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**FROM OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER:**

By WB [Errol G. Scott](#)

**Greetings Brethren:**

This is a photo of an impromptu motorcycle ride taking the Edmonds ferry for a short trip to Port Gamble, for **hamburgers al fresco** and a short ride on the peninsula afterwards. We had 8 in our group including 6 Masons: VWB John Henry Williams from Genesis 305, WB Mac Khan of Greenwood 253, Bro. John Kahler (inactive), and WBs Brian and Cam Hardy and myself from Occidental 72. There has been talk about looking into forming a chapter of a Masonic-based motorcycling association that would occasionally ride for fun, for charitable causes, and attempt to draw interest into Masonry from other outside areas. Three of us even have Masonic license plates on our bikes. There are a number of chapters known as the “Widow’s Sons” throughout the country, but none in our state yet.



As to Lodge matters, in the not too distant future, we have confirmed plans for our **Masonic trip to Norway on September 7th and return to Seattle on the 20th**. We will be hosted by Masons there, who were marvelous hosts during our earlier trip in 2004. We will have 4

nights in Oslo, 1 night at Sandifjord, 1 night at Kristiansand, and 4 nights in Bergen. The airlines have not yet announced fares for those dates, but please call **Edith Grambo at 206-784-1090** if you would like to go. We need 20 people for the best rates so please make your plans early and let Edith know.

Please plan to participate in the **17th of May Parade** (on Wednesday) to Celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day and attend our **buffet afterward at the Lodge**. The parade starts at 6:00pm and we assemble at Adams School (Ballard Playground - around NW 61st and 26th Ave NW) about 5:30pm for those who want to march and also for those who would like to ride in our people mover (we can take 6 people). Eastern Star has graciously agreed to let us join them at the buffet and has scheduled their meeting to accommodate it.

We also have a movie night and light dinner starting at 6:00pm on **Saturday, May 27th**, movie not yet determined.

At our **May Stated** meeting on **Thursday May 18th**, we will review the proposed **Grand Lodge resolutions**.

Our May and June Meetings are also important for reviewing and passing the **proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the Temple Association** required by the Grand Lodge. **This is the official notice of a vote for that purpose at our June 15th Stated Meeting**. The proposals will be open for discussion at both meetings.

I strongly recommend attendance at the **Grand Lodge Communication on June 7-10 at Ocean Shores** - it is great to see our Grand Lodge in session and ceremonies we do not see at Lodge meetings. In addition, Ocean Shores is a wonderful vacation spot with plenty activities for everyone. Hope to see you there - and let me know if you are going.

Finally, we still need brothers to help at our booth for the **Ballard Seafood Fest for the weekend of July 29th**, and if you have the time, please call Bro. Grover Partee at 206-781-1489 to let him know you will be there.

*Fraternally,*

*WB Errol G. Scott – Worshipful Master*



**WB Brian Hardy, WB Errol Scott, VWB John Henry Williams, WB Cam Hardy, WB Mac Kahn  
Port Townsend – May 3, 2006**

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## FROM OUR JUNIOR WARDEN:

By Bro. Andy King

### A View from the South.

Since being elected to the South, I have some good news and bad news... The good news is nobody has complained about the food the Junior Warden has served. The not so good news is: I wonder if Occidental Lodge No. 72 still has a presence in Occupied Ballard? True, we can proudly say we have been here since 1895 more or less. I heard from an older Brother that we at one time were active physically in the community, which led to the question as to how much physically involved are we now?

Our new Brother **Grover Partee** has researched the idea and would like the Lodge to sponsor the Grand Lodge CHIP program with a booth at the Ballard Seafood Fest this summer. "CHIP" stands for **C**hild**h**ood **I**dentification **P**rogram and offers parents of children a means of receiving a kit containing a dental impression, a preserved saliva swab (DNA), and a short video tape of their child interacting in an interview situation should they ever turn up missing. Masons along with police, volunteers for dental offices, and other commercial sponsors having been sponsoring programs like this throughout the country.

Of course, this is not a full solution to a "presence" in our community again, but perhaps it is a good start to make a new beginning. This is a chance to make ourselves seen, answer questions about who we are and why we are involved. We need men who are prepared to represent us well at this event, so **please contact Bro. Grover as soon as possible**. His number is **206.781.1489**.

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## FROM THE TEMPLE BOARD PRESIDENT:

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Hello Brethren,

As our Worshipful Master has indicated in his address, Grand Lodge threw every Lodge and Temple Association that owns a facility a challenge this year. Stemming from some very real problems that resulted in law suits directed at Grand Lodge, and at some Lodges and individuals, Grand Lodge set out to make sure every Temple Association operating in this Jurisdiction was in compliance with not only Washington Masonic code, but also State and Federal law that dictate how fraternal charitable organizations such as ours are organized and operate.

A directive was handed down from our Grand Master, MWB Alvin Jorgensen, that every Temple Association would refile a standardized set of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws with Grand Lodge and the State Attorney General. These are basically "fill in the blank" forms with no acceptations for variances other than localized names of the organization, dates, places and times of meetings, terms of office, etc. The only differences were for two versions: one for a single owner corporation, and one for a multi-owner corporation.

During the past few months, your Temple Association has reviewed and discussed what was being contemplated. I say with a great deal of pride that the Occidental Temple Association, Inc. has been a great model for many other Temple Associations as well. I know the other Trustees who are now serving, and most of you who have served in its ranks in the past feel the same way. Many, if not most of our existing Bylaws were incorporated in the new proposed Articles and

Bylaws. There are a number of additions that cover topics such as indemnification, forbid non-Masons to be Trustees, direct Temple Associations that act as non-profit "title holding companies" to make formal reports of income and expense to the owner Lodges, and require a reporting of excess operating profits be reported to the Lodge. These were reviewed and rewritten by a law office representing the Grand Lodge and incorporate "legal-eaze" language that in my opinion obscures but otherwise insignificantly changes much of what we already do and have done in the past. We have not taken this task on lightly. We have attended multiple meeting in the Seattle area that featured the Grand Secretary making presentations and fielding questions from multiple Lodges, and we have written him formal letters requesting not simply his opinion, but the opinion of the Grand Lodge legal council as to the intent of those changes we saw as potentially affecting us in a negative or new way.

At the May meeting of the Occidental Temple Association, the Trustees present felt satisfied that our questions had been materially answered and we could support them being presented to the Lodge for consideration of adoption at the June 15, 2006 Stated Meeting. Our Worshipful Master would like to make that happen, so this Trestleboard will serve as official announcement to the membership that a vote will take place.

There are ten (10) pages of standardized and proposed Articles of Incorporation and eleven (11) pages of proposed Bylaws for the Temple Association. It is impractical that the entire content be mailed to you ahead of the May and June meetings where they will be discussed. For members of Occidental Lodge who have e-mail, I will send you a message indicating a place on our Lodge web pages where you can review and/or print them out.

I hope you all can make it to these meeting to show an interest in what is being asked. Your Temple Association Trustees and others will be prepared to discuss them with you.

*Fraternally,*

*WB Brian Hardy  
President, Occidental Temple Association, Inc.*

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## **PASSAGES:**

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

### **B Chris Eugene Braddock**

September 22, 1922 ~ October 16, 2005

54 Year Mason

13 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

### **B John William Manlove**

November 23, 1930 ~ January 3, 2006

33 Year Mason

7 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B John W Netka**

October 12, 1912 ~ Sometime in 2000  
43 Year Mason  
13 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Carl G Schone**

May 27, 1912 ~ January 17, 2005  
53 Year Mason  
13 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Owen Francis Cassidy**

July 18, 1923 ~ August 1, 2005  
30 Year Mason  
25 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Arthur P Noble**

May 10, 1916 ~ April 16, 1998  
55 Year Mason  
15 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Trygve Mathisen**

July 22, 1910 ~ January 21, 2006  
47 Year Mason  
22 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Harold Wetten**

March 13, 1903 ~ August 19, 2000  
47 Year Mason  
21 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Duane Roger Spofforth**

February 15, 1932 ~ February 3, 2006  
39 Year Mason  
9 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

**B Clyde Keener Sherman**

October 10, 1916 ~ February 12, 2006  
46 Year Mason  
21 Year Life Member of Occidental Lodge

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**FAMILY NIGHT AND MOVIES:**

By WB [Brian Hardy](#)

Last month we watched "Calendar Girls" a special treat selected by our Worshipful Master. It was a very entertaining movie about an older English women's group that had a calendar made of themselves photographed nude to support their charity. All tastefully done of course, and a great story line. On Saturday, May 27th, we gather for the last time before the summer break to view . The evening begins with a light informal dinner at 6:00pm, and our movie will start at 7:00pm.



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**VIA CINOSAM:**

Charity.....  
The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.....  
Hada Bejar

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Baseball's Hall of Fame contains eleven Freemasons..... Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, Tris Speaker, "Pie" Tranor, Mickey Cochran, Eddie Collins, Jimmie Foxx, Lefty Grove, Walter Johnson, Herb Pennock and Rogers Hornsby

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**Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.**  
**Bro. Benjamin Franklin**

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**There is one sure way to make God laugh.....Plan**

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The term "sharp shooter" comes from the Sharps rifle, the famous breechloader of the Civil War invented by Bro. Christian Sharps, Meridian Sun #158, and Philadelphia.

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