

The Trowel



Message from the Wise Master

Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32^o KCCH



We frequently say that Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. Each Masonic organization uses symbols as teaching tools to build the character of its members. The importance of symbols to our Fraternity is clear, but the use of these symbols to guide our daily life is not as clear. The following passage from the 32nd degree shows the difference between the importance of Masonic symbolism and its lack of daily use: "Some join Freemasonry out of idle mere curiosity, some because it may profit them in their business affairs or secure them aid in distress. Others seek to learn our supposed mysteries or to acquire the titles, decorations, and distinctions Masonry confers. Many are satisfied with Masonic rites or Degrees that are shadows and teach nothing of value. Few care for the great truths of Masonic philosophy or become interested in the study of its ancient symbols."

Freemasonry does not impose on its members one set of interpretation of its symbols. It leaves it up to each of us to interpret these symbols. This freedom has perhaps left some confused, and as a result, many of us do not know how to use these symbols as a guide. I would like to share a process with you that might help us "figure it out". First, it is important to recognize the fact these symbols can have different meanings to each individual. For example, consider a picture of a lake and some trees. This may remind one person of a vacation in the forest, another might think of a fishing trip, another may remember a hunting trip, and yet to another it may signify peace and solitude. Therefore, with that in mind, we can use the following four-step process:

- Step 1 Select a symbol
- Step 2 Study the symbol you select
- Step 3 Determine what the symbol means to you
- Step 4 Use the symbol in your daily life

First, select a symbol that interest you. It can be any symbol for any reason. I know a Brother who was in the Navy, so he selected for his first symbol the anchor. Next, study the symbol. Read what others have written about it, and discuss it with other Masons. Third, think about what this symbol means to you. This could be consistent with some description in the ritual or something someone else said or wrote about it, but it also could be completely different. The important thing is that the meaning you select has significance to you. As you ponder and study the symbol, it will gradually take on a meaning that is of particular significance to you. This makes it readily available in your mind for application should a situation occur that allows it. Finally, we should always seek to use the symbol in assisting us. This may be the hardest of the four steps, but the first three are meaningless if you do not actually use the symbol to make a difference in your daily life. The Brother, who was in the

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OCTOBER 2018

*Valley of Tacoma
October Events*

**2 - *Lodge of Rose Croix*
Official Visit of the SGIG
*Dinner Honoring SGIG***

**Dinner 6:30 PM
RSVP - Cost \$15.00
Meeting 7:30 PM**

12 - Fall Class Reunion 7:00 PM

13 - Fall Class Reunion 8:00 AM

**15 - *Feast of Tishri 6:30 PM*
*RSVP Dinner Cost \$15.00***

21 - Study Group 6:00 PM

30 - Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM

November Events

**6 - Council of Knights Kadosh
Dinner 6:30 PM Cost \$15.00
Meeting 7:30 PM**

18 - Study Group 6:00 PM

20 - *Thanksgiving*

27 - 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.



October Scottish Rite Stated Meeting

Meeting of the Rose Croix Chapter

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Social Hour - 5:30 PM

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

Honoring Ill. Al Jorgensen, SGIG

Meeting - 7:30 PM

Official Visit of Ill. Al Jorgensen, SGIG

Dinner RSVP

Call the Valley of Tacoma office

on or before Monday October 1st before noon

at (253) 565-0272.

Come out for fellowship and to honor one of our own.

Other October Masonic Events

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

1 - **Commandery No. 4 KT**

Stated Conclave

Dinner 6:30 PM Conclave 7:30 PM

11 - **Tacobat Grotto**

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

14 - **Pacific Council No. 30**

Allied Masonic Degrees

Regular meeting time 2:00 PM

Royal Ark Mariner Degree

Open to all Royal Arch Masons in good
standing

Pyramid Masonic Center - Federal Way
3:00 PM

15 - **Tacoma Chapter No. 4, RAM**

Stated Convocation

Dinner 6:30 PM Convocation 7:30 PM

27 - **Evergreen Priory No. 41**

Knights York Cross of Honor
(KYCH)

Richland Lodge

Lunch 11:00 AM Meeting to Follow

Masonic Educational Roundtable

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

Correction(s) from the Past Issue

Last month's issue, we
incorrectly identified the brother
receiving his cap and ring as Bro.
Wilfredo Garcia, 32°. The correct
name is Bro. Wilfred Reyes, 32°. Please accept our apologies for
this error.

General Secretary's Corner



III. William "Bill" Hammontree, General Secretary

Brethren

I don't often write articles for the newsletter only when the occasion
merits to do so. This is one of those occasions. We have several brethren
that are in arrears with their Scottish Rite dues. Many times, we forget or
leave things for tomorrow. When that happens, situations like this happens.
I attempted several contacts with these brothers. Unfortunately, silence
prevailed in all my attempts. Today, I come to you to ask your help. If you
know anyone on the list provided below, please contact them and explain
they need to contact me ASAP so they can continue as Scottish Rite
Masons. If you see your name on this list, contact me ASAP. There's an
old saying: "You don't know what you got until you lose it..." As a Valley,
we don't want to lose these brothers.

Here are the names:

Noel R. Adams
Natural Allah
Basil Anton
James A. Anton
Miles S. Becker
Richard Buckland Jr.
James R. Carr
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William R. Rolfe
Joey Romero
Matthew D. Rutledge
Lawrence W. Sandin
Nathan D. Schepis
Raymond W. Schrader
Robert Schultz
Jeff Spensley
Roy L. Taylor
Mitchell A. Thomas
Harry W. Walter
Steward W. Wells
Courtland B. Winterbower
Mitchell Wright
Jacob G. Yaconetti

September Dinner Speaker



The Valley of Tacoma had the honor and pleasure of having as their guest speaker at the September dinner Ms. Kim Wyman, Washington State Secretary of State. This guest speaker was thanks to Bro. Mark Thompson, 32^o, Commander of Knights Kadosh. Ms Wyman gave an interesting talk regarding our electoral system and the technological issues it faces. Several of the brethren presented good questions at the end of Ms Wyman's presentation. We thank Ms Wyman for giving us time from her busy schedule to inform and educate us on a current topic of discussion. A big thank you to Bro Thompson for his efforts in securing this extraordinary speaker.

Picture Above:
Ms Kim Wyman

Picture to the Right:
(From left to right)
Ill. Al Jorgensen, SGIG
Asst. to Ms Kim Wyman
Ms Kim Wyman
Ill. Miles Stover, PR



September Knight of the Double Eagle Award



September's awardees for the Double Eagle are (from left to right) : Bro. James Nero, 32^o; Bro. Alexander Jordan, 32^o, KCCH; Bro. Kyle (Coach) Foster, 32^o; Bro. Michael Monk, 32^o. At the far right is Bro. Michael Smitson, 32^o, KCCH is chairman of the Double Eagle Award.



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Junior Warden



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Preceptor

What's Happening in the



Early Life Speech & Language

Brethren, the letter below from a parent can better explain what our program has done to change lives. Please read it carefully. This explains why I enjoy and love working with this program. This is the best reward a program can receive. Thank you for your continual support of our Early Speech & Language Program. **Ill. Lawrence T. Newsham, 33⁰**

I am writing to say thank you and share our story of how Early Life Speech & Language changed our lives. Please feel free to share and use our story if desired. My daughter, Elliott, graduated from Early Life Speech & Language about 3 years ago. It's amazing to think that the girl that once could only say "bus bus", when trying to communicate, is now the one telling long stories and consistently talking to imaginary pets and people.

Elliott was enrolled with two other speech therapists before we found Early Life Speech & Language. It was a difficult time for our family. The toddler years are hard enough, but constantly teaching boundaries and appropriate behavior to a child, who couldn't communicate back with us, was painful. When she would get upset, she would just let out a scream. Besides our frustration, there was heartbreaks. On one occasion, we were out shopping. She was in the cart having trouble controlling her volume. She was loudly "singing" even though it didn't sound like a song. Someone came up to us and told her to be quiet. Many people stared when all she was trying to do was sing. I watched her at the park not able to say her name to other kids. I saw the other kids' reaction when they couldn't understand what she was saying. At this point, I knew I had to be an advocate. I had to fight. I had to educate myself.

I was desperately searching the Internet for resources when I came across Early Life Speech & Language. I couldn't believe that there were free classes. I quickly called and got enrolled for the next session. I was ecstatic to find such a resource. Jackie taught the classes we attended and it was taught in such a way that made sense. To this day, I can still remember the lessons she taught and still use them with my younger children. We also enjoyed being with other parents realizing we were not alone.. The classes empowered us and gave us hope.

I remember when Elliott had her first evaluation with Jackie. Elliott just kept saying "bus" and not much more. I kept looking at Jackie waiting for her reaction. She wasn't scared or alarmed. A few days after our first meeting with Jackie, we were driving and heard Elliott said two new words which I heard Jackie say during the evaluation. I couldn't believe it. After over a half a year with other private speech therapists without much progress, Elliott was saying two new words after less than an hour with Jackie!

Jackie always allowed Elliott to be herself, celebrated her personality and made her feel accepted and confident. Elliott truly flourished because of Jackie. The beginning of our speech delay journey was difficult, seeming hopeless at times. Early Life Speech & Language became the light in our journey. Elliott was taught by one of the best speech therapists there is. The education classes were priceless. Jackie will always hold a special place in our hearts. She gave our little girl a voice. Your program truly changed our lives. Thank you for everything you do.

*Sincerely,
Beth Ripley*

Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite Brother
Your Presence Is Requested



Feast of Tishri

Lodge of Perfection

October 15, 2018 6:30 PM

RSVP ASAP

Contact the Valley of Tacoma Office

(253) 565-0272

SWISS STEAK Dinner Cost \$15.00

Program to Follow



FALL CLASS REUNION

October 12th & 13th 2018

Valley of Tacoma Fall Class Reunion

Friday, October 12th - beginning 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 13th - beginning 8:00 AM



Scottish Rite is the University of Freemasonry.



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:

October Birthdays

Daniel Adams
John Richard Adamson
William Brandt Bede
William Basil Bonnell
Lawton Case
Howard R Cohen
Charles Collins
Rogelio Cortes
Keven Michael Davis
Donald S Dodds
Christopher James Ellis
Gary Edwin Gasaway
Alvin Wendell Jorgensen
Kenneth James Keesler
James Simpson MacFarlane

Virgil Gaylor Maier
Billy Kook Meints
James Edwin Nero
Marcus John Ortega
Roy James Pidcock
Rexford Ray Pulfrey
John Wayne Rice
Daniel Lee Rollins
Robert Royal
Brian Norton Stoll
Mark William Thompson
Butch Van Trail
Leroy Frederick Wallace
Harry Wayne Walter
Harvey Wardius

Consistory - End of Summer BBQ Event



The Consistory celebrated the End of Summer BBQ Event/Auction on Saturday, September 29th. Several brethren and their ladies attended the event. The Master of Kadosh, Bro. Michael Smitson, 32^o, KCCH, would like to thank all those that came. He would also like to thank those that helped him organize and serve the food. Unfortunately, the auction did not happen as no one had the keys to the office. We decided to auction the several items received at our October Stated Meeting Dinner (Tuesday, October 2nd). Again, a big thank you to all those that participated and assisted in organizing and serving the food.

Holidays in October

Sept 22 - Oct 7 Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is a two week festival, held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. While it is a giant world festival in Germany, Oktoberfest celebrations are held around the world during this time.

Oct 8 - Columbus Day & Indigenous People's Day

For decades and decades, American history books and school teaching, told us Christopher Columbus discovered America. What those books and teachings did not give credit, to the fact these Native Americans were already here. Native Americans truly discovered America. It also gave little mention, to the fact that Nordic explorers had traveled down the eastern coast of Canada hundreds of years before Columbus arrived.

Oct 13 - Navy Day Birthday

Navy Day is the original day to celebrate the U.S. Navy, and though this celebration officially was replaced by Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May for the U.S.) in 1949, the celebrations of Navy Day continue on, especially within the Navy itself.

Oct 16 - Boss's Day

Now here is a day that gives you a chance to both tell and show the boss what you really think of him or her. And, it is an opportunity to give your boss the appreciation that he or she truly deserves. So go right ahead and give it to him.....give it to him good! After all, it only comes around once a year.

Oct 22 - National Nut Day

National Nut Day is today. It's a little kooky and crazy if you ask me. One can go a little bit batty contemplating the meaning of this day. Our research came up empty on information about this day. So, we can't be certain as to the meaning of this very nutty day.

Oct 28 - Mother-in-Law's Day

If you missed Mother's Day in May, then here's another chance to honor your beloved Mother-In-Law.

Information

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 where 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 when you care to keep us informed.

Thanks.



Sickness & Distress

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

Ill. Jeremy Yielding's brother



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



October 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.

Frank A Peskin 14° - 40 years
Leonard Redford 32° - 5 years
Kenneth R Rees 32° - 3 years
Michael J Riley 32° - 3 years
Matthew D Rutledge 32° - 7 years
Nathan D Schepis 32° - 6 years
Paul R Schulz 32° - 5 years
Larry R Shank 32° - 3 years
Ill. Miles R Stover 33° - 16 years
Julian F Wheeler 32° - 3 years
Ill. H R Williamson 33° - 41 years
Courtland B Winterbower 32° - 13 years
Mitchell O Wright 32° - 3 years
Muriel E Wright 14° - 51 years

Message from the Wise Master

Navy, told me that he has regularly used the anchor to keep his life grounded within the precepts of Freemasonry.

On becoming a Scottish Rite Mason, you were asked if you were seriously interested in studying the symbols, and you responded that you were. Of course, as useful as it is to study the symbols, it is more useful still to put them to work in your daily life. I hope this will give you some ideas how to select, from the vast array of symbols in the Scottish Rite, some that will be significant to you. The possibilities are almost limitless, and it will be well worth your time to use your imagination to figure out how to use them to improve your life. I am confident you will be glad you made the effort.

Bro. Joseph McAlister , 32° KCCH
Wise Master



Scottish Rite Masonic Education

SCOTTISH CHEMISTRY - Survey of Alchemical Symbols in the Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Part 3

by Bro. Russell R. Boedeker, 32° K.C.C.H.

11th Degree

I do not find any explicit symbolic references to Alchemy in this degree

12th degree

Hanging in the east in the 12th degree we find a six pointed star comprised of two triangles interlaced. One triangle is white, the other black[42]. In alchemy, the upright triangle represents fire, and the upside-down triangle is the symbol for water. Together they symbolize the unity of opposites. The number 6 represents balance and beauty. To the reader I suggest you consider the directions pointed at by each the triangles for further understanding.

On the north side of the room we find a diagram with the North Star and the seven stars of the big dipper. The concept of seven stars has Alchemistic meanings. The big dipper, while the most recognized grouping of stars is not really by itself a constellation. It is part of the constellation Ursa Major, or the Great Bear. The big dipper forms the rump and the tail of the bear[43]. I have found some connections with the North Star representing the chi or life force of our world, and the big dipper revolving around the North Star representing the seven immortals. This connection to ancient Alchemy is rather speculative, so I am not ready to commit to it.

A closer connection to Alchemy would point to the seven stars as possibly representing the seven Chakras[44], or the seven spiritual energies. The Alchemists called the Chakras the seals of the planets. A Chakra represents energy centers located at various points on the body. Shown below is a table relating the planets, their Alchemical metal, body location, and the corresponding Chakra[45].

"Star"	Alchemical Metal	Chakra	Location on Body
<i>Saturn</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Muladhara</i>	<i>Base of Spine</i>
<i>Mars</i>	<i>Iron</i>	<i>Svadhithama</i>	<i>Below navel</i>
<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>Tin</i>	<i>Manipura</i>	<i>Solar plexus</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Anahata</i>	<i>Heart</i>
<i>Venus</i>	<i>Cooper of brass</i>	<i>Visuddhi</i>	<i>Throat</i>
<i>Moon</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Aina</i>	<i>Above the eyes</i>
<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Quicksilver</i>	<i>Sahasrara</i>	<i>Crown</i>

Are you a Master Craftsman?

Ask
How
Today!



SCOTTISH RITE
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



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The seven stars may also represent the seven Hermetic principles found in the Kybalion[46]. These seven principles are Mentalism, Correspondence, Vibration, Polarity, Rhythm, Cause and Effect, Gender.

13th and 14th Degree

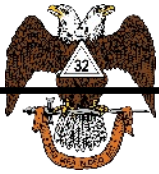
We will take the 13th and 14th degree together, as they are in many ways sister degrees. We have already explored the Hermetic connection with the vault of the 13th and 14th degree, so we will not repeat that here. The script for the 13th degree is the only one in the Lodge of Perfection that explicitly states a connection to alchemy. In the introduction read to the class the degree states, "The cubicle Stone, an ancient Masonic symbol...This symbol is also found in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. From here it was introduced into Alchemy, and from there, into Freemasonry[47]". To the Alchemist the symbol of the cube may represent salt, one of the basic substances. The cube, with its six sides plus the point in the center, corresponds to the seven days of creation. If you connect the corners of each side of the cube diagonally you can see four triangles, symbolic of the four Alchemic elements (salt, sulfur, mercury, and azoth). The Alchemists declare that salt was the first created substance, produced by fire that flowed out of God. In salt is the creation concentrated, the beginning and end of all things[48]. Why the reference to Alchemy is explicitly called out here in our ritual, and not elsewhere, is not known.

In both the 13th and 14th degree we see the cubical stone with a plate of solid gold. The plate of gold resembles the plate on the altar of the tomb (or secret vault) of Father CRC of the Rosicrucian's[49]. The element gold is also an Alchemistic element, and very symbolic of the final desired state of transmutation. The reader may wish to observe what side of the cube the plate of gold is affixed to for further understanding.

The battery of both the 13th and 14th degree is 3x3. Alchemy is a three fold art, symbolically represented in 3x3; three elements in three worlds, the divine, the human, and the elemental. The 3x3 also represents the number 9, the number of esoteric man and the number of emanations from the root of Devine[50]. One can immediately see connections with the nine arches of the vault in the 13th and 14th degree, as well as the nine names of God given on each arch.

In the 14th degree in front of the Senior Warden is a seven candelabra, which should bring to mind the tree of life, as shown in figure 1. In the ritual we are told this candelabrum specially represents the seven planets that of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury and the Moon, with the Sun as the highest candle in the center[51]. It should be obvious by now the connection to Alchemy and what this symbol represents. Perhaps it is fitting to end the Lodge of Perfection with the planetary symbols, which to the Alchemist would represent the "above", the final accent into the heavens.

In exploring the symbols throughout the Lodge of Perfection we have seen examples of very strong Hermetic connection, and in some cases the connection



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has been more tenuous. However, it is apparent, at least to this researcher that the influence of Alchemy that began in the symbolic lodge has continued throughout the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection[52]. The brief symbolic explanations given here have probably left the reader somewhat wanting. There is a staggering amount of detail and interpretation behind each of the Alchemistical symbols we uncovered and I must leave further exploration to the reader. I am reminded of the Hermetic adage, that whoever attempts a literal understanding of the teachings of the Hermetic philosophers will lose himself in the many twist and turns of the labyrinth from which he will never find his way out[53]. I hope that this brief paper has brought to light the rich field of Alchemy symbolism in Masonry that has gone in many aspects largely untapped.

Now finally, what about the quest of the operative Alchemists to convert base metals into gold? Well, we can and have been able to accomplish this. It is possible to take base elements such as tin and copper and combine them to create gold. Oh, I forgot to mention, you will require the aid of a linear accelerator. This is used to speed the atoms of tin to 1/10th the speed of light and smash them into the copper atoms, fusing the nuclei together. It does produce atoms of gold, albeit at a fiendishly uneconomical cost[54]. While the modern chemist works to convert atomic structures, the speculative Alchemist works to turn the spiritual lead to spiritual gold in their path in refining their relationship with the Deity.

The author wishes to thank fellow Hermetic researcher, Bro. Ted Balestreri, 32° KSA, for his peer review and helpful suggestions in the development of this paper.

Notes Part 3:

- [42] 12th Degree Script, The Supreme Council 33° (1/20/04), p. 4
- [43] The Great Bear Constellation Ursa Major Description, www.souledout.org/nightsky/ursamajorandminor.html
- [44] Chakra is a Sanskrit work meaning “spinning wheel”, and refers to various life forces. Each Chakra has a specific place on the Kabalistic Tree of Life.
- [45] Table from “The Tarot”, www.divineparadox.com/AgelessWisdom/k17_revelation.htm
- [46] The Kybalion, p. 11
- [47] 13th Degree Script, The Supreme Council, 33° (Rev. 1/20/04), p. 6
- [48] Secret Teachings, p. 469
- [49] Secret Teachings, p. 445
- [50] Secret Teachings, p. 497-498
- [51] 14th Degree Script, The Supreme Council, 33° (Rev. 1/20/04), p. 12
- [52] I am aware of Alchemistic symbolism in degrees beyond the Lodge of Perfection, but will leave that for another day.
- [53] Alchemy & Mysticism, p. 36
- [54] Alchemy & Mysticism, p. 33



Valley of Tacoma Building Association Update

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



KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

VALLEY OF TACOMA

NOTICE

**KSA Annual Meeting
&
Elections of
2019 Officers**

Date: October 13, 2018

**Time: Right after the
Class Reunion**

**Place: General
Secretary's Office**

**Also, changes to the
bylaws will be
presented for adoption.**

For more information, contact the
Secretary, Bro. David A. Aponte, 32°.

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^o, KCCH or Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32^o, KCCH



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. Thank you.

Grand Lodge October Events

CONSTITUTION OF ALMIRA LODGE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

CITY OF ALMIRA COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTIRE - TUX WITH WHITE GLOVES FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS, TEAM UNIFORM FOR ALL OTHERS (DDGM, COMMITTEE), OPEN GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT 5:00 PM FOR PURPOSE OF CONSTITUTING ALMIRA LODGE.

Blue Lodge October Events

DISTRICT 13

**ST. ANDREWS EDUCATION NIGHT - RENTON MASONIC LODGE -
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

DISTRICT 14

KRUCIBLE LODGE 318 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

**ESOTERICISM IN FREEMASONRY CONFERENCE - SECOND ANNUAL DAY LONG
CONFERENCE AT THE SEATTLE VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE.**

HORACE TYLER 290 - MEANING OF MASONRY

TUE, OCTOBER 30TH - 7 PM – 9 PM

**OPEN TO ALL BROTHERS. MONTHLY CLASS ON THE DEEPER, ESOTERIC
MEANINGS OF MASONRY.**

**FAIRWEATHER LODGE NO. 82 - 5TH TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER - OCTOBER
30TH VALLEY OF TACOMA - 6:30 PM**

DISTRICT 15

STEILACOOM LODGE 2

STUDY GROUP EVERY 2ND & 4TH THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM

CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 38

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST - 3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM -
\$7.00 PER PERSON**



We Want You To Join

VALLEY OF TACOMA DEGREE TEAM MASTER MASON DRAMA SECTION

Does your Masonic Lodge or one that you know need assistance with the drama section of the Master Mason Degree?

Are you interested in helping Lodges with Degree Work?

Are you willing to assist the Valley of Tacoma in joining and setting up a Drama Section Master Mason Degree Team?

If you answered Yes to any of these questions, then join your fellow Scottish Rite brethren and become an active member of the Master Mason Drama Degree team.

Our mission as Scottish Rite Masons is to be of service and assist Lodges in District 13, 14 & 15 with the Drama Section of the Master Mason Degree.

If you are truly interested, contact Bro. David A. Aponte, 32^o at trowelsr@gmail.com or (352) 228-3632 and indicate what part you are willing to do. You can also see me at the Stated Meeting and sign up.

Thank you for your interest and support with this project.



Masonic Youth Bodies Meeting

ORDER OF DeMOLAY

TACOMA CHAPTER

MEETS 2ND & 4TH 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 1ST MONDAYS & 3RD 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 2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS 7:00 PM

TRIVIUM LODGE No. 22

3819 N 27th, Tacoma

Mother Advisor - Mrs. Judith Jenkins

CEDAR ASSEMBLY

MEETS 1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

LINCOLN PARK LODGE No. 80

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

PUYALLUP

MEETS 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS 7:00 PM

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 38

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

SUMNER

MEETS 2ND & 4TH 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 134th 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.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Washington State Job's Daughters



None Reported

International Order Rainbow for Girls



LEADERSHIP CAMP- EASTSIDE - Saturday, October 6th

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - Saturday, October 27th

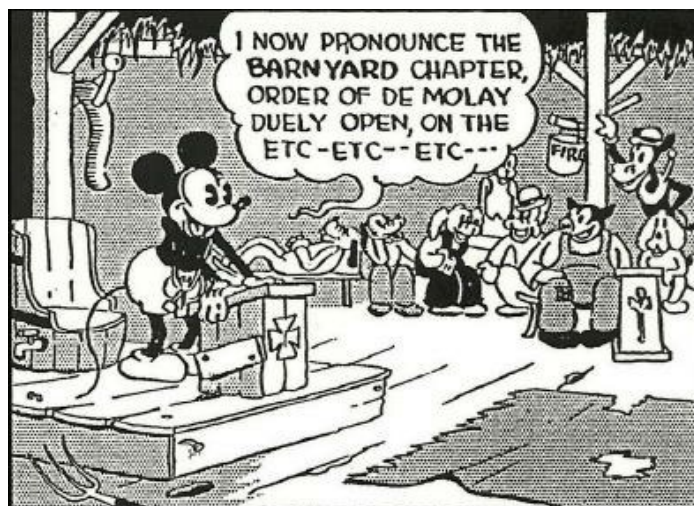
Order of DeMolay



Fall WADA - October 13th & 14th - North Puget Sound

Investiture Day & Hockey Night - Saturday, October 20th - Federal Way - Contact: Dad Gross (253) 576-3159

Cascade Region Paintball Event - Saturday, October 27th - Contact: Dad Brian Rivers (253) 448-0080

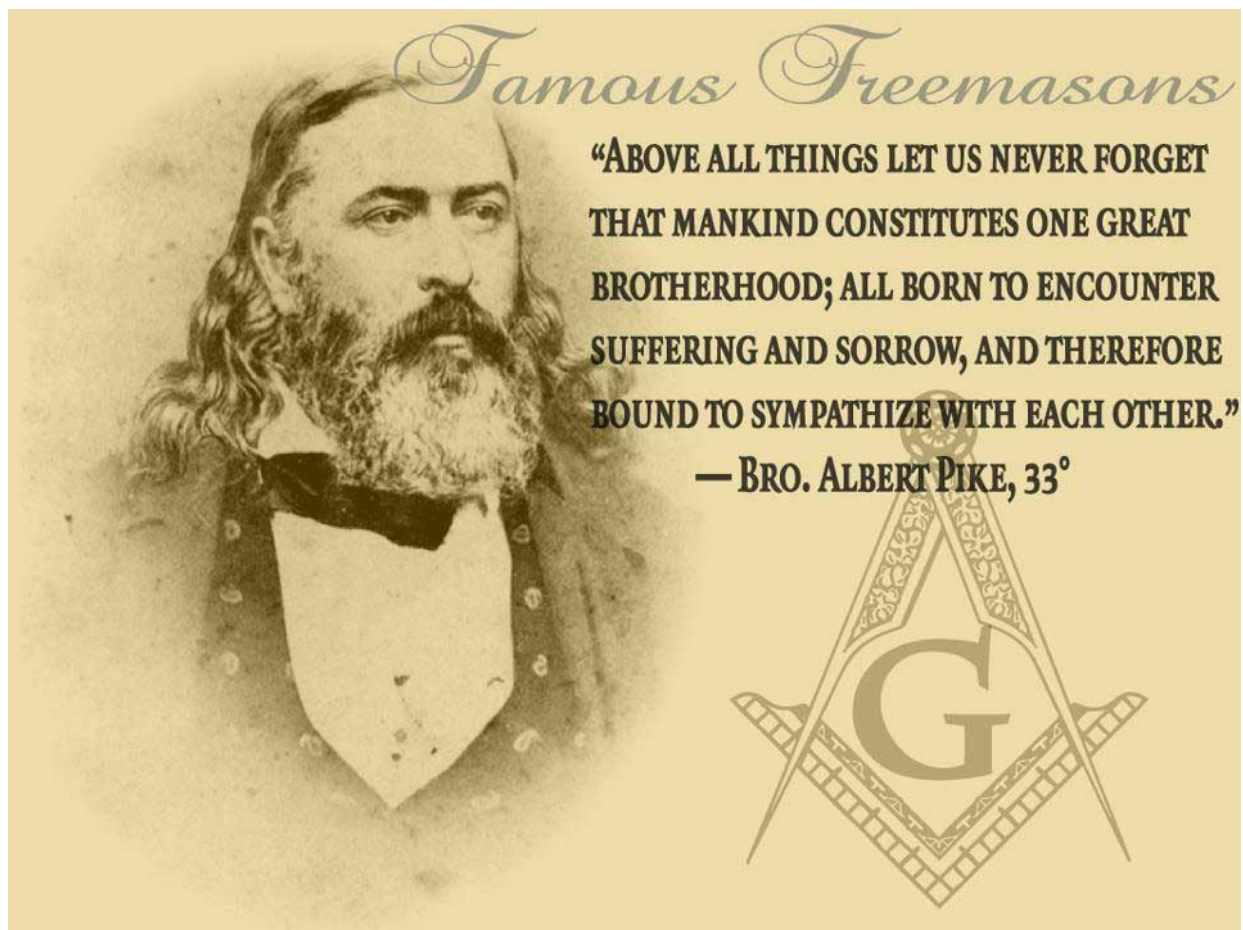


Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite – The University of Freemasonry

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Knights Templar Ivanhoe #4 Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	2  Valley of Tacoma Rose Croix Chapter Honoring SGIG Dinner 6:30 PM RSVP Meeting 7:30 PM	3  WA Masonic Discussion Group 10:00 AM - Noon	4 	5  Constitution of Almira Almira Community Center 5:30 PM	6 
Oktoberfest						
7	8 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day	9  Fairweather #82 Election 2019 Officers Stated Communication Meeting 7:30 PM 	10  Tacoma DeMolay  WA Masonic Discussion Group 10:00 AM - Noon	11  Tacocat Grotto Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	12  HAPPY BIRTHDAY III. Al Jorgensen, 330	13 US Navy Birthday  Esoteric Conference Valley of Seattle SR 9AM-4:30 PM \$30.00 in advance  Clontarf Council 69 Knight Masons
14  Pacific Council 30 Allied Masonic Degrees Royal Ark Mariner Degree 3:00 PM	15  Valley of Tacoma Feast of Tishiri Dinner 6:30 PM RSVP  Tacoma Chapter #4 Royal Arch Masons Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Convocation 7:30 PM	16 Boss's Day	17  WA Masonic Discussion Group 10:00 AM - Noon	18	19	20
21  Valley of Tacoma Study Group 6:00 PM	22 National Nut Day	23  TK Rainbow	24  Tacoma DeMolay  WA Masonic Discussion Group 10:00 AM - Noon	25	26	27  Evergreen State Priority 41 KYCH Richland Lodge 412 Thayer Drive Richland, WA 11:00 AM Lunch followed by meeting
28 Mother-In-Law's Day	29	30  Fairweather #82 5 th Tuesday Dinner 6:30 PM  Valley of Tacoma Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM	31  WA Masonic Discussion Group 10:00 AM - Noon			



Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite



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