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THE RITE BULLETIN

From the Personal Representatives



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It appears that things will slow down for a few months as Everett Valley will be dark June, July and August. That doesn't mean however that we are doing nothing. On July 17th, a Friday, the Valley will be attending an AquaSox baseball game in Everett. These ball games have always been well attended and enjoyed. Brothers Bob Dearborn and Hernan Divinagracia have stepped forward to organize this event and are selling tickets. On August 14th we are planning a tailgate party at the Everett Masonic Center. We will have more information on this posted on the website and in the next issue of the Rite Bulletin.

It is a pleasure to welcome our new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret, Brothers Brett Griffin, James Kemp, Jack Harris, Paul Schamp, Dennis Withers, and Scott Slater. You have been exposed to the teachings and philosophy of Scottish Rite. It is now your duty to truly learn and live those tenets. First I encourage you to complete the Master Craftsman course that we have given to you. Next is to participate – observe the conferral of the various degrees beginning this fall. Every time I see a degree conferred I learn something new and am re-inspired. Volunteer to be a member of one of our degree teams. Walk and talk Scottish Rite Masonry in your Blue Lodge, around the community, at work, and at home. Put a petition for Scottish Rite in your pocket so it is handy when a Brother indicates interest.

Brethren, this is the time to get petitions in for our fall class. With the Valley being dark during the summer it is sometimes a little hectic to build a class in the few days in September following our Friends Night, Friday, 11 September and before we begin conferring degrees on September 18th when we will present the 4th Degree. Get your petitions to our Secretary, Brother Charrison Lochaby, 32° KCCH so we have them all for Friends Night.

Don't forget our Executive Council meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. You are all invited to come and have a voice in the operation of the Valley.

Many of you are Worshipful Masters, Wardens, or Past Masters of your Blue Lodges. If you are not a voting member we would enjoy your company as you observe how the business is conducted and partake of the banquets and fellowship. The annual communication of our Grand Lodge will be in Spokane on 11, 12, and 13 June. I encourage you to study the Resolutions that will be presented (your Lodge Secretary has a copy) and vote for the good of Masonry. We will also be electing Grand Officers, including a new Junior Grand Warden. Those Brothers who have filed Statements of Availability have their resumes on the Grand Lodge website at <http://www.freemason-wa.org/2009%20AC/September%202008%20SOAs.pdf> and they are included in the booklet of Resolutions that your Lodge Secretary has. Again, study these and vote for the good of Masonry.

Plans are now being firmed for the 100th Birthday celebration of Everett Valley. Ill. Brother Allen Lowe is the committee Chairman. The celebration will be held at The Commons at the Everett Naval Station. We will have a social hour followed by dinner – your choice of New York Steak or Cashew Salmon, both with Shrimp Cocktails. Entertainment for the evening will be Brother Howie Damron who is renowned for his renditions of Masonic based songs. Our Grand Master, M\W\ Gale Kenney, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Washington, ILL\ William R. Miller, 33°, and our Sovereign Grand Commander, ILL\ Ronald A. Seale, 33° will all be in attendance. Tickets will be sold in the next week or so at a cost of \$40.00 each. When you buy your tickets you will need to have your driver's license number and date of birth recorded (for every one attending with you) by the ticket seller, to gain entrance to the Naval Station.

Masonic Education
Operant and
Speculant Masonry

Author Unknown

We are taught in the second degree lecture that Masonry is found in two denominations, Operative and Speculative. I would like to opine that Speculative Masonry is also of two varieties, Operant and Speculant.

By operant masonry, I allude to those Masons that dutifully assist their lodges with their time, money and service. They are the ones that take up the challenges of Masonry in the 21st Century by asking what can I do for my lodge, what does my lodge need most, what can I do for my fellow Masons or for the good of Masonry in my daily and yearly efforts. These are the folks that give unstintingly of their time, can always be found donating their money to various Masonic endeavors, and are generally found on the sidelines of each lodge meeting, showing by their presence that they are very dedicated to the principles of Freemasonry. They are operant masons because they show what happens when the principles of Freemasonry operate in the world at large and to the whole world.

By speculant masonry, I allude to those Masons that attend their lodges regularly, but seem to be the ones who always want something to happen before they can provide more of their time or money. They readily catalogue the repairs that need to be done on the lodge building, but seem to have one reason or another why they can't be the ones to take the bit in their teeth and go forward. They seem to put conditions on their time, such that they can't be present to help work on various committees, participate in work parties, or even attend more than lodge meetings that accomplish various Masonic goals. They seem to be the ones that tell you why you shouldn't do something, rather than giving you good counsel as to what needs to happen to have something succeed. They are the ones that loudly proclaim, "we've never done that before;" or "we tried that once and it didn't work", or even worse, "you won't get any support for doing something like that!" They seem

to think that they should be rewarded for such nay-saying, and seem to populate a great number of other organizations, but rarely can be found at many lodge meetings, other than to "show the flag" for many of their other organizations. I term them speculant masons, as they tend to speculate what is wrong with Masonry, any particular item of Masonry that requires more than a little work, or speculate whether or not a particular officer of Freemasonry will succeed, without following their advice of waiting for things to come into perfect conditions before things can go forward.

I ask you brethren, are you operant or speculant Masons. And if you are a speculant Mason, what are you going to do to become an operant Mason?



In Memoriam

Members of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Everett are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the following Brother

Elmer "Bud" Jamison
1931-2009

This Brother has been called to the Great Celestial Lodge above by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

He lived respected and died regretted.
Farewell, My Brother.

From the Almoner's desk

John Friesen, 32°

If you know of anyone who is ill, in a nursing home or hospital please let me know so I can send them a card or pay them a visit. May God be with you. God Bless. I can be contacted at 425-337-1655 or email me at :

john-friesen@comcast.net

The members of the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite extend to all the Brethren listed below, born in the month of June, a very

Happy Birthday!



Jack Allen
Norberto Bautista
David Borg
Albert Bowles, Sr.
Albert Bowles
Lyle Brown
Gerald Crampton
Robert Curtis
Russell Davis
Robert Dearborn
Sidney Douglas
James Farris
Joseph Harvey
James Hutchins
Steven Juntwait
Michael Kyle
Alexander Martin
Eugene McFarlane
Richard McNeley
John Morrison
Dwight Morrill
William Morton
Marceo Olegario
Christian Olsen
Lyle Ostlund
Emil Parkening
Jack Pearson
Frederick Peterson
Henry Qualey
Orval Reece
Lester Reed
Lee Schuirman
Thomas Shelly
Winston Vitous
Irving Waggoner
Jason Wallen
John Welch

Consistory

Bryan D. Bechler, 32°,
Master of Kadosh

The Northern Light is the publication of the Supreme Council 33°, AASR, Northern Jurisdiction, USA and is published quarterly. It publishes articles which are well-written, informative and educational.

This month, I'm going to cover a bit of Masonic trivia as published in the February 2009 issue of the Northern Light.

The Peace Party candidate for the presidency in 1812 was DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (1816-1826), and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar (1818-1828).

An outstanding public servant, he served as mayor of New York City,

Governor of New York, and U.S. Senator and was the instigator of the Erie Canal and founder of the public school system in the state.

The first Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite (1813-1825) was Daniel D. Tompkins, who held this position during his full two terms as vice-president of the United States under President James Monroe.

The longest, most bitter National Convention was the democrats in 1924. It lasted 22 days and took 103 ballots to nominate presidential candidate John W. Davis, a Mason for 57 years. Of the 60 candidates almost half were Freemasons.

Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the only president to move into the White House directly from the home in which he was born. Elected in 1932, his mother was the first who could vote for her son for president. This material came from The Royal Arch Mason magazine, Fall, 1972.



Marvin Emans received his 50 Year Cap from Almoner John Friesen, 32°

Take Me Out To the Ball Game

By Robert Dearborn, 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. Bob Dearborn is heading up A NIGHT AT THE AQUA SOXS, which will be on Friday, July 17, 2009. 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, which begins at 6:00 P.M. There is also set aside seating area for the Everett Valley. We have reserved a number of seats, so to make your reservation see or call Bob at 425-418-6101.

Masonic Humor

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and its air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired.

The candidate replied "a beer".

At this juncture the WM., being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate.

"OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."



Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland

**"OLD MASONS NEVER DIE,
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN
TO FIND OUT WHY"**

Are you desirous to become a Freemason?

by Ken Thompson, 32°

Last month I received an email from a gentleman who had visited the Grand Lodge web site and could not find an application for membership. He felt that since we were not recruiting that he did not feel this was the right organization he should join.

After some research on line, I found the attached article and sent it to him. I did add one additional paragraph.

“ Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you are willing to consider thoroughly the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, the knowledge of which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry interferes neither with religion nor politics, but has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No Atheist can be a Freemason.

Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his neighbor, and himself. It inculcates the practice of virtue, and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives. Any one so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men,

and to help whomsoever he can.

Freemasonry is not a Benefit Society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provision for those who survive us. There are other excellent Societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry in hope or expectation that he will derive any financial benefit from it. Masonic Charity is directed towards those who, from unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and only those are acceptable who cheerfully render obedience to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to a Freemason, and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense.

Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will, and not as a result of solicitations, or from feelings of curiosity, but simply from a favorable opinion of the Institution, and a desire to be ranked among its members.

We have no authority at the present time to give you further information regarding the Brotherhood you propose to join, but we have imparted sufficient to enable you to conclude that Freemasonry is not contrary to the principles which mark a man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with one's civil, moral or religious duties.

We think it advisable to inform you that your admission to our

Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees and contributions payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, and from time to time you may be called upon to contribute for the relief work connected with the Craft.

In the event that you are elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry, and this fact becomes known, you may be called upon by someone seeking to take advantage of that fact by attempting to sell you insurance in some form, a Bible with some Masonic information in it, or other books or items related to the Craft. Any and all such solicitations are completely without authorization and are in violation of our rules and regulations. We strongly urge you to decline to talk with any persons offering such items for sale. “

Freemasons do not openly recruit members for membership as other fraternal organizations do. A man, desiring to become a Freemason will never be asked to become a member of nor to join this great fraternity. He, from his own learning and research must decide upon himself if this is his true desires. Once he determines that this is the type of organization he is interested in becoming a member, he can then ask any Mason,” How can I become a member of this great fraternity?” My friend, only he who asks shall inherit and enjoy the beauties of Freemasonry.

I hope this answers your questions and we hope to hear from you soon.

THE PERFECT LODGE

Author Unknown

Submitted by Chuck McQuery

I think that I shall never see
A Lodge that's all it ought to be.
A Lodge whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.

A Lodge that has no empty chairs,
Whose Master shows he really cares.
A Lodge where attitudes are never bleak
Where none are proud and all are meek.

Where members never peddle lies
Nor make complaints or criticize,
Where all are always fair and kind
And to all others faults are blind.

Such perfect Lodges there may be,
But none of them are known to me and I plan
To make MY LODGE THE BEST I CAN

The Four Brothers

Once upon a time, there were four Lodge Brothers; Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done

Rose Croix **Funeral Service**

Brethren, did you know that Clausen's Scottish Rite Funeral Service was written exclusively for the Rose Croix and the Lodge of Sorrow. This service is a public service and is made available for all Scottish Rite Masons of any degree.

The Valley of Everett presently has two Rose Croix Funeral Teams available to aid the family of the decedent Brethren as they depart this physical world to enter upon the spiritual world and become members of the Celestial Lodge above. This service is very beautiful and is available to all members of the Scottish Rite; however, they must make their desires known to their families and the Valley. If you desire to have a Rose Croix Funeral Service please let your families know and ensure that they have the phone number of our Valley Secretary, Charrison Lochaby when that time does come. Charrison can be reached at 1-888-530-0816, toll free.

Valley of Everett **Degree Schedule**

Sep 25, 2009 4th Degree
Oct 09, 2009 5th & 6th
Oct 23, 2009 9th & 10th
Oct 30, 2009 12th & 13th
Nov 13, 2009 14th Degree
Nov 20, 2009 15th Degree

Masonic Dictionary

Artificers - A craftsman or skilled laborer or workmen. Tubal-Cain was the first notable artificer mentioned in history. The best available of these master craftsmen were employed in the building of the Temple.

Mother Day Brunch

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°

On Sunday, May 10th, The Valley of Everett held its Annual Champagne Mothers Day Brunch. The fare for the day was Scrambled Eggs (Denver Style), Hash Browns, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits and Gravy, Mixed Tropical Fruit, Cantaloupe, Quiche served with a nice glass of the bubbly.

The turnout was fantastic and all who came and enjoyed this feast seemed to enjoy it immensely and I assure you nobody left the building hungry. For those mothers and ladies who were unable to join us at this year's event be sure to mark your calendar for Mothers Day 2010, and enjoy your special day next year out of the kitchen with a great meal and good fellowship with us the members of the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite .

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)

June 2009

June 11-13, 2009—Grand Lodge, Maribeu Hotel, Spokane WA
June 14—Executive Committee Meeting, Everett Masonic Center 2:00 PM

July 2009

July 17—Valley of Everett Take Me Out to Ball Game Night

August 2009

Aug 15— Valley of Everett Tail Gate Party at the Everett Masonic Center

NEW DINNER PRICES

New dinner prices are effect for the Valley of Everett.

Buffets \$5.00

Special Dinners\$10.00

Coming Attractions

Valley of Everett

Take Me out to the Ball Game Night

Everett Aqua Sox Vs Vancouver Canadians

6:00 PM, Friday, July 17, 2009

At the Everett Memorial Stadium

Cost \$20.00 includes Tickets to the game,
Pregame food in the covered area and Post Game Fireworks.
For tickets contact Bob Dearborn, 32° at 425.418.6101

Valley of Everett

Annual Family Tailgate Party

Saturday, August 15, 2009

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:00 PM Dinner

Ladies, Guest and Children are invited to attend

Friends Night Dinner

Friday, September 11, 2009

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:30 PM Punch Bowl 7:00 PM Dinner

Ladies, Guest and Children are invited to attend.

Valley of Everett Calendar of Events

Reserve Friday Evenings for your Scottish Rite

June 5 - Meeting Cancelled

June (16-18) - Grand Lodge (Spokane, Washington)

June 14 - Executive Committee Meeting—2:00 PM

July 12 - Executive Council Meeting—2:00 PM

July 17- AquaSox Game - 6:00 PM Memorial Stadium, Everett, WA

Aug 01 - Open Air Degree—Masonic Park, Granite Falls, WA

Aug 09 - Executive Council Meeting—2:00 PM

Aug 15 - Tail Gate Party, Everett Masonic Center

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

June 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
02	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting
			Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting ³
			Robert Burns 243	Stated meeting
03	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated meeting
			Centennial 26	Stated Meeting
06	Saturday	8:00 AM	Everett 137	Symbolic Lodge Officer Meeting
08	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting PM Night
09	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
10	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Arlington 129	6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting
11 -13	2009 Washington State Grand Lodge, Spokane, Washington			
17	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated meeting
			Centennial 26	Stated Meeting
22	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Special Communications
24	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Arlington 129	6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting
25	Thursday	6:30 PM	Peninsular 95	6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

June 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
02	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	Stated Meeting –Public Servant Night
04	Thursday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Stated Meeting
09	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
15	Monday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
16	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Whidbey Island 15	Stated Meeting
18	Thursday	7:30 PM	Garfield 41	Stated Meeting
	Thursday	7:30 PM	Camano 19	Stated Meeting
25	Thursday	7:30 PM	Lodge Officers Assoc,	Reg. Meeting - Burlington-United Host

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

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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

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6:00 PM Dinner

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