com. Make reservations before September 13, 2018.

I/We will attend the Almoner’s Fund Banquet and Roast of Ill.: Roger H. Pelham, 33°

Check is enclosed for \$50.00 per person payable to: *Sigma Bodies AASR*

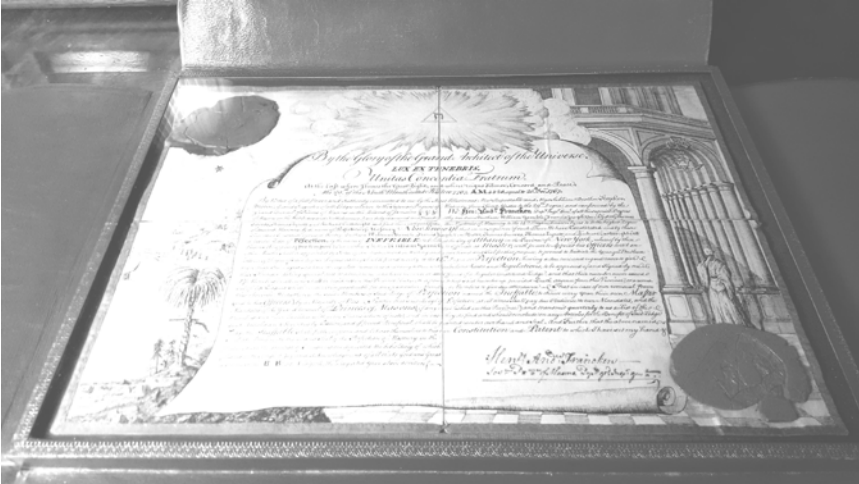
Menu Choice (indicate number desired): Prime Rib _____
 Chicken Sienna _____
 Stuffed Filet of Sole _____

Name(s) for place cards: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ persons

Mail form and check to: David E. Barnes, 211 Darrow Rd. Duanesburg, NY 12056

Franken Charter



CHARTER
OF
INEFFABLE AND SUBLIME
GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION
ALBANY, N.Y.
FROM
HENRY ANDREW FRANKEN
DECEMBER 20, 1787

Secretary's Note

My Brothers:

The Valley of Albany, NY has had a very exciting 2018. To begin, the Valley of Albany is the birthplace of Scottish Rite Masonry in the United States and our Lodge of Perfection celebrated its 250th Anniversary on April 14th. This was a gala event attended by Sovereign Grand Commander David Glattly, Most Worshipful Jeffrey Williamson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, as well as many other dignitaries and Sublime Princes from across New York. We had the privilege of displaying our original Francken Charter and other historic documents that were graciously returned to us temporarily by the staff at the Scottish Rite library in Lexington, Mass. The Valley cast also performed the Lincoln Degree for members and guests as an introduction to Scottish Rite Masonry. The Lodge of Perfection anniversary was a joyous occasion of fraternal friendship when we joined together to celebrate the history of Scottish Rite Masonry in Albany and our Country.

The Valley further celebrated its history by once again conferring the Four Chaplains Degree on May 17th on board the USS *Slater*, a decommissioned World War II Navy ship permanently located at the Port of Albany. This degree is significant to Scottish Rite Masons in the Albany area as the Rev. Clark Poling, one of the four chaplains who perished when the SS *Dorchester* sank in February

1943, was from Schenectady, NY. The Valley of Albany looks forward to this annual event that is enjoyed by Sublime Princes from Valleys located in New York and throughout New England.

Finally, the Valley of Albany will join with the Valleys of Troy, Schenectady, and the Hudson to host the Eastern Regional Degree Festival at the Albany Masonic Hall on November 10, 2018. The Valleys will individually confer the 7th, 11th, 22nd (musical version), and 30th degrees and then jointly confer the 32nd degree. This memorable event will be followed by a banquet when our new Sublime Princes will be recognized and awarded their Black Hat and commemorative jewel.

Thrice Potent Master James Best, Sovereign Prince Gary Smith, Most Wise Master Edward Kosinski, and Commander-in-Chief Paul Rosenblatt, along with all officers and members of the Valley of Albany, are working very hard to serve our members in all possible ways. Through these efforts, we are attracting members and promoting the Craft. We are excited about the future of our Valley.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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August 14, 2018

Mr. Walter A. Chase, 32°
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Gardena, CA. 90247-5016

Dear Brother Chase,

It is my great pleasure to offer warm greetings and congratulations upon the occasion of your 101st birthday on August 17, 2018. All of us at the Supreme Council offer you a standing ovation, a toast, and a salute!

As you celebrate this remarkable milestone, I hope you feel great pride in all you have achieved in your lifetime. As a Freemason, you can be secure in the knowledge that you have helped make the world a better place. I hope your Masonic experiences are some of your most treasured memories.

May every minute of your 101st birthday be filled with pleasure and joy. Congratulations and may God bless.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ill.: David A. Glattly, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

DAG:pr

cc: Ill.: David P. Spencer 33°
Ill.: John W. Scott, 33°

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Valley of Albany—2018–2019 Meeting Dates

September 20, 2018	Thurs.	Executive Board at 6:30 pm Lodge* , Council, Chapter, Consistory at 7:30 pm
September 28-30, 2018		NY Council of Deliberation Double Tree, East Syracuse, NY
November 10, 2018	Sat.	Eastern Regional Degree Festival Albany Masonic Hall
November 15, 2018	Thurs.	Executive Board at 6:30 pm Lodge, Council *, Chapter, Consistory at 7:30 pm
November 30, 2018	Friday	St. Andrew’s Day Observance, 29^o , Collation
February 21, 2019	Thurs.	Executive Board at 6:30 pm Lodge, Council, Chapter* , Consistory at 7:30 pm KoDE Celebration

March 21, 2019	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory*
April 4, 2019	Thurs.	Executive board
April 14, 2019	Sun.	Feast of the Pascal Lamb Venue TBA
May 9, 2019	Thurs.	Lodge, Council, Chapter, Consistory* 23^o Four Chaplains Degree at the USS Slater
May 16, 2019	Thurs.	Annual Meeting —Election and Installation—All four bodies, Consistory*
June 6, 2019	Thurs.	Executive Board
August 1, 2019	Thurs.	Executive Board
* Opens and Closes Meeting		