

# The Trowel



## Message from the Venerable Master

Bro. Michael J. Riley, 32<sup>o</sup>



You are the sum of every choice that you make. Almost every habit that you have — good or bad — is the result of many small decisions over time. And yet, how easily we forget this when we want to make a change.

In 2010, Dave Brailsford faced a tough job. No British cyclist had ever won the Tour de France, but as the new General Manager and Performance Director for Team Sky (Great Britain's professional cycling team), Brailsford was asked to change that. His approach was simple. Brailsford believed in a concept that he called the "aggregation of marginal gains." He explained it as "the 1 percent margin for improvement in everything you do." He believed that if you improved every area related to cycling by just 1 percent, then those small gains would add up to remarkable improvement.

They started by optimizing the things you might expect: the nutrition of riders, their weekly training program, the ergonomics of the bike seat, and the weight of the tires.

However Brailsford and his team didn't stop there. They searched for 1 percent improvements in tiny areas that were overlooked by almost everyone else: discovering the pillow that offered the best sleep and taking it with them to hotels, testing for the most effective type of massage gel, and teaching riders the best way to wash their hands to avoid infection. They searched for small improvements everywhere.

Brailsford believed that if they could successfully execute this strategy, then Team Sky would be in a position to win the Tour de France in five years' time. He was wrong. They won it in three years. In 2012, Team Sky rider Sir Bradley Wiggins became the first British cyclist to win the Tour de France. That same year, Brailsford coached the British cycling team at the 2012 Olympic Games and dominated the competition by winning 70 percent of the gold medals available.

In 2013, Team Sky repeated their feat by winning the Tour de France again, this time with rider Chris Froome. Many have referred to the British cycling feats in the Olympics and the Tour de France over the past ten years as the most successful run in modern cycling history.

And now for the important question: what can we learn from Brailsford's marginal gains approach? How can we as Scottish Rite masons make small, perhaps even seemingly insignificant changes that will result in a stronger fraternity, made of better men?

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Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
Valley of Tacoma  
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## Valley of Tacoma Events

### 4 - Valley of Tacoma Lodge of Perfection

Dinner 6:30 PM  
Cost \$15.00 RSVP  
Meeting 7:30 PM  
Speaker: MS. Kim Wyman



### 16 - Study Group 6:00 PM

### 17- Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Visitation

### 25 - Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM

### 29 - Consistory Fundraiser End of Summer BBQ & Auction

6:00 PM Call Valley of Tacoma for RSVP  
Cost of Dinner \$25.00



Class Reunion  
October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Petitions Needed

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## Scottish Rite October Events

### 2 - Lodge of Rose Croix

Dinner 6:30 PM

Meeting 7:30 PM

### 12 - Fall Class Reunion

7:00 PM

### 13 - Fall Class Reunion

8:00 AM

### 15 - Feast of Tishri 6:15 PM

### 21 - Study Group 6:00 PM

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

## Other September Masonic Events

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

### 3 - **Commandery No. 4 KT**

Stated Conclave

Dinner 6:30 PM Conclave 7:30 PM

### 13 - **Tacobat Grotto**

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM

### 15 - **Afifi Shrine Meeting**

12:00 PM

### 17 - **Tacoma Council No. 1, R&SM**

Stated Convocation

Dinner 6:30 PM Convocation 7:30 PM

## Masonic Educational Roundtable

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



## Next Class Reunion:

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 AM

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## Message from the Venerable Master

Over the past year, we have had many successes of things not previously done, including;

- Established a monthly newsletter
- Started a traveling program with visitations to Olympia, Bremerton, & Seattle
- Revamped the website
- Actively put out social media content on Facebook
- Enacted a Master Craftsman Scholarship Program
- Initiated over 30 new Scottish Rite Masons and became a resource to help initiate members from other Valleys
- Actively solicited and updated information in Sentinel, our membership database
- Participated in the Regional Workshops

However we are not done improving. We shall continue to look for those marginal gains. Nevertheless it is something that we must all take part in

One of my favorite stories is titled, "Whose Job Is It?" It is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. However, Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

This is our Valley. We all know what needs to be done. Membership, Participation, Community Involvement, Ownership, Planning. We are here to improve ourselves in masonry. Growth comes from struggle and challenging ourselves to do what we didn't believe possible. Do you know how muscles are built? They are strained through repetition and exertion. They are broken down and inflamed in the process. And when the body repairs them, it rebuilds them stronger and more capable of handling the strain next time.

"One Person Can Make a Difference"...in 1645; one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England. In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed. In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union. In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States. And in 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German. Each of us in our way can make a difference.

Let's do it. Let's step up and challenge ourselves. Volunteer to take on an office. Volunteer to be on one committee. Volunteer to take on one event. Volunteer to bring one new person. Volunteer to do something and challenge yourself. Volunteer to mentor someone else, so they can have the needed support while they challenge themselves. Get involved. This is your Valley and we can each make a difference.

Bro. Michael , 32<sup>o</sup>  
Venerable Master

# Personal Representative's Message

Ill. Miles Stover, 33°



## REALLY EXCITING TIMES ARE COMING TO THE VALLEY OF TACOMA

Brothers, while we all have been enjoying the summer, there have been some exciting things happening that are about to “come around the corner”.

A while ago, the Pierce and Kitsap County YMCA approached us to consider working with them so that they could build a new facility and be able to offer more memberships to residents of Pierce and Kitsap Counties. As all good neighbors do and neighbors who also had visions for the future, we listened.

They initially wanted to purchase our entire property. We certainly were not interested in that. However just maybe, we could find an optional deal that satisfied all parties – and we did.

The deal struck, involves us selling to them, the grass area on the right side of our building and a strip of grass area at the very back of our property. These gives them the parking and sports areas they wanted – and a way to get to it and eliminated our need to mow all that lawn, eliminates a big portion of the property taxes we are paying on that land and will give us significant funds to make the Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite the premier facility in Washington – at least in my mind.

So, by the time you read this article all the “I’s” will have been dotted and all the “T’s” crossed. Then the work and fun begins.

As I suspect you know, we have a Building Association that is tasked with maintaining the building and thinking about making things happen that will make our facility exciting for us as well as attractive to other Masonic groups and possibly the public. These changes are expected to bring in significant revenue as well as make our Masonic experience better.

I suspect, we all can visualize a modern lobby, a modern kitchen, lodge rooms with proper furnishings, meeting rooms for various activities, storage areas and a modern office where business can be conducted. We will have modern electronics, state of the art WiFi, modern audio visual capabilities and who knows what other things our imagination can conjure up.

We all should expect to see various contractors on our property over the next few months as the YMCA sets up fencing and prepares for the construction of a new facility on 6th and Pearl. They are not to disturb our operations but realistically they will need access periodically. We being good neighbors, we will cooperate I am sure.

Technically we, Scottish Rite Masons, are “tenants” in the building and the Valley of Tacoma Building Association is our landlord (there are legal reasons for this). Starting soon we all should be offering up constructive ideas to our Building Association Trustees. (Don’t forget those Brothers are enjoying the facility too...)

We will soon have the funds to do some really special things. All that is needed now are “special ideas and visions”. You asked for this and approved it. Now it is that time to get to work and look to the future.

Fraternally

Ill. Miles Stover, 33°



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**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.**



## *Elected Officers*



### *Lodge of Perfection*

**Bro. Michael J. Riley, 32<sup>0</sup>**  
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Master of Kadosh

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Prior

**Bro. Karl S. Reith, 32<sup>0</sup>, KCCH**  
Preceptor



### *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.

**Bro. Jack Saelid, 32<sup>0</sup> - July 21<sup>st</sup>**

### *Sickness & Distress*

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

***Ill. Jeremy Yielding's brother***



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:

### *September Birthdays*

William Christopher Bede  
James Allen Brinkley  
Charles William Craig  
Ralph Grant Cristier  
Luther Rueben Fanning  
Renato Fernandez  
Donald Lloyd Fowser  
Richard Henry Hagadorn  
Herbert Halcomb  
Ronald Allen Hale  
Donald Keith Johnson

George Kenneth Johnson  
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John Robert Kuehl  
Victor S. Lafrancoeur  
Gene Ross Lowery  
John Howard McKinley  
Jose Rafael Mejia  
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Howard Miles Moergeli  
Raymond Edward Orris  
Gaylord C Parker

James Samuel Parker  
Vaughn Henry Schmitz  
Phil Henry Small  
Jefferson Nicholas Spensley  
Scott Alan Syme  
Mitchell Allen Thomas  
Jerome Bernell Thomas  
Steward William Wells  
Talmadge Leo Williams  
Brian Joe Wilson  
John A. Woodworth



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.

### *September Membership Anniversary*

Adrian R. Berglund, 14° - 33 years  
Daniel A. Chase, 14° - 37 years  
Karl D. Cordes, 14° - 30 years  
John H. McKinley, 14° - 38 years  
Perry D. Smith, 14° - 29 years  
Richard E. Watson, 14° - 46 years

Terence S. Davies, 32° - 29 years  
Marvin L. LaPradd, Jr, 32° - 29 years

## Did you know...

...that in the present time some people believe some Masonic Myths that are completely false. Let's look at some of these myths:

### 1. *Freemasons worship the Devil*

In the 19th century a man named Leo Taxil wrote a fictional book about devil worshipping freemasons as a hoax. It was a false accusation then and it is just as false now. This ignorance lives on even today.

### 2. *The Freemasons are Invitation Only*

Well mostly false... In the United States and most other jurisdictions, invitations to join are never issued by anyone ever. If you want to join you must ask. In a few parts of the world, particularly where masonry is subject to persecution from hostile regimes, it is indeed invite only. That being said, there is much more to joining than simply filling out an application. Just as anyone can apply (in most jurisdictions), anyone can also object thus forbidding your application.

### 3. *Freemasonry is a religion*

Freemasonry is NOT a religion. You may often see the word lodge and temple interchanged when referencing masonic lodges/temples. In this context, the word temple simply means a place where meetings are held. It carries no religious connotation. The Fraternity of Freemasons is no more a religion than the Boy Scouts, Kappa Sigma or the Rotary Club.

### 4. *The Freemasons can help me get my life in the right direction*

Freemasonry is not a twelve step program. It is not intended to elevate you socially, professionally or economically. If things are not going well in your life, you must sort that out yourself before looking any further into the fraternity.

### 5. *The Freemasons want to create a new world order and one world government*

This is an old one that will probably never go away. It's rather absurd from a logical, organizational, practical and just about every other standpoint. Freemasons mostly plan barbeques, often with great difficulty.

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



### August's

### Knight of the Double Eagle Award

By Bro. Michael Smitson, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH

At our August's Dinner, we awarded or upgraded the following brethren with the Double Eagle Award: Bro. Mark Thompson, 32<sup>o</sup> and Bro. David Barrett, 32<sup>o</sup>. The picture below shows from left to right: Bro. McAlister, Bro. Smitson, Bro. Thompson and Bro. Barrett.



### Cap & Ring Ceremony



Even though we did not have a meeting in the lodgeroom, we recognized one of our new Master of the Secret that wasn't present at the Cap & Ring Ceremony. Bro. Wilfred Garcia, 32<sup>o</sup> was presented his black cap and 14<sup>th</sup> degree ring. Congratulations Bro. Garcia. This is the beginning of your journey in Scottish Rite. In the picture below, Bro. Garcia is in the center flanked by Bro. Smitson on the left and Bro. McAlister on the right.





### SCOTTISH CHEMISTRY - Survey of Alchemical Symbols in the Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Part 2

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

#### 7th Degree

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

#### 8th Degree

In the eight degree in the east hangs a nine-pointed blazing star. In the center are the letters IHV, in either the Samaritan whc or the Hebrew uwhy[25]. These three letters represent an abbreviation of the name of God. This three letter abbreviation, according to Albert Pike, signifies 'life'; the use of three letters is also symbolic as we shall see in a moment[26]. This figure may represent the Alchemical symbol of the enneagram, a circle with nine points. The nine points are formed by the combination of a triangle (representing the trinity) and seven points (representing completeness). While the development of this figure is sometimes credited to C.I. Gurdjeiff in the early part of the 20th century, its use in alchemy goes back many centuries. The drawing show in figure 4 is from the cover of Arthmologia, published in Rome in 1665 AD, shows the nine sided figure rising into the celestial sphere.

The points of the nine sided star in figure 4 that do not correspond with the inner triangle may be assigned to the 6 planets in order of the moon (starting at the 1 o'clock position), Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, with the seventh planet the Sun in the center represented by the seeing eye. The points corresponding to the center triangle would represent the forces of the Trinity. Not every enneagram figure contained the internal triangle. When present the inner triangle would indicate the higher elements. For the symbol used in the 8th degree I believe the name of God in the form of a three letter 'Trinity' in the center represents this internal triangle. As this symbol is also in the form of a wheel, alchemists state you cannot understand the figure of the enneagram without thinking of it in perpetual motion[27]. Keep this in mind when we explore the Chakras in the 12th degree.

The number nine in the figure also relates to alchemistic thought behind the enneagram. The number nine is a factor of 3 times 3, which here represents the 3x3 spiritual hierarchies that God descends through to reach us humans, and that we should raise through the same to God[28]. This may relate to the next symbol we will explore in the 8th degree, the secret vault.



### KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

VALLEY OF TACOMA

### NOTICE

**KSA Meeting  
Called by the  
KSA Venerable Master  
Bro. James Nero, 32°**

**September 4, 2018  
7:00 PM  
General Secretary's  
Office**

The Knights of St. Andrew is made of an elite unit select Scottish Rite Masons. The Knights of St. Andrew exist as a service organization on behalf of all members of their Consistory. They are under the immediate supervision of the Secretary of their Scottish Rite Consistory and provide services where they are needed. This includes, but not limited to, aiding the Tylers, acting as greeters, providing escort services for dignitaries or for special events created for the ladies during reunions or other functions, serving as guides, assisting the Scottish degree work, helping present the Colors. For more information, contact the Secretary, Bro. David A. Aponte, 32° or any member of the KSA,



## DID YOU KNOW...

# G

The Letter G – In Hebrew, the language our Bible was originally written in, it is called Gheemel (or Gimel) and has a numerical value of 3. Throughout history, we see reference to the number 3 when we speak of God. No matter which language we speak in, Gimel is the 3rd letter of many Semitic languages including Phoenician, Greek, Aramaic, Hebrew, and Syriac. The letter G in Freemasonry stands for both God and Geometry.



Masonic Square – The Square and Compasses (or, more correctly, a square and a set of compasses joined together) is the single most identifiable symbol of Freemasonry. Both the square and compasses are architect's tools and are used in Masonic ritual as emblems to teach symbolic lessons. Some Lodges and rituals explain these symbols as lessons in conduct: for example that Masons should “square their actions by the square of virtue” and learn to “circumscribe their desires and keep their passions within due bounds toward all mankind”.



## Scottish Rite Masonic Education

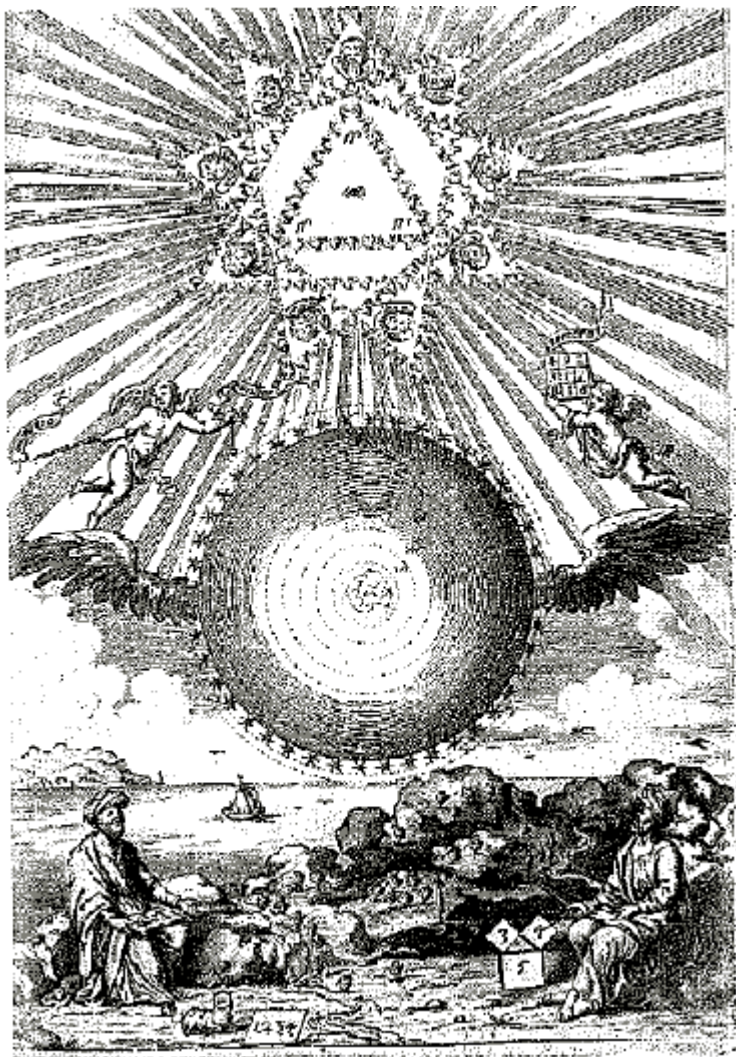


Figure 4: Nine sided symbol rises into the celestial sphere, A. Kircher, Arithmologia, Rome 1665[29]

There are three degrees in the Lodge of Perfection that include a secret vault. Most well known are the secret vaults of the 13th degree (built by Enoch) and the vault of the 14th degree (built by Solomon). There is also a secret vault in the 8th degree to house the Ark of the Covenant. While not normally thought of as such, I believe that these vaults are indeed symbols and have a relation to that of alchemy.

To be certain, the initiations into the ancient mysteries were often conducted underground. Even the early Christians met in the catacombs of Rome. The vault was, in the ancient mysteries, symbolic of the grave; for initiation was symbolic of death, where along Divine Truth was to be found[30]. It was also symbolic of the womb, for which man would pass through to be born anew from death. The concept of the vault may also be found deep in Hermetic teaching.



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From the emerald tablet of Hermes we read, "...and whatever is below is like that which is above; and that which is above is like that which is below..."[31] and "It ascends from earth to heaven, and descends again, new born to earth, taking...the power of the Above and the Below"[32]. The vault may be symbolic of this new birth and that having three different degrees containing a secret vault is symbolic of these three different processes of ascending and descending.

Further references to a secret vault are found in the teaching of the Rosicrucian's[33]. The 'founder', a mysterious person called "The Highly Illuminated Father C.R.C. (Christian Rosenkreutz, or as he is also known, Christian Rose Cross) died and was buried in a secret vault that was found 120 years after his death by followers of his order[34]. When the members entered the vault it was comprised of seven sides and seven corners, each side five feet broad and eight feet high. Although the sun never penetrated this tomb, it was brilliantly illuminated by a mysterious light in the ceiling. In the center was a circulate altar, upon which was a triangular brass plate engraved with strange characters[35]. Many of you will immediately see a parallel to that of the 13th and 14th degree where also a triangular plate of gold is found on top of an altar with strange letters on it. To the Rosicrucian to enter this vault, or tomb, is thought to enter another dimension and symbolizes rebirth and regeneration.

While we can understand why the vault is contained in the 13th and 14th degree, it is somewhat less clear why we also find it in the 8th degree. One possible answer is that it relates to that of the 9 sided enneagram, symbolizing the start of the three fold ascent and decent from the heavens to the earth. While this is certainly possible, why the 8th degree, as apposed to the 7th or the 6th or some other degree? A fellow researcher[36] has postulated that there may be a connection with the fact that the 8th degree, like the 13th, immediately precedes a related degree, in this case the first of three Elu degrees. It seems reasonable to suppose that the allegory of descending into the vault of the 13th degree and finding the form, though not yet the meaning, of the word upon the plate, the vault in the 8th degree may symbolizes a procedure preparatory for election (morally and spiritually) for becoming an Elu. This idea certainly has merit; with the difficulty of looking through the fog of many centuries of change and influence upon our Scottish Rite rituals we will probably never know for certain what the true intention was. However, it should now be apparent to the reader of the apparent Hermetic influence of the three secret vaults in the Lodge of Perfection.

### 9th/10th Degree

These degrees contain many Alchemistical symbols. The jewels are daggers with a gold hilt and a silver blade. The silver and gold represents the sun and the moon. Here combined showing the Hermetic balance of the male and the female, together combining to form the complete and balanced man[37]. On the flap of the 9th degree we see a five pointed golden star. To the Alchemist, one interpretation of the five pointed star would be to represent the four elements,

## Valley of Tacoma Building Association Update

### Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH

Brethren, after presenting a counter-offer to the Pierce-Kitsap County YMCA, your Building Association President, Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH, representing the Valley of Tacoma Building Association, with the General Secretary of our Valley, Ill. William Hammontree, 33<sup>o</sup> and the Personal Representative of the SGIG, Ill. Miles Stover, 33<sup>o</sup>, representing the SGIG, began conversations with the YMCA. An update of the results of these talks will be given at our September stated meeting.

### 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.



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.



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that of earth, air, fire and water, with the added five of fifth element or Quintessence[38].

Rosettes are found in both the 9th and 10th degree regalia. One of the most used symbols in alchemical art was the rose. The rose is a symbol of completion, attainment, and perfection. It can also be an emblem of regeneration[39]. The original symbol of the Rosicrucian fraternity was a hieroglyphic rose crucified upon a cross. The cross was often raised on a three step pedestal, representative of the crucifixion. In the 10th degree there is a rose above three arches, this may be symbolizing a form of the crucifixion[40]. Finally in the 10th degree was see nine candles, for which we are told represent the nine Elus[41]. These nine candles may be related to the enneagram we explored in the 8th degree. Quite a number of possible Alchemistical and Rosicrucian references are found within these two combined degree.

#### Notes Part 2:

- [25] 8th Degree Script, Supreme Council, 33° (Rev. 1/20/04), p. 4
- [26] Names of Deity in Freemasonry, by Bro. Norman D. Peterson
- [27] Alchemy and Mysticism, by Alexander Roob, p. 655-658
- [28] Alchemy and Mysticism, p. 659
- [29] Image taken from Alchemy & Mysticism, p. 658
- [30] Morals & Dogma, by Albert Pike, p. 208
- [31] Emerald Tablet of Hermes
- [32] Tabula Smaragdina Hermetis
- [33] The Rosicrucian order, while comprising several philosophical ideas, did emphasized alchemy and many of their teachings are highly connected with that of alchemy.
- [34] The tomb of Father C.R.C. should be considered an allegory, or at best the reader should be aware that there is no historical evidence for this event.
- [35] Secret Teachings, p 444-446
- [36] From the author's conversation with Bro. Patrick D. Knowles, 32° KSA
- [37] Vested In Glory, by Jim Tresner, p. 30-35
- [38] The Imagery of Alchemical Art as a Method of Communication , Journal of the Western Mystery Tradition No. 9, Vol. 1, Autumnal Equinox 2005, by Samuel Scarborough
- [39] Imagery
- [40] Secret Teachings, p. 444
- [41] 9th/10th Degree Script, The Supreme Council 33° (1/20/04), p. 23-24

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## 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:

[tascottishrite@gmail.com](mailto:tascottishrite@gmail.com)

## PETITIONS NEEDED

*Fall Class Reunion*  
*October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2018*

Have a Brother Mason  
Receive Further Light  
In His Masonic Journey

*Next Class Reunion*

1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May 2019

1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November 2019



## Grand Lodge & Blue Lodge Events



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.

We have the following information on Lodge meetings in Districts 13, 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, we encourage that you actively participate in your Lodge events and activities. If you visit a Lodge, remember, **You are the Representative and Image of Scottish Rite.**

### Grand Lodge September Events

**NONE FOR SEPTEMBER**

### Blue Lodge September Events

#### DISTRICT 13

**KING SOLOMON NO. 60 - NIGHT OF BROTHERHOOD - 9/27/2018 - 6:00 PM - ATHENS PIZZA & PASTA EAST MAIN STREET AUBURN WA. JOIN THE MASONS OF AUBURN (AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS) FOR A FUN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCUSSION. EVERY 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**ST. ANDREWS LODGE NO. 35 - "AND THERE WAS LIGHT"**

**MASONIC EDUCATION - 9/26/2018 - 7:00 PM - EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY**

#### DISTRICT 14

**FAIRWEATHER LODGE NO. 82 - MASTER MASON DEGREE - 9/11/2018 - VALLEY OF TACOMA - 7:30 PM**

**FAIRWEATHER LODGE NO. 82 - ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE - 9/25/2018 - VALLEY OF TACOMA - 7:30 PM**

**HORACE W. TYLER NO. 290 - MEANING OF MASONRY - 9/25/2018 - 7:00 PM OPEN TO ALL BROTHERS. MONTHLY CLASS ON THE DEEPER, ESOTERIC MEANINGS OF MASONRY.**

**KRUCIBLE LODGE NO. 318 - POODLE DOG - 9/22/2018 - 9:00 AM**

#### DISTRICT 15

**CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 38 - SUNDAY BREAKFAST - 9/16/2018 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - 1005 WEST PIONEER AVE, PUYALLUP, WA**

**STEILACOOM LODGE NO. 2 - STEILACOOM MASONIC CEMETERY - 9/1/2018 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



## *Grand Lodge & Blue Lodge Events*



### ***District 13***

**St. Andrews Lodge No. 35** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (dark July & August) - Meeting 7:45 PM\* - 505 Williams Ave S Renton WA

**Verity Lodge No. 59** - 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday November - Even months are Special Communications - Meeting 7:30 PM\* - 805 E Smith St Kent WA

**King Solomon Lodge No. 60** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (except August (Table Lodge) and December (Officers' Installation) - Meeting 7:30 PM \* - 10 Auburn Way S Auburn WA 98002

**Western Cascade Lodge No. 61** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday dark July and August) - Meeting 7:30 PM\* - 42810 264<sup>th</sup> SE, Enumclaw, WA

**Diamond Lodge No. 84** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (dark July and August) - Meeting 7:30 PM\* - 32523 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Black Diamond, WA

**Crescent Lodge No. 109** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (dark July and August) - Meeting 7:30 PM\* - 42810 264<sup>th</sup> SE, Enumclaw, WA

**Des Moines Lodge No. 245** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday except in June 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (dark July and August) - Meeting 7:30 PM\* - 2208 S 223<sup>rd</sup> St., Des Moines WA

**Thornton F. McElroy Lodge No. 302** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in case of meeting falling on a holiday) (dark July & August) - Meeting 7:30 PM\* - 1700 S 340<sup>th</sup> St Federal Way WA

**Frank S. Land Lodge No. 313** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (except January and July) - Meeting 9:30 AM - 2208 S 223<sup>rd</sup> St., Des Moines WA

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

### ***District 14***

**Evergreen Lodge No. 68** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM (Dark July & August) 2530 Grandview Dr W University Place WA

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

**Horace W. Tyler Lodge No. 290** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 7:00 PM\* 2530 Grandview Dr W University Place WA

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

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

**Trivium Lodge No. 22** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM\* 3819 N 27<sup>th</sup> 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** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday on/or before Full Moon - 7:30 PM\* 5405 S Puget Sound Ave. Tacoma ,WA

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

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

**Mt Tahoma No. 190** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 8:00 PM 30410 SR 706 E Ashford WA

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

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

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



## Holidays in September

### 1 - *International Bacon Day*

This day celebrates the crispy strips of salted pork....Bacon! This is a day to thoroughly enjoy bacon at every meal. Snack time, too. It is recommend that you enjoy bacon today in social gatherings.

### 3 - *Labor Day*

Dedicated in honor of the worker. The first Labor Day was held celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882 and was started by the Central Labor Union in New York City. In 1884, it was moved to the first Monday in September where it is celebrated today. Labor Day quickly became popular and one state after another voted it as a holiday. On June 28, 1894, the U.S. congress voted it a national holiday.

### 9 - *Grandparent's Day*

It is only right and fitting that one day of the year is set aside to honor our grandparents. It is time to celebrate those special people who are always there with a hug, a kiss, a cookie, something special, or take us somewhere. National Grandparent's Day originated in 1978. Then President Jimmy Carter declared it to be the first Sunday after Labor Day.

### 11 - *Remembrance Day*

I doubt anyone will ever forget where they were on the morning of September 11, 2001, when they heard of the attacks on the twin World Trade Towers in NYC and the Pentagon in Washington. This horrible and tragic day is etched forever in our memories.

### 16 - *Wife Appreciation Day*

The objective of this special day, is for wives to receive appreciation from their husbands. Today is an opportunity for husbands to recognize the value of their wife. Let her know

## 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.

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Washington State Job's Daughters

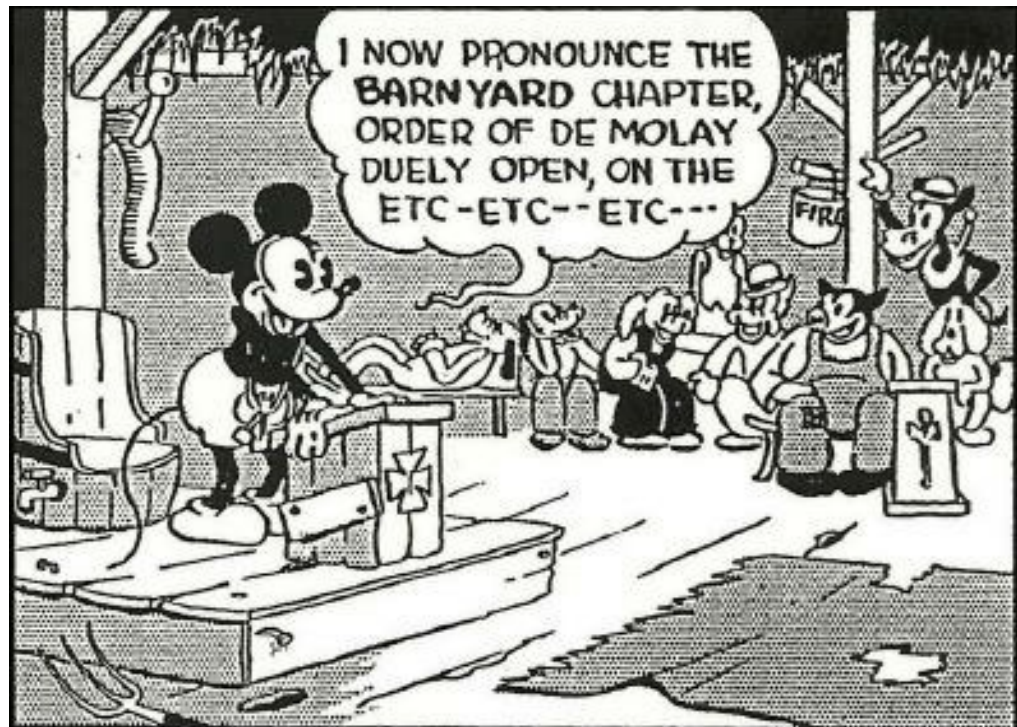
Promotional Booth - Puyallup State Fair Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> All Day

International Order Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow Color Run / Walk 5K - Monroe, WA - Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 AM

Order of DeMolay

DeMolay Fun Day - Saturday, Sep 8<sup>th</sup> - Washington State Fair, Puyallup, WA



# MASONIC YOUTH EVENTS



## 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 Avenue, Tacoma  
Dad Advisor - Dad Jeff Greenwell      Contact: VWB Jeffrey A. Brunson  
Sponsored by Tacoma Scottish Rite - Council of Kadosh

### PUYALLUP CHAPTER - MEETS 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAYS & 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAYS - 7:00 PM

Puyallup Masonic Center - 1005 W Pioneer, Puyallup  
Dad Advisor - Dad Will Garcia      Contact : Bro. Brian Gross

### AUBURN CHAPTER - MEETS 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAYS - 7:00    3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS AT 7:30

Auburn Masonic Building - 10 Auburn Way S, Auburn  
Dad Advisor - Dad Bill Stephani      Contact: Bro. David Colbeth

## INTERNATIONAL ORDER RAINBOW FOR GIRLS



### TACOMA-KENRICK MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS AT 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 AT 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 AT 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 AT 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-LAKESWOOD LODGE NO. 299 - 306 134<sup>th</sup> Street South, Parkland

### BETHEL #30

CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 38 - 1005 West Pioneer Avenue, Puyallup

### BETHEL # 67

THORNTON F. McELROY LODGE NO. 302 - 1700 South 340th Street, Federal Way

### BETHEL #78

KING SOLOMON LODGE NO. 60 - 10 Auburn Way South, Auburn

## Holidays in September

how important she is to you, and how much she is appreciated. It is a day that she truly deserves.

### 17- *Citizenship Day*

This special day is for all citizens, both native born, and those who chose to become Americans. It is a day to be proud to be an American. It is a day to appreciate being a citizen of this country and the rights and freedoms it brings. We should never take for granted the rights, freedoms, and privileges afforded us, as citizens of the United States of America.

### 18 - Yom Kippur

"Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement". Appropriately, people set aside this day to atone for sins they have committed. During Yom Kippur, people seek forgiveness from God, and seek to give and receive forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

### 21 - *International Peace Day*

This day seeks a global cessation of violence and war. Created and sponsored by the United Nations, this day seeks to end war, starting today. This is a day of "non-violence and cease fire". This day was first held in 1982. Can this goal ever succeed? Former Beatle John Lennon had the right vision in his song "Imagine".

### 23 - Autumn Begins

The Autumn equinox signals the beginning of Fall.

### 28 - *Native American Day*

This day is to honor and celebrate Native Americans, the first Americans to live in the U.S. The term "Native Americans" has been used in recent years as a sign of respect and recognition that they were indeed the first people to populate our great and wonderful nation.



# End of Summer BBQ and Auction

**Presented by Tacoma Valley Scottish Rite**

**When: Saturday, September 29, 2018**

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

**Special Auctions during dinner for your dessert at the table you are sitting.  
Silent Auctions until 8:00 PM, Silent Auctions will be closed and announced at  
8:30 PM!**

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

**Menu:**

**Buffet Style**

**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. Please let the Office know any special dietary needs.)**

**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 Scottish Rite Valley of Tacoma.**





# September Scottish Rite Stated Meeting

## *Meeting of the Lodge of Perfection*

September 4, 2018 Meeting - 7:30 PM

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

Speaker for the Night

Ms. Kim Wyman

Secretary of State

Dinner RSVP - Call or email the Valley of Tacoma office on or before August 2, 2018 at (253) 565-0272 or send an email to:

[tacscottishrite@gmail.com](mailto:tacscottishrite@gmail.com)



## *FALL CLASS REUNION*

***October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2018***

***Now is the right time to ask a Lodge Brother to join the Scottish Rite where he will further his Light in Freemasonry regarding leadership, moral, ethical and spiritual values.***

***Scottish Rite is the University of Freemasonry.***

***Give a brother a petition to further his education.***



# 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<sup>o</sup> at [trowelsr@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite Brother  
Your Presence Is Requested

## Feast of Tishri

October 15, 2018

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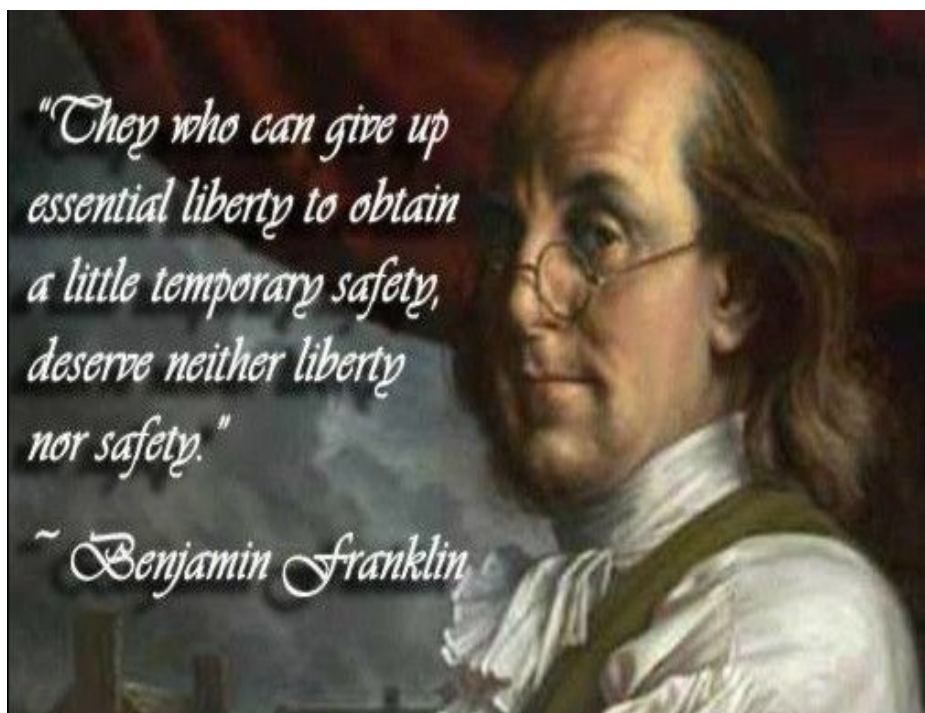
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# Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 International Bacon Day
2	3 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Ivanhoe Commandery KT No. 4 Conclave 7:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Puyallup DeMolay	4 Valley of Tacoma Lodge of Perfection Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM RSVP Cost \$15.00	5 Auburn DeMolay	6	7 Cedar Assembly	8
9 Grandparent's Day	10 Puyallup Assembly	11 Remembrance Day Fairweather Lodge 82 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Step-Up Night and Master Mason Degree Tacoma-Kenrick Assembly Sumner Assembly	12 Tacoma DeMolay	13 Tacobat Grotto Parkland-Lakewood Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM	14 Steilacoom Lodge 2 Table Lodge 6PM	15 Affii Shrine Stated Meeting 12:00 PM
16 Wife Appreciation Day Valley of Tacoma Study Group 6:00 PM	17 Citizenship Day Tacoma Council No. 1 Convocation 7:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Valley of Everett Visitation	18 Yom Kippur	19 Auburn DeMolay	20 Affii Divan Meeting 7:00 PM	21 International Peace Day Cedar Assembly Puyallup DeMolay	22 Grand Master's One Day Capitular Class Valley of Tacoma Building 7:00 AM Job's Daughters International Day
23 Autumn Equinox Fall Begins	24 Puyallup Assembly	25 Tacoma-Kenrick Assembly Sumner Assembly Valley of Tacoma Officer's Meeting 7PM	26 Tacoma DeMolay	27	28 Native American Day	29
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*Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite*



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