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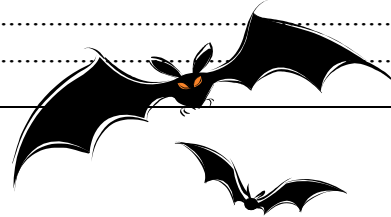


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FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings Brethren:

On September 24th at Hercules Lodge #17, three of us from Occidental #72 witnessed a one man, one act play titled: ***In Defense of the Ruffians***. It was an excellent, thought-provoking presentation, and I hope it will be offered next year at Occidental.

October activities of Occidental will begin at **5:00pm on Sunday the 3rd** with our **annual Salmon Barbecue**. Bring family and friends. This event will be special as WB Warren Aakervik, WB Harry Ginther and crew are experts in preparing this meal.

At our **Stated Meeting on October 21st** we will be honored by an **official visit of our Grand Master, MWB Satoru Tashiro**. Also on the agenda will be a report of importance by WB Brian Hardy. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, and prior to the meeting at 7:30pm, a representative of North Beach Elementary School will be speaking to us in the Fellowship Hall about the effectiveness our contributions are making to that school.

Occidental Lodge is scheduled to **visit the Occidental DeMoley Chapter** at their meeting on **October 26th**. These fine young men and future Masons now have new adult leadership and need our support, so please attend this function if you can.

October activities at Occidental 72 will conclude on Saturday the 30th with our regular Family Night dinner at 6:00pm and movie at 7:00pm. I don't know the title of the movie this time, but since Halloween is the next day, I expect it will be scary. Bring family, friends, and potential new members, as I'm sure all will have an enjoyable evening as usual.

Our Brother, Ed Collinge has been through a serious ordeal involving cancer which involved several operations and treatments and required that he be hospitalized for most of the summer. It was great to see him in Lodge in September and hear him announce that his doctor has declared him to be cancer free.

I am most anxious to see you in Lodge Brethren. Please come and greet your Brothers.

Fraternally,

Carl Edelman, Worshipful Master

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

Brethren and Friends:

As a member of the Granite Falls Campout Committee, I had the opportunity to participate in the planning and execution of our annual outing on the 245 acre Masonic Park at Granite Falls, Washington. This year we had in attendance 62 people – Masons, family and friends – who enjoyed a weekend together on August 19th, 20th and 21st.

Although we had one day of rain, our group was determined not to let the rain interfere with our having fun. Particularly the young people. I was amazed to see about 15 of our young people on the basketball court, having fun, playing games, and oblivious to the rain.

The food, as usual, was just outstanding with Harry Ginther at the helm. I would like to thank everyone who participated. A class on how to make and cook “potstickers” was conducted by Susan Rickard, and it attracted lots of attention and participation from our group.

Many improvements have been made to the park. Some of the improvements include new R.V. sites, renovation of existing sites, and a facelift of the bathrooms and showers. To my delight, I found that the coin operated showers only took one dime for a lengthy hot shower. At Granite Falls Masonic Park there are 35 covered shelters, 4 wood storage bins, two separate bathrooms, and two large buildings. Nine of the 35 shelters have power.

Remember, in order to be a member of the Masonic Park, you first have to be a member in good standing of a Masonic lodge, or an affiliated Masonic organization. Regular (voting) members are those who belong to a Masonic lodge in Snohomish or Island counties. Associate members are all other Masonic members. Courtesy members would be widows of Life members.

WB Al Mungin
Senior Warden

FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN:

For brothers and Past Masters who were not able to attend Past Masters' Night on September 16th, I would like to repeat my remarks here that I made that night.

Past Masters' Night Remarks

Brethren: It is a pleasure to greet you tonight as the senior officer of Occidental Lodge who is not a past Master. I speak for the Worshipful Master of Occidental Lodge No. 72 tonight as well as the former members of Lawton Lodge No. 292 and Thomas M. Reed No. 225 in welcoming the Past Masters of those Lodges to this night where we want to recognize and applaud each of you for your dedication and contributions to those Lodges and our great fraternity over many, many years.

We want to thank you for your years spent in learning the customs, practices, and traditions of your Lodge and of Masonry in general. We want to thank you for your dedication and leadership in planning the meetings and activities of your Lodges, for setting a high standard in ritual and degree work, for sharing your knowledge of the history and traditions of Masonry with newer members and for your instruction and guidance in all the Masonic activities in your year or years as master and since then. It has been your continuing support of Masonry since your year as Master that has perhaps been the most valuable to those of us who are relatively new to the craft – we thank you for assistance at practices for new officers, for guidance about receptions for the grandmaster, for your knowledge of the history and traditions that guide us in planning such events as this night dedicated to Past Masters. You have been true stewards of our craft and represent the very best of Masonry that we are proud to present to non-masons.

We also wish to remember our Past Masters who are not here tonight or cannot be here tonight and have joined the Supreme Architect of the Universe. You have heard their names read and I hope recall with fondness your remembrance of those who have left us.

Just after I became a Mason, Worshipful Brother Richard Castleberry made a remark to me that made a deep impression at the time and still remains in my mind just as strongly now. I don't know whether it was a profoundly considered observation that we are occasionally blessed to receive or simply a casual one that struck me as particularly prophetic. Richard said that "Masonry will change you in ways you will never know." That has happened with me and probably for you too. The true secrets of our craft are not in our ciphers and rituals. The true secrets of Masonry are in our changes of heart and mind - that feeling and knowledge that we belong to a brotherhood that cares about each other's welfare; a brotherhood whose aim is to help each other and make us better men and our communities better and more peaceful places to live. We have all changed for the better as Masons and you, as Masters of your Lodges have played a profoundly important part in that transformation. It is for that that we extend our special gratitude in tonight's proceedings.

Would you please all rise, and Brothers and Past Masters as well, extend your warm applause in recognition of not only the other Past Masters but of your own contribution to our craft as well.

Br. Errol G. Scott
Junior Warden

PASSAGES:

The following Brothers were memorialized at the September, 2004 Stated Communication. Their names will be inscribed on a leaf for our perpetual Tree of Life at the Ballard Masonic Center.

B. Ivar Olaf Angell

December 11, 1911 ~ December 28, 2002
53 Year Mason
12 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

B. Seymor Henry Ramberg

January 26, 1919 ~ November 26, 2001
42 Year Mason
2 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

Note: We are thankful to learn of these Brother's passing, even at this late date. Please make sure your family and/or the Executor of your estate know your wishes now, and add this task to a list of instructions your survivors will have access to.

FAMILY NIGHT AND MOVIES:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)



We had a small but enthusiastic crowd present for the September showing of *Master and Commander*, starring Russell Crowe. Before the movie we were treated to a nice hotdog, sausage, and hamburger BBQ cooked by Bro. Errol Scott and WB Warren Aakervik. There was more than enough Caesar salad, potato salad, fruit salad, chips and cookies for everybody. The projector and sound system ran flawlessly.

Our Worshipful Master stated a preference for a "scary" movie this month. There are plenty of horror flicks that just aren't right for all groups. There were some ladies last month that thought *Master and Commander* was a bit too raw. So here is a movie I thought might appeal to a broad audience. There is a lot of intensity in this movie, and I guarantee it will keep your heart pounding for a good part of the picture. Remember, dinner at 6:00pm, and the movie starts at 7:00pm sharp.

October 30th *Open Range* (2003)



Starring: Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, Robert Duvall

Director: Kevin Costner

Synopsis: Classic western drama about four free-range cattlemen whose old-world ways are not much appreciated by a crooked local rancher. When he hires some area roughnecks to strong-arm them into leaving town, they fight back, leading to a woolly shootout and the love of one of them for the daughter of the town's doctor. (Touchstone)

Runtime: 135 Minutes

MPAA Rating: R for violence.

Genre: Drama, Western, Action, Romance

MASONIC EDUCATION:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Master Mason Degree — Ecclesiastics 12:1

William C. Bell, PM Youngstown Lodge No. 615 Youngstown, Ohio

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,

Many young and middle aged people overlook their surroundings and God, but as old age comes to them they start to become concerned with how they have arrived at where they are and now try to get caught up.

While the evil days come not,

When your body and mind don't work the way they did in youth.

Nor the years draw nigh,

Your time and years are drawing to a close.

When thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them,

When you can't do that which took no effort in youth to do, and now all you can do is sit and watch, or have someone else do it for you.

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened,

When death finally prevails and you are no longer part of the wonders of life and nature.

Nor the clouds return, after the rain,

Rains created new growth and life, a fresh start. And the sun or the stars once again appear.

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble,

The keepers of the house are the hands, the arms, and legs. The trembling comes with the feebleness of old age.

And the strong men shall bow themselves,

When they become stooped over, or bow legged, no longer able to stand erect.

And the grinders cease because they are few,

The grinders are the teeth, which were usually very few, (in old age), if you were fortunate enough to have any.

And those that look out the windows be darkened,

The windows are the eyes. Failing sight is a trait common to old age.

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low,

The doors are the lips, the streets are the mouth by which nourishment enters, and the sound of the grinding is the human voice. In old age when the teeth are lost, mumbling is a very common attribute.

And he shall rise up at the voice of the birds,

The birds could be the crowing rooster or other early song birds. In old age mankind is more restless in his slumbers, and early rising is a habit with many.

And all the daughters of music shall be brought low,

The daughters of music are the ears. The voice loses its strength and hearing becomes less acute in the aged.

Also, when they shall be afraid of that which is high,

In the declining years, men fear to scale the heights which in their prime they ascended with ease.

And fears shall be in the way,

Timidity is a common fault of older people. They are filled with apprehension at the first sign of danger.

And the almond tree shall flourish,

It refers to the white flower of that tree and the allegorical significance is to old age, when the hair of the head shall become white or gray.

And the grasshopper shall be a burden,

To the weakness of old age, even the weight of so small a thing as a grasshopper, is a burden, or a pest.

And desire shall fail,

The appetites and desires of youth cease in the declining years.

Because man goeth to his long home,

Literally to his grave. Or to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

And the mourners go about the streets,

This refers to the original custom of having official mourners, who make public lamentations for the dead.

Or the silver cord be loosed,

The silver cord is that spiritual cord which connects man to his God the same way an umbilical cord connects the baby to its mother.

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Or the golden bowl be broken,

The skull is called the golden bowl, from its yellow color.

Or the pitcher be broken at the fountain,

The pitcher is the great vein which carries the blood to the ventricle of the heart, here called the fountain.

Or the wheel broken at the cistern,

The wheel represents the aorta or great artery which receives the blood from the ventricle of the heart of the cistern and distributes it through the body.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Upon decomposition the body will return to mother earth from where it first originated, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

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