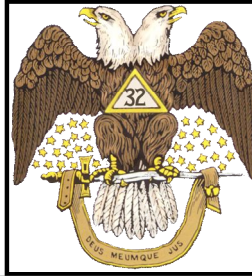


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THE RITE BULLETIN



**From The Personal Representative
Don Munks, 33°**



Brothers we have several important meetings coming up in February and March. As you all know we have four (4) candidates that want you to see them taking their degrees and learning what the meaning of being a Scottish Rite Mason is all about. Due to Covid-19 our degrees scheduled had to be readjusted. The 30th degree will be held on February 7th and the 32nd degree will be conferred on February 21st, 2022. With that the Cap N Ring ceremony has been rescheduled for Monday March 7th, 2022.

Take pride in your Valley and support the Brothers that do attend regularly. That doesn't mean you have to attend every meeting as we all have to spread our time out with family, Blue Lodge, Shrine, York Rite, Amaranth, Eastern Star, work, and leisure. But with our busy lives attending all of our commitments part of the time is far better than saying we don't have time. Remember your first 3 degrees and how we were taught to make use of the 24 inch gauge.

On February 28th, 2022 we will be convening the Temple Board and Executive meetings. This meeting will begin a virtual meeting held at 6:00 PM via Zoom. In March not only will the Valley of

Everett hold the Cap N Ring Ceremony, but on March 21st, 2022, we will be celebrating the Ceremony of Remembrance. Both are RSVP Dinners and all will need to contact Ill. Bro Terry Grove to reserve your place for both events

Just reminders, if you have not paid your dues then please get it taken care of with Terry Grove, our Valley Secretary. There are still some Valley members that need to do this. Remember, whether you pay your dues, or not the Valley is still assessed with the per capita charge dues from both Supreme Council and the Orient of Washington.

Here is looking and hoping for a great year in the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite.

Fraternally, Don

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Your Scottish Rite Creed and Mission Statement



Scottish Rite Creed

*Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme
wish, freedom of conscience
our mission,
and the guarantee of equal
rights to all people every-
where our ultimate goal.*

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.



The Everett Valley
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From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

During the last eight months, while we have been restricted by COVID-19, Delta and now the Omicon pandemic – your Valley of Everett – Scottish Rite of Washington have been behind the scenes working on upgrading the kitchen from a Commercial kitchen to a Commissary Kitchen, working with the Snohomish Health District to comply with State and City licensing. In addition, one of our vendors Joy Max Catering has chosen to upgrade our facilities by installing a walk-in refrigerator in the lower parking garage, plus we have been working with three (3) other outside vendors for rental of the kitchen for their offsite catered events or chosen venues.

Another venture that has been in negotiation is the acquisition of the Amazon Scout Dispenser by the Valley of Everett. All of which are intended to generate outside revenue to offset our overhead expenses. For those of you have not visited the building or attended

meetings, we are still having Alice Anderson cook our meals; we have a Scotsman Ice-maker and a 55" TV in the main dining room.

The latest Covid-19 issues still plague us – however – most of us have now been vaccinated with the one or two doses of Pfizer, Moderna or Janson – plus the associated booster shot. For the most part – we are complying with the recommendation to maintain social distancing, and wearing masks.

This month on February 7th, we will be conferring the 30° degree to the 2021/2022 class, and on February 21st we will complete their 32°, and raise them to 32° Master Masons. Our new brothers will be: Howard Schoen, Mark Valencia, Ray Verschuyt and Brian Wheeler. Their Cap and Ring will be held on Monday - March 7th, 2022 which will be followed by the annual "Ceremony of Remembrance on March 21st, 2022 (both of these are RSVP dinners). See page 12 for details

Valley of Everett – Orient of Washington February 2022 through May 2022 Calendar of Events

February 2022

- 02-07-22 Monday—Lodge of Perfection Stated Meeting - 6:30 PM Buffet-Conferral of **30°**
- 02-21-22 Monday—Lodge of Perfection Stated Meeting - 6:30 PM Buffet-Conferral of **32°**
- 02-28-22 Monday—Virtual Zoom 6:00 PM BOT-ExCOM

March 2022

- 03-07-22 Monday— Consistory - LOP - **Cap & Ring—RSVP—6:30PM** Punch Bowl - 7:00PM Dinner
- 03-21-22 Monday- Rose Croix **Ceremony of Remembrance RSVP—6:30 PM** Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner
- 03-28-22 Monday-- Virtual Zoom 6:00 PM BOT-ExCOM

April 2022

- 04-04-22 Monday - 6:30 PM Buffet. 7:30 PM Lodge of Perfection Stated
- 04-18-22 Monday - 6:30 PM Buffet. 7:30 PM Council of Kadosh
- 04-25-22 Monday –Board of Trustee's & ExCom Meeting 6:00 PM—Zoom

May 2022

- 05-02-22 Monday - 6:30 PM Buffet. 7:30 PM Lodge of Perfection Stated
- 05-16-22 Monday - 6:30 PM Buffet. 7:30 PM
- 05-23-22 Monday –Board of Trustee's & ExCom Meeting 6:00 PM—Zoom

Scholarships

By John Mathers, 32°, KCCH

Brethren.

The 2022 Scholarship Window is open until March 31st for all Juniors and Seniors in college.

Please help by spreading the word to these college students. The Scottish Rite has always had a strong Scholarship Program in the State of Washington since 1958. Last year alone, we provided a little less than a half million dollars. In fact we have done this the last three years. College is costly and the Scottish Rite Scholarship Program is here to help and change lives. The Undergraduate Student Scholarship is \$3000.

How the program works, Students go on line and enter Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington org, in the Search bar. They fill out the request, which generates an E-Mail to the Director. The director follows up with an in person student interview. Upon successful completion of the interview, the director updates the system, which enables the student to complete the application process.

Requirements are as follows:

- * U.S. Citizen
- * Washington State Resident

** Entering 3rd year (Junior), 4th year (Senior) or if required for degree, 5th year undergraduate**

** Attending a **NWCCU** Baccalaureate accredited 4-year college or university in the State of Washington as a full time student for the full academic year***

** Maintaining an accumulative GPA of at least 3.0*

Questions or concerns please contact me at 425-788-3772 or

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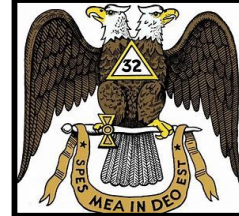
Fraternally

John Mathers-32°, KCCH

Secretary, Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation



The Members of the Valley of Everett extend to all the Brethren with Birthdays in the Month of February, A Very Happy Birthday



Wayne C Betts
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Will Burge III
Edward Carlin
Howard T Cromer
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Valley of Everett, What Did I Miss?

By Kenneth N. Thompson, 32°, KCCH

Brethren one and all, the Lodge of Perfection will be holding our stated meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple on February 7th, 2022 for the conferral of the 30th Degree. Prior to the meeting we will enjoy a delicious buffet meal prepared by Alice at 6:30PM and then have our stated meeting in open format. However, if there are Coronavirus restrictions, we all must comply with them by wearing our mask and any and all restrictions while in the meeting.

On February 21st, our candidates will receive their 32nd degree. Their Cap and Ring Ceremony has been scheduled for Monday - March 7th (*see page 12 for flyer*) and the Valley will conduct the annual Ceremony of Remembrance on March 21st, 2022. Both of these events are RSVP. Dinner will be served by Alice and of course our new Candidates and their Ladies will be the guest of the Valley. Just a reminder to all our Brethren that the cost of our RSVP dinners has increased to \$25.00.

For those who did not meet the deadline for our membership who pay annual dues, this is just a reminder that your 2022 Valley of Everett annual dues of



\$150 were due to the Valley secretary no later than December 31, 2021. If you are one of the few who have not paid your 2022 dues as of yet, we ask you to do this as soon as possible and forward your dues to Terry Grove, the Valley of Everett General Secretary.

The Valley of Everett Board of Trustee's (BOT) and Executive Council (ExCOM) will meet via virtual Zoom on February 28th, 2022 at 6:00 PM, the General Secretary

Terry Grove will e-mail. out the information to all the members of Valley of Everett to which they are cordially invited to attend.

It is the hope, now that all our Valley Brethren remember to make yourself present for all the stated meetings in both your Blue Lodges and the Valley of Everett's Scottish Rite.

Brethren, should you know a Brother, his family or one our widows that are ill or in need of some assistance please contact the Valley of Everett Almoner John Mathers, at 425-778-3772, so we may provide them with the assistance that they may require.

Valley of Everett 2021-2022 Degree Schedule

**30th Degree
Feb 07, 2022**

**32nd Degree
Feb 21, 2022**

**Valley of Everett
Cap n Ring Ceremony
Monday, March 07, 2022**

Happy New Year from the Almoner

By John Mathers, 32°, KCCH

Brethren,

I send to each of you a greeting and a blessing for a happy and rewarding 2022 New Year.

Our Christmas Party was a fun and festive event. The brethren and their guests had a chance to check in with Santa (Steve Osborne and His Helper Mrs. Osborne) to find out if they were Naughty or Nice. We had lots of Alfie's pizza and salad for the meal. However, we were a little shy of young guests. Goody Bags were handed out on request. If you missed our Event, we are sorry, but look forward to seeing you at our Scottish Rite meetings. Please refer to the Scottish Rite schedule, provided by our Secretary, Terry Grove.

Another note, As Almoner, please let me know is you are aware of a brother who needs assistance.

Fraternally
John Mathers

My Home phone is: (425) 788-3772

Valentine's Day & George Washington

By MW William J. Thomas, Grand Master of New York (2015)

Grand Master's Message, Feb 6, 2015

Dear Brethren, Family and Friends ...

I am delighted to have this opportunity to salute our ladies as we celebrate Valentine's Day. Of course we should honor and cherish our ladies every day, but Valentine's Day should be a little more ... a little something extra ... a special day I hope you will convey these thoughts to the women in your life because they are indeed so very special to Freemasonry. Their support is critical to our individual growth and the growth of our Lodges. So, don't forget to say "Thank You!" in a meaningful way to our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters and especially the surviving spouses of our Brother Masons.

Washington is probably the most revered and respected Mason for the ages. Sometimes we may forget just how important he was to the birth of our nation, as his birthday is now publicly observed as part of President's Day. But since Washington is so very special to



us, I hope you will remember that February 22nd is the actual birth date of Washington, and you remember it as such. I suggest that at your Lodge meeting in February, when the Glad Tidings are called for, that the name of our Brother George Washington is recorded as having been born on this date in 1732. Happy 290th Birthday Mr. President!

My Brothers, family and friends, we send our warmest greetings and hope that you enjoy these holidays with your loved ones. We hope you will remember the very special significance and meaning of these holidays to us as Freemasons. God bless you and your loved ones. God Bless our men and women in the Armed Forces, First Responders and Veterans. And may God continue to Bless the United States of America and our great fraternity.

Fraternally,

MW WILLIAM J. THOMAS
Grand Master of New York (2015)

Master of Kadosh

By George Lofthus, 33°

I was rehearsing the Preceptor script for our upcoming 30th Degree on February 7th, when I came across the following passage: "...with what should we replace the crown as a symbol of political authority?" The Master of Ceremonies responded with "the Roman cap of liberty." Not knowing what the Roman cap of liberty was, I researched Rex Hutchens', [A Bridge to Light](#) for an answer. The three skulls in the Degree had earlier represented King Philip, DeMolay, and Pope Clement; a king and emperor who had or used power; along with DeMolay, the last Knights Templar, whose skull was placed in the middle. According to Hutchens the crown represented all those kings and emperors who had usurped or abused power, had reigned for themselves and not for the people.

Since Hutchens had not written anything about the Roman cap of liberty, I consulted the internet. The original cap of liberty was the Roman pileups, **the felt cap of emancipated slaves of ancient Rome**, which was an attribute of Libertas, the Roman Goddess of Liberty. A number of national personifications, in particular France's Marianne, are commonly depicted wearing the Phrygian

cap.

Phrygian cap, soft felt or wool conical headdress fitting closely around the head and characterized by a pointed **crown** that curls forward. It originated in the ancient country of Phrygia in Anatolia and is represented in ancient Greek art as the type of headdress worn not only by Phrygians but by all inhabitants of Anatolia and all nations further east.

The Phrygian cap might have been mistaken for the **pil-eus**, a cap worn of emancipated **Roman** slaves, when it became an emblem of liberty during the **French Revolution** (1789-99). It was adopted by the revolutionaries as "the red cap of liberty" and continues to be associated with national allegorical figure of Liberte.

George Lofthus, Master of Kadosh



Freemasonry and the Age of Enlightenment

By Jim Hamlin 33°

Over the past year the Everett Valley Rite Bulletin has featured articles on several philosophers and scientists from the Age of Enlightenment. But why were some of these men attracted to Masonic guilds? One theory we explored was that as these guilds were approved by the state and church; they may have been a haven to discuss and explore controversial ideas. Are there other possibilities?

According to Masonic legend, during his time in Egypt Abraham shared his knowledge of science with Euclid. Euclid attached the names geometry and masonry to that science and passed on his knowledge to his students. The Cooke Manuscript (c. 1450) tells us that all other sciences are descended from geometry. From Euclid and Egypt, geometry, science, and masonry spread to the rest of the world.

The earliest extant Masonic document is the Regius Poem (or Halliwell M.S.). Scholars date this manuscript between the mid 900's to the most accepted date of 1390. This manuscript outlines seven sciences in this order:

- Grammar
- Dialect (logic)
- Rhetoric
- Music
- Astronomy
- Arithmetic
- Geometry

A translation of a small portion of the poem reads,

*"... That can separate falsehood from truth,
I know these be the sciences seven,
Who useth them well he may have heaven."*

According to the Regius Poem, the Cooke Manuscript, and other early Masonic documents all seven sciences are important to masons and that importance continues to this day as told in our Fellow craft Degree.

It is understandable that one who builds with stone have a thorough knowledge of arithmetic and geometry, but why the other five? Is it a reach to think that these other sciences were taught and passed down from generation to generation in the operative masons' lodges?

With the fall of the Roman Empire (c. 410 C.E.) came the fall of secular schools. During the Dark Ages and beyond, the task of education was assumed by the church. As the dominant religion, the Catholic Church educated the young in reading and writing; next was taught the Trivium; grammar, rhetoric, and logic. Then to older students, the Quadrivium; arithmetic, geometry, astronomy,

and music.

According to some scholars, young students only received enough education (reading, writing, grammar, rhetoric, and logic) to enable them to join guilds. It was the wealthy and prosperous that went on to formally learn the higher sciences (Quadrivium) and perhaps the needed specifics of these higher sciences were also taught by the guilds.

It is not a great leap of faith to understand that at least the mason's guilds had knowledge beyond just the science of construction. Below is a paragraph from the Cooke M.S. that indicates operative masons knew what was contained in several world history books.

"And now, I will enter further into the matter You must know that among all the crafts followed by man in this world, Masonry has the greatest renown and the largest share of this science of Geometry, as is stated in history, such as the Bible, and the Master of History, and in the Policricon a well authenticated (or trustworthy) chronicle, and in the history called Bede De Imagine Mundi, and Isidorus Ethomolegiarum Methodius Episcopus & Martiris. And many others say that Masonry is the chief part of Geometry and so methinks it may well be said, for it was the first founded, as is stated in the Bible, in the first book of Genesis and the fourth chapter. And moreover all the learned authors above cited agree thereto. And some of them affirm it more openly and plainly, precisely as in Genesis in the Bible."

In England and Europe, the Dark or early Middle Ages were times of superstition and lack of literary, architectural, & cultural achievement.

The Church became the biggest institution of stability. It was up to the monks to copy the literature and scientific texts of the Roman period, and to a lesser extent the Greek period. These copies were in Latin so only those who could read Latin would understand them. And, as the Church had its own agenda much of the copied "science" texts were influenced by that agenda.

The Dark Ages were also a time of faith. People sought God through the rituals of the Catholic Church or through other forms of worship. As faith is based more on emotion rather than the intellectual, faith rather than fact was dominant. The higher sciences continued to be shaped by religion

In Europe and England, during the late Middle Age

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and the Renaissance there was a renewed interest in humanism and a questioning of what we refer to now as Scholasticism (“...*a medieval school of philosophy that employed a critical method of philosophical analysis predicated upon a Latin Catholic theistic curriculum which dominated teaching in the medieval universities in Europe from about 1100 to 1700*”). This period is where we see the likes of Da Vinci, the Guttenberg printing press, and the Reformation.

Those that questioned facts as defined by the Church could be subject to the wrath of the Church. One of the most known targets was Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) who was convicted of heresy for popularizing the heliocentric theory of Copernicus (1473-1543) that the earth was not the center of the universe. The control of “acceptable science” was in the hands of the Church well before 1100 (but challenged during the Renaissance) and continued into the Age of Enlightenment.

By the Age of Enlightenment, reason and empirical sciences are taking the place of Scholasticism, theistic curriculums are being rejected. There is a rediscovery and study of the ancient Greek and Arabian texts during the Late Middle Ages. With the advent of the printing press these texts gained wider circulation. There begins a search for truth through reason and science.

The early Dark Ages were marked by a lack of large new stone buildings. Few were to appear for hundreds of years. Practical building knowledge should have been lost during generations of unused, yet - beginning around the Late Middle Age we see the building of magnificent cathedrals. The old knowledge had not been lost.

In 1634 there is a record of the first non-stonemasons being accepted into a lodge. Six middle-class men were made masons. Nothing was particularly special about these men; they were not royalty nor of high birth. It was not until 1641 that a man of some prominence, Sir Robert Moray, joined a Lodge. Then in 1646, Elias Ashmole became a mason. What is not recorded is why they were attracted to Masonic guilds/lodges. Based on extant documents from Masonic guilds these men found:

Legends of the origins of science

Legends that point to masons as the caretakers and descendants of the sciences

Rites of initiation

Importance of science

The responsibilities of those in charge (the Master Mason)

Mouth to ear communications of “secrets”

The importance of religion

Could it be that seeing the cathedrals of the Church,

the aqueducts of the Romans, the Egyptian pyramids, the Greek temples, and other magnificent structures; and hearing the legends recorded in the old documents, made these non-masons believe that the Masonic guilds held some secret knowledge?

The rites of initiation in the Gnostic and ancient religions may have been attractive to those men during the Age of Enlightenment. The initiatory rites of the operative mason may have seemed like those of the ancients. As the old religions had time frames for learning and advancement so to the Masonic guilds (seven years).

Besides the seven sciences, the Regius Poem has fifteen points and fifteen articles. The Cooke M.S. has nine articles and nine points that give instructions to masons on both how to work and personal conduct. Many of these ideals and instructions are included in the charges of the Dowland M.S. (c. 1550). These points, articles and charges tell masons the importance of science, to be true to your work, how to interact with your fellows, and the importance of worship.

It is likely that if they had not read the Regius Poem (c. 1390) or the Cooke M.S. (c. 1450), they would have been exposed to the legends and principles espoused by the operative guilds. And perhaps, even as today, Masonic secrets were suggested or inferred. Maybe after joining, secrets that are lost to us were discovered but more likely what was discovered was what we are taught and practice in lodge today.

The Age of Enlightenment is also called the Age of Reason. Some say the Enlightenment was an early part of the Age of Reason. The seven sciences named in the Regius Poem have something in common: reason - not faith, not superstition, not fear but reason. Empirical reason rather than metaphysical speculation. Why were they of such value to masons? Paraphrasing the Regius Poem and the Cooke M.S., the seven sciences, more especially geometry, are used to discern truth from falsehood.

The work of Galileo, Sir Francis Bacon, and others inspired John Locke, often called the most influential of the Enlightenment thinkers. It is Locke who is considered the first of England’s empiricists and influenced later thinkers such as Rousseau, Voltaire, and American revolutionaries. Locke is also called the “Father of Liberalism.” Liberalism defined as personal liberty, consent of the governed and equality before the law. These principles include ideals such as freedom of religion, democracy, separation of church & state, fraternity, and individual rights. Sound familiar?

Many of these concepts were included in the creation of our form of government but they did not all originate

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with the philosophers of the Age of Enlightenment nor were they just incorporated into Freemasonry at the founding of our modern craft. Looking at early documents of operative masons, we see some of these concepts and principles.

Cooke M.S. c. 1450

The which masters were called masters of nobility, of knowledge and skill in that art. Nevertheless they commanded that they that were of less knowledge should not be called servants or subjects, but fellows, on account of the nobility of their gentle blood.

Regius Poem c. 1390

*That the masters do the lord no prejudice,
To take the lord for his 'prentice,
As much as his fellows do, in all wise.
For in that craft they be full perfect,
So is not he, you must see it.
Also it were against good reason,
To take his hire as his fellows do.*

So not only could operative Masonic guilds/lodges have been safe havens for men to discuss ideas not in line with the church or state, but perhaps the teachings, rules, legends, customs, and ideals of masons were a source for some of the ideals that grew into the Enlightenment and the Age of Reason.

Recall the section of the Regius Poem,

*".... That can separate falsehood from truth,
I know these be the sciences seven,
Who useth them well he may have heaven."*

In the book *The Builders a Story and Study of Freemasonry*, the author asks the question; why, in the late 1600s, so many soldiers, scholars, antiquarians, clergymen, lawyers, and nobility asked to be accepted into the order of operative freemasons. He then answers his own question; It was not for social associations; not to learn signs and passwords and certainly not to learn the operative mason's trade. Rather *"...these men saw in Masonry a deposit of the high and simple wisdom of old, preserved in tradition and taught in symbols, little understood by many members of the order-and this is what they sought to bring to light, turning history into allegory and legend into drama, and making it a teacher of wise and beautiful truth."*

Freemasonry is a search for light (truth) and is this not what the Age of Reason/Enlightenment was about and is this not what we are looking for today?

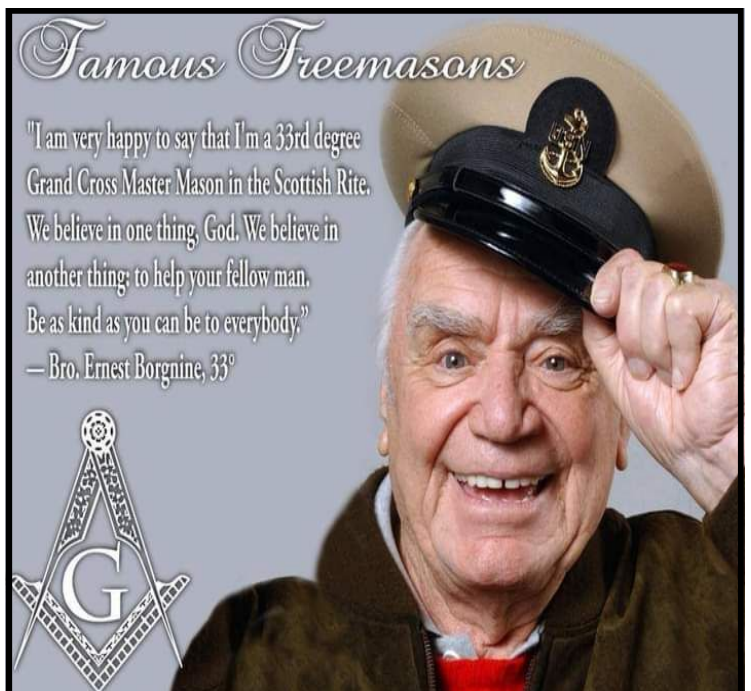
Washington Masonic Code Section 17.14 B.L. Non-Payment of Dues (N.P.D.).

"The annual dues of members of Lodges shall be payable in advance of the first day of January of each year.

Any member who has not paid his dues for the current year on or before December 31st thereof, (12-31-21) and who has not been granted a remission of his dues or an extension for a definite period in which to pay his dues, shall cease to be a member of the Lodge and his name must be dropped from the roll." (See 17.13; 17.14; 17.15)

At the present time - the Scottish Rite - Valley of Everett - Orient of Washington reflects the present defaulted dues status as follows: 29 members due for 2022 at \$150 each; eight (8) members are due for both 2021-2022 at \$250 each; and **six (6) members were due for the period of 2020-2021 and 2022 at \$350 each (this last group were submitted for suspension NPD on December 31st, 2021).**

Total outstanding defaulted dues = \$8,450.



**You are cordially
invited to:**

Everett Assembly #9's Chili Cookoff

When: February 24th, 2022 @ 6pm

**Where: Everett Scottish Rite Temple
(2431 Rucker Ave, Everett, WA 98201)**

Entry Fee: \$10 per person

**Bring your favorite chili to share! All
fixin's provided!**

**Sponsored by Everett Rainbow
Assembly #9 and Peninsular Lodge #95
for Isabelle Finch's Term and Service
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**If you are bringing a chili, please RSVP to
EverettRainbow9@gmail.com**

VALLEY OF EVERETT

COMING EVENTS

Valley of Everett

Cap and Ring Ceremony

Monday, March 07, 2022

6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner

At the

Everett Scottish Rite Temple

2431 Rucker Ave

Everett, Washington

Fare for Dinner—\$25.00 per Adult

***The Valley of Everett Candidates and Ladies
will be hosted by the Valley***

**All Scottish Rite Members, Ladies, Children and Guest
Are cordially invited to attend**

RSVP no later than March 3, 2022

to Terry Grove at 425-610-4561

Or email him at Terrygrove50@yahoo.com

VALLEY OF EVERETT ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Feb 07	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –30th Degree
Feb 21	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –32nd Degree
Feb 28	Monday	Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM
Mar 07	Monday	Cap N Ring Ceremony –RSVP—6:30 PM Punch Bowl 7:00 PM Dinner
Mar 21	Rose Croix	Ceremony of Remembrance RSVP—6:30 PM Punch Bowl 7:00 PM Dinner
Mar 28	Monday	Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM

YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENINGS

February 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Feb 01	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 08	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 10	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Feb 15	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 17	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Feb 01	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 02	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Feb 05	Saturday	8:00 AM	SLOC	Host Crystal #122
Feb 08	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 09	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 10	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Feb 14	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Feb 15	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 16	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Feb 22	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 23	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Feb 24	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Special Communication—6:30PM Dinner

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

February 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Feb 01	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 02	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 03	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington United 93	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 08	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 10	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 15	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 22	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 24	Thursday	6:30 PM	Garfield 41	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting

Note: To the Valley of Everett Brethren please take the time on your Mondays to enjoy a good meal and great fellowship with your Valley of Everett Brethren. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Meeting at 7:30 PM. We look forward to meeting and greeting each and everyone of you.

VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE MONTHLY RENTAL SCHEDULE

Feb 02, 2022	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Feb 03, 2022	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Feb 06, 2022	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Feb 09, 2022	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Feb 10, 2022	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Virtual Zoom
Feb 12, 2022	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Feb 12, 2022	Saturday	1:00 PM	Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star
Feb 17, 2022	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Feb 23, 2022	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9

All in-persons meetings are subject to Coronavirus COVID –19 pandemic restrictions

Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

The Valley of Everett structure for membership dues are as follows::

<i>Annual Yearly Dues for 2022</i> ,.....	<i>\$150 Per Year</i>
<i>Annual Yearly Dues for 2023</i> ,.....	<i>\$187 Per Year</i>
<i>Life Membership Fees over 75 year Old</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Life Membership Fees under 75 years old</i>	<i>\$750</i>

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SCOTTISH RITE WEB SITES

Everett Valley-Scottish Rite
Orient of Washington
everettvalleysr.org
scottishritewa.org



From the Almoner's desk

John Mathers, 32°, KCCH

If you know of anyone who is ill, in a nursing home or hospital please contact me as soon as possible so I can send them a card or pay them a visit. May God bless each and every one of you. I can be reached either by phone at 425-788-3772 (home Phone) or email me at:

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