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"THE RITE BULLETIN"



From the
Personal Representative

Our Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 15th, will culminate another *great* year for the Valley of Everett. A time to socialize around the punch bowl will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 o'clock. An enjoyable evening, hosted by the Valley, is being planned which includes dinner and entertainment. It is rumored that Santa Claus will be visiting us with his bag full of gifts for the children. Of course, on this special night children and grandchildren are especially welcome as well as family and friends.

Please assist in our preparations by contacting our Valley Secretary, Brother Charrison Lochaby, 32° at 1-888-530-0816 or email him at clochaby@whidbey.com by Friday, December 8th to confirm your attendance and tell him how many can be expected for dinner. Please tell him the age of all the boys and girls attending so that he may get that information to Santa Claus.

What made 2006 so great?

Well for starters, in January, 42 Brethren were installed into the offices of the 4 Scottish Rite Bodies. Every officer position for each Body was once again filled. During the year the Degree Teams performed 15 different degrees – one more than in 2005. The "Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew" (29°) was well performed for the first time by our Knights of Saint Andrew Chapter. 2006 was a good year for candidates. Eight Brothers completed the Degrees of Scottish Rite with another four Brethren currently in the process of receiving theirs. Four Brethren have chosen to affiliate with Everett Valley. There are three more candidates in waiting to receive their Degrees.

And, special events like Sweetheart Night, Public Schools Night, Family Night; Aqua Sox Night, and Friends Night were enjoyed by many. We also added

an annual Mother's Day Brunch to our list of Valley celebrations.

The Executive Council has put together a super plan for the first half 2007. They are team players who enjoy working together to make our Valley the best that it can be. If you have an interest in becoming a part of that team – serving as an officer of one of the Bodies or as a committee member - give our Secretary or me a call. Most importantly, plan on attending a meeting or special event and join in our fellowship. ***2007 will be another good year for Everett Valley! It will even be better with your participation!***

Best wishes to all as we approach the Holidays. May the blessings of God be with you and your families as we celebrate this wonderful time of year. Merry Christmas to all!

Carl B. Smith, 33°

Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G.



FROM THE SECRETARY

**Bro. Charrison Lochaby, 32°
SECRETARY'S NOTE**

I trust that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Dues have been coming in very well and I thank all that have mailed them to me. I have had some calls from Life Members asking why they received a dues statement. The statements have been sent with a 0 amount due and since you are a Life Member, or a 50-year member, you do not owe anything. The notice is sent in the event that you wish to make a contribution to the Almoner, Rite Care and/or the Scholarship Fund. Contributions have been coming in for these funds and I thank you.

Each month we mail the Rite Bulletin to all members of the Valley

except those who have elected to receive their Bulletin via e-mail. If you would like to receive your Bulletin by e-mail rather than a hard copy please send your request to the Secretary and I will take care of your wishes.

My e-Mail address is: clochaby@whidbey.com

I also remind you that you may update your telephone number, mailing address and e-mail address and other pertinent information on the Scottish Rite web site.

This address is: <http://www.scottishrite.org/>

MASONIC CHARITY

If your lodge is going to have a Christmas Party, instead of having a gift exchange with each other, just have everybody bring a \$10 - \$15 dollar wrapped gift labeled adult, boy, girl and the age group and donate them to a local charitable organization and let the fraternity of Masonry spread the joy of the season to the less fortunate.

DO GOOD UNTO ALL

From the Craft

The following item was received from in response to the article ,“Mentoring Program” written by Bob Larsen, 33° in the November 2006 issue.

After reading the article about mentors in the last Scottish Rite Newsletter and what it meant to the candidate, I have tried to live up to those commitments, but I see after reading the article I should have put some more gusto into it. I will commit to doing so. Sometime things like this needs to bring us to more understanding as to what our role as mentors are. To help our Valley grow and that is with new members and making them welcome and enjoy the Everett Valley

WB Jim Raymond, 32°

Valley of	Everett	Bellingham	Bremerton	Seattle	Tacoma	Olympia
4°						
5°						
6°						
9° & 10°						
12°&13°						
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17°						
18°	01/19/07					
21°	01/26/07					
24°						
25°	02/23/07					
26°	03/16/07					
29°	03/30/07					
30°	04/20/07					
32°	04/27/07	12/20/06	12/13/06			

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 08 - Lodge of Perfection – Stated Meeting – 6:30 Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting
 Dec 10 - Executive Council – 2:00 PM
 Dec 15 - Lodge of Perfection – Christmas Party – 6:30 Punch Bowl Social – 7:00 Dinner
 Dec 25 – Christmas Day

Jan 05 - Lodge of Perfection – Stated Meeting – 6:30 Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting
 Jan 12 – Installation Of Officers – Honor Men to Host – 7:00 Buffet
 Jan 14 - Executive Council – 2:00 PM
 Jan 18 - Consistory – Stated Meeting – 6:30 PM Buffet – 21st Degree

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

November 2006

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
02	Saturday	8:00 AM	Alpha 212	Symbolic Lodge Officers Meeting
	Saturday	2:00 PM	Crystal 122	Installation of Officers
	Saturday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Installation of Officers
05	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting– WM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Robert Burns 243	Stated Meeting
06	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha Lodge 212	Stated Meeting
07	Thursday	7:30 PM	Skykomish 259	Stated Meeting
09	Saturday	2:00 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Installation of Officers
	Saturday	7-10:00 AM	Damascus 199	Pancake Breakfast
11	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting
12	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
13	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting
14	Thursday	7:30 PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting - OVDD
18	Monday	TBA	Arlington 129	Temple Board Meeting
19	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting – Elections
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting – Poker/Degree Night
23	Saturday	7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Christmas Party

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

December 2006

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
02	Saturday	2:00 PM	Whidbey Island 15	Installation of Officers
04	Monday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 PM Meeting – Old Temple
05	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	Stated Meeting – PM Night
07	Thursday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Stated Meeting
08	Friday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Installation of Officers
09	Saturday	2:00 PM	Fidalgo 77	Installation of Officers
12	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	Stated Meeting - Christmas Tie Night
14	Thursday	7:30 PM	Camano 19	Stated Meeting
18	Monday	7:00 PM	Langley 218	Stated Meeting – New Location - SeniorCenter
19	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidbey 15	Stated Meeting
21	Thursday	7:30 PM	Garfield 41	Stated Meeting

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

Puzzle

By John Hart, 32°

You begin assembling a puzzle with the outer pieces, they are the easiest (because they have a straight edge, hence they are the easiest to be recognize (Geometry)).

The picture only starts to take shape when some of the larger sections have been assembled and they can be recognized (Familiarity).

Sometimes we feel we need to cheat by looking at the box for clues, or some pieces appear out of place and do not seem to fit (Intellect).

When we become frustrated, we try to force pieces together, which can lead to apathy. We rub our eyes trying to see how one piece connects to the next, but we have become weary. At this point is it best to walk away, sleep on it and hope the next day reveals another piece (when you are *ready*).

Masonry can be compared to a puzzle, just looking at the picture on the box will not always make sense, sometimes you have to sleep on it and hopefully one or more of the pieces will reveal itself tomorrow.

The Road Kill Crew

By Gary Rhodes, 32°

“The Brethren who constitute the “Road Kill Crew” from Crystal Lodge 122 would like to extend their appreciation of your continued patronage. As we go forward into the future we would be open to any suggestions about the menus, etc. Please email me at garyrhodes@verizon.net with any comments or critiques.

NATIVE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Submitted by Steve Osborn, 32

I think the Cherokee would make good Masons, or vice versa.

Cherokee Decalogue, courtesy of a Brother from Brazil

1. Treat The Earth And All That Dwells thereon With Respect
2. Remain Close To The Great Spirit
3. Show Great Respect For Your Fellow Beings
4. Work Together For The Benefit Of All Mankind
5. Give Assistance And Kindness Wherever Needed
6. Do What You Know Is Right
7. Look After The Well-being Of Mind And Body
8. Dedicate A Share Of Your Efforts To The Greater Good
9. Be Truthful And Honest At All Times
10. Take Full Responsibility For Your Actions

Masonic Quotes

“In Freemasonry there are no strangers, only Brothers who you have not met yet.”

WB Fred Cornwell, PM

Thank You for Supporting Our Troops in Iraq

By WB Robert Wallinger

On October 21st, representatives of the concordant bodies of the Everett Masonic Center met to pack donations of personal items to be sent to our troops in Iraq. By noon of that day, 388 pounds of personal goods were on their way to the 463rd MP Co., Camp Taji, Baghdad Iraq.

What a response we had... An article published in the Everett Herald during the week prior, describing our efforts, generated many donations. Neighbors stopped by to drop off items, a Vietnam Vet...who said he wanted to help, dropped off a large bag of items and a representative from the Everett Aqua Sox baseball team delivered seven cases of packaged sports Jelly Bellies. Valley of Everett Scottish Rite donated \$600.00 worth of phone cards and every organization in the Everett Masonic Center contributed either monetarily or with personal items.

After packaging all of the candy, beef jerky, disposable cameras and personal care items, it suddenly became a reality that we had more to ship than funds available to cover the expense. We mailed what we could and put the remainder in storage until the next shipment early next year, continuing the effort that has already generated two previous shipments of goods this year.

Although this was a joint effort of all the various bodies in the Everett Masonic Center, I want to thank all who worked so very hard to put this together. A special thank you is due the local community, the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite and to the Everett Aqua Sox for their generous donations. Our hope that the donations will arrive by Christmas and will in some small way show our support and appreciation for the tremendous sacrifice our troops are making on our behalf.

Thank you again.

The Members of Robert Burns Lodge #243

The Royal Art

by John L. Cooper, III Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of CA

In an issue of the *California Freemason* devoted to the subject of art, it is particularly interesting to take a look at how the term “art” is used in Freemasonry and its rituals. Three times in the progress toward becoming a Master Mason, the candidate hears a mysterious phrase repeated to him. He is told to hold as of great importance the “arts, parts, or points of the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry.” No further explanation is given him as to what this phrase means.

According to *Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary*, the word “art” comes from the Latin word for “to join,” as in to join things together – to arrange them. An arrangement is made up of its parts, and in some sense the word art means the whole of something – an arrangement of all its parts – as opposed to its several distinct parts. In the phrase, “the arts, parts, or points of the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry,” we may well understand that we are to look to the whole of Freemasonry, as well as to its several parts. In order to understand how the parts fit together, we must see the whole picture as well. I am reminded of the story of the four blind men and the elephant. One grasped its tail, and said that the elephant was like a rope. Another grasped its ear and said it was like a great leaf. Another grasped its trunk and said it was like a snake. Finally, another

leaned against it and said the others were wrong, it was surely like the wall of a house. All were right. And all were wrong. The introduction of this phrase at an important point in our progress through the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry may be intended to teach us to understand this lesson. We cannot know the whole of Freemasonry unless we understand its several parts. And if we think of a particular part of Masonry we also miss the point. We pledge ourselves to an entire understanding of Freemasonry when we repeat these important phrases.

The lodge is the foundation of Freemasonry, but it is not the whole of Masonry. This year the Grand Master has reminded us of the importance of the family of Freemasonry. Organizations which are composed of Masons, of Masons and their family members, or which are just based on the principles of Freemasonry, are all an expression of Freemasonry. Just because the core of Freemasonry is found in the three basic degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master mason, we should not make the mistake of thinking that this is the whole of Freemasonry. The York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, Order of the eastern Star, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and many more organizations whose members are Freemasons, whose members are related to Freemasons, or whose principles are inspired by Freemasonry, make up the whole of

Freemasonry

This curious phrase, introduced to a Mason at an important point in the ritual, the “arts, parts, or points of the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry,” teaches a very important lesson. The art of Freemasonry is the kaleidoscope of systems and organizations, of degrees and rituals, in many different countries and many different languages, which make up the arrangement of that “beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols.”

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IN MEMORIAM

The Members of the
Scottish Rite, Valley of
Everett

Are deeply saddened to learn
of the passing of the following
Brother.

Robert L Haines
1914 - 2006

The Supreme Architect of
the Universe has summonsed
to the Grand Celestial Lodge
above this Brother. His
labors with us have ended.
He lived respected and died
regretted. Farewell my
Brother, Until We Meet Again

Disappearing Act

By Michael Rawls, 32°

Civilization is a stream with banks. The stream is sometimes filled with blood from people killing, stealing, shouting and doing the things historians usually record, while on the banks, unnoticed, people build homes, make love, raise children, sing songs, write poetry and even whittle statues. The story of civilization is what happened on the banks.

- Will Durant

He sat there in his room at the Franciscan Care Center, watching television, Wimbledon doubles with those sisters tromping their opponents. He was wearing his workshirt and pants, grey in color, with his name embroidered above the pocket. We walked in, greeted him and sat down to visit. We discussed things that were happening in our lives, in the lives of people he knew, things going on in his community, things happening at the lodge. We asked about his health, and learned what he was going through.

We could tell he was there, but not there. Somewhere in our conversation he said, "I've forgotten a few things."

He had known a life of hardship, and rich reward. He had moved from place to place, started businesses and lost them. He had married a good woman, and raised a family. He was a Mason, a member of the Kiwanis, and could drive just about anything with wheels. He could fix what was broken, or he knew someone who could. He had recently acquired and was breeding cattle of a special English stock, rare in the States, and along with the chickens, the dogs, the garden and the special greenhouse for his bride, lived well on a large plot of land in the country. He had designed and built his own home with the help of his longtime friend Vince, who had

eight fingers and one thumb. He was someone who lived what he believed, and he has a firm belief in the goodness of others, and the power of his God. He had a collection of hats that covered the entire ceiling and two walls of the guestroom at home. Each hat had a story, and he knew where they came from and who gave them to him. He ran for public office back in the 60's, a newspaper article in a frame proudly announced. Several awards for his service to the community and the groups he belonged to adorned the wall around it. He is a good man, in the true sense of the word.

He is also a good friend of mine, and one of the most interesting fellows I have ever met. He was there when things were bad for me, with support and comfort, and the offer of a day's work for a day's pay, so that I could feed my family. Just like he has been there for everyone he has ever known.

After a while, he turned to me, and said, "I'm sorry, but I can't remember who you are."

I sat there in stunned silence, thinking of something to say that would tell him how much I had come to love and admire him, especially since the loss of my father. All I could think of to say was, "I am someone you have been very kind to over many years." I wanted to say so much more. I am your friend. You have touched so many people! I often use the example of your life as a role model. It is so sad to see you here, like this. It all fell short. Nothing could convey what I felt at that moment.

Twenty years and more have gone by since I first met him. In that time, we have lost more than twenty friends we have in common. They go slowly, in "nursing homes." They go quickly, at home or doing something they love to do. Nevertheless, they go. And so many of them! We ourselves stand in line and wait our turn! Meanwhile, we live. What legacy do we leave?

His is a well-lived life. Yet, here

he was, he had no idea where or why. And all I wanted to convey to him was the profound effect his life had had on mine. It was all I could think of at the moment. It was enough. His look of surprise was my answer - this is a humble, but effective, man. As I left him, he said to let him know if there was anything he could do for me. Still giving, serving his God and his friends, still living what he believed from the very center of his life out. Even though he could not remember my name.

Steve Goodier, in one of many uplifting essays on the power of love stated, "Those you have sought to reach, whether they be in your family or elsewhere, are part of a chain of love that can extend through the generations. Your influence on their lives, whether or not you see results, is immeasurable. Your legacy of dedicated kindness and caring can transform lost and hopeless lives for years to come."

I realized, in those brief moments while thinking of an appropriate response to my dear friend, that this wonderful man had touched and transformed my life in ways that he will never come to appreciate, especially in his present condition, but that will be passed on to others - even to you, reading this, it is my fondest hope.

About the Author

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“COMING ATTRACTION”

Valley of Everett Annual Christmas Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2006

6:30 P.M. Punch Bowl – 7:00 P.M. Dinner

Hosted by Everett Valley

Ladies, Guest and especially Children are invited to attend

FOR RESERVATIONS

Call the Valley Secretary at 1-888-530-0816

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A MASONIC MOMENT

By WB Wally Zink

Winter Has Come

It seems like it was only yesterday when I was young struggling though High School Algebra and first year Latin. And yet, in moments of memory it seems like ages ago and looking in the mirror I wonder, where have all the years gone? When did it happen? I know that I have lived all of them, and I have memories of how it was back then with all of my hopes and dreams. But now, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise.

How did winter get here so fast? Where have all of the years gone? Where are all of those friendly faces and cheerful laughs that were so much a part of every my everyday? I remember seeing older

people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off I could not even imagine what it would be like, but here it is.

Now my age is beginning to show and what I supposed would never happen is here. Just getting a shower can be exhausting and taking a nap is not a treat is has become all but mandatory. So now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all of the uncertainties of the day's demands. But of this I am sure, that winter has come.

Of course I have my regrets. There are many things I wish I had left undone; yet, there are many things I am grateful that I did do. It is all bundled up together in what we call “A life time.”

So, if you are not in your winter yet, let me remind you that it will come and it will arrive much faster than you can ever imagine. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, then start right now to get it done for life goes by so quickly.

Do what you can do today for we can never be absolutely sure when we are in the winter of our life. We have no guarantee or promise that we will see all of the seasons of life. So, say and do all of the things you will want your family and friends to remember when your winter is over.

Living is life's gift to us. The way we live our life is out gift back to life. So together let us make it a fantastic one.

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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Webmasters' Note: Come visit the Everett Valley web site can be located at <http://www.scottishritenet.net>

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 15, 2006

The Valley of Everett Annual Christmas Party

6:30 PM

Punch Bowl Social

7:30 PM

**Dinner with Entertainment
To follow**

**Be sure to invite your Lady,
guest and Children and do
Come early and enjoy the
fellowship and meet some old
friends and makes some new one**

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**The Golden Rule may be old but it
hasn't been used enough to show
much wear.....Uncle Joe, The
Chinaberry Tree Philosopher**