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"THE RITE BULLETIN"



From the Personal Representative

Ill. Bro. Carl B. Smith, 33°

Friday, September 19th, Everett Valley will again begin the Degrees of Scottish Rite with the presentation of the *Degree of Secret Master* (Fourth Degree). Through the following May sixteen of the twenty-nine Degrees will be performed. The Valley is very fortunate to have many dedicated Brethren allowing us to do so many. **NOW IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO LOCATE THOSE BROTHERS OF OUR LODGES AND INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPERIENCE OF SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONRY.** Bring in those petitions, Brethren,

P.R.I.D.E. PROGRAM

(Personal Representative's Initiative for Degree Excellence)

The Degree Teams have been continually striving to improve the performance of each Degree and it is now time to begin recognizing them for their efforts. Beginning with this series of the Degrees the Teams presenting the Obligatory Degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th & 32nd) will be judged relative to established standards. Those Teams performing the Degrees from memory and meeting the other criteria will be presented special pins and identified on a plaque recognizing their achievement.

EVERETT AQUA SOX

The Everett Aqua Sox baseball game on Saturday, August 16th is an annual event that has become very popular. A block of seats has been reserved for the Valley so bring your family and friends for an enjoyable evening.. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes a hamburger and hot dog picnic at 6:00 p.m. prior to the game. Tickets can be obtained by calling

Brother Richard McCaleb, 32°, at 425-530-5918 or email him at devildoc165@yahoo.com.

GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION & FRIENDS NIGHT

Invite prospective candidates, their family and your family to the Grand Master's Reception on Friday, September 14th. This will also be the occasion of Everett Valley's Annual Friends Night. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a punch bowl. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with entertainment to follow. This special event is hosted by the Valley so potential candidates can become acquainted with Scottish Rite. This night also serves as a call to all Brethren to attend Scottish Rite and participate in its activities. Reservations are a necessity, so please call the Valley Secretary, Brother Charrison Lochaby, 32° KCCH, if you'll be attending at 1-888-530-0816 or e-mail him at clochaby@whidbey.com

**Scottish Rite of Everett
Recognizes Evergreen Middle
School Teacher of the Year.
by David McCuiston 32°**



Evergreen Middle School Teacher of the Year Theresa Kemp and David McCuiston, 32°.

On June 18, 2008 the Valley of Everett, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, recognized the Evergreen Middle School Teacher of the Year during a 7th Grade Assembly.

Theresa Kemp, who teaches reading and writing at Evergreen, was honored for her outstanding teaching skills and contributions to student success at the school.

Her Principal, Dr. Joyce Stewart, says Theresa has a “passion for teaching reading and writing. Each day she comes to school with a detailed lesson plan.” Students enter Ms. Kemp’s classroom knowing “what is the purpose of the day,” and leave the classroom after class talking about the lesson they had just experienced.

In the classroom, Theresa is on the move, engaging students with probing questions about the lesson, instilling a process of comparing/contrasting activities that insure quality learning. Active student thinking and contemplating is apparent throughout the classes.

According to Dr. Stewart, Theresa is a “role model” for other teachers who are drawn into her room and want to learn strategies she uses to help students be successful. Also, Theresa has the special ability to confront behaviors that interfere with what is best for students.

In addition, Ms. Kemp is active in several other student activities such as

ASB Advisor, community activities, teacher representative to the school’s PTA and as a scorekeeper for basketball games.

The Valley of Everett Scottish Rite awarded Theresa with a nice “Teacher of the Year” plaque and a check for \$1,000.00 for her successes. Theresa quickly responded with, “This will buy a lot of books!”

Thank You Notes.

Thanks so much for recognizing Theresa Kemp’s strengths and career as a highly successful teacher. I am impressed with the way your group is honoring educators. Thanks for truly making a difference.

Dr. Joyce Stewart
Principal
Evergreen Middle School

I would like to express my appreciation for being selected your Everett Teacher of the Year. It is such an honor to receive your award. I love my job as 7th Grade block teacher at Evergreen Middle School and I will continue to put all my efforts into doing my best each day. Thank you again for the recognition and honor of your Teacher of the Year Award.

Sincerely,
Theresa Kemp

As this school year comes to an end, I find myself reflecting upon the many accomplishments of the class of 2008. It is through your generous scholarship contributions that these accomplishments have been recognized. I want to know that you are truly valued and appreciated for all the time and effort you give to our outstanding seniors. Your benevolence helps to make our community a wonderful place to live.

Thank you, once again for a great year. Enjoy the summer months ahead. I look forward to the opportunity of working with you again next spring.

Sincerely,
Kimberly K. Taylor
Scholarship Chair
Cascade High School

Happy Birthday

The members of the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite extend To all the Brethren listed below, born in the month of August a Very Happy Birthday.



- James B Akins
- Joseph F Benecke
- Duane L Bly
- Lloyd W Campbell
- Laszlo Cser
- Robert A Dickinson
- Eugene J Dobson
- Marvin L Emans
- Clyde E Foote
- George W Foster
- Stephen M Geyer
- Terry A. Grove
- Donald D Harris
- Herbert L Hauglie
- James A. Herndon
- William M Hiatt
- Robert L Hinton
- Panos C Koutlas
- Keith L Miller
- Welliver T Ong
- Roy M Poellot
- H Leslie Pospical
- Max Premsele
- Bliss N. E. Settergren
- Ronald L Sheppard Sr
- Walter T Smith
- Norberto P Soliven Jr

Masonic Education

Seekers of Light and Wisdom.

by
David A. McCuiston 32°

Brethren, Masonry has always espoused, and Masons have always been, seekers of Light. Lee Strobel, atheist turned believer in a Supreme Being, in his book "The Case for a Creator" reminds us that God tells us that if we seek Him wholeheartedly we will find him.

Alister McGrath, professor of historical theology at Oxford University, who writes on the mutual interactions of the natural sciences and Christian Theology to which he refers as Natural Theology, believes we are designed for discovery. In his book "Glimpsing the Face of God," he talks about how gazing into the awesome sight of the star-studded heavens evokes a sense of wonder, an awareness of transcendence, that is charged with spiritual significance, which is a catalyst for our spiritual insights, revealing our emptiness and compelling us to ask whether and how this void might be filled.

He asks a few of the following questions: Might our true origins and destiny somehow lie beyond those stars?; Might there not be a homeland, from which we are presently exiled and to which we secretly long to return?; and Suppose that this is not where we are meant to be but that a better land is at hand?

He tells us that the beautiful starry night or golden sunset are important pointers to our origin

and the ultimate fulfillment of our heart's deepest desires. But he warns us that if we misread the signposts and their true meaning along the way of our journey, we will attach ourselves to lesser goals, which will, in no way, quench our thirst for meaning.

The personal Quest must remain alive within us Brethren. We must continue to be seekers of Light and not seekers of a lesser goal, a more pleasurable and easier lifestyle. King Solomon humbly asked for wisdom and a discerning heart to govern his people, and was granted his request. As a result, he excelled in prudence, knowledge, justice and insight, and his wisdom's fame spread to all the surrounding nations.

King Solomon set the example for us to follow. We should take his lead, it is a fun trip. By the way, I find no reference in the Great Light of Masonry to the word "fun." However, there are several references to wisdom and the benefits of seeking and having wisdom.

No fun in Masonry? I answer, "The fun is in the doing – seeking wisdom, doing good unto all.

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.

Jim Raymond 32° KCCH,
Almoner

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Goose & Gridiron

By Walt Moody, 32°, KCCH

As we are growing & have had some questions of who we are, we are a Lunch Club or rather group, that meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday @ 11:30 at Mitzel's Restaurant on 128th just West of I-5 in Everett. We are about Fellowship and support a couple local Schools with shoes & hygiene supplies, but mostly, we are GOOD Fellowship.

Take Me Out To the Ball Game

By Richard McCaleb, 32°

Yes it's that time of the year again when we start thinking about getting together and heading for the Everett Stadium and a night of baseball.

Richard McCaleb is heading up A NIGHT AT THE AQUA SOX, which will be on Saturday, August 16, 2006. All members and their guests are invited to join in on the fun. The cost is \$20.00 per person, Children 12 and under \$15.00, which includes an "All you can eat" picnic before the game, beginning at 6:00 P.M. There is also set aside seating area for the Everett Valley. We have reserved 60 seats, so to make your reservation see or call Richard at 425-530-5918 or email him at devildoc165@yahoo.com

IT'S ALL IN THE TITLE

By Ill. Bro. Anthony C. Schwab 33°

Some people look for Love Stories, some look for the Context of the stories, while other are looking at the Titles to see if they should read them. The Title will cause people to read or not read whatever is written. Let us take a closer look at the word Title as it relates to Masons. The Title in some people mind tell the whole Story. Here is a story that the Title doesn't tell it all.

On December 21, 2007, I lost a very good friend and Brother to a heart attack. His evening started with him doing his Masonic work of helping others, coming home to set up his pills for the next three weeks, saying good night to his wife and going to bed. Then in the middle of his night while, he was asleep, he passed away in his sleep next to his loving wife. What happiness would Christmas bring to everyone that knew him from that time on?

He never tried to seek Titles but earned them over and over again. He worked very hard at being a very good Mason both at home, lodges and work. Many times he was asked to run for a state office which he turned down because he felt that he could do just as much without a Title. One of his Masonic goals was to be a very good Mason and a good person. He worked and lived a Masonic life in every Masonic group that he belonged to. Many Honors were given him but he didn't care if he had them or not. He wanted to be a very

~~In The Title~~ that was all that really counted.

The day of his funeral the weather was very cold, the pass had snow, the wind was blowing and the icy hand of winter was on everybody. The Master of the Lodge did the departed Brother part of the Funeral Services which was the Master's part. It was strange to see someone other than my Brother do that part since he had done it for more than 16 years. Many Masonic Friends and Family's members were all around the grave site in the freezing weather. We gave him the final Honors that he had worked so hard for.

The pages and pages of work that he did before will now be closed not be done by him any more for now he is working for another. His labors will not be forgotten.

Let us asked the one last main question that come up about Titles: Are we doing something for the good of others or ourselves to get a Title?

Fourth of July Parade Arlington, WA

By Walt Moody, 32°, KCCH

I, as all of you, recently received an invite to take part in the Fourth of July Parade held in Arlington, Washington. Being that I have been harping on the Masons and all the Masonic Families to take part to show the community WE are here, doing well, and that they can be a part of this great organization. So I borrowed my wife's convertible

and Earl Greathouse, and off we went to join the Parade.

We gave out candy, even thought we weren't supposed to. I, not knowing how to throw it properly, threw handfuls; I'll do better next time.

The Grand Lodge, I have been told, is considering discontinuing the Masonic Float and I think that would be a tragic mistake as there were twenty thousand would-be or could-be Masons there on the side of the street watching kids, big & small, getting candy from Masons. The Float won First Prize and was awarded a trophy & ribbon. We were right behind the Masonic Float that held several Masonic groups, including the youth groups.

I am sorry to say I didn't see more Scottish Rite Masons there, but I know there is more then one Parade. Maybe we can work on Everett, Bothell, Lynnwood, or even Edmonds. A good show would help membership in all Bodies, this I am sure. Let's keep the Masonic Floats and make sure our Grand Lodge knows that they are important and needed.

I hope your Fourth was as great a time as mine!!!

A Sight to See!

By: Kenneth Thompson, 32°

Brethren while surfing the net, I entered the Cinosam space and was intrigued by all the interesting Masonic Information MWB Neil has on his site. One of these is a video entitled "Share the Light" and can be found at the following URL address, check it out, I believe you will enjoy it too: [http://www.cinosam.net/Share the light.wmv](http://www.cinosam.net/Share_the_light.wmv)

A Masonic Moment

By WB Wally Zink

Left Overs

What do you do when you have taken something out of the deep



freeze, thawed it out and then, unexpectedly the phone rings and you have an invitation to go

out for dinner? Well, when this happens it is impossible to refreeze the food again, so you have to cook it and eat it. This kind of incident touches the life of each of us.

The humorist Mark Twain set this experience forward when he once told the story of his buying fish. There was a peddler who came around to Mark Twain's house twice every day trying to sell fish and Mark Twain kept saying, "No, thank you. No thank you." But one day Twain thought that the man's unyielding persistence should be rewarded, so he told his wife, "Today, I am going to buy some fish from that fellow," which he did. When the fish was prepared for lunch, it was

found to be uneatable and when the peddler came around the next day, Mark Twain went out and told him, "That fish that you sold me wasn't edible. It was spoiled," to which the fish peddler replied, "Well, it wasn't my fault, boss. I gave you two chances every day this week to buy that fish, and if you were foolish enough to wait until it was spoiled, don't blame me."

We have today before us, a day taken out of the deep freeze of time and for our use. We can't live this day yesterday, or tomorrow or the day after that. Like food taken from the deep freeze, our life has to be lived and used to the fullest today.

"COMING ATTRACTIONS"

Valley of Everett

Annual Take me out to the Ball Game

Saturday, August 16, 2008

Memorial Stadium

Everett, Washington

6:00 PM – All you can eat Bar-B-Que

(Further details on page 3)

Reception of the grand master

Friday, September 12, 2008

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:30 PM Punch Bowl Social

7:00 PM Dinner

Ladies, Guest and Children are invited to attend

**44th Annual Open Air
Degree at the Masonic Park
August 2, 2008**
By WB Terry Gibbs

Brethren, The 44th Annual Open Air Degree will be happening on Saturday, August, 2, 2008 at the Masonic Park in Granite Falls, Washington.

Schedule of Events:

7:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Breakfast at Damascus Lodge #199 in Granite Falls (\$4.00) Pancakes (all you can eat), Eggs and Sausage with OJ, Coffee and/or Tea. Sugar free syrup available upon request

8:00 AM - Arrive at Park – gate fee for degree \$5.00 per person which includes parking

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Registration at gate, coffee and donuts available at big kitchen

10:00 AM – St. John's lodge #9 will open lodge

Flag ceremony

Welcome and Introductions

First Section of third degree by

St. John's Lodge Degree Team

Noonish - 30 minute break

Drama section of third degree by St.

John's Lodge Degree Team

Grand Master's Message

Lodge closed by Grand Lodge Officers

Masonic Park Board will sponsor a dinner after the degree. Dinner will be served from the end of the degree until 5 PM at a cost of \$10.00 per person to be paid at registration.

Ladies Program – There will be entertainment at Dream Camp for the ladies and a light brunch of coffee, tea and muffins will be provided at a cost of \$5.00 at the Rainbow Chalet.

Friday, August 1, overnight camping will be allowed in designated areas.

Remember Brethren, all fees are in US dollars.

Note: You must be a Master Mason to attend the degree.

**THE PROPER WAY TO
WEAR A
MASONIC RING**

Author Unknown

The following from Temple Topics (Illinois) is now being quoted with approval by other Masonic papers.

"What is the proper way to wear a Masonic ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body?"

"If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer."

This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch charm etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a compass watch charm views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away from his eyes.

The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem the ends of the square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which,

when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes.

Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surly would put the points of the compass down. The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch charm; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down. When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason. -- Iowa Masonic Bulletin.

(Copied from *THE MONTANA MASON*, May 1936, page 15)

Masonic Trivia

During 1973 what was learned about why Hitler condemned Freemasonry?

According to Hermann Rauschnigg, in his *Gesprache Mit Hitler* (Conversation with Hitler), Hitler knew Freemasonry was harmless, but because his party "must be something similar, an order, an hierarchic organization of secular priesthood," such as Freemasonry, could not continue to exist. He said the Catholic Churches opposed Freemasonry. Now we are the strongest and, therefore, we shall eliminate both the Church and Freemasons."

Valley of Everett Calendar of Events

Reserve Friday Evenings for your Scottish Rite

Aug 08 - Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM – Meal to be served.

Aug 16 – Annual Take Me Out To The Ball Game – Everett Aquasox – 6:00 All you can eat Bar-b-Que followed by the game.

Sep 05- Lodge of Perfection – Stated Meeting – Grand Masters Reception – 6:30 PM Punch Bowl Social – 7:00 PM Dinner

Sep 14 - Executive Committee Meeting – 2:00 PM

Sep 19 – Consistory Stated – 6:30 PM Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting – 4th Degree

Sep 26 – Chapter of Rose Croix - 6:30 PM Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting – 5th and 6th Degree

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

August 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
02	Saturday	8:00 AM	Masonic Park	Open Air Degree
05	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting
06	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting
16	Saturday	2:00 PM	Skykomish 259	Railroad Degree
20	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

August 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
05	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	6:30 Dinner – 7:30 Stated Meeting
12	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting
18	Monday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 (Grand Master Attending)
19	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Whidbey 15	Stated Meeting
21	Thursday	6:30 PM	Garfield 41	6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 PM Stated Meeting
25	Monday	7:30PM	District 9 Lodge Officers	Anacortes
26	Saturday	2:00 PM	Whidby Isl 15	Special 7:30PM Meeting PM night, Grand Master attending

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

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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 **August 16, 2008**

**Take Me Out To
The Ball Game Night**
Bar-B-Q begins at 6:00 PM
**Ladies, Children and Guests are
cordially invited to attend.**
**Contact Richard McCaleb for
tickets at 425-530-5918**

"A wise man one said: "Three things are without profit – to push back the wind, paint a picture upon water and argue with a women..." Uncle Joe, The Chinaberry Tree Philosopher

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