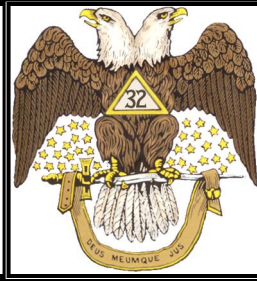


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# THE RITE BULLETIN



From The Personal Representative  
III. James G. Hamlin, 33°



Thank you for your attendance at our November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to see our worthy Brother George Foster receive the Rank and Honor of a Knight Commander of Court of Honor from our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Alvin Jorgensen 33°. It was great to see so many wives, guests, and Brothers that evening. On October 7<sup>th</sup> in an Orient-wide ceremony Brother Marvin Anderson 32° KCCH was also honored, and Illustrious Brother Warren Schoeben 33° was coronated as an Inspector General Honorary.

November 6<sup>th</sup> was also a day of transition from one Personal Representative to another. Everett Valley has had excellent leadership since I have been involved in the Rite. Illustrious Brothers Carl Smith, Wayne Smith and most recently Don Munks have served us well. Many thanks and appreciation for what they have done for Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and the Valley of Everett in our continued search for knowledge and wisdom.

As I mentioned that evening, I cannot do what they have done, but working together we can. To move our Valley forward we must share the labor needed to run our organization. As with many of our Blue Lodges, a few tend to do most of the work. By each of us taking a little more responsibility, we can do great things. Each member of this Valley has a unique talent, and we can use your abilities to strengthen our cause.

There is much to do; degrees, building maintenance, education, by-laws revisions, vendor relations, Concordant body communications, and much more. Little things like putting your chair up after our dinners, taking a role in a degree, volunteering to be a degree director, sharing the Scottish Rite message with your Blue Lodges, taking the lead & facilitating a discussion at a meeting, or just taking the trash out. At a recent Rainbow Assembly meeting one of the advisors told me she had spent four or five hours trimming our landscape; she did this on her own as a service to the Valley.

My goal is to assist the Valley of Everett to move to being a premier Scottish Rite Valley. Not in

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*Merry Christmas  
to our Brethren  
and their  
Families!*



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comparison or competition with other Valleys, but by being recognized for our Degree work, maintaining & improving our building, our sound financials, our effective communication with our members, Concordant bodies & our non-Masonic renters, and most importantly, truly being the University of Freemasonry.

To accomplish this, our Temple Board must do its job, each of the four Valley bodies, Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh & the Consistory, must fulfil their responsibilities, and each member of our Valley must be "All-In." I look forward to hearing from you.

To those of you who may not attend on a regular basis, please consider spending some time at our meetings. You are valued for what you bring to the Fraternity, your thoughts, your ideas, your

knowledge, your wisdom, and your hands. Together we will learn the lessons of the Scottish Rite.

At our first December meeting on the fourth, we will honor King County Fire District #50, in Skykomish. Their work during the 2022 Bolt Creek fire helped save lives, property along Hwy 2, and the town of Skykomish. This mostly volunteer fire district will be represented by their Chief and his wife. This event is open to all, and a RSVP is required. Please join us in thanking this group of fire-fighters for the work they do every day.

Our December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the Valley's Installation of Officers and balloting on the petitions for 2024 candidates. The class of 2024 has been named after Illustrious Brother Carl Smith 33<sup>o</sup>, (Past Grand Master of Masons in Washington, and Past Personal Representative to the Valley of Everett) as a memorial to this great Mason.

## 2024 Life Membership Per Capita

By Kenneth Thompson, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, Treasurer, Valley of Everett

Brethren all:

As projected increases are inevitable in both our homes and as well - the Valley of Everett Temple. There is Insurance, Taxes, Utilities along with need to create a contingency fund to handle unexpected expenses like the roof, furnace; elevator and/or other maintenance issues that tend to bite us in the behind when they are least expected.

The Valley of Everett has done some major work to our kitchen to make it a licensed commissary kitchen and we presently have several vendors who pay rent and storage rooms fees. With this comes the burden of a required cleaning policy of the of the installed kitchen stove vents and inspection of the Ansul Fire System, which is twice a year and then pay \$600 dollars annually permit fees to the Snohomish County Health Department for that privilege. All this requires us to hire a certified licensed technician to perform these functions. The rent and storage fees received from these vendors cover these costs and also produces a positive flow of income to the Valley of Everett.

The Valley of Everett is on a very tight budget and as the Treasurer for the Valley of Everett, I keep a close watch on both the dollars and pennies that are received and expended each and every month.

As we are all apparent, each year the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite assesses

every Orient in the nation a per capita fee per member of \$32.00 and the Orient of Washington assesses a per capita of \$2 for Rite Care and \$3 for Scholarship for a total annual assessment of \$5, together a total of \$37.00 per member per year. After a lengthy discussion in the Lodge of Perfection - it was M/S/P to increase annual dues to \$187.00 which includes \$150.00 for their Annual Dues to the Valley of Everett and Annual Per Capita of \$37.00 which all non-life members pay annually.

Life members have been told that as a life membership your dues and per capita would be covered for the rest of your life and after, when the Supreme Architect calls you to his house, not made with hands. The Valley of Everett understands this however your Valley is asking for the assistance of all its Life Members. If you and your family are financially able to and that it will not cause financial harm to yourself and family, please forward your 2024 Per Capita of \$37.00 to our General Secretary Terry Grove. Your check can be mailed directly to Valley of Everett Scottish Rite, 2431 Rucker Ave, Unit 1, Everett, Washington 98201.

Thank you, my Brethren, for taking the time to read this article and responding if you are able to support the Valley of Everett with the submission of your 2024 per capita, please be sure that your generosity will be much appreciated. Thank you again.

# The Enlightenment and Masonry, Part 7

By Richard Llewellyn Jones, 32°, KCCH

We can trace the period historians refer to the Enlightenment to Francis Bacon (1561-1626). He undertook a systematic criticism of the Western intellectual inheritance from the Renaissance. His criticisms were adopted by intellectual luminaries such as Newton, Hobbes, Locke, Hume, Rousseau and Voltaire, as well as early Masons like Moray and Ashmole. But what was the basis of the criticism. Why did Bacon and his followers believe the prevailing intellectual paradigms of their age were inadequate? And, what did they argue should replace the prevailing intellectual paradigms?

To answer these questions it is important to understand the European universities and colleges from the Middle Ages through to the Renaissance were largely run by the Church – specifically, the Catholic Church. There were generally only three major areas of intellectual pursuit for which young men of culture and prominence could obtain degrees: theology (with the goal of ordination), law and medicine. The curriculum consisted primarily of the “seven liberal arts”. As Masons were familiar with the “seven liberal arts”, which consist of the Trivium (logic, grammar and rhetoric) and the Quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, astronomy and music). This curriculum remained largely fixed during the Middle Ages until approximately 1200.

In about 1200, universities and colleges began adopting what scholars now refer to as “Aristotelian Scholasticism”. This was essentially a fusion of Aristotelian philosophy and Christian theology. Students pursued their study of the “seven liberal arts” through a form of analysis known as “disputatio” (disputation) by which knowledge was obtained based in order of importance, on the Bible, Christian intellectual authorities (e.g. Duns Scotus (1266-1308) and Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274)), logical deduction from these authorities and, finally, verification of these deductions through observation of the world around us. Note experience and observation of the world around us is the last issue to be considered.

Under this paradigm, authority upon which one could rely to obtain the “truth” of an issue could be either supernatural or natural. Supernatural authority was generally scriptural – the Bible. Natural authorities were generally those of the past, either Greek philosophers (primarily Aristotle) or Christian theologians who could reveal the truths of the Catholic faith and apply them to the observable world.

Reason, by which one evaluate the authorities and world around us could either be inductive or deductive. But, Aristotelian Scholasticism adopted deductive reason-



ing – deriving “truth” from things known based upon well-established authority. Experience and observations of the world around us were too diverse and complicated and was of little help in obtaining true knowledge, except as illustrative of things known by authority and logical deduction. Obviously, choosing which experience and observation best illustrated knowledge based on scholastic authority and deduction became the basis of much argument in the universities of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Deductive reasoning depended upon a clear understanding of how and why things happened what “caused” them to happen. For Aristotle, causality was broken down into four components: the material cause (what something is made of), the formal cause (the particular form the material cause presents itself), the efficient cause (what bring the form into existence from the material cause) and the final cause (the reason or purpose the form was brought into existence). By way of an example, a wooden bowl is made of wood (the material cause), it is made into a bowl (the formal cause), it was created by a wood carver (the efficient cause) and it was made to hold soup (the final cause).

For Medieval and Renaissance scholastics, the world strove to comply with God’s order and the fulfillment of His purposes. There was a very specific hierarchy of being, in order of importance: from God, to incorporeal angels and demons (pure spirit), to man (with a reasoning soul, but a corporeal body), to rocks (with no soul whatsoever). Note that man is fairly low on the list of importance.

This grand paradigm prevailed for over three centuries until our means of observing the world around us improved, largely due to the invention of the telescope and improved optical lenses that improved the magnification of the telescopes, thanks to such luminaries as Copernicus, Galileo, Brahe and Kepler. These technical improvements in man’s ability to observe brought into question the Ptolemaic view of the cosmos in which the earth was presumed to be the center of the universe and, in turn, raised existential questions as to the validity of the Aristotelian Scholastic paradigm upon which Middle Age and Renaissance education was based.

In response, men of learning, such as Francis Bacon, to whom we will turn in the next article, argued that the world could be better explained and understood through inductive reasoning: moving from the particulars of observed nature to general principles that could be tested experimentally – or, as we now refer to it, the scientific method.

## From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

While lying in bed this morning, I was reflecting on the numerous changes that I have experienced over the last nine (9) years as your valley secretary. My appointment in 2015, and the 102 brothers lost to the celestial lodge above. Then my thoughts went into the transition from the old Everett Masonic Center (EMC) to our current Scottish Rite Temple (SRT). Back in 2014/2015 we had 270 members – now we are down to 168. Then I began to reflect on the efforts made by very few brothers to establish our present home. Many of you may be familiar with the old Pareto principal, that 90% of the work is completed by 10% of the people. Then you must also consider the many supreme sacrifices made by those who have gone before us WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam and our most recent conflicts in the middle east, and now in Israel.

We all became Masons in our hearts before we joined our respective lodges. We all wanted to be a part of the solution vs the problem. We all took the obligation to unite into one sacred band of society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention or rather emulation of who could best work and best agree. Then you get to the closing charge to do good unto all. As we all give way to father time, we gradually creep up in age. For the most part— our present average age has reached around 72-73. If we are to be a source of enlightenment to our brothers – you and they need to come to the meetings. Unfortunately – we have only averaged around 15 attendees or 9%. Statistically 72% of you live within 30–45-minute commute time to lodge. My simple question is – where are you guys? What are you doing?

## Updating your Valley or Lodge Roster

By WB Ken Thompson, PM, Peninsular Lodge #95 F&AM

Brother Secretaries, how often have you sent Snail Mail out to you Lodge or Valley Members and you never get a response. Why, because the address you are using is probably old, or the that the Brother that you are trying to contact has moved two (2) or three (3) times and you do not have their current address.

There is a cure for this at no cost, as long as you are mailing your correspondence by the USPS at the first-class mail rate in either a letter or a postcard format. The United States Postal Service has the “RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED” service which is at no additional cost to the sender unless you send it third

class mail.

**As you address the correspondence to the individual be sure to add the word “RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED” on the line below your return address. What this does is, if the person has moved in the past 18 months, the correspondence will be returned to you with a yellow label with the addressee’s new address. If the intended party is not at the address and it has been longer than 18 months, it will be return to you “No forwarding address on file” and you can now update your files either with the new address or no forward address on**

## Valley of Everett Coming Event First Responder Awards Dinner

**Monday, December 4th, 2023—6:30 PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner  
At the Everett Scottish Rite Temple  
2431 Rucker Ave  
Everett, Washington**

**RSVP to our General Secretary Terry Grove  
no later than November 30th, 2023 at 425-610-4561 (home)  
Or [terrygrove50@yahoo.com](mailto:terrygrove50@yahoo.com)**

# Is Father Christmas a Freemason?

By David Downie, St Trinians Lodge No 2050, Isle of Man

I have a very serious question to put to you all.

I would like to raise it with you and then do some detective work, examining the evidence that might lead us to answering it.

It is a most important question that I am sure you have often asked yourself, and relates our Craft to the wider society in which we live and concerns several major issues of this season. This very serious question is "Is Father Christmas a Freemason?"

Let us consider the facts of this case: Of whom does this remind you?

A worthy gentleman, who is (we must admit) getting on a bit in years and is perhaps a little overweight, who wears a very distinctive costume as the badge of his activities, who provides the opportunity for friends and visitors to meet in fellowship, who is surrounded by secrecy and mystery, dispenses goodwill and the charity of gifts all over the world (avoiding ostentatious public display while doing so) and is there doing it year after year!

Well, fellow detectives, you must admit that this description could fit either Santa or a Freemason. But this is merely circumstantial evidence. We need some proof!

Let us start with his movements on the evening in question. All the reports have him coming from the North Pole. As the sun rises in the east to open and enliven the day, and with him needing to finish the world before dawn, then he would have to begin in the East and move towards the West. Therefore Father Christmas must begin his journey at the north-east corner of the world. This, of course, is exactly what we do with an Entered Apprentice.

Similarly, you would assume he would finish heading for home, which would place him in the north-west corner at the end of his work, to give his salute to the world and leave. Convincing proof, you must agree!

But, think too, he undertakes this great journey to provide the gifts but once a year, and I am sure that any Brother Treasurer will agree that this is exactly the frequency with which most Brethren provide the gift of their charity to the lodge! And the secrecy, the mystery? Those of you who are parents, remember.



What was the worst crime that an older child could commit at this time of the year? To tell the younger ones the secret of Santa, to break the faith that they should have kept. And I am sure your punishment of them pointed out that they were void of all moral worth and totally unfit to be received into the dinner table but be sent to their room for destroying something that was so good, so worthwhile and so innocent.

Surely all this evidence shows us beyond doubt that Father Christmas is a Freemason! He practices Brotherly

Love and Relief; we are happy to meet him and the Christmas season, and sorry to part.

All the details, his wearing of a uniform, the rituals that happen year in year out, the fact he is a male ... On a more serious note, Brethren, the way the whole Christmas season has developed and is practiced does have many things in common with Freemasonry, and we can learn much about each from the other.

For instance, where did the figure we call Father Christmas come from originally? What is his background? Father Christmas, or Santa Claus, or St Nicholas has elements of pre-Christian myths and legends, which developed through the Middle Ages by being built into the great Christian story of God's wonderful gift to the world.

By the eighteenth and nineteenth century these details were formalized into the character that we still have today: his stylized uniform, his way of working, his ritual activities and sayings. This all sounds very Masonic.

The pre-Christian legends of Solomon's Temple, the pyramids, Pythagoras, and so on were developed through the Middle Ages by the great Christian cathedral builders, then formalized in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries into the uniform, the work, the rituals that we use today.

St Nicholas was actually a 4th century Turkish bishop who had originally been a rich nobleman. One of the stories about him was that he had helped a poor man who could not afford to pay for weddings for his 3 daughters.

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St Nicholas climbed onto the roof and threw a handful of gold coins down the chimney and these coins fell into the girls' stockings that had been hung up by the fire to dry. The girls were then able to marry well and lived happily ever after.

He has been considered the patron saint of poor children ever since. The legend became very popular in Europe, especially the Netherlands where it was mixed with elements from the pagan Yule or mid-winter festivals. St Nick became Santa Claus, who would arrive on December 6th (St Nicholas' Day) mounted on a white horse and visit children to enquire about their behavior the previous year.

Good children would be rewarded, and bad ones punished. The night before, children would leave a pair of the shoes or clogs out, filled with hay and carrots for the horse. In the morning these would be found, filled with sweets or small presents.

These traditions were taken to America by Dutch settlers, but it was the famous poem by Professor Clement Clark Moore which begins "'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house...." which settled most of the details into the Santa figure we know today.

Many of these details (such as the reindeer, and their names, the flying sledge, coming down the chimney) were first brought together in this poem, but Professor Moore took them from old traditions from as far afield as Finland and Siberia and they have stuck and become a single story. You can see how similar this is to the creation of our ritual and ceremonies.

While these also certainly include many elements that are ancient folklore, they were put together quite deliberately by identifiable people, with a specific aim: to create an impression in the minds of the Brethren taking part. Like the Santa legend, the details may be fictional, they may come

from many different sources, and they may even be inconsistent with each other. That does not matter.

It is the impression that all of them create as an entirety that is important. Would you deny all the good that the Santa story achieves, all the happiness it creates, just because it is a story? Of course not. And this is the real linking of Father Christmas and Freemasonry.

Why do we have Christmas and why do we have Father Christmas? We celebrate religious beliefs about the birth of goodness, and hope for the future; we reaffirm the belief that people are basically good and can develop into loving, caring, helpful, supporting friends to each other.

We look to a New Year where things can be better. We do this at this season whether we are celebrating the Christian Nativity, or the Jewish Hanukkah with its lights and gifts and story of peace, or the Hindu Diwali with its festival of lights and gifts of sweets and toys, or even if we hold no formal religion except the pleasure of seeing a child's face transfixed with wonder and delight. And why are we Freemasons? Because we believe that there are important things like goodness and hope for the future, and that men can develop into loving, caring, helpful, supporting Brethren to their families and each other.

We not only look to a future where things can be better, but we see it as our role, as Free and Accepted, or Symbolic, Masons, to help to build that future.

So, I feel I can safely say that Father Christmas is a Freemason. Not only does he show so many of the signs and tokens of being one, but he brings us a message that we, as Freemasons, can heed for the whole year.

Peace on earth, good will towards men!

*Merry Christmas*

**DON'T DELAY, THERE IS A MASONIC BROTHER JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO INVITE HIM TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE**

***Total Cost for the Class of 2024, the Ill. Carl Smith Tribute Class for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Degrees is \$300.00***

***A printable copy of the Membership Petition for membership for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Class of 2023-2024 can be found on the page 11 in the newsletter.***

# The History of Freemasons For the Month of December

**December 1**—In 1891 a teacher of physical education at the YMCA Training School a Springfield, MA wanted to create an indoor sport that could be played during the winter months Canadian-born Bro. James Naismith nailed up peach baskets at opposite ends of the gym and gave students soccer balls to toss into them. Thus was born the game we know as basketball.

**December 2**—In 1823 Bro. James Monroe as President of the U.S. , in his annual message to Congress , enunciated the doctrine that has his name and that long was hailed as a statement of U.S., policy. "In the wars of the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part ...and we would consider an attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety..." Not too well known is the role his Secretary of State John Quincy Adams played as co-author and inspiration for the Doctrine that bears Bro. Monroe's name. Other milestones of the fifth President of the US was the acquisition of Florida (1819), and the Missouri Compromise ( 1820) in which Missouri was declared a slave state. Bro. Monroe was initiated in Williamsburg Lodge 6, at Williamsburg, VA, when he was hardly 18-years-old. He stopped studying and left for the battle front to become a Fellowcraft and Master Mason in a military lodge during the war.

**December 5**—In 1792 Bro. George Washington, running virtually unopposed, was unanimously reelected President of the United States. His fellow Federalist John Adams, the incumbent Vice President, came in second in the electoral vote and was thus also reelected to his post, Bro. Washington did not want a second term. But because of a conflict between two members of his cabinet - Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, both of whom wanted the job - Bro. Washington decided the republic would; best be served if he remained in office until the political situation cooled.

**December 11**—In 1882 was born in New York City Bro. Fiorello Henry LaGuardia who became better-known as "The little Flower" while Mayor of New York City. While Mayor he took to reading "the funnies" to radio listeners during the city's newspaper strike. He said of himself: "when I make a mistake, it's a beaut." He served three terms as Mayor of New York City and with distinction as a diplomat. He was initiated in New York City's Garibaldi lodge 542 in 1913. Born in New York City, he died there September 20, 1947.

**December 14**—In 1799 our Brother, General George Washington passed away at his home in Mount Vernon, VA. Two days earlier he had made a tour on horseback of his farm in cold, snowy weather wherein he caught a severe cold. On his return his wife Martha found him to suffering a chill and high temperature. She sent for his doctor who arrived accompanied by two others. Bro. Washington in high fever could hardly speak, his throat being blocked. The doctors - all but one - administered the traditional cure at the time - leeches to "bleed" the general free of his throat congestion; They continued to remove considerable blood in hopes of relieving his distress and reducing the fever. The congestion remained. One doctor - the youngest - recommended a tracheotomy but was overruled. Bro. Washington, historians, agree might have been saved by a tracheotomy, instead of literally being bled to death. And so (prematurely) died Bro. Washington, most honored American, father of his country, and Freemason who was 20 years, eight months and 12 days old, when he was initiated on November 4. 1752 in Fredericksburg Lodge (now known as the Lodge at Fredericksburg) , then passed March 3, 1753, and raised August 4, at about the same time he became a Major and Adjutant in the Virginia Militia

**December 30**—In 1865, in Bombay, India, was born the Mason who was to become acclaimed an English poet, novelist and short story writer as well as Nobel Prize Laureate - Bro. Rudyard Kipling. Bro. Kipling was best known for his children's' books such as "The Jungle Book," "Just So Stories," poems such as "The Ballad of East and West" and "If." After working as a journalist India he traveled around the world then end married an American with whom he lived for many years in Vermont. Bro. Kipling was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907. Much of his writing contains Masonic allusions (notably "Kim," and "The Man Who Would Be King." "The Mother Lodge" is [probably the most quoted of all Masonic poems. He was initiated in Hope and Esperance Lodge 782, Lahore, India in 1887. On settling in England he became founder of two Lodges - Builders of the Silent City (in 1927), and Authors' Lodge. He was appointed poet laureate of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge at Edinburgh. Bro. Kipling died at London, England, January 18, 1936.

## ***GENUINE CHARITY***

By Dewey H. Wollstein, PGM, 32°, KCCH

There is a tendency today to use charity in a way that robs it of its beauty and leaves only a cold and inanimate word.

Many times an organization will be moved to perform an act of charity only to gain publicity and the material benefits which naturally follow such publicity. Many organizations "sell" something in order that they may obtain money which in turn they will distribute to various charities. These acts may be commendable but they do not carry the true spirit of charity.

The lesson of charity as taught in the first degree is perhaps the most important in all Masonry. If we teach the candidate Masonic Charity we go a long way toward making a Mason.

If you were to look for the secret in man's climb from the mud of ignorance to his place as a spiritual being, you would find it in the Ideal of Charity. When a man became conscious of his obligation to others and thus found joy in sharing with others- when man learned that he could impart something of value to others in time of joy and in time of sorrow- when man saw in others his own reflected hopes, ambitions and aspirations, he became One with God.

When you consider the deductions from your income tax for the amounts you gave to various organized charities, there is little of self included. You gave because you were expected to share in an impersonal appeal. This, too, may be commendable.

But in giving of self, you follow the lesson of Masonic Charity.

## **What Kind Of Mason Are You?**

A lot of Masons are like wheel barrows – no good unless pushed.

Some are like trailers – they have to be pulled.

Some are like kites – if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like balloons – full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like footballs – you can't tell which way they will bounce.

And then, some are like a good watch – open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

Reprinted from Tied to Masonic Apron String

## **VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec 04**      **Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Punch Bunch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner—  
First Responders Award Dinner—RSVP by November 30, 2023**
- Dec 18**      **Monday— Lodge of Perfection -6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting and Installation**
- Jan 15**      **Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting—Confer 4th°**
- Jan 29**      **Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM**
- Feb 05**      **Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting—Confer 14th°**
- Feb 19**      **Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet —Stated Meeting**
- Feb 26**      **Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- 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.**



## Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Petition Drive

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

The 2024 class presently has one holdover and several new petitioners for the Class of 2024 for the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite which will now be the **Ill. Bro. Carl Smith, 33°, Tribute Class**. We ask for all the present members of the Valley of Everett to promote Scottish Rite Membership and invite your fellow Master Masons from your lodge and your 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 petition for membership in the Scottish Rite without awaiting a specific invitation. You may ask any Scottish Rite Mason for a petition or you can contact the Everett Valley Scottish Rite Secretary for a membership petition or for further information.

The petition fees for the degrees for 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 32nd Degree Cap, the 32nd Degree Patent, and your Valley dues and per capita for the current year ending

on 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 11.

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

Last year, the class of 2023, Valley of Everett, we only had a class of two, which were MWB Steve Martin, 32° and Bro. Paul Michael Bean, 32°. **January 2024 is fast approaching and 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 we had in Valley of Everett's 2023 class size. Our job, as members of the Valley of Everett is to ensure we 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 Mason.

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

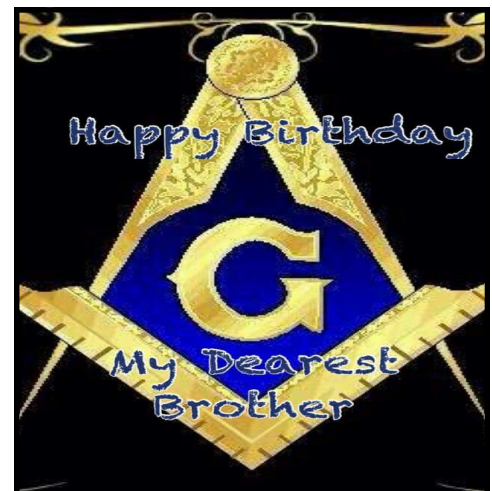


**A Petition for the Valley  
of Everett Scottish Rite  
can be found in the  
newsletter and can be  
printed and copied**

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



**Paul-Michael Bean  
Bruce L Blakeslee  
Neil K Brown  
Albert K Gustafson  
Daniel G Hernandez  
Kenneth L Ivey  
Eric D Leslie  
Noel R Martinez  
Warren C Nelsen  
Brian R Pelton  
William F Pepperell  
David D Pokrajac  
Antonio V Umali  
Kenneth D Wehl  
Marion A Windell**



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

**December 2023**

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

## DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

**December 2023**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Dec 02	Saturday	2:00 PM	Crystal 122	Installations of Officers
	Saturday	7:00 PM	Centennial 25	Dinner 6:00 PM—Installations of Officers
Dec 05	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Dec 06	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Dec 09	Saturday	2:00 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Installations of Officers (Dinner Follows)
	Saturday	7:00 PM	Everett 137	Installations of Officers
Dec 11	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Dec 12	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Dec 13	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	6:-00 Dinner—Installation of Officers
Dec 14	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Dec 19	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Dec 20	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Dec 27	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner

## DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

**December 2023**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
Dec 05	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 06	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 07	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington United 93	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 12	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 14	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 19	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 21	Thursday	6:30 PM	Garfield 41	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Dec 26	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	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

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

## Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

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

<i>Annual Yearly Dues for 2023.....</i>	<i>\$187 Per Year</i>
<i>Life Membership Fees over 75 year Old .....</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Life Membership Fees under 75 years old.....</i>	<i>\$750</i>

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### SCOTTISH RITE WEB SITES

Everett Valley-Scottish Rite  
Orient of Washington  
[everettvalleysr.org](http://everettvalleysr.org)  
[scottishritewa.org](http://scottishritewa.org)

### From the Almoner's desk

John Mathers, 32°, KCCH

If you know of anyone who is ill, in a nursing home or hospital please contact me as soon as possible so I can send them a card or pay them a visit. May God bless each and every one of you. I can be reached either by phone at 425-788-3772 (home Phone) or email me at: [j.mathers@comcast.net](mailto:j.mathers@comcast.net)

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