

**Note: This is the Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite By-Laws  
as amended at the Stated Communication on:  
September 7, 2005**

**BY-LAWS  
of  
Scottish Rite  
Bremerton Valley  
Orient of Washington**

**Ancient & Accepted  
Scottish Rite  
of Freemasonry**

**Southern Jurisdiction  
U.S.A.**

**BY-LAWS**  
**Bremerton Lodge of Perfection**

**Article I. Name**

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**Section 1.** The Stated Meeting shall be held in the Masonic Temple, located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Warren, Bremerton, Washington on the First Wednesday of each Month at 7:30 pm, except during the months of June and July. When a Holiday falls on the First Wednesday, the Stated Meeting shall be on the Second Wednesday. **Rev.2005**

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**Article IV. Fees and Dues**

**Section 1.** The established fee for the degrees in the Lodge of Perfection shall be eighty (\$80.00) dollars. No fee shall be charge for Affiliation.

**Section 2.** The annual dues for each member shall be twelve (\$12.00) dollars per year, except those members who have purchased a Life Membership, or those who are Fifty Year Members, in which case, they are relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments.

The annual dues of each member of the Lodge of Perfection are payable in advance on or before the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of January of each year. A member's dues if not paid on or before that date shall become delinquent. **Rev. 2005**

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**Section 1.** A Committee of eleven (11) members of the Scottish Rite Valley consisting of the Presiding Officer and the Senior Warden or his equivalent of each from the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, Consistory, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee in the Valley of Bremerton shall compose the Lodge Council. It shall co-ordinate the activities of the Rite. They shall meet monthly or more often when occasion demands, except in the months of June and July, by call of the presiding chairman. The Almoner shall be requested to attend, but without a vote. **Rev. 2005**

**Section 2.** The Presiding Chairman shall call all scheduled and Special Meetings and shall notify all members as to the time and place of all meetings. The Chairmanship responsibility shall rotate each Calendar quarter. When the Council Meeting falls within the following quarters the Chairmanship is as follows:

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The Junior Officer, second in line to the Presiding Officer, of each of the four Bodies shall be invited, and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Council, there to take part in the discussions and proceedings, but not accorded the voting privileges unless he shall be sitting in as proxy for either of his senior officers, at which he shall become a full member if the Council. A quorum of the Council members shall be present to conduct any business of the Council. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of six (6) voting members of the Council. This Council Meeting is open to all members.

**ARTICLE VII. Finance**

**Section 1.** All monies, bonds, stocks, real and personal property now owned or hereafter acquired, shall be under the custody, control and management of the Bremerton Lodge of Perfection, for itself, for the Bremerton Chapter of Rose Croix, Bremerton Council of Kadosh and the Bremerton Consistory in accordance with Article XV, Section 18 of the Supreme Council Statutes issued under the date of October 1975.

**Section 2.** All regular and necessary expenditures such as rent, meal, salaries and similar expenditures in connection with the operation of the coordinate bodies of the Scottish Rite in Bremerton may be authorized by a quorum of the Lodge of Perfection members present at any Stated Meeting.

**Section 3.** The Lodge Council shall investigate and report to the Lodge of Perfection, with recommendations all proposed expenditures not covered in Section 2.

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**Section 1.** The Statutes of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America is hereby a part of these By-Laws.

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Respectfully Submitted: Matt Martin, Gordon W. Sumner and Richard T. Dexter

\_\_\_\_\_ Venerable Master \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Rep.

By-Laws submitted to the Supreme Council on: \_\_\_\_\_;

Approved by the Supreme Council on \_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. 2005**

**BY-LAWS**  
**Bremerton Chapter of Rose Croix**

**Article I. Name**

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**Article 11. Meetings**

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**Section 3.** The installation of all four Bodies of the Scottish Rite shall be held on a Wednesday in February at a Joint Installation. **Rev. 2005**

**Article IV. Fees and Dues**

**Section 1.** The established fee for the degrees in the Chapter of Rose Croix shall be forty (\$40.00) dollars. No fee shall be charge for Affiliation.

**Section 2.** The annual dues for each member shall be five (\$5.00) dollars per year, except those members who have purchased a Life Membership, or those who are Fifty Year Members, in which case, they are relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments.

The annual dues of each member of the Chapter of Rose Croix are payable in advance on or before the First (1<sup>st</sup>) day of January of each year. A member's dues if not paid on or before that date shall become delinquent. **Rev. 2005**

**Article V. Amendments**

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**Section 2.** The Presiding Chairman shall call all scheduled and Special Meetings and shall notify all members as to the time and place of all meetings. The Chairmanship responsibility shall rotate each Calendar quarter. When the Council Meeting falls within the following quarters the Chairmanship is as follows:

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**BY-LAWS**  
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**Article I. Name**

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