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VALLEY OF BREMERTON, SCOTTISH RITE, AASR **Looking to Our Future**



Illustrious Jimmy looks toward Valley's Future

Illustrious James N. Reid Jr. 33rd Degree, Personal Representative

Keeping Track of the Schedule: Brethren times are changing, please stay tuned.

Brethren,

A couple of months ago, the Valley published its current schedule of degrees and other events for the first half of our year. The schedule included a couple of interesting changes that could get by you. For example, in the past the Valley has declared the months of June and July to be dark (that is, no stated meetings). The Valley would then meet in August, to begin preparations for the fall reunions and other programs. **THAT'S NOT HAPPENING THIS YEAR.**

As part of our planning strategy for VMAP, we scheduled this Spring Reunion to end with the 32nd degree on the fifth and last Wednesday in May. But we wanted to have a cap and ring ceremony as soon after that as possible, and that meant having a stated meeting for the Valley in June. That's right, in June, the first Wednesday in June. This meeting will be dedicated to the members of our Spring Reunion and their families as we formally present to them the symbols of their advancement to the rank of Master of the Royal Secret, their caps and rings. We will have a dinner, of course, at 6:30 PM, followed by the ceremony. Please come and join in the celebration!

We also discovered that our by-laws exclude any meetings for the Chapter of Rose Croix, the Lodge of Kadosh, and the Consistory in June, July, and August. Only the Lodge of Perfection has been meeting in August. I have agreed that we will be considering several changes to our by-laws, but in the meantime, **THERE WILL BE NO STATED MEETING IN AUGUST.** We will be dark this year in July and August. Instead, we are going to take an active part in the LOA-Shriners Picnic on August 12th. That picnic will start at 11 AM at the Elks Temple in Bremerton and will include all of the orders of the Masonic Family. By the way, if you have a kilt, wear it to the picnic.

That's where we are with our scheduling. Be at a stated meeting in June, on the first Wednesday. Send me an email on the first Wednesday in August, but please don't come to a meeting. You will be very, very lonely. See me at the picnic instead. **And please don't forget to attend our Scholarship Presentation Dinner on Friday, May 25th.** This will be another great event celebrating our Valley and its youth.

In the Craft,

Illustrious James N. Reid Jr. 33rd IGH



Celebration of the Craft, Saturday, May 19th, 3:30 to 6:30 PM Pacific Time (ET 6:30 to 9:30 PM)

Brethren,

on Saturday, May 19th, The Supreme Council is sponsoring a televised fundraising program named “Celebration of the Craft”. This program is being aired for the fifth time that I can remember and includes a Scottish Rite Talent display from 10 Brethren throughout the country who have been selected to be part of the show. One of these, by the way, is Brother Dillon Smith from the Seattle Valley who will be playing an electric guitar and singing. This program will start at 6:30 Eastern Time and will run for three hours. We will be showing the fundraiser starting at 3:30 PM, Pacific Time. We will be able to stay tuned for about one and half hours, until about 5 PM at the Temple at 5th and Warren. For those of you who cannot attend our session at 5th and Warren, you can tune into the Scottish Rite site on your computer and share in the entertainment and discussions. Remember, 3:30 to 6:30, Pacific Time.

As an introduction to the “Celebration of the Craft”, the Valley of Bremerton will be hosting a luncheon on the 19th, starting at 1:30 P.M., luncheon at 3 PM. We will start with a discussion forum to work on several plans that we want to implement starting this coming July. For example, we have been asked, as one of five Valleys, to participate in an Orient program of all twenty-nine (29) degrees next spring. Each of the five Valleys selected will be assigned one of the terminal

degrees and five of the other degrees to present next Spring. The leadership in our Valley- the officers, committee Chairmen, and honored men-have a great deal to consider concerning this program. At this writing, most of those with whom I have discussed this project are in favor of our best effort to show what we are doing in the Bremerton Valley. Indeed, we have a great deal to be proud of. Others may be reluctant because of the extra time and effort it will require. (Many of us having difficulty maintaining our program responsibilities as it is. Next year RW Kendall will be Grand Master, and many of our members have volunteered to assist Jim in his many objectives. Districts 3, 11, and 12 have become a major program resource for the Grand Lodge, and with good reason.) The LOA picnic has been announced for August 12th at the Bremerton Elks Club at 11 AM. The Venerable Master and the Knights of St. Andrew want to be an active part of that picnic, as an opportunity to add to our membership. Lots of topics to discuss. We need your help.

So, that's it. I would like to have as many of you as are available to attend our "Celebrating the Craft" luncheon at 1:30 PM on Saturday, the 19th at the Bremerton Temple. It will not be easy!!! That morning, Bremerton will be hosting an Armed Forces Day Parade that will start at 10 AM and run until about noon. The parade will make the Masonic Temple virtually inaccessible. You will have to plan to arrive at the Temple at about 1 PM to give the city a chance to clean up. At the same time many of you are participating in this and other parades in the area as members of the Shrine and in other groups. Like I said, getting there and being there will not be easy. But we need to see you there, to share your ideas, answer your questions, and be an active part of the Valley's voice. Who should attend? Any member of our Valley should attend, but especially the current elected officers, the committee chairmen, and the honored men (red and white hats). Let Chuck know if you will be available. No charge for lunch. We just want to make sure we have enough for everyone who shows. See you there.

Ill. Jimmy Reid, Personal Representative.

Prelate's Thoughts



Brothers,

Thank you all for the support and enthusiasm that you provide to the Valley and our work within the Masonic and Greater Community. Many times, we don't see the good results that accompany the expenditure of our Almoner's funds and our efforts to benefit humanity through our work, but nonetheless we are making an impact and our efforts matter and are making a difference.

I do also, want to remind those who have committed to our Rose Croix Funeral team to get to work on your parts to insure the future of this important ceremony and remembrance of our departed Brethren. The impact we make in our community here with this ceremony is one of our most important gifts to our families and our community.

In the faith,
Ill. Richard L. Dexter 33rd IGH

VALLEY NEWS!!

THE VALLEY'S HONORED MEN FOR CURRENT BIENNIAL:

BR. TOM DANGELO- 33RD DEGREE HONORS

BR. WILLIAM HUBBARD - KCCH

BR. JAMES KENDALL - KCCH

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FINE MEN!!



30th Degree May 23rd 2018 Dinner 6:30 pm Degree at 7pm

32nd Degree May 30th 2018 Dinner 6:30 pm Degree at 7pm



**Awards Ceremony for Spring Reunion Candidates to be held
Wednesday June 7th 2018 at 6:30 pm.**



**BREMERTON VALLEY WILL START NEW CLINIC WITH
EARLY LIFE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE IN BREMERTON IN 2018!!!
STILL MUCH WORK TO DO CONTACT RICHARD MASCH TO
VOLUNTEER.**



**VALLEY OF BREMERTON VMAP CHAIRMAN SCOT
SAGESER, KCCH, SELECTED TO SERVE ON THE SUPREME
COUNCIL VMAP COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON D.C., CONGRATS
SCOT!!!**



**BREMERTON VALLEY Expanded Scholarship Program
awards an additional \$21,000 from State Scholarship Program.**



News From the DeMolay Front

Brethren, for those of you who have been wondering why it has been so quiet in our area, I have discovered that the Order of DeMolay has been busy . . . very busy. I recently received a quick report From Dad Jeff Brunson,

Executive Officer for Washington DeMolay. The last weekend in April, Jeff reports that Washington DeMolay had its annual Conclave at Great Wolf Lodge, south of Olympia. Attendance was up by just over 10% from last year, and the initiation degrees presented brought in 23 new members for the Corps. Really worthwhile, effort.

Jeff also reports that the new state officers are as follows:

State Master Councilor, Sam Walker

Deputy State Master Councilor, Colton Jenkins,

State Senior Councilor, Winter Johnson, and

State Junior Councilor, Kenneth Copeland

The Bremerton Valley of the Scottish Rite salutes and congratulates these young men as they become and advance as leaders in one of the largest youth organizations in the world! **WE ARE PROUD!**

More details are available at the Washington DeMolay website. Check it out.

We're Looking for a Few



Good Masons!!

Contact Robert Gunther gunthers27@gmail.com 206-782-8081

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If You Are Not a Mason

Before you can join the Scottish Rite, you first must become a Master Mason in a Lodge under a Grand Lodge that belongs to the Conference of Grand Masters in North America (COGMINA) or to a Grand Lodge *recognized* by a COGMINA Grand Lodge. For further information, contact [your local Scottish Rite Body](#) who can in turn assist you in finding the Masonic lodge nearest you.

If You Are a Blue Lodge Mason

Interested in Learning about More Light in Masonry?

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is commonly known as the *Scottish Rite*. It is one of several groups that are part of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry.

The Scottish Rite is the largest and most widely practiced Masonic Rite in the world and employs a Lodge system.

It is our mission to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

There is a lot More.

While there is no Masonic degree more important than that of Master Mason, there is a long tradition—almost as old as Freemasonry—of “high degrees” that expand upon and elaborate the teachings and lessons of the first three degrees. The Scottish Rite degrees teach a series of moral lessons culminating in the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret. The Scottish Rite continues a Master Mason’s education in many ways:

- 4°-32° Degree work
- Speakers at meetings
- Leadership conferences
- [Scottish Rite Journal](#)
- Publishing Masonic books
- [Scottish Rite Research Society](#)
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To join the Scottish Rite you must:

- be a Master Mason in good standing in a regular lodge;
- complete a petition and include the appropriate fee;
- attend a “Reunion” where the Scottish Rite Degrees are conferred.
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What are Supreme Council, Orients, and Valleys?

The governing body of the Scottish Rite is the Supreme Council. It is composed of active and deputy members of the 35 states and several overseas jurisdictions that make up the Southern Jurisdiction. Each state or jurisdiction that belongs to the Southern Jurisdiction is called an Orient. The local Scottish Rite body is called a Valley. Each Valley has up to four Scottish Rite bodies, and each body confers a set of degrees in the Southern Jurisdiction these are:

- Lodge of Perfection (4°–14°)
- Chapter of Rose Croix (15°–18°)
- Council of Kadosh (19°–30°)
- Consistory (31°–32°).

Degree's of the Scottish Rite

30th Degree

Knicht Kadosh



Argument

A Knight and Soldier of the Cross called Knight Kadosh proves himself practically a true defender of the Temple of the Most High God; and while armed with the steel outwardly, he is

inwardly armed with Faith and Love—Faith to God and Love to his fellow Man. It is his duty to defend the Order, to protect and assist all worthy pilgrims, the weak, and the injured, the needy and the oppressed, with becoming humility and meekness, and yet with fidelity and prudence, as vowed on the Mystic Ladder. This practical trial degree of the Knight Templar is replete with effective incident, and stands prominently forward as an interesting and exciting drama.

Come see the 30th Degree, Knight Kadosh, May 23rd 2018, 7:00 pm, Valley of Bremerton, Dinner served at 6:30 pm.



PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR AT WWW.BREMERTONVALLEYSR.ORG



SCOTTISH RITE DEGREE'S

The Fall Reunion Starts Sept. 19th 2018!!!

THE GATHERING OF THE KNIGHTS

Want to know more??

Contact VMAP & PR Chair: Scot Sageser 360-525-0029 or visit

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TAKE THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREE'S

(It's the further light in Masonry you've heard about)



BREMERTON TO OPEN NEW CLINIC IN 2018!!

THERAPY FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-7

Early Life Speech & Language provides research-based **speech therapy** for children and toddlers aged two to seven who exhibit communication delays. Our free, child-centered, family-friendly process involves parents as partners in each child's individual treatment for long-term success at home, in school and beyond. We work with kids who are not meeting specific **speech and language developmental milestones**. Formerly known as **RiteCare of Washington**, Early Life Speech & Language has been providing clinical services for children in **Seattle, Spokane** and other locations in Washington state for more than 30 years, with the generous support of **Scottish Rite Masons** and our community of donors.

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Bremerton Valley is Expanding our Local
Scholarship Program in partnership with
SRSFWA!! Local Students Received \$21,000 in
2018!

DID YOU KNOW???
SRSFWA GRANTED
NEARLY \$500,000 IN
2018



SCOTTISH+RITE
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN

HANK CARMAN, CHAIRMAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Overview

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, DC, under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A&A Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Upon completion of each program listed below, the participant will be rewarded with a medal or pins to denote multiple completions. Currently, there are three programs that are meant to be taken in the following order:

- **Program I: *The Symbolic Lodge*** 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). Albert Pike’s book, *Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*, along with Arturo de Hoyos’s *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* (3d ed.) will be used to demonstrate a rational and philosophical interpretation for much of what is found in Craft Masonry.
- **Program II: *Scottish Rite Ritual and History*** consists of six lessons, utilizing the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, and *A Bridge to Light* (4th ed.) by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, as its textbooks.
- **Program III: *Scottish Rite Philosophy*** uses *Albert Pike’s Morals & Dogma, Annotated Edition*, by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross and returns to the ritual of the Scottish Rite to re-explore it on a deeper level, by looking for the moral lesson imparted in each degree and then applying that lesson to one’s everyday life. The course consists of 33 quizzes, grouped into 10 sections

Suggested Order of Programs and Their Associated Texts

1. **Master Craftsman: The Symbolic Lodge**
(1°, 2°, 3°, using *Albert Pike’s Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*)

2. **Master Craftsman: Scottish Rite History and Ritual**
(4°–32°, using the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* and *A Bridge to Light*)
3. **Master Craftsman: Scottish Rite Philosophy**
(1°–32°, using *Morals and Dogma* and *A Bridge to Light*)

Master Craftsman Group Study

A group setting is far and away the best way to learn and experience all that these programs have to offer. This is simply because Freemasonry is not a solitary pursuit, but rather a social experience — we gather in Lodges together for a reason! In fact, social engagement while finding more light in Masonry can be (and often is) more rewarding than simply answering some questions about a reading assignment. This is because you are learning not only about yourself through the ritual and its symbolism, but about others and their unique relationship to the deep philosophies and mysteries that are contained in the material, too. A group can be as big or as small as you like. There are no minimum requirements to start a study group, and anyone can be the catalyst that starts one up. You also set the pace. Go as fast, or as slow as you would like. You can meet once a week or once a month. Your schedules will dictate the best calendar. It can also be as formal or as casual as you'd like. Does there need to be set meeting dates, or will you meet whenever everyone has finished the next reading assignment/quiz? Your meeting place can be someone's house, a conference room, or a comfortable booth in the neighborhood diner or tavern. The key with all of this is to have fun, and to engage each other about the meanings of Freemasonry and life itself. In fact, using that goal, finishing the programs becomes a distant second to connecting with other people who have similar interests and learning through more about each other through the shared experience of conversation and fellowship. To help the interested group seeker or leader, we have put together a short Group Leader Guide that helps navigate the logistics and details of forming a study group. If you are interested in this, please contact us and we will be happy to share it with you free of charge, and to assist you in any way we can with the formation and operation of your own study group.

Questions about the Program? **Contact Brother Hank Carman 360-731-6620**

Intendant of the Building Society



The Intendant of the Building Society honors those brethren and other individuals who strongly believe in the purposes of the Scottish Rite, and who, through their generosity, help us to pass the principles of Freemasonry on to future generations. Membership is awarded to individuals who have included the [House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.](#) or the [Scottish Rite Foundation, SJ, USA, Inc.](#), or their local Scottish Rite foundation in their wills, trust, IRAs, pensions, life insurance policy, or annuities.

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How it Works

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Send a copy of the page in the document that names the Scottish Rite charity you have chosen to support, a copy of the cover page, and of the signature page to the address below.

When we receive your notification and document copies, we will recognize you as a member of this elite group of donors — Intendants of the Building — entitled to the special privileges of Society members. We will also honor requests for anonymity or to name a legacy gift in honor of a loved one.

Gifts may be specified for:

- [The House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.](#)
- [The Scottish Rite Foundation, S.J., U.S.A., Inc.](#), which includes the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program (SRCLP), Scholarships, and Disaster Relief
- Your local Scottish Rite foundation

Mail documentation to:

The Supreme Council, 33°
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Society members will receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and their choice of a neck-tie or scarf (both if the bequest is from the spouse as well).

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