



## **VALLEY OF BREMERTON, AASR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER ISSUE #2**

### **WHAT'S GOING ON??**

## **The Valley of Bremerton continues to be a leader in the Orient!**

The Valley of Bremerton hosted the Investiture Ceremonies this past Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Bremerton Harborside Conference Center, for the newly minted 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Inspector's General Honorary, and the Brothers receiving the honor of KCCH for the Orient of Washington. Brother's we worked hard and the ceremonies went extremely well under the management of the Orient and the team from the Valley. Thanks go out Bremerton Valley members, Tom Dangelo, Richard Dexter and notably Ill. Joe MacIntyre for their hard work in putting on this program

Our KSA Chapter under the leadership of Bill Hubbard did a phenomenal job of managing the reception desk with the assistance of KSA Knights, Al Rose, Bill Gettle, and Ray Bedford. Gentlemen, GOOD WORK. The KSA was formed by the Valley of Bremerton to perform exactly these types of duties and to take on this type of roll within our Valley and Orient.

Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 saw the opening ceremony for the Valley's fall reunion. We as a Valley, again, continue to be a leader in the Orient with not only our number of new candidates and initiating New Master's of the Royal Secret, but also the quality and quantity of degree's performed. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Degree's were Conferred in a dazzling and profound manner. The 5<sup>th</sup> Degree was communicated by Ill. Jimmy Reid. Ill. Bro. Reid's ability to tie the degree's together and provide the context, history and meaning of our degree's is unmatched.

Our Degree performance has taken another leap forward under the Director of the Work Tom Dangelo. His team includes John Braasch, Ray Bedford and Ken Ferris. Guys this is getting really good!! Keep up the great work! Our fall reunion will continue with the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Degree's on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.



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# VALLEY OF BREMERTON OFFICER REPORTS

**From The Director of the Work: Tom Dangelo 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH:** My brothers of the Scottish Rite, the Fall Reunion is upon us and once again we are privileged to participate in the presentation of the Terminal Degrees as well as some additional non-terminal degrees. As you Scottish Rite members know, those degrees not presented in "drama form" must be communicated to the aspirants, so that they receive all 29 degrees of the Rite. What better way to renew your knowledge base of the Rite than attending the degrees and either participating in the drama of the degree or sitting quietly on the sidelines and renewing your own experience when you too received the degrees. In addition I would encourage all Scottish Rite Masons who are in attendance, but not involved in the setting up for the degree, to go and "listen with the attentive ear" to the explanation, or communication if you will, as they are presented by our own Scottish Rite Scholar, Illustrious Brother James N. Reid Jr as he weaves a tapestry of the events contained in the communicated degree.

**Relative to the Treasury,** *"Recent examples of misappropriation of funds and by nonprofits, and/or receipt of income unrelated to the nonprofit mission, has resulted in recent changes in reporting requirements by the IRS and in the State of Washington. The result is a need for much better record keeping. We are presently considering the need for professional bookkeeping services and additional policy guidelines."* **Lance Otis- General Treasurer 33<sup>rd</sup> IGH**

**Junior Wardens Report:** Please carry on and spread the word regarding our degree's and stated meetings. The following is the menu for the balance of my term as Junior Warden of the LOP **October** Brats & Buns, Fries served w/ special condiments, Green Salad, Brazed red cabbage, Mixed Veggies, Apple sauce bread, Rolls. **November** Turkey w/gravy, Potato bread cooked stuffing, Yam Dish Cranberries on the side, Green Beans, Pumpkin Bars, Rolls. **December**, Prime Rib w/horseradish & AI, Gravy, Mashed Potato's, Rolls. As you can see we have a great menu lined up for the balance of the year. Don't be afraid to invite family and friends to stop by for an awesome dinner for the bargain of a \$10 suggested donation. **Bill Hubbard JW Lodge of Perfection/Membership Chair**

**The Webmaster's report:** take a look at the event planning schedule at our BVSr site, [www.bremertonvalleysr.org](http://www.bremertonvalleysr.org). If it is not up-to-date, kindly let me and the Secretary know. We are continuing to request photos for the site. The Fall reunion is a perfect place to bring your camera for candid shots and group photos (at least 1m pixels). **Lance Otis- Webmaster**

**UNDER THE BANNER:** I would like to thank fellow KSA Knights, Al Rose, Bill Gettle and Ray Bedford for working the reception desk for the Orient Investiture Ceremonies along with myself. Big KSA Cheer to outgoing KSA Chief, Scot Sageser and KSA Knight Sacristan Bob Gunther, both of whom were honored with the "red hat" or Knight Commander Court of Honor. Gentlemen were proud of you and grateful for your hard work within the KSA Chapter. Thank you. The KSA is planning 2 upcoming events and further info will be forthcoming. Into the void my Brother Knights!! **Knights of St. Andrew (KSA); Bill Hubbard, Chief**

**Lodge of Perfection:** Our Fall degree season started off TERRIFICALLY with a dynamic presentation of both the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Degree's and the communication of the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree by Ill. Jimmy Reid. Our stated meeting will be on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 6:30 pm. We will also be celebrating the feast of Tishri at this month's stated. Ill. Richard Kovak has re-scheduled his presentation of Albert Pike until either our November or December Stated. We will discuss this at the meeting. **Scot Sageser -VM**

**Secretary' report:** The fall reunion is upon us. We have two new candidates and two candidates who will complete required degrees from the Spring. Scottish Rite Dues for 2016 can now be paid. Dues can be paid online or by check sent directly to Bremerton Valley. An envelope is included in the dues notice. Members should have a plastic/permanent dues card. If you do not have a permanent dues card please notify the secretary and a new card can be ordered. **Chuck Compton 32<sup>nd</sup> KCCH, General Secretary, BVSr.**

**Jimmy Says:** Big commendation to the Director of the Work and his team. The fall reunion began very, very well with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Degree's. The props and paraphernalia, in addition to the new degree flip books are big improvements. This department stands head and shoulders as the most effective and improved area of our Valley. Our degree's incorporate the body of what the Scottish Rite is all about. The challenge is to effectively communicate and illustrate these teachings in a manner that makes a lasting impression on the candidates. I believe we have entered a new level of competency regarding this process. Impressive my Brothers, Impressive. **Ill. James N. Reid JR. 33<sup>rd</sup>, PR for the Valley of Bremerton.**

## THE SCOTTISH RITE

### OUR CREED

*Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.*

## NEWS LETTER OCTOBER 2015 UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT 7 LOP, Feast of Tishri 6:30 DINNER WITH PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

BREMERTON VALLEY FALL REUNION SCHEDULE, A LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE DEGREES

SEPT 30 6:00 PM 4TH & 6TH DEGREE  
OCT 14 6:30 PM 9TH, 10TH & 11TH DEGREES  
OCT 21 6:30 PM 13TH & 14TH DEGREES  
OCT 28 6:30 PM 18TH DEGREE  
NOV 11 6:30 PM 24TH DEGREE  
NOV 18 6:30 PM 30TH DEGREE  
DEC 9 6:30 32ND DEGREE

## MASONIC EVENTS AROUND THE SOUND:

OCT 11, FEAST OF TISHRI AT TACOMA VALLEY, PRIME RIB DINNER AT 6:00 PM WITH PROGRAM TO FOLLOW \$25.00 RSVP 253-565-0272

OLYMPIA VALLEY FEB 10, 2016 CAP AND RING CEREMONY DINNER 6:30 RSVP 360-412-1738

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR AT [WWW.BREMERTONVALLEYSR.ORG](http://WWW.BREMERTONVALLEYSR.ORG)**



## *Opportunities for Scottish Rite Education*

**ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!** The Master Craftsman program has been revamped!!!! Please visit: [www.Scottishritestore.org](http://www.Scottishritestore.org) for the new programs.

In addition to the Scottish Rite degrees, there are great opportunities to expand your knowledge with the following programs. Your local Scottish Rite Valley may have additional support to participate in these programs.

*The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman program is an exciting correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C..*



**Part I** 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.

**Part II** 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.

**Part 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.

Visit [www.scottishritestore.org](http://www.scottishritestore.org) for ordering and further information.

**Further Reading:** <http://scottishrite.org/members/masonic-education/suggested-reading/>

## Scottish Rite Degree Bodies

The Scottish Rite degrees are designed to examine different philosophies, ancient religions, and systems of ethics. Through all of these, people have tried to answer certain universal questions. The Degrees of the Rite do not tell a person what he should think about these questions. Instead, they tell him about what great thinkers and civilizations of the past have thought, and they try to create a situation in which the candidate or Brother can gain insight. Agreeing with Socrates that the unexamined life is not worth living, the Rite helps with this self-examination by providing reference points.



**Lodge of Perfection**

These degrees, the 4th through 14th, are called Ineffable Degrees because their principal purpose is the investigation and contemplation of the ineffable name of Deity.



**Chapter of Rose Croix**

These degrees, the 15th through 18th, are very complex. They attempt to invest the candidate with a deeper understanding of Religion, Philosophy, Ethics, and History. The intellectual challenges presented in these degrees, is at times overwhelming, and can take years to master.



**Council of Kadosh**

The degrees of the Council of Kadosh, 19th through 30th, are chivalric and philosophical, but also contain mystical material. The word "Kadosh" is a Hebrew word meaning "Holy".



**Consistory**

The Consistory Degrees, 31st through 32nd, are very different from all the preceding degrees. They attempt to illustrate the creation of the ideal balance between the spiritual and the temporal.

For an excellent overview of the Scottish Rite Degrees follow the below link:  
<http://www.dallascottishrite.org/default.asp?contentID=7>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MASTERCRAFTSMAN COURSE:** WE ARE FORMING A STUDY GROUP FOR THE MASTERCRAFTSMAN I COURSE. HANK CARMAN 32<sup>ND</sup>, KCCH HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE FACILITATOR/INSTRUCTOR FOR THIS CLASS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT RAY BEDFORD AT 360-898-4412.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 32<sup>ND</sup> MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET TO SERVE AS MENTORS FOR THE UPCOMING REUNION CLASS MEMBERS. WE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO HAVE MENTORS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE PAST 2 OR 3 REUNIONS SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY. AGAIN PLEASE CONTACT RAY BEDFORD 360-898-4412 OR [HOODCANALDIGS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:HOODCANALDIGS@YAHOO.COM)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A DEGREE TEAM FOR THE UPCOMING REUNION PLEASE CONTACT TOM DANGELO 360-271-2055 OR [CORTEZIT@REAGAN.COM](mailto:CORTEZIT@REAGAN.COM)

\*WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR INTERESTED BROTHERS FOR DEGREE PARTS. PLEASE REMEMBER THERE ARE MANY "NON SPEAKING" PARTS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED THAT DON'T REQUIRE A TON OF MEMORY WORK. THIS MAY BE A GREAT WAY FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE TO START OUT.

WE CONTINUE TO HOLD ILL. BROTHER BERNIE CURLEY 33<sup>RD</sup>, IN OUR PRAYERS

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BROTHER PAUL HENRY AND HIS FAMILY. PAUL IS DOING BETTER AND IS REHAB'ING AT MARTHA AND MARY IN POULSBO .

CONGRATULATIONS TO BR. HANK CARMAN, 32<sup>ND</sup>, KCCH FOR COMPLETING MASTERCRAFTSMAN I COURSE THROUGH THE SUPREME COUNCIL AASR SOUTHERN JURISTITION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES SHIVER 32<sup>ND</sup>, MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET, FOR COMPLETING THE MC III PROGRAM. JIM IS THE FIRST OF OUR BROTHERS TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE, WHICH ILLUMINATES THE CRAFT DEGREE'S.

THE PRESENTATION OF ALBERT PIKE BY ILL. RICHARD KOVAK HAS BEEN MOVED TO A LATER DATE. WE WILL BE SEEING RICHARD AND HIS REALLY INTERESTING PORTRAYAL OF ALBERT PIKE AT EITHER THE NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER STATED.

**Valley of Guthrie Fall Reunion Schedule:**

<http://guthriescottishrite.org/reunionschedule.aspx>



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