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From The Personal Representative Ill. James G. Hamlin, 33°



Hope you all had a great summer. As we resume our Everett Valley Scottish Rite labors, we have plenty of tasks to accomplish.

By-Laws:

At our September 16th meeting we will be voting on our new by-laws. Earlier this year the officers of each of the four Valley bodies worked diligently to revise the local rules under which we operate. In August, these revisions and a synopsis was sent out by email to our members. If Valley members vote to accept these by-laws, they will be sent to the Deputy of the Supreme looking for candidates for our 2025 class. Council in our Orient. Upon his approval they are in force and will be forwarded to the Supreme Council.

50-year member:

If he is able to attend, we will also honor Illustrious Brother Marion Windell 33° IGH for his over 50 years of service to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. While there is a 50-year Scottish Rite cap; for those who are Inspectors General Honorary, they receive a 50-year pin for their white cap. Few receive the honor of the 33rd Degree and few of us reach 50 years of service to the Rite. Thank you, Brother Marion, for your contributions to Freemasonry and the A.A.S.R.

2025 Officers:

We need to be putting together our officer line-up for 2025. Those currently serving have done so for a few years and we thank them for agreeing to serve multiple years in those positions. Please let the current body masters know which positions you would like to fill.

On-line Petition:

We now have an on-line petition for our Valley. The QR code shown below takes one directly to our petition. Please look around and consider who in your Lodges would benefit by joining our Valley. We are



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Welcome Perlas Court #90 Order of the Amaranth:

This is a newly formed Chapter and has chosen to meet in our building. We now have two Amaranth Courts, one Eastern Star Court, a Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star Court, Evergreen Assembly #9 International Order of Rainbow for Girls, three blue Lodges, a Prince Hall blue Lodge, Prince Hall Consistory #118, and our own Everett Valley meeting in our building. Also using the building are four caterers/food truck vendors and an Odd Fellows Lodge. As you can see, our building is busy. Scheduling can be a nightmare for our General Secretary who has done a great job in resolving conflicts and maximizing the use of the Temple.

FreeWill:

The Supreme Council has made available to all Scottish Rite members a method to create your own will. We are reminded in our Degrees that we never know when our time here is at an end, and it is important that we be prepared so the burden on those that survive us is lessened. Below is a link that will take you to the website (ctrl+click on FreeWill or copy and paste the link in your web browser). There is no cost and while you may wish to leave something to the Fraternity, it is not necessary that you do so.

FreeWill

https://www.freewill.com/scottishrite? utm_source=partner&utm_medium=eblast&utm_ca mpaign=202408_scottishrite_mawm_soft_million

A few months ago I wrote about leaving a legacy, a will should be part of that.

Scottish Rite Philanthropies:

A few weeks ago, you may have received a mailing from Early Life Speech and Language (Rite Care), one of charities supported by Scottish Rite Masons. Another is the Scottish Rite Foundation that provides scholarships in Washington State.

Please consider supporting, financially, these organizations that assist the youth of Washington state. We

are not lacking for donation requests, Scottish Rite, Grand Lodge, Shrine, and all Masonic organizations have charities they focus on. Find those that you can support and give.

Joint Reunion:

In the works is a plan to have an Orient-wide reunion in conjunction with our Prince Hall Scottish Rite Brothers. Currently this is planned for Spring 2025. Every Valley in the Orient has been offered the opportunity to present one or more Degrees. The expectation is that all Degrees will be done by memory. While the Valley of Everett has not done reunions (Degrees presented over a few days/weeks), our preference has been to do our Degrees over several months. We may choose to have our 2025 class take the Degrees at this reunion. This is up to the Valley members.

New Deputy of the Supreme Council:

Illustrious Brother Roger Nelson 33° has been named Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Washington replacing Illustrious Brother Al Jorgensen 33°. Many thanks to Brother Al for what he has done for Freemasonry and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

We look forward to Brother Roger's leadership and guidance for our Orient.

There is a gala planned for Saturday February 1st, 2025, to honor Illustrious Sir Al Jorgensen, 33° at the Museum of Glass in Tacoma. Registration information is forthcoming.

Fraternally,

Jim Hamlin 33°, Personal Representative to the Valley of Everett

SOMEONE IS WAITING FOR YOU TO INVITE HIM TO BECOME A SCOTTISH RITE MASON...



Freemasonry & the Labor Movement in America

The first Monday in September marks the end of Summer and all across the USA, Americans celebrate Labor Day with picnics, parades, and backyard barbecues.

While the first recorded mention of Labor Day was in September of 1882 at a celebration in New York City, it was President Grover Cleveland who signed a decree in 1894 marking the first weekend in September as a national recognition of an official Labor Day as a national holiday.

More than 60 years before President Cleveland signed his new law, a devout Baptist family was celebrating the birth of their baby boy in Cape May, New Jersey. Born on August 3, 1821, Uriah Smith Stephens was a smart and religious-minded boy and studied to become a minister. However, his family was poor and young Stephens had to set aside his dreams and take a job as a tailor to help the family recover from a financial crisis.

When he was 25, Uriah Stephens settled for a time in Philadelphia but he was filled with wanderlust. He traveled to Central America, Mexico, and California and then to Europe – working his way around the world for five years.

In 1858, Stephens settled down in Philadelphia again working as a tailor. An avid reader and life-long learner, he studied economics, politics, history and taught himself several foreign languages.

Stephens also became a Master Mason of Kensington Lodge No. 211 in Philadelphia on March 24, 1865.

Prior to the end of the Civil War, the establishment of trade unions had not found much success. While Stephens had helped to organize the Garment Worker's Union in 1862, it was not until after his personal experiences as a member of Freemasonry that he was inspired to found a new fraternal organization for tradesmen which he called the Knights of Labor.

Speaking to fellow union-minded garment workers in a meeting at his home on Thanksgiving Day in 1869, Stephens presented his concept for a new organization which he proclaimed as the "Noble and Holy Order of Knights of Labor."

This new "brotherhood" would bring together not only fellow tailors but would open membership in Stephens' own words to, "Every laborer, mechanic, and artisan who desired professional improvement, regardless of country, creed, or color." Certainly Uriah Stephens mission was an American-inspired concept of unification that might have found favor with our nation's Founding Fathers!

Uriah Stephens vision for the Knights of Labor was certainly inspired by the ritual and lessons he himself had learned as a Mason in his Philadelphia Lodge.



Stephens plan for the Knights of Labor included his being installed as the first "Master Workman" as well as naming himself as the "District Master Workman" and the first "Grand Master Workman" of the new Knights of Labor.

In creating and founding the Knights of Labor, Stephens freely adapted many of the symbols of Freemasonry and also some of the Masonic ritual into his new organization. The building in which members would assemble was

called a "lodge". Members referred to each other as "brothers". Stephens dreamed of a new fraternal network of skilled laborers who would work together as fraternal brothers for the good of their fellow members. Members wishing to join would go through a ritual ceremony led by "Masters" wearing aprons and giving "lectures" on the nobility of labor. Secret signs and symbols were given to initiates as they were sworn to secrecy and loyalty to the brotherhood of the Knights of Labor. Within a decade, the Knights of Labor had expanded from one "assembly" or chapter to 1300 local assemblies. The organization was quickly growing into a large and powerful labor movement.

Stephens was frustrated with the growing disenchantment rising from some members of the Knights of Labor who wanted to abolish the secret ritual which Stephens had created. Stephens also was fearful that the new membership was also becoming too aggressive in calling for frequent strikes and union demands.

Seeking to re-establish himself as a labor leader, Uriah Stephens launched a political campaign and stood for election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1878. As a defeated candidate for the "Greenback-Labor Party", Stephens' star as a labor leader was now tarnished. A year later, he resigned from the Knights of Labor.

Under new leadership, the Knights of Labor grew in power and influence in America as well as worldwide. Membership was opened to what was described as all members of the "producing class" – factory workers, small business owners, and farmers. Those not entitled to membership included lawyers, speculators or anyone involved in "sinful" business enterprises including the liquor industry and gambling. The Knights of Labor membership dwindled in the early 20th century.

So, what became of the first "Grand Master Workman"? Uriah Stephens' reputation with many in the Knights of Labor was still held in high esteem but Stephens at age of 61 was working to create a new fraternal labor-centric organization. It was at his home in Philadelphia on February 13, 1882 that Uriah Stephens passed away and went to meet his maker, as he described as the" Grand Architect of the Universe"

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The History of Freemasons For the Month of September

September 8—In 1909, American explorer Bro. Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole on April 6, five months earlier. The final, successful expedition was the fifth of a series he had undertaken Bro. Peary was a member of the New York City explorer's lodge, Kane No. 454. This Lodge was given the Masonic flag which Bro. Peary had displayed at Independence Bay, Greenland, on May 20 and 25, 1895. This Lodge, on March 30, 1920, presented his widow with a special medal in honor of her distinguished husband. Bro. Peary's gift to New York Grand Lodge were two specimens of the great meteorite weighing 90 tons which he had discovered in North Greenland. Bro. Peary died February 20, 1920.

September 11—In 2000 a ceremonial proclamation was issued by the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of D.C. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C. acknowledging the mutual recognition established by the two bodies in 1999.

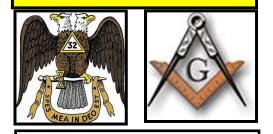
September 13—In 1901, Bro. William McKinley, then President of the United States. was shot at Buffalo, NY. He died eight days later. . His assassin Leon Czolgosz was executed on October 29, 1901. The 25th President of the U.S. was initiated in Hiram Lodge 21 at Winchester, VI on May 1, passed on May 2, and raised on May 5, 1865. He was affiliated with Canton Lodge 60 at Canton, OH, and was a member of Mark and Royal Arch, and a Knight Templar.

September 22— In 1901, Bro. Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt became the nation's 26th President and, at age 42, its youngest. Bro. Roosevelt took the oath of office soon after 58-year-old US President, Bro. William McKinley died from the gunshot wounds received six days earlier from the gun of assassin Leon Czolgosz. Bro. Roosevelt had been initiated on January 2, 1801, passed March 27, and raised April 24 of the same year at Matinecock Lodge No. 806 at Oyster Bay, NY. He was made an Honorary Member of Pentalpha lodge No. 23 at Washington, DC, where he took part in numerous Masonic ceremonies.

September 25 –In 1865, Pope Pius IX issues the Bull, "Multiplices Intern," which was in opposition to Freemasonry.

September 26—In 1796, the Bostonian newspaper "Independent Chronicle" published Bro. George Washington's Farewell Address, the leader's best known speech. The speech, never delivered orally by Bro. Washington, explained the reasons why he did not want to seek a third term as president of the United States. Bro. Washington had arranged to have the speech - his last political will and testament - published in other principle newspapers throughout the country. In it he warned against the rise of "a small but artful, enterprising minority" of politicians whose ambitions and ploys can be fatal to the union. The antidote, he said, is a union of the people, a spiritual union that will transcend party, state or section.

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



Matthew J Appel David E Augustson Brian L Bork Steven H Dorsey Larry D Foley Danny Graham III Gerald F James Allen W Lowe Stephen M Osborn



A Mason is not necessarily a member of a lodge. In a broad sense, he is any person who daily tries to live the Masonic life, and to serve intelligently the needs of the Great Architect.

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From the Desk of the General Secretary By Terry Grove, 33°

What is the Feast of Tishri?

The Masonic calendar is based on the ancient Hebrew calendar, which is a lunar calendar, and in which each month goes from new moon to new moon. The Biblical *civil* New Year starts in *Rosh* ha Shanah ('Head of the Year' or 'Beginning of the ervation to the Secretary by October 17th, 2024 at Year'), in the seventh month, Tishrey (*teeshray*), which is a celebration month (High Holy Days), corresponding to parts of September and October. The Temple of Jerusalem, built by Solomon, King of Israel, was also dedicated during the month of Tishrey. Some Scottish Rite Bodies around the world observe the Feast of Tishri, as a feast of thanksgiving to perpetuate the Biblical memory. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of Freemasonry more wholly than this historic celebration of the dedication of King

Solomon's Temple, the first edifice built for God. The Valley of Everett will be having a dinner honoring the Feast of Tishri on Monday - October 21st, 2024 at our Scottish Rite Temple here in Everett. RSVP's are required. Please get your reseither 425-610-4561 or terrygrove50@yahoo.com

We will resume our regular meetings this month on September 16th, 2024. Dinner (\$15) is at 6:30 PM. Stated is 7:30 PM

Now is the time to get those petitions for the degrees submitted for the 2025 class which will commence on January 6th, 2025. Attached you will find a QR code to download on-line.



Valley of Everett Scottish Rite **Online** Petition

The Supreme Council has now created the online petition for the degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry. Please see the link below, as well as the QR code as printed below, for your new valley online petition. The online petition saves you time, eliminates a great deal of human error, and feeds directly into Sentinel. The QR code is especially helpful in that you can share with valley officers/members to have on their phone or tablet for prospective candidates to scan and fill out, along with providing payment. You are more than welcome to take it for a test drive, but be advised because the credit card feature is live.



or https://scottishrite.jotform.com/242034476923962

The total fees for the 4th through the 32nd degrees of Scottish Rite are \$300.00 This includes a copy of Bridge to Light, a copy of Morals and Dogma, your 14th degree ring, the 32nd degree Cap, the 32nd Degree Patent, and the dues for the current year, ending December 31st. Payment must be made prior to receiving any of the degrees. There is no charge for affiliation. Make checks payable to and mail along with this application to Everett Valley Scottish Rite, 2431 Rucker Avenue, Everett, WA. 98201

Valley of Everett Coming Event

Feast of Tishri

Monday, October 21st, 2024

6:30 PM Punch Bowl—7:00 PM Dinner-8:00 PM Ceremony

At the Everett Scottish Rite Temple 2431 Rucker Avenue Everett, Washington

RSVP to our General Secretary Terry Grove no later than October 17th, 2024

VALLEY OF EVERETT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 02	Monday—Dark—Labor Day
Sep 16	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Sep 23	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM
Oct 07	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Oct 21	Monday— Feast if Tishri -6:30 PM Buffet—Stated Meeting
Oct 28	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM
Nov 04	Monday—Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Nov 18	Monday— Lodge of Perfection—6:30 PM Buffet—7:30 PM Stated Meeting
Nov 25	Monday—Combined Board of Trustee's and ExCom meeting- Zoom at 7:00 PM
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Note: Brethren take the time to visit your local Blue Lodges and share with them the Joys of Scottish Rite Masonry and Fellowship.

YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE MONTHLY SCHEDULE

DISTRICT TWO MASONIC HAPPENING

September 2024

Date	Day	Time	Lodge	Event
Sep 03	Tuesday	6:00PM	Shoreline 248	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 10	Tuesday	6:00PM	Yancy C Blalock 265	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 12	Thursday	6:30PM	Edmonds 165	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Sep 19	Thursday	6:00PM	Ashler 121	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 24	Tuesday	6:30PM	Mill Creek 243	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner

DISTRICT EIGHT MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2024

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Sep 03	Tuesday	7:00PM	Sultan Monroe 160	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 04	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
Sep 09	Monday	7:30PM	Everett 137	Stated Meeting—6:30PM Dinner
Sep 10	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 11	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
<u>^</u>	Wednesday	6:30PM	Alpha 212	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 12	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 17	Tuesday	7:00PM	Crystal 122	Stated Meeting—6:00 PM Dinner
Sep 18	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Centennial 25	Stated Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
^	Wednesday	6:30 PM	West Gate 128	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 21	Saturday	10:00 AM	SLOC Meeting	Host—Karl E Warren #259
Sep 24	Tuesday	6:00PM	Damascus 199	Stated Meeting—6:00PM Dinner
Sep 25	Wednesday	6:30PM	Arlington 129	Stated Meeting—6:30 PM Dinner
Sep 26	Thursday	6:30PM	Peninsular 95	Special Meeting- 6:00PM Dinner
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DISTRICT NINE MASONIC HAPPENINGS

September 2024				
<u>Date</u>	Day	Time	Lodge	<u>Event</u>
Sep 04	Wednesday	6:30 PM	San Juan 175	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 10	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fidalgo 77	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 17	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Whidby 15	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 24	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Langley 218	6:30 P M Dinner—Stated Meeting
Sep 26	Thursday	6:30 PM	Camano 19	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. We look forward to meeting and greeting each and everyone of you.

VALLEY OF EVERETT SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE MONTHLY RENTAL SCHEDULE

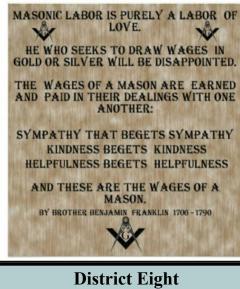
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Wednesday	7:30 PM	Amaranth - Welcome Court #58
Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 Order of Eastern Star
Sunday	1:00PM	Prince Hall—SR Consistory 118
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Saturday	10:00 AM	Prince Hall - Evergreen #9
Saturday	1:00 PM	Prince Hall -Golden Gate 4-Order of Eastern Star
Thursday	7:30 PM	Alderwood #185 -Order of Eastern Star
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rainbow Assembly #9
Thursday	1:00 PM	Oddfellows—Pilgrim #187 - Stated Meeting/Zoom
Saturday	2:00 PM	Amaranth—Perlas Court # 90
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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 top age 65	
Life Membership Age 65 to 75 Years Old	
Life Membership 75 and Older	



District Eight Symbolic Lodge Officer Council

The District Eight Symbolic Lodge Officer Council will be meeting on Saturday, Sept 21st, 2024 with breakfast at 10:00 AM - SLOC Meeting at 12:00 PM. This month host lodge will be Karl E, Warren Lodge #289 located at 108 W. Cascade Hwy, Skykomish, Washington.

<u>Rose Croix</u> <u>Funeral Service</u>

This service is very beautiful and available 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**

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