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From The Personal Representative
Don Munks, 33°



For those of you that attended the “Ceremony of Remembrance”, thank you for being there to honor and remember our Everett Valley Scottish Rite members that have passed on to the Celestial Lodge from above. There was an excellent dinner prepared by Alice and served by the Everett Assembly #9 Rainbow Girls. This ceremony is always special to me as we don’t always remember those that have passed away, their contributions to our Valley, and their brotherly friendship. The 2023 Ceremony of Remembrance was in celebration of the following Brethren who have been summoned by the GAOTU: **Stanley Ball; Ralph Beahler; Thomas Booth; Cary Cope; Arnold Hawkins; William Read and Jerry Sheller.** I would like to thank the cast which was hurriedly put together and a special thank you to Jim Hamlin, 33°. who spent time out of his busy schedule to call members and put the cast together. Hopefully we see more of you here next year.

I need to talk to all of you concerning a problem we have had for a long time, cleaning up after ourselves and putting everything back the way we found it when we arrived. There have been several complaints about dirty floors, tables, kitchen, bathroom, and trash left in the lodge

room and elsewhere. It was also reported that a little fur baby who was brought into the Lodge Room by his or her owner, left a deposit on one of the stairs going to the West and did not clean it up. No one seems to know who did it but it wasn’t me! We are all responsible for our own actions. We should all take pride in this beautiful Masonic facility we have here in Everett and when we are finished with our meetings/activities by making certain everything is cleaned, picked up and put away as a reminder, please ensure that all the lights are turned off and the doors are locked and secured. The location of our Scottish Rite Temple is in the area of the city that has extensive drug activity, homelessness, and neighbors which do not always look out for our best interest.

One final thought, I would really appreciate all the Valley of Everett Members helping to make our fundraising drawing a success by your participation either by selling tickets or by purchasing them.

I hope everyone stays healthy and safe until the next time we meet.

Fraternally,
Don

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Your Scottish Rite Creed and



Scottish Rite Creed

*Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our su-
preme wish, freedom of con-
science 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°

When I first joined the Everett Valley of Scottish Rite in 2005, I did so with a great deal of excitement and anticipation of gaining further Masonic enlightenment and developing new friendships within the Fraternity. When I was notified that I had been accepted into the Everett Valley, I was overjoyed. As I attended the degrees with the rest of the other 20 members of our short class, we quickly merged ourselves into the Orient of Washington in many diverse positions.

The 14° teaches us that God has given each of us work to do and duties to perform in the progress of the great plan for enlightenment and growth. In this plan there were sorrows and trials that are designed to purify and strengthen our souls.

The 18° teaches us to reflect upon a world covered in a blanket of profound sorrow and darkness, a world under the sway of tyranny and evil. We are shown that we always have the opportunity to call upon two great motivating forces for relief, *reason and faith* help us to discern the tangible and intangible of our existence.

The 30° taught us that there is life in the death of martyrs of history, since they live in the hearts and minds of their followers. We are obliged to study continually and diligently the esoteric teachings of Masonry, as we are reminded of Jacques DeMolay, and the demise of the Order of Templars. We are admonished to be ever vigilant of those who covet the success of others, and those who enter into devious plots to persecute others with false accusations. Political tyranny and spiritual despotism are as real now, as they were then. In the solemn presence of death, a vow is taken to oppose spiritual despotism and political tyranny. This is a degree that humanizes the old lesson of vengeance.

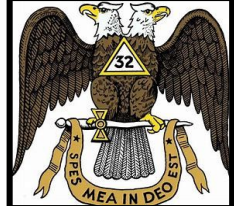
The lessons that we were taught as candidates for these degrees of our Scottish Rite made a deep and everlasting impact on us. Forever imprinted upon me are my obligations to participate in the preservation of virtue, the promotion of spiritual and intellectual liberty, to act always in a manner that befits one who has agreed to defend the weak, aid the distressed, enlighten the ignorant and ever revile against those who would oppress any to advance themselves.

There are four kinds of people

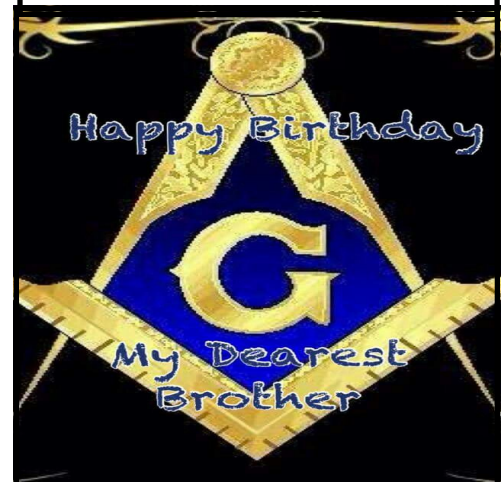
- #1 – Those who don't know and don't know that they don't know.
They are foolish.
- #2 – Those who don't know and know that they don't know.
They are simple and should be instructed.
- #3 – Those who know but don't know that they know.
They are asleep – wake them.
- #4 – Those who know and know that they know.
They are wise – listen to them.

As we become more involved with the activities and degrees of the Valley, you should have learned a new respect for those who have found these truths who came before you, brothers who had given of themselves tirelessly to preserve the principles and teachings found in our Scottish Rite degrees. All of us should have learned that *as a 32° Scottish Rite Master Mason, you too now have a responsibility to participate in the preservation and dissemination of the teachings of this ancient society, whose goal it is to enlighten humanity and enable those who would seek that which is greater than themselves.* It is impossible to conceive of the world of today as having come into being without the nurturing and cultivation of Masonic ideology, and the timeless effort to inculcate in humanity a balanced understanding of our purpose here.

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



Gerald A Aaron
Jerry Biddle
Jacek Busse
Jeremy T Carter
Daniel C Chadrow
Boe E Lindgren
William A Linton
Jeffrey Maynor
Sandy R Mearns
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Let's Have More Lodge Meetings

By MWB Cameron M. Bailey

Frankly, I don't think we meet often enough.

Our Lodge system gives Lodges tremendous flexibility to experiment and find out what works best, for their own situations. But I don't think that this flexibility is taken fully advantage of. It seems to me that in most ways, most of our Lodges are largely the same.

It certainly seems that way when it comes to meeting frequency. We are meeting less and less often. When I first became a Mason, I think that most of the Lodges I was familiar with met twice per month. Now most are down to once a month. Two in my home County have in the last year or so, added months in which the Lodges go dark.

Before my time, back when Masonry was growing by leaps and bounds, there were a lot of Special Meetings. There had to be, in order to keep up with the demand for Degree work. Now that demand is of course not what it was, so Special Meetings are rarer.

It can't escape notice though that as membership in our Lodges has fallen, our Lodges are meeting less and less often. Are these two things related? I think probably so. How much easier is it to build and maintain friendships within a group of men that see each other every week than every month?

I believe that a Lodge should experiment.

A Lodge should follow the example of the majority of Lodges in Mexico that meet every single week. I brought this up as a discussion topic here on Emeth quite some time ago, and the idea wasn't well liked, but I think we should consider it, and I think some brave Lodge out there should buck the trend of meeting less and less often, moving to weekly meetings.

But we should follow the example set by our Brothers in Mexico fully, not just as to frequency.

They meet every single week, but those meetings are short, and they contain zero business.

The meetings consist of educational presentations or discussions, led by the Lodge's newest Masons. Open-Education-Close.

They do have business meetings of course, for business needs to be done, but they limit these to one every three or four months. That might be too radical of change for one of our Lodges, but how about instead of meeting on the 4th Monday of each month, a Lodge meets every Monday of the month, with all business reserved to that 4th Monday?

They also include a meal with their weekly meetings, but it is a restaurant meal, and it follows the meeting. Open-Education-Close-Dinner at a restaurant.

Why couldn't we Open Lodge at 6 or 7 PM, Close Lodge no more than an hour afterwards, and then go enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant?

I think that a Lodge should try it for a time. See how it works.

The worst that could possibly happen is that the members of the Lodge end up not liking it so they go back to monthly meetings. The best that could possibly happen is a revitalization of Freemasonry.

That, it seems to me, is a risk well worth taking.

Today was a superb day at the Western Conference of Grand Masters. Much was discussed, and much was learned by all. I hit all the highlights in Emeth Chat as the meetings were going on.

If you would like to keep up with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Commission on Information for Recognition over the next few days, you

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can do so via Emeth Chat which is available in the Sub-stack app for iOS and Android.

I learned something really interesting today. I like to think that I pretty much know all the mechanics of Freemasonry after all my years and roles in the Craft, but this I did not know:

In our Lodges, as we all know, one can't walk between the Worshipful Master and the Altar. So, we go around the Altar, crossing between it and the Senior Warden in the West.

In Mexican Scottish Rite Craft Lodges (the vast majority of Lodges in that nation) one must walk between the Worshipful Master and the Altar. This because one can't walk between the Altar and the pillars.

A little over a year ago, I led a sizable delegation of Washington Masons on a visit to Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity Lodge in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Where we were joined by their Grand Master. Luckily for us apparently, they were very forgiving of the fact that we were all wandering around, violating a prohibition in their floor-work. No one ever said a word, or even grimaced.

I think that there is probably an important lesson for us in that.

When visitors come to our Lodge, we must be entirely focused on welcoming them. Not worried about any of our customs that they might be accidentally violating.

Thank you for reading!

*MW Cameron M. Bailey, Past Grand Master
F&AM of Washington*

THE MAYONNAISE JAR AND COFFEE

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are simply not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar...and the coffee...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar.

He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full.

They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things. Your family, your children, your faith, your health, your friends and your favorite passions. Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter. Your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first", he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life, if you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of your golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students raised her hand and asked what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend".

Ceremony of Remembrance

The Chapter of Rose Croix traditionally observes the Celebration of the Mystic Banquet - **Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal** as a memorial service honoring the Knights of their Chapter who have passed on during the preceding year was conducted on Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Everett Valley Scottish Rite Temple in Everett, Washington.

It is not a religious observance. It is neither the feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion. However - it commemorates the spirit of both Passover and Easter.

The Brethren and their guest met together to break the bread of fraternity, to reconcile ourselves with those with whom we may have offended, and to drink the wine of refreshment and renewal.

This observance of the Ceremony of Remembrance strengthens the ties of brother love, past and present. Thus - we celebrated the lives of our departed Brethren and promise to abide by the Law of Love with our Brethren and all mankind.

Terry Grove 33°
General Secretary – Valley of Everett
Orient of Washington

“Brethren, attend. Recorded here, as in our hearts and memories, are the names of our honored dead. We shall miss them”.

STANLEY BALL

RALPH BEAHLER

THOMAS BOOTH

CARY COPE

ARNOLD HAWKINS

WILLIAM READ

JERRY SELLER

“Wise Master – These, our brethren and fellow knights, are no more”.

Rose Croix Funeral Service

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°

Brethren, did you know that Clausen's Scottish Rite Funeral Service was written exclusively for the Rose Croix and the Lodge of Sorrow. This service is a public service and is made available for all Scottish Rite Masons of any degree.

The Valley of Everett presently has two Rose Croix Funeral Teams available to aid the family of the decedent Brethren as they depart this physical world to enter upon the spiritual world and become members of the Celestial Lodge above. This service is very beautiful and is available to all members of the Scottish Rite; however, they must make their desires known to their families and the Valley. If you desire to have a Rose Croix Funeral Service please let your families know and ensure that they have the phone number of our Valley General Secretary, Terry Grove when that time does come. Terry can be reached at 1-425-610-4561, or email him at Terrygrove50@yahoo.com

Valley of Everett 2023 Degree Schedule

30th Degree
April 03, 2023

32nd Degree
May 01, 2023

Cap N Ring Ceremony
June 05, 2023

The History of Freemasons For the Month of April

April 01—In 1889 was born in Kansas City, MO Bro. Wallace Beery, voted "The world's Best Actor" in 1934 by the International Motion Picture Exposition at Venice, Italy. Bro. Beery ran away from home as a child to become an elephant trainer on a circus. His first job in films was as a female impersonator. He became noted for his character roles. Bro. Beery belonged to Blaney lodge 271 of Chicago, IL, held a 32 deg. AASR, and belonged to the Shrine. He died April 25, 1949.

April 02—In 1875 at Wamego, KS. American motor car manufacturer. His career in the motor industry began with Buick in 1912, but he went on to set up his own corporation and to become a household name. Bro. Chrysler began his career as an apprentice in a railroad machine shop. Soon after he became the manager of the Buick Motor Company and in 1916 was the company's president. He resigned from the Buick Motor Company to oversee Willys-Overland Company and Maxwell Motor Company. In 1925 he merged the two to become The Chrysler Corporation. He died at Great Neck, NY, August 18, 1940.

April 05—In 1955, Bro. Winston Churchill, the leader who helped guide Great Britain through World War II, retired as Prime Minister of Great Britain. A master diplomat, military strategist, and writer, Bro. Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister on two different occasions, and then in 1953 was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. Bro. Churchill was one of the most important political leaders of the world.

April 06—In 1922 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls founded in McAlester, Oklahoma.

April 09—In 1935, the U.S. Congress approved Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA). Later called the Work Projects Administration, the national program employed more than 8 million people on 1.4 million projects before it was ended in 1943. The Federal Art Project was one of WPA's projects that assisted artists: The Federal Art Program (FAP) was a branch of the WPA, Bro. Roosevelt's massive work-relief effort. In its peak years, 1936 to 1938, the FAP employed 5,000 artists across the country, at a salary of \$95 a month. They created murals, sculptures and paintings, taught community art classes to millions, and produced 2 million posters from 35,000 designs at a cost of about a dime each.

April 15—In 1741, born at Chestertown, MD was Bro. Charles Wilson Peale, American portrait painter, best known for his many portraits of colonial and American Revolutionary War figures. Bro. George Washington alone gave him 14 sittings, executing the first portrait of him in 1772. Others he painted were Martha Washington, Bro. John Hancock, Bro. Benjamin Franklin, Bro. Andrew Jackson and Bro. Henry Clay among scores of other notable figures. Bro. Peale was a member of Old Williamsburg Lodge (now No. 6) in Virginia.

April 21—In 1910, author and Bro. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn. The American author and humorist was born November 30, 1835 at Florida, MO. Among his many famous books are: The Innocents Abroad; Roughing It; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer; The Prince and the Pauper; The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; a Yankee at King Arthur's Court and others. He was a member of Polar Star Lodge No. 79, St. Louis, MO. He was later suspended from that Lodge but reinstated on April 24, 1867. However, he demitted October 8, 1868 and never again affiliated with any lodge.

April 29—In 1927, construction of the "Spirit of St. Louis" was completed. Flown by Bro. Charles Lindbergh in the first solo, non-stop transatlantic flight, the plane was completed in two months at a cost of \$10,580. It was named in honor of Bro. Lindbergh's financial supporters in St. Louis, Missouri. The "Spirit of St. Louis" was donated to the Smithsonian Institution.

April 30—In 1789, Bro. George Washington was inaugurated as first President of the United States at New York City under the new US Constitution. Bro. and Chancellor Robert R. Livingston administered the oath of office to Bro. Washington on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets. On this day each year New York Grand Lodge and its member Lodges re-enact the inauguration on the steps of Federal Hall, in New York City.

Ten Master Masons

Author Unknown

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there
were nine.



Nine Master Masons, faithful, never
late; One didn't like the "Master", then
there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined to many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done; One
said "What's the use", then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother - true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were
two.

Two Master Masons didn't find work a
bore; Each brought another, then there
were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodges fate; By
showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright
sheen; Talked so much about it, they soon counted
sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

So we can't put our troubles at the Lodges door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the
East; Keep your obligation by serving even the very
least.



VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 03	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –30th Degree
Apr 17	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –Stated Meeting
Apr 24	Monday	Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM
May 01	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –32nd Degree
May 15	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –Stated Meeting
May 22	Monday	Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM
Jun 05	Monday	Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet –Cap N Ring Ceremony
Jul 24	Monday	Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM

Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share with them the Joys of Scottish Rite Masonry and Fellowship.

VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE 2023 FUNDRAISING EVENT

\$5.00 per ticket for your chance to win

38 Quart Igloo Wheelie Cooler Loaded the Spirit -13 Bottles (750 ML)

Bailey's Irish Crème
Bombay Sapphire Gin
Chivas Regal Scotch Whiskey
Brugal Anejo Superior Rum
Cointreau
Crown Royal Canadian Whiskey
Grey Goose Vodka
Hennessy Very Special Cognac
Hornito's 1800 Tequila
Jack Daniel's Gentleman Jack
Johnny Walker Black Label
Michter's Kentucky Bourbon
Tullamore Irish Whiskey



Ticket for the 38 Quart Igloo Wheelie Cooler Loaded with Spirits (13 Bottles - 750 ML Variety) Drawing will be available through the members of the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite at \$5.00 each.

The Valley of Everett Members will be selling tickets from now through October 16th, 2023. Prize drawing will be held at the Valley of Everett Feast of Tishri on October 16th, 2023.

Tickets are also available by Mail. Please forward your check for the numbers of tickets you are requesting to Terry Grove, General Secretary, 1427 100th Street SW, #47. Everett, Washington 98204

YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENINGS

April 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Apr 04	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Apr 06	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Apr 11	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Apr 18	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Apr 20	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

April 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Apr 01	Saturday	8:00 AM	SLOC	Host: Arlington 129 9:00 AM Meeting
Apr 04	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Apr 05	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Apr 11	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Apr 12	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Apr 13	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Apr 17	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Apr 18	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Apr 19	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Apr 25	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Apr 26	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Apr 27	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Special Communication—6:00PM Dinner

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

April 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Apr 04	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 05	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 06	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington United 93	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 11	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 13	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 18	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 25	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Apr 27	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.

Past Master's Comments

By Richard L. Jones, 32°, KCCH

After sitting through a few degrees, how many of you have asked yourself “what does all this mean”? “What do the allegories refer to”? “What are the symbols referred to in the lectures supposed to teach us and why were these specific symbols – of the hundreds available – chosen”? “Are our degrees just so much “mumbo jumbo” or are they supposed to mean something, teach us something”? If you have, you are not alone. As great a historic masonic character as Albert Pike (1809 – 1891) had the very same questions. See his *Magnum Opus, Liturgy of the Blue Degrees and Esoteric Work of the First through Third Degrees*.

After a while, it is easy to wrap yourself in the notion that masonry is simply a social club, like the Eagles or the Elks. But fellowship should be the happy consequence of our masonic learning. Or, one can run down alleged historical bunny trials of Templar associations with the Craft, like Tom Brown and Robert Lomas. But neither is true or is likely to answer the questions each mason has in mind once raised. Indeed, neither of these approaches is likely to enrich the mason as he moves through his life and addresses its challenges.

The Hiram myth, on its face, makes no sense and has very little historical basis (as if good myths need a “historical” basis to be true, like Aesop’s fables). But there must be something to the Hiram myth for it to have lasted these some 400 years. So, how do we crack the myth? What does it mean? And why has it lasted so long?

Unfortunately, like all good myths, the Hiram myth has many meanings. It is the responsibility to each mason to learn the lessons contained in the myth for himself. Indeed, the degrees and associated lectures share some of the lessons, but they merely scratch the surface. Moreover, it is the duty of each lodge and lodge officer to encourage their member’s masonic education and to relate the

Masonic lessons to the experiences that arise in each member’s life – birth of a child, marriage, divorce, death of a friend or family member, one’s own pending death.

This is a lifelong educational process that is best shared. One that is the duty of each Mason and each lodge. WB Glen has made Masonic education a priority during his year in the east, and a priority I heartily endorse. But it is each one of you who must shoulder the responsibility of asking the questions and seeking the answers. The Scottish Rite has made Masonic education its mission, as I have previously noted in Lodge, but you don’t need to join the Scottish Rite to enjoy its benefits. In the bookcase, outside the Lodge Room, are several copies of Albert Pike’s *Morals and Dogma*, which would provide a start, although I would encourage you to obtain the annotated version offered by the Scottish Rite that clarifies some of Pike’s comments and inaccuracies. Now, Pike is not the last word. There are many great masonic minds that have offered clues as to what the Hiram myth means. Indeed, for myself, I encourage my brothers to read Plato’s *Republic* and other works and/or subscribe to The Freemasons’ Community on line.

Now, the press of job and family make time for such pursuits limited. Few have the background to feel comfortable in the readings or to evaluate the sources. But the message here is to get started wherever you may be. Find another brother to assist you. Share your discoveries. You owe it to yourself, your brothers, your lodge and the Craft. Now, get started!



VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE MONTHLY RENTAL SCHEDULE

Apr 02, 2023	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Apr 05, 2023	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Apr 06, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Apr 08, 2023	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Apr 08, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star
Apr 12, 2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Apr 13, 2023	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Apr 20, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Apr 26, 2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Apr 27, 2023	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom

Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

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

<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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