

# The Trowel



Scottish Rite of Freemasonry  
Valley of Tacoma  
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## Message from the Venerable Master

Bro. Michael J. Riley, 32<sup>o</sup>



### Could Masonry Be Suffering from “The Tragedy of the Commons?” (Article found by the editor on Masonleadbetter.com)

“The Tragedy of the Commons” is a concept introduced by the economist and ecologist Garrett Hardin, the Tragedy of the Commons states that in a system where a common resource is shared, with no individual responsible for the well-being of the resource, it will tend to be depleted over time.

*The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle pointed out the problem with common resources: ‘What is common to many is taken least care of, for all men have greater regard for what is their own than for what they possess in common with others.’*

So, could it be that Masonry suffers because of this concept?

#### Consider these statements:

The common resource is Masonry.

Increasingly no individual responsibility is taken for the well-being of the resource  
The common resource, Masonry, is being depleted over time.

#### Maybe it’s because some Brothers believe this:

“Masonry has survived for hundreds of years and I am sure there are many Brothers who are looking out for the well-being of Masonry so if I don’t participate it won’t matter. I am very busy with my career and my family. Masonry will be there when I have time. I just don’t have the time now.”

#### Or maybe you might hear:

“I don’t go to lodge because it is boring, I wish someone would do something about it.”

#### Or maybe just this:

“I supported Masonry with my time for many years, it’s somebody else’s turn.”  
These statements reflect an attitude of disregard for the shared responsibility for the fraternity we all have as Masons. If we all think this way, our valuable, common resource, diminishes over time.

#### Might I suggest we all think about these questions:

“What is it, even if it is something very small, can I contribute to the Fraternity?”  
“What small amount of time can I sacrifice to ensure the well-being and continuation of our common resource?”  
“When can I begin?”

### MAY EVENTS

1 - *Lodge of Perfection*  
Dinner 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM



2 - *Visitation - Valley of Bremerton*  
878 5<sup>th</sup> St, Bremerton, WA

4- *Class Reunion 6:00 PM*

5 - *Class Reunion 8:00 PM*

13- *Mother’s Day*

19 - *Celebrating The Craft - 3:00 PM*  
Sponsored by the Knights of Saint Andrews

20 - *Masonic Study Group 6:00 PM*

29 - *Officers’ Meeting 7:00 PM*

### June Events

5- *Feast of the Consistory*  
&  
*Ring and Cap Ceremony*  
Dinner 6:30 PM

*Chapter of Rose Croix*  
Meeting 7:30 PM



17 - *Father’s Day*

17 - *Masonic Study Group - 6:30 PM*

26 - *Officers’ Meeting 7:00 PM*

Tacoma Valley meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Unless indicated, all meetings and events are at 817 S. Vassault St., Tacoma, WA.

All Sojourning Scottish Rite Masons are welcome.



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## SPRING CLASS REUNION

Friday May 4 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 5 - 8:00 AM



## Personal Representative's Message

Ill. Miles Stover, 33°



### Why Did You Join the Scottish Rite?

Brothers, we are about to be given a great opportunity in the Valley of Tacoma. This May we expect to have over twenty new Brothers join our fraternity. After the excitement diminishes from seeing so many new faces we should ask ourselves, "Why are they joining the Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite?" And while there will be many reasons, I suspect there is at least one common thread – to learn more about Masonry and specifically the Scottish Rite.

I will be presumptuous and suggest that when all of us joined the Scottish Rite we had a hunger for more education on Masonry too. I will again be presumptuous and suggest that when we all went through our reunions and given our Black Hats we were exposed to so much information in those two days we remembered very little. Thankfully we got "more light" but it in my case it took a while.

If my recollection serves me, the communications conducted by our Brother John Mulhall and his support cast between the ritual performances do a very good job of exposing the candidates to lots and lots of information. That relaying of information is necessary so that the degrees up to and including the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree can be conferred. The amount of information can also be over whelming. Let me go out on a ledge and say no one remembers all that information.

Let me go out on another ledge and say I strongly suggest each and every candidate knows why they are joining the Scottish Rite. **Why don't we focus on those subjects?**

Here is how I think we can make the V of T the best darn Valley in Washington. (Competition isn't bad...) After the reunion:

1. Always sit next to a new Brother at a meal or during the stated meeting. Ask him what he expects and interests him. Answer his questions if you know or get the answer and bring it back to him. **Goal: Have him think "Wow, they are interested in me."**

2. Introduce him to a Master of any/all bodies face-to-face. You do the introduction and tell the Master what you know. Make sure the Master takes responsibility for getting back to the new Brother with answers to his questions. **Goal: Have the new Brother think "Wow, I am important and know someone who can help me".**

3. Walk up to a new Brother and ask him what activities knows about i.e. stagecraft, ritual actors, committees, ROTC presentations, Knights of Saint Andrews (KSA), Ritual Riders etc. Talk to Joe McAlister who is in charge of the Knight of the Double Eagle program. He knows lots of activities they and you can participate in.

**Goal: You and the new Brother get exposed to more things that can be done and say, "Wow there are lots of neat activities I can get involved with".**

We have to keep the 20+ Brothers from this reunion wanting to come to meetings and wanting to be active. We can't hope that they get what they joined the Scottish Rite for by accident. We need to make the needed accidents happen. We need to know what we need to do to meet their goals. **Oh BTW, you need to make your wants and needs known. You are important.**

**In sum, let's take charge of our own destiny, have some fun and make the Valley of Tacoma the best it can be!**

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Ill. Miles Stover, 33°

# What's Happening in the Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite

## Ceremony of Relighting of the Lights

The Chapter of Rose Croix celebrated the Ceremony of Relighting of the Lights on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Valley of Tacoma building at 8:00 AM. The brethren gathered to relight the promises and obligations made as Scottish Rite Masons. We had the honor to have in attendance our Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of Washington, Ill. Al Jorgensen. Our Wise Master, Bro. Joseph McAlister, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH, did an excellent job in preparing this ceremony.

## Happy Mother's Day

**On behalf of the Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G., The officers and members of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and the Consistory, we wish our ladies and widows a**



## Double Eagle Award

The following brethren were awarded the Double Eagle or had an additional bar added to their Double Eagle medal in the month of April..



Bro. Ken Gibson receiving the Double Eagle Award for his 500 points..

Are you a Master Craftsman?



Do you want to further your Masonic education in Scottish Rite? Inquire on the Master Craftsman Program with Bro. Joseph L. McAlister, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH.

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, D.C., under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

### Course I

It consists of six lessons, utilizing The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Cross, and A Bridge to Light by Rex Hutchens, 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Cross, as its textbooks.

### Course II

It 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.

### Course 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. This will reveal that the "High Degrees" began to develop soon after formation of the Premier Grand Lodge (1717).

Each course consists of 7 quizzes, after completion of which the participant will receive a certificate and a lapel pin.

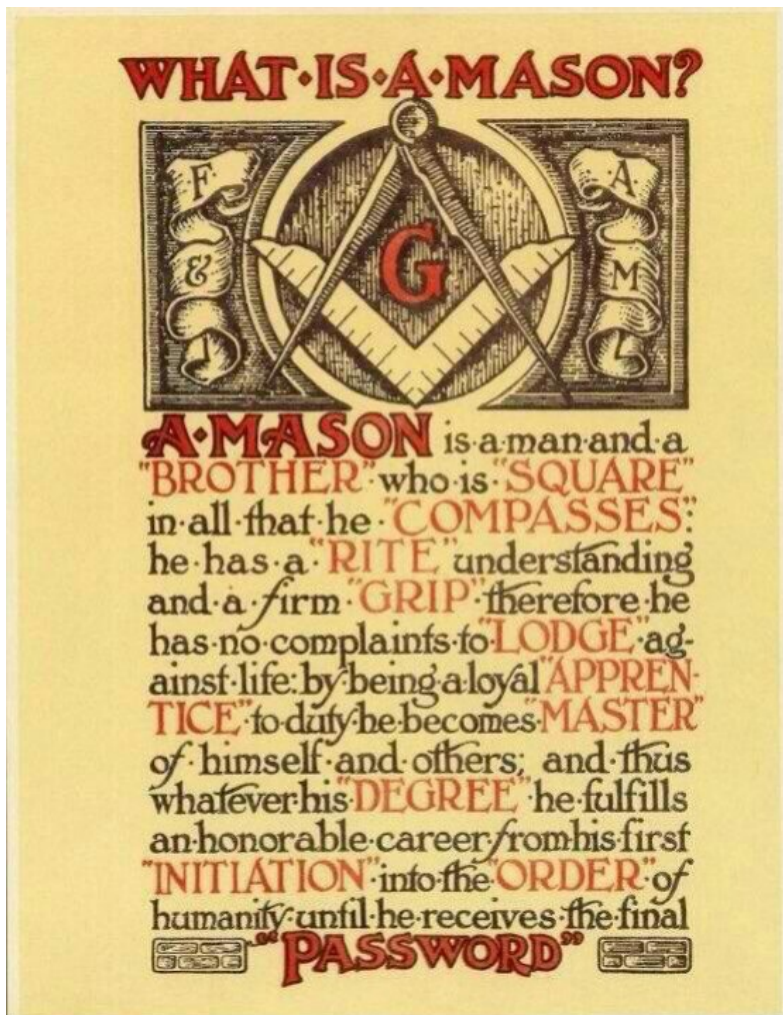
## Double Eagle Award



Brothers Ken Cowen and David A. Aponte on achieving their 1000 points.



Brother James Nero on achieving his 2000 points.



*"Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts."* Albert Einstein

## *Elected Officers*



### *Lodge of Perfection*

**Bro. Michael J. Riley, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
Venerable Master

**Bro. David B. Barrett, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
Senior Warden

**Bro. Kyle (Coach) S. Foster, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
Junior Warden



### *Chapter of Rose Croix*

**Bro. Joseph L. McAlister, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**  
Wise Master

**Bro. David A. Aponte, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
Senior Warden

**Bro. Kenneth (Ken) Cowen, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
Junior Warden



### *Council of Knights Kadosh*

**Bro. Mark W. Thompson, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
Commander

**Bro. William D. Cooper, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander

**Bro. Scott T. Dilley, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander



### *Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret*

**Bro. Michael A. Smitson, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**  
Master of Kadosh

**Bro. Alexander J. Jordan, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**  
Prior

**Bro. Karl S. Reith, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**  
Preceptor

## *In Memoriam*



To all our Fraters that passed on to the Celestial Lodge above. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your love ones.

**None Reported this month**

## *Sickness & Distress*



Please place in your prayers for a quick recovery and wellness the following brethren and their ladies:

***None Reported for this month***

## *HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE*



**T**o the following brethren celebrating their birthday during this month the Valley of Tacoma wants to congratulate and wish them the best and another wonderful and blessed year:

## *May Birthdays*

**James Arnold Anderson**

**Donald Lee Brewer**

**David Paul Burrough**

**Ronald Michael Cook**

**Ronald Lee Doms**

**Jack Franklin Dover**

**Antonio Fernandez**

**Johnathan G. Fisher**

**Kevin Eugene Gent**

**Charles Tracy Heberle**

**James Jerry Helbling**

**Frank Livingston Hicks**

**George Washington Ingle**

**Harold Carl Jensen**

**Walter Kaleilani Keohi**

**Jerad A. Koepf**

**Dan Arthur Langworthy**

**Aric Jay Leadabrand**

**Patrick A. Martin**

**Charles H. Matthaei**

**Ronald Ralph McCallister**

**Charles Irwin McClure**

**William Scott Norris**

**David Wayne Riggers**

**Matthew Dale Rutledge**

**Nathan David Schepis**

**Scott Edward Thompson**

**Gregory Lynn Waggoner**

**Donald Michael Wertman**

**H. Reid Williamson**

**Larry George Winchester**

**Jeremy Bryan Yielding**

**Skott Alan Young**



## HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE

**T**o the following brethren that are celebrating another year as a Scottish Rite Mason, may you continue to enjoy the fellowship and receive further Light as a Scottish Rite Mason.

### Membership Anniversary

William C. Acord 32° (36 years)  
Gordon K. Anderson 32° (53 years)  
Robert R. Annon 32° (43 years)  
James A. Anton 32° (52 years)  
Basil Anton 32° (52 years)  
David A. Aponte 32° (25 years)  
Billy J. Arends 32° (33 years)  
Ill. Douglas A Baker 33° (29 years)  
Richard E. Bangert II 32° (43 years)  
John D. Barber 32° (25 years)  
William B. Bede 32° (52 years)  
Larry M. Bitow 32° KCCH (22 years)  
James H. Bleasdell 14° (32 years)  
William B. Bonnell 14° (38 years)  
Ill. John M. Brett 33° (29 years)  
Randol K. Brookshier 14° (34 years)  
Ill. Jeffery A. Brunson 33° (28 years)  
Donn J. Brunson 14° (38 years)  
Richard C. Buckland 14° (26 years)  
Albert E. Bundt 32° (32 years)  
Gerald G. Burg 14° (65 years)  
David P. Burrough 14° (35 years)  
Robert E. Carlson 14° (42 years)  
Irvin Carter Jr. 14° (15 years)  
David W. Colbeth 32° (4 years)  
Charles Collins 32° (27 years)  
William D. Cooper 32° KCCH (6 years)  
Harold R. Cooper 14° (52 years)  
Terance H. Dawson 14° (30 years)  
Matthew T. deMille 32° (1 years)  
Scott T. Dille 32° (4 years)  
William A. Ehlers 32° (16 years)  
Gary W. Emmons 32° (1 years)  
Hans Eyman 32° (6 years)  
Esper M. Fairhart 14° (52 years)  
Robert W. Fannin 14° (57 years)  
Luther R. Fanning 14° (33 years)  
Lyle E Fox 14° (40 years)  
Ill. Garry A. Gerking 33° (35 years)  
Joseph L Graul 14° (31 years)  
Victor H. Guenther 14° (32 years)  
Ronald D. Haave Sr 32° (16 years)  
Ill. William [Bill] H. Hammontree 33° (30 years)  
Ill. Charles [Charley] D. Hansen 33° (34 years)  
Ronald J. Harris 14° (24 years)  
Richard E. Harshman 14° (34 years)  
Kenneth R. Haskins 32° (54 years)  
R. [Rex] L. Heberden 14° (21 years)  
Charles T. Heberle III 32° KCCH (29 years)  
James J. Helbling 14° (40 years)  
Robert L. Heydlauff Jr 14° (36 years)  
Gregory M. Hill 32° (9 years)  
Karl J. Ickes 32° (12 years)  
Gary E. Jacobson 14° (42 years)  
Rodrigo G. Jimenez 32° (40 years)  
Wilbur E. Johnson 14° (34 years)  
Franklin D. Jones 14° (47 years)  
Charles E. Jorgenson 14° (29 years)  
Walter K. Keohi 14° (39 years)  
Dennis A. King 14° (41 years)  
Jack A. Kotchkoe 14° (47 years)  
Ill. Wendal H. Kuecker 33° (42 years)  
John R. Kuehl 14° (62 years)  
William C. Landreth Jr 32° (24 years)  
Frank A. Lawler 32° (15 years)  
Paul I. Leach 14° (34 years)  
Aric J. Leadabrand 32° (13 years)  
Alphey G. Leavitt 14° (36 years)  
Frederick A. Levy 14° (61 years)  
Raymond T. Lock 32° (26 years)  
Robert H. Loomis 14° (34 years)  
Lawrence [Bill] W. Lowery Jr 32° (18 years)  
Gene R. Lowery 14° (34 years)  
Larry S. Luckman 14° (31 years)  
Sterling E. MacDonald 14° (62 years)  
Virgil G. Maier 32° KCCH (40 years)  
Daniel H. Marsh 32° (9 years)  
Patrick A. Martin Jr. 32° (6 years)  
Joe E. McBee 14° (36 years)  
Jack R. McClary 32° (54 years)  
Charles I. McClure 14° (43 years)  
Mark L. McIntire 32° KCCH (20 years)  
Charles H. McNabb 32° (16 years)  
Robert D. McClamma 32° (16 years)  
Zane P. McCune 32° (9 years)  
Harold N. McMillan Sr. 32° (12 years)  
Robert L. Michaels 14° (31 years)  
George K. Miller 14° (29 years)  
Howard M. Moergeli 14° (43 years)  
Calvin P. Morgan Jr 14° (42 years)



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## Membership Anniversary

Joseph A. Morris 32° (28 years)  
 Martin Mueller III 14° (53 years)  
 Don H. Nau 14° (55 years)  
 Ill. Lawrence T. Newsham 33° (20 years)  
 Chris E. Nielsen 14° (29 years)  
 William S. Norris 32° (22 years)  
 Allen L. Oliver 32° (9 years)  
 Warren D. Olson 32° (28 years)  
 TomaHawk S. Pearson 32° (6 years)  
 Eugene O. Pearson 14° (37 years)  
 Ill. Donald M. Perry 33° (67 years)  
 Robert E. Person 14° (34 years)  
 Mark J. Peters 32° KCCH (28 years)  
 George L. Pfost 32° (26 years)  
 Roy J. Pidcock 32° (25 years)  
 Ill. Roy L. Plunkett 33° (34 years)  
 Allyn S. Pollock 32° (28 years)  
 Gene R. Porter 32° (24 years)  
 Robert A. Powell 14° (19 years)  
 Charlie E. Priddy 14° (34 years)  
 Rexford R. Pulfrey 14° (33 years)  
 Michael S. Rawls 32° KCCH (22 years)  
 Karl S. Reith 32° KCCH (37 years)  
 Avery A. Romine 32° (18 years)  
 Arthur L. Runyan 14° (32 years)  
 Ill. Duane E. Ryden 33° (38 years)  
 Jack Saelid 32° (30 years)  
 Lawrence W. Sandlin 32° (30 years)  
 James E. Sandy 32° (6 years)  
 Frederick H. Savage 14° (53 years)  
 Vaughn H. Schmitz 32° (12 years)  
 Robert C. Shropshire 32° (20 years)  
 Edward J. Smith 14° (34 years)

Michael [Mike] A. Smitson 32° KCCH (19 years)  
 Nils M. Sortland 32° (27 years)  
 Dale E. Spitler 14° (32 years)  
 Brian N. Stoll 14° (34 years)  
 Russell L. Sutton 32° (1 years)  
 Donald R. Swanson 32° (25 years)  
 Scott A. Syme 14° (35 years)  
 Richard H. Taylor 32° (18 years)  
 Ray R. Taylor 32° (25 years)  
 John C. Taylor 14° (48 years)  
 Mitchell [Mitch] A. Thomas 32° (12 years)  
 Jerome B. Thomas 32° (12 years)  
 Herbert G. Turner Jr 32° KCCH (14 years)  
 Bruce Urani 32° (24 years)  
 Brian E. Vanderhoef 14° (32 years)  
 Gregory L. Waggoner 32° (25 years)  
 Fred O. Walden 14° (29 years)  
 Leroy F. Wallace 14° (42 years)  
 Harry W. Walter 14° (48 years)  
 Charles B. Walters 14° (29 years)  
 Anthony J. Warner 14° (33 years)  
 Willard R. Warren 14° (52 years)  
 Donald [Don] M. Wertman 32° KCCH (13 years)  
 Edward [Dalton] D. White Jr Jr 32° KCCH (24 years)  
 Larry G. Winchester 14° (37 years)  
 Gary K. Wolfe 32° (9 years)  
 George E. Wolz 32° KCCH (32 years)  
 Wayne W. Woodruff 14° (38 years)  
 Dennis W. Wright 32° (15 years)  
 Ryan R. Wright 14° (35 years)  
 Ill. Jeremy B. Yielding 33° (12 years)



3:00 PM

Valley of Tacoma

## Inspirational Thoughts

By Bro. Michael Rawls, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH



### *Finding The Source of The Problem*

I was on the plane going to Pensacola, sitting next to an engaging young woman. I encouraged her to talk because I wanted to know more about where I was going, and our conversation made the flight most enjoyable. We discussed many things, and eventually found our way to the subject of religion and spirituality. I learned that there are nearly as many church congregations in the south as there are drive-in restaurants. One on every block, just about...

I learned that she is a survivor of breast cancer, and that she has had her share of problems in this life. She tells me she deals with things a bit differently than her sister, even though their upbringing is similar. Her spiritual center has helped her to overcome the worst of the difficulties she has faced, but it is a daily exercise in patience and personal growth. We agree on that, without question.

She described the following, as an example of how people deal may with problems in their life:

"Let's say that I am walking along on a riverbank, and suddenly, a dead body floats down the river. What do I do with it? Why, no sense letting a dead body stink up the place, is there? So I bury it.

"No sooner than I complete the task, another dead body comes along. Then, another, and another.

"So, there I am, busily digging holes and burying bodies. Soon, the bodies begin to pile up. More than I can bury. What do I do now? Just keep burying bodies as quickly as I can? Stop walking along the river??"

"Or, walk upstream, and find out where they are coming from, and deal with the problem at the source?"

It's a valid question. The example she gave took me back to late 1998, when things were really piling up on me. I couldn't bury the bodies fast enough, and they were beginning to stink up my life. It was time to find out what the problem was. I had too many bodies buried already.

I am grateful I took the time to do so. I didn't know that was what I was doing with my life at that time. But I know when I begin to see things coming at me today, it is not only because I need the challenge of dealing with them effectively. The lessons to be learned in the challenges I face are also found in the source of the problem and how I deal with that.

I have also learned that a walk along the river can be an enjoyable experience, once again.

Michael Rawls, Friday's Inspiration © 2003, 2018

***"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."***

***Gandhi***



# *Masonic Education*

## **The Lost Word Part 3**

By Bro. Arthur C. Parker, New York

(Source: 1923 *The Builder*, November Volume IX, Number 11 in its original language)

Before going far afield, let us look toward the Hebrew Bible, to see how these scriptures depict the search. Let us scan the first line of Genesis and read from the Hebrew, itself, "In the beginning Gods created-". But let us be more specific; the word translated here "gods" is the Hebrew plural word Elohim (Alohim). Let us pause; why should the scriptures say "gods"? The answer is not afar off; the ancient Hebrews had more than one god! Every critical scholar admits this and seeks to enlighten us upon the ancient Hebrew pantheon. But we need not go afar to see that even the scriptures as we have them also admit this. But in this word El (o) him we have the root Al, El, Il, and in that word we have the whole religious history of Babylon and Semitic Asia Minor of antiquity. This word al means "turning toward" and further elucidation, as suggested by Professor Delitzch, shows that it means "that which a man, turns toward as a goal."

The ancient thought of their gods as dwelling up above in the place toward which man turns his eyes in and above the sky. A Babylonian hymn calls the sun-god "the goal toward which all the eyes of the inhabitants are turned". (Cf. Job xxxvi, 25.) So, following this idea, the oldest of Semites gave to the God-one who dwelt above and ruled the sky world the name il or el. It was He to whom they looked. The worship of Il or El by the early North Semitic tribes as well as to the south was an established fact as early as 2500 B.C., 1300 years before the rise of the religion of Yahwe [Jehovah]. In later times these Els or Elohim were conceived as plural beings, duads and triads and more. Suffice to relate that the names of the early Hebrew gods were many and all of the local gods or baals, and particularly Ashtar and Yerahme'el. These to the Hebrews were all Elohim, just as to the northern Semites of Palestine they were Baalhim or baals. The word El, or Al, was a far-spread name and from it the Arabians took the name of their Deities, and later the Mohammedans used it in constructing their word for God - Allah. Cheyne points out an interesting origin for the name El and ascribes it to the Phoenician alm. This word was used as the title of the chief god of the Phoenician trinity who was Yerahme'el. The title may have been thus applied but as a word it was used far earlier than this special application of it.

In the historical fragments that we have given we have only indicated the world search, age-long, for the "lost word". In the new dispensation we are given a clear vision of how we may discover that word and apply it. Lost? Why should it ever have been lost? In all ages there have been those who possessed that word, but these have been the few who had paid the price of learn. It was folly, to think that this "word" could ever be communicated by word of mouth or by outward sign, for it can be known only from one source and by one means. In ancient Freemasonry under the old operative system there were three masters sitting in the west, "thereby better enabling them to observe the rising of the sun in the east". Each master bore a rod as the symbol of his office. Each rod was of different length, as follows: Solomon's rod was five units in length, Hiram of Tyre's four units, and Hiram Abiff's three units.

According to Masonic tradition upon each rod was a name, just such sort of names as Chapter Masons use, though not the same names by any means. By the use of the rods, placed end to end, a right angle triangle can be formed. For example, rods of three inches, four inches and five inches placed end to end in the form of a triangle will form a perfect right angle at the point where rod 4 meets rod 3. Rod 5 makes the hypotenuse. Now according to our ancient traditions upon the slain Hiram's rod was the full name of Deity, or perhaps the first and most important syllable. His rod was essential not only in forming the ineffable word but in completing the right angle. It was Hiram Abiff's rod for which the Craftsmen were instructed to search, and not a square. The early ritual makers have erred, I think, in making a square the implement discovered. Thus is explained the calamity that is depicted in our third degree, but the ritual as evolved since 1717 has obscured and even mutilated the secrets as well as the meanings of more ancient rites.

An actual word was lost and with it one of the three standards of Solomon's system of mensuration. Little wonder that Adonairarn received a place of honour succeeding Hiram, for only Adonairarn could make another metal rod equal to that which was lost, but oven he could not engrave upon it the lost syllable Yah or word Yabweh. It is the philosopher who points the way by which we may recover that word, for it is the real word and not any substitute that makes men and Masons good men and true. And when we have given ourselves as the price, the name enters our hearts; and when it so enters it becomes an impulse that translates itself in the expression of a life.

## Lodge Events in our Area

If any of Brother know of an event that will happen in their Blue Lodge, please inform the editor to include it in this section. Thank you.

We have the information on Lodge meetings in Districts 14 and 15. We encourage each Brother to visit their local Blue Lodge and share with them what Scottish Rite is about and the opportunities available to them in the Valley of Tacoma. Remember, you are the image of Scottish Rite.



### ***District 14***

**Evergreen Lodge No. 68** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - 8:00 PM    2530 Grandview Dr W University Place WA

**Fairweather Lodge No. 82** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:30 PM\*    817 S. Vassault St Tacoma, WA

**Horace W. Tyler Lodge No. 290** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 7:30 PM\*    2530 Grandview Dr W University Place WA

**Krucible Lodge No. 318** - April 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM\*    1700 S 340th St Federal Way WA

**Lincoln Park Lodge No. 80** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:00 PM\*\*    736 S Sheridan Ave Tacoma WA

**Trivium Lodge No. 22** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM\*    3819 N 27<sup>th</sup> St Tacoma WA

Note: \* Social Hour or Fellowship Dinner begins at 6:30 PM    \*\*Social Hour or Fellowship Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

### ***District 15***

**Steilacoom Lodge No. 2** - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday on/or before Full Moon - 7:30 PM\*    5405 S Puget Sound Ave. Tacoma WA

**Corinthian Lodge No. 38** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 7:30 PM\*    1005 W Pioneer Ave Puyallup, WA

**Phoenix Lodge No. 154** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in June - 7:30 PM\*    1009 Main St Sumner WA

**Mt Tahoma No. 190** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 8:00 PM    30410 SR 706 E Ashford WA

**Terrestrial-Mt View Lodge No. 228** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June - 7:30 PM\*    109 S. Mashell Ave Eatonville WA

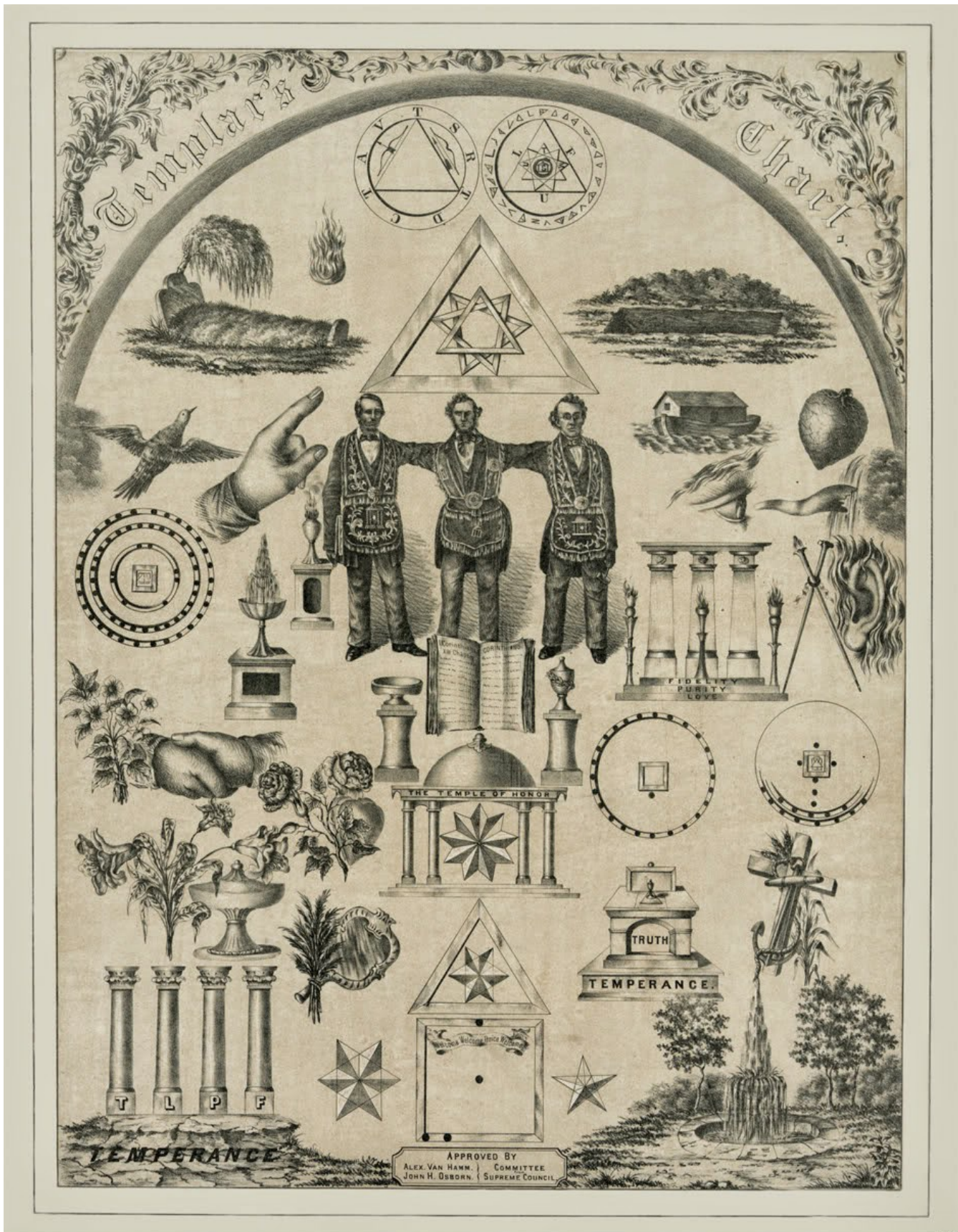
**Parkland-Lakewood Lodge No. 299** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in June - 7:30 PM\*    306 134<sup>th</sup> St South Parkland WA

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***District 15*    Steilacoom Lodge No. 2 - EA Degree May 11  
EA Degree May 18**

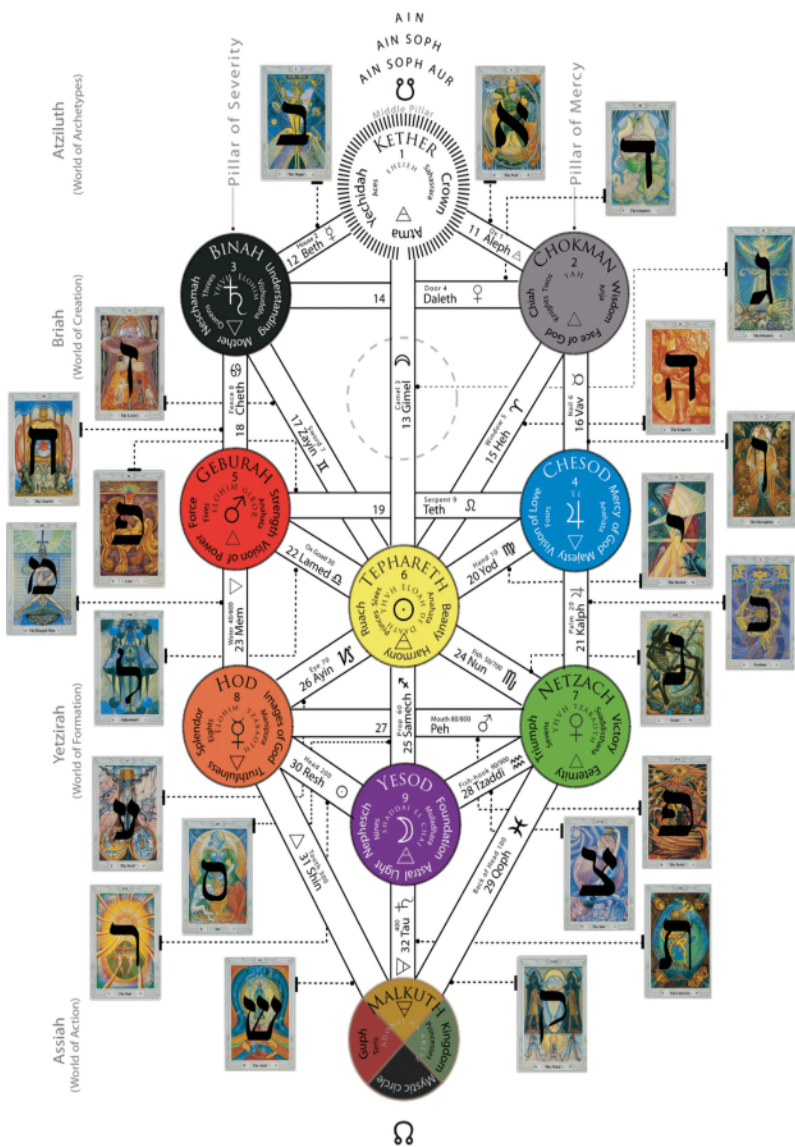
***District 14*    Fairweather Lodge No. 82 - MM Degree May 22  
6:30 PM**

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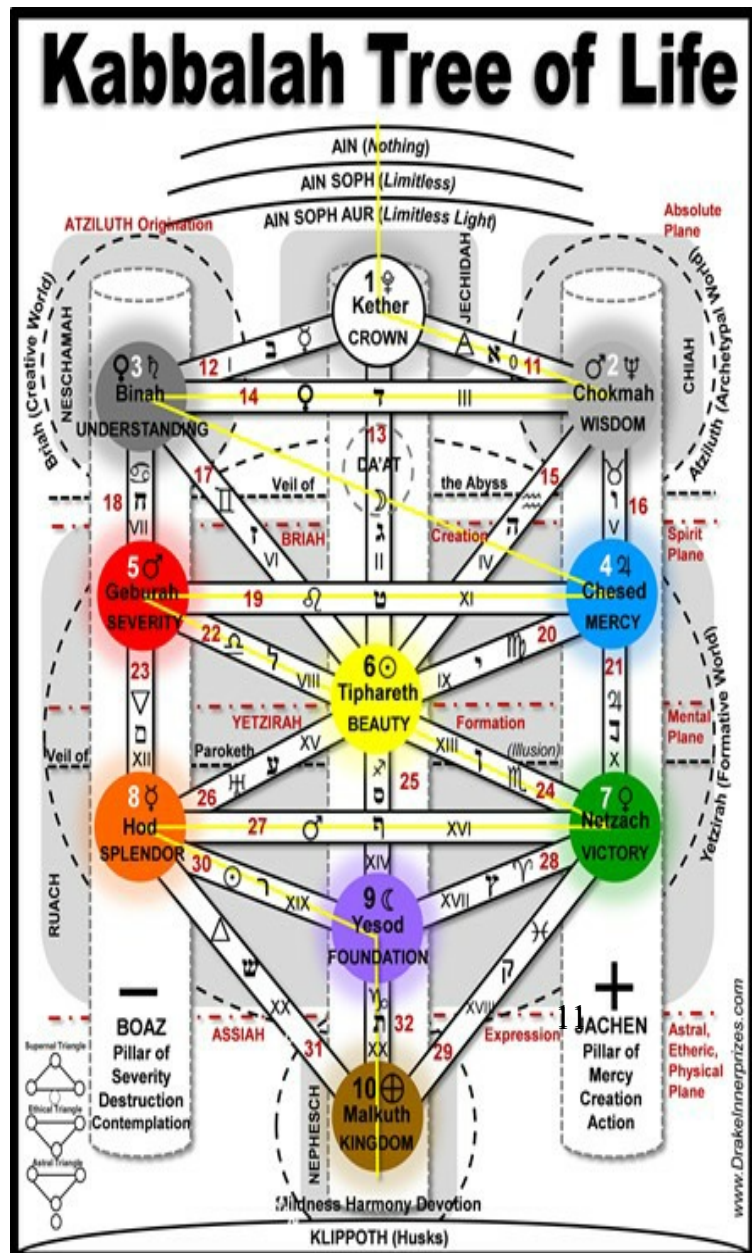


The above Templar Chart has many symbols. Find them and explain what they mean to the best of your ability.

# TREE OF LIFE & FREEMASONRY



TREE OF LIFE



Have you ever thought what the connection is between the Kabbalah's Tree of Life and Freemasonry?

Look at both charts and try to answer the above question.

# Valley of Tacoma

# May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>  <b>Lodge of Perfection</b> Valley of Tacoma	<b>2</b>  <b>Valley Visitation</b> Valley of Bremerton	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Ivanhoe Commandery Knights Templar	<b>8</b>  Fairweather Lodge Stated Communication  TK Rainbow	<b>9</b>  Tacoma DeMalay	<b>10</b>  Tacobat Groffo 6:30 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Fairweather Lodge MM Degree Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Celebrating the Craft</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>Masonic Study Group</b>	<b>21</b> Tacoma Council R&SM	<b>22</b>  Fairweather Lodge MM Degree  TK Rainbow	<b>23</b>  Tacoma DeMalay	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Officers' Meeting</b>   Fairweather's 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Dinner	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

Valley of Tacoma Spring Class Reunion

Grand York Rite Sessions – Shelton, WA

## EVENTS

<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Lodge of Perfection</b> Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Valley Visitation</b> Valley of Bremerton 878 5 <sup>th</sup> St, Bremerton, WA	<b>May 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Spring Class Reunion</b> Friday – 6:00 PM Saturday – 8:00 PM	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Celebrating the Craft</b> 3:00 PM Valley of Tacoma Sponsored by the KSA	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Masonic Study Group</b> 6:00 PM	<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Officers' Meeting</b> 7:00 PM
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## Rose Croix Funeral Service

This service is very beautiful and available to all, however, members of the Scottish Rite must make their desires known to their families and the Valley.

Should you desire a Rose Croix Funeral Service, when the time comes, please let your families know now. Ensure that they have the phone number of our Valley Secretary, Ill. Bill Hammontree, when that time does come.

Ill. Bill Hammontree can be reached at (253) 565-0272 or at his email [taccottishrite@gmail.com](mailto:taccottishrite@gmail.com).

# FEAST OF THE CONSISTORY

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# RING AND CAP CEREMONY

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>

## 6:30 PM



### Tacoma Scottish Rite Bodies

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

817 S. Vassault St., Tacoma, WA 98465-2046

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### Did you know...

...that Bro. J. Raymond Shute II was one of the greatest American Masonic innovators. Born in Monroe, North Carolina, in 1904. One of Ray's passions was Masonic history, and to encourage this he formed the North Carolina Lodge of Research (1931), the first American lodge devoted to Masonic history (closed in 1953), the Grand College of Rites (1932), devoted to the preservation of extinct Masonic Degrees and Rites, and the Society of Blue Friars (1932), honoring exceptional Masonic authors. He also had a zeal for exclusive organizations whose members were invited to join in recognition of their Masonic accomplishments. Ray created the Knights of the York Cross of Honor and their rituals (1930), and then imported and organized the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (1931), the Allied Masonic Degrees (1932), the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City (1934), and the Knight Masons (1936). It is testimony to his organizational skills that all but one of these groups formed during the Great Depression have survived.

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### Support Our Masonic Youth

#### Tacoma Chapter DeMolay Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Begins at 7:00 PM at South Tacoma Masonic Center, 5405 So. Puget Sound Ave .Tacoma, WA

#### Tacoma Kendrick Rainbow Assembly Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Begins at 7:00 PM at 3819 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma, WA