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FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings Brothers and Family of Occidental Lodge!

During my year as your Worshipful Master the Lodge has provided a number of interesting events for your participation. Occidental's Robert Burns Night, Sweetheart's Luncheon and Youth Day's "Rock & Roll" Bowling also provided family participation.

The 25 Occidental Masons who participated in our Rusty Mason Night on May 10th had been encouraged by WB Harold Peterson and WB Mehmet Uysal to attend the Degree.

During our Stated Communications on May 17th Ms. Niki Hayes, Principal of North Beach Elementary School enthusiastically presented the school's in-resident training program. The program began two years when a journalist agreed to work with the students from North Beach Elementary. As a result of that work the scores were raised in the journalism part of the WASL test from 36% to 72%! Ms. Hayes decided to expand the program this year by adding in-resident instructors in writing, art, music and technology (computer and website).

Ms. Hayes expressed her appreciation for Occidental's contribution to the program. I've invited Ms. Hayes and some of her students to be at Occidental on May 15th preceding our 6:30 dinner. North Beach Elementary will be raising money for their "Walk-a-Thon" on May 28th and I suggested that the brothers would be interested in contributing.

A practice on the **Second Degree is scheduled at 7:00 on May 1st**. If you are interested in participating, please call WB Al Mungin at (206) 722-6296.

We'll be making our second official visitation to **Greenwood Lodge No 253 on Wednesday, May 7th**. **There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm** preceding the meeting. Worshipful Master Vic Lysell has a corps of young officers who will warmly display their hospitality!

There will be a **Second Degree Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 pm** for Br. Chris Stephens. Please join us for **soup and sandwiches at 6:00 pm**.

Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm we'll be attending Bethel # 28, Job's Daughters Installation. These young ladies may be few in numbers, but I promise you that their performance will dazzle you!

Thursday, May 15th please plan to attend our farewell dinner for VWB Bob J Jensen, Deputy of the Grand Master in District #4. Our program will highlight MWB Kenneth S Robinson's outline of the upcoming Grand Lodge Resolutions. If you're planning to attend the dinner, please contact me (425) 673-1066 or the Lodge (206) 782-8289.

Friday, May 16th at 7:00 the District Four Scholarship Awards will be presented at the Ballard Masonic Center.

Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 Occidental Lodge will defend our First Place Finish in the Norwegian Independence Day Parade. Our comic fishing boat has gone through a face lift and promises to be at his rocking best! This will be a fun evening! Please join us in the Lodge's WB Harold Ginther Dining Room for sandwiches and Scandinavian delicacies following the Parade.

Wednesday, May 21st at 6:15 pm, the members of Occidental and their ladies have been invited by Worthy Matron "Kate" Kalmback to attend a dinner by Occidental Eastern Star, Chapter #28. Please call me at (425) 673-1066 for reservations.

If you are a golf enthusiast, please circle **Saturday, May 24th. The Occidental-Mt. Lebanon Golf Tournament will be held at Raspberry Ridge Golf Course in Everson, WA**. Tee-off will began at 1:00 pm. Please contact WB Harold Best at (206) 789-7000 or (425) 774-0231 for reservations!

Brothers, I'll see you in Lodge!

*Fraternally,
George Lofthus, Worshipful Master*

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

Brethren:

During construction of the new Lodge elevator I had occasion to observe the titles of the many volumes in our (Occidental's) library. While I have not yet read any, I became intrigued with many and have resolved to read them. Also, I have recently heard interesting lectures describing some of our affiliated organizations - two in particular: Rosicrucians and Knights Templar. These two organizations as well as others date their beginnings hundreds of years before the Masonic unifying actions of 1717. While there is documentation verifying that these organizations were functioning for many years prior to 1717, earlier dates become nebulous and controversial and fade into rumor or legend. I imagine that some answers to questions involving Masonic antiquity may be found in our, or in other, Masonic libraries. Upon delving into the library, I am sure that more questions would be found than answers provided. In any case, I intend to get into our library to see what I can find.

As you know, Occidental #72 has for some years contributed to the educational process at North Beach Elementary School, both in funds and in tutoring by extra teachers and in some cases by our own members. I found it interesting that during her talk to us at our last stated meeting, the principal of that school informed us that because of the quality of the students and the special situation of that school which through contributions by parents and donations from a variety of organizations like ours, they receive \$75.00 per student from the school district to defray expenses while some other schools in the same Seattle School District receive as much as \$10,000 per student. Apparently where the need is the greatest so is the district's support. This seems fair to me even though not equitable.

There are several interesting Grand Lodge Resolutions being proposed this year which warrants attention from all of us. Proposals to change language in the ciphers as well as the Monitor are numerous. Many proposed changes are cosmetic or house-keeping in nature, but there are some that I'm sure will generate some controversy. Please come to the next stated meeting on May 15th, where these resolutions will be discussed. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Lodge brothers.

Fraternally yours,
Carl Edelman S. W.

FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN:

Greetings from the South;

Mentoring

"Kudos are still flying!" so says my wife Dottie Mungin. With this in mind I would like to expand on one aspect of my April article dealing with mentoring which I feel is tremendously important but was not dealt with in detail. Some of the information in this article is based on the New Candidate Education Program. Mentoring was taught at the Grand Lodge Wardens Seminar

My first experience with Masonic mentoring came with my first experience with masonry. My business partner, Barry Knowles, was my first mentor. He encouraged me to become a mason. On one cold and rainy night in November 1993, I was instructed to report to a Masonic lodge in Enumclaw, Washington for my First Degree Initiation. I don't remember the name of the lodge or any of the brother's names. However, I do remember the teaching, guidance, friendship, warmth and emphasis placed on the virtues of freemasonry. I also remember the chili was the best I had ever had. I had three helpings.

What is the Mentor Program?

The mentor program should be given to every new candidate as a structured introduction to freemasonry. This program begins after a man's petition is read for the first time, and will continue for a period of one year after his master mason degree as required.

We need to encourage, sustain and educate future leaders and members in the craft. Masonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. The mentoring program gives the candidate the tools to understand freemasonry. We need to instill in each candidate that we really do mean what we say about brotherly love, relief & truth.

Mechanics

The Worshipful Master appoints a Mentoring Chairman who should be a Master Mason interested in the future of Masonry and his Lodge. This brother should also be willing to contribute his time and his talent to the benefit of new members. The Mentoring Chairman could be the same as the Lodge's Proficiency Chairman. Perhaps he should be re-titled as Mentoring and Proficiency Chairman.

This chairman should have the ability to train the mentors and achieve the goals set forth by the Master and this program. The chairman works directly with the Master to ensure that mentoring presentations are completed at an appropriate time.

Mentor

The mentor is responsible for teaching and implementing the virtues of freemasonry through all three degrees. It is recommended that he continue mentoring for one year after the Master Mason degree. As part of the continuing education of the candidate he should be encouraged to take on the task of the lodge proficiency immediately after completion of the third degree. It is the easiest time to do it, for both mentor and new Mason, and it can be presented as part of the new Mason's continuing education.

Objective

The objective of the mentoring program is to create good Masons and Lodge members by teaching them the basic philosophies of freemasonry. To create and sustain an active, educated, and confident Lodge member. The mentor will assist the new candidate in developing a habit of attending lodge, meeting with his brothers and generally becoming comfortable with the organization.

Conclusion

Without mentoring, first at Thomas M Reed Lodge, by such brothers as Jerry Schor, Richard Castleberry, Jim Morse, Barry Knowles and later at Occidental Lodge by Ken Robinson, Bob Jenson, Warren Aakervik, Phil Ammodt, Ron Duck, George Lofthus and many more, I would not be in masonry today. These brothers have kept me focus and interested in masonry. Now I find myself mentoring to some of the newer Master Masons such as Bruce Moser and Travis Coleman. Mentoring is a great concept!

Junior Warden
Albert Mungin

YOUTH GROUP REPORTS

By Bro. Jeff Abrams - Occidental DeMolay Chapter Dad Advisor

Occidental DeMolay participated in the State DeMolay Basketball Tournament (aka Winter Sportsfest) in late January. The Chapter met at the Lodge at 5 o'clock in the morning to catch the early ferry to Bremerton. The chapter was really excited about this event and could hardly contain their enthusiasm. The DeMolays made their way through the first round of the tournament with two wins and a tie. This tourney has strict time limits so ties aren't that unusual.

Their record was good enough to get them into the playoffs. They easily coasted by Bellevue Chapter who had mostly younger members. This led them to the finals. Their opponent would be Ed James Chapter of Auburn.

The tension mounted high on the court as each team had high stakes moving into this competition. Both teams invested many hours of sweat and energy into making it into this game. Half time came and the game's score gave no hint as to who would emerge as the WSF 2003 Basketball Tournament Champions. A 12 minute break, while the rest of Washington DeMolay shot three-pointers for Snickers bars, was well earned and much needed by both teams as they moved into the final half. The crowd yelling and tensions mounting the final buzzer sounded and a new victor had emerged. After having taken second place in 2002 to Vancouver Chapter, Occidental had finally gotten what they sought, the 1st place basketball trophy.



From left to right.

Standing in the back are **Brian, Brandon, Aaron and Jason**.
In the front are **Kyle, Danny, Sean, Sean, Casey and Robert**.

PASSAGES:

No memorials were read at the April 2003 Stated Communication. This was good news indeed.

MASONIC EDUCATION:

By WB Brian Hardy - Publisher

Here are a couple of words you should recognize from Masonic ritual. These can be found in the Guide to Pronunciation in the back of your Washington Masonic Monitor.

hele Properly pronounced like *heel* or *heal*. Means to “cover up”.

inculcated (ĩn-kŭl' -kā-tĕd) taught.

JOIN THE PARADE:

By Bro. Errol Scott - Float Chairman

The Lodge will have its renovated float ready for the May 17th Norwegian Day Parade and all Masons, Eastern Star members, Job's Daughters and DeMolay are invited to join us. The parade starts at 6pm and refreshments will be served after the parade at the Lodge.

The parade forms at 5pm at the Ballard Playground (old Adams Elementary School) on NW 61st between 28th and 26th Avenues NW.

Some interesting features have been added to the float, which won first place last year in the parade, but we want you to see it in person, so we won't reveal the additions until you see it at the parade.

WM George Lofthus had so much fun on the float last year that he won't give up his piloting spot until next year. He'll have more to do with the additional features and controls on the float

Because the Shrine is parading in Poulsbo on the same day this year, we're hopeful that many that belong to both organizations will choose to stay with us here and that we can have a strong Masonic turnout for our Saturday parade. Call WB Ron Duck (206-782-3944) or Bro. Errol Scott (206-784-9047) for questions.

GOLF TOURNEY:

By WB Brian Hardy - Publisher

For all you Golfers out there, mark your calendars down for Saturday, May 24th. That's the date Occidental 72 tries to pry the grand prize from the hands of our able Brothers in Mt. Lebanon 72 of Vancouver, BC. For a number of years, these two sister Lodges have met for a day of good fraternal fun, kidding, relaxing golf, conversation, and an enjoyable dinner. This is a great opportunity to bring a potential member, your wife, your work buddies or friends.

This year we will meet again at the Raspberry Ridge Golf Club in Everson, WA. The start time will be 1:00pm, and the cost will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30 for eighteen holes of golf and a chicken and beans dinner at the awards ceremony. Everybody takes something home. Cart reservations are separate. By next Stated Meeting, we will announce a car pool meeting place for those who wish to travel together.

WB Harold Best is organizing the finer details, and I am assisting him. Call Harold (206-744-0231) or myself (425-481-5912) for reservations.

TEMPLE BOARD NEWS:

Greetings Brothers,

I would like to introduce you to your Temple Board and share some of its duties with you. First of all, we are officially the Occidental Temple Association, Inc. The Temple Board is made up of the three principle officers of the Lodge and the immediate Past Master. In addition, three members of the Lodge are elected each year to fill the “members at large” seats for a total of seven members. The Immediate Past Master normally presides as the President of the Temple Board. The other two offices of the Temple Board are the Vice President and the Secretary. Both of these offices are elected by the members of the Board. We are separate from Lodge duties and perform more like custodians of the Lodge's assets, our building, our investments and the tenants of our building and Lodge facility. There are a host of administrative functions to perform as well as scheduling maintenance and other improvements to our facility. I will be posting some of our activities in up coming Trestleboard issues, so keep tuned for what is going on in and around your Lodge!

If you have any questions or comments you may direct them to me at camhardy@nwlink.com

PS: There will also be opportunities to help with some of our projects in the near future and we will bribe all volunteers with a meal or two.

Fraternally,
Cam Hardy - Temple Board President

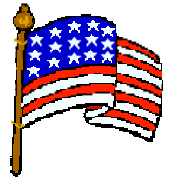
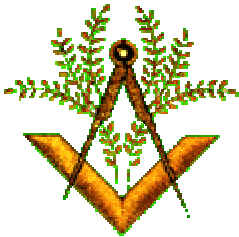
PARKING LOT CHANGES:

It's finally happened ! Didn't want it to ! But it's done !
The owners of the parking lot directly behind our lodge ([Bank of America](#)) have decided to [engage the services of U-Park to monitor their parking lot](#). Please note, they are currently **charging three dollars for evening parking (6pm until 6 am) Monday thru Friday and three dollars for Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays**. Occidental Temple Association has no ownership of this lot or control over rates or enforcement of payments, fines, or towing. **All members and visitors are personally responsible for checking the times and rates that apply when using this lot.** Fortunately there is free parking around the neighborhood for those able to walk a short distance. Remember to check the front of the building for street parking and to drop off guests to use the elevator. Pick up a friend on the way to Lodge and save even more spaces in the area!

Fraternally,
Cam Hardy - Temple Board President

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NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

Friday, May 16th at 6:30pm will be the annual **District Four Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Dessert Hour**. It will take place at our own Ballard Masonic Center. Come support the graduating youth of the area as they make their way towards college and receive recognition for all their hard work to date.

F. Greg Stewart, Master of Doric Lodge No. 92 in 2002 has been selected by Right Worshipful John McNab to be his **Deputy in District Four for the 2003-2004 year**. Greg is a young Mason who thinks outside the box and did a great job of reactivating Doric Lodge as an officer and as Master. The fact that he has a beard raises him even higher in my estimation. Our next Grand Master has tried to select younger men to work on the Grand Lodge Team where possible and this selection is as example of that. I personally expect to see some great things next year from him and I would also expect that Occidental officers and members will give him every cooperation and encouragement. Our District and the Lodges have made great progress in the past few years because the Officers and members of the six Lodges are active and want to perform well. This not only applies to ritual, but also in understanding Masonry and the various facets of membership, programs and fun.

It has been a great pleasure and fun for me to serve both Grand Masters Robert Van Zee and Jimmie Reid, Jr. these past two years and I have also very much enjoyed working with the seventeen different Worshipful Masters of the six Lodges during this period. There are some really great young officers coming up in line in each of the Lodges - some young in age, and some young in Masonry. It will be a pleasure for me to attend the Lodges in future years and see the development that takes place. Please make every effort to help Greg in his new office and extend to him all the courtesies and friendship that you have to me.

Fraternally,
Bob J Jensen DD#4

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