

The Trowel



Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Tacoma
Orient of Washington

JULY 2018

America's Independence Day



"When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security..."

As we celebrate our Independence Day, we are reminded of the ideals and principles on which this nation was founded. We have come a long way for the past 242 years. From our independence, to the abolishment of slavery, to women's right to vote, to the Civil Rights movement, our ideals, rights and freedoms have evolved. This evolution has always been with the framework of our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, the Legislative and Judicial process. It is a daily exercise which we need to be vigilante to foster and protect. In these times of uncertainty, as free-thinkers, we need to re-read the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and other books from that era.

"Those who sacrifice freedom for safety deserve neither...", these words from Thomas Jefferson advises against compliancy and giving up our rights for which many have sacrificed their lives.

As Scottish Rite Freemasons, I challenge you to truly do the daily efforts to foster and protect the right we have acquired not on based on political partisanship, hatred or bias but on the true love for freedom and liberty as Americans and human beings. Martin Luther King said once: *"...Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred..."*

To all, a happy 4th of July and may God bless America and all those living under the protective folds of its flag.

-The Editor

Scottish Rite - The University of Freemasonry

JULY EVENTS



3 - **Council Knights of Kadosh**
Picnic Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM

4 - **Independence Day**

5- **TK Rainbow Installation 5:00 PM**

15- **Study Group 6:00 PM**

31 - **Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM**

August Events



7 - **Consistory**
Dinner 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM

5 - **Masonic Unity Day**
Joint GLWA & GLPHAWA
Service
Steilacoom Lodge No. 2
4 PM - 7 PM Dupont, WA

19 - **Study Group 6:00 PM**

28 - **Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM**

The Valley of Tacoma meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise indicated.
All meetings and events are at 817 S. Vassault St., Tacoma, WA.

All Sojourning Scottish Rite Masons are welcome.



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FALL CLASS REUNION

**Friday November 2
7:00 PM**

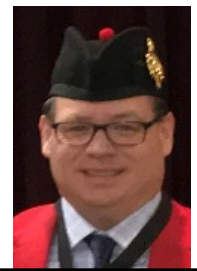
**Saturday, November 3
8:00 AM**

**PETITIONS ARE NEEDED
ASK A LODGE BROTHER
TO JOIN
TO FURTHER HIS LIGHT**



Message from the Commander

Bro. Mark Thompson, 32°



22nd Degree: Knight Royal Axe, Prince of Libanus

The central idea of this Degree is the dignity of work and, hence, the ignobility of idleness. The Scottish Rite teaches that each person has a responsibility to be productive, not just in his own life but in the lives of others. Work is not a curse from God; it is one of the greatest blessings He has bestowed on us. When we work, when we are productive, when we create something which was not in the world before, when we find answers to problems, we are partaking in the creative nature of God.

Reference: Ill. Brother Jim Tresner, 33rd Degree, Grand Cross.

With that being said, wow, it's summer time! Let's just do nothing, nah. The 'blue' Lodge may be dark, our other Masonic endeavors still need to be tended too. It all comes down to our ability to keep the maintenance up and able to access those amazing opportunities when they're presented to us. Failure to plan IS planning to FAIL. Our work in self improvement is always in need - at least in my case as an example.

Our Valley has just initiated 22 new members into the University of Masonry. Now is not the time to sit on our laurels. We must now more than ever - step up, reach out and take these new to the 'Rite' Brother Master Masons under our wings and help them. I can speak from my personal experience that getting out of myself and worldly struggles that WORKING with another Mason is and has been so very helpful in my own life.

As we celebrate our country turning 242 years young. Let's not forget those who've gone before in preparing and delivering us from foreign reign. Our Fraternity is global but we're very local too. I want to extend to all of my fellow American Brother Masons a wonderful Independence Day. I don't celebrate the 4th of July. I honor America on July 4th.

Let's keep our eye on the prize and our hearts fast at work on becoming the better man. It's okay to take a break and rest from time to time. Let's not let sloth enter our lives or forget our Oaths to the Craft or our fellow Brothers. Happy Birthday America, we Masons helped make you. Us Masons are going to help keep you strong and impressive as always.

Fraternally,

Brother Mark W. Thompson, 32°

Commander, Council of Kadosh

Personal Representative's Message

Ill. Miles Stover, 33°



HOW TO AVOID A LIFE OF REGRET IN MASONRY

What is it you'll regret the most about your Masonic life when your time is up? Failure to fulfill your duty and obligations? Or the failure to follow your dreams? Current research suggests your biggest regrets have nothing to do with our responsibilities in life.

Those folks who study these sort of thing say our regrets that bother us the most involve failing to live up to our "ideal selves". Basically, we are not as bothered by the mistakes we've made as we are bothered by never becoming the person/Mason we truly wanted to be.

Current theory has three selves: the actual self, the ideal self and the ought self. The actual self is what a person believes themselves to be now. The ideal self is comprised of the attributes and abilities they would like to possess one day – in essence their goals, hopes, and aspirations. The ought self is who someone believes they should have been according to their obligations and responsibilities. In terms of regret, the failure of the ought self is more "I could have done that better", and the failure of the ideal self is more "I never became the person/Mason I wanted to become".

People regret their inactions more than their actions in the long term. In the moment, a mistake makes you feel a great deal of regret, but you get over it quickly as it melts away with the typical "live and learn" mentality. After all, nobody's perfect, right? Most mistakes can be fixed or apologized for. But you can't fix what was never done in the first place. You see, inaction, the utter lack of trying, is what will truly haunt you. Lots of people or Masons wait for inspiration to come before they try to achieve their personal goals. The need for inspiration is only an excuse, and a lazy one. If you want to avoid such troubling regrets, the remedy is clear: take action while you can.

This isn't to say you should forego your duties and responsibilities in pursuit of your personal or Masonic dreams. It's merely a reminder that the things you want to do in your personal or Masonic life don't go away. We will never be able to achieve every single thing we envision, we can't even begin to approach our ideal selves without, well, doing something.

The real good news is that our leadership, the elected officers of the bodies, the appointed officers and I suspect every Brother in the Valley of Tacoma want you to be successful and meet your needs and dreams. I ask that every one of us put this hypothesis to the test – tell us what you want and need, tell us how we can help you be the "ideal Brother" you want to be.

Thank you!

Fraternally,

Ill. Miles Stover, 33°

Are you a Master Craftsman?



The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is an exciting by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, S. J., U.S.A.

Course I

It consists of six lessons, utilizing The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, and A Bridge to Light by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, as its textbooks.

Course II

It returns to the texts from the first program in nine quizzes and re-explores the ritual on a deeper level, looking for the moral lesson imparted in each degree and then applying that lesson to one's everyday life.

Course III

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman: Symbolic Lodge course will familiarize students with aspects of the development of Blue Lodge Masonry and explore some of its developing symbolism. This will reveal that the "High Degrees" began to develop soon after formation of the Premier Grand Lodge (1717).

Each course consists of 7 quizzes, after completion of which the participant will receive a certificate and a lapel pin.

If you are interested, see Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32°, KCCH, or any of the Scottish Rite Bodies Officers to begin your journey as a Scottish Rite Master Craftsman.

Spring Class Cap and Ring Ceremony

After a succulent dinner at our Consistory Feast, our newly-made 32nd Scottish Rite Masons were given their caps and rings while their families watched. Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G.), Ill. Al Jorgensen with the assistance of our Personal Representative (PR), Ill. Miles Stover, placed the caps on our newly-made Masters of the Secret. As they say a picture is worth a thousands words. Here are some of the pictures taken at the event.



Masonic Values

Freemasons lives are based on honor and integrity, and believe that honesty, compassion, trust, and knowledge are important.

What's Happening in the Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite

Spring Class Cap and Ring Ceremony



Masonic Values

It is disappointing when many of our own members do not appreciate or take advantage of what our fraternity has to offer, or when they fail to live by its teachings, and by doing so, they fail to attract many good men to its doors.

What's Happening in the Valley of **Tacoma** Scottish Rite

Spring Class Cap and Ring Ceremony



Moments of Reflections



“Human beings do not live forever. We live less than the time it takes to blink an eye, if we measure our lives against eternity. So it may be asked what value is there to a human life. There is so much pain in the world. What does it mean to have to suffer so much if our lives are nothing more than the blink of an eye?

I learned a long time ago, that a blink of an eye in itself is nothing. But the eye that blinks, that is something. A span of life is nothing. But the man who lives that span, he is something. He can fill that tiny span with meaning, so its quality is immeasurable though its quantity may be insignificant. Do you understand what I am saying? A man must fill his life with meaning, meaning is not automatically given to life.

It is hard work to fill one's life with meaning. That I do not think you understand yet. A life filled with meaning is worthy of rest. I want to be worthy of rest when I am no longer here.”

Chaim Potok - The Lights from Kabbalah



June's Knight of the Double Eagle Award

By Bro. Michael Smitson, 32^o, KCCH



At our June Meeting, we announced the Double Eagle awardee for the month. The honor went to our Personal Representative, Ill. Miles Stover. Due to his accumulating points in the program, his ribbon changed from black to white for attaining 7,500 points



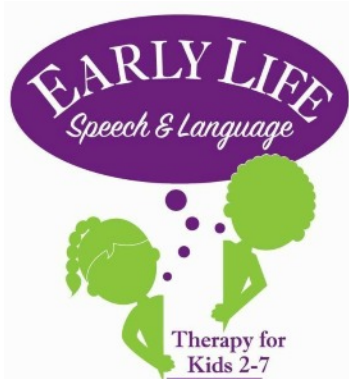
Early Life Speech and Language Update

By
Ill. Lawrence Newsham
Valley of Tacoma
Program Director



Rite Care is now doing business as Early Life Speech and Language with Rite Care of Washington being the parent organization. Our program is on going and we continue to partner with Good Samaritan Hospital (Multi Care Hospitals) located in Puyallup, Child Therapy Center and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma. The Valley of Tacoma presently have four (4) children in individual speech therapy. Two at each of the facilities mentioned above. Our targeted group includes pre school kids ages two to seven.

Since our last article in March, we conducted five parental counseling sessions using our building as the classroom on Wednesday evenings. The classes were constructed and presented by a speech therapist from Mary Bridge Children's Speech Program. The parents involved were highly appreciative and gave the program high marks. Since our program was initiated in January 2017, we have provided this help to over 175 families in the local area. Our Tacoma speech program has provided funding for this endeavor with donations from the Valley of Tacoma membership. These families have you to thank for the gift of hearing so their child can speak and be understood.



Valley of Tacoma Building Association

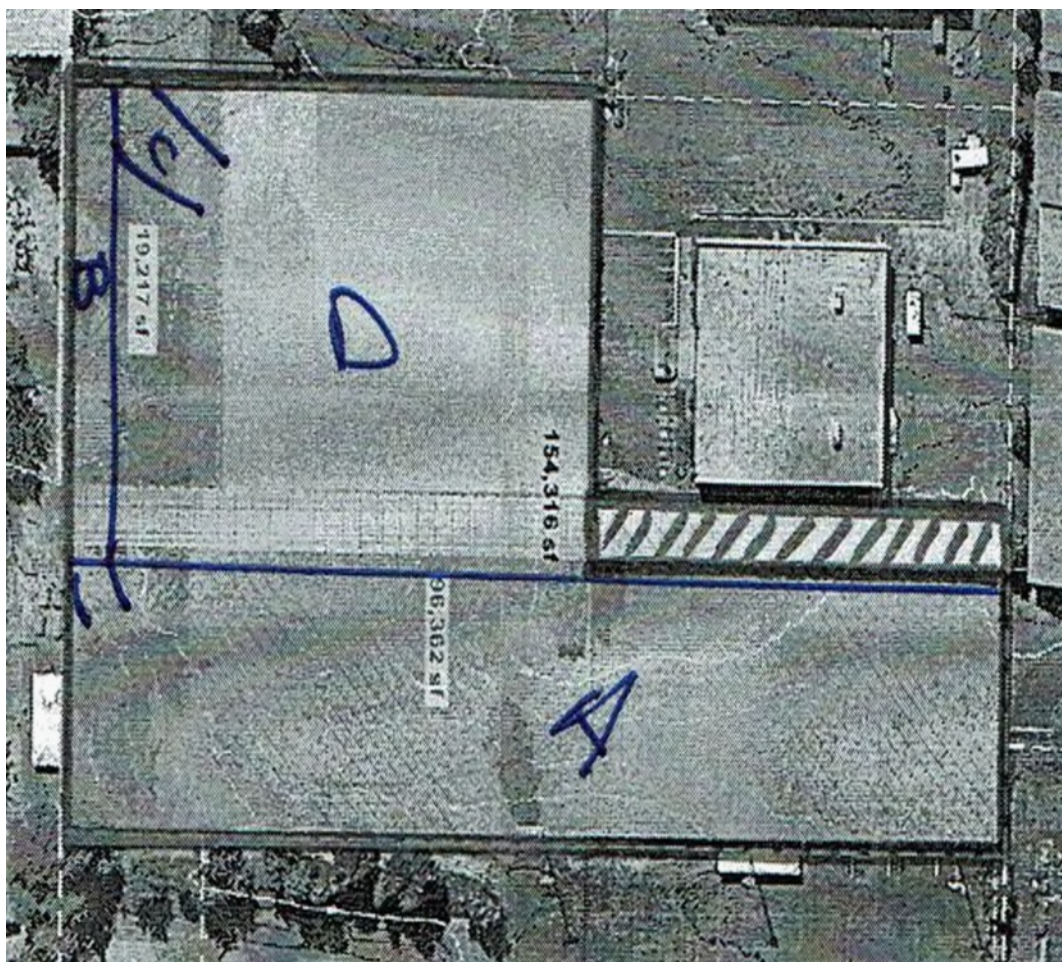
Bro. Joseph McAlister 32^o, KCCH - President

Brethren,

At the June Stated Communication, the Building Association presented an offer from the YMCA to purchase the grassy areas of the property and the parking lot with a joint use agreement for the parking lot. After discussing this offer with the Valley, and observing the member's concerns, it was decided not to pursue the YMCA offer and let it expire.

The building Association is now considering a counter offer to the YMCA's offer. This offer will include the grassy area (area A) along with 2 rows of the parking lot (area B) up to the first set of lights would be sold to the YMCA at an increased price (\$6.50 per sq. ft.). The proposed areas for the sale are listed in the photo below as areas A and B.

At the July 3rd Stated Meeting, the Building Association will present the proposed this counter-offer and field questions and concerns. If you would like to have input, please join us for a lively discussion.



Knight of the Double Eagle Award



The Knight of the Double Eagle Awards program recognizes the activities and work of the members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The program is outlined below for the Valley of Tacoma. Becoming a Knight of the Double Eagle is attained by accumulating points and the presentation of the basic award.

All the additional level awards will be made during the annual visit of our Sovereign Grand Inspector General while in open session. That is, family and friends will be welcomed to watch while you are recognized for your Scottish Rite activity. To become an active participant in the program members need only sign-in at every Valley event. The sign-in sheet is located at the sign-in table of the lodge room.

Award Level:

500 points (Qualification for Knighting) – Basic medallion with Black ribbon

1,000 points – Red hanging bar

1,500 points – White hanging bar

2,000 points – Blue hanging bar

2,500 points – Gold hanging bar

5,000 points – Red medallion ribbon

7,500 points – White medallion ribbon

10,000 points – Blue medallion ribbon

12,500 points – Red, White & Blue Tri-color medallion ribbon

15,000 points – Red, White and Blue medallion ribbon with a Double Headed Eagle Emblem

In our next article, we will go over the point values for the different activities.

Elected Officers



Lodge of Perfection

Bro. Michael J. Riley, 32^o
Venerable Master

Bro. David B. Barrett, 32^o
Senior Warden

Bro. Kyle (Coach) S. Foster, 32^o
Junior Warden



Chapter of Rose Croix

Bro. Joseph L. McAlister, 32^o, KCCH
Wise Master

Bro. David A. Aponte, 32^o
Senior Warden

Bro. Kenneth (Ken) Cowen, 32^o
Junior Warden



Council of Knights Kadosh

Bro. Mark W. Thompson, 32^o
Commander

Bro. William D. Cooper, 32^o, KCCH
1st Lieutenant Commander

Bro. Scott T. Dilley, 32^o
2nd Lieutenant Commander



Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret

Bro. Michael A. Smitson, 32^o, KCCH
Master of Kadosh

Bro. Alexander J. Jordan, 32^o, KCCH
Prior

Bro. Karl S. Reith, 32^o, KCCH
Preceptor

In Memoriam



We did not received news of a brother of our Valley passing to the Celestial Lodge above.

Sickness & Distress



Please place in your prayers for a quick recovery and wellness the following brethren and their ladies:

The brother of Ill. Jeremy Yielding



The following brethren are celebrating their birthday during this month. The Valley of Tacoma wants to congratulate and wish them the best together with another wonderful and blessed year:

JULY Birthdays

Basil Anton
James A. Anton
David A. Aponte
Jeffery Brandt Bede
Braden A. Bede
Larry M. Bitow
Gerald G. Burg
Robert E. Carlson
Joseph E. Carter
Darrell G. Congdon
Gary Wayne Emmons
Hans Eyman
Walter F. Foto

Brian S. Garbinski
Gerald H. Geisler
Ronald J. Harris
William C Hewitson
Gregory M. Hill
Karl J. Ickes
John M. Knee
James T. Kozak
Clyde M. Lee
James F. Mack
Zane P. McCune
William C Miller
Lawrence T. Newsham

Chris E. Nielsen
Donald E. Otto
Jack K. Perkins
Leonard Redford
David B. Rhodes
Duane E. Ryden
Robert W. Simmons
Nils M. Sortland
Richard H. Taylor
Fred O. Walden
Julian F. Wheeler
Ryan Robert Wright
Mitchell O. Wright



The following brethren that are celebrating another year as a Scottish Rite Mason, may you continue to enjoy the fellowship of our Valley and receive further Light as a Scottish Rite Mason.

July Membership Anniversary

Lee W. Bothell 14° - 32 years
Robert W. Bruneau 32° KCCH - 34 years
Leo R. Crocker 14° - 41 years
Richard P. Frombgen 14° - 32 years
Brian S. Garbinski 32° - 7 years
Asif R. Khan 32° - 7 years
John K. Middaugh Sr 14° - 42 years

Jack K. Perkins 14° - 63 years
Joey Romero 32° - 7 years
James M. Walker Jr 32° - 7 years
Skott A. Young 14° - 13 years
Augusto V. Yutuc 32° - 7 years

Masonic Education The Consistory By Bro. Karl Reith, 32⁰, KCCH - Preceptor, Consistory 2018

The word "Consistory" is derived from the Latin "Conistorium", which means both Tribunal and Imperial Council. The aptness of this word becomes readily apparent when one experiences the degrees and becomes a member of that body. The Consistory Degrees are as you know are 31st and the 32nd. Also, as you are aware they are very different in form and content.

Let us address the 32nd degree and contemplate the following. The 32nd Degree was originally a "Christian Degree of Knighthood. The 32nd Degree titled "Master of The Royal Secret", or "The Order of The Royal Secret" as originally titled was formed from the French Degrees in the 1760's. It consisted of twenty-five degrees of the Rite of Perfection. This of course included the first three degrees of the Symbolic Lodge.

This degree presents the crowning power of designs that have been drawn upon the Scottish Rite trestle-board.

1. Philosophical
2. Chivalric
3. Spiritual (the individual's interpretation and belief)
4. Life
5. Genuine Brotherhood

"The Royal Secret", if lived with perfect comprehension and understanding, elevates mankind to sublime heights and levels of realization. The "Camp" is a representation of the studies and personal journey each Mason is encouraged to make as a member of "The Royal Secret", of his life in Freemasonry and in the profane world as well. The "Master of the Royal Secret" along with its own lessons and those of the previous degree sums up and culminates just that, "The Royal Secret". It is a study of the progressive goals that are achievable through those areas of study. You will find extensive writings on the 32nd Degree in the "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide" 2008 Ed. There is of course Pike's exhaustive "Morals and Dogma". Masonic Light does not come all in one flash, but by slow and imperceptible degrees. One Brother can not travel the entire road for another, however, he can lead him a certain distance along the way. Be such a Brother!

You have most likely noticed the above is not original work. It has all been taken, with extremely minor editing and a few personal comments, from the following sources:

1. "A Bridge to Light" 2006 Ed.
2. "The Bridge Builders Guide" 2012 Ed.
3. "Clausen's Commentaries on Morals and Dogma" 1974 Ed.
4. "Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide" 2008 Ed

Copious information and opinions have been written regarding the 32nd Degree. Those are the interpretation of others which they are entitled to, and may help you a certain distance in your journey for Light. However, what are yours? The object of this extremely short article is to stimulate interest in self-education in the Rite. It is then important to also share what one has found. Brethren the above four books are nowhere near the number of books in print to assist us in our journey for that "Light". I urge you to check our Valley library and the Grand Lodge library to locate a few.

We all have had the privilege of traveling through the degrees and being exposed to the wisdom contained therein, and obtaining the title of "Master of The Royal Secret". Are we as individuals taking advantage of that wisdom, exploring it further, and most importantly living accordingly living by it. Are we as individuals really "Masters of The Royal Secret"? Each individual must and can only answer that question for Himself. Enrich your knowledge, your life and there-by the lives of those around you. The rewards will surprise you!

Your future rests in your hands, however, so does the future of the Scottish Rite and OUR valley. BE A PRO-ACTIVE BROTHER, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Masonic Education

Master's Wages

By Unknown Author SHORT TALK BULLETIN Vol. XI February, 1933 No. 2

The wages of a Master may be classified under two heads; first, those inalienable rights which every Freemason enjoys as a result of fees, initiation and the payment of annual dues to his Lodge; second, those more precious privileges which are his if he will but stretch out his hand to take.

The first right of which any initiate is conscious is that of passing the Tiler and attending his Lodge, instead of being conducted through the West gate as a preliminary step to initiation. For a time this right of mingling with his new brethren is so engrossing that he looks no further for his Masters Wages. Later he learns that he also has the right of visitation in other Lodges, even though it is a right hedged about with restrictions. He must be in good standing to exercise it. It will be denied him should any brother object to his visit. If he is unaffiliated, in most Jurisdictions, he can exercise it but once in any one Lodge. If private business (such as election of officers or a lodge trial, etc.) is scheduled, the Master of the Lodge he would visit may refuse him entrance. But in general this right of visiting other Lodges is a very real part of what may be termed his concrete Masters Wages, and many are the Freemasons who find in it a sure cure for loneliness in strange places; who think of the opportunity to find welcome and friends where otherwise they would be alone, as wages of substantial character. The opportunities to see and hear the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry, to take from them again and again a new thought, are wages not to be lightly received. For him with the open ears and the inquiring mind, the degrees lead to a new world, since familiarity with ritual provides the key by which he may read an endless stream of books about Freemasonry.

The Craft has a glorious history; a symbolism the study of which is endless; a curious legal structure of which law-minded men never tire is so interwoven with the story of the nation as to make the thoughtful thrill; joins hands with religion in the secret places of the heart in a manner both tender and touching. These foreign countries have neither gate nor guard at the frontier . . . the Master Mason may cross and enter at his will, sure of wages wherever he wanders within their borders.

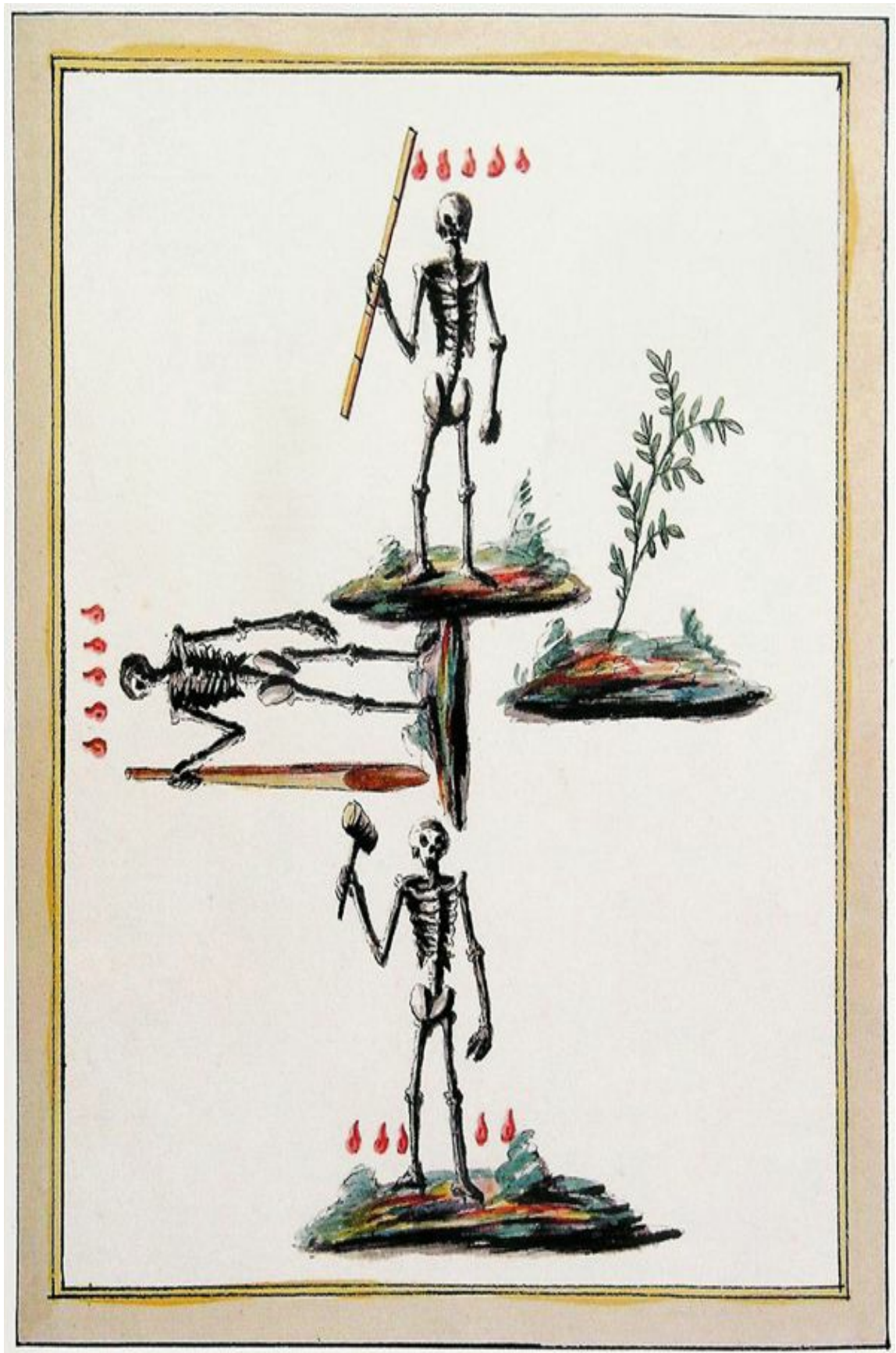
Masters Wages are paid in acquaintances. Unless a newly-made Master Mason is so shy and retiring that he seeks the farthest corner of his Lodge Room, there to sit and shrink into himself, inevitably he will become acquainted with many men of many minds, always an interesting addition to the joy of life. What he does with his acquaintances is another story, but at least the wages are there, waiting for him. No honest man insures his house thinking it will burn, but the insurance policy in the safe is a great comfort, well worth all that it costs. It speaks of help should fire destroy his home; it assures that all its owner has saved in material wealth will not be lost should carelessness or accident start a conflagration. No honest man becomes a Freemason thinking to ask the Craft for relief. Yet the consciousness that poor is the Lodge and sodden the hearts of the brethren thereof from which relief will not be forthcoming if the need is bitter, is wages from which comfort may be taken.

Freemasonry is not, re se, a relief organization. It does not exist merely for the purpose of dispensing charity. Nor has it great funds with which to work its gentle ministrations to the poor. Fees are modest; dues are often too small rather than too large. Yet, for the brother down and out, who has no coal for the fire, no food for his hungry child, whom sudden disaster threatens, the strong arm of the Fraternity stretches forth to push back the danger. The cold are warmed, the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the jobless given work, the discouraged heartened.

Masters Wages, surely far greater than the effort put forth to earn them.

Learning is finding out what we already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know just as well as you. You are all learners, doers and teachers. Richard Bach

F Y E FOR YOUR EDUCATION



The above tracing board has many symbols. Find them and explain what they mean to you to the best of your ability.

Lodge Events in our Area

If any of Brother know of an event that will happen in their Blue Lodge, please inform the editor to include it in this section. The email is trowelsr@gmail.com. Thank you.

We have the following information on Lodge meetings in Districts 14 and 15. We encourage each Brother to visit their local Blue Lodge and share with them what Scottish Rite is about and the opportunities available to them in the Valley of Tacoma. Also, participate in your Lodge events and activities.



Remember, you are the Representative and image of Scottish Rite.

District 14

Evergreen Lodge No. 68 - 1st Wednesday - 8:00 PM 2530 Grandview Dr W University Place WA

Fairweather Lodge No. 82 - 2nd Tuesday - 7:30 PM* 817 S. Vassault St Tacoma, WA

Horace W. Tyler Lodge No. 290 - 3rd Tuesday - 7:30 PM* 2530 Grandview Dr W University Place WA

Krucible Lodge No. 318 - April 17th - 7:30 PM* 1700 S 340th St Federal Way WA

Lincoln Park Lodge No. 80 - 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM** 736 S Sheridan Ave Tacoma WA

Trivium Lodge No. 22 - 3rd Wednesday - 7:30 PM* 3819 N 27th St Tacoma WA

Note: * Social Hour or Fellowship Dinner begins at 6:30 PM **Social Hour or Fellowship Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

District 15

Steilacoom Lodge No. 2 - 1st Friday on/or before Full Moon - 7:30 PM* 5405 S Puget Sound Ave. Tacoma ,WA

Corinthian Lodge No. 38 - 3rd Thursday - 7:30 PM* 1005 W Pioneer Ave Puyallup, WA

Phoenix Lodge No. 154 - 2nd Wednesday, 1st Wednesday in June - 7:30 PM* 1009 Main St Sumner WA

Mt Tahoma No. 190 - 2nd Tuesday - 8:00 PM 30410 SR 706 E Ashford WA

Terrestrial-Mt View Lodge No. 228 - 2nd Thursday, 3rd Thursday in June - 7:30 PM* 109 S. Mashell Ave Eatonville WA

Parkland-Lakewood Lodge No. 299 - 2nd Wednesday, 1st Wednesday in June - 7:30 PM* 306 134th St South Parkland WA

Note: * Social Hour or Fellowship Dinner begins at 6:30 PM

Event in August -

Unity March and GLWA & GLPHAWA Service - Sunday, August 5, 2018 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM DuPont, WA

Fairweather Lodge No. 82 Annual Picnic - Sunday, August 5, 2018 - 11:00 AM -4:00 PM - Valley of Tacoma



END OF SUMMER BBQ AND AUCTION

When: Saturday, September 29th, 2018

Time: 6:00PM Social Hour, Buffet Dinner at 7:00PM, Auction at 8:30PM

Special Auctions during dinner for your dessert at the table you are sitting.

Silent Auctions until 8:00PM, Silent Auctions will be closed and announced at 8:30PM!

Cost: \$25.00 per person, \$12.50 for children 12 and under.

Menu:

Buffet

Pulled Pork BBQ with Cole Slaw, Potatoe Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and mystery desserts

(Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Dead Byrds will be offered in small amounts for those who do not like Pork.)

Menu subject to change as the Chef desires!

Please call 253-565-0272 to reserve your seats or a complete table and select your optional dinner meal not later than September 18! Tables will be numbered with 6 to 8 people at each table!














Wear your best Country/Western outfits and enjoy the End of the Summer!

All proceeds will go to the Early Life Speech and Language of Tacoma Valley!



VALLEY OF TACOMA SCOTTISH RITE

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  Ivanhoe Commandery Knights Templar Dinner 6:30 PM Conclave 7:30 PM	3  3 Valley of Tacoma Council Knights Kadosh Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM  Fairweather Lodge Rainier's Game	4  Independence Day	5	6	7  TK Rainbow Installation 5PM 3819 N. 27th St. Tacoma, WA
8	9	10  Fairweather Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM TK Rainbow 	11  Tacoma DeMolay	12	13	14
15  Valley of Tacoma Study Group 6:00 PM	16  Tacoma Council No. 1 Dinner 6:30 PM Assembly 7:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 TK Rainbow 	25  Tacoma DeMolay	26	27	28
29	30	31  Valley of Tacoma Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM Consistory Presiding				

Rose Croix Funeral Service



This service is very beautiful and available to all Scottish Rite Masons. 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, Ill. Bill Hammontree, when that time does comes.

Ill. Bill Hammontree can be reached at (253) 565-0272 or at his email tascottishrite@gmail.com.



"I think we skipped too many meetings."

Did you know...

...that many Masons are curious as to the different dates used in Freemasonry. This year craft lodges date the year, 2018 as 6018. The following explanation should provide further light into these peculiar Masonic customs.

Craft Freemasonry = Anno Lucis

Craft Masonry's calendar commences with the creation of the world and uses the term Anno Lucius (A.L.) - "In the year of Light." To arrive at this date they add 4000 to the common time, as the Earth was believed in conventional theology to have began in 4000 BC . Therefore the year 2018 becomes 6018.

Scottish Rite = Anno Mundi

The Scottish Rite date the same as Craft Masons, except for the use of the Jewish Chronology. Anno Mundi (A.M.), which means "In the year of the World" is their calendar terminology and adds 3760 to the common time. Therefore the year 2018 becomes 5778.

Ancient Craft Freemasonry = Anno Inventionis

Royal Arch Masons date time from the year the second temple was commended by Zerubbabel. Anno Inventionis (A.I.), which means "In the year of Discovery," is the terminology used by Chapters. This adds 530 to the common time, therefore the year 2018 becomes 2548.

Cryptic Freemasonry = Anno Depositionis

Royal and Select Masters or Cryptic Masons date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed. It is called Anno Depositionis (A.D.), which means "In the year of the Deposit" and adds 1000 to the common time. Therefore the year 2018 becomes 3018.

Templar Freemasonry = Anno Ordinis

Knights Templar start their calendar with the formation of the order in 1118 AD. Anno Ordinis (A.O.), which means "In the year of the Order" is the terminology used. This deducts 1,118 from the common time; therefore the year 2018 becomes 900.



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Tacoma Chapter DeMolay Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Begins at 7:00 PM at South Tacoma Masonic Center, 5405 So. Puget Sound Ave .Tacoma, WA

Tacoma Kendrick Rainbow Assembly Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Begins at 7:00 PM at 3819 N. 27th St., Tacoma, WA