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### FROM THE PUBLISHER:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Hi there members and readers. It has been a while since Occidental Lodge has published a Trestleboard. I hope it won't be as long before another arrives on your doorstep. I firmly believe that regular communication with you is one of the most important ways that can keep you involved. For those of you who are far away or in poor health, this is nearly the only way you can feel connected. For those of you with busy lives, by letting you know what is going on, we hope that you will find something of interest and that we can convince you that we would love to see you in Lodge or at the many events or other opportunities there are for showing the community you are a Mason. As you will see, this issue has a theme of "increasing involvement". Please read this Trestleboard and then see if there isn't something that can get you interested and active again.

As chairman of the **Charity Committee**, WB Carl Christenson would like to hear from you if you have ideas for qualified charities which Occidental Lodge should consider contributing to. As you should know, Occidental allocates a percentage of its net income every year to be managed and distributed by the Charity Committee and approval of the Lodge. If you have an idea, please give WB Carl a call at 206-783-9707 or email him at [Christenson@earthlink.net](mailto:Christenson@earthlink.net).

On **Thursday, April 12th**, we will be conferring a **second degree for Bro. Joseph Edward Reese**. As usual, there will be the complementary dinner served at 6:00pm, and the degree will begin at 7:00pm sharp. Please attend this important evening, and welcome Bro. Joe to our Lodge. Joe is an enthusiastic young man, and deserves our attention and presence.

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## FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

By WB [Errol G. Scott](#)

### Greetings Brethren:

Over the last two months we have hosted three separate “membership” meetings, the purpose being to see what interests the current active membership, and to determine how we can attract new members and return more of you to “active” service in the Lodge. Many ideas were discussed. The following were those that rose to the top. We have categorized them into areas of importance. I will be implementing a few to begin with. **Please attend our Stated Communication on Thursday, April 19th and come learn more about how we will do this, and how you can help.**

#### Community Support and Service

- Adopt a Street
- Park Cleanup
- Bikes for Books
- Boy Scouts, B&G Clubs etc.
- Other Volunteer Opportunities
- Public Interest Programs and Events at Lodge

#### Community Participation

- Booths at Public Events such as:  
Ballard Seafood Fest, Fisherman’s Terminal Festival, Fremont Fair
- May 17th Parade
- Salmon Barbecue
- Masonic Membership in C of C, Kiwanis etc.
- Newspaper Announcements of Events and Articles on Masonry

#### Member Support

- Improved Contact with Members
- Rides to Lodge & Other Events
- “Homecoming” Program(s)
- Past Master’s Night
- Lodge Programs for Older Members
- Participation in Meetings and Degrees
- Golf, bowling and other Member events

#### Lodge Improvement

- Committee Report on Beverage Proposal
- Better Lodge Programs
- Shortened Meetings & Introductions
- Better Social/Fellowship Hour(s)
- Masonic Education, Degree Teams
- Emulate Degrees (w/o candidate)
- Proficiency in Lodge Management
- Lodge Appearance

#### Ways and Means

- Purchase hats, shirts and jackets with
- Occidental Insignia for Members
- Purchase equipment, banners, display posters and materials, display booths
- Coordinate with other Lodge Committees and
- Other Lodges

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## FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN:

By Bro. Grover Partee

Wardens' Conference 2007

Both of your Wardens were pleased to be able to represent Occidental Lodge at this year's Wardens' Conference in Yakima last month. Grand Lodge organized a fully packed day and a half, with three "general sessions", three "small group sessions" (we called them "table Lodges" and a total of 19 "Your Choice" sessions on topics ranging from Creative Thinking and Public Speaking, to Budget Planning and implementation, to Installation Planning. These information-packed sessions ran about 50 minutes each and so, with breaks for the General Sessions and Table Lodge meetings, we were only able to attend 6 or 7 sessions each. We went over the schedule Friday evening and tried to make sure we maximized our time by attending different sessions in each time period. We both got a lot of good ideas for ways we can help our worshipful Master have a successful year and help the Lodge thrive this year and into the future. It was time well spent.

A special gift for each of us was an autographed copy of The Complete Idiots Guide to Freemasonry by Illus. Bro. S. Brent Morris, PhD. Doctor Morris is a 33rd Degree Mason, Managing editor of the "Scottish Rite Journal", AND the only American member of Quatuor Coronati #2076, the premier Masonic research Lodge. So he really knows Freemasonry! (He probably knows a few complete idiots, too!) We each also got a CD-ROM with speakers' notes, forms we can use (e.g., for planning an event,) and, when available, power point presentations used by the presenters.

Grover Partee  
Junior Warden

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## GETTING INVOLVED:

By Bro. Grover Partee

We are often asked "What does your Lodge do?" or, perhaps more pointedly, "What does your Lodge do for the community?" Of course we usually mention our support for the Ballard Food Bank and for North Beach Elementary, but younger and more action-oriented men may say something like "That's nice, but what do your members actually DO?" There we are a little stuck.

I have two opportunities for you to become more active in promoting Freemasonry and our Lodge.

First, Worshipful Brothers Richard Castleberry, Brian Hardy and I want a half dozen or so men to join us on a "**Booth Team**." The Booth Team would have three responsibilities: preparing a "booth kit" with materials to give away and appropriate signage for an Occidental Booth, identifying venues such as the Magnolia Neighborhood Street Fair where we could advantageously set up the booth, and finally to form the core of a hopefully much larger group of members who would set up and man the booth at those venues.

Second, **Occidental Lodge has "adopted" NW 20th Avenue**, the street immediately to the East of the Lodge, from Leary to Salmon Bay Park. "**Adopt a Street**" is a City of Seattle program for individuals and organizations to perform a semi-annual clean-up of litter along a limited portion of some city street. The City provides plastic bags and "grabbers" for picking up things we might not want to actually handle. We provide our own gloves and go pick up litter along our "adopted"

street twice each year on dates we select. We leave the filled bags on the curb and the City sends a crew around the next day to collect the bags and take them to the dump.

We will be walking the street for the first cleanup on **Saturday, April 21st, beginning at 10 AM.** We expect this operation to take only about 2 hours after which we will have a nice lunch together and get on with the rest of our "Saturday chores." If you want to participate, meet us at the Lodge at 9:45. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves, cap and/or jacket (depending on weather) and your "gardening clothes." The City will provide garbage bags and devices for picking up trash without bending over too much. (Please call our Junior Warden, Brother Grover, at 206-679-7668, to let him know you'll be there so he will have enough "grabbers" for everyone. **Also, if you have a cap, shirt or jacket that identifies you as a Mason, please wear it!** This is a Community Service and Community Awareness project.

If either of these opportunities sounds interesting to you, please call me at 206-781-1489, 206-679-7668, or 206-852-0061 and leave your name & number. Or, you can email me at [grover@UrsusConsulting.com](mailto:grover@UrsusConsulting.com)

Grover Partee  
Junior Warden

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## FROM THE TEMPLE BOARD:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

The job of maintaining and improving your facility is one that may seem easy, but it involves not only the coordination of seven Trustees who have been elected or assigned by their principle office in the Lodge, but we try to be especially careful to represent the best interests of you – the Lodge membership, and the financial responsibilities that affect us all and our future members as well. I have a few pieces of information for you.

1. The process of changing the **Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws for the Occidental Temple Association Inc.** which were initiated nearly a year and a half ago by Grand Lodge are nearly complete. The Grand Master has approved the required changes we submitted to both the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. The last step is to receive word back from the Secretary of State that they also have approved our new Articles of Incorporation.
2. The Trustees have approved **upgrading all the windows on the second floor** to double-pane high grade "e-glass". This should both help retain heat when it's cold and keep the facility cooler when it is hot out. We are keeping the existing frames as they are in good shape. Tentatively, they will be installed during the last week of April. The existing frames are being cleaned up now. After the windows are replaced, we will be selecting new draperies to **replace the well worn draperies** that are now so unattractive. The interior sills will also be refinished over the summer.
3. The Temple Association intends to formally **declare our upstairs a "no smoking" area.** As government and the voice of the public in general have made smoking in public places illegal, this is a great time to prohibit it in our facility as well – to protect the health of everybody who comes here and protect the appearance of our facility. If you haven't noticed, ashtrays have not been out in a long time, and we have not noticed members of any of our tenants who are smoking in the building. After announcing this at the April meeting, letters will be sent out to all the rental groups that meet here.
4. We are going to **improve the appearance of the back stairway.** It is cold and bare now. We hope to paint it, improve the lighting, add some decoration to the walls, and hide some of the pipes better.
5. Investigation is underway to find an appropriate carpet or rather **rug that displays the symbolism** of the mosaic pavement, tessellated border, and blazing star in our Lodge room.
6. The **Daughters of the Nile group** which has been meeting in our facility since the Seattle Scottish Rite facility closed, will be leaving us. They have decided to move their meeting place to the Nile Temple. We will miss them. Thank you ladies.

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## PASSAGES:

The following Brothers were memorialized at Stated Communications between May 2006 and March 2007. Each of their names will be inscribed on a leaf for our perpetual Tree of Life at the Ballard Masonic Center.

- **Mike Adelson**
- **William Frank Bison**
- **James T Clarke**
- **Sverre Hatley**
- **Alvah Hazen Huff**
- **Sverre David Johansen**
- **Raymond Johannes Lindquist**
- **Jack Ellsworth Milner**
- **Jacob Eugene Peterson**
- **Joseph Edward Rausch Jr.**
- **Bernt O Satre**
- **Stanley Bryden Singleton**
- **Edward Bendix Tupper**
- **James R. Tyrer**

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## FAMILY NIGHT AND MOVIES:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)



In February, we showed “The DaVinci Code”, starring Tom Hanks. It was entertaining, but only lightly touches on the Masonic implications of the novel by Dan Brown

March was “ladies night” and a nice gathering watched “The Devil Wears Prada” a special treat selected by our Worshipful Master. It was a very entertaining movie starring Meryl Streep who plays a fashion designer and Anne Hathaway who plays her assistant.

The next Movie Night will be Saturday, May 26th. Hopefully, we will have a title for you before then.

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