



MT. HOOD LODGE #32 OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

# Trestle Board



Established May 3, 1879

November 2014

2014-2015

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## The Vancouver Masonic Center

Brethren of Mt Hood Lodge #32,

With the theft of funds emptying the investment accounts of the Temple Board which were utilized to provide operating cost cash flow, we have been operating our building at a deficit which cannot be continued long term without bankrupting the tenant lodges. While we do not need to have a fire sale, we need to sell the building. As most of you know, the Vancouver Masonic Center is now listed for sale for \$1.9 Million dollars.

Sunday 10/19/14, the President of the Vancouver Masonic Temple, Inc. (VMTI), Brother Dean Roettger, called for a meeting of Trustees. The purpose of the meeting was to respond to a solid offer to our building which required an answer within five days. In attendance representing Mt Hood Lodge #32 were WB James Wing and myself; I carried a proxy and direction for his vote for our SW Jason Masuoka who was not able to get out of work. Our WM Steven Thompson was there as a representative of York Rite. We had a quorum and just enough stock shares represented to take a vote regarding sale of the building. After much debate, we had the required unanimous vote to make a counter offer.

Your Temple Board Trustees are Temple Board Vice President VWB Dave Daily, WB James Wing, SW Jason Masuoka and I, WB John Laws. I have asked the WM for some time at our November 13<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting for your Trustees to present possible courses of action and receive input on the will of the brethren to guide our votes going forward.

There are some important decisions to be made that will affect us all in the near and long term. If you are interested in the future of our lodge, it will be an important meeting to attend! It is the sad end of one chapter for our lodge but the exciting beginning of another!

But Masonry lives!

WB John Laws

# Mt. Hood Lodge #32 News



## November

**13-** Stated Meeting

**25-** Thanksgiving

No Special Meeting

## December

**11-** Stated Meeting

**13-** Christmas Charity Dinner

5pm at the VMC

**25 -** Christmas, No Meeting

## January 2015

**TBA**

## From the West

*By Brother Jason Masuoka, Sr. Warden*

Greetings Brethren!

We're rolling into holiday season, as I'm sure you figured out by all the Christmas decorations at the stores on Halloween! Despite the concerns around the sale of our building we have a lot to be thankful for. Hard times bring people together, and our Lodge is no exception. Now is the time to come together as brothers. There is work to be done in the quarries as we rebuild our Lodge. We have two more stated meetings before the move in January, and if you'd like your voice to be heard, now is the time, our stated meeting is the place.

On a different note, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> we raised Brother Joe Gary to the sublime degree of a Master Mason! Congratulations Brother! Thank you to all who participated and attended that momentous occasion! Brother Timothy Kaftanik plans on proving up on his Entered Apprentice Degree soon, so we may be doing a Fellowcraft Degree as well!

Our Annual Charity Dinner is December 13 at 5:30pm. It's only \$25 dollars for a prime rib dinner and interactive Christmas music provided by Portland's own Dickens Carolers! It's a great way to enjoy the holiday. There's a rumor that Santa may be visiting as well! The proceeds will go to one of our favorite charities, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For those of you who don't know, Worshipful Brother Gordon Johnson, from Washington 4, has a son, Levi, who is challenged with Cystic Fibrosis. Let us come together and support this worthy cause!

See you at Lodge!

# Mt. Hood Lodge #32 News



**Happy Birthday!**

Brothers Gary Allen, Richard Bartosch,  
Richard Bogle, Keith Christensen, Joe Ellis,  
Ernest Engle, Peter Greene, Joe Houghton,  
Bernard Klein, Marion Lamb, Gerald Maurina,  
Larry Mulock, Thomas O'Neal, Richard Porter,  
Stanley Samuelis, Robert Sklovsky,  
and Donald VanDenover

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10am-11am, Every Saturday  
at the Vancouver Masonic Center, Vancouver, WA

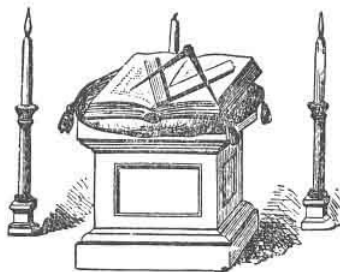


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who wish to give or receive  
more light in Masonry.

## Masonic Anniversaries

**Br. Elmer Samson, 55 years!**

*Thank you for your Masonic service!*



## In Memory...

Brother Gilbert K.M. Ridout

Born May 4, 1930

Raised January 17, 1955

Entered the Celestial

Lodge above

October 31, 2014

Service at

Evergreen Memorial

November 13, 3pm



Return Service Requested

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## Annual Mt. Hood #32 Charity Dinner

Start off the holiday season right, and help us celebrate our last Charity Dinner at the Vancouver Masonic Center!

Enjoy a delicious Prime Rib Dinner and be entertained by beautiful Christmas music provided by the Portland Dickens Carolers!



Featuring the  
Dickens Carolers!

Tickets are only \$25 and all proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, one of our favorite charities!

Tickets can be purchased from any lodge officer of Mt. Hood Lodge #32 or Washington #4.

**December 13**

**5:30-8pm**

At the Vancouver Masonic Center!