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"THE RITE BULLETIN"



From the Personal Representative

The prologue that is given as an introduction to the Degrees of Scottish Rite perhaps offers one of the best explanations of why a man should join Scottish Rite. It tells us that the goal of every Masonic Degree, of whatever Rite, is to inspire the individual pursuit of knowledge. While the Degrees of Masonry do not tell a man what to think they do cause us to examine different philosophies, ancient religions, and systems of ethics, thus encouraging each of us to examine ourselves for self improvement.

The work of the Scottish Rite is to inspire and teach man that he must improve, refine and perfect himself. He must become a fit and worthy recipient of the Royal Secret, with the requisite knowledge that such a responsibility demands.

The Degrees of the Scottish Rite teach of a nobler Virtue, Honor and Truth, and of one's duty to direct one's life towards those ends in all

we think, speak and do. Our Rite is a great tapestry of Knowledge, where various threads of moral, ethical, philosophical, religious, political and mythical thought and symbols are interwoven to create a great body of teachings and lessons. These lessons have their application both for the individual and for society as a whole. Some of the lessons easily apparent, others reveal themselves only to the diligent and determined seeker, or worker in the quarry. What we put into the Scottish Rite experience will be returned in a like measure.

Everett Valley will provide several opportunities for us to improve our knowledge during the month of October. Friday, October 13th, will be *RiteCare* Night (see separate article).

Feast of Tishri

Friday, October 20th, will be our annual celebration of the "Feast of Tishri". Why the "Feast of

Tishri"? Originally it was celebrated as a harvest or gathering festival, but in Scottish Rite it is a celebration of the principal ideals and traditions of our Fraternity and a sharing of our fraternal spirit. Ladies and quests are invited to attend this celebration. A social half-hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. A well-informed speaker will present further information on the "Feast" following dinner. Reservations are necessary so please call the Secretary, Brother Charrison Lochaby, 32°, at 1-888-530-0816 or email him at clochaby@whidbey.com by Wednesday, October 18th or sign-up at a prior meeting.

On Friday, October 27th, the Master Architect Degree (12th) and Royal Arch of Solomon Degree (13th) will be presented.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Bro. Charrison Lochaby, 32°
SECRETARY'S NOTE

Last month my article touched upon seeing all of the twenty-nine degrees portrayed in full form. This month I thought I would expand upon my previous article.

Each new candidate for the degrees of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is given a "passport" whereon the candidate may initial and date the degrees witnessed as they are conferred. For those of you who received your degrees sometime in the past, and do not have a passport, please contact me and I will provide you with one.

As each member witnesses a degree he should initial and date when the degree was witnessed. I have ordered a plaque whereon we will list those members that have witnessed all of the degrees. To aide you in your quest the chart below may be of assistance as I will list the dates that the various degrees are to be portrayed in nearby Valleys. This chart will appear in this

Valleys of Western Washington Degree Schedule

Valley of	Everett	Bellingham	Bremerton	Seattle	Tacoma	Olympia
4°	9/15/06	9/20/06	9/20/06	9/9/06	11/3/06	10/25/06
5°	9/22/06					
6°	9/22/06		9/20/06			
9° & 10°	9/29/06					
12°	10/27/06					
13°	10/27/06					
14°	11/10/06	9/20/06	10/11/06		11/3/06	11/8/06
18°	01/19/07	10/11/06	11/8/06		11/4/06	11/18/06
21°	01/26/07					
25°	02/23/07					
26°	03/16/07					
29°	03/30/07				11/4/06	
30°	04/20/07	11/15/06	11/15/06		11/4/06	11/18/06
32°	04/27/07	12/20/06	12/13/06		11/4/06	11/18/06

and subsequent Rite Bulletins and will be updated as information becomes available. If you should decide to go to another Valley for a particular degree, please contact me at 1- 888 – 530 – 0816 or send me an e-mail to clochaby@whidbey.com to make arrangements to attend the other valley.

At a recent Executive Council meeting it was mentioned that maybe we should produce our monthly newsletter in a large type format for our visually handicapped members. So I am asking if there is interest in this service. If you wish, or know of someone who would like to receive the Rite Bulletin in large type format please call me at 888 – 530 – 0816 or send an email to:

clochaby@whidbey.com

"RITECARE NIGHT"

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated its *RiteCare* program over 50 years ago to help children with speech and language disorders. The *RiteCare* clinics not only provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of

speech and language disorders, but other learning disabilities as well.

The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally handicapped for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead useful lives.

As *RiteCare* is the principal philanthropy of Scottish Rite, with no cost to the children's parents, it is important that each of us have a general understanding of the program.

On Friday, October 13th, Jackie Brown of the *RiteCare* Center in Seattle will be present at our meeting to tell us more about the program and to answer any questions. The regular buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the presentation immediately following. Ladies and interested guests are invited to attend.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

The Forgotten Word

Submitted by Steve Osborn, 32°

NEVER have I been so glad to get to lodge as tonight!" began the New Brother to the Old Tiler in the anteroom.

"Someone here owe you some money or something?" asked the Old Tiler.

"No indeed! But lying awake last night, thinking about Masonry, I tried to recall the word of a Master Mason. . . and I couldn't! It was a lost word for me, sure enough! I couldn't sleep all night, trying to remember. I couldn't remember today and it bothered me a lot! So I was glad to come to lodge tonight and get instructed!"

"I shouldn't have worried over that," answered the Old Tiler. "Our memories play strange tricks. You didn't need it, did you?"

"No, but a Mason ought not to forget it. It's the most important thing in Masonry. If we don't have it we cannot visit and work as a Master — and everything!"

"So we are told," answered the Old Tiler. "Yet don't you mistake the meaning? The syllables you are taught to pronounce are not important."

"Why, Old Tiler! How can you say that?"

"Because it is true," answered the Old Tiler. "Is it important what particular piece of cloth is put in an apron? Is it important what particular piece of iron is used to make a pillar, or what particular copy of a million Bibles is on the Altar, or what particular piece of wood is used in the gavel? Isn't it important that we wear an apron and know why, that we have a pillar to teach a lesson, that we revere the Great Light in Masonry, that we have a gavel for our control? Then are the syllables of the word important, or is the spirit, the meaning, the symbolism important?"

"Masons must know the word, the modes of recognition, the signs and tokens. But all these may slip from memory and still a brother have Freemasonry in his heart. They are audible symbols of spiritual knowledge.

Word, and the Word was with God. Do you read into that statement some particular word? Or is the Word here used in the Old Jewish sense of the truth, the light of knowledge for which man may strive?"

"Masonry's search for the lost word is for far more than a syllable, my brother. The substitute word is more than an exclamation.

It is an inward knowledge of oneness with the Great Architect, for which all men of all ages have searched. Not all search in vain; many find their Word. Even the substitute word could only be given under certain circumstances; doubtless those earnest seekers who found the real word could never assemble the circumstances under which it, too, might be given to humanity.

"But we continue to search. Slowly but surely man has come up from barbarism. The world improves with age. Except in war men are less cruel now than centuries ago; men know more than they did centuries ago. We are all brutes underneath, but to be underneath connotes something above. In our long struggle after the lost word we have put something above the brute. On that we climb, and are by so much nearer the Word we seek.

"It is this which is important. Let not your heart be troubled if that strangest of all God's works, the human mind, plays a prank on you. Better men than you and I have forgotten their own names. Now and then one forgets the name of Deity. But in the end we remember, in some far place where angels see that our memories work! All you needed was conversation with any brother who had sat in lodge with you. If you desire, nothing prevents you from giving and receiving it as Masons are taught to do.

"Your only cause for worry is that you fail to keep always before you, that Masonry in men's hearts searches for a Word which no man has yet put into words. The tender lesson of the Master Mason degree has been a solace to millions. The Word, substitute though it is, has meant much more than the scholar translates. It is this which you must never forget, even when your memory temporarily takes from you the recollection of the letters and their pronunciation."

"You should be a traveling lecturer!" cried the New Brother.

"You mean that as a compliment, but I'd rather sit and tile."

"But you can't get anywhere!" cried the New Brother.

"Neither can a signpost by the road," smiled the Old Tiler. "Yet it points the way."

Carl H. Claudy, *Old Tiler Talks*, 1949

LODGE of PERFECTION

Walter T. Smith, 32°

Venerable Master

Brethren:

We have a Special Meeting coming on the 13th of October at our Lodge of Perfection Stated meeting. The buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and this time, your Ladies are invited and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Our Guest Speaker for the evening will be Ms. Jackie Brown from the Seattle *RiteCare*. She will be talking about the Seattle Speech Center and their work with children with speech related medical issues.

Also Brethren, on Friday, October 21, 2006, the Valley of Everett will be celebrating the FEAST of TISHRI with a 6:30 PM Punch Bowl Social followed by a wonderful dinner at 7:00 PM. All candidates for the degrees and their Ladies are cordially invited to attend

Brethren, just a reminder, your ladies are invited to attend both of these events so please contact our secretary with your reservations for both yourself and your lady at

1-888-530-0816 or

clochaby@whidbey.com

IN MEMORIAM

**MEMBERS OF THE
SCOTTISH RITE, VALLEY
OF EVERETT
ARE DEEPLY SADDENED
TO LEARN OF THE PASSING
OF THE FOLLOWING
BRETHREN.**

**Robert G. Jacobson
Howard E. Dorsey, Sr.**

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has summonsed to the Grand Celestial Lodge above these Brethren. Their labors with us have ended. They lived respected and died regretted. Farewell My Brethren, Until We Meet Again.

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 8th – Executive Council – 2:00 PM

Oct 13th - Lodge of Perfection – Stated Meeting – 6:30 Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting

Oct 20th - Stated Meeting – Feast of Tishri – 6:30 Punch Bowl Social - 7:00 PM Dinner

Oct 27th - Consistory – Stated Meeting – 6:30 PM Buffet – 12th and 13th Degree

Nov 10 - Lodge of Perfection – Stated Meeting – 6:30 Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting 14th Degree

Nov 12 - Executive Council – 2:00 PM

Nov 14 – Knight of Saint Andrews – Social 6:00PM

Nov 17 – Chapter of Rose Croix 6:30 PM Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

October 2006

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
03	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting - OVDD
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Robert Burns 243	Stated Meeting
04	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting – Elections
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha Lodge 212	Stated Meeting
05	Thursday	7:30 PM	Skykomish 259	Stated Meeting
07	Saturday	7-10:00 AM	Damascus 199	Pancake Breakfast
09	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting – Elections
10	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting - OVDD
11	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting - Elections
12	Thursday	6:30 PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting – Dinner- PM Night – Elections
13	Friday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Grand Master Official Visit
14	Saturday	8:00 AM	Damascus 199	Symbolic Lodge Officers Meeting
17	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated- Pot Luck – Elections
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting – PM night–NY Steak Dinner
18	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Past Masters Night
19	Thursday	7:30 PM	Skykomish 259	Stated Meeting
23	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Special – Pot Luck (Share your Culture)
24	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting – Past Masters Night – Dinner
25	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting - OVDD – Past Masters Night
26	Thursday	6:30 PM	Peninsular 95	Special – Soup – Step Up Night - JW Night
31	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Peninsular 95	Harvest Dinner – Ladies and Friend

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

October 2006

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
02	Monday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30PM Meeting
03	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	Stated Meeting – Step Up
05	Thursday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Stated Meeting – Elections
06	Friday	TBA	Whidbey Island 15	Beer Tasting
10	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	Stated Meeting – Election
12	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	7:30PM Meeting
17	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidbey 15	6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30PM Meeting – Elections
18	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Round Table
19	Thursday	7:30 PM	Garfield 41	Stated Meeting - Step up
20	Friday	6:00 PM	Whidbey 15	Dinner 6:00 PM – Pizza Night
24	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Special 7:30 PM Abbotsford to visit, Oyster Stew
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fidalgo 77	Halloween Party 5:00 – 7:30Halloween Party 5:00 – 7:30

Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share with them the opportunities that are available to them in our valley



Grand Architect of the Universe



A WORD WITH YOU

Character Counts

My Dad taught me more about character in general and Masonic character in particular than anyone else that I've been blessed to know, and I



Rev. George P. Weister
Indiana Masonic
Foundation
Representative

am pleased to acknowledge that I've had the privilege of knowing many of Indiana Masonry's modern day character giants. At last December's Feast of St John the Baptist I related a couple of examples of my father's Masonic character in my talk and one of the Brothers present came to me afterward and said, "I wish I could have known your dad!" That was the highest compliment I could have received!

In his book *Twelve Tests of Character*, Harry Emerson Fosdick,

one of the great preachers of the early 1900's, gave a sterling example of character. He told of the atrocities in Armenia of that time and of a young woman and her brother who were chased down by a soldier. The brother was killed, but the girl escaped. She was later captured and since she was a nurse, she was assigned to work in a military hospital.

One day a critically injured soldier was admitted to her ward, and she recognized him as the one

who threatened her and killed her brother. His condition was so critical that only the slightest inattention on her part would result in his demise. She vacillated between her desire for vengeance and her responsibilities as a nurse. Character won out and she nursed him back to health. Corrie Ten Boom, one of the great survivors of World War II Nazi Concentration Camps showed this same kind of character.

When called upon to pray in Lodge, I frequently thank the Grand Architect of the Universe for the privilege that we have to gather in the form and character of Masons. I don't say that because it sounds good, but because I truly believe that it is both a privilege and an honor for us to gather in a Masonic Lodge to conduct the business of the Lodge and to spend time with our Brothers. We develop and deepen our own character as we observe that of our current and past leaders. Nearly every week I hear a story or two of an elderly or even deceased member

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of the Lodge that greatly influenced the person I'm visiting with. How many Brothers do we know that made the decision to become a Mason because of the influence of the character described in the Masonic Memorial Service. They were able to see the parallel between the departed Brother that we honor and their loved one. Character does count!

It is our character that is judged when we first petition the Lodge, and it is our character that grows

and deepens as we practice our craft. There are lots of good people in the world, good people of good character. We have been admonished in recent years to speak to these good people and introduce them to our beloved Fraternity. We sometimes miss the

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point. The purpose of this introduction is to offer them the opportunity to be united with like minded people

who will help them better themselves. To often we are content to take in a new Brother and trust that they will find the way to move deeper into membership.

I'm reminded of the couple who put their toddler to bed and retired to the living room to watch the TV. About thirty minutes later they heard a loud crash in their son's room. They rushed back up stairs, turned the bedroom light on, and discovered their little guy sleepily rubbing the part of his anatomy that had hit the floor first. "What happened son?," they exclaimed. He sleepily responded, "I guess I fell asleep to close to where I climbed in!" May we never allow others to fall asleep to close to where they have entered Freemasonry. Character does count!



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 32^o: _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America
Valley of Everett **P.O. Box 1112 Everett WA. 98206** **Telephone (888) 530-0816**

- 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^o.
- 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

The officers and members of:
Everett Lodge of Perfection: **Everett Chapter of Rose Croix:**
Everett Council of Kadosh: **Everett Consistory:**

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

My full name is _____
First Middle Last

My date of birth is _____ I was born in _____

My mailing address is: _____
Street Address or P.O. Box Number

_____ City, State, & ZIP

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

My email address is: _____ My religious preference is: _____

Wife's name: _____ My occupation is: _____

I am employed by: _____
If retired, state previous occupation and enter "Retired"

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

Located at: _____ Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Of: _____

I was raised a Master Mason on _____
Date received third degree

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

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

_____ / _____ / _____
Dated Petitioner's Signature

Recommended By:

_____ 1st line signer

_____ 2nd line signer

The total fees for the 4th through the 32nd degrees of Scottish Rite are \$150.00. This includes a copy of the latest Supreme Council book, the 14th degree ring, the 32nd degree Cap, the 32nd Degree Patent and the dues for the current year, ending December 31st. Payment must be made prior to receiving any of the degrees. There is no charge for affiliation. Make checks payable to and mail along with this application to Everett Valley Scottish Rite, P.O. Box 1112, Everett WA. 98206

“COMING ATTRACTION”

Rite Care Night
Friday, October 13, 2006
6:30 PM Buffet Dinner

Feast of Tishri

FRIDAY, October 20, 2006
6:30 P.M. Punch Bowl – 7:00 P.M. Dinner
Hosted by Everett Valley
Ladies and Guest are invited to attend

FOR RESERVATIONS
Call the Valley Secretary at 1-888-530-0816
or email to clochaby@whidbey.com

A MASONIC MOMENT

By WB Wally Zink

Carpe Diem (Seize the day)

Hello PM's and Brothers:

We take a giant step toward maturity when we recognize and accept the fact that we only live a moment at a time. Life doesn't come to us in one huge, solid chunk. Rather life and time are doled out to us a second at a time. With that in mind we can make some strong and solid resolutions.

For today I will have thoughts that are happy and hopeful. I stubbornly refuse to be victimized by my circumstances. I will not let petty

inconveniences such as stop lights, masters. I will avoid negativism and gossip. Optimism will be my companion and victory will be my hallmark Today, I will make a difference
Time is a priceless commodity. Therefore, for today I will refuse to allow what short time I have to be consumed by self-pity, anxiety, or boredom. I will face this day with the joy and abandonment of a child and the courage of a giant. I will respect every minute as though it were to be my last, for when tomorrow comes today will be gone forever. While this moment is here I will use it for encouragement, support and friendship. Today I will make a difference. Today I will not let past failures haunt and stalk my spirit.

refuse to rummage through my trash heap of failures. I will admit them. I will correct them and I will forge on. It's OK to stumble, but I will get up and I will rise again.

Today I will make a difference toward my spouse, my children, and my family. A person can own the world and be poor and destitute for the lack of love. A person can own little and be wealthy in relationships. Today I will spend at least five minutes with the significant and meaningful people in my world. Five quality minutes of talking or hugging, or thanking, or listening. Five undiluted and distracted minutes with those people who have given me the privilege of friendship. Today, I will make a difference.

Wally Zink, PM Centerline Palmer 550

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What is Scottish Rite? Although there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason, the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite serve to enrich the philosophy of the Symbolic Lodge. A Mason who chooses to further his Masonic experience by becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason will be expanding upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. The moral and ethical lessons will allow him to be constantly reminded of his duty to God, family, country, and fellow man.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 13, 2006

Rite Care Night

6:30 PM Buffet dinner
7:30 PM Stated Meeting

October 20, 2006

Feast of Tishri

6:30 PM Punch Bowl Social
7:00 PM Dinner
Reservations Required

Be sure to invite your Lady to the Feast of Tishri and do Come early and enjoy the fellowship and meet some old friends and make some new ones

Valley of Everett, Scottish Rite

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An exchange of ideas and intelligence is called a discussion, but an exchange of ignorance is an argument.....Uncle Joe, The Chinaberry Tree Philosopher