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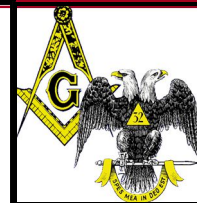
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# THE RITE BULLETIN



From The Personal Representative  
Don Munks, 33°



I hope that everyone had a great summer. We are entering fall and it's time to get back to work. We are making a lot of plans to change up our past years programs and events. We've discussed new presentations, new ways of discussing our non-mandatory degrees with the help of videos or putting on some of these degrees. But the biggest problem we have is very few candidates to take the degrees. Last year we only had two (2) candidates complete our degrees. We need help from our membership to talk about the education contained in these degrees at their blue lodge meetings and really promote becoming a Scottish Rite Mason. Ever since Covid our attendance has been awful, with a few exceptions! We have put out emails asking for reasons for not coming to meetings or events and have received almost no response from you, our members. Is it because you won't respond, or is it because you don't read the Valley's Bulletin, or is it because whatever we try you don't like, let us know the reason. The limited amount of members that are active and involved should not be the only ones that decide everything that we

do, that should be decided by the membership. Membership, dues, and vendors have been our primary source of income. The dues from the two (2) new members of the 2023 class will barely help pay the building expenses for one (1) month. What does **YOUR VALLEY** need to do to survive financially?

Speaking of finances, do you know about our latest fundraiser. We advertise it in the Bulletin and have sent it to you in emails. How many of you are attending your blue lodges and selling tickets? Without financial help we can only barely maintain our building expense each month, but heaven help us if something breaks down and/or we need major repairs. If each member would purchase and sell tickets that would relieve some of our shortfalls and keep us from having to look at raising rent, or dues. This Valley has to keep drawing from our investments and life membership account. That is not going to sustain the Valley for the future.

**WE NEED YOU, OUR MEMBERS TO BE ACTIVE AND INVOLVED!**  
Fraternally, Don

# The Enlightenment and Masonry, Part 4

By Richard Llewellyn Jones, 32°, KCCH

Unlike Sir Robert Moray (1608-1673), there are more credible historical references regarding Elias Ashmole (1617-1692), our second early speculative mason. However, even though the historical record regarding Sir Robert's life is considerably less than is available regarding Brother Ashmole, there are many parallels between Sir Robert and Brother Ashmole.

Elias Ashmole was born May 23, 1617 in Lichfield Staffordshire. While at the time of his birth his family's fortunes were in decline, his parents were well connected in English society.

In 1633, Ashmole went to live with a son of the Baron of the Exchequer, James Paget, a relative of his mother, where he studied law. In 1638, Ashmole set up a successful legal practice.

Although a well-known solicitor, the law was not Ashmole's sole pursuit. In the 1640's, Ashmole served in the military, in the service of Charles I. Ultimately, Ashmole served as an ordnance officer and was stationed at Oxford, where he studied mathematics and physics in his spare time. Although raised up in the Anglican Church, Ashmole pursued interests in astrology, alchemy, magic and botany, publishing several books on each subject over the years and maintaining extensive diaries. See *Fasciculus Chemicus* and *Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum*. Although it does not appear that Ashmole conducted extensive scientific/alchemic experiments himself, as Sir Robert did, he was an adept collector of materials on alchemy, magic and astrology. In fact, but for Ashmole, many earlier texts on these subjects would have been lost to time. Clearly, Elias Ashmole was a well-educated and had an inquisitive mind, typifying the sort of man of learning, culture and prominence who would be drawn to a lodge of speculative masons.

In fact, Brother Ashmole was admitted to the Craft on October 16, 1646. In his diary he notes: "I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Coll: Henry Mainwaring of Karincham in Cheshire." Although records of lodges of that time are scarce, Ashmole appears to have remained in good standing throughout his life and noted attendance at lodge meetings as late as 1682 in his diaries.



But, Ashmole is best known as an "antiquarian" – a person who studies ancient artifacts, archives and manuscripts. In this, Ashmole had no par in his age.

In the 1650's, Ashmole assisted John Tradescant in cataloguing a vast collection of exotic plants and minerals that Tradescant's father had collected over the years. The catalogue was eventually published as *Musaeum Tradescantianum* in 1656. This collection was eventually gifted to Ashmole, who eventually gifted the collection to Oxford in 1677.

In the 1660's, Ashmole catalogued a Roman coin collection in the Bodleian Library.

In addition to his interests in antiquities, Ashmole was engaged in government. In 1660, Ashmole was appointed Comptroller and Auditor of the Excise for the City of London by Charles II, which provided him a substantial income which allowed him to pursue his studies. In some ways, his interests as an antiquarian and his government service supported each other as he was ultimately appointed Accountant-General of the Excise and was charged with the responsibility of cataloguing the coins and medals held in the Crown's Royal Collection.

Of particular significance is the fact that Elias Ashmole was also a founding member of the Royal Society (1661) along with Sir Robert. Unfortunately, there is scant historical or documentary evidence to establish the extent of the relationship between the two men.

In 1683, Ashmole created a museum on the property previously owned by John Tradescant, combining the Tradescant collection of antiquities with his own. This museum is believed to be the first public museum in Europe.

In the last years of his life, Ashmole balanced his political responsibilities to the Crown and his studies. Ashmole died May 18, 1692.

Clearly, the lives of Sir Robert and Ashmole parallel each other in many ways and may give us a means of assessing the sort of men who were drawn to the operative lodges of England to form what we now characterize as speculative masonry. What were the parallels and what do they suggest about the rise of speculative masonry and the Enlightenment?

# Echoes from the Scottish Rite Library – Sherman

Submitted by David McCuiston, 32°, KCCH

"A Brief History of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" by Edwin A. Sherman, published in 1890.

In Today's newsletter, we delve into the depths of an old, lesser-known book on the Scottish Rite, titled "A Brief History of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" by Edwin A. Sherman, published in 1890. This exploration aims to illuminate the wisdom of our Masonic forebears and inspire us to apply their teachings in our modern world.

Sherman's book provides a comprehensive history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, tracing its roots from the Operative Freemasons of the seventeenth century to its flourishing in America. The book is a testament to the enduring principles of Freemasonry and the impact of these principles on society.

Three main ideas emerge from the text:

**The Pursuit of Truth and Knowledge:** Sherman emphasizes the Masonic tradition of seeking truth and knowledge. The Operative Freemasons of the seventeenth century were not just builders in stone but also seekers of wisdom, delving into histories, myths, and legends to understand the world and their place in it (Pgs 26,27).

**The Principle of Equality:** The book underscores the Masonic principle of equality, highlighting the contrast between European and American Freemasonry. In Europe, Freemasonry was graded according to civic rank and degree of aristocracy. In contrast, American Freemasonry stands on the broad level of equality and common citizenship, embodying the democratic principles of the nation (Pg 12).

**The Role of Freemasonry in Society:** Sherman discusses the role of Freemasonry in society, particularly its influence on the development of civil and religious liberty. He argues that Freemasonry's principles have spread across the globe, influencing societies and contributing to the progress of humanity (Pg 56).

Published in the late 19th century, the book reflects the societal and Masonic contexts of the time. The American Freemasonry that Sherman describes was a product of a democratic society, where the principles of equality, liberty, and fraternity were not just theoretical but practiced. This context significantly influenced the development and practice of Freemasonry in America.

Today, the teachings of this book remain relevant.

The pursuit of truth and knowledge is as crucial now as it was in the past. In an era of misdirection and rapid technological change, the Masonic tradition of seeking wisdom provides a guiding light.

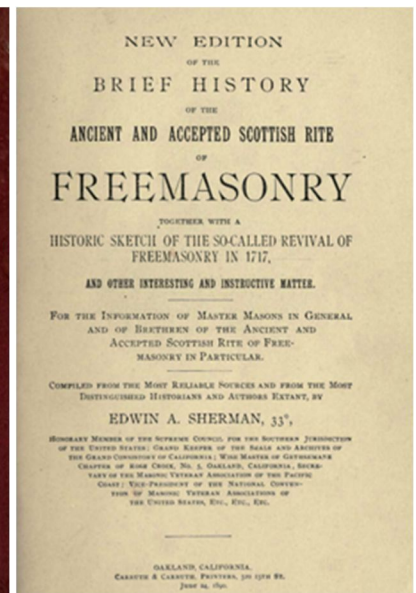
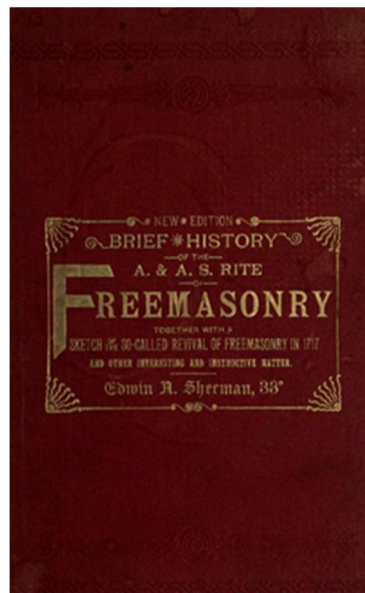
The principle of equality, too, continues to be a cornerstone of Freemasonry and society at large. As Freemasons, we are reminded to uphold this principle in our lodges and our lives, promoting justice in our communities.

Finally, the role of Freemasonry in society is a call to action for all Freemasons. As we strive to live by our principles, we contribute to the betterment of our society. Whether it's through charitable works, promoting education, or fostering community, our actions can help improve the quality of life for our nation and exercise the virtues of the Masonic fraternity.

In conclusion, "A Brief History of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" is a treasure trove of Masonic wisdom. It serves as a reminder of our rich history, the enduring principles of our fraternity, and the impact we can make in the world. As we continue our Masonic journey, let us take inspiration from this book and strive to live by the principles it espouses.



Brother Edwin A. Sherman, 33°



# What Does Brotherhood Mean To You?

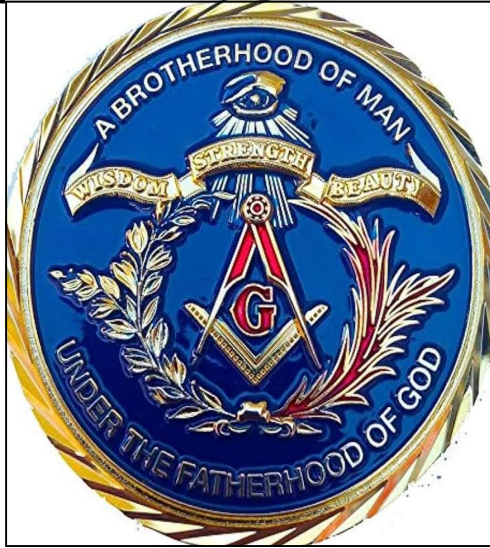
By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

Brotherhood, according to the Random House College Dictionary is defined as “1. The condition or quality of being a brother or brothers. 2. The quality of being brotherly; fellowship 3. The belief that all men should act brotherly toward one another, regardless of difference in race, creed, nationality, etc.” This is a very simple definition, or is it? What does brotherhood mean to you, as a Mason, a man, or as a citizen?

At one of our past stated meetings, we had the Official Visit of the District Deputy, just before closing lodge for the evening; he gave us a few remarks on behalf of the Grand Master and then asked this one question. “What does Brotherhood mean to you?”

Brethren, you could have heard a pin drop. As I looked around the room, you could see the thought processes churning and burning in each and every Mason in the room. Each pondering what Brotherhood meant to him individually.

Did you ever experience that wonderful feeling you get when you see the love of a child shine through when he sees his new puppy for the first time? Brethren, this is what Brotherhood feels like to me. Watching that precious love of the child as demonstrated by the love for his puppy and as their fur sibling grow and will continue to cultivate into a deeper love for all their family, pets and all mankind.



To me, Brotherhood is the cornerstone of life, that feeling of joy; one receives when coming to lodge, meeting old friends or while making new friends, sharing that firm Masonic hand shake with your fellow member or guest and sharing the strong love of the Masonic brotherhood and our personal friendship.

Brotherhood is that warm, fuzzy feeling a person get inside when they go out of their way to aid and assist another person who is in need and helping them to get on their way, or taking the time out of a busy, hectic day and making that special trip just

to visit a friend just to say hello.

As Freemasons, brotherhood is that very special bond of love that only we can share with all mankind, ensuring that the love of Masonry, of which we enjoy so much, is carried forward and demonstrated not to just our lodge members, but to all mankind that we meet in our everyday life.

Brotherhood is best defined in our closing charge. “These generous principles extend further, for every human being has a claim upon your kind office. Do good unto all; live in peace....” Until next time, “may the God of Love watch over you and fill your heart with the peace and joy and the ability to share this precious gift brotherly love and fellowship with all mankind.

## My Sacred Obligation

By Dewey Wollstein, 32°, KCCH

It is the quiet of night, a time when Day's Door closes to the tumult of the world, and darkness opens the portals of our spiritual nature. Here in comfort I rest in a clean bed. The good health of my loved ones brings a feeling of satisfaction and gratitude. I cannot feel that I deserve the good fortune that is mine, the joy of home, privilege of health, the love of wife, the blessing of children, the confidence of friends. But in that reverential peace and quiet calm I resolve to do more for others, to think more of giving and less of getting, to put all those good thoughts of mine into action, to translate those intentions into deeds, to be in unity with my brother by dwelling with him, to know him better.

Let me see. Did I go by and see Brother John yesterday? Brother John is old and feeble. He is no longer able

to attend lodge. He has always loved Masonry. I could have brought a bit of Masonic cheer to him; I could have made him happier by letting him know the Masons remember. I reflect now that it would have cost only a small inconvenience, only a little time. What single thing I accomplished yesterday was worth more than would have been a visit to Brother John?

Recently a brother passed away. Did I attend his funeral? I failed to go. I saw the notice of the Masonic meeting in the paper.

Yes, as I rest comfortably and enjoy the good things of life, I remember too well. I remember the things I should have done and failed to do- \*My Unfulfilled Obligations\*.



## ORIENT OF WASHINGTON 2023 SELECTED HONORMEN

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH



The Valley of Everett is pleased to congratulate the following Brethren for being selected for the year 2023 Honor Men for the Orient of Washington:

### 2023 Washington Nominations for 33° Honor

Alan R. Smith, Bellingham  
Kurt C. Schmid, Olympia  
John R. Robinson, Spokane  
David J. Daile, Vancouver

Warren R. Schoeben, Everett  
Gene F. Ulrich, Seattle  
Joseph L. McAlister, Tacoma  
Duane M. Meier, Walla Walla

### 2023 Washington Nominations for 32°, KCCH Honor

Craig W. Bruner, Bellingham  
Kirk A. Rose, Bremerton  
George W. Foster, Everett  
Gary A. O'Brien, Seattle  
William O. Musgrave, Jr, Spokane  
Christopher J. Wirts, Spokane  
Martin E. Monks, Tacoma  
William J. Lippi, III, Vancouver

Todd S. Mears, Bremerton  
Marvin L. Anderson, Everett  
Michael R. Duncan, Kennewick  
Bryan J. Reagan, Seattle  
Lucas M. Walsh, Spokane  
John R. Adamson, Tacoma  
Richard G. Johnson, Vancouver  
Steven L. Alford, Wenatchee

The 33° Coronation begins at 10 AM (for 33° only) LUNCH around 12 Noon and resumes with 32° KCCH Investiture (open to the public) at around 1 PM on Saturday - October 7th, 2023 at the *Scottish Rite Masonic Center located at 2431 N 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Shoreline, WA 98133.*

## VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 04 Monday—Dark—Labor Day  
Sep 18 Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner—RSVP  
Sep 25 Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM  
Oct 02 Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting  
Oct 16 Monday— Feast if Tishri -6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting  
Oct 23 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.**

# The History of Freemasons For the Month of September

**September 5**—In 1836 Brother Sam Houston elected president of the republic of Texas. He received his degrees in Cumberland Lodge No 8 , Nashville, TN in 1817. He affiliated with Holland Lodge No. 36 of Louisiana in 1837 which became Holland Lodge No. 1 of Texas. It is believed he was also a Royal Arch Mason. He died in 1873.

**September 6**—In 1901, Bro. William McKinley, then President of the United States. was shot at Buffalo, NY. He died eight days later. His assassin, Leon Czolgosz was executed on October 29, 1901. The 25th President of the U.S. was initiated in Hiram Lodge 21 at Winchester, VA on May 1, passed on May 2, and raised on May 5, 1865. He was affiliated with Canton Lodge 60 at Canton, OH, and was a member of Mark and Royal Arch, and a Knight Templar.

**September 8**—In 1925, born at Southsea, Hampshire, England, was Bro. Peter Sellers, an award-winning British comedian and film star, best remembered for his role as the bumbling character, Inspector Clouseau in the "Pink Panther" films, "Dr. Strangelove," and in the BBC radio "Goon Show." He was initiated in Chelsea Lodge 3098 in London. . He died at London, England, July 24, 1980.

**September 11**—In 1777, the largest engagement of the American Revolutionary War took place between the Continental Army led by Bro. George Washington and British troops led by General William Howe. Howe was marching to take Philadelphia when Bro. Washington chose to try and stop Howe's advance at the Brandywine River near Chadds Ford, PA. The American forces were defeated and the British went on to take Philadelphia on September 26. The British spent the winter in Philadelphia while Bro. Washington's troops suffered the winter through at their encampment at Valley Forge, PA.

**September 13**—On this night, Bro. Francis Scott Key was aboard a ship that was delayed in Baltimore Harbor by the British attack on Fort Henry. Bro. Key had no choice but to anxiously watch the battle. That experience and seeing the American flag still flying over the Fort the next morning inspired him to pen the verses that coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song became our official National Anthem in 1931 - 117 years after the words were written.

**September 15**—In 1857 at Cincinnati, OH. was born Bro. William Howard Taft, 27th US President. His term of office was March 4, 1909-March 3, 1913. Following his Presidency he became a law professor at Yale University until his appointment as Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court in 1921. He was made a Mason "at sight" on June 18, 1909, by Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson, then became affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 at Cincinnati, OH. He later was made Honorary Member of Crescent Lodge No 28 at Cedar Rapids, IO. He died at Washington, DC March 8, 1930 and is buried at Arlington Cemetery.

**September 22**—In 1989, Bro. Irving Berlin, Songwriter, died at Age 101. Bro. Berlin's best-selling songs ranged from "Alexander's Rag-Time Band" in 1911, to "White Christmas" in 1942. He was equally well-known for his theater and film music which included "Top Hat," "Follow The Fleet," and "Annie Get Your Gun." The entire royalties for several of his songs he gave to a charity for deprived youth. He was made a Mason in Munn Lodge 190 in New York City, and was active both in the Scottish rite and as a Shrine Mason. He died in New York City.

**September 24**—In 1755 at Germantown, VA. was born Bro. John Marshall who was to become 4th Chief Justice of Supreme Court He served in House of Representatives and as secretary of state under John Adams. Bro Marshall was appointed by President Adams to the position of Chief Justice where he quickly became known as "The Great Chief Justice." Bro. Marshall's court was largely responsible for defining the role of the Supreme Court and basic organizing principles of government in the early years after adoption of the Constitution. He died in Philadelphia, PA on July 6, 1835. He was a member of Richmond Lodge 13 (F&AM), Richmond, VA.



# WHY THE SCOTTISH RITE?

By Patrick C. Murphrey, 32°, Valley of Newport News, Virginia



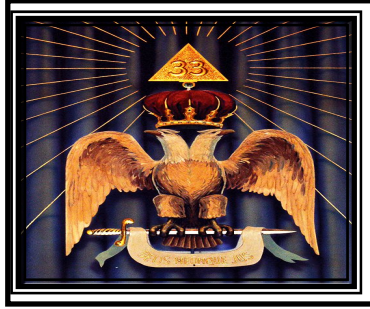
What would you say if someone in your lodge asked you, “What can I get from the Scottish Rite that I cannot find in my Blue Lodge?” I’ve been a member of the Scottish Rite for over four years, and during that time I’ve been able to experience what makes us so special.

**Masonic Education:** The Scottish Rite is often called the “University of Masonry,” but I suggest a more appropriate title would be the “Graduate School of Masonry.” The three degrees of the Blue Lodge provide the solid foundation lessons of our fraternity. The 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite provide opportunities for the student of Freemasonry to build upon those teachings. The Scottish Rite places a heavy emphasis on education: the Master Craftsman I & II Programs are unique opportunities for deeper study, and the Scottish Rite Research Society provides scholarly publications and an outlet for members’ thoughts and writings.

**More Opportunities for Fellowship:** The Scottish Rite, being regionally organized, provides more opportunities for fellowship. This broader membership provides unique opportunities for Scottish Rite Masons to expand their fellowship with more Masons than are within the walls of their lodges. With this comes more opportunities to involve our ladies and families.

**More Opportunities for Service;** The obligations undertaken by a Master Mason focus primarily on his responsibility’s to the grand lodge, his lodge, and other Masons. However, the Scottish Rite Mason has undertaken further obligations to serve his broader community. In the 32nd Degree, the Scottish Rite Mason vows to serve as a “True Soldier” who seeks truth and knowledge, demands freedom of voice, vote, and opinion for all people, combats spiritual tyranny with reason and truth, encourages men to be self-reliant and independent, and performs zealously his duties to God, his country, his family, his brethren, and himself.

In our Blue Lodges, we don aprons inherited from the traditions of the operative stonemasons, men who were builders, as we are called to be in our Blue Lodges. In the Scottish Rite, we are called to be soldiers and defenders, which is why we wear caps symbolic of the medieval tradition of knighthood. As



Scottish Rite Masons, we are called to don our

helmets, pick up our symbolic swords and shields, and live up to the obligations we have made.

**More Opportunities to Practice Charity:** Scottish Rite Masons proudly support the Scottish Rite RiteCare® Childhood Language

Program. Whether it be through our donations of time or treasure, Scottish Rite Masons provide support to over 170 RiteCare® clinics throughout the Southern Jurisdiction in their mission of helping children communicate. The Scottish Rite also provides scholarships for deserving college students, honors those in JROTC and ROTC programs, and provides disaster relief in conjunction with the Masonic Services Association of North America. Further, each valley may have its own programs that help its community in special ways.

**Role Models & Mentors:** Another thing that makes the Scottish Rite so special are those who wear the red cap of the KCCH and, most especially, the white cap of the 33rd Degree. These men have been recognized for their selfless devotion to the Scottish Rite in particular and to Freemasonry in general. They serve as my role models and mentors by leading lives that are worthy of emulation. These brothers are living and breathing examples of what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

**Conclusion:** So what makes the Scottish Rite so special? In a word: more. More light in Masonry, more educational opportunities, more opportunities for fellowship, more opportunities for service, more opportunities to practice charity, and more role models and mentors from whom to learn. The Scottish Rite does not replace the Blue Lodge experience but complements it in a very positive way. However, the Scottish Rite is not meant to be a passive activity—it is not a “spectator sport.” By becoming a 32nd Degree Mason, we take obligations to serve not only our brethren, but also humanity and our community. These commitments and the brethren that fulfill them are what makes the Scottish Rite so unique and special, and why I’m proud to call myself a Scottish Rite Mason.

# From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

This month, as previously approved by the Lodge of Perfection, you will be receiving your 2024 \$187 annual dues notification from Supreme Council. 2023 Annual Dues were required to be paid no later than the 31st of December 2022. Annual dues: 2022 \$150 – 2023 \$187- 2024 \$187.

As of August 31st, 2023 our records indicate we still have three (3) members due for 2023 \$187 = 2024 \$187 = \$374 and one (1) still due for 2022 \$150 + 2023 \$187 and 2024 \$187 = \$524. In all likelihood - this one individual will be suspended for nonpayment of dues within the next 60-days.

Just in case you were not aware - the Orient of Washington (Rite Care \$2 plus \$3 for Scholarship Fund) and Supreme Council (\$30) assesses us a per capita of approximately \$35 per member per year. That means - if someone does not remit their dues timely - that we/ The Valley must cover the cost.

The Valley now has 175 regular dues paying members, of these

– we show 70 Endowed Life Members and 15 50-Year members. Presently - if you are under the age of 75, the Valley can offer you a life membership for \$750. If you are over the age of 75 - the cost would be \$500.

We expect that in the near future cost (2025 or beyond) we may need to increase our Life membership due's structure to around \$900 and \$600 respectively (to be reviewed at Executive Council Meeting and voted on by the membership at a future scheduled Lodge of Perfection meeting).

As a result of prior budgetary shortfalls, we have recently increased the monthly concordant stated meetings rate from \$160 – to the new monthly rent of \$185 per meeting. Should you have any questions in this regard - please feel free to contact me at either 425-610- 4561 or e-mail me at [terrygrove50@yahoo.com](mailto:terrygrove50@yahoo.com)



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



Matthew J Appel  
David E Augustson  
Brian L Bork  
Steven H Dorsey  
Larry D Foley  
Danny Graham III  
Gerald F James  
George A Lofthus  
Allen W Lowe  
Stephen M Osborn

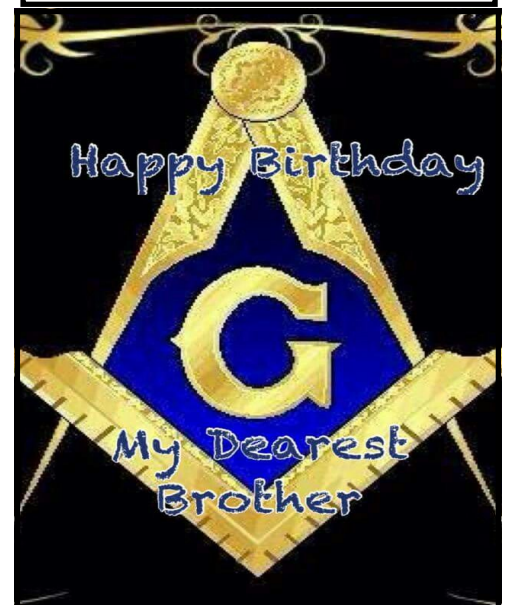
## IN MEMORIUM

THE MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE, HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN THAT THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, HAS SUMMONED TO THE GRAND CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE THE FOLLOWING BROTHER.

**WILLIAM C. HARKER, JR, 32°**

**RON MEYERS, 32°, KCCH**

THEIR LABORS WITH US HAVE ENDED. THEY LIVED RESPECTED AND DIED REGRETTEED. FAREWELL MY BROTHERS, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN





# VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE OFFICERS

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Bro. Jason Finch, 32°, Prior  
Ill. George Lofthus, 33°, Preceptor  
Ill. James Hamlin, 33°, Chancellor

## Your Scottish Rite Creed and Mission Statement



### **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  
**SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY**  
SUPREME COUNCIL, 33° ☩ SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U.S.A.



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Reserve one of our rental rooms now, and celebrate any occasion! Our conference room, lobby, dining room and auditorium are available for your event. **Contact Terry Grove @ 425-610-4561** today to find out which space will best fit your needs.

# 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  
Hennessey 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**

THE VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE  
IS DEDICATING THE CLASS OF 2024  
AS THE



ILL. BROTHER CARL SMITH, 33°, TRIBUTE CLASS

Ill. Brother Carl Smith, 33°, was the heart and soul of the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite for 17 plus year as the Personal Rep and now is the time to honor him for both his love and devotion for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Masons and for his love of the Masonic Fraternity.

Therefore, the Valley of Everett Class of 2024 will now be known as the “**Ill. Brother Carl Smith, 33°, Tribute Class**”. If you are a Master Mason in good standing and would like to further your Masonic journey and be a member and a part of the **Ill. Bro. Carl Smith Tribute Class**, please contact any member of Valley of Everett Scottish rite or contact our General Secretary Terry Grove, 425-610-4561 or email him at [terrygrove50@yahoo.com](mailto:terrygrove50@yahoo.com).

The cost to petition for membership in the Valley of Everett is \$300.00 dollars, which includes your Scottish Rite Masonry Degrees (4th through the 32nd) and also includes the following: a copy of the book “Bridge to Light;” your 14th degree ring; your 32nd degree Cap; the 32nd Degree Patent and your Valley of Everett dues and per capita for the current year ending December 31st. Payment must be made prior to receiving any of the Scottish Rite Degrees. *Make checks payable to and mail along with your application to Everett Valley Scottish Rite, 2431 Rucker Avenue, Suite 1, Everett, WA. 98201*



# Application for Membership in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America Valley of  
Everett, Orient of Washington  
2431 Rucker Avenue, Everett, WA. 98201 Telephone  
(425)610-4561

**Petition Fees for the Class of 2023 -2024 is \$300.00**

I respectfully make this application to the Everett Valley of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the 33°.

This Application is for Plural Membership and I hold membership in \_\_\_\_\_

List Valley and give location. Note: A certificate of Good Standing is required

I wish to transfer my membership from \_\_\_\_\_ to the Valley of Everett.

List Valley and give location Note. A certificate of Good Standing is required

To the officers and members of:

Everett Lodge of Perfection;

Everett Chapter of Rose Croix;

Everett Council of Kadosh;

Everett Consistory;

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify the following to be true and correct:

My full name is \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ I was born in \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St

My mailing address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have resided there for \_\_\_\_\_ Years. My telephone Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My cell phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_ My e-mail address is \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_ My occupation is: \_\_\_\_\_ I am  
employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

If retired, state previous occupation and enter "Retired"

I am a Master Mason of good standing of: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Located at: \_\_\_\_\_ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Of: \_\_\_\_\_ I was raised

a Master Mason on \_\_\_\_\_

Date received third degree

Please attach a copy of your current Blue Lodge Dues Card.

The Supreme Council requires acceptance of the following fundamental principles: *The inculcation of Patriotism, Respect for Law and Order, Undying Loyalty to the Principles of Civil and Religious Liberty.* Do you promise to uphold these principles? Yes / No

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ring Size \_\_\_\_\_ Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
:Applicant's Signature

Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
1st line signer Print name legibly

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd line signer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name legibly

The petition fees for the degrees of the Scottish Rite Masonry (4th through the 32nd) include the following: a copy of the book "Bridge to Light," your 14th degree ring; your 32nd degree Cap; the 32nd Degree Patent; and your Valley dues and per capita for the current year ending December 31st. Payment must be made prior to receiving any of the Scottish Rite Degrees. There is no charge for affiliation. Make checks payable to and mail along with this application to Everett Valley Scottish Rite, 2431 Rucker Avenue, Everett, WA. 98201

Revised 5/23/22

# YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

## DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sep 05	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 12	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 14	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Sep 21	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 26	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

## DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sep 05	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 06	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 06	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Sep 11	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Sep 12	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 13	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 13	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 14	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 16	Saturday	10:00 AM	K. E. Warren 259	SLOC—Stated Meeting 12:00 PM
Sep 19	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 19	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 20	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Sep 20	Wednesday	7:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Sep 27	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 28	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Special Communication—6:00PM Dinner

## DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sep 05	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 06	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 07	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington United 93	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 12	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 14	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 19	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 26	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 28	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

Seo 01, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Sep 03, 2023	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Sep 06, 2023	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Sep 07, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Sep 09, 2023	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Sep 09, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star
Sep 13, 2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Sep 14, 2023	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Sep 21, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Sep 27, 2023	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::

<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](http://everettvalleysr.org)  
[scottishritewa.org](http://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: [j.mathers@comcast.net](mailto:j.mathers@comcast.net)

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