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"THE RITE BULLETIN"



From the
Personal Representative

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL

On Friday, March 23rd the Valley of Everett will celebrate the annual "Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal". We will again honor those Scottish Rite Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above during the past year. It is a time for us to strengthen our ties of Brotherly Love and renew our commitment to love all mankind. The Ceremony will be performed under the direction of Brother Angel Corpus, 32° KCCH.

The "Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal" is open to all Brothers, their families and friends. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Chapter of Rose Croix presentation of the ceremony at

7:30 PM the evening will conclude with the Mystic Banquet in the dining room. Please give our Secretary, Brother Charrison Lochaby, 32°, a call at 1-888-530-0816 or email him at clochaby@whidbey.com to make reservations, if you have not already signed-up, so that proper preparations can be made.

"SHORT CLASS"

The Valley of Everett finds itself in the enviable position of having Brethren waiting to receive the Degrees of Scottish Rite. So once again a "Short Class" has been scheduled. On the weekend of April 13th and 14th the 4°, 14° and 18° will be presented. The 4° will be conferred Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. preceded by our regular Buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. The 14° will be conferred Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. preceded by

coffee and donuts. The 18° will follow.

The "Short Class" will then join the "Long Class" for the 30° on Friday, April 20th and the 32° on Friday, April 27th. The regular Buffet Dinner will be at 6:30 PM with the Degrees to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The current candidates who have been participating in the Degrees and the new candidates will all receive their cap and rings at the same time on Friday, June 1st, at the annual *Feast of Bannockburn*.

So Brethren, now is the time get those petitions from potential candidates who want to join our Valley. February was declared "Scottish Rite Month" by our Grand Master. Therefore, a lot of interest has hopefully been generated.

Carl B. Smith, 33°
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FROM THE SECRETARY

Bro. Charrison Lochaby, 32°
SECRETARY'S NOTE



Not One Person

By Brother Dan Weatherington, from the Masonic e-mail journal CINOSAM

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled

children. You don't have to be a member to give money.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about. They don't know about our ritual.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away. Who, it didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires. Someone will notice.

From the Almoner's desk.

If anyone knows of anyone who is ill, or in a nursing home or hospital, please let me know so I can get a card to them or a visit. May God be with you? God Bless.

Jim Raymond 32° KCCH Almoner

In Memoriam

MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, VALLEY OF EVERETT ARE DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS

Gerald A Hall
1942 - 2007
Bertie Yount
1933 - 2007

THESE BROTHERS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE GREAT CELESTIAL LODGE ABOVE BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE. THEY LIVED RESPECTED AND DIED REGRETTED. FAREWELL MY BROTHERS, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Valley of	Everett	Bellingham	Bremerton	Seattle	Tacoma	Olympia
4°						
5°						
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26°	03/16/07					
29°	03/30/07					
30°	04/20/07					3/17/07
32°	04/27/07					3/17/07

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 09 - Lodge of Perfection – Stated Meeting – 6:30 Buffet – 7:30 PM Meeting – 25TH Degree

Mar 11 - Executive Council – 2:00 PM

Mar 16 - Consistory – Stated Meeting – 6:30 PM Buffet – 26th Degree

Mar 23 – Chapter of Rose Croix – Ceremony of Remembrance

Mar 30 – Chapter of Kadosh – Stated Meeting – 6:30 Buffet – 29th Degree (KSA)

Apr 6 - Dark “Good Friday”

Apr 8 – Easter Sunday

Apr 13 – Lodge of Perfection- Stated – 6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 PM Meeting

Apr 15 - Executive Council – 2:00 PM

Apr 20 - Council of Kadosh – 6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 PM Meeting – 30th Degree

Apr 27 – Consistory – 6:30 PM Dinner – 7:30 PM Meeting – 32 Degree

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

March 2007

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
03	Saturday	8:00 AM	Peninsular 95	Symbolic Lodge Officers Meeting
06	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Robert Burns 243	Stated Meeting
07	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting
	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Alpha Lodge 212	Stated Meeting
08	Thursday	7:30 PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting
10	Saturday	7-10:00 AM	Damascus 199	Pancake Breakfast
12	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting
13	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
14	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting-
17	Saturday	2:00 PM	Skykomish 259	Stated Meeting
	Saturday	7:00 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160/Damascus 199	Joint Table Lodge at Damascus 199
20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sultan-Monroe 160	Stated Meeting– 6:30 PM - Dinner Corn Beef & Cabbage
	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting – Friends Night Dinner
21	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting
22	Thursday	7:30 PM	Peninsular 95	Special Communication
26	Monday	7:30 PM	Everett 137	Special Communication
27	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting
28	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting- Visiting Lodge – Camanio 19

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

March 2007

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
01	Thursday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Stated Meeting
06	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Mount Baker 36	Stated Meeting DDOV
08	Thursday	7:30 PM	Camanio 19	Stated Meeting
12	Monday	7:30 PM	LOA	Anacortes
13	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	Stated Meeting
14	Thursday	7:30 PM	Burlington-United 93	Stated Meeting
15	Thursday	7:30 PM	Garfield 41	Stated Meeting
16	Friday	6:00 PM	Burlington-United 93	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
16	Friday		Whidby Island 15	Pizza / Movie Night
19	Monday	7:00 PM	Langley 218	Stated Meeting
20	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Whidbey 15	Stated Meeting DDOV
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Camanio 19	Degree Practice

Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share with them the opportunities that are available to them in our valley

Albert Pike's Hidden Texts

By Stephen M. Osborn, 32°

The Scottish Rite Research Society puts out an annual bonus book to members. Sometimes it has just been a reprint or reissue of an old book; occasionally, it is a new publication. The past two years, their offering has been both old and new, last year's being Albert Pike's *Esoterika*, the *Symbolism of the Blue Degrees in Freemasonry*, transcribed and edited by Ill. Bro. Arturo de Hoyos, 33°.

This year's offering may be considered a companion volume, Albert Pike's *Lecture on Masonic Symbolism and A Second Lecture on Symbolism: The Ōmkara and other Ineffable Words*, Transcribed and Annotated by Ill. Bro. Rex R. Hutchens, 33°.

Both of these volumes were written by Ill. Bro. Pike in severely limited editions, which were never to be published or disseminated to the public.

The decision was made to issue the books, transcribed and edited as above. The studious Mason will find both books to be treasures of information on our origins, and valuable adjuncts to *Morals and Dogma*; the book of the words and many of Pike's other writings.

Ill. Bro. Pike was a tireless researcher into the origins of Freemasonry and its links with the past. The ethnocentric reader will have trouble relating to the era in which Pike lived and wrote, and modern scholarship has corrected some of Pike's sources, but within the limitations of the historic material he had at his disposal, his

scholarship is impeccable. *Esoterika* contains the lectures he gave at various closed meetings on such subjects as the origins and meanings of the Square and Compasses, the weapons and blows of the assassins, the 47th problem, the three grips and many other subjects. The editor has included many other notes and reprints of Pike's sources to help with the understanding of the book and illustrate Pike's own words.

Esoterika is (or was) available at the SRRS online bookstore for \$50.00. \$45 if you are a member (10% member discount)

Note: The web site has changed and there doesn't seem to be access to the bookstore anymore, nor is there a list of available books beyond the current bonus book and *Heredom* Volume 15. So, until I can find out what is going on, this will be the last review of SRRS books. I would strongly suggest purchasing both of the above books, if they are available and you are a serious Masonic student.

Update & Repairs to The Masonic Park

By Fred and Paula Turner,
Park Manager

Today, February 9th, has been a great day for your Masonic Park. With the help of brothers Dan Garvie, Ed Soland, Ken Brooks electrical power has been restored throughout the park.

After the storms of November and December, We have been doing our best to prepare the park for your 2007 camping season.

Along with the power restoration, we have been able to get our water system operational. Our road system is coming along and we have installed a new culvert at the lower pond drain. The roof of the big kitchen has been repaired.

Where we need help now is in general clean up of roads and campsites. To help with this we are having open work parties every day from February 16th through April 15th. We want to start clean up at the gate and work our way through the park. All work parties will be given free dry camping. we also need help to repair and/or rebuild several damaged camping shelters. Work parties are asked to bring their own tools I.E. rakes, shovels, chain saws and basic hand tools. All help either labor or financial would be greatly appreciated.

The Park also received an email from Charles H Tupper, Webmaster and Master St. John's Lodge No. 9 and a portion of it has been included herein for your information.

"Hi Fred:

First, Thanks for the tour. It was very nice of you to take time from your work day to wander around with us and to give Hans Wehl a guided tour of the damage."

"I have edited the seventy six pictures I took and put together a report. If you get time, take a look at the page."

Pictures and the Report by St John's Lodge #9 can be seen at the following web address: <http://www.seattlemasons.org/2007/park/parktour.html>.

Remembrance

Submitted by Walt Moody, 32°, KCCH
Remembrance; Is a time to remember the friends and love ones, those who have left, the good and the hard times, which WE celebrate by the Light ceremony. The renewal, not only Life, but of all things. A breath of fresh air, a new star and so it is with Scottish Rite .

The Masonic Education Course

By Bryan Bechler, 32°

As Masons, many of us have a desire to learn more about the Craft. We travel to many places to see degree work that is similar but different from what we're used to. In the past I've discussed the Guthrie Scottish Rite's College of the Consistory. This is a very in-depth program, which takes an individual from the 4th to the 32nd degrees. The Guthrie Scottish Rite says to allow five years to complete this course.

For anyone interested in gaining further light in Masonry, here's a program to look into. It was developed by the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Northern Territory and is entitled "The Masonic Education Course". This is a four-stage, planned program of study over four years, which will enable Freemasons to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Freemasonry.

A certificate is issued after the successful completion of Stages 1, 2 and 3. A Diploma in Masonic Education is awarded after the successful completion of Stage 4. The course content is as follows:

Stage 1

The history of Freemasonry from its origins to 1813.

An introduction to the philosophy, principles and ethics of Freemasonry.

The layout of the Lodge Room, Lodge furnishings and

their symbolism, symbolism in the Tracing Boards and the Working Tools.

Grand Lodge, the Board of Management, Masonic Benevolence, the ranks and precedence of Freemasonry.

Studies on the Volume of Sacred Law relevant to Freemasonry.

Case Studies on the principles of Freemasonry applied to the Freemason's Life.

Stage 2

The history of Freemasonry from 1813 to the present, including Freemasonry in Australia.

The Landmarks of Freemasonry.

The Birth—Life—Death theme.

The reasons for preparation, the steps, the signs, the penalties.

The relationship of private Lodges to Grand Lodge.

Studies on the Volume of Sacred Law.

Case Studies on the Freemason's Life

Stage 3

Comparative study of the great principles in Freemasonry, world religion and service clubs.

The Lodge regalia—origin and symbolism, the symbolism of each Degree and its Tracing Board.

Masonic Jurisprudence—40 questions on the Constitution and Regulations.

Studies on the Volume of Sacred Laws

Case Studies on the Freemason's Life.

Skills of a Lodge Advisor—speech, voice, public speaking, meeting procedure.

Stage 4

King Solomon's Temple.

The jewels of Masonry.

The usage's and customs of Freemasonry.

Studies on the Volume of Sacred Law

Case Studies on the Freemason's Life.

Skills of a Lodge Advisor—Lectures, the Lodge Story, toasts, greetings and responses.

The duties and responsibilities of Masters.

This course is available through correspondence or electronically. For additional information, you can visit their web site at:

www.freemasonrysaust.org.au/dipmased.html

Profiles in Masonry

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker

Eddie Rickenbacker was known as the leading Allied Ace in World War 1, flying with the famous 94th Aero Squadron. He married Adelaide Frost Durant on September 16, 1922. Eddie was also a noted racecar driver. He died in Zurich on July 23, 1973. Eddie Rickenbacker became a Master Mason in Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, Detroit, Michigan in 1922. He completed his York Rite work in 1926 in Detroit Commandery No. 1. In 1949 he was made a 33rd Degree Mason in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Masonic Education I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU

by Tom Lyle

His wife directed me to a wood working shop in his backyard. He was sitting on a tall stool, bent over his wood turning lathe, creating a master's gavel from a portion of an old plum tree stump, which a neighbor had given to him. I would discover in the coming months that his work was as precise as his memory, and as beautiful as his heart.

He was to be my first friend in Masonry. He shared his knowledge with me. He knew what I had to do to strive for the higher degrees in Masonry. I called him "Coach", and that's the way he wanted it.

To him it was a warm and friendly nickname, but to me it was far more than that. I spoke it with a friendly, enthusiastic, and often times reverent tone of voice. Although he taught others, I still referred to him as "my coach".

He was dedicated to Masonry. He was dedicated to his lodge. He was dedicated to coaching, and it was quite obvious to me that he was totally dedicated to getting me through my degree work in the most efficient yet friendly manner possible

As you can "probably" tell, I was greatly impressed back then as an Entered Apprentice Mason, but this soon evolved into a very sincere gratitude when, after a word perfect

proficiency, I was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason. You see, I was never one to get involved in memory work. So I had to ask in prayer for help in memorizing my degree work. My prayers were answered through the friendly encouragement and hard work of my coach, for, I was raised a Master Mason on October 31 - yes, Halloween!

The Master of the lodge decided to raise me on Halloween because then I would never forget my Masonic anniversary. I felt then, (and even more so now), that it was an honor and a privilege to be a Mason and sit in my lodge with my brothers in Masonry, especially when I sat next to my coach. It was one of the greatest moments of my life.

Yes, I worked hard for that day, but so did my coach. He was there for me. I will always remember using the old push broom to sweep aside the sawdust and plum wood chips on the floor so that we could set up our two wooden stools to sit on. When he asked me where I was first made a Mason, it gave me a very warm and comfortable feeling to be able to say, "in my heart".

One session, after going through my questions and answers for him, (Yes, I learned the questions as well as the answers), coach surprised me to the point where my chin hung down to my chest. With the biggest grin I ever saw on him, he shared with me that,

"Just yesterday the Grand Master sat on that very same stool that I was now sitting on. It turned out that coach and the Grand Master talked about Masonry for a long time.

It was then that I became aware that coach did work with the Grand Lodge as well as our lodge. I wondered where he found the time, then it dawned on me that he was using his working tools, especially the twenty four-inch gage. He created eight hours for God and a distressed worthy brother in Masonry. (Personally, I figured he spent a lot more than eight hours per day).

I learned from experience that he didn't count the hours, he happily counted each moment with which he had the opportunity to turn an Entered Apprentice Mason into a Fellow Craft Mason, and he delighted in turning a Fellow Craft Mason into a Master Mason.

It was kind of like him pondering that old plum wood stump for the right combination of grain, texture and strength, then he turned it into a thing of beauty, which could be ideally used with wisdom and strength.

This is not just a tribute to my coach; it is a tribute to all coaches in Masonry. Your hard work and sacrifice is a shining example of the use of our working tools, for without their consistent use no Mason could be called coach in a friendly, enthusiastic and yes, reverent tone of voice.

Notes from the Lodge of Perfection

By Hernan Divinagracia, 32°
Venerable Master

Grand Master Reception

I thank the Brethren who contributed so much effort in the success of our reception held for our Grand Master Charles McQuery and his lady Diane held on Friday, Feb. 9., 2007

I especially thank the following Brethren for without their help, the Valley of Everett would not have had a successful event. My personal thanks go out to Ill. Bro. Earl Greathouse, 33°, Walter Moody, 32°, KCCH, Walter Smith, 32°, KCCH, Gene McFarland, 32° KCCH, Less Reed, 32° and for a woman's touch in table decorations, Linda Raichel.

I am as lost as a new kid in the block and without the guidance from these fine people, their enthusiasm and "can do" spirit in setting up everything made my job a lot easier.

Likewise, a heartfelt thank you to all the numerous Brethren who helped in putting away tables chairs, etc, etc at the conclusion of the events. The food, table service and entertainment were great and I heard a lot of favorable comments afterward.

Masonic Trivia

"Leadership is a lively process of becoming. If you haven't added to your interest during the past year; If you are thinking the same thoughts, relating the same personal experiences, having the same predictable reactions, then rigor mortis has set in to your leadership style".

General and Brother Douglas A. Macarthur

MASONIC MOMENT

By WB Wally Zink

From the Bottom Up

When we are in school how easy and convenient it was to tag our friends with "nick-names." One of my friends, who one day stuck a bean in his ear and then could not extract it. From then on, even to this day, I call him "Beanie." Another friend whose last name was Beane was easily nailed as "String." So many of our friends were stuck with labels. Ben Carson was the self-branded "dummy" in his class.

Ben and his brothers grew up in Detroit. His father deserted the family and his mother; Soyna went to work as a maid to support the family. She only had a third grade education but she was determined that her sons would have a better life.

Yet Ben, "the dummy" found himself at the very bottom of the class. With the making of low grades he became convinced of his own stupidity. Then one day he received a pair of eyeglasses. Now, at long last, he could see the blackboard.

His mother limited his TV viewing and insisted that her sons read and write a report on two books a week. Like turning on a light in a dark room, Ben's life improved and he soon learned that the label that he had been given "dummy" was no longer true. He studied hard and received a full scholarship to Yale University.

Currently, Dr. Ben Carson is the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the John Hopkins Medical Institution in Baltimore.

Today, Dr. Carson is world famous for his work, including the surgery to separate German twins conjoined in 1987. Dr. Carson performs surgery on approximately 300 children a year and travels the world lecturing and inspiring others to reach their full potential.

Dr. Ben Carson will tell you that his surgical talents are a gift from God. His dedicated work, as a doctor is his gift back.

Never let a nickname or labels fool you.

VALLEY OF EVERETT REFRIGERATOR CARD

(Please cut out this card and place it on your Refrigerator as a reminder of upcoming Scottish Rite and other meetings, appointments or events)

March 2007

Mar 09 Lodge of Perfection
Stated Mtg.- 6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Dinner - 25th Degree

Mar 11 - Executive Council -
2:00 PM

Mar 16 - Consistory -6:30PM
Dinner - 7:30 PM Meeting

Mar 23 - Chapter of Rose Croix
Ceremony of Remembrance

Mar 30 - Council of Kadosh -
6:30 PM Dinner -7:30 PM
Meeting - 29th Degree (KSA)

Notes for other Meeting/Events

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What is Scottish Rite? Although there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason, the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite serve to enrich the philosophy of the Symbolic Lodge. A Mason who chooses to further his Masonic experience by becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason will be expanding upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. The moral and ethical lessons will allow him to be constantly reminded of his duty to God, family, country, and fellow man.

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April 13 & 14, 2007

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Uncle Joe, The Chinaberry Tree
Philosopher**