The Trowel

November 2026

Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite





National Scottish Rite Day
November 12, 2026

NEW TACOMA SCOTTISH RITE WEBSITE

https://www.votsr.org

Elected Valley Officers for 2027

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master-Brother Alex Kaeka, 32°
Senior Warden-Brother Danny Marsh, 32°
Junior Warden-Brother Carlos Cepeda, 32°

Tacoma Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master-Honorable Brother John Yeager, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden-Honorable Brother James Nero, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden-Honorable Brother Scott Thompson, 32° KCCH

Tacoma Council of Kadosh (Preceptory No. 4)

Commander of Kadosh-Brother James Patterson, 32°
1st Lt Commander-Brother Michael West, 32°
2nd Lt Commander-Brother Brian Kerley, 32°

Tacoma Consistory No. 5

Master of the Kadosh of the Consistory-Brother Jimothy Rogers, 32°
Prior-Brother TomaHawk Pearson, 32°
Preceptor-Brother Kevin Reid, 32°
Chancellor-Brother Caleb Dodge, 32°
Minister of State-Brother Rob Thompson, 32°

Other Valley Officers

Orator-Honorable Brother Michael Rawls, 32° KCCH
Almoner-Honorable Brother Alexander Jordan, 32° KCCH

New Member Traveling The Scottish Rite Road



Meet Bro. Jay K. Feirwaldt who began his journey in Scottish Rite in October. Together with Bro. Bria Lee, both will receive the 14th Degree on November 17th, Come out and be a part of their journey ion Scottish Rite.

Tacoma Scottish Rite Brethren Honored

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons oif Washington honored two of our Scottish Rite brethren with the Grand Master's Achievement Award in their respective Districts.

District 13 - Bro. Robert Thompson, 32°

District 15 - Honorable Bro. Scot Thompson, 32° KCCH

Congratulations to both!

From the desk of the Personal Rep

This past year, we have created eight Masters of the Royal Secret, plus two brethren making progress toward that distinction. Their journeys have included the behind the scenes presence of our Director of Work, Brother Jonathan Davenport, KCCH; and Stage Manager, Illustrious Brother Bill Cooper, 33˚. With assistance, they have worked tirelessly to manage and coordinate our work, degree team practices, and stage properties. Their efforts make the degrees happen and are no doubt appreciated by those who have experienced the degrees.

I would encourage our newest brethren to "complete the loop" and become part the journey of those who are to come. Our degrees help you experience core moral lessons of the Scottish Rite, build a deeper brotherhood, and aid in your continuing advancement through the foundational stages of personal and ethical development. Please reach out to Jonathan to find out how you can participate.

As an actor, I would also encourage your attendance as an audience member. Sitting on the sidelines serves as a reminder that our brethren are not alone and helps to forge a shared human adventure. Who knows, you may even be asked to be part of the work.

Warmest fraternal regards,

Ill. Jim Mendoza, 33^0
Personal Representative

Events at the Tacoma Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Tuesday 3
Tacoma Council of Kadosh (30°)
Stated Meeting - 7:30 PM
NO DINNER
Dress Code - Business Casual

Tuesday 12
National Scottish Rite Day

Tuesday 17
14th Scottish Rite Degrees - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 24
Tacoma Scottish Rite Officers
Lead: Tacoma Consistory Meeting
7:30 PM - Zoom
(All Elected Officers from our four Bodies and Committee Chairs are required to attend)

Every Monday at 6 PM Hawaiian Ukulele Group

Wednesday 4 & 18 - Tacoma Kendrick Rainbow - 6:30 PM

Monday 2 - Ivanhoe No. 4 KT Stated Conclave 7:30 PM

Dinner @ Ben Dews 5 PM

Tuesday 10 - Fairweather Lodge 82 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Thursday 12 - ZoraTemple No. 5 Stated Meeting 5 PM

Saturday 14 - Mahogany Circle of Hope

Monday 16 - Tacoma Council No. 1 Stated Assembly 7:30 PM

Dinner @ Den Dews - 5:00 PM

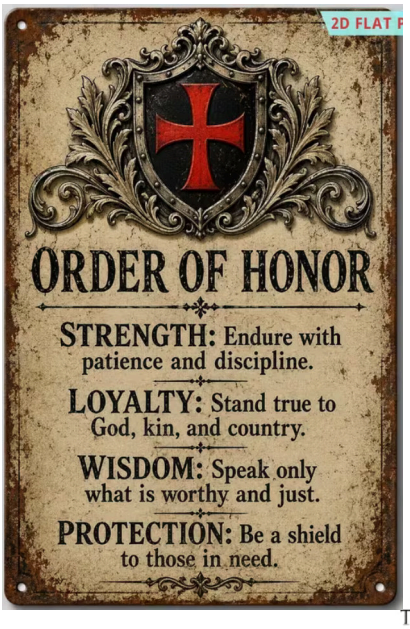
Thursday 19 - Christopher Columbus Soicety Meeting

7:00 PM Dinner at 5:30 PM

November 2026



Bro.	Nick	D	Bailey	32°
Bro.	John	Brewster	Bede	32°
Bro.	Wendell	A	Dutt	32°
Bro.	Brian	Jonathan	Gross	32°
Bro.	Victor	Harold	Guenther	32°
Bro.	Kenneth	Raymond	Haskins	32°
Bro.	Wesley	Alan	Heydlauff	32°
Bro.	Ronald	E	Lipp	32°
Bro.	Ralph	A	Lockhart	32°
Bro.	Lawrence	William	Lowery Jr.	32°
Bro.	Mark	Lawrence	Mc Intire	32° KCCH
Bro.	Jack	Roger	McClary	32°
Bro.	Rick	Lee	McGann	32°
Bro.	Carroll	Herbert	Melby	32°
Bro.	Joseph	Alvin	Morris	32°
Bro.	Dan	Llewellyn	Mulvihill	32°
Bro.	Patrick	James	Murray	32°
Bro.	David	Russell	Nease	32°
Bro.	Michael	John	Norris	32°
Bro.	Allen	Louis	Oliver	32°
Bro.	Michael	Scott	Palko-Dean	32°
Bro.	Michael	Sheldon	Rawls	32° KCCH
Bro.	John	R	Sanfilippo	32°
Bro.	Edward	John	Smith	32°
Bro.	Milton	Pritchard	Snyder	32°
Bro.	Jeff	Allan	Steik	32°
Bro.	Robert	Allen	Thompson	32°
Bro.	Arthur		Toscano	32°
Bro.	Edward	Dalton	White Jr.	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°
Bro. Rob Thompson, 32°
Bro. David Aponte's Daughter



Mother of Bro. Brian Gross Jr., 32°

Wife of Bro. Brian Gross Sr. 32°

Valley Membership

11/01/2026 - 294

Degree Work

Brian B. Lee – 13°
Jay K. Feriwaldt – 13°

Next Degree:
14th Degree
11/17/2026 – 6:00 PM

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

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SCOTTISH RITE OFFICERS

Valley of Tacoma

Ill. James D. Cole, 33°
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Ill. Roger B. Nelson, 33°
Deputy Orient of Washington

Ill. Jim Mendoza, 33°
Personal Representative Deputy
Valley of Tacoma

Bro. David Aponte, 32° KCCH
General Secretary
Editor "The Trowel"

Bro. Martin Monk, 32° KCCH
Treasurer

Bro. Alexander Jordan, 32° KCCH
Almoner

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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE is the *18th of the month prior to next month's issue.*

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 Nº 9

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Junior Warden

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Wise Master

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Senior Warden

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Junior Warden

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1st Lt Commander

Bro. Mike West, 32°
2nd Lt Commander

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Chancellor

Bro. Ryan Williams, 32°
Minister of State

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Senior Warden

Bro. Lawrence Lowery, 32°
Junior Warden

Bro. Mike West, 32°
Secretary/Treasurer

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
Vacant - 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)
Bro. Rob Thompson, 32° - Member

Meeting on October 6th after the Stated Meetingf.

Currently, we are remodeling our kitchen. We thank you for your patience during this remodeling.

Wonderful things are yet to come.

Valley of Tacoma Scottish Rite

STUDY GROUP

October 12, 2026 7 PM
Bro. Alex Jordan, 32° KCCH
(253) 565-0272

Need help with your ritual Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, or York Rite ritual.

Need to discuss esoteric meanings or need to find meaning in the ritual mentioned above.

We are here to assist.

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https://www.earlylifespeech.org

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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. If anyone is having issues in paying their dues, please contact our General Secretary.

Remember Life Membership is $1000.

EDUCATION

What AI knows about the 28th Degree, Knight of the Sun/Prince Adept

In the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the 28th Degree is named the Knight of the Sun, or Prince Adept. Widely regarded as one of the most profoundly philosophical, learned, and complex degrees in the entire Scottish Rite system, it serves as a bridge into deep esoteric teachings, primarily relying on the principles of Hermeticism, Alchemy, and the Kabbalah. Albert Pike, the primary ritual architect of the Southern Jurisdiction, heavily emphasized this degree, dedicating a massive 219 pages to its instruction and symbolism in his seminal work, Morals and Dogma.

Core Philosophy and Lessons

The degree functions as a school of natural religion and spiritual awakening. It moves Masonry away from purely physical allegories into a purely philosophical realm.

- The Victory of Truth: The central narrative features allegorical figures like "Father Adam" (representing humanity) and "Brother Truth," demonstrating humankind's eternal search for divine truth and reason.
- Spiritual Liberation: It teaches that God is an invisible force filling the universe. To serve God, a Mason must experience spiritual liberation from the darkness of material desires and intellectual blindness.
- Practical Virtues: Despite its heavy mysticism, the degree has an exoteric application: it demands that its members scorn selfishness and actively practice charity, honor, loyalty, justice, and humanity by aiding the poor and helpless.

Esoteric and Alchemical Symbolism

The 28th Degree is unique for its extensive use of alchemical metaphors, using the physical art of "turning lead into gold" as a spiritual allegory for refining human character from base instincts into enlightened awareness.

- The Red Dragon & Green Lion: The Red Dragon represents the psychological fire needed to destroy base physical desires. The Green Lion symbolizes the raw, spiritual connection of man to God.
- The Three Stages of Matter: The ritual explores the classic alchemical stages of transformation—nigredo (blackness/darkness), albedo (whiteness/purification), and rubedo (redness/illumination)—symbolized by black, white, and red stones.
- The Jewel: The jewel of the degree is a golden sun. On its reverse side is a hemisphere showing the six northern signs of the zodiac.
- The Lodge Light: Symbolizing singular ultimate truth, the Lodge is lit by a single light shining through a globe of glass.

Primary Theme

Kabbalistic, Hermetic, and Alchemical illumination
Enlightenment principles and social/moral conflicts

Core Value

Charity, Truth, Honor, and Universal Love
Integrity

Ritual Focus

Deeply philosophical lectures based on Albert Pike's writings
Dramatic allegory focusing on Rosicrucian debates



The Secretary's Desk

Bro. David A. Aponte, 32° KCCH

NOTICE
The following brethren are on the potential Drop List from our Valley:

Bro. Todd O'Day, 32°
Bro. Hunter D. Henderson, 32°
Bro. Ian D. McKinney, 32°
Bro. Patrick J. Murray, 32° (indicate he would pay in installments)
Bro. Nathan D. Schepis, 32°

If any member of the Valley is in contact with these brothers, please inform them to reach out to the General Secretary. Thank you.



Bro.	William	L	Arent	32°	
Bro.	David	B.	Barrett	32°	
Bro.	John	Brewster	Bede	32°	
Bro.	Donald	Lee	Brewer	32°	
Bro.	James	Allen	Brinkley	32°	
Ill.	Charles	Richard	Brockway	33°	
Bro.	Gary	Gene	Campbell	32°	
Bro.	Ronald	Michael	Cook	32°	
Bro.	Jack	William	Davis	32°	
Bro.	Gary	Glen	Dodge	32°	
Bro.	Caleb	Lee	Dodge	32°	
Bro.	Ronald	Lee	Dooms	32°	
Bro.	Wendell	A	Dutt	32°	
Bro.	Thomas	Romine	Egnew	32°	
Bro.	Joseph	Steven	Einertson	32°	
Bro.	Johnathan	G.	Fisher	32°	
Bro.	Dale	Lorenz	Frank	32°	
Bro.	Gary	Edwin	Gasaway	32°	
Bro.	Kevin	Eugene	Gent	32°	KCCH
Bro.	Gary	S	Green	32°	
Bro.	Brian	Jonathan	Gross	32°	
Bro.	William	Craig	Hewitson	32°	
Bro.	Wesley	Alan	Heydlauff	32°	
Bro.	George	Washingto	Ingle Jr.	32°	
Bro.	George	Kenneth	Johnson	32°	KCCH
Bro.	Todd	N.	Johnstone	32°	
Bro.	Jack	Leroy	Jones	32°	
Bro.	Alexander	Joseph	Jordan	32°	KCCH
Bro.	Brian	Jonathon	Kerley	32°	
Bro.	David	Michael	Kuper	32°	
Bro.	Brock	Leroy	Laffoon	32°	

Bro.	Victor	S	Lafrancoeu	32°	
Bro.	Dan	Arthur	Langworth	32°	
Bro.	Ralph	A	Lockhart	32°	
Bro.	John	Mccroskey	Lynn	32°	
Bro.	Louis	Everett	Macomber	32°	
Ill.	Joseph	Linden	McAlister	33°	
Bro.	Ronald	Ralph	McCallister	32°	
Bro.	Rick	Lee	McGann	32°	
Bro.	Frederick	Sheldon	McHenry	32°	
Bro.	Daryl	Lee	McLaughlir	32°	
Ill.	Jim	Victor	Mendoza	33°	
Bro.	William	Clayton	Miller II	32°	
Bro.	Billy		Milton	32°	
Ill.	John	J.	Mulhall	33°	
Ill.	Roger	Berniel	Nelson Jr.	33°	
Bro.	Michael	John	Norris	32°	
Bro.	Edward	Dale	Pace	32°	
Bro.	Victor	Alfred	Puleo Jr.	32°	
Bro.	Donald	Lee	Purdy	32°	
Bro.	John	Wayne	Rice	32°	
Bro.	Daniel	Lee	Rollins	32°	
Bro.	Salih		Shakir	32°	
Bro.	Milton	Pritchard	Snyder	32°	
Ill.	Alan	Tombaugh	Spreen	33°	
Bro.	William	Hilliard	Stephani	32°	
Bro.	Robert	Allen	Thompson	32°	
Bro.	Scott	Edward	Thompson	32°	KCCH
Bro.	Sam	Wayland	Trolinder	32°	KCCH
Bro.	Larry	James	Wetterhus	32°	
Bro.	Terry	A.	Wiggins	32°	
Bro.	John	S.	Zindt	32°	

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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: _____

BRETHREN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

THE 2027

GRAND MASTER'S YORK RITE CLASS

HONORING

M.W. CHRISTOPHER C. HAYNES,

GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON

DATES: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027
AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2027

LOCATION: SEATTLE SCOTTISH RITE
(1207 N 152ND ST, SHORELINE, WA)

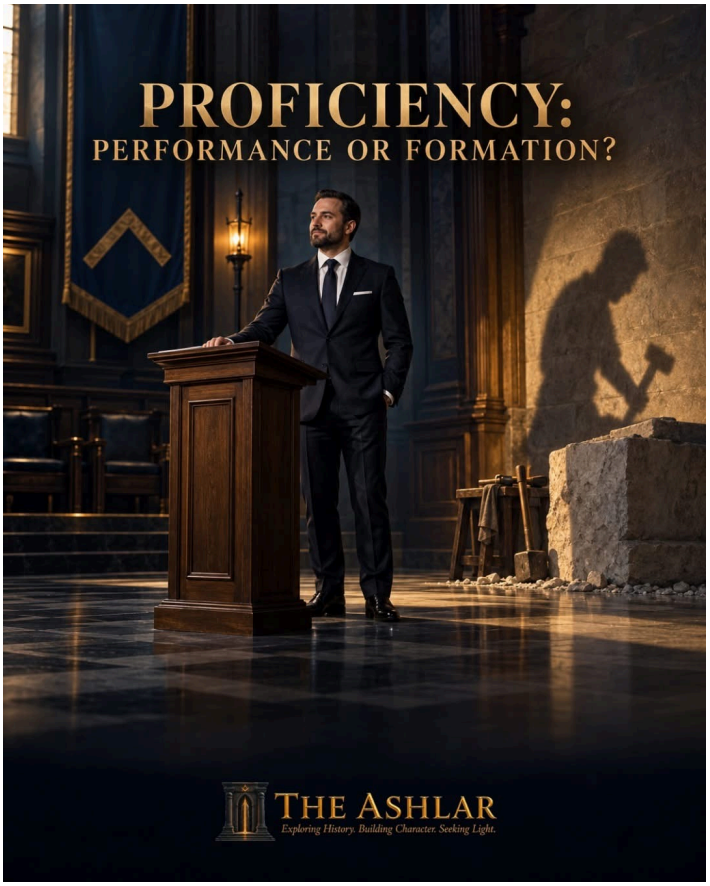
MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

REGISTRATION WILL SOON BE PUBLISHED
ON OUR WEBSITE: YORKRITEWA.ORG

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 8, 2027

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL THE
GRAND SECRETARY/GRAND RECORDER AT:
GYRWA@GYRWA.ORG


FAITH
HOPE
AND
CHARITY
BROTHERHOOD
CHARACTER
SERVICE
A BETTER WORLD
ARE YOU LIVING UP
TO YOUR
MASONIC
OBLIGATIONS?
Are you applying the lessons in your daily life?
Are you being a better man, husband, father, and citizen?
Are you supporting your Brothers?
Are you working to make yourself and the world a better place?
MORE THAN A TITLE IT'S A WAY OF LIFE
HOLY BIBLE
Masonry Begins With You
LET US CONTINUE TO LIVE, PRACTICE, AND PROMOTE THE TIMELESS PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY.
SAME PRINCIPLES A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
Hosted by
PM. REGGIE JOHNSON
BETTER MEN • STRONGER FAMILIES • BRIGHTER COMMUNITIES


PROFICIENCY:
PERFORMANCE OR FORMATION?
THE ASHLAR
Exploring History. Building Character. Seeking Light.


ONE FIRE.
MANY ALTARS.
ONE HUMAN FAMILY
STILL LEARNING HOW
TO BUILD TOGETHER.
ORPHEUS HARMONY
HERMES SACRED DOCTRINE
KRISHNA DUTY
BUDDHA COMPASSION MASTERY
JESUS PURITY OF HEART
ZOROASTER TRUTH RIGHTEOUSNESS
MOSES LAW RESPONSIBILITY
CONFUCIUS VIRTUE CHARACTER
MUHAMMAD DEVOTION CHARITY
CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREE-MASONS
FREEMASONRY
TEACHES THAT THE HUMAN BEING IS A TEMPLE,
THAT VIRTUE IS THE FUEL OF THE LAMP,
AND THAT ALL TRUE BUILDERS LABOR
IN THE LIGHT OF THE ETERNAL FLAME.
Blue Collar Freemason

MYSTIC ORDER OF VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM

TACOBAT GROTTO



Motto: We have the TASSLE without the HASSEL.

SYMPATHY AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

WANT TO JOIN YOUR MANY MASONIC BRETHREN THAT WEAR THE BLACK FEZ?

INQUIRE HOW TO JOIN.

Contact Michael Palko-Dean at tacobatgrotto@gmail.com

Tacoma Kendrick Chapter Rainbow - 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. Suport our Masonic Youth, especially those that meet in our building.

MEETINGS in NOVEMBER Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 - 6:30 PM





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.

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