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"THE RITE BULLETIN"



From the Personal Representative

Six graduate students from the Industrial/Organizational Psychology Department at Seattle Pacific University have just recently completed an assessment of Everett Valley. Fifteen Brethren were interviewed with the objective of improving the functioning of the Valley. The focus of the study was to evaluate our efforts in integrating our new and younger members with the active senior members to form a successful team.

Those interviewed were asked the following questions.

1. How long have you been a member of the Scottish Rite?
2. What do you desire to gain through your involvement in the Scottish Rite?
 - a. Do you feel that there are disparities between what you want out of the organization and what

other members want?

3. Ideally what would you like the organization to look like?

a. How is this vision different from the reality?

b. Are there any prevailing obstacles to you that hinder organization functioning?

c. What would be the greatest improvement in your Valley?

4. What do different member relationships look like?

a. Do they vary between senior members and juniors?

b. Do they vary between age groups?

5. Is there a way to manage new memberships specific initiation/orientation programs) such that understanding and commitment to the spirit and values of the Rite is infused in each of them?

Certain themes emerged from the interview conversations. One being that of priorities - the older

and younger members have different priorities regarding the functioning of Scottish Rite. Another was that of expectations of the membership. Participation by senior and junior members was also a theme that surfaced. Many obstacles were identified, such as time, interest, "politics", etc. And, several solutions and ideas were offered for improvement.

The mentoring program that is currently being developed will deal with many of the issues and concerns that were identified. The Executive Council's challenge will now be to develop a course of action that addresses the recommendations made by the SPU students.

FRIENDS NIGHT

It is not too early to begin promoting Everett Valley's

From The Personal Rep (Continued)

Annual Friends Night to be held on Friday, September 14th. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a punch bowl. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with entertainment will follow. Let the Brethren in your Lodges know that the Degrees of Scottish Rite will begin with a "Long Class" the following Friday.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Bro. Charrison Lochaby, 32°

Last month in my Bulletin article I mentioned that there was nothing so definite as change. Change is still in the air and is happening. Have you checked the Valley's Web Page lately? In case you do not have the address here it is <http://www.scottishritenet.net/> and when you open the Web Site you will see a completely new Web page for the Everett Valley. Check it out and pay particular attention to the Calendar of Events. This calendar shows a month at a glance and is something new to our web site. The calendar, as it appears, only shows the highlights of an event. To see the full details, place your mouse cursor on the date. You will notice that the event becomes underlined. Click the left mouse button and the event will open up in another window and you can then see all of the details. This calendar is up to date and as changes occur it will be updated immediately. So, you can always find the latest information on events by checking this calendar.

Another section has been added that you will find beneficial and that is the *News Flash* button. Click on this button and it will bring up a news item that is of particular importance. This is apt to change often and maybe even dailies so, please check it often.

This is July and it is time to gather petitions as we will be starting a new class in September.

KEEP THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES UP FRONT

I have had occasions to visit many functions in our community, both Masonic and non-Masonic. Almost everyone knows where our Lodge is. That is why we place it right out where it can be seen by all. We mark it with a large sign with the Square and Compasses on it. It is one of our best marketing tools for Freemasonry.

The problem arises, however, when I ask if anyone knows what Freemasonry stands for. I have discovered that Masons are not telling their friends and neighbors, kind of keeping it a secret. We have to make it a point that everyone knows that Masonry is not a religion, that our Lodge building is not a church or mausoleum competing with their religious beliefs, but that it is a fraternity for men who believe in honesty, charity, and uprightness when dealing with our fellow man. With crime and dishonesty rampant in our nation, now is the perfect time to sow the seeds of Masonry. With a little nurturing, our fraternity we could well move into a new growth phase.

The important part of being a Mason is abiding by the lessons taught in our degrees, living by those lessons, and telling all who will listen the value of their precepts. We must keep our thoughts, words, and actions in harmony with our Masonic teachings. And we have to stop hiding our fraternity from the public. We must promote our Masonic way of life, which is good for our soul, good for our friends and neighbors, and good for our nation.

So, wear your Masonic jewelry with pride. We don't want our legacy to be the Enrons and WorldComs. We want our legacy to be "Good men meet in the building behind that sign of the square and compasses."

Copied From Masonic Memos 37

Pastor's Business Card

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are!

DID YOU KNOW?

There was a Lodge that was in two countries at the same time. At one time, Golden Rule Lodge #5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a Lodge room, which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the Lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.

MASONIC MOMENT

By WB Wally Zink

Roles – and How We Play Them

Whenever I am downhearted and disappointed with my role and station in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the fourth grade school play. His mother told me that he had his heart set on being in it, though she suspected that he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were assigned, Jamie rushed home, ran into the house and with excitement of a ten year old shouted, "Guess what Mom," and then in words that have hung in my mind these many years and have been a lesson to me Jamie declared with pride, "I have been chosen to clap and cheer."

It is recorded that Abraham Lincoln often visited hospitals to talk with wounded soldiers during the Civil War. On one such visit doctors pointed out a young soldier who was near death. Lincoln walked over to his bedside.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" asked the President. Obviously the soldier did not recognize Lincoln, and with exerted effort he was able to whisper, "Would you please write a letter to my mother?"

A pen and paper were given to the President and Lincoln carefully began to write down what the young man was able to say:

"My dearest mother, I was badly hurt while doing my duty. I am afraid I am not going to recover. Don't grieve too much for me, please. Kiss Mary and John for me. May God bless you and father."

The soldier was too weak to continue, so Lincoln signed the letter for him and added, "Written for your son by Abraham Lincoln."

The young lad asked to see the note and was astonished when he discovered who had written it. "Are you really the President?" he whispered.

"Yes I am." Lincoln replied quietly. Then Lincoln asked if there was anything else that he could do?

"Would you please hold my hand?" the soldier asked. "It will help me see it through to the end."

In the hushed room, the tall gaunt President took the boy's hand and silently held it until death came.

If there is a lesson in these two incidents it is simply this; it is not the roles we play in life but how well do we play the role we have?

Wally

Masonic Humor

SECRET SCORE

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge argument in full fury on the football field that he is passing. "what's going on?" he asks a spectator.

The spectator replies, "It's match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus."

"Oh? Why the arguing? What's the score?"

"I don't know. It's a secret."

VALLEY OF EVERETT REFRIGERATOR CARD

(Please cut out this card and place it on your Refrigerator as a reminder of upcoming Scottish Rite and other meetings, appointments or events)

July 2007

July 21 – Take Me Out to the Ball Game – Everett Aquasox vs. Boise Hawks

July 27 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

Aug 10 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

Aug 17 – Family Tail Gate Picnic – 6:00 PM

Aug 24 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

Notes for other Meeting/Events

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Scottish Rite Valley of Everett Forms Membership Committee By Angel Corpus 32° KCCH

Recently, the valley formally created its own Membership Committee. I had the rare privilege of formulating my own duties and responsibilities as chair of this committee, but so far it has remained a committee of one. The primary duty of the Membership Committee is ;

“To recommend policies, procedures, initiatives and strategies that would numerically expand and qualitatively enhance the membership of the Scottish rite, Valley of Everett.”

My second task is to organize and populate the committee. Although, I firmly believe that all active members of the Valley are de-facto committee men and should aggressively invite & sponsor our Blue Lodge brethren into the Rite, I still need to staff this working group with dedicated brothers. Those interested to work in this committee can call me at (425)876-3239.

Next, the organized committee shall endeavor to create plans and programs based on the Valley's goals, objectives and timelines. Subsequently, it shall vigorously implement such plans and if need be regularly update it.

We need to continuously grow as a dynamic Scottish Rite Valley, one that we can all be proud off and participate in;

however, it will take everyone's effort to make it so.

To give you a glimpse of our current attendance index, here are some crucial data worth considering;

Active Members (within US)
423 members

Active Members (within WA)
367 members

Active Members (in Snohomish County) = 170 members

Active Members (in King County) = 11 members

Active Members (in Skagit County) = 6 members

Active Members (in Island County) = 22 members

Total Members within driving distance to Everett Masonic Center = 209 members

Average Friday Meeting attendance = 20 members (10%)

Lets' face it, we are a 10% group and we need to look for the other 90%. This brethren, is how big the challenge is, are you up to it? Call me.

From the Almoner's desk

If anyone knows of anyone who is ill, or in a nursing home or hospital, please let me know so I can send them a card to them or a visit. May God be with you? God Bless.

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Lodge of Perfection

Hernan Divinagracia, 32°
Venerable Master

Thank You, Thank You,
Thank You one and all.

To Brothers Leonard Martin, Earl Greathouse, Walt Moody, Walt Smith, Gene McFarlane, Wayne Betts, Lester Reed, Ely Dulay and Mike Fenlin my personal hearty big thanks for your untiring efforts, patience, and perseverance you all put forth to the success of The Feast of Bannockburn and Cap and Ring Ceremony this past June 1st. It was a long process in setting up everything, however with your collective energies you made it look easy and the job was accomplished in a timely fashion.

Likewise my appreciation extend further to the numerous brethren which I can't recall all their names, but you know who you are; who heeded my call at the conclusion of the events to help tear down. Our Valley indeed is fortunate to have brethren, such as yourselves who are always willing to step up to the plate when the need arises. To Brother Cary Cope for his participation in the program and to the rest of the graduates, congratulations on your accomplishments and come on back, we are always looking for a few more good active brothers in all our Valley endeavors.

Masonic Information

Check out this great article about the persecution of Freemasons in Europe during World War Two. The article was published in 1941, and can be found at: <http://www.freedomdomain.com/namazon2.html>

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sep 9 - Executive Council – 2:00 PM

Sep 14 – Lodge of Perfection – Friends Night 6:30 PM Punch Bowl Social – 7:00 PM Dinner

Sep 21 – Consistory State Meeting 6:30 PM Buffet – 4th Degree

Sep 28 – Chapter of Rose Croix – 6:30 PM Buffet 5th and 6th Degree

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

July 2007

| Date | Day | Time | Lodge | Event |
|------|-----------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 03 | Tuesday | 7:30 PM | Sultan-Monroe 160 | Stated Meeting |
| 12 | Thursday | 7:30 PM | Peninsular 95 | Stated Meeting |
| 14 | Saturday | 7-10:00 AM | Damascus 199 | Pancake Breakfast |
| 18 | Wednesday | 7:30 PM | Alpha 212 | Stated Meeting |
| 21 | Saturday | 2:00 PM | Skykomish 259 | Stated Meeting |

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

July 2007

| Date | Day | Time | Lodge | Event |
|------|-----------|---------|---------------------|--|
| 03 | Tuesday | 7:30 PM | Mount Baker 36 | Stated Meeting – Past Masters Night |
| 04 | Wednesday | 10:00AM | Fidalgo | 4 th of July Parade |
| 07 | Saturday | TBA | Coupeville | Aquasox Base Ball Game |
| 10 | Monday | 7:30 PM | Fidalgo 77 | Stated Meeting – Casual Dress |
| 15 | Sunday | TBA | Burlington-Unite 93 | Annual picnic at Big Lake |
| 16 | Monday | 7:00 PM | Langley 218 | Stated Meeting |
| 17 | Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Whidbey 15 | Dinner 6:30 PM, Stated 7:30PM |
| 18 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Fidalgo 77 | Potluck Dinner - Roundtable |
| 19 | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Garfield 41 | Dinner 6:30 PM, Stated 7:30PM – Family Night |

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

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Supreme Council for their service to Masonry and the Scottish Rite has recognized seven Brethren of the Valley of Everett. The following Brethren have been elected to become Inspectors General Honorary (33°) or Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor (KCCH). The Brethren of the Valley salute them for this outstanding achievement. The honors, along with the titles they will receive, are as follows:



**Illustrious Brother
Patrick T. Marlatt, 33°**



**Illustrious Brother
Gary A. Rhodes, 33°**



**Illustrious Brother
Wayne I. Smith, 33°**



**Illustrious Brother
Charles W. McQuery, 33°**



**Brother Charrison W.
Lochaby, 32° KCCH**



**Brother Hernan B.
Divinagracia, 32° KCCH**



**Brother Wayne C.
Betts, 32° KCCH**

Do Clothes Really Make a Difference?

By Bryan D. Bechler, 32°

I joined Mt. Olympus Lodge No. 298 F&A M in Forks, WA in 1994. This lodge was founded in 1954 by a number of loggers on the Olympic Peninsula. I never gave a thought about my attire when attending meetings. Often times, members would arrive in dirty jeans, hickory shirts and suspenders.

At that point I hadn't done any visitation to other lodges due to my work schedule. My girlfriend at the time (now my wife) visited me one day from Victoria, British Columbia. I told her I was off to my lodge meeting. Her first reaction was "dressed like that?!" She went on to say in Victoria, pretty much everyone goes to a lodge meeting wearing tuxedos. She

said her father was a past District Deputy Grand Master and her uncle a Past Grand Master. I commented that Mt. Olympus Lodge wasn't nearly that formal.

Do we, as Masons, put too much emphasis on an individual's attire? Do we tend to accept an individual by what they wear, rather than the individual themselves? Sometimes we do.

I heard a story of a brother who had joined a lodge in the south. Many members whispered they didn't feel he was "worthy" of being a Mason because he always came to lodge in shabby clothes. One brother took him aside and suggested he should consider purchasing some new clothes for attending lodge meetings. At the next meeting he arrived. People were appalled at his new clothes. He'd purchased a new pair of blue jeans and a new shirt. To

him, a working man, these were his best clothes. To some members of the lodge, this attire wasn't acceptable. This brother was so humiliated by the lodge that he quit attending.

Over the years I have adjusted my wardrobe to match my Masonic organizations I belong to and am active in. Working full-time, having children in the house, a mortgage, etc., this takes time to do. I feel fortunate to have been raised in the lodge I was. Being in a relaxed atmosphere made learning the ritual, etc., the focal point, rather than the attire.

As brothers, we should all remember that when we enter a lodge room, everyone is the same. Everyone can bring something to the meetings. It really doesn't matter what a brother wears but it does matter what he can be as a member.

"COMING ATTRACTION"

Valley of Everett Annual Family Tailgate Party

Friday, August 17, 2007

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:00 PM Dinner

Ladies, Guests and Children are invited to attend

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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
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DATES TO REMEMBER

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(Information See Page 4)

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Philosopher**