

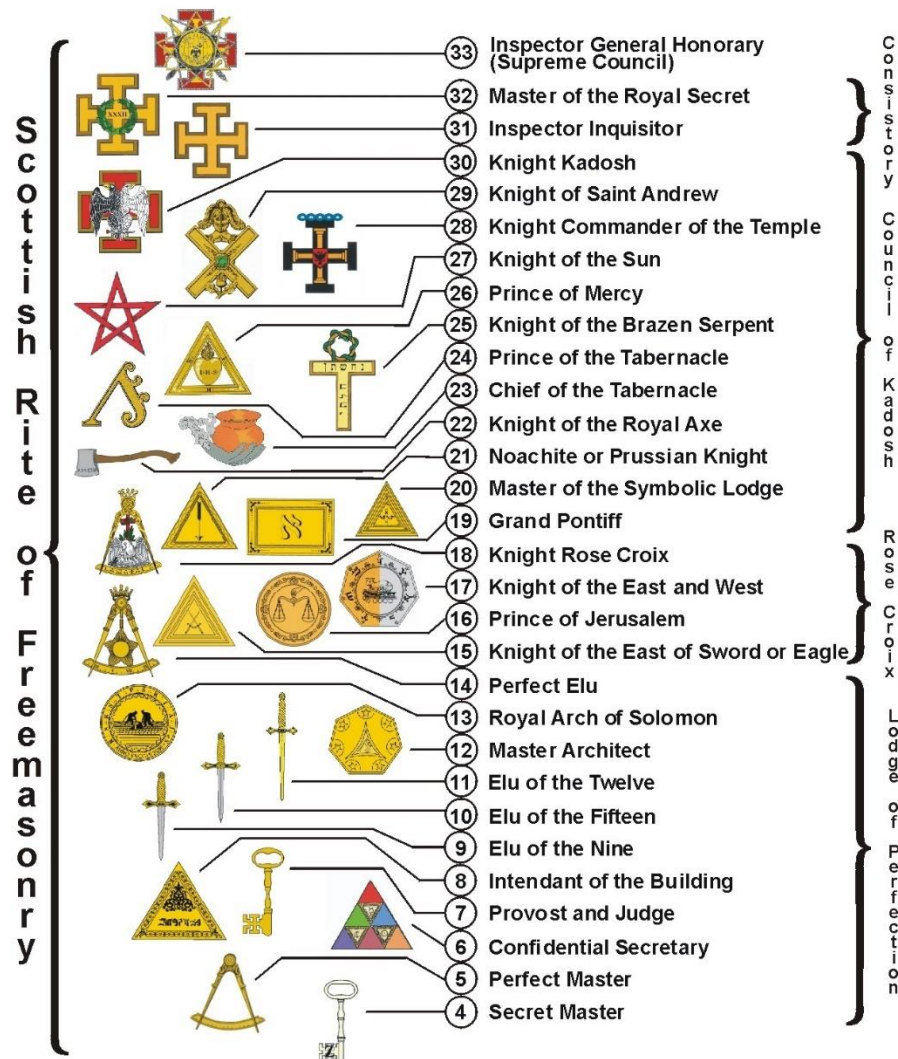


SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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VALLEY OF BREMERTON, SCOTTISH RITE, AASR
Here Comes YOUR REUNION!!

Profound Enlightenment and the path to Further Light in Masonry- The Scottish RITE



Please contact Tom Dangelo for the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Scottish Rite Reunion Degree's there are many spots available for cast members don't hesitate, GET INVOLVED. If you would like to become a member of the Scottish Rite....READ ON.



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Dates to remember:



FEAST OF TISHRI: OCT 5TH 2016 6:30 PM

OCTOBER STATED: October 5th 2016: Please attend and join our end of year work and fun!! Venerable Master Kirk “Al” Rose 32nd Master of the Royal Secret.
 Dinner starts at 6:30pm Meeting start 7:30pm.

NOVEMBER STATED: NOVEMBER 2ND, 2016.
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DEGREE DATES:

2ND WED	12	6:00:00 PM	4TH DGR, MASTER CRAFTSMAN STUDY SEMINAR PRECEDED BY DINNER	DINNER
3RD WED	19	6:00:00 PM	14TH DGR PRECEDED BY DINNER	DINNER
4TH WED	26	5:30:00 PM	18TH DGR PRECEDED BY DINNER	DINNER
SAT	29	10:00:00 AM	30TH AND 32ND DEGREE PRECEDED BY BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER				
1ST WED	2	6:30:00 PM	CAP AND RING DINNER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS	LIGHT DINNER

PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR AT WWW.BREMERTONVALLEYSR.ORG

THIS IS A BIG DEAL!! WE ARE DEDICATED TO BEING A SOURCE OF EXCELLENCE IN MASONIC EDUCATION. THIS IS WHERE GOOD MEN GET BETTER. DO IT RIGHT WITH THE SCOTTISH RITE!



24° - Knight of the Tabernacle

The Jewish tabernacle was more symbolic than an ordinary reading of the Scriptures would indicate. Whether it was copied after other religions or not has never been settled to the satisfaction of the leading scholars. Josephus, the great Hebrew historian, says that in the construction of it, and its vestments and sacred vessels, the whole world was in some way represented. In this we again see the influence of the Egyptian teachings. The twelve loaves of shew bread signify the twelve months of the year and the candlestick the twelve signs of the Zodiac.

Philo asserts that the cherubim represented the two hemispheres.

Symbols were the universal language of ancient theology. Symbolic instruction was the uniform usage of antiquity as a system of mysterious communication. The Mysteries were a series of symbols which strive to recall man to his Divine Origin, and point out to him the means of returning hither. The great science acquired in the Mysteries was knowledge of man's self, of the nobleness of his origin, the grandeur of his destiny, and his superiority over the animals, which can never acquire this knowledge. The human mind still speculates upon the great mysteries of nature, and still finds its ideals anticipated by the ancients, whose profound thoughts are to be looked for, not in their philosophies, but in their symbols, by which they endeavored to express the great ideas that vainly struggled for utterance in words, as they viewed the great circle of phenomena - Birth, Life, Death, and New Life out of Death - to them the greatest of mysteries.

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BROTHER TO BROTHER

INSTRUCTION AND TEACHING FROM OUR BROTHERS.

FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY BR. JORGE NOLASCO, 32ND MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

THINK ABOUT THIS ARTICLE IN TERMS OF OUR VALLEY AND APPLICATIONS WE CAN DRAW FROM AND APPLY TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

THANK YOU BROTHER!!! WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU AS PART OF THE VALLEY TEAM!!

Attending the Fellows Program August 13, 2016

By Br. Jorge Nolasco, 32nd Master of the Royal Secret

As a relatively new member of Scottish Rites, I have been very grateful being a part of Bremerton Valley. The Valley granted me the honor of attending the Fellows Program at the temple in Washington, DC, during the weekend of August 13-14, 2016. And what an absolutely wonderful event it was for me! Meeting brethren from across the United States was quite memorable as well as members of the Supreme Council.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the event for me was when we were challenged by the Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale to answer the following: What is your ideal valley? So we each took that question to heart and broke up into two groups. In my group, below is what I was able to capture in my notes about how we tried to answer the question:

- Good work, no cutting costs. The sense was that what we do in the Valley is valuable and should be treated as such. We should not look for short cuts in our degree work; the progression is as important as the finish. This led into deeper discussion about how some Fellows felt the degree work in their Valley is done too quickly.
- Ride with brother Masons. Sharing rides with brother Masons is a way to foster fellowship as well as helping brothers who have difficulty getting to meetings. Our brother from Hawaii, Donald Alvarado, mentioned how his Valley had an active program wherein younger brothers would pick up the senior brothers from their homes to ensure they made it to meetings.
- Education is important. Education should be well integrated into the meetings and operations of the Valleys. This was brought up a few times during discussion.
- Every reunion gets their own social identity. Using social media outlets such as Facebook and Linked In, encourage each reunion to establish their own social identity to keep in touch.
- Fellowship, education, and engagement. Approach our Valley operations by keeping fellowship, education, and engagement as drivers of our operations.
- 30 minute education training at stated meetings. Before stated meeting and after dinner, the Venerable Master conducts a 30 minute training session on some aspect of Scottish Rites Masonry. I personally found this to be intriguing; perhaps hold sessions wherein senior and junior members jointly conduct the training.

- Squire program. Establish a squire program; further info can come from Valleys that already have such a program. If I remember correctly, Valleys in Texas have such a program.
- Officer advancement. Officer advancement through the ranks should be done by demonstrating proficiency in degree work. As officers, there should be no question as to the brother's abilities and knowledge pertaining to degree work.
- Speakers Bureau. Valleys should establish a speaker's bureau, specifically videos that members can reference. These videos should be about topics related to Masonry.
- Replacement program. For most Valleys, degree teams are pretty set, so Valleys should have active replacement programs where senior team members are training and mentoring their replacement.
- Spouse program. There was a general consensus that a happy spouse meant brothers could continue to be involved in masonic endeavors. While said in jest, this led to further discussion about having an active spouse program. The program would be centered on involving spouses in Valley efforts to include spouses encouraged to meet and interact with each other.
- Birthday phone calls. Valley leadership should be making phone calls to brothers on their birthdays.
- Scottish Rites anniversary phone calls. Valley leadership should be making phone calls to brothers on the dates that the brothers joined Scottish Rites.
- Degree Director. Establish a Degree Director in the Valley who is empowered to assign a person who would be in charge for each degree. The assigned person would then be responsible to establishing and running practices for their respective degree.
- Scottish Rites club. For certain Valleys, geography can cause difficulties, and a Scottish Rites club helps with that issue.
- Ambassador program. Each Valley establishes an ambassador program where designated ambassadors attend lodge meeting to market Scottish Rites and encourage membership.
- Skillset/interest list. Each Valley creates a list showing what each brother's skillset/interest. This would foster discussion, fellowship, and sharing in hobbies, interests, and other matters.
- Rank progression. For some Valleys, rank progression is difficult for junior members because senior members hold offices for some time.
- Combining Valleys. Faced with dropping membership, Orients should consider combining Valleys. The difficulty in this is the sense of entrenched attitudes towards change; specifically, brothers may not want to drive farther than they already do to attend meetings if Valleys combine.
- Vet/first responder luncheons. Valleys sponsor veteran and first responder luncheon to thank them for their service. This is also a way to expose the community to Scottish Rites and encourage membership.
- Assign representatives to each Masonic widow. In keeping with the idea of taking care of each other, assign reps to each widow. Too often we lose connections with spouses when brethren pass away, and this is a sad occurrence that shouldn't really happen.
- Different bodies open each month. Have the different bodies in each Valley open meetings.
- 33rd degree team. A raising done by a team exclusively made up of 33rd degree Masons.

- Mason of the year. Have a Mason of the year program at each Valley. Personally, I feel this should be driven by the Orients so that there is a Mason of the Orient; each Valley's Mason of the year goes up for consideration as Mason of the Orient.
- Degree research group. Establish a formal yet loose degree research group in each Valley. These groups meet in informal settings like a restaurant but have formal research discussions on degree work. The group would foster engagement, fellowship, and degree work improvements.
- Valley engages with their community. Richard Campbell, from the San Francisco Valley, mentioned how his Valley would hold a fashion show open to the public. This allowed brothers to talk to those who had no knowledge about masonry and Scottish Rites. In doing so, it would perhaps bring future brothers to the fold. Rich mentioned how people would tell him how they would walk past the building and had no clue what was there.
- Valley stated meetings being mobile. Have stated meetings move to and held at different lodges within the Valley area.
- Doors Open program. Denver Valley conducts a "Doors Open" program where they give building tours and discuss the history and architecture of their buildings. It is a way to introduce Scottish Rites to the public.
- Valley History program. Have a program that captures and collects the history of the Valley.
- Passport program. Fayetteville, as well as others, mentioned they have a passport program. More info should come from Valleys who have this program.

Again, I am grateful to my Valley, Bremerton Valley, for honoring me and supporting me in attending the Fellows Program in DC. I hope I have done justice to the Valley's support of me by bringing back what I learned and heard at the event.



IN Brief

We are still looking for a good, clean picture or clipart of the 32nd Degree Camp. Please forward to Scot Sageser @ ssageser@gmail.com if you have such.

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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 32ND 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

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

*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.

(BROTHERS WE NEED YOU TO SUBMIT INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE VALLEY AND THE SCOTTISH RITE FOR THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER, YES!!! THAT MEANS YOU!!!)

Valley of Guthrie Fall Reunion Schedule:

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



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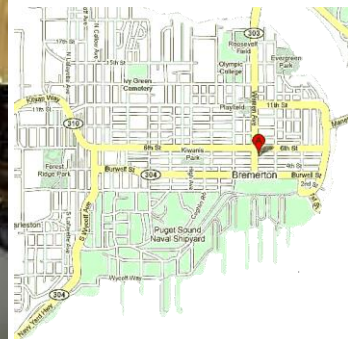
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VMAP—Just Do It.



By Joel T. Bundy, 32°, Norfolk Valley VMAP Chairman
Scottish Rite Mirror, Valley of Norfolk, VA

The year 1988 marked the launch of one of the most successful advertising campaigns in American business history. With its “Just Do It” advertising campaign, NIKE, Inc. increased sales from \$877 million to \$9.2 billion and dominated with 43% of the American short-shoe market.

Can we learn something more from that slogan? Does it make a difference if we “Just Do It” when it comes to our daily lives and behaviors at home, work and play, and specifically in the

Scottish Rite with the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP)? Are there tools that can help us to get work done in our Valleys, to better engage the brethren with focus on teams, subsequently leading to motivated discovery of things new?

Yes!

Much of it has already been well studied and with legions of articles and books written, often stemming from other sections of society, such as from the business community. Nike convinced a generation to buy their shoes. We should learn from what they accomplished in 1988 in an effort to increase Valley membership, but more importantly to improve the quality of the experience in our meetings and during ritual, foster mentoring, further education and enhance fellowship. This is the power of influence. In John C. Maxwell's book, the 360 Leader, he writes that in addition to influencing those who lead us, our peers, and those whom we lead, we should spend the most time learning to lead ourselves.

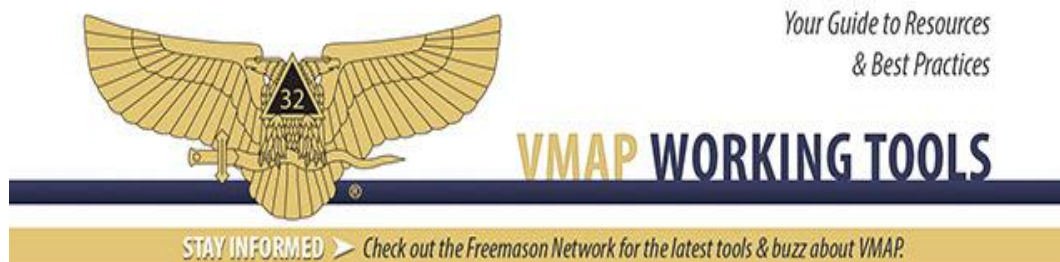
Often we speak about what we want to achieve, but not how to achieve it. This leads to confusion. We need to determine how to achieve our goals, then to look for behaviors that will help us to accomplish this, and focus our energies there. The first time I read the now classic book "Influencer" by Kerry Patterson and Joseph Grenny, it became clear that we usually tell others, including ourselves, that we need to "have a better meeting," or "increase membership" or "improve the experience of our reunion" without giving them a roadmap with "vital behaviors" on the how. For example, in the hospital setting, as a way to avoid having a wrong-side surgery, it is not enough to tell a surgeon to avoid this, but we must provide a checklist, similar to the airline industry.

This checklist is necessary behavior that will allow the surgeon to avoid causing accidental harm, and has been scientifically proven to be effective. It is not enough simply to wish to do the best practice. Thus it is with us, in our Valley. Our checklist has come to us in the form of the VMAP tool, full of specific, measurable goals all pushing our Valley to the outcomes we want-to be better. This difference in the emphasis on behaviors over outcomes is a foundational point. Making VMAP a contest or game to complete also aligns with what we understand in neuropsychology regarding human satisfaction. Again, Patterson and Grenny speak to turning simple tasks into rewarding accomplishments, in part from the immediate feedback given. There are reasons that McDonald's restaurants continue to play its Monopoly game after so many years...it works. How do we get ourselves and others to consider and work on these behaviors?

There are two important questions that the authors of *Influencer* posit as fundamental, and these deal with motivation and ability: Is it worth it, and can I do it? Ask yourself these questions when considering any activity. If you cannot answer yes to both, then you are likely to fail. The Situational Leadership model stems from exactly these questions. Why do people feel that something is out of their comfort zone or ability? Sometimes it is because our emotions and intellect are not aligned. Another wonderful book that should be in your library is *The Happiness Hypothesis*, where Jonathan Haidt writes about the elephant and the rider, the elephant being our emotions, and the rider our intellect. A common psychological phenomenon is that big projects will often spook the emotional speaker.

As is done with VMAP, it is important to break down goals into small actions, each of them more achievable than when considering it as a whole. Our intellect on its own as the rider is unable to tame an unruly elephant. VMAP has ten sections, each with its own small and manageable goals and tasks. So what does “just do it” have to do with the VMAP program? It is part of influencing ourselves through classical conditioning. Simply doing an activity can lead to feedback that can be in itself rewarding. It brings us back for more. Little Mikey ate his Life cereal and liked it. Exercise and running, when done consistently, often leads to intrinsic satisfaction, even if not obvious at the beginning, but the eventual outcomes reinforce the behaviors. If we just do the specific small actions as outlined with VMAP, we avoid spooking the elephant, allow everyone to play, get satisfaction from the immediate feedback, condition ourselves to want to continue even after we finish our “contest” this year.

Answering those important questions, yes, we can do it, and yes, it is worth it. If our fraternity is to survive and remain relevant for the next one hundred years, we need to lead it there. Not necessarily because we have the control to do so, but by our ability, without true positional authority, to accomplish something akin to what Nike did back in the 80's. Remembering what Maxwell so eloquently stated, “The true measure of leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less”. It all starts with you. Now, Just Do It!



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I have authored, edited and translated numerous books, articles and publications on Freemasonry, and frequently contribute to "Heredom," the annual transaction of the Scottish Rite Research Society. I also serve as the Grand Archivist and chairman of publications of the Grand College of Rites (GCR), a Masonic organization dedicated to the preservation and study of disused Masonic and quasi-Masonic ritual. I have edited "Collectanea," the GCR's annual transaction since 1994.

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