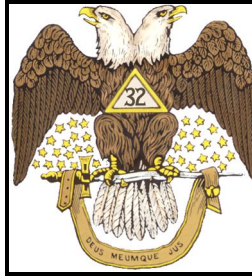


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# THE RITE BULLETIN



From The Personal Representative  
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**Merry Christmas to everyone plus a Happy New Year to come!**

Ever since the Covid lockdowns it has been a real challenge to have enough members at our meetings and/or our Zoom Executive/Temple board meetings to be able to plan Valley degrees, events, programs, and priorities. It has also been difficult for Alice to plan the wonderful dinners that she provides for all of us and for us to pay for meals that have been prepared but not enough members present to enjoy them. The Valley pays for all of these meals whether there are members present to eat them or not. Most discouraging to me is that in the past 4 years we have made twenty (20) 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Masons but I rarely see more than three (3) or four (4) that regularly attend.

Why are we a Scottish Rite Mason and why did we become one?

We have been having interactive discussions about SWOT, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This is a perfect opportunity to establish what our members want to occur for the present and the future of Everett Valley Scottish Rite. It is not up to me alone to make those decisions but should be the consensus of all of us that participate. Without members present to talk about their priorities it winds up being only the few that make these critically important decisions. So far these discussions have brought up a few consensus ideas about how we can attract members back that have not been attending. I really hope that everyone will fill out the survey that Ill Sir Jim Hamlin will be sending out. The

survey is anonymous but the questions will really help us understand the thinking of the membership with very relevant information about how we can help our Valley and Temple.

On December 5, 2023 meeting we will be voting on candidates for the Scottish Rite degrees along with voting on our Scottish Rite Bodies and continued discussion about the Valley's future.

Fraternally, Don



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## Your Scottish Rite Creed and



### **Scottish Rite Creed**

*Human progress is our cause,  
liberty of thought our su-  
preme wish, freedom of con-  
science our mission,  
and the guarantee of equal  
rights to all people every-  
where our ultimate goal.*

### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.





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## From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

Brethren all, while searching the Web, I found this most interesting article of a "Masonic thought at Christmas" and thought it appropriate to share it with the membership of the Valley of Everett.

### **FREEMASONRY AND CHRISTMAS** – *Author Unknown*

*The observance of Christmas doesn't seem to bring satisfaction to some people. On one hand, many say it's too religious, and thus don't want Christmas trees in public buildings and nativity scenes within a shepherd's crook length on government lawns. On the other hand, many say it's not religious enough; it's too commercial. They've been saying it for years—it's the central theme behind the charming animated cartoon A Charlie Brown Christmas which was made some 50+ years ago.*

*Setting that aside, what does Christmas mean to the Freemason? Certainly Freemasonry is not a religion, Christian or otherwise. It leaves the determination on spiritual matters to each individual Mason, so long as he believes in the Almighty Creator. But there are certain messages from the story of Christmas that are applicable to all Masons, not just those who celebrate a certain birth on December 25th. Many Christians feel God gave his greatest gift to mankind, and that Gift's birth is marked on Christmas Day. And the spirit of giving is also outlined in our Masonic ceremonies. The new Entered Apprentice Mason is reminded in the northeast corner of charity, and to practice it whenever possible. There's the monetary charity of that portion of our ceremony. And there's another kind. The one referred to in the Charge in the same degree which admonishes "to relieve his necessities, soothe his afflictions, and do to him as you would that he, under similar circumstances, should do unto you." In other words, the Golden Rule, from the Sermon on the Mount.*

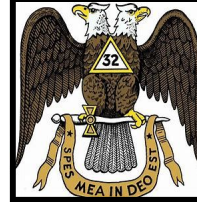
*Christmas is a time of faith for our Christian brethren. But all Masons are reminded in the different degrees of the principle of faith. In the explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board, we hear "How ready and willing ought we to be to adore the Almighty Creator." Therefore, let this time of year serve as a reminder to all Masons to practice their faith, whatever it may be.*

*Faith and Charity are names of principal staves or rounds on the Ladder you see every meeting on that Tracing Board. But there is another round, and that is Hope in Salvation. While Salvation has a particular connotation to those who believe in the story of the virgin birth, the concept of some kind of reward for following Masonic principles during our lives winds its way through the various degrees, as those of you familiar with the working tools explanations of the Second and Third Degrees well know.*

*So let this season of the year remind all Masons, no matter what their religious beliefs, to follow those universal tenets of the Craft - Faith, Hope and Charity. Doing so should bring satisfaction to you at Christmas-time."*

From our Scottish Rite family to yours - may you all have a most joyous and pleasing holiday. Merry Christmas

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



Ronald J Archer  
Ralph A Beahler  
Bruce L Blakeslee  
Neil K Brown  
Donald D DuBois  
Albert K Gustafson  
Daniel G Hernandez  
Kenneth L Ivey  
Eric D Leslie  
Noel R Martinez  
Ronald W Meyers  
Warren C Nelsen  
Brian R Pelton  
William F Pepperell  
David D Pokrajac  
Antonio V Umali  
Kenneth D Wehl  
Mark S Wiggins  
Marion A Windell





# The History of Freemasons For the Month of December

**December 1**—Highland Park, Michigan. At first, the assembly line was meant for the production of magnetos, but it is soon expanded to build the entire automobile. The time to produce a Model-T was reduced from 12 hours to 93 minutes. This brought the motor car within the reach of the average man. Bro. Ford was raised in Palestine Lodge 357, Detroit, MI, in 1894.

**December 1**—In 1945 Bro. Burl Ives made his concert singing debut at Town Hall in New York City. Bro. Ives would go on to become a beloved cultural icon, well known as the voice of Frosty the Snowman in the animated TV production of "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer." The inscription on the Burl Ives monument in Mound Cemetery, Jasper County, Illinois, best summarizes the life and accomplishments of this great man and Mason. It reads: One of America's legendary entertainers whose career spanned more than a half century crossing all international borders. Equally at home before the royalty of Europe and the farm folk of Midwestern U.S.A. A performer whose unique style adapted to all media Literary, Radio, Movies, Recordings, Night Clubs Broadway and Concert Stage Carl Sandburg hailed him "The mightiest ballad singer of this or any other century." He lives on through his art. June 14, 1909 April 14, 1995. Appropriately, the passing of Ill. Bro. Ives was marked by a memorial service held, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of F.&A..M.. of California on May 4, 1995, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Los Angeles. Also, following graveside services by the Reverend Stephen Willis, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton, Illinois, the officers of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.&F.A.M. Masons of the State of Illinois assembled on May 15, 1995, at Mound Cemetery to conduct a memorial service of the Craft for Brother Ives as a courtesy to his home Lodge, Magnolia-La Cumbre No. 242, of Santa Barbara, California. The remains of Bro. Ives were then placed in the grave. An extensive article on Bro. Ives appears in the October, 1996, Scottish Rite Journal of Freemasonry, the Southern Jurisdiction. Prior to his death, he had a long time residence in Anacortes, Washington.

**December 14** -In 1783 Bro. and General George Washington bid farewell at a private gathering of his officers at Fraunces Tavern in downtown New York City. At that gathering, Bro. Washington, with tears in his eyes, embraced each man, then silently strode out of the room; He was to appear before the Confederation Congress on 23 December to officially resign as Commanding General of the Continental Armies.

**December 14**— 1896 American aviator and World War II hero Bro. James Harold Doolittle was born at Alameda, CA. A Lt. General in the Army Air Force, he was the first person to fly across North America in less than a day. On April 18, 1942, Bro. Doolittle led a squadron of 16 B-25 bombers launched from aircraft carriers, on the first US aerial raid on Japan of world War II. The bombers hit Tokyo, Osaka and Kobe. After the strike all 16 planes headed for China where they came down on darkened airfields. Damage to Tokyo was slight but the raid provided a great morale booster. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for this accomplishment. Doolittle also headed the 8th Air Force during the Normandy invasion. He died September 27, 1993, at Pebble Beach, CA.

December 29—In 1808 was born the 17th President of the US, Bro. Andrew Johnson, at Raleigh, NC. Bro. Johnson was proprietor of a Larens, SC tailor shop before entering politics and becoming Vice President under Abraham Lincoln. On Lincoln's assassination he became President and the first US President to be impeached. He was acquitted March 26, 1868 by the Senate. After his term of office as President he made several unsuccessful attempts to win public office, finally to be elected US Senator from Tennessee. He served from March 4, 1875, until his death at Carter's Station, TN, July 31, 1875., Bro. Johnson was initiated, passed and raised at Greenville Lodge 19 at Greenville, TN, in 1851. A Knight Templar, he was also the first President who took up the degree of the Scottish Rite in which he received the 32nd degree in June, 1867.

**December 31**—In 1880 at Uniontown, PA was born the father of the Marshall Plan and the man who was Chairman of the newly formed joint chiefs of staff during World War II - George Catlett Marshall. Bro. Marshall accompanied Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, when US President, and represented the US at most Allied war conferences., He served as Secretary of State and designer of The Marshall Plan for European recovery after World War II for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953. Bro. Marshall was made a Mason "at sight" on December 16, 1941, by Ara M. Daniels, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral of the District. Bro. Marshall died at Washington, DC on October 16, 1959.

# ***DO GOOD UNTO ALL***

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

At the turn of the millennium, some 22 plus years ago, in the year 2000, MWB Bill R. Wood was our Grand Master with his theme for his year was "Do Good Unto All." This my brothers, it comes from part of the Jurisdiction of Washington Closing Charge where it so eloquently stated "*Remember that at this altar you have promised to be-friend and relieve every Brother who shall need your as-sistance. You have been enjoined to remind a brother in a most friendly manner of his fault, to endeavor to aid in his reformation, and to defend his character. These generous principles extend further, for every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Finally my Brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace; and may the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with you and bless you.*" In the year 2000, we as Masons, all worked together with MWB Bill by doing good to all and today we as Masons we are still continuing to "Doing Good Un-to All", a theme from many years ago but still remains and active practice of all Masons through our Masonic teach-ing, degree work and our daily lives

We have been taught in the early stages of Freemasonry

the three great tenants or pillars of Freemasonry are "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty." As we progressed in our degree work to be raised as a Master Mason we are taught that the names of the three great pillars have been changed and they are "Faith, Hope and Charity – which admonishes us to have Faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity for all mankind. The greatest of these is Charity; for our Faith may be lost in sight, Hope may end in fruition but Charity extends beyond the grave through the boundless realm of eternity."

As we come upon this Christmas season, the joyous season of giving, take the time to investigate, look around to your Lodge, your home, your work or any surrounding and see what needs to be done and what you could possi-bly do to be a part of it. Charity, does not mean only giv-ing monetary assistance, it is devoted to the welfare and happiness of all mankind to include friendship Brethren, remember the three Great Tenants of Freemason, Faith, Hope and Charity as well as the four little words from one on our Past Grand Master, MWB Bill R. Wood. "**Do Good Unto All.**"

## ATTENTION TO ALL PARENTS WHO NEED TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA

Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?."

Dad: "Ok, I agree that your old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a danger-ous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never

again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"  
Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know"

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes there is a Santa Claus"

Son: "Really?"

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actu-



ally bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most im-portant, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

Help each other this Christmas and always be kind.

# Those Men Who Wear Those Masonic Rings

By WB Michael R. Strampe, Lake Lodge #189, F&AM, Milwaukee, WI

Submitted By: Mike Tando, 32°

Those men who help my dad each day,  
They wear those mason rings.  
A Square and Compass set in gold,  
The praise of which I sing.



Long years have passed since when  
My dad was in that plaster cast.  
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,  
Which unites us to the last.

My dad, he hurt his back you know,  
One cold and wintery day.  
He slipped and fell upon the ice,  
The insurance would not pay.

But more than that I'm proud to say,  
I wear his Mason ring.

The one dad wore for many years,  
Until his death this Spring.  
And one last time his comrades came,  
To aid my weeping mother.  
They praised and bid a fond farewell,  
To our fallen Brother.

And since that time those rings I see,  
On hands that help us much.  
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,  
Each day my heart they touch.

And after which MY son did ask,  
About their Aprons white.  
And of the rings upon their hands.  
Of gold so shiny bright.

They even built a house for me,  
Amid our backyard tree.  
Where all the neighbor kids,  
Would play with laughter full of glee.

With tearful eyes I said with pride,  
They're men of spirit pure.  
Those men who wear those Mason rings,  
Of that you can be sure.

My mom she cried from happiness,  
The time the Masons came.  
To aid our family in distress,  
Without a thought of gain.

And before he went to bed that night,  
The family he foretold.  
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,  
A Square and Compass gold.

And when I'm big, just like my dad,  
Of this it must be told.  
I want to wear a ring like his,  
A Square and Compass gold.



**DON'T DELAY, THERE IS A MASTER MASON WAITING FOR YOU TO INVITE HIM TO BECOME A VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE MASON**

***The Cost for the Scottish Rite Degrees for the Class of 2023 is \$300.00***

***A printable copy of the Membership Petition for membership for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Class of 2022-2023 can be found on the page 12 in the newsletter.***



# Today in Masonic History it's Christmas Day.



On this special day I am taking the opportunity to talk about Freemasonry and it's role in the world.

Freemasonry, as you probably know if you are reading this site, is not a religion. We welcome people of all different faiths and beliefs into our organization we only ask that you have a monotheistic belief in a supreme being.

This brings me to the time of year we are in, Christmas. At one time in the world this was the celebration of hope as we moved from the darkest day of the year and the days began to get brighter. We now celebrate with Christmas and the birth of Christ who taught very specific lessons when dealing with your fellow man. These lessons are taught in other religions as well.

The lessons Christ taught were of tolerance, justice, hope and kindness, to only name a few. These lessons are taught throughout Freemasonry. It is because of this that I believe Freemasonry truly embodies the idea of the Christmas season year round.

In our lodges and other Masonic organizations we daily, not just at this time of year, plan and perform acts to help the communities we are in. We teach our members, our brothers, to deal honestly and fairly with all whom we encounter. We stand on the level with our brothers whether we have known them for years or we are first meeting them on that day. We don't care what their religious affiliation is or their political affiliation we know that if they are standing there in that room with us, they believe that we have the right to our beliefs just as we believe they have the right to theirs.

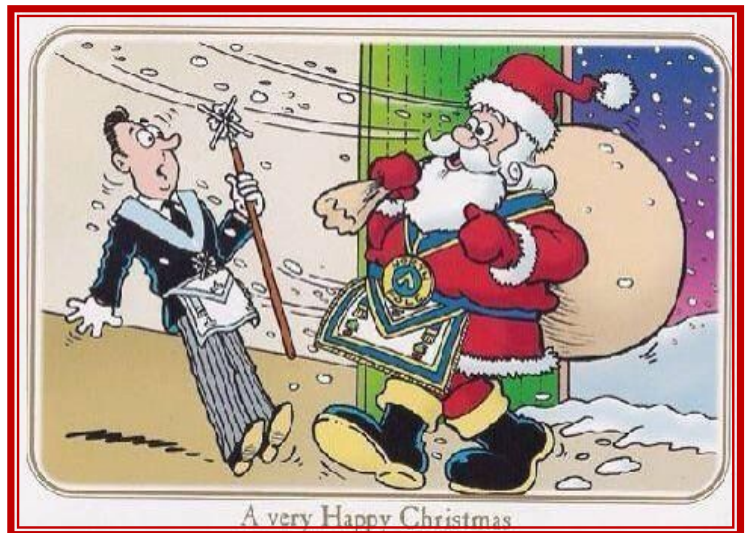
The positive energy that is generated in our lodges hopefully makes it's way into the community through the acts of the individual masons. We learn the lessons of tolerance, justice and hope so well in our meetings and Masonic activities that we instinctively act in the same way when out in the world.

We have been accused of running the world, most certainly not the case. I do believe we are changing it everyday though, when we walk out into the world and display that Masonic Spirit, that Christmas Spirit and we make the world just that much better by being in it and sharing with the world the ideals that Freemasonry is founded on.

I say this in the most secular way possible Merry Christmas to all regardless of faith, may this season bring you joy, happiness and a better tomorrow!

I am a member of Washington Lodge No. 3 in Williston, Vermont. I am a member of York Rite, Scottish Rite and I am a 33° Mason. All opinions on this day (and any day) are my own and may not reflect those of the Jurisdiction I am a part of.

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# YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

## DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENINGS

### December 2022

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Lodge</i>        | <i>Event</i>                  |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dec 06      | Tuesday    | 6:00PM      | Shoreline 248       | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |
| Dec 08      | Thursday   | 6:30PM      | Edmonds 165         | Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner  |
| Dec 13      | Tuesday    | 6:00PM      | Yancy C Blalock 265 | Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner  |
| Dec 20      | Tuesday    | 6:30PM      | Mill Creek 243      | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |
| Dec 22      | Thursday   | 6:00PM      | Ashler 121          | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |

## DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

### December 2022

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Lodge</i>      | <i>Event</i>                  |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dec 06      | Tuesday    | 7:00PM      | Sultan Monroe 160 | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |
|             | Tuesday    | 7:00PM      | Crystal 122       | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |
| Dec 07      | Wednesday  | 6:30 PM     | Centennial 25     | Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner |
| Dec 08      | Thursday   | 6:30PM      | Peninsular 95     | Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner  |
| Dec 12      | Monday     | 7:30PM      | Everett 137       | Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner  |
| Dec 13      | Tuesday    | 6:00PM      | Damascus 199      | Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner  |
| Dec 14      | Wednesday  | 6:30PM      | Arlington 129     | Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner |
|             | Wednesday  | 6:30 PM     | Alpha 212         | Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner  |
| Dec 20      | Tuesday    | 7:00PM      | Sultan Monroe 160 | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |
|             | Tuesday    | 7:00PM      | Crystal 122       | Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner |
| Dec 21      | Wednesday  | 7:30 PM     | West Gate 128     | Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner |
| Dec 27      | Tuesday    | 6:00 PM     | Damascus 199      | Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner  |
| Dec 28      | Wednesday  | 6:30PM      | Arlington 129     | Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner |

## DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

### December 2022

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Lodge</i>         | <i>Event</i>                     |
|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dec 01      | Thursday   | 6:30 PM     | Burlington United 93 | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 06      | Tuesday    | 6:30 PM     | Mount Baker 36       | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 07      | Wednesday  | 6:30 PM     | San Juan 175         | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 08      | Thursday   | 6:30 PM     | Camano 19            | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 13      | Tuesday    | 6:30 PM     | Fidalgo 77           | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 15      | Thursday   | 6:30 PM     | Garfield 41          | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 20      | Tuesday    | 6:30 PM     | Whidby 15            | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 27      | Tuesday    | 6:30 PM     | Langley 218          | 6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting   |
| Dec 28      | Wednesday  | 7:30 PM     | District 9           | LAO Fidalgo 77 Host Reg. 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.**

# A MASON'S CHRISTMAS

"I don't believe in a Christmas celebration by the lodge. I don't think we ought to have one, or be asked to contribute to one or in any way engage in Christmas festivities."

"The Junior Mason spoke emphatically and with marked disapproval of the little ante-room group nearby, making happy plans for Yule-tide.

"That's very interesting," commented the Old Past Master. I like to hear points of view unfamiliar to me. Would you mind telling me why?"

"Of course not. It's very simple. Masonry is not Christian. King Solomon, of course, wasn't a Christian, nor were either of the Hiram's. Masonry admits to her ranks any good man of faith; Christian, Jewish, Mohammedan, Buddhist... it makes no difference, so he has a Faith. Then, as a lodge, we celebrate a holiday belonging to one faith. Now I personally am a Christian, and of course I celebrate Christmas. But my brother across the way is a Jew, who does not recognize Christianity. To ask him to spend his proportion of lodge funds in celebrating the birth of a Leader in Whom he does not believe would be exactly like asking me to celebrate, with my proportion of lodge money, the birth of Confucius. Of course, I have only one vote and the majority rules, but when it comes to personal contributions to a Masonic Christmas celebration, my hands will never come out of my pockets."

He shoved them deeper in as he spoke to emphasize his intention not to spend.

"Hum!" answered the Old Past Master. "So you think your Jewish brother across the way doesn't recognize Christianity? Don't you mean he doesn't recognize Christ as the Son of God? Wait a minute... Oh, Brother Samuels." The Old Past Master called across the ante-room. "Here a minute, will you?"

The Jewish brother rose and came forward.

"I just wanted to ask you if you are in favor or against the lodge Christmas celebration?" asked the Old Past Master.

"Me? I am in favor of it, of course, both for the lodge appropriation and the individual contribution."

"Thank you," nodded the Old Past Master. Then as the Jewish brother went back to his seat, he turned to the Junior Mason.

"You see, my son, our Jewish friend is not narrow. He does not believe in Christ as the Redeemer, but he recognizes that he lives in a country largely Christian, and belongs to a lodge largely Christian. To him the Christmas celebration is not one of His birthday, but of the spirit of joyousness and love which we mean when we sing, at Christmas time 'Peace on earth, good will towards men!' If you argue that 'peace'

is only a Christian word, he might even quote to you the words of One who said 'I bring you not Peace, but a Sword.'

"Now let me explain something to you. The Jew has just as much right to refuse to recognize Christ as the Son of God, as you have to refuse to consider Mohammed the Prophet the followers of Allah say he is. But as an educated man, you must know that Mohammed was a good man, a devout leader, a wise teacher. As an educated man, you admit that the religion founded by Buddha has much in it that is good, and you admit that Confucius was a wise and just leader. Were you in the land where the birthdays of any of these were celebrated, would you refuse your part in the people's joy in their Leader, simply because you followed another? I trust not. Well, neither do our Jewish brethren or our Mohammedan brethren, desire to be left out of our celebration. They may not believe in the Divinity of Him we, as Christians, follow, but if they are good men and good Masons... they are perfectly willing to admit that the religion we follow is as good for us as theirs is for them, and to join with us in celebrating the day which is to us the glad day of all the year.

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"Believe me, boy, Christmas doesn't mean Christ's birthday to many a man who calls himself Christian. It is not because of joy the He was born that many a good man celebrates Christmas. It is because his neighbor celebrates it, because it is a time of joy for little ones, because it is a day when he can express his thanks to his God that he is allowed to have a wife and family and children and friends and a lodge, because of that very 'peace on earth' spirit which is no more the property of the Gentile than the Jew, the Chinese or the Mohammedan.

"It is such a spirit that Masons join, all, in celebrating Christmas. It is on the Masonic side of the tree we dance, not the Christian side. When this lodge erects its Christmas tree in the basement and throws it open to the little ones of the poor of this town, you will find children of all kinds there; black, white, yellow, and brown, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Mohammedan. And you will find a Jew at the door, and among the biggest subscriptions will be those from some Jewish brethren, and there is a Jew who rents cars for a living who will supply us a dozen free to take baskets to those who cannot come. And when the Jewish Orphan Asylum has its fair, in the Spring, you will find many a Christian Mason attending to spend his money and help along the cause dear to his Jewish brethren,

never remembering that they are of a different faith. That, my son, is Masonry."

"For Charity is neither Christian nor Jewish, nor Chinese nor Buddhistic. And celebrations which create joy in little hearts and feed the hungry and make the poor think that Masons do not forget the lessons in lodge, are not Christian alone, though they be held at Christmas, and are not for Christians alone, though the celebration be in His honor. Recall the ritual: 'By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and low, the rich and poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other'.

"It is with this thought that we, as Masons, celebrate Christmas, to bring joy to our brethren and their little ones, and truly observe the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God, whether we be Jew or Gentile, Mohammedan or Buddhist." The Old Past Master ceased and stood musing, his old eyes looking back along a long line of lodge Christmas trees about which eager little faces danced. Then he turned to the Junior Mason.

"Well," he said smiling, "Do you understand?"

"I thank you for my Christmas present," came the answer. "Please tell me to which brother I should make my Christmas contribution?"

## Director of Works

By David E Augustson, 32°, KCCH

I am writing to as Director of Works which supervises the acted Degrees. Besides Props and Costumes, it is imperative that we have Degree Masters, who organizes the actors for that particular Degree. A Degree Master is given a full script, you are the director of that production and once the cast is set, arrange for a rehearsal. You would work with the Director of Works and coordinate the production.

We are in need of Degree Masters and actors willing to put in the time that you received when you were the candidate. All members of Scottish Rite were once candidates for the 32 Degrees. These Brothers were there for your benefit and education. Without your participation, there are no Degrees and then no Scottish Rite Masonry. I have no doubt, we all have obligations and events that prevents your attendance. True, the pandemic, hurt all Masonic bodies with attendance. We became used to staying home

and watching the occasional Zoom.

I am not writing this to admonish you or sway your decisions. I am writing this article to reach out to those who want to be a part of the something bigger than yourself. I, myself, love performing these Degrees. If you're bashful, but want to step forward, there are parts that require little reading and talking. If you step forward, we will fit you with a position that you feel comfortable in. The new years class starts in January. That is why I am reaching out to you now. When you joined Masonry, you wanted to be a part of an organization that promotes brotherhood and have similar morals as yourself. Scottish Rite is a further Masonic education. We need educators to be not only on the stage, but on the sidelines.

Contact me anytime to offer up your services or answer your questions.





# 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 2022-2023 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

**The petition fees for the degrees of the Scottish Rite Masonry (4th through the 32nd) include the following: a copy of the book "Bride 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**

# ***VALLEY OF EVERETT***

## ***COMING EVENTS***

### **Valley of Everett** **Annual Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**3:00 PM**

**At the**

**Everett Scottish Rite Temple**

**2431 Rucker Ave**

**Everett, Washington**

**Scottish Rite Members, Ladies, Children and Guest  
Are cordially invited to attend**

**RSVP Required to Terry Grove at 425-610-4561**

**Or email him at Terrygrove50@yahoo.com**

**Deadline for RSVP—December 15th, 2022**

### **Valley of Everett – Orient of Washington**

### **November 2022 through December 2022 Calendar of Events**

|               |               |   |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Dec 05</b> | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet – Stated Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Dec 18</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Valley of Everett Christmas Party—3:00 PM</b>  |
| <b>Dec 19</b> | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Council of Kadosh—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting</b>  |
| <b>Dec 26</b> | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM</b>                                     |
| <b>Jan 02</b> | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Lodge of Perfection—Stated Meeting— 6:30 PM buffet/7:30 PM Meeting<br/>Conferral of the 4th Degree</b> |
| <b>Jan 16</b> | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Lodge of Perfection— 6:30 PM Buffet – Stated Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Jan 23</b> | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 6:00 PM</b>                                     |

**Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share with them the opportunities that are available to them in the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite.**

# VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE MONTHLY RENTAL SCHEDULE

|              |           |          |  |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--|
| Dec 01, 2022 | Thursday  | 7:30 PM  | Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star             |
| Dec 03, 2022 | Saturday  | 10:00 AM | Prince Hall - Evergreen #9                       |
| Dec 03, 2022 | Saturday  | 1:00 PM  | Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star |
| Dec 04, 2022 | Sunday    | 1:00PM   | Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118                    |
| Dec 07, 2022 | Wednesday | 7:30 PM  | Amaranth - Welcome Court #58                     |
| Dec 08, 2022 | Thursday  | 1:00 PM  | Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Virtual + Stated Zoom  |
| Dec 14, 2022 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Rainbow Assembly #9                              |
| Dec 15, 2022 | Thursday  | 7:30 PM  | Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star            |
| Dec 22, 2022 | Thursday  | 1:00 PM  | Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 -Virtual + Stated Zoom   |

## Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

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

*Annual Yearly Dues for 2023 (Due December 31, 2022).....\$187 for the Year*

*Life Membership Fees over 75 year Old .....\$500*

*Life Membership Fees under 75 years old.....\$750*

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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)

The Grand Lodge of Washington Monthly Messenger is currently available to all Masons at the following website

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