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**FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:**

**Greetings Brothers and Family of Occidental Lodge!**

My fiancée, Yvonne Endicott, orchestrated a very successful potluck dinner which preceded our June 19th Stated! Again, I wish to thank all the officers' wives and sweethearts who participated and WB Jerry Schor who entertained them during the Stated. A special thanks to WB Harry Ginther for coordinating the dinner. All in attendance were treated to an Occidental Masonic Lodge documentary, on a DVD video, which WB Richard Castleberry had produced about a year in the life of a Mason during his year. WB Richard's wife, Mary Allison, had tastefully selected the musical background for the video.

The presentation of the DVD video was made possible, because WB Brian Hardy had borrowed a LCD projector from his employer. Two motions were later approved during the Stated Communications. One was to jointly purchase a LCD projector with Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281, and the other was for Occidental to purchase a permanently mounted wall screen. The Temple Board was directed to pay for these. These two investments will allow you and your families to not only view works like WB Richard's DVD, but also visual presentations like my camcorder home video of the Granite Falls Campout, TV documentaries, and computer presentations.

Memorials were read for WB Dixon Smith and Br. Warren Gibson.

I read **proposed changes to resolutions 2, 3 and 4 from Occidental Lodge No. 72's "Section B" Standing Resolutions**. In order to be approved, these proposed changes require notification of the membership in writing (which is being done

here) and then the proposed changes require a two-thirds majority vote of those present at our September Stated.

The current resolutions read as follows:

2. The secretary of the Lodge shall receive for his services the sum of \$2,040.00 per annum, in addition to the remittance of his annual dues.
3. The Tyler shall receive the sum of \$20.00 for each tiled meeting, in addition to his annual dues.
4. The Organist shall receive \$30.00 for each time present and rendering musical services.

The proposed "Section B" Standing Resolution changes read:

2. The secretary of the Lodge shall receive for his services the sum of **\$2,400.00** per annum, in addition to the remittance of his annual dues.
3. The Tyler shall receive the sum of **\$35.00** for each tiled meeting, in addition to his annual dues.
4. The Organist shall receive **\$35.00** for each time present and rendering musical services.

**The First Degree which was scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd has been cancelled!**

We'll be making an official visitation to **Maritime Lodge No. 239 on Monday, July 14th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm.** Worshipful Master Ted Plumis will have a spirited meeting for those who enjoy Masonry during the summer!

For those Master Masons who wish to participate, we will be attending the **Open Air 3rd Degree at the Granite Falls Masonic Park**, on **Saturday, August 2nd**. We will leave the BMC at 7:00 AM. There is an appropriate charge for parking and a lunch.

I'm enthusiastically inviting you to attend **Occidental's Granite Falls Campout in the Masonic Park Friday, August 8th, through Sunday, August 10th!** Bring your wife and kids along with sleeping bags, tent or RV! If you're unable to stay for the entire weekend, plan to come early on Saturday, August 9th and stay for the barbeque! When you're not eating you can play horseshoes, drive 15 miles further up the Mountain Loop Highway to the ice fields, sit around the camp grounds or converse with friends! If the weekend sounds enticing to you, please call WB Al Mungin (206) 722-6296 or WM George Lofthus (425) 673-1066 and leave the cooking to us.

**Thursday, August 28th we'll be visiting Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.** Worshipful Master Steve Ellis will immediately make you feel welcome!

Brethren, you and your family have a great summer! Please plan to join us for our **annual Granite Falls Campout during the weekend of August 8th through 10th!**

*Fraternally,*

*George Lofthus, Worshipful Master*

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## FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

Brothers:

“... As a Master Mason you are authorized to correct the irregularities of your less informed brethren; to fortify their minds with resolution against the snares of the insidious, and to guard them against every allurements to vicious practices. To preserve unsullied the reputation of the Fraternity, ought to be your constant care; and therefore, it becomes your province to caution the inexperienced against a breach of fidelity. Universal benevolence you are seriously to inculcate; and by the regularity of your own conduct, afford the best example for the conduct of others less informed. ...”

With the forgoing constantly in your thoughts, enjoy the summer. I look forward to visiting with you in Lodge again in September.

Fraternally,  
Carl Edelman, S.W.

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## PASSAGES:

Memorials were read at the June 2003 Stated Communication for the following Brothers. Their names will be inscribed on a leaf for our perpetual Tree of Life at the Ballard Masonic Center.

**Worshipful Brother Dixon J. Smith**

December 5, 1932 ~ May 28, 2003  
20 Year Mason  
20 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**Brother Warren E. Gibson**

June 14, 1906 ~ June 4, 2003  
40 Year Mason  
20 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

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## MASONIC EDUCATION:

By WB Brian Hardy - Publisher

Every initiate should be aware of the following two words, and what they mean. They are used repeatedly to inform the candidate when there is a switch in the type of information he is being instructed in. As usual, these words can be found in the Guide to Pronunciation in the back of your Washington Masonic Monitor.

**monitorial** (mŏn-ĭ-tō'-rĭ-ăl) Containing admonition, instruction or advice. Commonly applied Masonically to those parts of the ritual, especially the lectures, which are not secret and so are printed in the *Monitor*.

**esoteric** (ĕs''-ō-tĕr' -ĭk) that secret portion of Masonry which is known only to the initiates, as distinguished from that which is Monitorial or written out.

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# GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION RESULTS

By MWB Ken Robinson

At the annual Communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Washington, 19 resolutions were scheduled for presentation and balloting by the brethren in attendance. 10 proposals were approved for inclusion in the revised Washington Masonic Code. Of the remaining resolutions, 1 failed to receive a sufficient majority to be adopted, but will be carried over until 2004; 4 were rejected, and 4 were withdrawn by the proponents. The details are as follows:

## Approved Resolutions

- 2003-4 A chartered Lodge may elect officers at any State Communication during the period beginning immediately following the close of the Annual Communication and ending December 14th. (Sec. 17.05 B.L.)
- 2004-11 Grand Master's Recommendation No.1: Adopt the revised Washington Masonic Code.
- 2003-12 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2: Correct error/omission in the revised Masonic Code: Change name of Masonic Home Fund to Masonic Retirement Center Fund. (Sec. 3.05 Const.)
- 2003-13 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 3: Codify specific errors/omissions during preparation of revised Masonic Code:
- B-1 Deletes dollar amounts on liability limits defined in Sec. 11.07 B.L., sub-sections 1,2,3, and 4.
  - B-2 Lodge Secretary will record each member's Grand Lodge Identification Number and Endowed Life Membership Certificate Number. (Sec. 17.22 B.L.)
  - B-3 Defines when Secretary of a Lodge, to which a petitioner has been elected to membership, formally requests a dimit from the petitioner's former Lodge. (Sec. 18.06 B.L., par. 2)
  - B-4 Revises Sec. 23.06 B.L. to apply the defined benefits and restrictions of Masonic charity equally to EA, FC and Master Masons.
- 2003-14 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 4: Insert in Masonic Code specific legal requirements regarding Temple Association Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. (Sec. 22.07 B.L.)
- 2003-15 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 5: Revise Sec. 20.01 B.L. of the Code to include specific instructions regarding Candidate Investigation Reports.
- 2003-16 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 6: A petitioner for affiliation must provide a Certificate of Good Standing or Dimit from all Lodges to which he currently belongs. (Sec. 18.04 B.L.)
- 2003-17 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 7: Increase the Annual Communication delegate registration fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00. (Sec. 10.03 B.L.)
- 2003.18 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 8: Provide the Jurisdiction with an electronic version (CD or DVD) of the Lectures for the Degrees. (Sec. 8.04 B.L.)
- 2003-19 Grand Master's Recommendation No. 9: Resolutions changing the Masonic Code must be submitted by December 1st preceding the Annual Communication. (Sec. 12.07 B.L.)

## Resolution carried over to 2004 Annual Communication:

- 2003-10 Change the location of the Annual Communication from Tacoma to Wenatchee, unless an invitation from another city is approved. (Sec. 1.06 B.L.)

Resolutions Rejected:

- 2003-1 Revision to Sec. 33.01 B.L. to allow admission of new evidence during trial appeal.
- 2003-3 Revise Ritual to allow a consistent closing of Lodge for all three Degrees.
- 2003-5 Revise 1.04 Const. to allow all Master Masons in good standing to vote at Grand Lodge.
- 2003-9 Change all references to "Holy Bible" in Ritual, Code, and Monitor to "Volume of the Sacred Law."

Resolutions Withdrawn:

- 2003-2 Revise Sec. 12.06 and 12.08 Const. to require all resolutions in proper format to be presented for Grand Lodge delegate consideration.
- 2003-6 Direct Grand Lodge Officers to prepare resolution defining governance of the Masonic Retirement Center.
- 2003-7 Direct transfer of specific assets from Grand Lodge to Masonic Retirement Center.
- 2003-8 Direct Grand Lodge Officers to prepare resolution defining policy for administration of Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

Other notable events:

Elected Officers for 2003-2004:	Grand Master:	MW John D. McNab
	Deputy Grand Master:	RW Satoru "Sat" Tashiro
	Sr. Grand Warden:	RW Alvin W. Jorgensen
	Jr. Grand Warden:	RW John D. Keliher
	Grand Secretary:	RW David P. Owen

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## MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY – MASONIC DAY

"The American Presidency  
A Glorious Burden"

In an exclusive presentation, the Smithsonian Institute of Washington DC brings to the [Museum of History and Industry](#), the only West Coast showing this outstanding display of our American Presidents.

In addition, the Museum of History and Industry has **declared Friday, August 29th as Masonic Day, in honor of the many National Presidents who were also Masons.**

Eureka Lodge No 20 celebrating their 130th Anniversary, cordially invites you and the members of your lodge to a special open house, being held from 6:00pm to 9:30 pm on Friday evening August 29th, 2003. Hosted by the lodge, food and beverage will be provided. If you enjoy the exhibit and have a fun filled evening, you may make a contribution to the Masonic Home endowment fund.

In addition, one of the original signed copies of the Declaration of Independence will be on display for the Brethren and Ladies to review.

Reservations are a must. Please call WB Rick Becker 425-826-1629 or WB Ed Rutledge 206-546-0205, or email at [trs.ink@verizon.net](mailto:trs.ink@verizon.net). Reservations must be made by August 10th for planning of food etc.

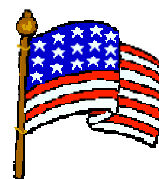
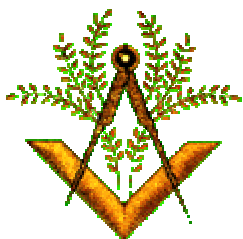
We look forward to your attendance, please invite the members of your lodge, and again please make your reservation early.

Fraternally:  
Rick Becker, Master  
Eureka Lodge No 20

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## **NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:**

**Greg Stewart**, Immediate Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 92 was **appointed Deputy of the Grand Master in District number Four** by our newly elected Grand Master, MWB John D. McNab. VWB Stewart replaces VWB Bob J. Jensen, who completed his service of two years under both MWB Robert Van Zee and MWB James N, Reid Jr. VWB Greg is very enthusiastic about the importance of supporting youth groups, and nurturing young Masons.

Bro. Scottie Swenson, President of the District Four Masonic Lodge Association has been instrumental in starting a new program also aimed at educating and assisting new Masons. It is called the **District Four Masonic Academy**, and will tentatively meet on the **3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00am till Noon**. The first three meetings are scheduled to take place at Greenwood Lodge No. 253. The first meeting took place on June 21st, and was reportedly very impressive, well prepared for, and well received.

The **District Four Masonic Lodge Association** next meets at **Maritime Lodge 239 at 7:00pm on Monday evening, September 29th**.

The **COBE IX golf tournament** took place at the Nile on **Saturday, June 28th**

**Sunday, September 14th** - the **District 4 Picnic**, which will be held again at the Nile picnic area "C"

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