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



Who Will Carry the Torch?

Last year, my aunt, who is a few years older than I, asked me a question that caught me off guard: *"What do you think about entering the last quarter of your life?"*

I laughed and told her I wasn't sure I liked the way she put it. None of us knows exactly how many quarters we get, and maybe I would make it past 100. She came right back with, "Then you'll be in overtime." I have thought about that conversation often. It made me think less about how much time may be left and more about what we choose to do with the time we have.

As we grow older, titles pass to others, offices are filled by new leaders, and awards find their way to a shelf or drawer. What matters more is whether we helped someone, supported something worthwhile, or left the work in better shape than we found it.

That thought brings to mind Leonard Martin 33°, a distinguished Brother of Everett Valley. Like many of the Greatest Generation, he answered his nation's call during World War II and endured the hardship of being a prisoner of war. After returning home, he kept serving through his Lodge, the Shrine, our Scottish Rite Valley, and Everett Valley's Junior ROTC/Americanism program.

Together with Lee Schuirman 32° KCCH, he helped recognize cadets who showed leadership, character, discipline, and citizenship. Year after year, they attended award presentations on behalf of our Valley and encouraged young people preparing to serve their communities and country.

Neither Brother did this work for attention. They did it because it was worth doing. That is something Scottish Rite Masons understand well: our work is not meant to stop at the lodge room door.

After Illustrious Brother Leonard passed, Brother Lee continued the work and kept the program active. Now he

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has let us know that he would like to step back and enjoy a well-earned retirement from the committee.

Who will carry the torch?

This is not just about filling a committee spot. It is about keeping good work going and honoring the Brothers who carried it before us.

Through the Junior ROTC/Americanism program, we recognize outstanding cadets and encourage leadership, patriotism, responsibility, and citizenship. It is a practical way for our Valley to show that Americanism is more than a word we use in meetings.

The work is meaningful, and it does not require someone to reinvent the program. It needs Brothers willing to show up, help with presentations, keep connections alive, and make sure cadets know their efforts have been noticed. When we reach the later chapters of life, what will people remember? Probably not the offices we held or the honors we received, but whether we helped when help was needed and left someone ready to continue the work.

Albert Pike expressed that thought well: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Today our Valley can honor Brothers Leonard and Lee by making sure their work does not end with them. We are looking for volunteers willing to serve on the Americanism/Junior ROTC Committee and help keep this program moving forward.

If you have an interest in youth leadership, citizenship, military service, or giving back to the community, I hope you will consider stepping forward.

One day, all of us will reach that "last quarter." When that day comes, I hope each of us can say we helped carry the torch for a while, then passed it to another willing hand.

Fraternally,

Jim Hamlin 33° Personnel Representative to the Valley of Everett

(Copilot was used as an editing aid in preparing this article.)



From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

This month you will be receiving your 2027 \$187 dues notification along with your 2027 dues card from Supreme Council for those members who not LIFE members. Your 2027 Annual dues are required to be paid no later than the 31st of December 2026.

As of this writing (August 18th) we still have six (6) members still due for their 2026 dues and one (1) still due for 2025 and 2026 (this member will be suspended for non-payment of dues). We cannot afford to carry-over members who are more than two years in arrears. These individuals will not receive a 2027 dues card, as that will be directed to the Valley secretary for distribution after they have resolved and/or cured their past due fees.

So as not to embarrass these are brothers they described as 34, 37, 42, 56, 57, 67 and 89 years of age (this year).

Our current Valley of Everett roster indicates we have 155 members, two (2) have already remitted their 2027 dues; 65 owe 2027 at \$187; six (6) will owe for 2026 and 2027 for \$374 and one (1) will owe for 2025-2026 and 2027 – however, he is scheduled for NPD. We have nine (9) members who are exempt due financially while eight (8) who are exempt due to being a 50-year members 17

and 64 who are endowed life members.

Due to a recent administrative increase – the Orient of Washington Rite Care and Scholarship have increased to a combined \$8 dollar per capita assessment (per member) along with the Supreme Per capita.

Should you have any questions or concerns in this regard – please feel free to contact me at either 425-610-4561 or email at terrygrove50@yahoo.com

When we as kids learned about Freemasonry 🧐🙄



VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE
ILL. BRO. LEONARD J. MARTIN 33°, CLASS OF 2027

In recognition of the many years of service to the Valley of Everett in the function of Co-Charing the Americanism service to the Valley of Everett, the Valley Of Everett Class of 2027 will be known as the **“Ill. Bro. Leonard J. Martin, 33°, Class of 2027”**

Ill Bro. Leonard Martin, 33° and Bro. Lee Schuirman, 32°, KCCH were both instrumental to the Valley of Everett in the administration for many years of the Americanism JROTC Program sponsored by the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite.

The Valley of Everett Americanism JROTC Program awards are presented each year to one (1) male and one (1) female at each of the five (5) local high schools JROTC program. These awards are approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense and the award consists of a medal, ribbon and certificate. The medal depicts the heraldic logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and the words “JROTC Education and Americanism,” which calls attention to two (2) of the major focal points of Scottish Rite. Now is the time to honor both these Brother for the love and devotion for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Masons, their devotion to their country and for their love of the Masonic Fraternity.

Therefore, the **Valley of Everett Class of 2027** will now be known as the **“Ill. Bro. Leonard J. Martin, 33°, Class of 2027,”** in recognition of his service to his country and the Valley of Everett. If you are a Master Mason in good standing and would like to further your Masonic education and journey and be a member and a part of the **Ill. Bro Leonard J. Martin, 33°, Class of 2027**, 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.

The cost to petition for membership in the Valley of Everett is \$300.00 dollars, which includes your Scottish Rite 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 year ending December 31st. Petitioner’s payment must be made prior to receiving any of the Scottish Rite Degrees. Make you checks payable to the Everett Valley Scottish Rite and mail it along with your petition to Everett Valley Scottish Rite, 2431 Rucker Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

The Supreme Council has now created the online petition for the degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. Please see the link below, as well as the QR code as printed below, for your new valley online petition. The online petition saves you time, eliminates a great deal of human error, and feeds directly into Sentinel. The QR code is especially helpful in that you can share with valley officers/ members to have on their phone or tablet for prospective candidates to scan and fill out, along with providing payment. You are more than welcome to take it for a test drive, but be advised because the credit card feature is live. Supreme Council Online petitions for the Valley of Everett are available scottishrite.jotform.com/242034476923962 or use the following QR Code.



**“You know, the new line of officers isn’t half bad.”
“Nope, they’re ALL bad!”**

**SOMEONE IS WAITING FOR YOU
TO INVITE HIM TO BECOME A
SCOTTISH RITE MASON...**



***A Petition for the Valley of Everett Scottish
Rite can be found in the newsletter and can
be printed and copied***

EVERETT VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE



— Class of 2027 —

Honoring Americanism and the Service of:

*Illustrious Brother
Leonard Martin, 33°*

Class Begins January 2027



MASONIC BIOGRAPHIES

ILL. LEONARD J. MARTIN, 33°

SEPTEMBER 16, 1924 – JULY 25, 2020

Brother Leonard Joy Martin passed peacefully into his eternal home on July 25, 2020 at the age of 95 years young. He was born in Missoula, Montana on September 16, 1924 and was raised on a dairy farm and studied agriculture in high school as well as welding and repairs for trucks and tractor.

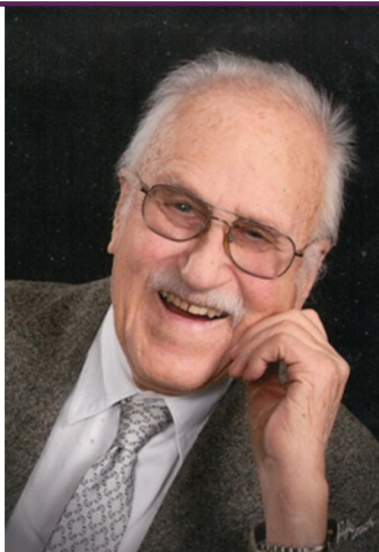
In 1943 after high school, he joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 104th Timberwolves. Shortly after landing at Utah Beach, he was captured. As a combat veteran, he received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart due to medical issues sustained while working in the bitter cold in the POW camp. In 2018 the Consul General of France in San Francisco, Ca appointed Leonard a Chevalier (Knight) of the National Order of the Legion of Honor for his efforts for fighting for the freedom of the people of France.

Upon returning to civilian life, he courted Laina Nordquist and they were soon married and they had three (3) children, two (2) daughters, Pamela and Merry and one (1) son, Rodney. He started farming on Ebey Island and later became a journeyman plumber which he did until his retirement.

At 87 years old, World War Two veteran and Masonic Brother Leonard Martin set off on a journey this month, retracing his steps as a soldier and prisoner of war.

Brother Martin returned to Europe earlier this month with his neighbor, Pete Stitt, a retired Navy commander who is writing a book on the former POW. It's once-in-a-lifetime, Martin said of the trip.

Brother Martin is an avid collector of many things, from clowns to clocks. But perhaps his most impressive collection is a suitcase filled with 67-year-old items from Martin's prison



camp.

He was captured on Halloween in 1944 in the Netherlands after his company suffered severe casualties, and he spent nearly six months in prison camps before he was finally freed. Before leaving, Martin took several items -- including a blanket made of wood fibers, a knife, hair clippers and a utensil that serves as both fork and spoon.

Brother Leonard was also a collector, so he had everything, Stitt said with a laugh. I mean, I don't think

the Germans got anything back from him. He just had it all. Stitt suggested that they return to visit some of the key spots from Martin's part this year, visiting five countries-- Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Germany and Iceland -- in one week.

They scouted out Utah Beach, where Martin came ashore. They also stopped by the spots where Brother Martin was captured and interrogated. A house now stands in the spot where Martin was captured. The man who lives in that house was grateful to meet Brother Martin. The gentleman walked up to him during the visit, put his hand out with a great big smile and said, 'Thank you for freeing our country.'

During his visit, Brother Martin was able to add to his collection, taking chunks of concrete and brick from the camps where he was imprisoned 67 years ago. He also found an old spoon, which appears to be from his camp.

Brother Martin was an engaging story teller. He came to several Masonic Lodges and school classrooms in the local area to share his passion for both history and travel. Brother Martin would actually show up in costume as George Washington for his presentation for the Brethren and school children.

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He was well received by both young and old alike.

Brother Leonard Martin was buried beside his dear wife, Laina at Cypress Lawn Cemetery in Everett, Washington. Leonard dearly loved his family, friends, his Masonic and Scottish Rite Brothers and was loved by all who knew him.

Brother Martin started his Masonic career by petitioning Alpha Lodge #212, being passed to the Subline degree of a Master Mason and petition the Valley of Everett for the Scottish Rite degrees on February 17, 1971 and proceeded to ob-

tain his 32nd degree on May 14, 1971. Brother Martin was honored by being awarded on October 24, 1985 to 32°, KCCH and was coroneted to the 33° on October 24, 1999.

Brother Leonard “Slip Joint” Martin was an active member in the Nille Shrine with affiliation in the Niles Clown Patrol with his clown’s name of “Slip Joint.” During his tenure of many, many years in the unit, he entertained thousands of children and adults in the Pacific North West.

Brother Leonard J, Martin, 33°, was the ultimate “True Mason,” who believed in and lived his life always representing all the tenants of Freemasonry of Fellowship, Hope, Charity, Love and for all aspects of his service to the local community.

Valley of Everett Coming Event

Feast of Tishri

Monday, October 19th, 2026

6:30 PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner— 8:00 PM Program

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

**RSVP to our General Secretary Terry Grove
No later Than October 15th, 2026**

A Reflection on the Cashmere 9/11 Memorial and the 25th Anniversary

A few years ago, I found myself several hours early for my check-in at Grand Lodge. I'd driven Highway 2 more times than I can count on my way to Wenatchee for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and each time I'd noticed the signs for the 9/11 Memorial in Cashmere. It always struck me as unexpected — a tribute to an event that unfolded on the opposite side of the country, tucked into a quiet town in the Wenatchee Valley.

One day, with time to spare, I finally stopped.

It isn't a large memorial. It doesn't demand an afternoon or a guided tour. It takes only a few minutes to walk the path, read the plaques, and take in the artifacts. But its size doesn't diminish its impact. In fact, the simplicity of the place makes the weight of its purpose feel even more personal.

Now, as we reach the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country — an act of violent extremism carried out by Al-Qaeda, a group responsible for immense loss of life and suffering — the memories of that day remain vivid. Nearly every American who was alive then can recall exactly where they were when they first heard the news. The details were unclear at first, but the feeling was unmistakable: something terrible was happening, and countless lives had been taken.

At the Cashmere memorial, I found this poem

- a quiet, powerful reminder of what we carry forward.
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SPIRIT OF AMERICA

by

William Nelson 7/26/2015

Remember

As you walk through this tranquil garden
The Flag a rallying place
Bronze statues of those who responded
A place to stand, hold hands, complete the circle

Remember

Innocents crushed as buildings fell
“Let's roll” as they fought back
Terrorists on those flights
They who climbed stairs to those in peril

Remember

Not just names carved in stone
Dreams and hope lost forever
Freedom's light flickered that day
From the rubble a new resolve

Remember

Stone columns reach for the sky
As wings of planes, steel ribs
Bronze tablets tell the story

Remember

Steel beam pointing up from where it came
Limestone cornice from gaping hole
Pentagon's horrible would, touch and

Remember

Stroll through this place set aside
The monument to those claimed by war
Those who gave their all for Liberty's torch
Those who answered as their country called

Each name a mother's tear
They died for me, they died for me

Remember

With our children at our side
Mothers, Fathers, Aunts and Uncles
Grandparents too

Read the names, touch the stone
Remember, tell their story

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A Reflection on the Cashmere 9/11 Memorial and the 25th Anniversary

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The poem captures what the memorial itself embodies: not just the tragedy, but the resolve; not just the loss, but the duty to remember; not just the names, but the lives behind them.

It's remarkable that Cashmere — a small town far from New York, Washington, D.C., or Pennsylvania — holds such a thoughtful tribute. But maybe that's exactly the point. The impact of 9/11 wasn't confined to the places where the attacks occurred. It rippled across every state, every community, every family. A memorial in Cashmere is a reminder that grief and remembrance belong to all of us, no matter how far we are from Ground Zero.

So next time you're heading over to Wenatchee, leave yourself an hour. Pull off Highway 2. Walk through the memorial. Touch the steel beam. Read the tablets. Stand before the bronze figures. Let the quiet settle in.

Most importantly — remember.



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The History of Freemasons For the Month of September

September 06—In 1909, American explorer Bro. Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole on April 6, five months earlier. The final, successful expedition was the fifth of a series he had undertaken. Bro. Peary was a member of the New York City explorer's lodge, Kane No. 454. This Lodge was given the Masonic flag which Bro. Peary had displayed at Independence Bay, Greenland, on May 20 and 25, 1895. This Lodge, on March 30, 1920, presented his widow with a special medal in honor of her distinguished husband. Bro. Peary's gift to New York Grand Lodge were two specimens of the great meteorite weighing 90 tons which he had discovered in North Greenland. Bro. Peary died February 20, 1920.

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. Washing-

September 13—On the night of September 13 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 22— In 1901, Bro. Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt became the nation's 26th President and, at age 42, its youngest. Bro. Roosevelt took the oath of office soon after 58-year-old US President, Bro. William McKinley died from the gunshot wounds received six days earlier from the gun of assassin Leon Czolgosz. Bro. Roosevelt had been initiated on January 2, 1901, passed March 27, and raised April 24 of the same year at Matinecock Lodge No. 806 at Oyster Bay, NY. He was made an Honorary Member of Pentalpha lodge No. 23 at Washington, DC, where he took part in numerous Masonic ceremonies. Brother Roosevelt passed on June 09, 1919.

September 26—In 1796, the Bostonian newspaper "Independent Chronicle" published Bro. George Washington's Farewell Address, the leader's best known speech. The speech, never delivered orally by Bro. Washington, explained the reasons why he did not want to seek a third term as president of the United States. Bro. Washington had arranged to have the speech - his last political will and testament - published in other principle newspapers throughout the country. In it he warned against the rise of "a small but artful, enterprising minority" of politicians whose ambitions and ploys can be fatal to the union. The antidote, he said, is a union of the people, a spiritual union

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



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



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.



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***

☐ 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 Council of Kadosh;***

***Everett Chapter of Rose Croix;
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

Dated _____

Ring Size _____ Hat Size _____

Petitioner's Signature

Recommended By: _____

1st line signer Print

name legibly

2nd line signer

Print name legibly

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Freemasonry & the Labor Movement in America

The first Monday in September marks the end of Summer and all across the USA, Americans celebrate Labor Day with picnics, parades, and backyard barbecues.

While the first recorded mention of Labor Day was in September of 1882 at a celebration in New York City, it was President Grover Cleveland who signed a decree in 1894 marking the first weekend in September as a national recognition of an official Labor Day as a national holiday.

More than 60 years before President Cleveland signed his new law, a devout Baptist family was celebrating the birth of their baby boy in Cape May, New Jersey. Born on August 3, 1821, Uriah Smith Stephens was a smart and religious-minded boy and studied to become a minister. However, his family was poor and young Stephens had to set aside his dreams and take a job as a tailor to help the family recover from a financial crisis.

When he was 25, Uriah Stephens settled for a time in Philadelphia but he was filled with wanderlust. He traveled to Central America, Mexico, and California and then to Europe – working his way around the world for five years.

In 1858, Stephens settled down in Philadelphia again working as a tailor. An avid reader and life-long learner, he studied economics, politics, history and taught himself several foreign languages.

Stephens also became a Master Mason of Kensington Lodge No. 211 in Philadelphia on March 24, 1865.

Prior to the end of the Civil War, the establishment of trade unions had not found much success. While Stephens had helped to organize the Garment Worker's Union in 1862, it was not until after his personal experiences as a member of Freemasonry that he was inspired to found a new fraternal organization for tradesmen which he called the Knights of Labor.



Speaking to fellow union-minded garment workers in a meeting at his home on Thanksgiving Day in 1869, Stephens presented his concept for a new organization which he proclaimed as the "Noble and Holy Order of Knights of Labor."

This new "brotherhood" would bring together not only fellow tailors but would open membership in Stephens' own words to, "Every laborer, me-

chanic, and artisan who desired professional improvement, regardless of country, creed, or color." Certainly Uriah Stephens mission was an American-inspired concept of unification that might have found favor with our nation's Founding Fathers!

Uriah Stephens vision for the Knights of Labor was certainly inspired by the ritual and lessons he himself had learned as a Mason in his Philadelphia Lodge.

Stephens plan for the Knights of Labor included his being installed as the first "Master Workman" as well as naming himself as the "District Master Workman" and the first "Grand Master Workman" of the new Knights of Labor.

In creating and founding the Knights of Labor, Stephens freely adapted many of the symbols of Freemasonry and also some of the Masonic ritual into his new organization. The building in which members would assemble was called a "lodge". Members referred to each other as "brothers". Stephens dreamed of a new fraternal network of skilled laborers who would work together as fraternal brothers for the good of their fellow members. Members wishing to join would go through a ritual ceremony led by "Masters" wearing aprons and giving "lectures" on the nobility of labor. Secret signs and symbols were given to initiates as they were sworn to secrecy and loyalty to the brotherhood of the Knights of Labor.

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Freemasonry & the Labor Movement in the United States

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Within a decade, the Knights of Labor had expanded from one “assembly” or chapter to 1300 local assemblies. The organization was quickly growing into a large and powerful labor movement.

However, as the organization grew and, perhaps, as Stephens was losing some control over the brotherhood he had conceived and founded, there were polarizing issues causing cracks in the fellowship.

Stephens was frustrated with the growing disenchantment rising from some members of the Knights of Labor who wanted to abolish the secret ritual which Stephens had created. Stephens also was fearful that the new membership was also becoming too aggressive in calling for frequent strikes and union demands.

Seeking to re-establish himself as a labor leader, Uriah Stephens launched a political campaign and stood for election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1878. As a defeated candidate for the “Greenback-Labor Party”, Stephens’ star as a labor leader was now tarnished. A year later, he resigned from the Knights of Labor.

Under new leadership, the Knights of Labor grew in power and influence in America as well as worldwide. Membership was opened to what was described as all members of the “producing class” –

factory workers, small business owners, and farmers. Those not entitled to membership included lawyers, speculators or anyone involved in “sinful” business enterprises including the liquor industry and gambling. The Knights of Labor membership dwindled in the early 20th century.

So, what became of the first “Grand Master Workman”? Uriah Stephens’ reputation with many in the Knights of Labor was still held in high esteem but Stephens at age of 61 was working to create a new fraternal labor-centric organization. It was at his home in Philadelphia on February 13, 1882 that Uriah Stephens passed away and went to meet his maker, as he described as the “Grand Architect of the Universe”



VALLEY OF EVERETT **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sep 07	Monday—Dark—Labor Day
Sep 21	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Sep 28	Monday—Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting— Hybrid Zoom at 7:00 PM
Oct 05	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Oct 19	Monday— Feast of Tishri -6:30 PM Punch Bowl– 7:00 PM Diner—8:00 PM Program
Oct 26	Monday- Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting—Hybrid Zoom at 7:00 PM
Nov 02	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Nov 16	Monday— Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Nov 23	Monday— Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting— Hybrid Zoom at 7:00 PM

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

YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENING

September 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sep 01	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 08	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 10	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Sep 17	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 22	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sep 01	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 02	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Sep 08	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 09	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 10	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 14	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Sep 15	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 16	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 19	Saturday	10:00 AM	SLOC Meeting	Host—Karl E Warren #259
Sep 22	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 23	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 24	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Special Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Sep 26	Saturday	12:00 PM	Karl E Warren #259	Stated Meeting—12:00 PM Lunch

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sep 02	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 03	Thursday	6:30 PM	Skagit Valley 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 08	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:00 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 10	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 15	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 22	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langleigh 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. 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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep 02	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Sep 03	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Sep 06	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Sep 06	Sunday	3:00 PM	Prince Hall Beni Hassan Sakkara Shrine Club 196
Sep 09	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Sep 10	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Sep 12	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Sep 17	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Sep 23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Sep 24	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Sep 26	Saturday	2:00 PM	Amaranth—Perlas Court # 90

Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

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

<i>Annual Yearly Dues For 2026.....</i>	<i>\$187 Per Year</i>
<i>Life Membership Up top age 65</i>	<i>Annual Dues time 15 Years</i>
<i>Life Membership Age 65 to 75 Years Old.....</i>	<i>Annual Dues time 10 Years</i>
<i>Life Membership 75 and Older.....</i>	<i>Annual Dues time 5 Years</i>

MASONIC LABOR IS PURELY A LABOR OF LOVE.

HE WHO SEEKS TO DRAW WAGES IN GOLD OR SILVER WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.

THE WAGES OF A MASON ARE EARNED AND PAID IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH ONE ANOTHER:

SYMPATHY THAT BEGETS SYMPATHY
KINDNESS BEGETS KINDNESS
HELPFULNESS BEGETS HELPFULNESS

AND THESE ARE THE WAGES OF A MASON.

BY BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN 1706 - 1790



Rose Croix Funeral Service

This service is very beautiful and available 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



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District Eight Symbolic Lodge Officer Council

The District Eight Symbolic Lodge Officer Council will be meeting on Saturday, Sept 19th, 2026 with breakfast at 10:00 AM - SLOC Meeting at 11:00 PM. This month host lodge will be Karl E, Warren Lodge #289 located at 108 W. Cascade Hwy, Skykomish, Washington.

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