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FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

Greetings Brethren:

Due to our failure to acquire the "traveling gavel" from Greenwood Lodge #253 in February because only four Occidental Members attended Greenwood's Stated, we redoubled our efforts and finally obtained the gavel from Green Lake Lodge #149 during our planned visitation on March 4th. There were nearly as many Occidental members present as there were Green Lake members present.

Occidental #72 conferred the Master Mason's degree on Shomps Williams on March 11th. It was well performed and fairly well attended. The candidate expressed much thanks and appreciation to the degree team.

Tuesday, March 16th. Occidental #72 visited Jobs Daughters Bethel #28. Their ritual work was outstanding. I only wish more of our brothers were there to see them work. Those girls really know their stuff.

Right Worshipful Brother Sat. Tashiro, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington was the featured speaker at our March 18th Stated Meeting. He is an inspirational speaker and gave us good information and guidance.

Saturday afternoon, March 20th was our annual Youth Day. We bowled at Leilani Lanes with the DeMolay and Job's Daughters. Approximately 14 bowlers and a half dozen "watchers" attended. We all had a tasty meal after. All had a good time.

As of this writing, March isn't quite finished as we will **confer a 2nd degree on the 25th**, and end the month with our fourth (regular) **"Family Night" on Saturday, March 27th**. There may be a short movie in addition to the regular movie. Dinner is at 6:00 P.M., the movie at 7:00P.M.

which, will be "Finding Nemo". It is strictly informal. Those who have attended prior "Family Nights" have had good times and continue to attend. Occidental #72 dinners are always delicious. Bring wives, girlfriends, kids, friends, relatives, all are welcome.

April will begin on **April Fool's Day** with a **visitation to Perfection Lodge #75 in New Westminster, B.C.** Congregate at Carl Edelman's house for car-pooling and a 1:00 P.M. departure.

Occidental Lodge #72 is invited to attend the installation of officers for the **Occidental Chapter of Eastern Star on Wednesday, April 7th**. We are looking forward to a good turnout of Occidental Brothers at this function which begins at 7:00 P.M.

Our **Stated Meeting on April 15th** will feature **Junior Past Grand High Priest Jim Stephens and Past High Priest Bill Short of the Occidental Royal Arch Chapter**. They will give us a description of and insight into York Rite Masonry with emphasis on the Royal Arch.

On **Thursday, April 22nd**, we will host a **"Rusty Mason's Night"**. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. and Lodge will open at 7:30 P.M. All "Rusty Mason's", (those who haven't attended a meeting for a long time) are especially invited and encouraged to attend. If you need a ride let me or the Lodge know and like magic one will be provided.

April will end with our regular **Family Night dinner, games and movie on Saturday, April 24th**. Dinner at 6:00 P.M. and movie beginning at 7:00P.M. Dinner and snacks are provided. It's completely informal. The Fellowship Hall is available for board games, cards, or conversation for those not wishing to see the movie. The title of the movie is yet to be determined. Bring family and friends.

Brothers, we now have an **Occidental # 72 Bowling Team**. It is now organizing dates under the direction of Brother Chris Stephens and is nearly ready to challenge other District 4 Lodges.

The traditional **Occidental #72 / Mt. Lebanon #72 golf outing is scheduled for May 15th** at Raspberry Ridge, and a District golf tournament is in the planning stage.

There is more activity at Occidental #72 as time goes on. Please come, attend Lodge, enjoy fellowship with your Brothers and perhaps suggest additional activities. I'm looking forward to speaking with you at Lodge my Brothers.

Fraternally,

Carl Edelman, Worshipful Master

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN:

Brethren and Friends:

My wife Dottie Mungin and I attended the Annual Grand Lodge Wardens' Seminar, my fourth, convening on Friday evening March 12, and extending through Sunday morning March 14th in Wenatchee, WA. The Grand Lodge Officers, Deputies and Committeemen were ready to assist us, including our Senior Deacon, Andy King, to making my coming year as Master of the lodge a successful one.

The seminar was extremely helpful in providing resources as well as insight into the Master's responsibilities which should help make my coming year as master a very good one for myself and Occidental Lodge #72.

This was an excellent occasion to participate in a weekend of fellowship, Masonic education, and an opportunity to become acquainted with the other Wardens in attendance.

The cost was paid by the lodge, and the ladies were cordially invited at no extra cost. The ladies had an opportunity to acquaint themselves with our fraternity and ask questions regarding Masonry.

My wife Dottie Mungin was very excited about the seminar and welcomed a short change from the day to day routine of work and family. She has included a few words of her own about the ladies activities.

The weekend seminar was held at the Red Lion hotel in Wenatchee. It began at 7:00pm Friday evening when Masons and ladies assembled for indoctrination and organizational gathering. All the delicious meals were served at the Red Lion hotel. On Saturday evening, we gathered for a great meal of turkey & dressing with vegetables, salad, and dessert.

The Warden's Seminar included a keynote address by Right Worshipful Brother Sat Tashiro, ladies sessions, forming individual lodges, membership by brother Tony Dangelo, installation, mentoring by the Leadership Training Committee, an address by Right Worshipful brother Al Jorgensen, the first electronic viewing of the 3rd Degree Lecture, "Traits That Make a Good Mason", by Worshipful Brother Jim Mendosa, "How to Work with your Lodge Secretary", by Right Worshipful brother Dave Owen. Our banquet guest speaker was Worshipful Brother Roger Deming.

We concluded the seminar Sunday morning with a breakfast, a brief program, and a talk by Right Worshipful Brother Sat Tashiro. I would like to thank the lodge for giving me and my wife Dottie this outstanding opportunity.

WB Al Mungin
Senior Warden

Comments on Ladies Activities

by Dottie Mungin

"Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it."

Marian Anderson

I would like to thank the Ladies Committee – Warden's Seminar 2004, for a job well done.

The information I received is so helpful in my preparations to assist my Mason in his role of Worshipful Master 2004-2005.

These ladies are true leaders, Chairman: Nancy Jorgensen, Assistant Chairman: Sue Adamson, Session Facilitators: Diane McQuery, Patty Sanders, and Gerry Ellen Sleeth.

PASSAGES:

The following Brother was Memorialized at the March, 2004 Stated Communication.
His name will be inscribed on a leaf for our perpetual Tree of Life at the Ballard Masonic Center.

B. Trygve Jens Jorgensen

December 12, 1915 ~ February 16, 2004
31 Year Mason
8 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge



NEW HOME:

The following is a copy of a letter sent by VWB Bob Jensen.

February 25, 2004

Dear Friends:

Many of you know that this past summer we purchased 5.6 acres east of Arlington, Washington. As of this date we are moved into our new home. The address is **23801-A- Wallitner Road, Arlington Washington 98223**. Our phone is **360-403-8771**. We would enjoy having you visit us, but please call first as we have many things to finish up in the coming months. We do have a phone program called Local Dial, where we can call anywhere in the U.S. for free, so leave a brief message and the best time to call you back, and we will be happy to do so.

Our property has a three bedroom home, where our daughter Sharlet lives, a six -horse barn and a large shop and carport. It runs from Wallitner Road to Jim Creek, and this past few months have been wonderful watching large salmon, eagles and other neighboring animals up close. We purchased a manufactured home which has taken a little longer to get ready than we had believed. It is going to be exciting moving to a new home after 35 years (Bob) and 26 years (Corinne) in the same place. We look forward to becoming involved in the Arlington community and enjoying our new place.

To get to our place you take Arlington exit 208 from I-5, onto Highway 530, head east through Arlington, staying on 530 until you get to the old Trafton School (there is a Chevron Gas Station on the left just before the school) which is at Jim Creek Road. Turn right onto Jim Creek Road and follow it about three miles until you hit Wallitner Road which is a very hard right. The fourth driveway on the left is ours and there is a sign "The Jensens at Ebey View Farm" at the driveway.

We hope this finds you well and look forward to hearing from and/or seeing you in the future.

Bob J and Corinne M Jensen

When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute.
But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute - and it's longer than any hour.

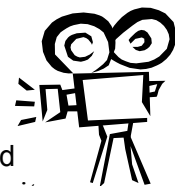
That's relativity.

-- Albert Einstein

FAMILY NIGHT AND MOVIES:

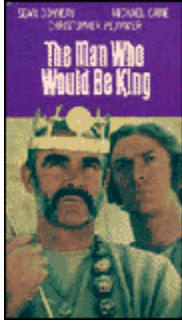
By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

February Family Night was another huge success. We saw a few new faces, and many who have come in past months as well. I think everyone had fun. *Seabiscuit* was a good movie, and had many talking about the depression era during ice cream intermission. Remember, we are going to schedule these **every 4th Saturday evening of the month as "Occidental Family Night"**. Mark it on your calendars.



Here is what is showing this month:

April 24th **The Man Who Would Be King (1975)**



Starring: Sean Connery, Michael Caine **Director:** John Huston

Synopsis: Old-fashioned adventure epic about British soldiers' attempted conquest of Central Asian kingdom. Critics loved the performances. Majestic setting, complex battle scenes appeal to classic adventure crowd seeking sweeping, feel-good yarn. ([Masonic background theme](#)).

Runtime: 129 Minutes

MPAA Rating: PG

Genre: Drama, Action, Classic

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Occidental Lodge will help the **Grand Lodge** host a Long Range Planning Committee discussion at the Ballard Masonic Center on “**Redistricting**”, on **Monday, April 26th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**. This should be interesting. There are a lot of feelings and emotions involved when ideas about reorganizing districts becomes the topic. Prepare your ideas now, then come and see how others feel about possible changes. Maybe you have something to offer or learn.

Change Your Calendars ! The District Four Scholarship Committee has changed the date of the Annual **District Four Scholarship Awards Ceremony** to **Wednesday, May 12th**.here at the Ballard Masonic Center. Watch the Masonic Monitor, it should show this change as well.

Food Handlers Class. I have been talking to WB Vinnie DiGiulio of Ashler Lodge in Bothell. Vinnie teaches food handling classes that can result in a **state certification** for those who pass his classes. He has offered to put on a class for interested members of our Lodge and other Masonic tenant groups. The date has not been set, but Saturday, April 17th or Sunday, April 18th are looking promising. The Temple Board has discussed this and enthusiastically supports the idea. Everybody who helps serve meals, or cooks, or handles table settings should be aware of safe health issues and practice them. The cost of the class for Lodge members will be covered. The charge is \$12 for others (covers costs of materials and certification cards).

Please let me know what your interest is soon.

Joint Masonic Movie and Trivia Night. Walter F. Meier 281 and Occidental 72 are planning details for a jointly hosted Masonic Movie (and tentatively, Trivia) Night. This will be a Masons only event on **Tuesday, May 13th**, that will start with a light dinner (KFC, pizza, subs) then a Masonic movie and an organized “Trivial Pursuit” like game on Masonic facts. Sounds great! Details next month.

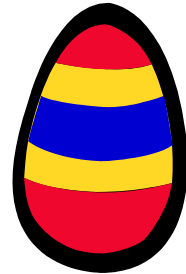
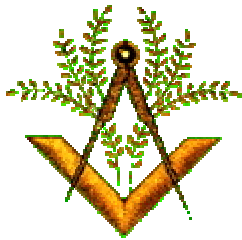
PONDERINGS:

Submitted by Br. Dwayne Spofforth

- If love is blind, how can we believe in love at first sight?
 - Why are they called stairs inside, but steps outside?
 - Why do they call it “getting your dog fixed”, if afterwards it doesn’t work anymore?
 - If Jimmy cracks the corn an no one cares, why is there a song about him?
 - Whose cruel idea was it for the word “lisp” to have an “s” in it?
 - Why do “fat chance” and “slim chance” mean the same thing?
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GOLF OUTING:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

The annual low-key golf outing with our sister Lodge, Mt. Lebanon 72 in Vancouver, BC has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 15th at Raspberry Ridge** near Lyndon, Washington. WB ("Handsome") George Gilder has been bugging the heck out of me trying to have me let him know how many will be coming. In order for me to do that, I need to hear from you! I'm hoping we can get enough together from Occidental to make up 5-6 foursomes. I'm sure they will have as many also. We will more than likely play "best ball" for group prizes and honors.

Remember, we have dinner at the course after the afternoon to hand out prizes, visit, and maybe tip a few. This is a good event to bring other interested men, and don't forget your ladies. There will be prizes for them too. The cost hasn't been determined yet, but it is very reasonable.

My address and phone number are printed below. **Please give me a call as soon as possible.**

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