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# THE RITE BULLETIN

## FROM THE PERSONAL REP

### MAY WE NEVER FORGET

By Ill. Bro. Wayne Smith

Brethren and Ladies all. As we approach the month of November there are some things that we should never forget. The 11<sup>th</sup> of November is Veterans Day. This is the day to remember and pay tribute to all of those who have served our great nation and to guarantee our freedoms of free speech, free worship and of free men and women. Some of these Veterans have given their all, never to return again and many others have selflessly served to insure our freedoms. In May we observed Memorial Day which is a day to pay tribute to those have given their all for our country. Veterans Day is for all whom have served and I am reminded of a poem that I read:

#### IT IS THE SOLDIER

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.  
It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.  
It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.  
It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,

Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Veterans Day should be observed by proudly flying the Flag of our Nation at half staff. Half Staff is properly done by raising the Flag to the peak and then lowering it to the half staff position at sunrise. At day's end we raise it again to the peak at sunset and then down to retie it and safe guard it for the future. Some of us never retire the flag but display it, properly lighted, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please join me in observing this important day to pay tribute to those who have served so proudly, If you can't do sunrise to sunset or can't do half staff due to the manner in which you are able to display the Flag, at least please pay tribute by displaying our Flag as best you can.

In that vein, make sure that you have 11 November on your calendar to join us at Everett Valley for our Annual Friends Night meeting when the Heroes of '76, National Sojourner's will present a program "Building of the Flag" that shows how the Flag of our nation was developed from its inception to its present 50 star configuration. **RSVP's** to our Secretary are required as this will be catered dinner. All potential candidates will be the guests of the Valley and **RSVP's** are required for both them and our other friends, including Ladies, Masons, and non-Masons. The meeting will be completely open to all so gather a crowd to come with you and contact our Secretary for dinner reservations. There will be a punchbowl social at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 and the program following.



# From The Secretary

Ill. Charrison Lochaby, 33°

## Friends Night dinner

Brethren All, mark November 11 on your calendar and enjoy an evening at Everett Valley 's Annual Friends Night. The Heroes of '76, National Sojourner's will present a program "Building of the Flag" that shows how the Flag of our nation was developed from its inception of 13 stars to its present 50 star configuration. This is one of the Valley of Everett's Scottish Rites Open Meeting so bring your ladies, guest and prospective new member and invite them to

come with you. There will be a punchbowl social at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 and the program following.

All potential candidates will be the guests of the Valley and RSVP's are required for both them and our other friends, including Ladies, Masons, and non-Masons.

This will be catered event and your **RSVP** will be required so please contact me at 1-888-530-0816 or you can email your RSVP to me at:

[clochaby@whidbey.com](mailto:clochaby@whidbey.com)

## Kids Speak (Masonic License Plate)

By Ill. Bro Bill Miller, S.G.I.G., Orient of Washington

Every few years the Department of Licensing determines that the sparkle has faded from your license plates and you are required to purchase new ones. The cost is \$24. That creates a special problem for those of us with a Masonic license plate – Kids Speak license plate.

We already pay an extra \$30 per year for the privilege of having that Square and Compasses plate on our car. Of course, \$28 of that is a charitable deduction on our tax return if you itemize.

So, when it comes time to replace the plates – the state will tell you when with your renewal notice – you have three options:

1. Give up the Kids Speak plate and opt for a standard replacement.

You won't pay the \$30 extra (nor get the \$28 deduction) but you will have to pay the \$24 plate replacement fee.

2. Get a replacement Kids Speak plate. You will pay the \$30 special fee plus the \$24 plate replacement fee. You will get a new license plate number.

3. Get a replacement Kids Speak plate with the same number you currently have. You will pay the \$30 special fee plus the \$24 plate replacement fee plus \$20 to keep your old number.

My choice will be to keep the same numbers I have now. I hope you will choose to at least keep the Kids Speak plate and continue to advertise the fraternity.

## Rose Croix Funeral Service

This service is very beautiful and available to all members of the Scottish Rite; however, Members must make their desires known to their families and the Valley. Should you desire a Rose Croix Funeral Service, when the time comes, please let your families know now. 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 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)

### November

**Nov 11** - Lodge of Perfection - Friends Night - 6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner.—RSVP

**Nov 13-** Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00 PM

**Nov 18** - Lodge of Perfection - Cap & Ring Ceremony - 6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner.—RSVP

**Nov 25** - Dark

### December

**Dec. 2**—Dark


**Dec. 9** - Lodge of Perfection Stated Meeting. - "B" - All Bod-ies — Election of Officers.

**Dec. 11** - Executive Council 2:00 pm

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Party - Punch Bowl 6:30, Dinner 7:00 - Program to follow. - RSVP



The members of the Valley of  
Everett extend to all the  
Brethren listed below, born in  
the month of November a very  
**Happy Birthday!!!**



*Happy  
Birthday*

Vance D Allred  
Herbert F Andrews  
Charles L Bash  
Michael C. Capps  
Glen W Clark  
Angelito V Corpus  
Chuck D. Dapiaoen  
Roy P Deaver  
Jack D Estes  
Kenneth G Hobbs  
Ronald D Johnson  
Marvin A Keske  
Henry V Kirby  
Nils T Larsen  
Robert B Lee  
James S Mays Jr  
Richard K McCaleb  
William H Miller  
Greg W. Outman  
Tony Raymond  
Vernon F Rognaldson  
Ted E Sanders Jr  
John A Smeby  
Dean L Smyth  
Kenneth N Thompson  
Thomas L Thornton  
Bill D Turner  
George M Vaughn  
Travis E Wieneke

## News from the Consistory

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

As the Master of Kadosh and it members, It is my privilege to inform you that on Friday, November 18, 2011, the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite will be holding the Annual Cap & Ring Banquet. The evening will begin with a 6:30PM Punch Bowl followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM. This event honors the brethren who have completed the required degrees of the Scottish Rite and will be receiving their 14<sup>th</sup> degree ring and their 32<sup>nd</sup> degree cap, identifying them as successfully completing the criteria for a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Some special entertainment is being planned for this evening at this time along with the Cap and Ring Ceremony. All potential candidates will be the guests of the Valley and RSVP's are required for both them and our other friends, including Ladies, Masons, and non-Masons. This will be catered event and your **RSVP** will be required so please contact Charrison Lochaby at 1-888-530-0816 or you can email your RSVP to him at [clochaby@whidbey.com](mailto:clochaby@whidbey.com)

## DEGREES AND LIFE

By Dewey H. Wollstein, PGM, 32°, KCCH

We cannot introduce innovations in Masonry. However, this does not mean that we cannot put something of ourselves into Masonry. It is the responsibility and duty of everyone who has a part in conferring the degrees to not only speak the words but to deliver their meaning. His own heart must reach the heart of the candidate. Together with the words there must be a feeling that the lessons are not related to life, but are life.

Moral lessons are taught men by good mothers and good fathers. Men are morally qualified before they are qualified to become Masons. The great purpose of Masonry then is to make possible a system of moral development which will widen the path of improvement. When the lessons of Masonry fail in the objective of creating a living philosophy, a philosophy that helps to make life a richer, fuller experience, then the greatest good is lost.

A great poem becomes even greater when one takes the time and effort to study the state of mind of the author, and to clearly understand the thought and inspiration behind the printed words.

So it is with the lessons of Masonry. We must take that which is warm, pulsating, alive, and drive it into the heart of the candidate

## In Memorial

MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, VALLEY OF EVERETT  
ARE DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF THE  
FOLLOWING BROTHER

**ELIADA L. BIRKS**

The 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,

**Until We Meet Again**

# Outreach Services

by Mary Craves-Hollands, Director

How important is social support as a person ages? This may seem like an easy question to answer. Most people would not choose isolation and loneliness versus spending time with companions. However, can lack of social support really hinder a person's overall quality of life? Lack of social support is related to negative impacts on health and well being, especially for older people. Having a variety of positive social supports can contribute to psychological and physical wellness of elderly individuals. Support from others can be important in reducing stress, increasing physical health and defeating psychological problems such as depression and anxiety. When considering who provides social support for an elderly individual our first thoughts are of family members. While it is true that most support does come from family members, there are many circumstances in which family members cannot be supportive (stress due to responsibilities, illness, death, financial problems, job relocation). In the United States the fastest growing age group of individuals are those 85 years and older. Due to this fact, family supports will inevitable decrease for these older individuals. A need for community-based services is more important now than ever before.

Community-based services can be extremely useful for elderly individuals. Services for older persons can encompass many areas, but one of the most important areas as discussed previously is social support. Support for elderly persons can be found in many places including: senior centers, [assisted living facilities](#), meal delivery, religious affiliations, [adult day care centers](#), etc. These services can provide positive social sup-

ports that can help older persons defeat loneliness and isolation. However, social support must encompass more than physical presence or conversation. Studies have shown that social support services should contain quality activities. These activities should promote positive self-awareness.

Self-awareness is key to a person's overall quality of life and satisfaction. Many leisure social activities can be used to help increase an individual's self-awareness. Activities for elderly individuals may include reminiscence groups, journal writing, readings of favorite book passages, group exercise, singing groups, etc. Individuals may also feel more self-satisfied if they are part of the planning of social activities that take place. Two of these community-based service centers that provide quality social support services for elderly individuals are Senior Centers and various Adult Day Services.

Today, there are estimated to be about 15,000 senior centers across the United States. Senior centers act as a focal point for older Americans to receive many aging services. The most common services offered at a senior center include health programs (including Zumba and Yoga), arts/humanities activities, intergenerational programs, employment assistance, community action opportunities, transportation services, volunteer opportunities, education opportunities, financial assistance, senior rights counseling/legal services, travel programs and meal programs. These programs and activities can help promote positive self-awareness.

According to the National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA), there are currently more than 4,600 adult day care centers nationwide.

Adult day care is a program in which activities are provided to promote social support and health services to an older adult during the daytime. Social support services at an adult day care can consist of musical entertainment and singing groups, group games such as cards, gentle exercise, discussion groups (books, films, and current events), holiday/birthday celebrations and local outings. Not only are these social activities provided, but participants of the program can also develop lasting relationships with staff and other participants. Adult day care centers also provide meals and health services. Adult day care centers differ from other programs for elderly individuals, because they allow the participants to develop and increase self-awareness by encouraging independence.

This article expresses the need people have, especially the elderly, to be social and participatory in their activities. What better way than to call someone, pick them up and take them to a lodge, chapter or court meeting or other activity. Your Masonic Outreach Services can attest to the enjoyment our aging clients get from hearing about what is happening in their particular group's meetings. Please take some time and find someone you can help engage in this manner.

If you would like more information about anything covered in this article, please feel free to contact Masonic Outreach Services at 206-878-8434; 800-820-4630 Ext. 101 or email us at:

[mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org](mailto:mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org).



# FREEMASONRY AND RELIGION

## Basic Principles

Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It requires of its members belief in God as part of the obligation of every responsible adult, but advocates no sectarian faith or practice. Masonic ceremonies include prayers, both traditional and extempore, to reaffirm each individual's dependence on God and to seek divine guidance. Freemasonry is open to men of any faith, but religion may not be discussed at Masonic meetings.

## The Supreme Being

Masons believe that there is one God and that people employ many different ways to seek, and to express what they know of, God. Masonry primarily uses the appellation, "Grand Architect of the Universe," and other non-sectarian titles, to address Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer, concentrating on God, rather than differences among themselves. Masonry believes in religious freedom and that the relationship between the individual and God is personal, private, and sacred.

## Volume of the Sacred Law

An open volume of the Sacred Law, "the rule and guide of life," is an essential part of every Masonic meeting. The Volume of the Sacred Law in the Judeo/Christian tradition is the Bible; to Freemasons of other faiths, it is the book held

holy by them.

## The Oath of Freemasonry

The obligations taken by Freemasons are sworn on the Volume of the Sacred Law. They are undertakings to follow the principles of Freemasonry and to keep confidential a Freemason's means of recognition. The much discussed "penalties," judicial remnants from an earlier era, are symbolic, not literal. They refer only to the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word.

## Freemasonry Compared with Religion

Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion: It has no dogma or theology, no wish or means to enforce religious orthodoxy. It offers no sacraments. It does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with the means of salvation.

## Freemasonry Supports Religion

Freemasonry is far from indifferent toward religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his Duty to God above all other duties. Its moral teachings are acceptable to all religions.

*Prepared by the Masonic Service Association of North America, December 1993, revised 9/98*

# THE VOICE OF FREEMASONRY

Author Unknown

"The voice of Freemasonry is needed in the world today, and I believe we will all agree that it should be a far stronger voice and a more incisive and effective one. Freemasonry has something to say to that great mass of struggling humanity whose voices rise to the heavens from every corner of this troubled sphere. Fundamentally, all are seeking a better way of life, even those that speak in terms of anger and of hate. The teachings of Freemasonry proclaim that better way. Laying no claim to originality or superiority of intellect, its precepts are drawn from the noblest thoughts of the greatest teachers of the Ages. Professing no particular creed, it teaches an unwavering belief in God. It looks hopefully to the day when all mankind will be one universal brotherhood under His Divine Fatherhood. It urges its followers to adhere to the New Law proclaimed by the Founder of the Christian religion, "that we love one another." It pledges its members to live moral, upright lives, squaring their actions by the square of virtue. It seeks to instill in weak humanity the attributes of God—an all-embracing love, a devotion to truth, an exemplary character. It urges men in their dealings with one another to be just, fair, honest, compassionate, loyal, doing to each as he would be done by."

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## MASONIC HUMOR

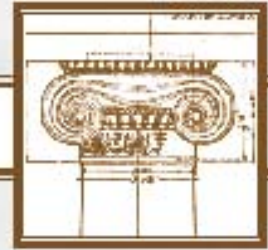
### The Entered Apprentice

After receiving his entered apprentice degree the candidate returned home. His wife asked him what happened to him. Recalling that he couldn't give up the secrets of that degree all he could muster was, "Well honey, there were a lot of walkers, talkers and preachers." With a somewhat confused look on her face she asked what he meant. He explained, "Well, I couldn't see anybody in the room and was guided around. I would stop then somebody would talk. Then I was guided around by someone else, was stopped, then somebody else talked."

His wife then asked, "That explains the walkers and talkers ... what about the preachers?"

He pondered for a moment then finally replied, "Well, often when somebody finished talking I would hear some other people whispering 'Oh, God

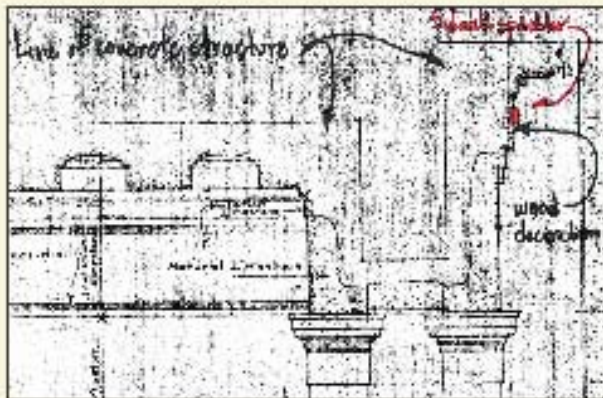




# HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE

## • Renovation Update for July 2011 •

**D**URING JULY 2011, the Renovation Team completed the cleaning of the Entrance plaza in anticipation of the Biennial Session. Our focus moved inside to investigate how the fire suppression system could be installed in the Atrium without impacting the decorative ceiling. As the design phase moves forward, further refinements of the Basis of Design include investigating alternative heating and cooling systems which will minimize energy costs while providing the appropriate temperature and humidity control to the collection storage areas, ceremonial spaces and offices.



The original John Russell Pope drawings were reviewed as to the composition of the ceiling structure and decorative treatments. Alternative types of fire suppression (sprinklers) types were considered for the Atrium. In the end, the preference is for sidewall sprinkler heads between each beam provided the best coverage.



To access the ceiling in the southeast corner of the Atrium, scaffolding was erected. The floor and the immediate area was protected to minimize impact to the stone and plaster.



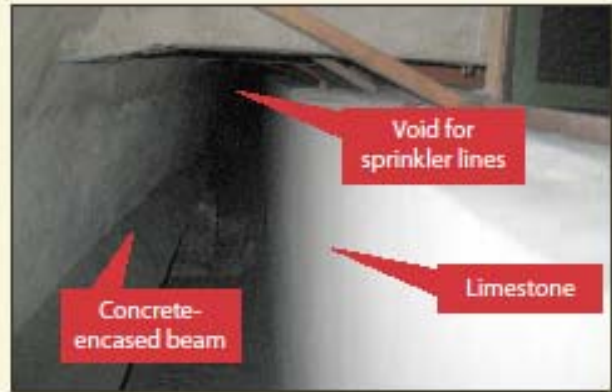
Carpenters skilled in the removal of historic wood paneling, carefully removed the panels at the end of the beams to reveal the structure beyond. Between the wall and first beam, terracotta and brick walls were found.



A crack through the brick was observed in both the brick and in an open joint in the limestone below this same area. A similar condition was also observed in the same relative location in the other corners. Since the wood paneling will be removed again for the sprinkler installation, these cracks will be addressed at that time.



The second panel in the southeast corner was removed to reveal terracotta infill.



After the panels were removed, the void shown in the drawings between the concrete encased steel beam and the limestone beam surround was confirmed.



The decorative pattern on the bottom of the wood beams was confirmed to be an applied paper.



The team continues to design and develop strategies to implement the Rebuilding the Temple project. With the information obtained in the investigation phase and the requirements identified in the Basis of Design documents, the team will begin the design phase this Fall.



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***VALLEY OF EVERETT***  
***COMING EVENTS***  
**FRIENDS NIGHT**

Friday, Friday November 11, 2011

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:30 PM Punch Bowl

7:00 PM Dinner

Prospective Members and Families, Members Ladies,  
Guest and Children are invited to attend

RSVP to the Secretary

**CAP & RING CEREMONY**

Friday, Friday November 18, 2011

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:30 PM Punch Bowl

7:00 PM Dinner

Prospective Members and Families, Members Ladies,  
Guest and Children are invited to attend

RSVP to the Secretary

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Friday, Friday December 16, 2011

At the Everett Masonic Center

6:30 PM Punch Bowl

7:00 PM Dinner

Prospective Members and Families, Members Ladies,  
Guest and especially Children are invited to attend.

RSVP to the Secretary - Be Sure to tell him the ages and gender  
of attending Children.

# VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **Reserve Friday Evenings for your Scottish Rite**

Nov 11 - Lodge of Perfection - Stated Meeting - Friends Night -6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner - RSVP  
13 - Executive Council - 2:00 PM  
18 - Consistory - Cap & Ring Ceremony -6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner - RSVP

Dec 9 - All bodies Stated Meeting - Election of Officers

11 - Executive Council - 2:00 PM

16 - Valley of Everett Annual Christmas Party -6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner - RSVP

## **DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS**

### November 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Event</i>
1	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting-
		7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	6:30PM Dinner -Stated Meeting
		7:30 PM	Robert Burns 243	6:30 PM Dinner -Stated Meeting. - Elections
2	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting - Elections
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting
5	Saturday	8:00 AM	SLOC	Robert Burns 243 Host
8	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
9	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Arlington 129	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
10	Thursday	6:30 PM	Peninsular 95	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting-
12	Saturday	2:00 PM	Damascus 199	Installation of Officers
14	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting
15	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting
		7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting
		7:30 PM	Robert Burns 243	Stated Meeting
16	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting
19	Saturday	2:00 PM	Arlington 129	Open Installation
		7:00 PM	Peninsular 95	Open Installation
22	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
23	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Arlington 129	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
28	Thursday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Special - Bring a Brother to Lodge

## **DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS**

### November 2011

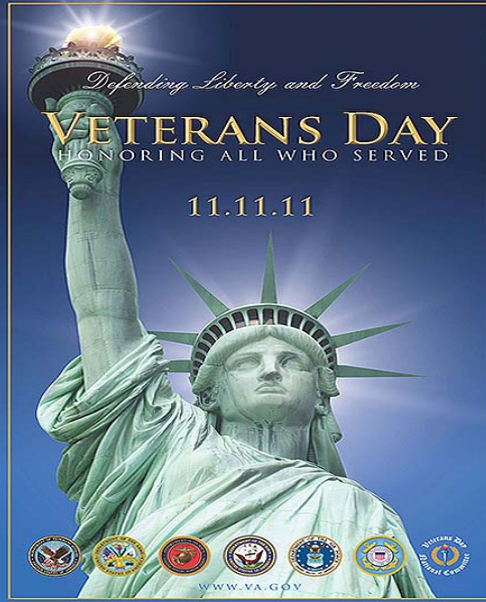
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1	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	Stated Meeting
3	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington -United 93	Stated Meeting- PM Night - Step Up
8	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	Stated Meeting
10	Thursday	7:30 PM	Camanio 19	Stated Meeting
15	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Whidbey Island 15	Stated Meeting- PM Night - Step Up
17	Thursday	7:30 PM	Garfield 41	Stated Meeting
22	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	Stated Meeting - 6:30 PM Dinner
30	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Lodge Officers Assoc,	Reg. 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

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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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**Web masters' Note: Come visit the Everett Valley web site. It is located at:**

**[www.everettscottishrite.org](http://www.everettscottishrite.org)**

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**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 bless you and be with you always. I can be contacted at 425-337-1655 or email me at: [john-friesen@comcast.net](mailto:john-friesen@comcast.net)

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