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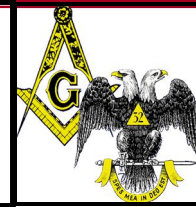
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# THE RITE BULLETIN



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



To the Membership of Everett Valley Scottish Rite

I remember the day that Ill. Sir Carl Smith called me and invited me to lunch with him and when he stated that he would pick me up and take me to Anthony's in Anacortes I knew I was either in deep trouble or Carl wanted me to take on a bigger responsibility in Everett Valley. The lunch was very good as was the conversation with Carl and all of the stories of his Masonic adventures and experiences. Carl had one question for me and he waited until we were almost finished with our lunches. That question – would I consider replacing him as this Valley's Personal Representative. Wow, was I shocked, but as we talked it became apparent to me that Carl was tired, not of Scottish Rite or Masonry, but tired of being in charge and looked at to make sometimes very difficult decisions concerning the Valley, its members, and its future. I was honored that he would consider me as your leader especially knowing that there were many of you that had a lot more experience and knowledge of the Valley. After we finished lunch and as Carl was driving me home, I told him that I very much appreciated everything he had conveyed to me about the Valley but

would need to talk it over with my boss, Cathy. She has always supported me in whatever endeavors I chose to get involved in, whether it was business, politics, or masonry. It was with her support I decided to accept Carl's offer and became your Personal Representative.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this time and am amazed at the support I have received from all of you. There have been challenges, accomplishments, setbacks, and frustrations, but I have been so proud of each and every one of you that have stepped up to help, find solutions, and advice me on making decisions. My biggest disappointments have been the low membership participation at degrees, events, and meetings.

I have had a strenuous physical year, and now with new problems that have developed, I need time to step back and get healed. It is not fair to you, my Brothers, for me, to miss a lot of the meetings and leave you wondering when I would be present, not knowing all of the information to properly leading this great Valley!

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## From the Personal Rep Continued from Page 1

So having said all of this I am stepping down as your Personal Representative and I have informed Ill. Sir Al Jorgenson, our S.G.I.G. that my preference to replace me would be Ill. Sir Jim Hamlin. Jim has been very involved in our Valley for many, many years and has always gone above and beyond to do whatever was best for you and the Valley, but also for Scottish Rite. Ill. Sir Al agreed with me and after talking with Jim, and Jim conferring with his boss, Becky, he has accepted the position of being your new Personal Representative.

We will all be able to celebrate this change on November 20, 2023 with an open, public

meeting at the Valley. This will include a delicious sit-down dinner prepared for us by Alice and served by our Rainbow girls. After dinner we will move to our lodge room where Ill. Sir Al will officiate this change. This meeting will be open to the public, so please bring your family to show Jim and Becky your support.

There will also be another presentation by Ill. Sir Al, that will be to George Foster, 32°, who could not attend his Investiture as a new KCCH Brother that was held at the Seattle Valley Scottish Rite on October 7, 2023.

**CATHY AND I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DEDICATION!**

Fraternally, Don

## Feast of Tishri Celebration

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

On October 16, 2023, The Valley of Everett celebrated the Feast of the Tabernacle or the Feast of Tishri.

A delicious meal consisting of salad, salmon and dessert was prepared by the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Chef - Alice Anderson and everybody who was in attendance thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic meal,

The Feast of Tishri program conducted by Brother Jeff Maynor, 32°, KCCH on the history of the Feast of the Tabernacle or the Feast of Tishri was well received and of interest to all.

The Valley of Everett has been selling tickets for

a drawing the past six (6) months for the Ultimate Party Wagon which consisted of a 38 Quart Igloo Wheelie Cooler and the Dozen (12 bottles) of Top Shelf Liquor. The drawing was conducted

after the presentation and we would like to congratulate our Brother, David Trader, 32°, who was the first prize winner of the Valley of Everett Igloo Party Wagon and also Brother Tom Zeller who won the second prize, which was of half gallon bottle of Chivas Regal.

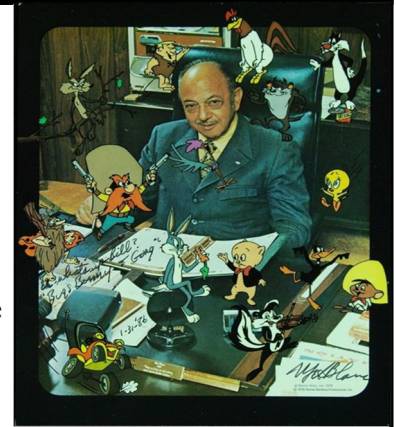


## Famous Masons

Known as the "Man of 1,000 voices", Mel Blanc was one of the most talented and successful voice actors in Hollywood history. He's brought to life the personalities of cartoon characters that we know and love such as Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. With over 1,000 acting and voice credits throughout his career, Brother Blanc is an iconic figure of many childhoods.

Brother Blanc was also a dedicated Freemason from a young age, belonging to DeMolay, Freemasonry, Shriners International, and Scottish Rite Freemasonry. His passion for bringing joy and entertainment to others, along with his commitment to Freemasonry, have cemented him as a man who fully exemplified the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

He became a member of Mid-Day Lodge #188 in Portland, Oregon in 1931. He was member of Scottish Rite - Los Angeles, California. His tombstone reads "Man of 1,000 voices" and with "That's All Folks". He was born on May 30, 1908 and passed on July 10, 1989.



# The Enlightenment and Masonry, Part 6

By Richard Llewellyn Jones, 32°, KCCH

Before we move on to a more detailed look at the Enlightenment world view of its principle contributors, from whom many, if not all, of our Masonic virtues arise, one writer who gained the attention of the operative masonic guild lodges during the Renaissance deserves our attention: Vitruvius (80-70–15 BC).

What we know of Vitruvius comes from “rediscovered” in the library of Saint Gallini (1380-1459). It was translated in 1486 in Italian, French, English, German and Spanish. It is the only architectural text we have from classical antiquity. For this reason

What we know of Vitruvius comes from various and others, such as Pliny the Elder (23-79) and from comments about various campaigns he was involved in and referenced in *De architectura*, he is believed to have traveled in Julius Caesar's time. Doesn't this echo the backgrounds of Sir Robert Moray (1608-1673) and Elias Ashmole (1617-1692)? Vitruvius was first and foremost an architect. The etymology of the term “architect” means “master” and “builder” – terms we as speculative Masons are quite familiar with. But in First Century Rome, the term had a broader meaning than is associated with it today: it included architecture, construction management, construction engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, materials engineering, military engineering and urban planning.

Through the adoption of Vitruvian sensibilities in the Renaissance, understanding the elements of classical architecture was considered essential to a gentleman's education. It balanced intellectual knowledge and theory with practical. Vitruvius argued that an architect must have knowledge of geometry for preparing plans (the use of rulers, compasses, squares, levels and plumb lines); optics for placing windows; physics to understand the flow of water and air; music for the construction of theaters, building water organs and adjusting the tension of ropes on war machines; medicine to assess the healthiness of building sites and water supplies; law to draw up enforceable contracts and astronomy to align buildings and build sun-dials. In sum, the Vitruvian architect was the master of all the arts central to human knowledge – the Universal Man.

During the middle ages, it was presumed that man could not imitate or dominate nature and should not try to do so, because there was no need to compete with God. Suggesting the ability to dominate or otherwise control nature or bend it to our will was viewed as blasphemous. But Vitruvius gave men in the Renaissance confidence in man's potential power over nature. And, by the sixteenth century, gunpowder, the magnetic compass and the printing press pushed society well beyond the limits imposed by medieval church orthodoxy.

According to Vitruvius, a structure must exhibit three qualities: stability, utility and beauty. These are termed the Vitruvian virtues or the Vitruvian Triad. Does this sound familiar? Vitruvius described the human figure as being the principal source of all proportion. How many can recall da Vinci's illustration of the human body inscribed in a circle and the square: the Vitruvian Man? What Vitruvius was essentially implying is that symmetry of the human body reflects the symmetry of the universe as a whole: “as above, so below”.

Absorbing Vitruvian sensibilities into general cultural background at the dawn of the Enlightenment, operative masons saw themselves as Vitruvian architects, blending mathematical skills with astronomy. During this period of time math, alchemy and astrology were the fields generally discussed by operative masons and gentlemen of learning, but these monikers should not be viewed as derisive. Alchemy, for instance, was not really the pursuit of turning physical lead into physical gold, but entailed the symbolic pursuit of perfecting the soul – often outside the limitations imposed by the Church.

In developing the notion that the architect had to balance theory with practical knowledge lead operative masons to the reasonable conclusion that they had something to learn from the philosopher and much valuable practical experience to teach the philosopher. This naturally lead to the idea that differences in social rank were irrelevant in the lodge – philosophers and artisans were united in the quest for knowledge and each had something to offer the other.

It could be argued that this idea drew men of education and privilege to the operative lodges, believing that the operative lodges held secrets that might embody valuable knowledge, both occult and practical, that speculative masons could find enrichment.

The adoption of Vitruvian ideals certainly inspired operative masons at the beginning of the period we call the Enlightenment and exalted the craft from journeymen laborers to bearers of esoteric knowledge. Certainly Vitruvian application of knowledge with practical skills fit nicely into the emerging values of the Enlightenment.



look at the Enlightenment world view of its princi- most, of our Masonic virtues arise, one writer who guild lodges during the Renaissance deserves our

his tome *De architectura*. This text was Abbey in 1414 by the Florentine scholar Braccio- Latin and was so popular that it was subsequently and Spanish. It is the only architectural text we alone, it is important to us as Masons today.

his *De architectura* and brief notes from contempo- 79). Vitruvius was known as a military engineer he was involved in and referenced in *De architec-*



# THE MASONIC CONNECTION TO THANKSGIVING

*As we celebrate Thanksgiving it's important to reflect on the history of this holiday. Two Freemasons heavily shaped the celebration that we know today. Bro. Elias Boudinot and former President and Freemason George Washington rallied together to create this holiday as a way to give thanks and prayer to our communities, families, and friends.*



## **The Masonic Connection**

In 1621, the settlers from the Mayflower created a tradition that would last for centuries to come. This celebration was to thank God for the harvest and his many blessings. Members of the Wampanoag tribe in Plymouth, Massachusetts were also invited to the feast. This feast is what we now call Thanksgiving where we are pushed to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for.

On September 25th, 1789 Congressman and Brother Elias Boudinot of Burlington, New Jersey appeared in front of the House of Representatives with a proposition. Brother Boudinot asked that the government create a committee to persuade the President and Freemason, George Washington, to declare a national day of thanks and prayer. Without his Masonic values, Brother Boudinot may have never been inclined to rally for this national day of thanks.

In 1789, President George Washington delivered the Proclamation of 1789 that assigned November 26th as the National Holiday of Thanks-

giving. This proclamation was also a symbol to our former monarchy that the colonies were a self-governing and legitimate state. Washington remarked, “both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

It goes without doubt that our national holiday of Thanksgiving would not have been established without the help of two Freemasons. Brother Elias Boudinot and President George Washington are two strong foundations of our Thanksgiving tradition. As Freemasons, we should take this time to practice gratitude for our fellow Brethren, lodges, and local communities. Happy Thanksgiving from the From The Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Masons.

# Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington

By John Mathers, 32°, KCCH

## Everett Valley Scottish Rite Awards Celebration

Brethren,

We enjoyed a pleasant Evening on September 18th, 2023, as we recognized our two (2) Students and their Families with Dinner and Certificates as they pursue their Dreams and obtain their bachelor's degrees. These two (2) each, received a \$3,000 dollar SRSFW Scholarship.

The evening started out with a delicious Chicken Dinner with Apple Crisp Alamode for dessert. At 7:00 PM we moved upstairs to the Lodge Room for the Presentation by Brothers Joe Towns, Andre DeWald and John Mathers.

The following students were recognized: Mr. Thaddeus Gonzalez, a Junior at the University of Washington studying computer Technology and Ms. Taylor Eldridge, a Senior at Western Washington University studying Elementary Education.

Our Guest speaker was Arianna Wooten who just Graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in education and shared with us how thankful she was to have been a recipient of this Scholarship in the past.

The evening ended with the students giving an overview of their career choices along with a photo session,

The window for next year Scholarships will be opening up on November 4, 2023 and scheduled to end on March 31, 2024 with selection in April. Check it out at [srsfw.org](http://srsfw.org). Or call me for Info. John Mathers, Secretary SRSFW 425 788 3772.



Pictured from left to right: Ms. Taylor Eldridge, Mr. Thaddeus Gonzalez, Joe Towns, 32° and John Mathers, 32°, KCCH

## WE MUST MAKE THE FUTURE

By Dewey Wollstein, 32°, KCCH

A great deal is being written of Masonry's part in the future. It seems that we often travel a circuitous route to arrive at some conclusion that should be found very close to home. There are two points to consider.

The influence of Masonry- its value to society- and the efforts that we as individual Masons are willing to extend in order to continue to make Masonry a vital, living power. Let us no longer dwell on what is going to happen to Masonry in the future. Let us dwell on how we will make a world which will naturally seek an institution that has been throughout the ages the stronghold of Brotherhood.

Masonry, through Masons, doing, living, and expounding the principles of our Institution will create a decent future. Masonry with the courage to carry the Banner of Freedom, of Tolerance, of Jus-

stice, will march forward into the future that it made for the benefit of all people. The challenge is here. Masonry is not caught in the grip of conflicting economic theories. Our Institution has espoused the cause of Man, not of groups. Masonry has taught a Universal Religion, not a narrow dogma. Masonry has made the plane upon which all men may meet on the level of equality. Unless Masonry's place be secure in the future, there is no future.

The future is being made today. If a world is being made in which there are only dollar and machine values, a world in which culture and dignity are no longer factors, a world in which sound morality has no market, then we must bestir ourselves in order to bring about a future that will insure Masonry's place.

We must not be content to see what the future will bring. We must create it today.



# From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

As your general secretary – I am reporting on the present status of our outstanding annual dues for 2024. Here's where we are in comparison to the other lodges situated in the Orient of Washington along with the Southern Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council 33° - Washington, DC.

*Accurate As Of: 9/30/2023*

	Valley of Everett	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	20	11.9%	18.2%	27.5%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	61	36.3%	21.9%	27.8%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	2	1.2%	11.7%	13%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	17	10.1%	12.1%	10.6%
Active Paid Life Members (E – Endowed Life):	68	40.5%	36.3%	21.2%
Total:	168			

Sadly – we have lost 6 brothers to the celestial lodge above, 4 demits and 1 Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. For those of interest – if you are 75 years of age or older, you may wish to consider purchasing a Life membership for \$500. If you are under the age of 75 – the cost is only \$750.

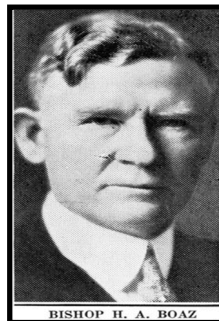
Your 2024 dues of \$187 are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. If you are interested or have any questions in this regard, please feel free to call me at 425-610-4561 to discuss your options.

Our 2024 Carl Smith 33° Tribute class will commence in January 2024. Please get those new petitions submitted.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Hiram Abiff Boaz was born on December 18, 1866 at Murray Kentucky. He moved to Texas at an early age. In 1891 he was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1922 he was elected a Bishop at the church. He became a member Granger Lodge #677 of Texas. When he received his third degree, a large crowd attended because of his unusual name of the new member. He served as Grand Chaplain of Texas in 1953.

This Brother had many interesting experiences connected with his name. He never tired telling the tale of the time he as traveling in the Holy Land and arrived at a Mosque of Hebron on the wrong day for visitors. When he told them his name was Boaz, it seemed as if he had given a magic password. Others were not admitted that day, but they opened the gates for him.



# The History of Freemasons For the Month of November

**November 2**—In 1865 was born at Corsica, OH Warren G. Harding, the man who was to become the 29th President of the United States. His term of office began March 4, 1921, and lasted until August 2, 1923, when he died suddenly while on a western speaking tour. His undistinguished administration was tainted by the Teapot Dome Scandal. He was initiated June 18, passed August 13, and raised August 23, 1920. He became an honorary member of Albert Pike Lodge 36 at Washington, D.C. in 1921. He was also a member of the Mark and Royal Arch, a Knight Templar and a 33-degree Mason of the Scottish Rite. He was the first President to become a Shrine Mason.

**November 5**—In 1912 "King of the Cowboys" Roger was born Leonard Slye at Cincinnati, OH. His many songs included "Don't Fence Me In," and "Happy Trails To You." He made his acting debuting "Under Western Stars": in 1935 and later hosted his own show, "The Roy Rogers show," in 1951. Bro. Rogers died at Apple Valley, CA, July 6, 1998. Bro. Rogers was a member of Hollywood Lodge 355, Hollywood, CA.

**November 6**—In 1854 was born in Washington, D.C., the Mason who was to become America's "March King" for such rousers as "The Stars and Stripes forever," "Semper Fidelis," "El Capitan," "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," "Washington Post" and others. From 1880 to 1892 he led the band of the US Marine Corps and later his own band. "The March King" exerted a tremendous influence on martial music.; He was a member of Hiram Lodge 10 at Washington, DC. Bro. Sousa died at Reading, PA. March 6 1932.

**November 7**—In 1805, after a perilous journey of nearly 4,000- miles, Bro. Meriwether Lewis and Bro. William Clark and their expedition across the US arrived at the Pacific Ocean. The expedition left Fort Mandan on the upper Missouri River on April 7 in six canoes and two large piroques. Bro. Clark was variously a member of Virginia City Lodge No. 1, Morning Star Lodge No. 5, Helena, and Deer Lodge No. 14, Deer City, MT.. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana in 1877. Bro. Lewis was raised at Door to Virtue Lodge No. 44, Albermarle County, VA in 1797. Door to Virtue went dark in 1801 and Bro. Lewis transferred to Staunton Lodge, Staunton, VA where he received the Royal Arch degree. Thanks Bro. Ed Verdi for the tip.

**November 11**— In 1975, Justice and Bro. William O. Douglas Retires from the Supreme Court. Appointed in 1939 to the US Supreme Court by President and Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Justice and Bro. William O. Douglas was the longest-serving justice in Supreme Court history when he retired on November 12, 1975. In his more than 36 years of service, he was known for his commitment to the rights of the individual and his distrust of unrestrained government power. A conservationist and nature-lover, he was a powerful advocate for environmental protection.

**November 19**—In 1483 at Eisleban, Saxony, was born the Augustan monk Martin Luther, a founder and leader of the Reformation and of Protestantism. Luth tucked his 95 thesis on "the Power of Indulgences" to the door of Wittenberg's castle church on October 31, 1517, the eve of All Saints Day . These called for a reformation of the abuses by the Roman Catholic Church which got him excommunicated. He was known to have been a member of the "guild at Steinmetzen" in Germany, rumored to be then a Masonic Lodge in disguise. He died near his birthplace on February 18, 1546, he was the founder of Lutheranism.

**November 19**—In 1971, the Long Beach Scottish Rite Bodies honored Audie Murphy by naming their class of 124 candidates the Audie Murphy Memorial Class. Murphy's film, "To Hell and Back" was shown instead of the 31st Degree.

**November 29**—In 1992 Author John J. Robinson (Born in Blood) spoke at the Grand Lodge of Missouri. He was a guest of the Education Committee. Robinson did not become a Freemason until after his third book, "A Pilgrim's Path."

**November 30**—In 1874 Winston Churchill was born. Although Churchill attended lodge regularly, he never held Masonic office.

## Masonic Enlightenment

The Brothers in Freemasonry love our Fraternity but sometimes life takes us away from the things we enjoy.

Don't let this happen to you. Brothers, your Lodges need you now as they always have. Don't assume that they will always be there waiting for your return. A Lodge is not our buildings but the assemblage of good and upright men who gather there. Never assume that you don't have anything to offer. Your presence and ideas could be the difference between a Lodge closing/merging and thriving in our community.



We need experienced Masons and Past Masters to help teach the influx of new men coming into the Fraternity. We need your passion and desire to help to ensure our Lodges grow and continue to do what they've always done to support the communities in which we operate. .

What do you say Brothers?

Stop by and LIKE my page titled "Masonic Enlightenment." There you will find daily posts on Masonic inspiration, meditations, and occasional humor.

Every single Brother is an asset to their Lodge. <https://www.facebook.com/>

## VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 06** Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting—Annual Elections of Officers and Discussion on each Bodies signs and Summons
- Nov 20** Monday—Lodge of Perfection—SGIG Al Jorgenson will be present—Special 32nd degree investiture for George Foster, 32°, KCCH and Transition of the PR Responsibilities to Ill. James G. Hamlin, 33°—Sit-down Dinner—Public Invited RSVP—6:30PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner (\$15.00 per Person)
- Nov 27** Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM
- Dec 04** Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—First Fighter of the Year Award Dinner with the Public Invited—RSVP—6:30PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner (\$25.00 per person, \$35.00 per Couple)
- Dec 18** Monday— Lodge of Perfection -6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting—Installation of Officers and the Reading and Voting on New Candidates Petition
- Jan 01** Monday—New Years Day—DARK
- Jan 15** Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting—Confer 4th°
- Jan 22** 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 Fellowship of Scottish Rite Masonry.**



# Membership in the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

As of this writing we have one holdover for the Class of 2024 for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite which will now be the **Ill. Bro. Carl Smith, 33°, Tribute Class**. Now is the time for all the present members of the Valley of Everett to promote Scottish Rite Membership to our fellow Master Masons that you know through your lodge and visitations.

*The principal or chief tenets of Freemasonry are **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**. It is necessary not to overlook the word 'principal', for it signifies that while it is on these three great teachings that the Craft lays the greatest emphasis, yet there are other teachings of almost equal importance.* These principal tenants of Freemasonry; **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth** do not solely exist in just the Masonic Blue Lodges, but is further exemplified in the teachings of the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite.

Being a Master Mason in good standing in a regular Symbolic Blue Lodge is the only requirement for the purpose of petitioning for the degrees to become an Everett Valley Scottish Rite member. If you are interested in additional Masonic education, you are heartily encouraged to apply for membership in the Rite without awaiting a specific invitation. You may ask a Scottish Rite friend for a petition form or contact the Everett Valley Scottish Rite Secretary for a petition for membership or further information.

The petition fees for the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry (4th through the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees) is \$300.00, which includes the following: a copy of the book "Bridge to Light", your 14th Degree ring, your 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Cap, the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

As always, a copy of the Valley of Everett Petition is enclosed in this newsletter on page 14.

Every member of the Valley of Everett must now show your support for your Valley while attending your Blue Lodges and spread the word about the continued education and benefits of membership in Scottish Rite.

Last year, the class of 2023, Valley of Everett, only had a class of two, which were MWB Steve Martin, 32° and Bro. Paul Michael Bean, 32°. Summer is now over, November is here and January 2024 is right around the corner. Now is the time for all of us to get to work, by talking to our fellow Brother Master Masons and let us attempt to double, triple or quadruple the candidates of the Valley of Everett's 2023 class size. Let's make the Valley of Everett Class of 2024, a banner year for both our Valley and for our prospective candidates.

Please pass this article on to any Master Mason that you think might be interested in becoming an Everett Valley Scottish Rite member.

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

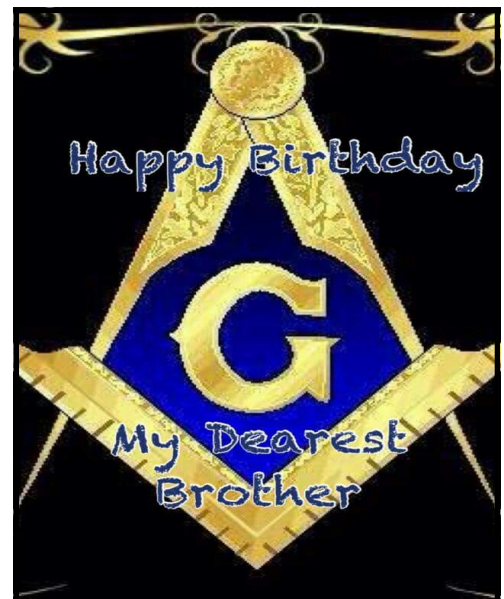


**A Petition for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite can be found in the newsletter and can be printed and copied**

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



Michael C Capps  
Angelito V Corpus  
Chuck D Dapiaoen  
Roy P Deaver  
Marvin A Keske  
David M Martin  
William H Miller  
John A Smeby  
Dean L Smyth  
Kenneth Thompson  
Terry L Towns  
Wally E Watkins



# VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE OFFICERS

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Sovereign Grand Commander

**Ill. Alvin W. Jorgensen, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
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General Secretary

**Bro. Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH**  
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**Bro. John Mathers, 32°, KCCH**  
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Bro. John Mathers, 32°, KCCH, Sr. Warden  
Bro. David Trader, 32°, Jr. Warden

## **Chapter of Rose Croix**

Bro. Richard Jones, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master  
Bro. Michael Dulaney, 32°, Sr. Warden  
Ill George Lofthus, 33°, Jr. Warden

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Bro. John Mathers, 32°, KCCH, Commander  
Bro. Bruce Whitlock, 32°<sup>1st</sup> Lt Commander  
Bro. George Foster, 32°, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Commander  
Ill. Angel Corpus, 33°, Chancellor

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Bro Jerry Arneson, 32°, Master of Kadosh  
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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# THANKSGIVING

Submitted by David McCuiston, 32° KCCH

Thanksgiving time is here once more,  
Let's get together and tally the score,  
No bombs fell on our homes this year,  
No earthquakes or floods to give us a scare.

Our tongues were not swollen because of thirst,  
Our hearts were not broken or like to burst,  
No distended bellies with hunger or cramp,  
Our feet were not aching because we must tramp.

No plague or pestilence to spoil our days,  
To wipe out our neighbors in devious ways,  
No rattle of gun-fire; no cannon roar;  
No cruel henchmen to break down the door.

No one to bar or seal up the Church,  
To enter our homes and wantonly search,  
None to despoil the ones whom we love,  
Thanks be to God in Heaven above.

We all are well-cared for, all are well-fed,  
Warm dwellings to live in, a comfortable teed,  
Our daily toil brings an adequate cheque,  
The doctor and nurse give a routine check.

There are many today, outside our land,  
Who are seeking and needing a helping hand,  
But we in this country are sitting just right,  
Just take a look 'round and see the plight,

The chaos, the hardship, the dread and fear,  
The poverty, distress, the undried tear,  
While we have everything of the best,  
With this world's goods we're truly blest.

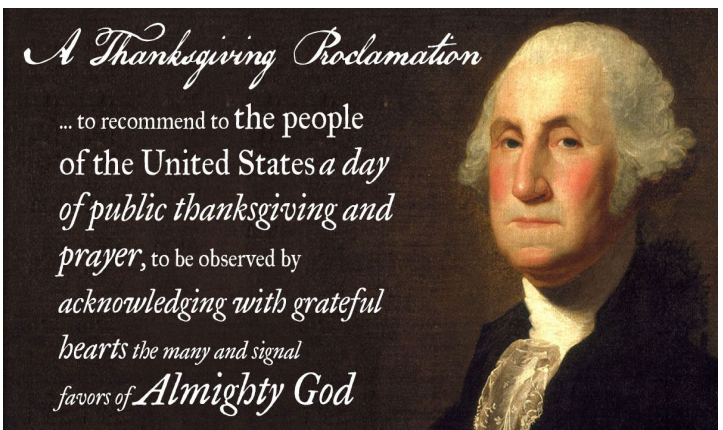
Yes, Thanksgiving time is here once more,  
Did you sit right down and tally the score?  
If you did, like good Masons you'll start from here  
And practice your teachings without let or fear,

The distinguishing marks of a Mason, you know,  
Is to give of his best in a charitable flow;  
For God in all His benignity  
Has given so much to you and to me,

Now give 'till it hurts, then start to pray,  
With Real, True Sincerity,  
THANK GOD TODAY.

General and Bro. George Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Day proclamation:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happi-



ness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favours which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

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 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 this application to Everett Valley Scottish Rite, 2431 Rucker Avenue, 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 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

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

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

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

Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
1st line signer Print

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

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

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

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# YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

## DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENINGS

November 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Nov 07	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Nov 09	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Nov 14	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Nov 16	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Nov 28	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

## DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

November 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Nov 01	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Nov 07	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Nov 08	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Nov 09	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Nov 11	Saturday	2:00 PM	Damascus 199	Installation of Officers
Nov 13	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Nov 14	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Nov 15	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	West Gate 128	Dinner/ 730 PM Installation of Officers
Nov 18	Saturday	2:00 PM	Arlington 129	Installation of Officers
	Saturday	7:00 PM	Peninsular 95	Installation of Officers
Nov 21	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Nov 22	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner

## DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

November 2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Nov 01	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 02	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington United 93	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 07	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 09	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 14	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 21	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 28	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Nov 23	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

Nov 01, 2023	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Nov 02, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Nov 05, 2023	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Nov 08, 2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Nov 09, 2023	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Nov 11, 2023	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Nov 11, 2023	Saturday	1:00 PM	Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star
Nov 16, 2023	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Nov 22, 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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