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FROM THE PUBLISHER:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)



Greetings, and Happy New Year! It has been a while since Occidental 72 produced a Trestleboard. As publisher, I apologize and hope you are pleased to see us back in your mailbox. Our immediate past master Worshipful Brother, Al Mungin and his family underwent a rough few months at the end of last year. WB Al's sister who lived in Florida passed away in September, and his father continues to not be doing very well. I hope you will all help me in thinking and praying for his family through these troubling times.

There is quite a bit of news here, so we hope to catch you up with some that has transpired from August on.

Our annual campout held at the Granite Falls Masonic Park in August was a success. The weather was great, and the food and fellowship was even greater. We had a number of families, youth, and other individuals that filled two large camp areas and a number of day travelers stopped in as well. Among our guests were the 2005 Master of Perfection Lodge, WB Mark Forster and his family. He even brought this inflatable playhouse that the young kids couldn't get enough of.



Past Master's Night in September was a time for recognizing those who have made a contribution in leadership, and also to pay tribute to a few members who achieved special milestones in their Masonic lives.

We participated in visits to our brother Lodges in Canada in early December. We attended the installation of Perfection Lodge 75 officers on December 1st in New Westminster, BC, and then attended the installation of Mt. Lebanon 72 officers on December 8 in Vancouver, BC.

Elections were held at the November 17, 2005 Stated Communication, and the annual installation of officers was held on Friday, December 2, 2005. Our elected and appointed officers for the year 2006 are as follows:

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In addition to the 3 principle officers of the Lodge, the immediate past master and the 3 members elected at-large to the Occidental Temple Association board for 2006 are as follows:

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FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

By WB [Errol G. Scott](mailto:Errol.G.Scott)

From Our Worshipful Master:

By WB [Errol Scott](mailto:Errol.Scott)

Greetings Brethren:

This is in a quickly put-together Trestleboard and since I had already written a Masonic Monitor article which covers about the same thing, I thought I could just make a few modifications to it and send it to you this month - since right now I have nothing more to add to it.

I was tempted to insert a picture in this note showing a beautiful beach in Hawaii to remind you there are still places like that amidst the cool, rainy and dreary months of December and January - but since it really had nothing to do with Masonry, I thought a picture of a great Mason, Paul

Revere, would be more to the point. (But see below!) Besides his famous midnight ride announcing the “British are coming,” Paul was one of the foremost leaders of the American



Revolution and one of the strongest promoters of complete independence. He was a member of St. Andrew’s Lodge along with several other famous Masons, such as John Hancock, and was one of the “mohawks” who purportedly dumped British tea in the Boston Harbor in December, 1773. Some writers are more equivocal saying that the Lodge that night was poorly attended and closed until the following day and that Paul and the other members not present that night knew of the plan “if not actually participating themselves” in dumping the tea. More to follow on famous Masons in future articles and at Lodge Meetings.

Okay, now to Lodge business: We **visited Greenwood Lodge No. 253 on Thursday, January 5th** with enough members to come away with the **District Four Traveling Gavel**. Incidentally, the gavel was made by WB Jerry Ward in 1982 and Occidental was its first possessor. Green Lake Lodge No. 149 has threatened to take it away from us at our **Stated Meeting on Thursday, January 19th** – but as of this writing the outcome isn’t known. What is known is that the **Official Visit of the Deputy of the Grand Master, VW Blair Leckie**, is scheduled for that date.

A **Second Degree for B. Jim Butler was held on Thursday, January 12th**.

A **Reception of New Masters** was held by the **Seattle Scottish Rite Valley** at their facility on **Sunday, January 15th**.

We are planning to attend **Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 72’s Robert Burns Night on Thursday January 26th** in Vancouver, BC, and again enjoy the differences and style of their work.

Due to a **scheduling conflict** between **Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281 Crab Feed** on **Saturday, January 28th**, our own **Robert Burns Night celebration on that date has been cancelled**.

We will be sending out invitations in the near future to our **annual Sweetheart’s Luncheon on Sunday, February 12th at 1pm**, and in case we missed anyone, please invite not only the widows of our past brothers, but also the Ladies that you know that have so diligently assisted and supported us over the past years. We want to thank each of them

We again have **another scheduling conflict** due to the recent announcement of the **Joint District Four and Five Reception of our Grand Master** on **Saturday, February 25th** at Greenwood Lodge No. 253. Details of the District Meeting will follow in February and our **Saturday Night Dinner and Movie that night has therefore been cancelled**. But our luck may hold for the dinner and a movie scheduled for **Saturday, March 25th** at 6pm. Also an alert for the Ladies Movie Night (brethren tell your wives (but arrange something else that night): we’ll be showing Calendar Girl on **Saturday, April 29th**.

Okay – I couldn’t resist the temptation and am putting in a beach picture which might be printed in color – at least the electronic version:



Fraternally,

WB Errol G. Scott – Worshipful Master

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

By Bro. [Ed Collinge](#)

Brethren,

I wish to thank the Brethren of Occidental Lodge for the privilege of serving as your Senior Warden for the upcoming year. I am very honored to accept the position.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped me over the previous year as Junior Warden. You are a tough crowd!!!!!!

I am sure we will have a great year under the leadership of our Worshipful Master, Errol Scott.

Fraternally,
Edward R. Collinge

FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN:

By Bro. Andy King

I would like to thank the Brothers for electing me as Junior Warden. “I’ve hit the deck running and I hope I don’t trip and cause the layer cake to fall before Refreshment”.

MISSING:

By WB Ron Duck

Missing from the galley since the August Campout is a Vollrath 3 gallon heavy duty stainless steel pot with two lifting handles near the top rim. The bottom part of a large double boiler set, it is large enough to hold a volleyball and a bunch of tennis balls. If you know its whereabouts, please contact me.

PASSAGES:

The following Brothers were memorialized at Stated Communications between September and December 2005.

Each of their names will be inscribed on a leaf for our perpetual Tree of Life at the Ballard Masonic Center.

B Gene Charles Thomas

December 5, 1929 ~ August 20, 2005

10 Year Mason

8 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

WB Erik Kristiansen

June 5, 1926 ~ January 4, 2005

29 Year Mason

5 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

B Charles Helmar Stewart

March 15, 1927 ~ July 7, 2004

21 Year Mason

16 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

B Rutger Henry Vander Hoek

April 16, 1911 ~ October 2, 2005

58 Year Mason

18 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

B Cromie Leland Wilson

September 20, 1914 ~ November 17, 2005

58 Year Mason

20 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

B John Francis Leitz

September 29, 1918 ~ September 29, 2005

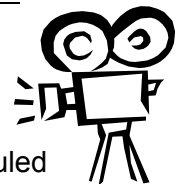
38 Year Mason

6 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

FAMILY NIGHT AND MOVIES:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Family Movie Nights will begin again in March. Worshipful Master Errol has scheduled five for 2006. They will be held on the last Saturday of March, April, May, September, and October, and begin with a light informal dinner at 6:00pm. I'll be thinking of a popular title for the first movie and announce it in the February Trestleboard.



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THE JOY OF KINDNESS:

By Ken Thompson – Everett Valley Scottish Rite Bulletin via Cinosam

After Benjamin Franklin had received a letter thanking him for having done a kindness, he replied: “As to the kindness you mentioned, I wish that I could been more of a service to you than I have been, but if I had, the only thanks that I should desire is that you would always be ready to serve any other person that may need your assistance, and so let good actions go around, for mankind are all of a family. I do not look upon myself as conferring favors but rather paying debts.”

60 Rhodes scholars from the U.S. were just announced; the full rides to Oxford are funded by our late Bro. Cecil Rhodes, famous British explorer & businessman & namesake of North and South **Rhodesia** – (since renamed Zimbabwe & Zambia).

Bro. Simon Bolivar, the “George Washington of South America” is the only other man to have a country named after himself: **Bolivia**.

Here is a quote from page 451 of The World is Flat, by Thomas Friedman.

... Does your society have more memories than dreams, or more dreams than memories?
By dreams, I mean the positive, life-affirming variety. ... "One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell you how good they were in the past. Same with countries. ...
When memories exceed dreams, the end is near. The hallmark of a truly successful organization is the willingness to abandon what made it successful and start fresh."
In societies that have more memories than dreams, too many people are spending too many days looking backward. ...

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