Greetings from the East.

February 18, 2016 – a date that will live in our minds and hearts for years to come. It was our last meeting in the Vancouver Masonic Center. Well, it is so long as the sale goes through on the 26th or 27th. The meeting was begun in order and closed at the hands of V.W.B. Jim Thompson with the sound of the gavel. There were nearly 26 Brothers in attendance at the meeting.

A HUGE thank you to all who pitched in on the 13th to pack up items in the VMC belonging to WA 4 and move them to the Vancouver Masonic Facility-Elks location. This was not an easy task but with 21 people the task was completed with but a few items remaining behind. We packed up more things after our last meeting and moved them as well. And then over the weekend of the 20th & 21st more items were packed up and moved -but fortunately not that much remained.

We have received authorization from the Grand Lodge to temporarily move our charter and meeting place to the VMF-Elks location. Our first meeting there will be on March 3rd with dinner at 6:30 and lodge at 7:30. As this is a stated meeting, proper attire should be worn. We’ll have some business to conduct and possibly entertain a recital from our newest E.A., Skip Barnes. That would suggest then degree work on our special on March 17th. We might even be receiving a new petition.

March has in store for us our annual trip to British Columbia, Canada. At last count, there will be 15-20 WA 4 members making the trip. Check the calendar on the Trestle Board for other special events.

During February, some of us had the opportunity to travel to White Salmon Lodge for a visit there. I also traveled to Goldendale to help in their Fellow Craft Degree. Visiting other lodges, especially in our own District, is something we should strive to do.

My Brethren, it continues to be an honor and privilege to serve you from the East. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to bless us especially in our new endeavors.

Worshipful Brother David Rice
“The End Of An Era”

Approximately 47 years ago, members of both Washington Lodge #4 and Mt. Hood Lodge #32 joined forces and broke ground for the building of a new home. That building “The Vancouver Masonic Center” (pictured below) has served us well. However, due to circumstances beyond our control it has become necessary that we must move to a new temporary home. So the time has come to say goodbye, and look to the future, but never forgetting to cherish the memories and history past.

Stay tuned……. Coming next Month, pics of our new temp home.
Wise Words from our Immediate Past Master

Visit to Little Falls Lodge No. 176 - White Socks and Wigs Night

On Friday, February 26th, VWB Mark Sanders and I attended the Little Falls Lodge No. 176 (District 17) stated communication, during which they hosted their annual White Socks and Wigs charity fundraiser. Monies raised are used to purchase clothing, backpacks, and school supplies for the children of families in Vader who are struggling financially.

As the name implies, Masons are decked out with white socks and wigs at this event. There was ample fellowship over dinner, and a great deal of Rule #3 during the Lodge meeting.

Before Lodge opened, one kind Little Falls Brother afforded me the opportunity to purchase a garter to put on my sleeve, cautioning me that there may be a fine imposed, should I be found wanting inside the Lodge. I thanked the Brother, and gladly made my purchase.

Once the Worshipful Master concluded Lodge business, he turned the gavel over to MWB Don Munks to conduct the evenings charity program. Early into the program, the Grand Master asked who was wearing a garter on their sleeve. I, and several others promptly shot our arms into the air. "$2!" declared the Grand Master. "I've been set up," I whispered to VWB Mark. After the $2 had been collected, the Grand Master further declared, "Those without garters - $3!"

The remainder of the evening was a whirlwind of fees for a host of "infractions", from wearing clown wigs to having the Grand Master's coin (and not having the Grand Master's coin), and many, many more. In total, more than $2,000 was raised, including additional donations offered by other Lodges/Brothers supporting Little Falls Lodge 176's charity.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and I, for one, will be back.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Gordon Johnson

WB Clifford Nelson, WM of Little Falls #176. is greeted by MWB Don Munks.

WB Richard Groff, WM of Harmony #18, MWB Don Munks, and WB Don Tally with the proceeds
Freemasons of Southwest Washington: Sponsorship of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s GREAT STRIDES event & Levis’ Uncles

Washington Lodge No. 4, along with support from other Masonic Lodges in District 19 (and beyond) of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F&AM of Washington have been active supporters of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation since May 2011. This year is no exception.

Once again, Freemasons of Southwest Washington will be identified as a sponsoring organization at the May 14, 2016 CF Foundation GREAT STRIDES fundraiser in Vancouver. With permission from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Don Munks, our sponsorship logo (with the square and compasses) will be displayed on event T-shirts and on event day signage.

Levi’s Uncles

Gordon Johnson, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 4, has a son, Levi, with Cystic Fibrosis. When one Brother at Washington Lodge No. 4 became aware of Gordon’s participation in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s annual GREAT STRIDES fundraiser, he suggested gathering Masonic support of this worthy cause within District 19 for his Masonic “nephew”. Quickly thereafter, it was suggested that Freemasons participating in the event be identified as “Levi’s Uncles”.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 14th, at Esther Short Park in Vancouver (6th St. & Columbia St). Check-in at 9:00 AM. The 5K walk kicks-off at 10:00 AM.

Please register online at http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/Levis_Team

WHAT IS CYSTIC FIBROSIS?

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide).

Cystic fibrosis is caused by mutations in the gene that produces the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) protein. This protein is responsible for regulating the flow of salt and fluids in and out of the cells in different parts of the body.

A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that:

- clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections; and
- obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food.

STATISTICS

- Ten million people in the U.S. – or one in 30 – are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene
- About 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed each year.
- In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school.
- In 2015, for the first time, over half of the CF population is over 18 years of age.
- The predicted median age of survival is ~41 years old.
Learn more about Cystic Fibrosis and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at www.cff.org
DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CF PATIENT

- Airway clearance to help loosen and get rid of the thick mucus that can build up in the lungs
- Inhaled medicines to open the airways or thin the mucus.
- Pancreatic enzyme supplement capsules to improve the absorption of vital nutrients.
- Antibiotics (oral, IV, or inhaled) to fight or control infection-causing bacteria.
- VERY HIGH calorie diet.

THE FOUNDATION

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis

- The Foundation’s mission is to find a cure for cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for people living with the disease.
- Nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of the Foundation’s support and our ongoing work with researchers and the pharmaceutical industry to find a cure.
- Today, for the first time in the history of the disease, there are therapies that address the underlying cause of CF and hold the promise of significantly improving quality of life and life expectancy.
- In July 2015, the FDA approved Orkambi for people with cystic fibrosis ages 12 and older who have two copies of the F508del gene mutation, the most common CF mutation. Orkambi is designed to help the defective CFTR protein function normally

Moreover, the Foundation's Venture Capital Model is recognized for its effectiveness, and is emulated by many other rare disease nonprofits: [https://www.cff.org/Our-Research/Our-Research-Approach/Venture-Philanthropy/](https://www.cff.org/Our-Research/Our-Research-Approach/Venture-Philanthropy/)

From your Senior Deacon

Exploring the George Washington memorial website I came across this and thought it would be fitting to share since February represent George Washington’s birthday month.

General Henry Lee’s eulogy to George Washington, the friend of Masonry, of his Country and of Man:

“First in war—first in peace—and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and enduring scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified, and commanding, his example was as edifying to all around him as were the effects of that example lasting. To his equals he was condescending, to his inferiors kind, and to the dear object of his affections exemplarily tender; correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence, and virtue always felt his fostering hand; the purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues.”

For more information on the memorial please check out [http://www.gwmemorial.org](http://www.gwmemorial.org)

S&F,

Bro. Chris Carter
Across

3. This medical doctor and Masonic scholar born on March 13, 1809, wrote several books and articles on Freemasonry.
5. This Masonic youth group, named after the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, was formed in Kansas City, Missouri on March 18, 1919.
6. This irrational and transcendental number is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, and is celebrated on March 14.
8. The Grand Lodge of this state was constituted on March 25, 1882.
9. One of 15 men of color made masons on March 6, 1775 in Lodge #441 of the Irish Registry attached to the 38th British Foot Infantry at Castle William Island in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts.

Down

1. Washington Lodge No. 4's sister Lodge to the North holds their annual Installation of Officers in March.
2. If not in compliance with the proper format will be returned to the proponent for correction, and if not corrected and returned to the Code Commission by March 1, will be rejected and the Committee on Jurisprudence shall report the rejection at the next Annual Communication [WMC Sec 5.01]
4. Following submission of this End-of-Year document, the Grand Secretary will send the Lodge an itemized statement of the amount owed by the Lodge for dues, fees and contributions by March 20. [WMC 14.11]
7. The Grand Lodge of this state was constituted on March 17, 1856.

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What's Happening in the District.

Mar 03 - Washington Lodge #4 Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30 pm. Lodge 7:30 pm. Note. Will meet at the Vancouver Elks Lodge

Mar 05 - Ridgefield Daylight Lodge #237 Stated Meeting 10:00am. - Will meet at ????

Mar 07 - North Bank Lodge #182 Dinner 6:30 pm - Masons Only. Stated Meeting 7:30 pm

Mar 08 - Silver Star #286 Stated Meeting 7:30 pm - Will meet at the Woodland-Kalama Lodge in Woodland.

Mar 10 - Mt. Hood Lodge #32 Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30 pm.- Lodge 7:30pm. Note. Will meet at the Vancouver Elks Lodge.

March 12 2016, Capilano installation of Officers.

Mar 14 - North Bank Lodge #182 Valentine Dinner at 6:00 pm - Ladies and guests are invited. Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Mar 23 - Scottish Rite Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 pm Lodge Meeting at.7:30 pm - Meets at the Vancouver Elks Club

October 1 2016 Tri-Lodge Location TBD.

If any brother needs a ride to Lodge, please contact us at Secretary@washingtonlodge4.org, and we’ll make arrangements.

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Do you use Facebook? Washington Lodge No. 4 has a closed Facebook page. Please contact the Secretary or Worshipful Master via Facebook to be added to the group.

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Washington Lodge No. 4 has a new mailing address:
Washington Lodge No. 4
PO Box 244 Vancouver, WA
98666
Washington Lodge Past Masters

*1857 - Lewis Van Vleet
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*1859 - Jas. A. Graham
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*1861 - Lewis Van Vleet
*1862 - Louis Sohns
*1863 - Levi Farnsworth
*1864 - Wm. H. Troup
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*1869 - Jos. M. Fletcher
*1870 - Louis Sohns
*1871 - James Davidson
*1872 - John Eddings
*1873 - Geo. W. Durgan
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*1879 - Albert S. Nicholson
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*1887 - Lowell M. Hidden
*1888 - Louis R. Sohns
*1889 - Louis R. Sohns
*1890 - Henry Christ
*1891 - Charles A. Johnson
*1892 - Louis R. Sohns
*1893 - Wm. H. Eddings
*1894 - Louis D. Sohns
*1895 - Edward F. Hixon
*1896 - Edward F. Hixon
*1897 - Jas. M. Pritchard
*1898 - Dexter C. Grunow
*1899 - Jos. A. C. Brant
*1900 - Edward F. Hixon
*1901 - Dan Crowley
*1902 - Jos. R. Harvey
*1903 - Wm. H. H. King
*1904 - Wm. H. Martin
*1905 EM Green
*1906 - John Harvey
*1907 - M. R. Sparks
*1908 - Herman J. Erdman
*1909 - W. E. Yates
*1910 - Lewis G. Conant
*1911 - Rudolph G. Ebert
*1912 - James Scott
*1913 - Dennis Nichols
*1914 - Hugh McKinley
*1915 - Samuel J. Miller
*1916 - Francis M. Young
*1917 - wm. J. Kinney
*1918 - Bert Yates
*1919 - W. B. Richardson
*1920 - M. W. O'Dell
*1921 - Frank Steele
*1922 - Claude E. Baty
*1923 - Chas. H. Thurman
*1924 - Horace H. Daniels
*1925 - Forest H. Gay
*1926 - Fred W. Sinclair
*1927 - W. E. Pearson
*1928 - Jesse L. Dodge
*1929 - Claude C. Snider.
*1930 - Cecil C. Cady
*1931 - Ralph E. Carter
*1932 - Olaf N. Lorass
*1933 - Jay A. Sly
*1934 - Erwin O. Rieger
*1935...Clark W. Moody
*1936 - Elmer K. Bakke
*1937 - Irwin L. Hopfe
*1938 - James C. Callahan
*1939 - Raymond T. Forrest
*1940 - Howard D. Phillips
*1941 - Ben H. Kreis
*1942 - J. Guthrie Langsdorf
*1943 - William J. Yunker
*1944 - Ira G. Holcomb
*1945 - Horace Hatch
*1946 - Perry L. Hartsock
*1947 - Roy C. Wilson
*1948 - Clifford W. Koppe
*1949 - Albert N. Stanley
*1950 - Phillip LeRoy Weeks
*1951 - W. E. Lawton
*1952 - James A. Daniels
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*1958 - Hugh H. Bolton
*1959 - Roland F. McKennett
*1960 - Robert J. Moss
*1961 - Milton V. Poe
*1962 - James R. Gregg
*1963 - Richard A. Flett
*1963 - H. Russell Huff (Hon.)
1964 - Thomas L. Wilson
*1965 - Eugene F. Hartley.

*1966 - Franklin H. McClung
*1966 - Harold S. Ball (Hon.)
*1967 - Earl E. Sewell, Jr
*1968 - Robert T. Ludahl
*1969 - H. A. Benedict
*1970 - Donald L. Wallingford
*1971 - Robert L. Zweifel
*1972 - S. Gene Grover.
*1973 - David W. Williamson
*1974 - J. R. (Dick) Brown
*1975 - Thomas B. Chapman
*1976 - Alf Gregerson
*1977 - Abraham N. Cutter
*1978 - Albert D. Shaw
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1997 - Donald P Graham (Hon)
*1998 - Marvin E. Christian
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2003 - Kenneth D. McCoy
2004 - Terry K. Gaya
*2005 - Roxy W. Spray
2006 - Thom B. Taylor
2007 - Mark D. Sanders
*2008 - Joseph P. Conroy
2009 - Don Houston
2010 - Michael J. Bishop
2011 - H.J. Hank Shaffer
2012 - David C. Coffing.
2013 - Frederick T. Davis
2014 - Leigh F. Cahill
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