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FROM THE PERSONAL REP



Christmas or Hanukkah or Holiday Season

By Ill. Bro. Wayne Smith

We are beginning to prepare to celebrate Christmas with all of its joy, presents, family, and Santa Claus. I recall a couple years ago – well maybe more than a couple – when I was a child, my Mother would never allow a decoration in our home until after Thanksgiving and if a store began their Christmas sales, advertising or window displays before then she refused to purchase or visit that location. Christmas carols, though beautiful to hear and sing, were not played until after Thanksgiving. Shopping was far easier as many of the “family/relative” presents were always homemade such as boxes of candy or cookies or hand-made knitted clothing. The only “early” Christmas preparations allowed was for those of us who had to practice either for band/orchestra or to take part in the schools Christmas play or for the projects we made in shop class such as the footstool for Grandma and Grandpa or the wooden bread boards and salad bowls we turned out on the lathe. Christmas

was simpler then but just as joyous filled with love of family.

Has the season changed? It seems currently Halloween is the new beginning of the Christmas season. Look at all of the advertisements in the newspaper. What – you mean you don’t see the handmade footstool or the comforter that Grandma made for you pictured in those slick ads? What hasn’t changed is the true reason we Christians celebrate Christmas. It is not the Holiday Season and we do not decorate Holiday Trees – we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Our Jewish brethren celebrate Hanukkah with its traditional Menorah and the lighting of its 8 candles in commemoration of the victory of the Jews over the Syrian-Greeks. In 165 BCE, led by the Hasmonean family of Mattathias the High Priest and his youngest son, Judah, the Jews succeeded in evicting the Syrian-Greeks from Israel and restored the Temple.

According to the Talmud, after the Temple had been cleaned and the Priests were ready to light the Temple menorah,

they could find only one jug of oil that was fit to use. This was only enough for one day, but it lasted for eight. This is why Hanukah is eight days long. For eight days beginning on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev we light the menorah to celebrate the victory and the miracle of Hanukah.

Many of both traditions have melded together in America and may we never lose sight of that which binds us together in Masonry. This year Hanukkah begins on 20 December.

So greet our Brothers and families with “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Hanukkah” and you will be showing respect for our various religions. Happy Holidays is just a little too “PC” for me and shows respect for neither of our religions.

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-



From The Secretary

Ill. Charrison Lochaby, 33°

Something new has been added. Those of you with an e-mail address have already seen it for you received an invitation to the Cap & Ring Ceremony. This has been a very successful addition to our Valley for it provides me with a member head count for the particular event. I am planning to make more use of this program for upcoming events. As a matter of fact I am in the process of setting up the invitations for the Annual Christmas Party.

When you receive your invitation, open up the e-mail and you will have the opportunity to answer the attendance question with a "YES, NO or MAYBE" If you answer No or Maybe and press enter there will be nothing else to do. If you answer YES and press enter then the next question for you to answer is HOW MANY GUESTS. You will enter 1,2 or what ever is appropriate. I'm not sure of the next part but somewhere there is a place for you to enter a comment to me. This is the place to type in the age and gender of the youngsters that you are bringing. This is all it takes to RSVP for the event.

If you do not have e-mail it will still be necessary for you to call me and RSVP to me by telephone. My number is still 888-530-0816.

For everyone this is a special program for Christmas, the dinner will be Prime Rib with all the usual amenities and the Valley will host the dinner so there will be no charge for admission.

I'm typing this all from memory at the moment. So if I made a mistake just look around the forms and I think you will RSVP just fine.

News from the Consistory

By Kenneth Thompson, 32°, KCCH

Cap N Ring Ceremony

As the Master of Kadosh and its members, It is my privilege to inform you that on Friday, November 18, 2011, the Valley of Everett Scottish Rite held the Annual Cap & Ring Banquet. The evening began with a 6:30PM Punch Bowl followed by a delicious Roast Pork Dinner prepared for us by The Road Kill Gang. After dinner, Magician Ken Wehl entertained the audience which was enjoyed by all in attendance. The main reason for this event was to honor our three, Brothers Robert, Alec and Marvin who have completed the required degrees of the Scottish Rite and received their 14th degree ring and their 32nd degree cap with the assistance of their family, identifying

them as successfully completing the criteria for a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Later that evening Bro. Hernan Davinagracia awarded a Certificate of Completion for the Master Crafts Program Ill Bro Walt Smith and the evening concluded with our very own PR, Ill. Bro. Wayne Smith who awarded the Pride Pin to several members of the Valley of Everett.

Brethren, fun things do happen in this Valley, so if you missed this one, remember that there are always more events coming in the future, so if your calendars allow, plan your Friday nights for Scottish Rite. Good times, Good Friendship, and good fellowship for all.

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)

December 2011

Dec 09 - All Bodies Stated Meeting - Election of Officers - 6:30PM Buffett
Dec 16 - Annual Christmas Party 6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner

January 2012

Jan 12- Executive Committee Meeting - 2:00 PM
Jan 14 - Lodge of Perfection - Installation of Officers - 6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner
Jan 21 - Chapter of Rose Croix - 6:30 PM Buffet - Confer 4th Degree
Jan 28 - Lodge of Perfection - Stated Meeting - 6:30 PM Buffet - Confer 5th and 6th Degree

Masonic Quotes

"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it nor weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his Brethren will find that Lodge and Brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his



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



Delbert I Adkison
Ronald J Archer
Leeland G Artra
Ralph A Beahler
Homer J Beathe
Lee W Brashler
Chuck M. Burrows
Edward Diamond
Donald E DuBois
Dan T Gatcheco
Daniel G Hernandez
Frank V Hozian
Charles W Kissell
Edward J Leatham
Noel R Martinez
James E McElroy
Ronald W. Meyers
Warren C Nelsen
Brian R Pelton
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Lawrence F Rawie
William H Read
Dr. Lyle E Ronning
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Kenneth D. Wehl
Mark S. Wiggins
Marion A Windell

FREEMASONRY AND CHRISTMAS

Author Unknown

The observance of Christmas doesn't seem to bring satisfaction to some people. On one hand, many say it's too religious, and thus don't want Christmas trees in public buildings and nativity scenes within a shepherd's-crook length of government lawns. On the other hand, many say it's not religious enough; it's too commercial. They've been saying it for years—it's the central theme behind the charming animated cartoon *A Charlie Brown Christmas* which was made some 40 years ago.

Setting that aside, what does Christmas mean to the Freemason?

Certainly Freemasonry is not a religion, Christian or otherwise. It leaves the determination on spiritual matters to each individual Mason, so long as he believes in the Almighty Creator. But there are certain messages from the story of Christmas that are applicable to all Masons, not just those who celebrate a certain birth on December 25th.

Many Christians feel God gave his greatest gift to mankind, and that Gift's birth is marked on Christmas Day. And the spirit of giving is also outlined in our Masonic ceremonies. The new Entered Apprentice is reminded in the northeast corner of charity, and to practice it whenever possible. There's the monetary charity of that portion of our ceremony. And there's another kind. The one referred to in the Charge in the

same degree which admonishes "to relieve his necessities, soothe his afflictions, and do to him as you would that he, under similar circumstances, should do until you." In other words, the Golden Rule, from the Sermon on the Mount.

Christmas is a time of faith for our Christian brethren. But all Masons are reminded in the different degrees of the principle of faith. In the explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board, we hear "How ready and willing ought we to be to adore the Almighty Creator." Therefore, let this time of year serve as a reminder to all Masons to practice their faith, whatever it may be.

Faith and Charity are names of principal staves or rounds on the Ladder you see every meeting on that Tracing Board. But there is another round, and that is Hope in Salvation. While Salvation has a particular connotation to those who believe in the story of the virgin birth, the concept of some kind of reward for following Masonic principles during our lives winds its way through the various degrees, as those of you familiar with the working tools explanations of the Second and Third Degrees well know.

So let this season of the year remind all Masons, no matter what their religious beliefs, to follow those universal tenets of the Craft—faith, hope and charity. Doing so should bring satisfaction to you at Christmas-time.

GENUINE CHARITY

By Dewey H. Wollstiein, PGM, 32°, KCCH

There is a tendency today to use charity in a way that robs it of its beauty and leaves only a cold and inanimate word.

Many times an organization will be moved to perform an act of charity only to gain publicity and the material benefits which naturally follow such publicity. Many organizations "sell" something in order that they may obtain money which in turn they will distribute to various charities. These acts may be commendable but they do not carry the true spirit of charity.

The lesson of charity as taught in the first degree is perhaps the most important in all Masonry. If we teach the candidate Masonic Charity we go a long way toward making a Mason.

If you were to look for the secret in man's climb from the mud of ignorance to his place as a spiritual being, you would find it in the Ideal of Charity. When a man became conscious of his obligation to others and thus found joy in sharing with others—when man learned that he could impart something of value to others in time of joy and in time of sorrow—when man saw in others his own reflected hopes, ambitions and aspirations, he became One with God.

When you consider the deductions from your income tax for the amounts you gave to various organized charities, there is little of self included. You gave because you were expected to share in an impersonal appeal. This, too, may be commendable.

But in giving of self, you follow the lesson of Masonic Charity.

Outreach Services

by Mary Craves-Hollands, Director

The holidays are always a wonderful time of year for family gatherings, reflection on what we have and the spirit of giving. The television is packed with specials showing relationships and families coming together for the holidays.

But the holidays can also be a time of stress and sadness for those who are caring for family members that are struggling with health problems, frailty, dementia and loss. Those who care for these individuals may feel overwhelmed, frustrated, depressed or resentful as they watch “perfect” families enjoying the holidays. There are many surveys and documents that show that caregivers are highly susceptible to these feelings. If you are a caregiver, there are measures you can take to avoid this.

First, remember, that you are not

alone. If you are new to caregiving or have been caring for someone for a very long time, remember that the perfect family on television is not reality for many Americans. You are not the only one with these challenges. A recent study by the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP found that 44.4 million Americans age 18 or older are providing unpaid care to an adult. In fact according to the survey provided by the National Family Caregivers Association:

The typical caregiver is a 46-year-old Baby Boomer woman with some college education who works and spends more than 20 hours per week caring for her mother who lives nearby.

Female caregivers provide more hours of care and provide a higher level of care than male caregivers.

Almost seven in ten (69%) caregivers say they help one person.

The average length of caregiving is 4.3 years.

Many caregivers fulfill multiple roles. Most caregivers are married or living with a partner (62%), and most have worked and managed caregiving responsibilities at the same time (74%).

Second, find help. There are many resources available to a

caregiver. Some of these include family members, friends, a local religious group, elder care agencies and homecare providers. Your Outreach Services provides many great resources and help. Most family members are willing to help, but just don't know what to do. Many caregivers feel that they are the only one who can give the best care. It is important to communicate with other family members about what kind of help you need and let them know specifically what they can do.

Masonic Outreach Services

will give you advice and guidance for free. They are a good source for professional advice with the ability to introduce you to the rapidly growing business of non-medical home care companies. Most of these home care agencies will offer free consultations and will provide paid aides to help you with your loved-one with such things as bathing, dressing, shopping, household chores, transportation, companionship and much more. Outreach Services will also help you coordinate adult daycare or other community services. The Outreach Services Case Managers are valuable in helping find supporting resources, providing respite, saving money from care providers, finding money to pay for care, making arrangements with family or government providers and providing advice on issues that you may be struggling with.

Lastly, it is important to take care of yourself first in order to give effective and loving care.

Maintain a positive attitude. Take time to be grateful for everything that is good in your life. There is always something. Adjust your expectations for the holiday season. If you aren't expecting that perfect holiday family picture, then you won't be angry and frustrated that it isn't something you have right now. It is always possible to change your attitude and perceptions, but it is not always possible to change your circumstances.

Eat healthy food and be sure to get some exercise. Do this in small increments if it is too overwhelming to plan menus. Drink more water, cut

down on sugary snacks, pick up some vegetables and fruit to grab. Walk or do marching in place. Run or walk up and down stairs if that is all the time you have right now.

Forgive and let go of frustrations, anger, resentment and guilt. These are common feelings for caregivers. The best thing a caregiver can do for their own emotional health is to clear out these negative thoughts and feelings. Contact Outreach Services to get counseling or to just talk about your situation. Talk to a friend or simply write down the negative feelings to get them out of your system. Never take your anger and frustrations out on those you care for.

Take time to do something you enjoy and give yourself a little bit of rejuvenation every day. Laughter is a great stress reliever. Find something funny to read or get on the internet and find a funny video to watch.

During the holidays, be easy on yourself. If you enjoy holiday activities, then get out there and do them. Ask someone to help with your caregiving duties even if it is just for an hour or two to shop or to see a concert or movie. There are day care facilities or home care services available for short term care. Contact Masonic Outreach Services to find out about available services in your area.

Being a “perfect” caregiver during the holidays does not have to look like the perfect on-screen holiday family. How you handle your circumstance will be the key to creating your own peace, happiness and cheer during the holiday season. The holidays can be a time of reflection on good things. Your attitude and a little care for yourself can make a big difference in the care that you give in the coming year.

If your **Masonic Outreach Services** can be of any assistance, please contact them at **206-878-84734/1-800-820-4630 Ext. 101** or **mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org**.

A Masonic Christmas Story

Posted December, 1997

By Wor. Bro. C.S.L. (Laurie) Lund & V.W.Bro. R.G. (Ron) Dixon
(With Apologies to Clement C. Moore)

'Twas nigh afore Christmas at the Freemason's Hall
(Civil Services' regular), the order was tall;
Reams from Grand Lodge, a notice of motion,
A ballot or two and a pause for devotion
To brethren departed of the year '94,
Plus a candidate who would soon walk the floor.

Our own Junior Warden, when faced with the crunch
Said, "Let's all call off and go upstairs for lunch."
The Master replied, as Masters all do,
Intoned in a voice reserved for the few,
"Before we partake of the fellowship there
Is the summons to read and a ballot to clear.
Not to mention the candidate, he's quaking with dread
At the stories of whether the goat has been fed."

The Master, exhorting the brethren to work,
A firm grip on the gavel, he turned with a jerk
To the Secretary, putting a shine to each lens,
Polished both to a lustre and reached for his pens.

"It's half past the hour," the Master then winced
At the stuff left to do and remained unconvinced
That the evening would go as smooth as he'd hoped
Since he'd gone to the trouble of feeding the goat.
"Though the ballot's behind us, the notice is gone,
Grand Lodge is finished, the work still goes on."

The Inner Guard knew as the Tyler did too
That knock, knock and knock was the right thing to do.

Sidebenchers slept soundly and were only stirred
When the crack of the candidate's knuckles was heard
The slight groan that penetrated lips that were pursed
Appeared to the Deacon as just a light curse.

Onward they travel, the guide and the man
Seeking truth and enlightenment wherever they can
The secrets were given, the grip and the token,
Obligation was offered, the words then were spoken.
Though never, not once, was one heard to gloat
As the Entered Apprentice never did meet the goat.

The evening now ended, the candidate clear
Junior Warden entreats from the South us to hear
The oath we look forward to right from the start,
"Happy to meet and sorry to part."

Christmas had come to Civil Service that night
As men came together under the light
Giving freely of time as a labour of love
As we bent to the task of the Most High above.

To Stewards, to Deacons, the Tyler, the 'Guard
The Wardens, the Master, who all work so hard,
To Past Masters steady, Sidebenchers too
To Treasurer, Chaplain, the D. of C. who
Help carry the Lodge, year in and year out
To your family extended, a warm Christmas time.
Thank the G.A.O.T.U. we've run out of rhyme!

Charity Committee

By Steven Wandel 32°, KCCH

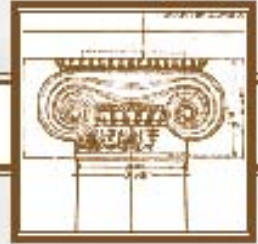
TAKE NOTICE PLEASE!! The Charity Committee is organizing a FOOD DRIVE during the Month of December. Please bring in your canned or non-perishable food donation to any of our following meetings: Dec. 9th, Stated... Dec. 11th, Exec Council Mtg... and finally ending on the Dec. 16th at our annual Christmas Party. The Charity Committee will be picking up the donated food and taking it to the Lynnwood Food Bank on Saturday Dec. 17th... So let's all help to make this holiday season a little Brighter those in need and show that the Everett Valley cares.

I would also like to inform the Brethren that the Charity Committee has selected three local organizations to donate funds to in support of their good deeds.

The groups are:

1. The Fallen Heroes Project; You may have heard about this Mountlake Terrace artist that does a Custom portrait of a fallen hero free of charge and presents it to the family. Each Portrait is intended to show our love and respect for these heroes and their families.
2. The Farm; A group home for displaced teens. Snohomish Valley.
3. The Lynnwood Food Bank; Serving South Snohomish County.

Finally Brethren, if you come across a charity or civic group worthy of the Valley's consideration, please forward that information to me or one of the other committeemen.



HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE

• Renovation Update for August 2011 •

DURING AUGUST 2011, the Renovation Team installed the first three finials in the new handrail leading from the Entrance level to the Banquet Hall. The unexpected 5.8 earthquake on August 23, 2011, caused minor damage in the House of Temple. Representatives from the structural engineer have reviewed the building noting their concerns. Design work is ongoing with focus on the accessible entrance, plumbing (including additional restrooms), and electrical design including lighting.



The "Lost Wax" process was used for casting the new finials. First, a pattern of the historic finial was hand carved. Using the pattern, a mold was created to make the wax castings. The funnel-shaped element and rods are a "pour cup" to allow the molten metal to be poured in and gases escape.



Fine aggregate (sand) is then "painted" onto the wax mold, with successive layers of more coarse aggregate added to create a "shell". The shell is then baked at high temperature. The wax melts leaving the shell which can then be filled with the molten metal.



One of the rays from the "glory" on the West Elevation of the Temple Room became detached from the window as a result of the earthquake. Five panes of glass were also cracked or broken during this event. Conservators have reviewed the situation and proposed a methodology to reattach and stabilize the loose element.



The stone fragments on the stairs outside the Temple Room are from a crack in the marble wall above which resulted from the earthquake.



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JOIN US FOR THE CENTENNIAL OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE AT THE HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 16-18, 2011.

OCTOBER 16: Special Guided Tours (2:00 p.m.)

Tour 1: *Masonic Symbolism in the House of the Temple*

Tour 2: *Pope's Legacy: His Vision for the "Men's House"*

Each special tour will be offered twice so that all attendees can go on both. Each tour will be 60-80 minutes in length.

OCTOBER 17: Laying the Cornerstone Symposium (Event begins at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be provided.)

- **Keynote Speaker:** Secretary of U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, Thomas Luebke
- **Hartman Cox Architects:** *John Russell Pope and the Historic significance of the House of the Temple on 16th Street*
- **Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, G.C., Grand Archivist/Grand Historian:** *Masonic symbolism of the House of the Temple*
- **Sean Graystone 33°, G.C., Superintendent of the House of the Temple:** *Renovating the Temple for a New Century*

OCTOBER 18: Re-enactment of the Laying of the Cornerstone (11:00 a.m.)

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Council will reenact the Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremony. This event starts at 11:00 a.m. and is open to the public. There will be a reception following the reenactment ceremony in the Temple Garden at 11:45 a.m.

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VALLEY OF EVERETT COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 16, 2011

Everett Masonic Center

6:30 PM Punch Bowl

7:00 PM Dinner

Prospective Members and Families, Members Ladies,
Guests and especially Children are invited to attend
RSVP Required, Call the Secretary at 888-530-0816
Don't forget the non-perishable food item for the food bank

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Friday, January 14, 2012

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

SWEETHEARTS DINNER

Friday, February 11, 2012

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

Ladies Free

RSVP Required, Call the Secretary at 888-530-0816

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reserve Friday Evenings for your Scottish Rite

Dec 9 - All bodies Stated Meeting - Election of Officers

Dec 11 - Executive Council - 2:00 PM

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

Jan 08—Executive Council—2:00 pm

Jan 13 - Lodge of Perfection - Installation of Officers - 6:30 PM Punch Bowl - 7:00 PM Dinner

Jan 21 - Chapter of Rose Croix - Stated Meeting - 6:30PM Buffett - 4th Degree

Jan 28 - Lodge of Perfection - Stated Meeting - 6:30PM Buffett - 5th and 6th Degree

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

December 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
3	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Robert Burns 243	Installation of Officer
		2:00 PM	Crystal 122	Installation of Officer
		7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Installation of Officer
6	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.
7	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting
8	Thursday	6:30 PM	Peninsular 95	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
10	Saturday	2:00PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Installation of Officer
12	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting
13	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
14	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Arlington 129	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
17	Saturday	TBA	Everett 137	Installation of Officer
20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting
		7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting
		7:30 PM	Robert Burns 243	Stated Meeting
21	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting
28	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Arlington 129	Special Communications

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

December 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	Thursday	6:30 PM	Burlington -United 93	Stated Meeting, Inst of Officers
6	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	Stated Meeting
8	Thursday	7:30 PM	Camano 19	Stated Meeting
13	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	Stated Meeting
15	Thursday	7:30 PM	Garfield 41	Stated Meeting
20	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Whidby Island 15	Stated Meeting
27	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 PM Dinner - Stated Meeting
28	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Whidby Island 15 Host	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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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