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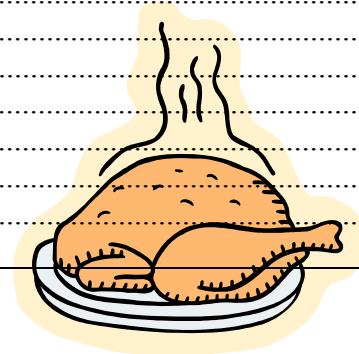


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FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings Brethren:

Our **October Stated Meeting** was an outstanding success.

- It began with a delicious roast prime rib dinner prepared by WB Harry Ginther, Warren Aakervik and their crew of assistants. Dinner was followed by a report on the effectiveness of our contributions, along with those of others, to **North Beach Elementary School** by the new Principal, Chris Morningstar and two parent volunteers: Kate Ord and Diane Simmonds. The results in academic achievement this past year over the previous year are outstanding. North Beach Elementary now stands among the highest achievers in all schools in the Seattle School District.
- In Lodge, WB Aakervik proposed that our contributions to North Beach Elementary be continued for this year. A motion was made and passed to do so by vote of the members present.
- Two petitions for membership were voted on and approved.
- A proposed change in the By-Laws of the Temple Association was read and is included in this issue of the Trestleboard. We will be voting on whether it will be adopted at our December Stated.
- Brian Hardy gave us an interesting and informative report on the donations collected and disbursed for the Ed Collinge family.
- Finally, our Most Worshipful Grand Master Sat Tashiro gave us an inspiring talk on changes needed in Masonry to provide new members with something of value to motivate them to continue enthusiastic participation.

Our **November Stated Meeting** on the 18th will begin at 7:30 PM and will include **election of Officers** for the ensuing year. After the meeting we will enjoy our traditional **clam chowder and oyster stew**.

A **practice** for the Installation of Officers for 2005 will take place at 7:00 PM on **Sunday, November 28th**.

On **Thursday, December 2nd**, we will **visit Perfection Lodge 75** in New Westminster, B.C. for their Installation of Officers for 2005.

The next night, **Friday, December 3rd, Occidental Lodge 72** will conduct its open **Installation of Officers** for 2005 at 7:00 PM. A buffet will be provided afterwards. Invite your family and friends to attend as well.

On **Thursday, December 9th**, we will **visit Mt. Lebanon Lodge 72** in Vancouver, B.C. to witness their Installation of Officers for 2005.

There will be **no family nights in November or December** as the last Saturday of both months fall on holiday weekends.

Brethren, I've enjoyed tremendously serving as Master of Occidental Lodge #72 for the past year and wish to thank you for your help and support throughout the year and I do now **THANK YOU**. It has been a privilege and great honor which has provided me with many memories which I shall cherish for the rest of my life. Again, thank you.

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Carl Edelman, Worshipful Master

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

Brethren and Friends:

Every once in a while a high school class comes along that is especially unique. My son Albert was part of such a class. He has since graduated from college as have so many of his classmates.

One thing that made this class unique is that they were a tightly bonded group, especially the music group called the "Jazz Lab". This group of twenty students bonded in high school and have remained a cohesive group almost seven years after graduating. The common thread that holds these young people together is music, especially jazz. These young people won many awards in high school for their outstanding performances, and now they are truly professionals.

Another thing that binds this group is the closeness of their parents. When the parents have occasions to get together, it is like a family reunion. Throughout the years they searched for excuses to have parties and other events in order to get together for fellowship, and support and cheer for the Husky Football Team and Band. Many of the young people attended the University of Washington.

Unfortunately, we have not had much to cheer about this year as far as the Huskies are concerned. However, we still support the music program at Franklin High School.

The bonding of this group is so infectious that their high-school band director, Mr. Robert Pitzer, decided to start an alumni music group called “Jazz Underground” composed of Franklin alumni, and local artists. He is now the leader and mentor for these delightful and clean-cut young people.

At our October Stated Communication, our Grand Master, MWB Sat Tashiro, talked about the fraternity becoming an “old man” fraternity and the need for change with the infusion of young people. With that in mind, I decided to ask this young and exciting group to perform at my upcoming installation on December 3rd, 2004 at 6:30 PM if I am elected Master of Occidental Lodge #72. Jazz at installations may be somewhat unorthodox, but I believe we must do whatever we need to do in order that the public can see what Masonry is about.

The parents of this group are fun-loving and outstanding individuals who still support and follow their sons and daughters performances. My wife, Dorothy Mungin, and I are pleased to be a part of this group. It is an honor to have this group of about 40 attend my installation, many of whom have never been in a Masonic lodge.

Some of the Brothers have asked where are we going to put them? I don’t have an answer, but I will find a way! They are coming! So let’s have a good time with Masons and non-masons alike with some good homegrown jazz.

WB Al Mungin
Senior Warden

INVITATION TO ATTEND A CPR / AED CLASS:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Members of Occidental Lodge and members of other Masonic Bodies meeting at the Ballard Masonic Center,

The Occidental Temple Association has heard a proposal to purchase and install an “Automated External Defibrillator” or AED, at the Ballard Masonic Center. These devices are a proven and safe way to save lives that might otherwise be lost due to “sudden cardiac arrest”, the number one killer of adults today. These devices can stop or reverse a cardiac arrest from progressing while medical help is on the way.



While the Temple Association fully supports this idea, it decided that it will buy the device only after 15 people who attend functions in our facility have taken an approved CPR / AED class.

Brother Ed Collinge has contacted the Seattle Medic 2 organization, and they have agreed to hold a **training class at the Ballard Masonic Center on Saturday, November 20th, 2004 beginning at 1:00pm. The class takes 3-4 hours to complete. Plan accordingly.**

We have 15 people signed up right now, and room for more. We also realize that this date conflicts with that of some other group's activities. **Don't let that stop you.** If you would like to take this class, please contact any member of the Temple Association, myself (425-481-5912), or Ed Collinge (206-795-2047). Be sure to let us know if November 20th works for you, or you are interested in another date we could negotiate with Medic 2 in the future.

The class on November 20th will be free of charge to you as an individual. The Occidental Temple Association will make a donation to Medic 2 in lieu of charging individuals.

LETTER OF THANKS:

By Bro. [Ed Collinge](#)

This is a letter sent to me (Brian Hardy – Publisher) from Brother Ed Collinge. He asked if I could include this in the Trestleboard so he could thank you.

October 24, 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is hard to find the words that describe the overwhelming gratitude my family and I feel about the funds raised on our behalf, as well as all of the emotional support and prayers from so many people. I do not think there are words that can express our Thanks.

I am not even going to attempt listing all the others, who helped out, everyone who was involved knows who they are.

Unfortunately or perhaps fortunately, I personally remember very little from July and August, just little bits and pieces. From what I have been told by those who do remember the summer, it seemed there was always someone near by to lend a shoulder to lean on.

It seems that a lot of the Brothers around me remembered their obligation, and really walked the talk. The support we received came from Eastern Star as well.

Well, the doctors have told that I appear to be cancer free. They won't say I'm cured for sure, but this is as close as it comes to being cured. I look forward to returning to my pre-cancer life style of being hard at Labor in the Craft.

So Mote It Be!!!!!!

Fraternally,

Ed, Linda & Rob Collinge

PASSAGES:

We were fortunate to not have any memorials read at the October Stated Communication.

FAMILY NIGHT AND MOVIES:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)



As noted by the Worshipful Master, there will be no Family Night and Movies at Occidental Lodge during the months of November and December because of the holidays surrounding the last weekend of those months. With the blessing of our new Master and Lodge, we hope to continue this event in 2005.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO TEMPLE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

The Occidental Temple Association has reviewed its By-Laws in regards to keeping itself in line with Washington State corporate law and a pressing urgency from our Grand Lodge to better protect itself from bookkeeping errors or fraud. The following proposed addition to the Occidental Temple Association By-laws has the unanimous approval of all seven Trustees and was read in Lodge at the October 2004 Stated Communication.

In order to be adopted, this proposed amendment must receive a majority vote from the members present at the December 2004 Stated Communication and receive an approval of the Grand Master as well.

The proposed change is a new section (6) added to the existing Article IV, concerning the officers of the Temple Association and their duties.

Article IV. Officers

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the President to review the checking, savings, and investment account statements of the corporation on a regular basis. The Secretary will make them available for inspection, and the President will affix his signature to those documents to attest that he independently believes them to be in good order, and reflected in the monthly reports made available to all other Trustees. This duty should be performed every month the Temple Association meets, but never longer than once a fiscal quarter between reviews. During the annual audit of the corporation, the audit committee will also insure that the President's signature is affixed to said source documents as well.

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GENERAL NEWS:

This plea may come a little late. Hopefully not.

Brother Duane Spofforth (who worked for the City of Seattle for many years) would like to let you know that the “Friends of the Conservatory” group who support the Conservatory at Volunteer Park in Seattle are alarmed that the Mayor’s office has announced a proposed budget decision to charge a mandatory \$5 admission fee to that facility. It has always been open to the public for free, and has been managed in part through donations in the past. If you would like to voice your opinion about this decision, you can attend a public hearing in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall on November 4th at 5:30pm, or write or e-mail a city council member (www.cityofseattle.net/council), or the Seattle Parks Department(information: www.cityofseattle.net/parks or e-mail: parksinfo@seattle.gov).

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