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THE RITE BULLETIN



***From The Personal Representative
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This Little Light of Mine

The morning before our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal I talked with one of my relatives. After the regular pleasantries and catching up on our lives, our conversation turned to current events. She expressed a feeling of helplessness when it came to effecting change when odds seem insurmountable. Her concerns centered around politics and the state of our nation. At the time, I had no answer for her, but our ceremony reminded me that there is an answer. It does not matter which side of the political spectrum you are on; the solution is the same.

As a reminder, our Ceremony consists of four parts: The first we remember the Knights Rose Croix who passed the previous year; the second is the Mystic Banquet, where lessons from the Jewish Passover & Christian Last Supper are given to us; the third is the Tenebrae, the gradual extinguishing of the candles; the fourth, Fiat Lux, relighting the lights.

During the Tenebrae we are told that when the Great Architect created the heavens and the earth, there was darkness and He alone was the One True Light. He provided the Sun and stars so all his creatures might live. But the Divine Light does not always shine everywhere as brightly as it should. Throughout history men have appeared:

- * to dispel the darkness of fanaticism and superstition and elevate humankind with the Light of Truth. But the people blinded by vices, put them to death;
- * their pure and lofty lessons were intended to ensure the happiness of mankind by proclaiming perfect equality and freedom;
- * to persuade all men to be upright and to become one family of brethren;
- * to illuminate the mind with science, philosophy, and knowledge;

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- * to teach Charity and to put loving-kindness in the place of greed, hatred, and persecution;
- to lead mankind through the darkness of the night of ignorance by proclaiming that the immortal part of man is a ray of the Divine Light;
- to ensure that mankind was protected from brutality and that individual liberty was to be preserved;

“But the people knew them not and put them to death.”

This Ceremony also provides a reminder that we were given a new law, the Law of Love, as taught to us in the 18th Degree. No greater law has been uttered than that “we should love one another.”

Fiat Lux, the relighting of the candles.

On becoming Masons each one of us knelt and asked to receive Light. Light is more than just a symbol of knowledge or wisdom for every man is a ray of the Divine Light, and we are to be Soldiers of the Light. As our Ceremony says, “Let there be light” is both a Divine command and a moral obligation. “And although the Lights of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity have been extinguished from time to time upon the earth, yet each man bears within his breast the spark which can ignite these anew.” So may the light of:

- * Truth illuminate the world;
- * equality and freedom illuminate the world;
- * fraternity illuminate the world;
- * knowledge and wisdom illuminate the world;
- * Charity illuminate the world;
- * self-realization illuminate the world;
- * individual liberty illuminate the world.

Nourish your light by the practice of our virtues and labor for its own sake. We may not see the results but rest assured that someone, someday, will benefit. So as the sages have told us, Know Thyself. Know that the immortal part of man is a ray of Divine Light, and it is our duty to let that light shine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Each and every day, I'm gonna let it shine
All over my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Put it under a bushel - No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

Fraternally,

Jim Hamlin 33°

Personnel Representative to the Valley of Everett

From the Desk of the General Secretary

By Terry Grove, 33°

As of Saturday May 31st, 2025 – our current Class of nine (9) will be 32° Scottish Rite Master Masons, and their Cap & Ring ceremony will be conducted on Monday – June 2nd. Now their real learning begins. As they endeavor to improve themselves in masonry, they will need tutors and guides to mentor them.

Will you be one of those who step up to assist them in their journey? We have 60 members who live within the immediate area and we are experiencing around 25% of whom (15-20) attend lodge or stated communications 45 of whom for whatever reason have decided that it is not important to meet with their brothers. Remember the old story about the tyler who visited an inactive member – and made the analogy about the log in the fireplace that rolled away from the main fire and smoldered and died? Are you one of those logs?

We have scheduled a Sunday afternoon on June 29th, 2025 at 4:00 PM to attend a group seating of 30 for an AquaSox baseball game. Value \$18 per seat, your cost \$12. First come first served. Only thirteen (13) tickets remaining!

We will now be dark July and August – and resume our labors in September. Take a look at the calendar at everettvalleysr.org and see if you can schedule yourself for some good ole fashioned fellowship with your brothers.

It is also my sad duty to keep you appraised as to the delinquent dues.

We have twelve (12) brothers who have yet to remit their 2025 most of whom live within in the immediate area. We

are also tracking eight (8) brothers due for 2024-2025. These total \$5,236 in outstanding dues. The 2026 cycle-billing will occur in July, and Supreme will be sending statements to the Valley Membership commencing in September (to be paid by December 31st each year). Now may be the time to consider purchasing a Life Membership.

Did you know that if you divide our annual dues of \$187 by 365 days = .51 per day. Did you know that each year – our Valley is assessed a per capita for the Orient of Washington - \$2 Rite Care plus \$3 Scholarship

Did you know that Supreme Council 33° (Washington, DC) assesses each Valley \$30-\$32 per member. [\$2+\$3+\$30-\$32=\$37] and are projected to increase yearly.

This means that of your annual dues, we must cover our utilities, taxes, insurance, and overhead expenses for programs.

Did you know we have 66 members who have purchased endowed life memberships? (Therefore, they do not remit any annual dues).

Did you know we have 9 members who have reached the 50-years in Scottish Rite milestone – and are exempt from paying dues? Were you aware we have 6 members who are exempt from paying dues.

Should you have any questions – please feel free to contact me directly at 425-610-4561 or by e-mail at terrygrove50@yahoo.com

Scottish Rite Symbolism

The **Scottish Rite** is a branch of Freemasonry known for its deep symbolism and advanced degrees beyond the basic three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry. Two significant symbols in Scottish Rite are the **triangle** and the **number 32**.

The Triangle in Scottish Rite

The triangle is a powerful Masonic symbol representing **wisdom, strength, and beauty**, as well as the concept of the **Divine Trinity** (often interpreted in different ways, such as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in Christian symbolism or mind, body, and soul in a more philosophical sense). The Scottish Rite, which is rich in esoteric and philosophical teachings, uses the triangle to convey balance, unity, and enlightenment.

In some Scottish Rite emblems, an **equilateral triangle** encloses other sacred symbols, such as the **double-headed eagle** or the **Hebrew letter Yod** (י) which represents the



ineffable name of God.

The Number 32 in Scottish Rite

In the Scottish Rite system, there are **32 degrees**, with the **32nd degree (Master of the Royal Secret)** being the highest degree attainable before the honorary **33rd degree** (which is awarded for exceptional service).

Each degree from the 4th to the 32nd imparts different moral, philosophical, and spiritual lessons, drawing from various religious, historical, and mythological traditions. The **32nd degree represents a high level of Masonic enlightenment and commitment to service and brotherhood**.

The combination of the **triangle and 32** often appears in Scottish Rite regalia and symbolism, emphasizing **spiritual ascent, knowledge, and the path to higher wisdom**.

GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON **DISTRICT 8 SPECIAL EVENT** **May 2025**

Deputy for District 8 Scheduled Events

May 03 Saturday - SLOC Meeting 8:00 AM
Centennial Lodge 25 Hosting

May 03 Saturday—Roast of the Grand Master—
Sultan Monroe 160— 6:00 PM Social
7:00 PM Dinner and Roast conducted at
Centennial Lodge, Snohomish, Washington
(See flyer on Page 7)

May 17 Saturday—Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree
San Juan Islands

May 18 Sunday—Crystal 122 Annual Roast Beef
Dinner— RSVP—5:00 PM Social-6:00 PM Dinner

Orient of Washington **Class Reunion -** **May 30th and 31st, 2025**

It is important that all attendees of the reunion be registered via the link below, including all candidates, cast members, volunteers and sideliners, regardless of whether they are eating or not. (Valleys should register their candidates and will receive a single invoice for candidates' meals to avoid multiple service charges.) Registration deadline is May 23.

Guests and spouses are welcome at Saturday night dinner and a registration form will need to be completed for them as well so that we know their meal choice for dinner. We will not be able to accommodate non-Scottish Rite participants during the day.

Doors will open at the Valley of Seattle at 4 pm on Friday for Brothers to pick up their programs and Degree Passports.

<https://forms.gle/ZArtMrBbPb65VYdH9>

The Scottish Rite 10th Degree (as communicated by Chat GPT)

The 10th Degree of the **Scottish Rite**, titled "**Master Elect of Fifteen**", is part of the Lodge of Perfection within the Scottish Rite Freemasonry system. It focuses on themes of integrity, justice, and the importance of exposing and correcting wrongdoing.

Key Elements of the 10th Degree:

1. Historical Background:

- The degree's legend is based on events after the construction of King Solomon's Temple. It involves the pursuit of justice for crimes committed against the temple and its workers, symbolizing the need to uphold moral and ethical standards.

2. Moral Lessons

- It teaches that justice and fairness must be pursued, even at great personal sacrifice.
- It emphasizes the importance of loyalty, duty, and courage in confronting evil or wrongdoing.

3. Symbolism:

- The number **15** often refers to the group of "elect" individuals selected to bring justice, symbolizing perseverance and unity.
- The tools and imagery often include representations of judgment, light (as a metaphor for truth), and swords (symbolizing the cutting away of falsehood).

4. Ritual and Drama

- Like other Scottish Rite degrees, the 10th Degree is conveyed through allegorical drama. Members may witness or participate in a ritualized enactment that teaches its lessons.
- This drama explores the pursuit of the traitors who disrupted the harmony of the Temple's work, illustrating themes of law and moral accountability.

5. Modern Reflection:

The degree encourages members to reflect on their responsibilities as individuals and citizens to uphold justice and act with integrity in all aspects of life.

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 05	Monday— Lodge of Perfection (All bodies Open/Close)—6:30 PM Buffet 7:30 PM Stated Meeting
May 19	Monday— Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
May 30/31	Friday-Saturday—Orient of Washington Class Reunion—Seattle Valley Scottish Rite
Jun 02	Monday—Chapter of Rose Croix— 6:30 PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner— Cap n Ring Ceremony Program 8:00 PM—RSVP Dinner
Jun 23	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting— Hybrid Zoom at 7:00 PM
Jun 29	Sunday— Take me out to the ball game - AquaSox - 4:00 PM. Contact General Secretary, Terry Grove for your \$12 ticket (\$18 Value) 425-610-4561
Jul 28	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting— Hybrid Zoom at 7:00 PM
Aug 25	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting— Hybrid Zoom at 7:00 PM

**Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share
with them the Joys of Scottish Rite Masonry and Fellowship.**

The History of Freemasons For the Month of May

May 6—In 1856, born at Cresson, PA, was Bro. Robert E. Peary, who organized and led eight Arctic expeditions and is credited with discovering the North Pole on April 6, 1909. He was a member of the explorers lodge, Kane No. 454, New York City, to which he gave the Masonic flag which was displayed at Independence Bay, Greenland, May 20, 1895. On March 30, 1920, Kane Lodge presented his widow with a special medal in honor of her distinguished husband. Bro. Peary also presented two specimens of the great meteorite he found during his explorations to the New York Grand Lodge of Masons. Bro. Peary died February 20, 1920.

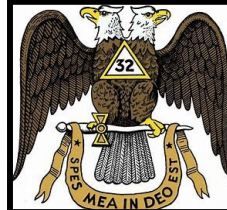
May 8—In 1884 at Lamar, MO was born Bro. Harry S Truman who was to become the 33rd President of the US, succeeding to that office on the death of Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, April 12, 1945. He served until January 20, 1953. Bro. Truman was the last of nine US Presidents who did not attend college. His birthday is a holiday in Missouri. He was raised March 18, 1909 in Belton Lodge No. 450, Grandview, MO. The following year he became Junior Warden but when Belton Lodge separated to form a new Lodge, Grandview 618, Bro. Truman was made the first Master. After World War I he returned to become District Deputy Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Master of the 59th Masonic District. In 1930 he became Grand Pursuant. In September, 1940, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and a few weeks later, US Senator from Missouri. Bro. Truman died at Kansas City, MO. December 26, 1972

May 13—By 1938 Bro. Louis Armstrong was already a nationally famous jazz cornet and trumpet player, singer, and bandleader. Having brought New Orleans-style jazz to an unprecedentedly wide audience, he had almost single-handedly transformed the music from a group form into an art for the individual soloist. On May 13 of that year, in a studio session in New York, Bro. Louis Armstrong and his ten-piece orchestra recorded a jazz arrangement of the religious song, "When the Saints Go Marching In." Enormously popular, the tune became a jazz standard, as well as one of Bro. Armstrong's signature songs. The recording captured the exuberance and technical virtuosity of Bro. Armstrong's unique trumpet style. Bro. Louis Armstrong's Masonic affiliation was Prince Hall.

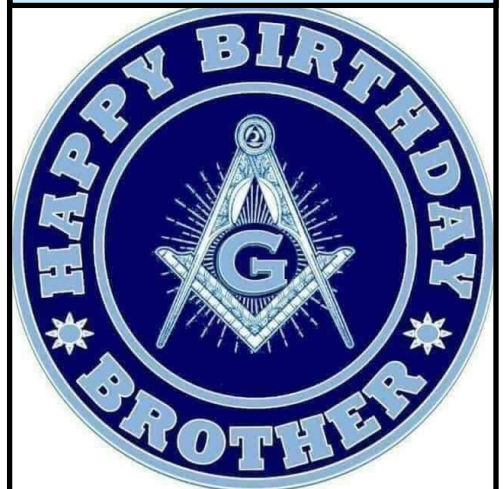
May 16 - in 1868, the US Senate failed by one vote to convict Bro. Andrew Johnson, then President of the US, as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him. His close association with Freemasonry was one of the factors that led to his impeachment trial. Thaddeus Stevens, the anti-Mason, was a ringleader in the impeachment proceedings against Bro. Johnson. Bro. Johnson died July 31, 1875. He was a member of Greenville Lodge No. 119, Greenville, TN. He was also a Knight Templar and belonged to the Scottish Rite.

May 27—In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President and Bro. Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency." The move followed the deliberate sinking by German U-boat U-69 of the unarmed American freighter Robert Moore. In a message to Congress Bro. Roosevelt proclaimed an unlimited national emergency while accusing Germany of having become "an international outlaw."

The Members of the
Valley of Everett
extend to all the
Brethren listed for
the Month of
May A Very
Happy Birthday



Steven I Anderson
Louis E Bartrand
Gary R Bermensolo
Ronald H Brittain
Jason D Finch
Melvin D Freimuth
Spike A Hoskinson
Bill E McAllister
Steve C. Martin
Richard J Morey
Dennis R Olivarez
David F Surface
Michael J Tando
Carl E Tingelstad
Donald H Wilson



Memorial Day, May 26, 2025

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who perished while serving in the military, a day to honor the soldiers who died while defending America. Our three day weekend in May is a wonderful time to get together with friends and family. To most of us, Memorial weekend means no school/work and an extra day off.

Memorial Day is so much more than a day off to have fun. Most students do not really even understand why they get school off; a lot of adult use this time for cookouts or parties.

Memorial Day is a day where we, as Americans, should honor our fallen soldiers. Hardly anyone actually honors the soldiers by going to the parades/ceremonies in their communities. We owe it to the dead to honor their memory. The people who died for our ideals and for their values were ordinary men and women who left the safety of their homes to fight to ensure Justice and protect our country. Brave individuals gave their time, strength, and effort to protect our country and all that it stands for.

In doing so, countless men and women who were treasured by many, lost their lives. Their hard work and sacrifice for our nation is sometimes taken for granted: the heroic men and women who have died fighting for our freedoms must be remembered. We take for granted their sacrifices; we should take effort in reminding ourselves of the individuals who lost their lives for us. Memorial Day is a day to honor and thank all the American soldiers who have sacrificed their lives.

As Americans, we should show respect for the fallen and honor them for their courageous acts of bravery. Although we may not realize it, freedom is not free. Freedom comes with a huge price, sometimes that price being life. It is not easy to be willing to sacrifice your own life for not just your own rights, but for the rights of a whole nation. Memorial Day is not a day



to have fun and party, but a special time to remember those who showed such devotion to our country to give up their lives for it, a time to remember these heroes. Our dedicated soldiers deserved to be remembered.

Our dedicated military force is the reason why we are able to stand here today with the freedoms we have, and why we are able to live with so many liberties. Our rights should never be taken for granted; we should be thankful for those who have paid the price for them. We should give thanks to all the heroes for their sacrifices, spreading gratitude. Memorial Day should be a day to reflect and be grateful. We can express our gratitude by attending local parades or Memorial Day events and pray for the families of the fallen soldiers to really understand the sacrifices they have made for us and our country.

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ROAST of the GRAND MASTER

RSVP and Prepay
REQUIRED

Register at

3RAPS.org

Deadline for RSVP

May 2nd

Cost: \$40 per person

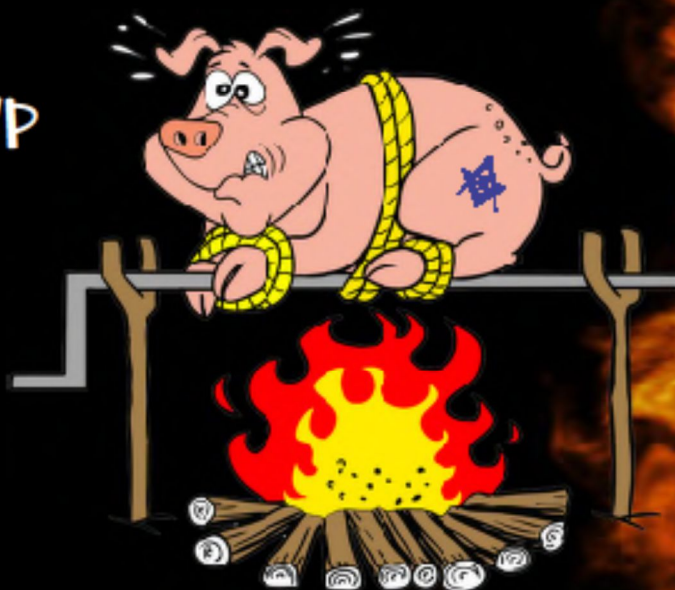
When: May 3 @ 6:00 PM

Where: Snohomish Masonic Center

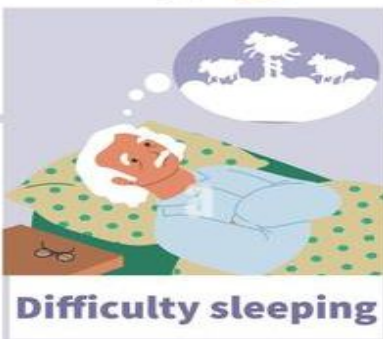
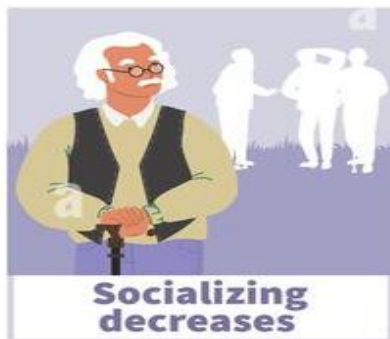
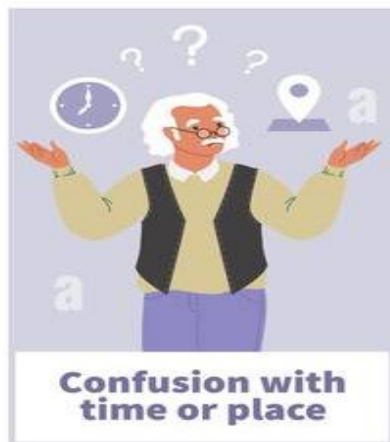
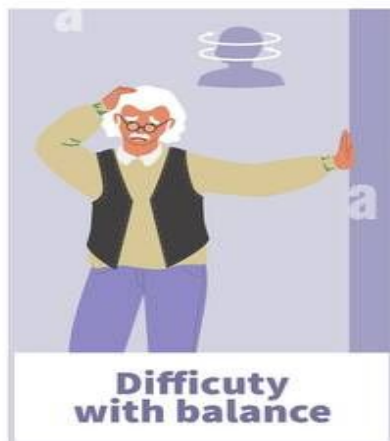
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Snohomish, WA 98290

Attire: Casual



Dementia symptoms



YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENING

May 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 06	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
May 08	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
May 13	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
May 15	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashlar 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
May 27	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

May 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 03	Saturday	8:00 AM	SLOC Meeting	Host Centennial #25 8 AM Breakfast 9AM Meeting
May 03	Saturday	6:00 PM	Sultan-Monroe #160	Grand Masters Roast Social— Held at Centennial #25 - —Dinner at 7:00 PM
May 06	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner-
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
May 07	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
May 08	Thursday	6:00PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
May 12	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
May 13	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
May 14	Wednesday	6:30PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
May 20	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
May 21	Wednesday	6:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
May 22	Thursday	6:00 PM	Peninsular 95	Special Communication-6:00 PM Dinner
May 27	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
May 28	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner

DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

May 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 01	Thursday	6:30 PM	Skagit Valley 36	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
May 07	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
May 13	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:00 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
May 20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
May 27	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting

Note: To the Valley of Everett Brethren please take the time on your First and Third Mondays to enjoy a good meal and great fellowship with your Valley of Everett Scottish Rite Brethren. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Meeting at 7:30 PM.

VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE MONTHLY RENTAL SCHEDULE

MAY 2025

May 01	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
May 04	Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
May 04	Sunday	3:00 PM	Prince Hall Beni Hassan Sakkara Shrine Club #196
May 07	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
May 08	Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
May 10	Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
May 14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	IORG—Rainbow Assembly #9
May 15	Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
May 28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	IORG—Rainbow Assembly #9
May 24	Saturday	2:00 PM	Amaranth—Perlas Court # 90

Notice to all Valley of Everett Members

The Valley of Everett structure for membership dues are as follows: \

Annual Yearly Dues\$187 Per Year
Life Membership Up to age 65Annual Dues time 15 Years
Life Membership Age 65 to 75 Years Old.....Annual Dues time 10 Years
Life Membership 75 and Older.....Annual Dues time 5 Years

Rose Croix Funeral Service

This service is very beautiful and available to all members of the Scottish Rite; however, Members must make their desires known to their families and the Valley. Should you desire a Rose Croix Funeral Service, when the time does come, please let your families know now. Ensure that they have the phone number of our Valley General Secretary, Terry Grove when that time does come -Terry can be reached at 425-610-4561 or email him at terrygrove50@yahoo.com



33 Degrees?
You have 33
Degrees in
Freemasonry?
But why?

There are the first 3
Degrees. And those
above are for those
that did not understand
the first 3 Degrees.



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