

# The Trowel



## Message from the Commander

*Bro. Mark Thompson, 32°*



Brethren:

In the 23<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle, we are reminded that we owe our knowledge to our faith in a revealed God. Therefore, it is our duty to disseminate this knowledge to all mankind. A Mason who believes in God has a duty to acquire knowledge and disseminate this knowledge to other people so that others are also enlightened. A Mason who is generous with his knowledge knows that he will receive the blessing of God, not by sacrificing living beings, but by destroying superstitions and bringing happiness and prosperity to other people.

(Taken from the Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma, AASR-SJ USA)

Okay, I subscribe to a concept that sometimes YOU are the only example that someone else has to know the Rite. How you live, act and be - tells others in a clearer way, much louder, than your mere words can voice.

Remember that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions. A highway to Hell does exist and there's only a stairway to Heaven. This alludes to potential volume of use by normal means.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we are the difference. We offer our understanding to all. We don't need to grab a bull horn and shout at intersections. We can be that guy who pauses and reflects before acting or reacting. We can bow our heads quietly before chomping on a hotdog or burger. It's our quiet confidence in knowing our God, as we understand Him, that separates us from everyone else.

This is just one small way that we can help others and, hopefully, ourselves by these thoughts, words and deeds. It speaks volumes about a Man's character to pick up his dog's waste when no one is looking.

I know as a Scottish Rite Mason and believer in my Christian Faith, that the eyes of my Heavenly Father and those gone before are not only watching - they're rooting for me. As that great poem from Robert Frost ends:"....and that has made all the difference!"

**Bro. Mark Thompson**  
**Commander**

**Scottish Rite of Freemasonry**  
**Valley of Tacoma**  
**Orient of Washington**  
**NOVEMBER 2018**

### *Valley of Tacoma* *November Events*

**6 - Council of Knights Kadosh**  
**Cap & Ring Ceremony**

**Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Cost \$15.00 RSVP before noon Nov. 5**  
**Meeting 7:30 PM**

**11 - Veteran's Day**

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

**22 - Thanksgiving Day**

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

### **December Events**

**2 - 10 Hanukkah**

**4- Consistory**  
**Election 2019 Officers**

**Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Cost \$15.00 RSVP**

**Meeting 7:30 PM**

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

**25 - Christmas Day**

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

**31 - New Year's Eve**



**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.**

**Scottish Rite - The University of Freemasonry**



# November Scottish Rite Stated Meeting

## *Meeting of the Council of Knights Kadosh*

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Social Hour - 5:30 PM

Dinner - 6:30 PM     Dinner Cost: \$15.00

Meeting - 7:30 PM



Cap & Ring Ceremony  
for our new Masters of the Secret



Dinner is RSVP

Call the Valley of Tacoma office on or before noon Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>  
(253) 565-0272.

Come out for fellowship, meet and greet our new Masters of the  
Secret and enjoy Scottish Rite Brotherly Love.



## Other November Masonic Events

(See Grand Lodge & Blue Lodge and  
Masonic Youth for related events)

2 - Afifi Shrine Oriental Band Meeting  
Tacoma Scottish Rite 3 PM

5 - **Commandery No. 4 KT**  
Stated Conclave  
Dinner 6:30 PM Conclave 7:30 PM

8 - **Tacobat Grotto**  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM

19 - **Tacoma Council No. 1, RSM**  
Stated Assembly  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Assembly 7:30 PM

## Masonic Educational Roundtable

Every Wednesday  
From 10:00 AM until noon  
Grand Lodge Library  
4970 Bridgeport Way W, University  
Place



## Correction(s) from Past Month's Issue

Ill. Bro. Jeff Brunson's birthday was in October. According to our data it showed it in November. We want to say Happy Belated Birthday to Ill. Brunson. The birthday info was corrected in our electronic system. Also, we incorrectly indicated Ill. Miles Stover's Scottish Rite anniversary. He is a 46 year member. Congratulations! Please accept our apologies for these errors.

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

### SGIG Honor Night

In October, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General (SGIG), Ill. Al Jorgensen made his official visit to our Valley. The officers decided to make our stated meeting dinner a Honor Night for our SGIG. Bro. Martin Monk, 32°, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Our SGIG was accompanied that night by his wife, Lady Nancy. Both enjoyed the evening and were given a Vietnamese conical hat or nón lá. Our SGIG also received his certification as a Kentucky Colonel from Bro. David Aponte, 32°, Editor of The Trowel, on behalf of the Honorable Governor of Kentucky, Hon. Matt Bevin. We hope both enjoyed the evening and our warmest affections and fellowship. Below you will see photo highlights from that evening.



(From Left to Right): Bro. Martin Monk, 32° serving as MC; Ill. Jorgensen receiving his nón lá hat from our MC; Lady Nancy Jorgensen trying on her nón lá hat.



(From Left to Right): Ill. Jorgensen giving his remarks and words of appreciation to the Craft for the evening; Ill. Jorgensen receiving his Kentucky Colonel Commission from Bro. David Aponte, 32°; a very happy SGIG with his Kentucky Colonel Commission.



### III. Lawrence T. Newsham honored by Early Speech & Language

At our October Stated Meeting, the Executive Director of Washington State Early Speech and Language Program (formerly known as RiteCare of Washington), Ms Angelique Leone, recognized the work and dedication of Ill. Lawrence T. Newsham with this program in the presence of the brethren of our Valley. Our brother has shown throughout the years to be a dedicated defender and spokesperson of this program in our Valley. This is an honor well-deserved for Ill. Newsham. Congratulations my brother!



Early Speech and Language of Washington program, formerly known as Rite Care of Washington, is part of the 178 speech-language therapy clinics, centers and other programs founded and supported in part by the Scottish Rite Masons in the United States. In the early 1950's, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, initiated a program in Denver, Colorado to help children with speech and language disorders. The success of this program led to the establishment of RiteCare clinics nationwide as an official charitable endeavor of the group. Today, there are RiteCare clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists in 38 states to provide diagnostic assessment and treatment of speech and language disorders for children with significant communication delays.

Brethren, to further honor Ill. Newsham, let us all contribute in some manner or form to this great program which assist needed children with speech and language disorders. That would be the greatest tribute we, as a Valley, can give our brother, Ill. Lawrence T. Newsham.

Ill.. Lawrence T. Newsham on behalf of the Valley and its Officers, congratulations!!! Continue the good work you do for Early Speech and Language.

#### SCOTTISH RITE OFFICERS

##### VALLEY OF TACOMA

**Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand Commander

**Ill. Alvin W. Jorgensen, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Orient of Washington

**Bro. Jim Mendoza, 32°, KCCH**  
Personal Representative S.G.I.G.  
Valley of Tacoma

**Ill. William H. Hammontree, 33°**  
General Secretary

**Bro. James Nero, 32°**  
Treasurer

**Ill. John Brett, 33°**  
Almoner

**Valley of Tacoma**  
**Scottish Rite Masonic Temple**  
**817 S. Vassault St. Tacoma, WA 98409**

**Mrs. Cindy Sims - Office Manager**  
**Office: (253) 565-0272**  
**Office: tacscottishrite@gmail.com**

The Trowel is published monthly (except dark months if so declared) by the Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite. If you prefer to receive a printed copy of this newsletter by mail, yearly subscription is \$10.00. Contact the office to subscribe.

**Newsletter: trowelsr@gmail.com**

**Bro. David A. Aponte, 32°**  
**Editor & Publisher**  
**(352) 228-3632**  
**Email : trowelsr@gmail.com**

## Scottish Rite Patents

Several brethren who were initiated in our Fall or Spring Class in the past received their Patent at our October Stated Meeting. Congratulations to all four Masters of the Secret. We hope this patent will bring, pride and pleasure to you and honor to yourselves, to our Valley and to the Scottish Rite (SJ). Under each picture is the name of the Brother and the bottom picture is as a group. Again to all four, congratulation!!!!!! Vivat, Vivat, Vivat.



Bro. Christopher Hadley, 32°



Bro. Rogelio Cortéz Jr., 32°



Bro. Julius Mason, 32°



Bro. John Yeager, 32°





## 2018 Elected Officers



### *Lodge of Perfection*

**Bro. Michael J. Riley, 32°**  
Venerable Master

**Bro. David B. Barrett, 32°**  
Senior Warden

**Bro. Kyle (Coach) S. Foster, 32°**  
Junior Warden



### *Chapter of Rose Croix*

**Bro. Joseph L. McAlister, 32° , KCCH**  
Wise Master

**Bro. David A. Aponte, 32°**  
Senior Warden

**Bro. Kenneth (Ken) Cowen, 32°**  
Junior Warden



### *Council of Knights Kadosh*

**Bro. Mark W. Thompson, 32°**  
Commander

**Bro. William D. Cooper, 32° , KCCH**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander

**Bro. Scott T. Dilley, 32°**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander



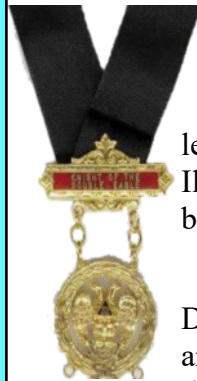
### *Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret*

**Bro. Michael A. Smitson, 32° , KCCH**  
Master of Kadosh

**Bro. Alexander J. Jordan, 32° , KCCH**  
Prior

**Bro. Karl S. Reith, 32° , KCCH**  
Preceptor

## What's Happening in the



## October Knights of the Double Eagle Award

October's awardees for the Double Eagle are: (top pictures from left to right): Bro. Wendell Dutt, 32° (on the right of Bro. Smitson); Ill. Lawrence T. Newsham and Ill. William Hammontree; (Picture below) Bro Michael Smitson, 32° KCCH.

Bro. Michael Smitson, 32° KCCH, as Chairperson of the Double Eagle Award, presented the awards to Bro. Ill. Newsham and Ill. Hammontree, Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32° KCCH presented the award to Bro. Smitson. Congratulations to all.

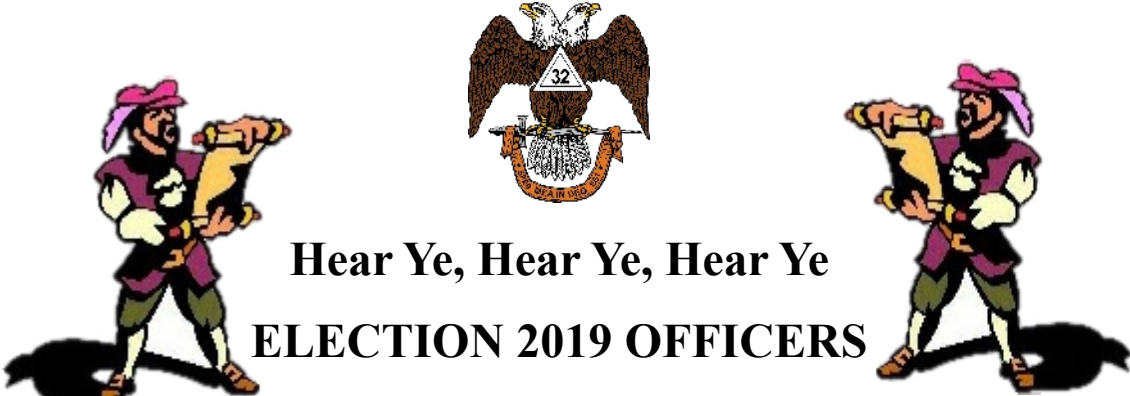


## Fall Class Reunion



Last month, four new Masters of the Secret were initiated. They are : Bro. Alexander K. Kaeka, Sr. 32°; Bro. Aaron C Gent, 32°.; Bro. Travis B. Brandt, 32° - all from Fairweather Lodge No. 82 and Bro . Brandon K. Kalilikane, 32° from Trivium Lodge No. 22. Pictures of the brethren will be coming in our next edition.

Come join us at our November Stated Meeting to meet and greet our new Masters of the Secret and celebrate with them, their Cap & Ring Ceremony.



**Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye**  
**ELECTION 2019 OFFICERS**  
**STATED MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018**



**Next 2019 Class Reunions**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019**



**Offer a brother from your Lodge a Scottish Rite Petition**

**So he can get further his Light and Knowledge**

**Don't leave for tomorrow Act today**

**Scottish Rite The University of Freemasonry**



The following brethren are celebrating their birthday during this month. The Valley of Tacoma wants to congratulate them and our best wishes to them for another wonderful and blessed year:

## November Birthdays

Bro. John B Bede  
 Bro. Carlos V Bilbao  
 Bro. Ricky R Bonnell \*  
 Bro. William D Cope  
 Bro. Wendell A Dutt  
 Bro. Mark M. Fowler  
 Bro. Victor H Guenther  
 Bro. Kenneth R Haskins  
 Bro. Wesley A Heydlauff  
 Bro. Tony W Jefferson  
 Bro. Wilbur E Johnson  
 Bro. Earle F Knapp  
 Bro. Merlin E Kroack  
 Bro. Ronald E Lipp  
 Bro. Ralph A Lockhart  
 Bro Robert H Loomis  
 Bro. Lawrence W Lowery  
 Bro. Sterling E MacDonald  
 Bro. Jack R McClary  
 Bro. Mark L McIntire \*

Bro. Carroll H Melby  
 Ill. William R Miller \*\*  
 Bro. Joseph A Morris  
 Bro. Dan L Mulvihill  
 Bro. James P Murray  
 Bro. David R Nease  
 Bro. Michael J Norris  
 Bro. Allen L Oliver  
 Bro. Michael S Palko-Dean  
 Bro. Robert E Person  
 Bro. Gene R Porter  
 Bro. Charlie E Priddy  
 Bro. Michael S Rawls \*  
 Bro. Kenneth R Rees  
 Bro. John R SanFilippo  
 Bro. Edward J Smith  
 Bro. Milton P Snyder  
 Bro. Jeff A Steik  
 Bro. E. Dalton White Jr. \*

Note:

Those brothers marked with a “\*” at the end of their names are KCCH Scottish Rite Masons.

Those brothers marked with a “\*\*” at the end of their names are 33° Scottish Rite Masons.

## Holidays in November

1 - All Saints' Day - This Christian holiday honors and recognizes all of the saints of the Christian church, many of which were martyrs.

2 - All Souls' Day - This Christian holiday pays respect and remembers the souls of all friends and loved ones who have died and gone to heaven.

3 - Sandwich Day - English history reports that John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, was a heavy gambler and spending many hours in London's gambling parlors. In 1762, he created the sandwich, by putting meat between two pieces of bread. This allowed him to remain at the gambling table for long periods of time.

5 - Guy Fawkes Day - The Gunpowder Conspirators sought to take action against the king by blowing up the British Houses of Parliament. Their plot was uncovered on November 5, 1605. when Thirty six barrels of gunpowder were found in the basement of Parliament. Guy Fawkes, the leader of the conspiracy, was arrested just as he was about to ignite the gunpowder.

6 - Elections Day - This day gives US Citizens the opportunity to elect their representatives at several levels.

13- Sadie Hawkins Day - A race is held and all the single men were given a short head start. Then, all the single women, including the mayor's daughter, chased the boys. If a girl catches her man, he had to marry her. This day is no longer celebrated.

23 - National Espresso Day - The Espresso Machine was first invented in Italy by Luigi Bezzera in 1901. The machine created a thick and bold, coffee . The machines use steam to force hot water through the coffee grounds, to make coffee faster, with a stronger flavor, and more body.

23 - Black Friday - In accounting, red signifies a loss, and black signifies a profit. Holiday sales formally begin on the day after Thanksgiving. This day represents a turning point for retailers, from a loss towards big profits!



# From the General Secretary's Desk



Brethren

Information is so vital in today's society. Without information, we wouldn't know what is happening in other countries nor in our own. Without information, no one would know when a person's birth date is nor where they were born. Without information, we wouldn't know what the cost of living is, nor house prices were. Without information, we wouldn't know what laws or policies we approved by our local, state and federal governments. Yes, information is very valuable.

You know what other information is valuable, yours. Especially your mailing address, contact phone and email address. This is information is vital to keep our Valley membership records up-to-date. If we don't have updated information, we can't send you the newsletter; do a phone tree to give you information on events; contact you to see if you can join a ritual team; call you and see how you are doing; especially if you are sick, so we can visit. There are so many things in our Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite were your information is important.

So if you move, change your phone number or email address, you can contact your Valley Office to make the appropriate changes or do them online at the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite website (if you have a computer). Remember, we care about you but you need to keep us informed.

Thanks.



## Sickness & Distress

Please place in your prayers for a quick recovery and healing the following brethren:

*Ill. Jeremy Yielding's brother  
Bro. Patrick Martin Jr.  
Bro. E. Dalton White*



## In Memoriam

Please put the love ones of our departed brother in your prayers and thoughts. May he enjoy eternal peace in the Celestial Lodge above.

**None Reported for this Month**



## November Membership Anniversary

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. Congratulations on your Scottish Rite Anniversary.

Bro. Antonio Fernandez	46 years	Bro. Charles W Craig	24 years
Bro. Harvey Wardius	51 years	Bro. Jack Davis	11 years
Bro. Herbert Halcomb	30 years	Bro. Ronald L. Dooms	16 years
Bro. Billy B. Adams	27 years	Bro. Wendell A Dutt	20 years
Bro. Burrell M Allen	60 years	Bro. Thomas R Egnew	28 years
Bro. Rufus C Allen	17 years	Bro. Joseph S. Einertson	14 years
Bro. William L Arent	44 years	Bro. Wilton D Ellison	44 years
Bro. Cameron M. Bailey	6 years	Bro. Johnathan G. Fisher	11 years
Bro. David B. Barrett	6 years	Bro. Mark M Fowler	23 years
Bro. John B Bede	48 years	Bro. Dale L Frank	22 years
Bro. Donald L Brewer	25 years	Bro. Gary E Gasaway	43 years
Bro. James A Brinkley	24 years	Bro. Kevin E. Gent*	15 years
Bro. Charles R. Brockway*	35 years	Bro. Kenneth L Glassburn	44 years
Bro. Gary G Campbell	45 years	Bro. David Gommenginger	6 years
Bro. James R Carr	33 years	Bro. Richard E Good	28 years
Bro. Frank D Chapman	32 years	Bro. Gary S Green	22 years
Bro. Ronald M. Cook	11 years	Bro. William C Hewitson	25 years



## November Membership Anniversary

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. Congratulations on your Scottish Rite Anniversary.

Bro. Wesley A. Heydlauff	16 years	Bro. Paul K Morris	32 years
Bro. Frank L Hicks	29 years	Bro. John J. Mulhall*	15 years
Bro. Charles L Hill	35 years	Bro. Albert A Nelson	44 years
Rashid J. Hilliard	6 years	Ill. Roger B Nelson Jr.**	28 years
George W Ingle Jr	46 years	Bro. M. John Norris	25 years
Bro. Donald K Johnson	52 years	Bro. Raymond E Orris	58 years
Bro. George K Johnson*	26 years	Bro. Edward D. Pace	51 years
Bro. Todd Johnstone	12 years	Bro. Victor A Puleo Jr	26 years
Bro. Jack L Jones	44 years	Bro. Donald L Purdy	26 years
Bro. Alexander J. Jordan*	15 years	Bro. John Rice	11 years
Bro. Ill. Alvin W Jorgensen**	35 years	Bro. Leslie C. Rogers	48 years
Bro. Michael D Kean	25 years	Bro. William R Rolfe	25 years
Bro. Terry E Klockeman	29 years	Bro. Daniel L Rollins	26 years
Bro. Earle F Knapp	61 years	Bro. Robert Schultz	12 years
Bro. John M Knee	56 years	Bro. Phil H Small	26 years
Bro. Merlin E Kroack	26 years	Bro. Fred L Smith	44 years
David M Kuper	22 years	Bro. Milton L P Snyder	36 years
Bro. Brock L Laffoon	44 years	Ill. Alan T Spreen**	35 years
Bro. Victor S Lafrancoeur	51 years	Bro. David E Strous	34 years
Bro. Dan A Langworthy	21 years	Bro. Roy L Taylor	26 years
Bro. Ralph A Lockhart	45 years	Bro. Kenneth E Thomas	29 years
Bro. John M Lynn	57 years	Bro. Scott E Thompson*	20 years
Bro. Louis E Macomber	20 years	Bro. Sam W Trolinder*	21 years
Bro. Charles W H Matthaei	59 years	Bro. Michell J Turley*	24 years
Bro. Ronald R McCallister	43 years	Bro. Gray B Tuthill	54 years
Bro. Joseph L. McAlister*	6 years	Bro. Leroy W. Walton Jr.	60 years
Bro. Frederick S. McHenry	6 years	Bro. Steward W Wells	42 years
Bro. Daryl McLaughlin	12 years	Bro. Eric West	12 years
Bro. Jose R. Mejia	16 years	Bro. Larry J Wetterhus	45 years
Bro. Jim V Mendoza*	18 years	Bro. Terry Wiggins	11 years
Bro. William C Miller II	21 years	Bro. John A Woodworth Jr	56 years
Ill. William R Miller**	52 years	Bro. John S Zindt	34 years
Bro. Larry B Morris	27 years		

Note:

Those brothers marked with a “\*” at the end of their names are KCCH Scottish Rite Masons.

Those brothers marked with a “\*\*” at the end of their names are 33° Scottish Rite Masons.

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.





## Rose Croix Funeral Service

The Rose Croix Funeral Service is very beautiful ritual and very significant to all Scottish Rite Masons. This service is available to all Scottish Rite Masons. However, you, as a member, must plan and write what your last wishes are and make them known to your family members and the Valley of Tacoma.

Should you desire a Rose Croix Funeral Service, in your written wishes indicate what type or types of Masonic Funeral services you want including the Rose Croix Funeral Service. Please let your family know now. This will ensure you will be given the Rose Croix funeral service what that time comes. Also ensure they have the phone number of your Masonic Lodge(s) and of the Valley of Tacoma. Your General Secretary of the Valley of Tacoma can be reached by phone at:

**(253) 565-0272**

or at the following email:

**tacscottishrite@gmail.com**



## Scottish Rite Masonic Education

### We Apply These Tools To Our Morals

Joseph F. Angel April 25, 2015

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

At initiation, the candidate is taught that Masonry is "a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols". And we are told by philosophers that morality can refer to a code of conduct defined by a society, organization, interest group, or religion. More generally, morality would refer to a code of conduct acceptable to all rational people, or it is the extent to which an action is right or wrong. Having given the Working Tools presentations numerous times, I became interested in identifying the moral code to which that presentation alludes. My purpose is not to provide an exhaustive review of Masonic morality, but to restrict the focus to that defined by the Working Tools presentations. What follows is my understanding of that normative code according to which a good Freemason should live, as he constructs a spiritual temple within himself.

During the presentation of the Working Tools peculiar to each degree, the candidate is told that "we apply those tools to our morals", and an explanation follows. In First Degree, the candidate is admonished to direct the 24 hours of the day "to their proper objects, namely: prayer, labour, refreshment and sleep". A life consisting only of these activities sounds rather monastically sparse, but the underlying idea is to be mindful of all that matters in life and to give it its due attention and time.

Further on in the same presentation, it is emphasized that "labour is the lot of man" — it is not enough to conceive of ideas and to design ways of carrying them out; it is necessary to act upon them. Although at times I considered this to be an admonition against idle day-dreaming, I have now come to take it as emphasizing the importance of integrating imagination and rationality with action! The necessity of persistent hard work in all pursuits is next emphasized by stating that perseverance is prerequisite to attaining perfection; mental and spiritual purity (i.e., perfection) require great exertion. I believe that the common gavel and chisel, tools used by builders to bring rough stone into shape, imply that need for hard work and perseverance in the quest for spiritual perfection.

The presentation concludes by asserting that knowledge must be based on accurate data, and that persevering in pursuing knowledge through hard work is essential for eradicating ignorance and thus ameliorating the human condition.

The tools of the Fellowcraft induce considerable guidance for leading a moral life. The toolset consists entirely of test instruments, and the lesson revolves around the importance of leading a moral life and the necessity of reflecting upon all our actions with a view toward rectifying them by conforming to the rules of morality and virtue. During Initiation, the Square is presented as one of the Great Lights of Masonry, but its significance as a symbol of morality is not elaborated until the Second Degree. And just as the Square enables the builder to test and

## **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 500 points for the presentation of the basic award. After which, additional level awards are attained by accumulating additional points, e.g. 100 points, 1500 points, etc. The brethren will be recognized at one of our monthly stated meetings or dinners when they have accumulated the required points. 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.

For more information on this program, contact Bro. Michael Smitson, 32°, KCCH or Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32°, KCCH.

See in our "What's Happening in the Valley of Tacoma" section to find out who has achieved the award,



If any of Scottish Rite Brother know of an event (Degree work, picnics, special events, etc.) that will happen in their Blue Lodge in the following month, please inform the editor to include it in this section. The email is [trowelsr@gmail.com](mailto:trowelsr@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Grand Lodge November Events**

**Friday, November 2, 2018**

**Lafayette International Night - 5:00 PM**

**Greenwood Masonic Center**

**7910 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA - Dress Code: Tuxedo**

**Saturday, Nov 3, 2018**

**Lynden International Lodge Hands Across the Border**

**Lynden, WA - 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**

**DeMolay Grand Masters Class - 2:00 PM**

**Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite**

### **Blue Lodge November Events**

#### **DISTRICT 13**

**DIAMOND LODGE NO. 83 - EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:00 PM**  
**MASONIC EDUCATION**

**KING SOLOMON LODGE NO. 60 - NOVEMBER 22**  
**NIGHT OF BROTHERHOOD - 6:00 PM**  
**ATHENS PIZZA & PASTA EAST MAIN STREET AUBURN WA**

#### **DISTRICT 14**

**HORACE TYLER LODGE NO. 290 - NOVEMBER 27**  
**MEANING OF MASONRY - 7:00 PM**

#### **DISTRICT 15**

**PHOENIX LODGE NO. 138 - NOVEMBER 7**  
**FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE - 7:00 PM**

**STEILACOOM LODGE NO. 2 - NOVEMBER 16**  
**STATED MEETING & ELECTIONS OF 2019 OFFICERS - 7:30 PM**

**CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 38 - NOVEMBER 18**  
**BREAKFAST - FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM**





## Scottish Rite Masonic Education

to adjust angles and uprights, it symbolically points to truth, honesty and other virtues laid out in the Volume of Sacred Law.

In the same vein, the Level is a reminder of the fundamental equality of all human beings. This equality transcends fortune, distinctions and honors, and it ultimately proves its veracity by the fact that death is visited equally upon all. It is, therefore, essential never to forget human brotherhood, and to treat others with due regard, differences in rank and fortune notwithstanding.

Rectitude is also tested by the Plumb Rule, an instrument related to the Square. A good Fellowcraft should strive toward justice, uprightness and fairness in every way, and to do his utmost to lead a virtuous life. He is admonished not to be an extremist in matters religious. A good Fellowcraft should give up those passions which could damage his relationships with others. Fairness, justice and devotion to duty are also eloquently emphasized.

The Working Tools of the Master Mason are reminders of what is expected of a virtuous person. He is to follow the moral teaching given in the Volume of Sacred Law, to walk the straight and narrow path, ever mindful that the Most High observes and records his actions for which he is accountable, and, finally, to keep within the limits of good and evil, always being mindful of the impartial and unerring Divine justice.

Taken together, the Working Tools lectures outline what I would consider to a blueprint for a good, virtuous life. The freemason ought to be a man of strong and pious character, fair, just, generous, honest, thoughtful, dutiful, introspective, fair in all dealing, truthful, and in all matters to hold eternity and accountability to the Creator in view. These ideas are nicely stated by the opening paragraph of Anderson's Constitutions (Concerning God and Religion):

A Mason is oblig'd by his Tenure, to obey the moral Law ; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine. But though in ancient Times Masons were charg'd in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves ; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honor and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish'd ; whereby Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the Means of conciliating true Friendship among Persons that must else have remain'd at a perpetual Distance.

Elsewhere in the Constitutions one finds several details concerning desirable behaviors within and without the Lodge, and I mention this fact in order to emphasize that the question of what constitutes a moral life has preoccupied Masons from early times. Let me, therefore, conclude by saying that there is a great deal to be learned in Masonry, for it has a literature, a history, and a philosophy which vastly exceed the teaching articulated in the Working Tools presentations. But if we are to teach Masonic morality, this would be a good start.



## Valley of Tacoma Building Association Update

**Update to be given at the  
November Stated Meeting.**



## KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

### VALLEY OF TACOMA

2019 Officers were elected on October 13<sup>th</sup> after the Class Reunion. They are:

Venerable Master - Bro. Michael Riley

Senior Warden - Bro. Scott Dilley

Junior Warden - Bro. James Nero

Secretary - Bro. David Aponte

Treasurer - Bro. David Aponte

We also approved changes to our bylaws regarding stated meetings. We meet quarterly (February, May, August and November) instead of twice a year after a Class Reunion. Our Annual Meeting will be in November.

Brother, if you have already 500 points in the Double Eagle Award, you are eligible to petition the Knights of St. Andrew.

We are a service organization to the Valley. Come and join us to further our service to the Valley, in particular, and Scottish Rite, in general.

For more information, contact the Secretary, Bro. David A. Aponte, 32<sup>o</sup>.

# Masonic Youth Bodies Meeting

## ORDER OF DeMOLAY

### TACOMA CHAPTER

**MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM**

South Tacoma Masonic Center 5405 South Puget Sound Ave. Dad Advisor - Dad Jeff Greenwell Contact: VWB Jeffrey A. Brunson

### PUYALLUP CHAPTER

**MEETS 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAYS & 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAYS**

**7:00 PM** Puyallup Masonic Center 1005 W Pioneer Dad Advisor - Dad Will Garcia Contact : Bro. Brian Gross

## INTERNATIONAL ORDER RAINBOW

### TACOMA-KENRICK

**MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS 7:00 PM**

**TRIVIUM LODGE No. 22**

3819 N 27<sup>th</sup>, Tacoma  
Mother Advisor - Mrs. Judith Jenkins

### CEDAR ASSEMBLY

**MEETS 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAYS 7:00 PM**

**LINCOLN PARK LODGE No. 80**

3736 S Sheridan, Tacoma Mother Advisor - Mrs. Donna Benson

### PUYALLUP

**MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAYS 7:00 PM**

**CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 38**

1005 W Pioneer Ave, Puyallup Mother Advisor - Ms. Rachel Turner

### SUMNER

**MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS 7:00 PM**

**PHOENIX LODGE No. 154**

1009 Main St, Sumner  
Mother Advisor - Mrs. Teresa White

## JOB'S DAUGHTERS

### BETHEL #8

**LINCOLN PARK LODGE No. 80**

3736 S Sheridan, Tacoma

### BETHEL #32

**EVERGREEN LODGE No. 68**

2530 Grandview Drive, University Place

### BETHEL #27

**PARKLAND LODGE No. 299**

306 134<sup>th</sup> Street South, Parkland

### BETHEL #30

**CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 38**

1005 West Pioneer Avenue, Puyallup

### BETHEL # 67

**T. F. McELROY LODGE No. 302**

1700 South 340th Street, Federal Way

## MASONIC YOUTH EVENTS



Brethren

As Masons, we are very supportive of our Masonic Youth Organizations. Financial contributions are not the only ways of showing our support but we also need to be present at their meetings to help and assist them in any way as far as we are able to. This is why The Trowel has begun this section with any youth events we are made aware of or know of the different DeMolay Chapters, Job's Daughters Bethels and Order of Rainbow Assemblies in our area.

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### *Washington State Job's Daughter*



**November 9-11 - Job's Daughter Supreme Leadership Conference**

### *International Order Rainbow for Girls*



**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Pierce County Official Visit - Lincoln Park No. 80 Lodge**

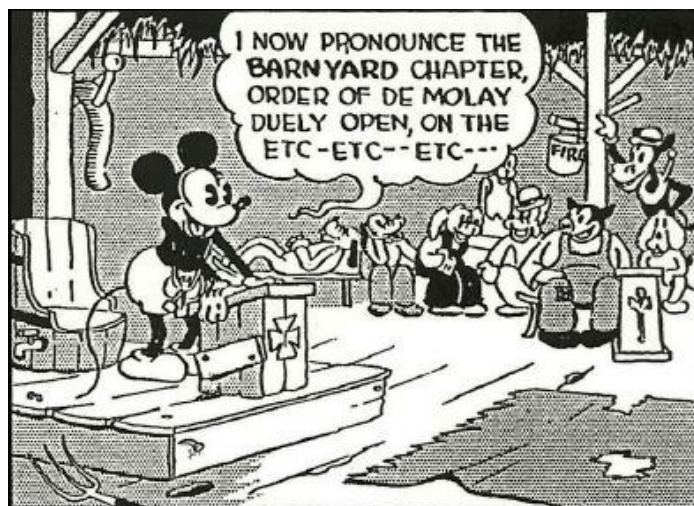
### *Order of DeMolay*



**Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - Official Visit to Tacoma Chapter**































**Saturday, November 17, 2018 - DeMolay Grand Master's Class - Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite - 2 PM**

**Meetings in our Districts for each Masonic Youth Group are found on the left sided blue column.**





# Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p>  <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Guy Fawkes Day</b></p>  <p>Ivanhoe Commandery Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Installation of 2019 Officers</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Valley of Tacoma Council Knights Kadosh</b></p>  <p>Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Cap &amp; Ring Ceremony <b>Elections Day</b></p> 	<p>7</p> <p><b>Masonic Education Roundtable</b></p>  <p>Grand Lodge 10 AM</p> <p><b>Phoenix Lodge No. 138 FC Degree 7 PM</b></p> 	<p>8</p>  <p><b>Tacobat Grotto</b> Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Elections 2019 Officers</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>All Souls Day</b></p>  <p>Affi Shrine Oriental Band Meeting Valley of Tacoma 3PM</p> <p><b>Cedar Assembly</b></p>  <p><b>Puyallup Chapter</b></p> 	<p>3</p> <p><b>Sandwich Day</b></p>
<p>11</p>  <p><b>VETERANS DAY</b> *** HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ***</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Puyallup Assembly</b></p> 	<p>13</p> <p><b>Fairweather Lodge Stated Communication</b></p>  <p>Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p><b>Sadie Hawkins Day</b></p> <p><b>Tacoma Kenrick</b></p> 	<p>14</p> <p><b>Tacoma DeMolay</b></p>  <p><b>Masonic Education Roundtable</b></p>  <p>Grand Lodge 10 AM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Cedar Assembly</b></p>  <p><b>Puyallup Chapter</b></p> 	<p>17</p>  <p><b>DeMolay Grand Master's Class Valley of Tacoma 2PM</b></p>
<p>18</p>  <p><b>Scottish Rite Study Group 6 PM</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Tacoma Council No. 1</b></p>  <p>Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Elections &amp; Installation</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Masonic Education Roundtable</b></p>  <p>Grand Lodge 10 AM</p>	<p>22</p>  <p><b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Black Friday</b></p> <p><b>National Espresso Day</b></p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Puyallup Assembly</b></p> 	<p>27</p> <p><b>Valley of Tacoma Officers' Meeting 7PM</b></p>  <p><b>Fairweather Lodge 5th Tuesday Dinner 6:30 PM</b></p>  <p><b>Horace Tyler Lodge 290 Meaning of Masonry 7PM</b></p>  <p><b>Tacoma Kenrick</b></p> 	<p>28</p> <p><b>Tacoma DeMolay</b></p>  <p><b>Masonic Education Roundtable</b></p>  <p>Grand Lodge 10 AM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

thanksgiving  
gather  
thankful family  
blessed grateful  
together blessings  
november

*Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite*



*An Active Valley Working to Support Freemasonry and our Community*



**Tacoma Scottish Rite Bodies**

**Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

817 S. Vassault St., Tacoma, WA 98465-2046

**Electronic Service Requested**

NON-PROFIT  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT NO 394  
TACOMA WA