

August 2026



THE TROWEL

August Events

Tuesday 4

Tacoma Consistory No. 5 (32°)
No Stated Meeting
Dinner 6:30 PM
Introduction of Scholarship
Awardees
RSVP required
Dress Code - Business Casual

Tuesday 18

32° Scottish Rite Degree
6:30 pm

Tuesday 25

Tacoma Scottish Rite Officers
Lead: Lodge of Perfection
Meeting 7:30 PM - Zoom
(All Elected Officers from our
four Bodies and Committee
Chairs are required to attend)

**Your Attendance
To our Valley's
Events Helps All
of US
and Shows Your
Continued
Support to Our
Valley and
Brethren**



**Scottish Rite
Orient of Washington**



TACOMA SCOTTISH RITE DINNER

honoring

SCOTTISH RITE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DATE: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 | TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Tacoma Scottish Rite Center
ADDRESS: 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma, WA 



CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



DEADLINE: Monday, August 3rd at Noon
RSVP LINK:
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/TacomaScottishRite1/TacomaScottishRiteAugust2026DinnerRSVP> 

For further information, please contact
the General Secretary.

DUES IMPORTANT NOTICE

In 2025, our membership approved that our dues would be based on triple the Supreme Council's per capita.

In 2026, the Supreme Council's PerCapita was \$33.00. Our 2026 Dues were \$99.00.

In 2027, the per capita will be \$34.00, making our 2027 dues \$102.00. This will be reflected in your 2027 dues notice from Supreme Council.

Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Remember Life Membership is \$1000.



Tacoma Kendrick Chapter

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Tacoma Scottish Rite
817 S. Vassault St, Tacoma, WA

Brethren, come out and support them .
Our young ladies are the future of our society.
The invitation is open for all our Masonic
brethren.

MEETINGS in July

Wednesday, August 1, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 15, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Every Monday - 6:00 PM - Hawaiian Ukulele Group

Monday 3 - Ivanhoe Commandery Stated Conclave 7:30 PM Dinner

Ben Dews Rest. 5:00 PM

Wednesday 5 & 19 - Tacoma Kendrick Rainbow - 6:30 PM

Tuesday 11 - Fairweather Lodge 82 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Saturday 15 - Afifi Meeting Past Potentates & Divan

Thursday 20 - Christopher Columbus Society Meeting 7:00 PM

Dinner at 5:30 PM

Saturday 22 - Rental

**TACOMA SCOTTISH RITE
MASONIC CENTER
AUGUST 2026 EVENTS**

From the desk of the Personal Rep

One of my nephews is about to embark upon missionary service. Rajko is an avid golfer, and as part of his farewell talk he shared these words:

“Practicing moral integrity on the golf course means more than just abiding by the rules; it also involves fair play, respect for others, honesty about one's performance, acceptance of responsibility for mistakes or bad shots, and self-discipline in order to act responsibly even when no one else is watching.” My nephew is wise beyond his years.

Moral integrity is – or should be – an essential part of everyday life, especially for those of us who wear the white apron. As Freemasons, one of the first lessons we are taught is to be men of honor and integrity. We believe that justice is owed to each man, woman, and child because they are part of the human family under the fatherhood of God. We believe that in human endeavors, there is right and wrong, good and bad, just and unjust.

As we learn in the First Degree, truth ultimately is a divine attribute and the very foundation of virtue and civility and faith. We expect each Mason will act according to his understanding of Masonic teachings. In our modern, fast-moving and often isolating society, it is more important than ever that Masons seek and share these basic truths and put them into action through a life that informs, influences, and inspires others.

So no more hand mashies.

Ill. Jim Mendoza, 33°
Personal Representative



SCOTTISH RITE OFFICERS

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Ill. James D. Cole, 33°
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Almoner

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE: 18th of January

The Valley of Tacoma meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month, unless indicated otherwise. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. Meeting is at 7:30 PM. RSVP needed for stated dinners. We are located at 817 S. Vassault St., Tacoma, WA. All Sojourning Scottish Rite Masons are welcome.

2026 Officers



Lodge of Perfection N° 9

Bro. Scott Thompson, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Bro. Danny Marsh, 32°
Senior Warden

Bro. Alex Kaeka, 32°
Junior Warden

Chapter of Rose Croix

Bro. Jonathan Davenport, 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Bro. John Yeager, 32°
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Bro. Cameron Taylor, 32°
Junior Warden

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Bro. Kenneth Cowen Jr., 32°
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Bro. James Patterson, 32°
1st Lt Commander

Bro. Mike West, 32°
2nd Lt Commander

Tacoma Consistory N° 5

Bro. James Nero, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh

Bro. Jimothy Rogers, 32°
Prior

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Bro. Ryan Williams, 32°
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Bro. Larry Shank, 32°
Senior Warden

Bro. Lawrence Lowery, 32°
Junior Warden

Bro. Mike West, 32°
Secretary/Treasurer

August 2026

Birthdays

Bro. William L. Arent 32°
Bro. J. David Arnold 32°
Bro. John L. Ashworth 32°
Bro. John D. Barber 32°
Bro. John J. Brammer 32°
Bro. Robert W. Bruneau 32° KCCH
Bro. Glenn Curtis Butler 32°
Bro. Carlos G. Cepeda-Selvas 32°
Bro. Thomas W. Christie 32°
Bro. Andrew H. Currier 32°
Bro. Caleb L. Dodge 32°
Bro. Robert D. Glenn 32°
Bro. William C. Landreth Jr. 32°
Bro. Paul I. Leach 32°
Bro. Jeffrey S. Long 32°
Bro. Robert D. McClamma 32°
Bro. Robert L. Michaels 32°
Bro. Gerald P. Murphy 32°
Bro. Don H. Nau 32°
Bro. Lawrence E. Nelson 32°
Bro. Edward D. Pace 32°
Bro. Joey Romero 32°
Bro. Vincent J. Stoneking 32°
Bro. Sam W. Trolinder 32° KCCH
Bro. Richard E. Watson 32°
Bro. Ryan C. Williams 32°
Bro. John W. Yeager 32° KCCH

Sickness & Distress

Please place in your prayers for a quick recovery and healing for:

Ill. Karl Reith's Lady Janet Reith
Bro. Joseph P. Allan, and his Lady
Bro. Howard Cohen and Lady Gail
Bro. Kyle Foster's Lady
Ill. John Brett, 33°

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ANNIVERSARY

Bro. Miles S. Becker 32°
Bro. Wilson A. Berano 32°
Bro. Lawton Case 32°
Bro. George F. Haldeman 32°
Bro. James C. Patterson 32°
Bro. Langston C. Patterson 32°
Bro. Cameron Taylor 32°

Valley Membership

8/01/2026 - 291

Degree Work

Bro. Gary R. Dodge - 31st Degree

Petitions

Brian B. Lee - Candidate



In Memoriam

Bro. Karl Cordes, 32°
June 11, 2026

PETITIONS PETITIONS PETITIONS

Remember our Blue Lodges are our Bloodline.

Show a Brother Mason how he can get further light and education through the Scottish Rite.

SCOTTISH RITE THE UNIVERSITY OF FREEMASONRY



VALLEY OF TACOMA
ON-LINE PETITION



EDUCATION

What AI knows about the 25th Degree , Knight of the Brazen Serpent

The 25th degree of the Scottish Rite is titled Knight of the Brazen Serpent, housed within the Council of Kadosh (which governs the 19th through 30th degrees). This degree focuses philosophically on themes of esoteric tradition, ancient philosophies, and Sufism.

The Apron: White edged in black; the white side features golden stars representing constellations like Orion and the Pleiades, while the black side features silver stars representing constellations like Ursa Major and Scorpio.

The Jewel/Symbols: Features a serpent, symbolizing healing, transformation, and spiritual elevation tied to the traditional biblical and esoteric accounts.

Core Teachings: Draws upon comparative ancient thought, tracing lessons through historical figures and mystical traditions including elements of Sufi philosophy.

Duties : Fulfill your destiny and re-create yourself by reformation, repentance and enlarging your knowledge.

Lessons: Man is composed of the flesh, the soul and the intellect.
Man is a reflection of the Divine.
Do not weary God with petitions.

For Reflection: Is it possible to find your way to Heaven alone?

Important Symbols: Sun, moon, brazen serpent, Pythagorean right triangle.

Symbolism of the SUN

The sun universally symbolizes life, power, and enlightenment. Across history and cultures, it represents energy, rebirth, and divine authority.

Core Meanings

Life and Vitality: Provides the warmth and energy required for all living things to grow.

Rebirth and Time: The daily sunrise stands for new beginnings, while the sunset signifies rest or the end of a cycle.

Power and Truth: Its bright light exposes the hidden, representing clarity, justice, and leadership.

Cultural and Religious Views

Ancient Egypt: Revered through deities like Ra, who journeyed across the sky bringing creation.

Japan: Associated with the Shinto sun goddess,

Amaterasu, the ancestor of the imperial family.

Hinduism: Represented by Surya, driving a chariot of light to sustain the world.

Christianity: Symbolizes Jesus Christ as the "Sun of Righteousness", with halos representing holy light.

TACOMA VALLEY BUILDING ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Board of Directors

Bro. Martin Monk, 32° KCCH (1 Year) - President
Bro. Alex Jordan, 32° KCCH (2 Years) - Vice President
Bro. John Yeager Jr, 32° KCCH (1 Year) - Secretary
Bro. Michael Riley, 32° KCCH (3 Years) - Treasurer
Ill. John Brett, 33° - Member
Ill. Chuck Brockway, 33° - Member
Bro. Scott Thompson, 32° KCCH - Member (LOP)
Bro. Danny Marsh, 32° - Member (LOP)
Bro. Alex Kaeka, 32° - Member (LOP)

Currently, we are remodeling our
restrooms and kitchen.

We thank you for your patience
during this remodeling.

Wonderful things are yet to come.



Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite STUDY GROUP

Will resume on the 2nd
Monday of the September
7:00 PM

Bro. Alex Jordan, 32° KCCH
(253) 565-0272



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Please note the memo line as follow:

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Supreme Council 33°
Attn: Development Office/Caitlyn Kent
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(ckent@scottishrite.org).

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Knights of Saint Andrew

The Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) is a service organization to serve the Valley of Tacoma and are called to help set-up , tear down, to greet brethren and escort dignitaries, We also aid those who need assistance and any other thing that is required of us. If you feel you can help and assist us in these tasks, fill out the petition below. We are the few, the brave and the helpful.



Knights of Saint Andrew Valley of Tacoma - Orient of Washington Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite



The Motto of the KSA.... "Service and Leadership"

Petition for Membership

Print Full Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____
Blue Lodge (Mother) _____

DECLARATION OF MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for membership in the Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Tacoma, Orient of Washington for the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. Upon active membership, I will commit to service to the Valley as my cabletow permits. Furthermore, I swear I am in good standing with my Masonic Lodge as well as the Scottish Rite Valley, of which I am a member.

Full Signature of Petitioner

_____ Date _____

All Fees & Dues Payment MUST Accompany this Petition
Petition Fee \$100 + Current Year Dues \$20 = Total of \$120

Deliver or Mail Petition Payment to:
Knights of Saint Andrew, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma, Washington 98465

Signature of Proposer

_____ Date _____

Official Use Only: Date Verified with Valley: _____
Date Application & Payment Received: _____
Petition Approval Date: _____
Date of Knighting: _____



There's something missing in this image for 2026.

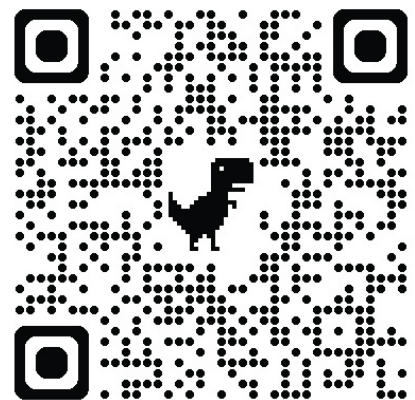
YOU

We missed you at our stated meetings, degrees, and presentations in 2025.

You are and always will be an important part and valuable member of the Valley of Tacoma. Your journey still continues... What will it be in 2026?

Visit us on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Dinner at 6:30 PM RSVP needed.

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Notify the General Secretary 3 days before the Meeting to RSVP for dinner if you are not able to RSVP on-line.



Aim your phone at the QR code.

2026 is Your Year.
Come and Enjoy Good Fellowship with Your Brethren.
Assist Us in our Degrees.
Make It Happen.
2026 is the Rite Year For You To Become Active Again



An Active Valley Working to Support Freemasonry and our Community