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From The Personal Representative Ill. James G. Hamlin, 33°



What will be your Legacy?

"The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The secondbest time is now."

As we age, we pass through times where our friends and acquaintances seem to participate in certain events that group together, graduations, marriages, births, divorces, retirements, and deaths. I have passed through the first four, most of the fifth, and now at the point where more of my friends, Brothers, acquaintances, and relatives close to my age, are dying rather than any other stage.

We hear in our Third Degree that only God knows how long we have on this earth. So when should we start being concerned with our legacy? Each of us has already started and each day we add to it. Below is a piece I put together that was to be included in a booklet for Masonic Outreach Services.

> Leaving a Legacy "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. Warren Buffett



Do an internet search for "legacy" and you will find many organizations that will tell you how to give away money and historically leaving a legacy did imply a monetary or asset bequest. But leaving a legacy has a broader significance. The science fiction writer, Ray Bradbury said about legacy, "It doesn't matter what you do…so long as you change something from the way it was before you

touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away."

Our legacy is the imprint we leave after we have gone. It is never too late nor too early to think about the impression we leave on our portion of the world. By asking ourselves how we want to be remembered, we plant the seeds of how we should live our lives. And if now is not the time to consider our legacy, when is?

As Masons we value Faith, Hope and Charity. These may be the foundation of our personal legacy, to live honorably, caring for humanity, faith of a better life to come and with hope for better lives for those that follow. The legacy we build should further those values.

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"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." Ralph Waldo Emerson

One method to start defining a legacy is to write an ethical will. Our legal wills record our wishes concerning the disposal of material possessions, our monetary legacy; an ethical will is record of the spiritual legacy that we wish to leave for our children, family, friends, associates, and community. It is a document that captures the spirit of who we are, what we stand for, and is a record of our values, hopes, accomplishments, and other life lessons.

Our legacy should include a financial aspect. Monetary gifts, large and small, that support your spiritual values have influence. Not all can be a Dale Carnegie and build libraries across the country but each of us can add our support to organizations such as Washington Masonic Services that focus on our youth, older adults, and our Masonic Heritage.

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Albert Pike

As I remember those who have passed, I do not think of their wealth or possessions. I remember how they made me feel, how they caused changes in me, the impact they had on their communities. It is too late for me to go back and correct many of the wrongs I have done to others (the dark side of my legacy) but is not too late for me to try and make a positive influence on my community, the organizations I serve, the people around me, and my family. This I hope to do by dollar, word, and deed.

Those Masons who have gone before provided us with a Fraternity that fosters the best spiritual values to truly make us better men. We as Masons have an inherent obligation to our Blue Lodges and to our Scottish Rite Valleys to leave the Fraternity better than we found it. This we can do by dollar, word, and deed.

So for me the best time to start my legacy was over 50 years ago, the second-best time is now. Elsewhere in this edition of the Rite Bulletin are steps that we can take to build a better legacy.

Jim Hamlin 33° Personal Rep to the Valley of Everett

From the Desk of the General Secretary By Terry Grove, 33°

Last month on January 15^{th} , 2024 - the Carl Smith 2024Tribute Class commenced for seven (7) candidates with the conferral of the 4° degree as follows:

Danl Adams (Damascus #199) Granite Falls; Guy Bernstein (Pueblo #17) – Pueblo, Colorado; Brian Hobbs (Fidalgo #77) Anacortes; Howard Livingston (Fidalgo #77) Anacortes; Jovan McClay (Camanio #19) Stanwood; Aaron Rothe (Burlington-United #93) Sedro Woolley and Corey Stout (Fidalgo #77) Anacortes. Their 14° Degree will be held on February 19th, 2024 and their 18° Degree will be held on April 1st, 2024. Please plan on joining them in their Scottish Rite journey to support their travels and education.

CÉREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL – March 18th, 2024

Next month – please mark your calendar to attend the annual RSVP Mystic Banquet. Deadline for RSVP is March 14th, 2024. Punch Bowl at 6:30 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Contact: Terry Grove – 425-610-4561 or terrygrove50@yahoo.com

It is hard to conceive in the history of Masonic ritual, that the most beautiful and inspiring of them all is the soulstirring and profoundness of the Tenebrae and the Feast of the Paschal Lamb or, as it is often called, the Mystic Banquet or Feast Obligatory.

To our Jewish Brethren, it was to signify the Feast of the Passover, which is an annual reminder of the priceless heritage of freedom and the call to struggle for it by eternal vigilance.

To our Christian Brethren, it signifies the Last Supper of Jesus and His Disciples to celebrate this ancient festival, after which, there followed His death and resurrection.

The Passover was a festival instituted to commemorate Jehovah's "passing over" the Israelite houses while "passing through" those of the Egyptians in order to destroy the firstborn child in each household. The early history of these celebrations required a lamb without blemish to be taken from the flock on the 10th day and killed on the 14th day of the Hebrew month Abib, which occurred in the spring of the year. The blood of the lamb was to be sprinkled on the two side posts and the upper doorpost, and the flesh was to be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs before the morning. Jehovah then would pass over the bloodstained doors and slew the firstborn child in each Egyptian home not similarly protected. St. Paul likens the Paschal Feast to the resurrection of Christ, but, no matter what the interpretation, in Masonry it has no creedal significance. To the Brethren of the Rose Croix, it is known as the Mystic Banquet, and it is obligatory, at least in spirit, for every Knight Rose Croix, on this special day, to break bread with a Brother and partake of a portion of roasted lamb. This beautiful ceremony is but another method of bringing to our minds the great moral truths, which we have been taught. It is in that spirit that we assemble, as Masons and as Brethren, bound with solemn

This Mystic Banquet will be performed by the Brethren of Chapter Rose Croix and its supporting cast, at our SRT on March 18, 2024 at 7:45 PM to 8:00 PM in the Scottish Rite Temple – Valley of Everett. It's hard to believe that we have now been in our new home for eight (8) years. *The Brethren, their ladies and friends are invited to attend this Ceremony of Remembrance, whereby we acknowledge the passing of brethren in the past year.*

The Enlightenment and Masonry, Part 9 By Richard Llewellyn Jones, 32°, KCCH

We now turn to René Descartes (1596-1650), who that was beyond doubt. He hit on the notion that one must shares credit for the establishing what we refer to as the exist to doubt, which gave rise to his eternal assertion: Enlightenment with Francis Bacon (1561-1626). Where "cognito ergo sum" or "I think, therefore I am." This ad-Bacon provided the passionate and systematic criticism of dressed the skeptics concern that nothing seen, heard, Aristotelian Scholasticism, Descartes provided the philo- touched or smelt can be trusted by doubling down on their sophical and theoretical basis for the alternative.

after child birth and young René was raised by his grand- everything else is based. mother. Although Descartes' family were devout Roman Catholics, he was raised in the Poitou region of France lieved his methodology, based on deductive reasoning, controlled by Protestant Huguenots.

Henry Le Grand at La Flèche, where he studied philoso- dogma. Like Francis Bacon (1561-1626), Descartes esphy, mathematics and physics. His studies introduced poused a methodology based upon the pursuit of empirical him to Galileo and other scientific and intellectual expo- evidence and experimental analysis of the data to reach nents of rationalism and empiricism. In 1615, Descartes general laws of nature - the guiding principles upon entered the University of Poitiers, where he earned a law which God's great creation operates, leading us ever closdegree in 1616. However, Descartes did not pursue a ca- er to the divine architect of the universe. Descartes arreer in law.

tary. It is interesting to note that like Sir Robert Moray fect God. Indeed, Descartes asserted that the human mind (1608-1673) and Elias Ashmole (1617-1692), Descartes is born with an innate sense of God. joined the Protestant Dutch States Army in 1618, where he studied and applied himself to military engineering cartes was forced to consider the connection between the through which Descartes pursued mathematics.

his invention of analytic geometry that served as the basis all matter known to exist in the universe. Known as of modern algebra and the calculus that was further devel- "Cartesian dualism", Descartes acknowledged that huoped later by Isaac Newton (1643-1727) and Gottfried mans are a "union of mind and body" – distinct but close-Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716). His contribution to the ly interrelated. To Descartes, the mind - or soul - could development of modern mathematics cannot be underesti- exist without a body, but our bodies, and by extension the mated - a towering achievement. But Descartes' treat- universe, could not exist without a mind. With this, Desment of the growing criticisms of Aristotelian Scholasti- cartes effectively disputed Aristotle's notion that the encism was equally important and ground breaking.

through occurred while he was stationed in Neuburg in tion, but how nature plays out is based upon natural mech-1619. While locked in an over-heated room, he had a anisms created by God that may lead to various ends - not dream of an angel that revealed to him what was to take just one. Indeed, may has free will. It is man's task to form in his seminal works: Meditations of First Philoso- discover, through observation and deduction, those natural phy and Discourse on Method.

In his writings, Descartes attempted to address several sue proper ends. issues at once (1) the epistemological crisis created by the Reformation - the challenge to the absolute authority of gued for years to come. As we will see later, the Cartethe Catholic Church, (2) the revival of classical Greek sian theory of innate human knowledge of God would skepticism – one should be skeptical of everything; and lead John Locke (1632-1704) to argue in favor of empiri-(3) neo-Pythagorism – truth should be established by ex- cism - all knowledge is based on experience rather that an periment and the quantity of evidence, not the quality of innate sense of God. the authority.

ment that human senses are deceptive, noting that we fre- tion and chose to live in Netherlands for much of his life. quently can't distinguish between dreaming and being Descartes died of pneumonia in February of 1650, leaving awake. If our senses cannot be trusted, how can we ever a philosophical legacy that would be discussed and argued know what is true? His solution was to find a proposition for generations.

own methodology: if I am skeptical of existence, that is Descartes was born in France. His mother died shortly itself proof that I exist – the penultimate truth upon which

Descartes did not deny the existence of God, but bewould lead to a better understanding of God than the slav-In 1607, Descartes entered the Jesuit Collège Royal ish adherence to Aristotelian Scholasticism and Catholic gued that since every thought has a cause, the idea of an Instead of practicing law, Descartes entered the mili- infinitely perfect Deity must come from an infinitely per-

Once confirming our existence based on thought, Desorgan of thought - the mind - and the body. Descartes One of Descartes' lasting intellectual achievements was was not merely referring to the physical human body, but tire universe was inherently purposeful, leading to a single According to legend, Descartes' intellectual break- "final cause": God. God may have set the universe in momechanisms that affect the body and universe and to pur-

The "mind/body problem" as it is known would be ar-

Descartes' ideas did not entirely find favor with the Descartes started his analysis with the acknowledg- Catholic Church. He was constantly wary of the Inquisi-

Valley of Everett Coming Event Ceremony of Remembrance

Monday, March 18th, 2024 6:30 PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner

At the Everett Scottish Rite Temple 2431 Rucker Avenue Everett, Washington

RSVP to our General Secretary Terry Grove no later than March 14th, 2024

<u>VALLEY OF EVERETT</u> CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 05	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Feast of Kadosh
Feb 19	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet –Stated Meeting—Confer 14th°
Feb 26	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM
Mar 04	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting
Mar 18	Monday—Chapter of Rose Croix— 6:30 PN Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner— Ceremony of Remembrance—RSVP Dinner
Mar 25	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM
Apr 01	Monday—Rose Croix—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting—Confer 18th $^\circ$
Apr 15	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting
Apr 22	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM
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Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share with them the Joys of Scottish Rite Masonry and Fellowship.

Masonic Quotes

"The most important things we must do as Master Masons, as Lodge Officers, as leaders of our Craft, is to communicate, be enthusiastic, be ready to be more active, improve our participation and become more involved. We must constantly preserve and instill greater pride in our Masonic Fraternity by doing our Lodge work correctly and proficiently."

> MWB Matt Martin, PGM (1984), Grand Lodge of Washington F&AM



Valley of Everett Scottish Rite First Responder Award

In December, the Valley of Everett was scheduled to honor our First Valley of Everett First Responder Award to the Fire Chief of the Skykomish Fire Department, but for family reasons was unable to attend the presentation ceremony. I was sorry that I was unable to make it down to the event in Everett, However Bro. Bill Wade made the trip and delivered the award for the Valley. James stated It was good to see Bill and see that he is doing well.

We are very Thank full and appreciative for the recognition of all of the time that he put into assisting the Upper Skykomish Valley. He quickly mounted on their office wall and are very proud to display this great plaque.

Thank you for all that the Masons do for the Skykomish Valley as well. Thank you again and this will be treasured for years to come, James Knisley, Skykomish Fire Department



Pictured Brother Bill Wade, Valley of Everett and James Kinsley, Skykomish Fire Department

Masonic Etiquette

Freemasonry solicits no man to join it; it permits no man to make innovation in its body of principles and Landmarks; its Candidates come of their own free will and because they have heard good reports of its reputation and formed a favorable opinion of its work, and by all means throughout its entire system, and through all its bodies and Degrees whatever, by tradition, Landmarks, usage, custom, law, rule, Edict, Regulation, and Constitution, it is in every way secured that a Mason shall stand to it in an attitude of reverence and respect. Of that reverence and respect, etiquette is one of the forms.

In principle, Masonic Etiquette belongs to the empire of good manners, that code by which gentlemen the world over govern their conduct; but this principle with us is found to apply in two directions: on the one hand it becomes a manifested respect for the Craft as a whole; on the other hand it is a form of courtesy to the individual.

Why I No Longer Attend Lodge by WB <u>Tim Bryce</u>

I haven't attended Lodge in quite some time, at least a year and a half. This is quite unusual for someone who devoted his first fifteen years actively participating in Lodge affairs, not just my own, but at the district, zone, and state level. I stopped going when it became blatantly obvious Freemasonry was operating more as a good old boy's club as opposed to the fraternity it was designed to be, where brotherhood was of paramount importance, not aprons or titles. I still believe in the tenants of Freemasonry, but I no longer find attendance at Lodge to be meaningful or rewarding, be it at my mother Lodge or another. I have been asked by many Brothers, of whom I have the utmost respect, to return to Lodge, but I now find it more burdensome than enjoyable. I actually find Freemasonry to be more interesting over the Internet or through chance encounters than in a Lodge building.

I am relatively well known in Masonic circles thereby becoming somewhat of an icon for those Masons who have abandoned the Craft for other pursuits. In my jurisdiction alone, we have lost over 18,000 members over the last twelve years, averaging an annual decline of approximately 1,500. Year after year we suspend members for non-payment of dues. One must ask, "Why?" Those members I personally know who have dropped out no longer find Lodge meaningful or fun, and fraught with politics and skullduggery. Again, this is not just my Lodge but many others in the area whose membership is shrinking and attendance dwindling. Some of the larger

Lodges are so empty, you could play racquetball inside and nobody would know the difference.

It wasn't always like this though. When I first started going to Lodge in the 90's, people cared about each other, there were no personal domination issues, and certainly no politics. <u>Masonic education</u> was considered important for success, and our floor work was impeccable. In other words, you wanted to go to Lodge. You didn't want to miss anything, as it was all meaningful to you. Unfortunately, not so anymore, which is why I am staying away.

I still contend Freemasonry is a beautiful logical concept that is poorly implemented physically. I also suspect this phenomenon is not unique to my jurisdiction, as I have visited many other Lodges. Perhaps the most innovative idea I have seen in recent times is the advent of the "<u>Traditional Observance</u>" Lodge (aka, "TO") which takes the concept of fraternity much more seriously than regular Lodges and has fun in the process. In other words, they have made it meaningful.

Keep the Faith!

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The History of Freemasons For the Month of February

February 1—In 1901 at Hadiz, OH was born Bro. William Clark Gable, legendary movie star. His first film, "The Painted Desert," was made in 1931 when talking films were replacing silent films. Bro. Gable won an Academy Award for his role in "It happened one Night," which established him as a romantic, national screen idol. For more than 30 years he played leading roles in more than 70 films. He was also in the enormously successful "Gone with the Wind." In 1933 he was initiated in Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528., in Beverly Hills California. He died November 16, 1960, at Hollywood, CA, shortly after finishing his last film, Arthur Miller's "The Misfits," in which he starred with Marilyn Monroe.

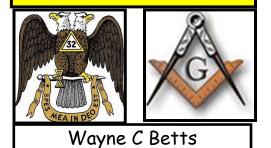
February 7—In 1883 was born James Hubert "Eubie" Blake, American composer and pianist, writer of nearly 1,000- songs (including "I'm Just Wild About Harry" and "Memories of You." Born at Baltimore, MD., he was recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981. His last professional performance was in January, 1982. He died five days after his 100th birthday on February 12, 1983.

February 10—In 1863, the great showman Bro. P. T. Barnum staged an extravagant wedding for two of his human exhibits, the very small people "Tom Thumb" (Bro. Charles Sherwood Stratton) and Lavinia Warren. The newlyweds received their 2,000 guests while standing on a grand piano. Bro. Stratton was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 3 Bridgeport, CT.

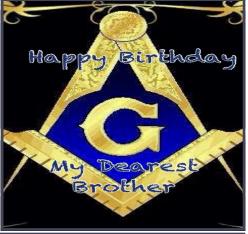
February 18-In 1885 "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published for the first time to became one of Bro. Samuel Longhorn Clemens'(better known as Mark Twain) most loved, most influential, and most controversial books. It was banned from the Concord Public Library in 1885, the year of its publication, and "Huckleberry Finn" ranks number five in the American Library Association's list of the most frequently challenged books of the 1990s. But in 1935, Ernest Hemingway wrote that "all modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn... All American writing comes from that. There was nothing before. There has been nothing as good since." Bro. Clemens had been a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, MO, from which he was once suspended, then reinstated on April 4, 1867.

February 20—In 1792, Bro. and President George Washington signed the Postal Service Act, establishing a permanent Postal Service with a detailed set of rules and procedures. A temporary Service had been in existence since 1775. Bro. Benjamin Franklin was named the first Postmaster. On July 26, 1775, members of the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, agreed "... that a Postmaster General be appointed for the United States, who shall hold his office at Philadelphia, and shall be allowed a salary of 1,000 dollars per annum . . ." That simple statement signaled the birth of the Post Office Department, the predecessor of the United States Postal Service and the second oldest department or agency of the present United States of America.

The Members of the Valley of Everett extend to all the **Brethren** listed for the Month of **February A Very** Happy Birthdays



Will Burge III Donald L DuBois Howard T Cromer Richard L Kerr Jerry R Kunkle Anthony C Schwab Bill F Warren Bruce Whitlock Happy Birthday



A Mason is not necessarily a member of a lodge. In a broad sense, he is any person who daily tries to live the Masonic life, and to serve intelligently the needs of the Great Architect.

A Masons Wife

Author Unknown

From active Masons, resolute, Our wives and families we salute; We surely know the price you pay, Who sit alone while we're away.

No high degrees on you conferred, In Lodge, your name is seldom heard; You serve our cause though out of sight, While sitting home alone tonight.

Masonic papers list our names, Awards are given, fit to frame; But yours is absent...you who strive, To keep our fortitude alive.

You're part of every helpful deed, On your encouragement we feed; Without your blessings, how could we, Continue acts of charity? And so, this poem, we dedicate, To every Master Mason's mate; And offer our undying love, Rewards await in Heaven above.



Scottish Rite Scholarship Program

The Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington proudly awards numerous scholarships each year to undergraduate students in the State of Washington. The scholarship is purely merit-based to promote and foster dedicated students in their path to success. All scholarship applications <u>must be submitted prior to March 31, 2024.</u>

Scholarship Highlights

\$3,000 per year for each student* Must attend a NWCCU Baccalaureate accredited 4-year college or university in the State of Washington Must be full-time student entering 3rd, 4th or 5th year of college** Maintain an accumulative 3.0 GPA Must be State of Washington resident Must be a US Citizen

Complete details are available at the SRSFW Web Site, which is <u>https://scholarships.srsfw.org/Scholarship/Register</u>. For further assistance on applying, eligibility requirements and award criteria please contact Joe Towns at 425-422-1011 or email him at joe-colleen@hormail.com or John Mathers at 425-788-3772 or email him at j.mathers@comcast.net.

<u>Rose Croix</u> Funeral Service

This service is very beautiful and available to all

members of the Scottish Rite; however, Members must make their desires known to their families and the



Valley. Should you desire a Rose Croix Funeral Service, when the time does come, please let your families know now. Ensure that they have the phone number of our Valley General Secretary, Terry Grove when that time does come -**Terry** can be reached at **425-610-4561**or email him at

terrygrove50@yahoo.com



YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENINGS

February 2024

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
Feb 06	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 08	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Feb 13	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 15	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 27	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

February 2024

<u>Date</u>	Day	Time	Lodge	<u>Event</u>
Feb 03	Saturday	8:00 AM	SLOC Meeting	Crystal #22 Hosting
Feb 06	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 07	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Feb 08	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 12	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Feb 13	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 14	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Feb 20	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Feb 21	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Feb 22	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Special Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Feb 27	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Feb 28	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

February 2024

<u>Date</u>	Day	Time	Lodge	<u>Event</u>
Feb 01	Thursday	6:30 PM	Skagit Valley 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 07	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 13	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 15	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Feb 27	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting

Note: To the Valley of Everett Brethren please take the time on your First and Third Mondays to enjoy a good meal and great fellowship with your Valley of **Everett Scottish Rite Brethren.**

VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE MONTHLY RENTAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb 01	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Feb 04	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Feb 07	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Feb 08	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Feb 10	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Feb 10	Saturday	1:00 PM	Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star
Feb 14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Feb 15	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Feb 22	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Fry 28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9

Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

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

Annual Yearly Dues for 2024	\$187 Per Year
Life Membership Fees over 75 year Old	
Life Membership Fees under 75 years old	



Valley of Everett 2024 Degree Schedule

- Feb 19, 2014 14th Degree
- Apr 01, 2014 18th Degree

May 6, 2024 30th Degree May 20, 2024 32nd Degree

June 3. 2024 Cap n Ring Ceremony—RSVP Required

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: j.mathers@comcast.net

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