

# District 7 News



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## Why We Cry and Why I Pray

Recently, out of the blue, it occurred to me that we cry when words can't say what we feel. Babies prove this every day and last week I proved it for myself. I stepped off a streetcar and into the park in Hiroshima that houses the Atomic Bomb Dome. As I approached the ruins I started to choke up. Then I had to turn around and sit for a few minutes to cry. Hadn't expected that.



Sadness about history's greatest moment of destruction soon gave way to hope when I saw a group of about a dozen Japanese school children, maybe about 10 years old, praying for peace in front of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. I cried again.

North and South Korea took a big step toward reducing the threat last week. They have more work to do and there are other nuclear powers that need to come to the table. What if the leadership of *all* of the nuclear powers met at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial? And what if we surrounded them with school children? And at the end of the day if any nation still insisted that they needed nuclear weapons what if we forced them look each kid directly in the eye and tell them why?

It's too late to re-litigate the pros and cons of unleashing a weapon of such devastation to end World War II. We can't change what happened. We can pray for what happens next.

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

April 30	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
May 2	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
May 3	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
May 10	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
May 12	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
May 14	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
May 17	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
May 19	Saturday	Lakeside #258	MM Degree
May 21	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated

DDGM schedule at [more-out-there.blogspot.com](http://more-out-there.blogspot.com)

## Falls City #66

By Brother Robert Coats

It was another great event at the annual Falls City/Unity chili cook-off with six entries representing five lodges here in District 7. This year's winning chili was turned in by Lady Robin Reed, wife of Chad Reese from Myrtle Lodge in Issaquah. In addition to the name on the Ladell Trophy, Unity Lodge will also be donating \$50 to their charity of choice, Shriners Hospital, with RWB Doug Stamper and WM David Hisel pitching in to bring the cash donation to the Shriners Hospital up to \$90. Additionally, the chili cook-off also raised an additional \$238 for local charities in the Snoqualmie Valley.



While the Snoqualmie Valley Masons use this chili cook-

off as a charity fundraiser, getting together in Brotherhood is a large part of what this is all about and it was wonderful to see so many Brothers from lodges across the district bringing their families and friends to the yearly gathering. This event also allowed some prospective Masons to stop by with their families and get a “taste” of what they can expect when joining the fraternity. Over all it was a fantastic evening of fellowship and brotherhood. Congratulations again to Lady Robin Reed and all of the participants for making this year’s chili cook-off such a wonderful success!

**Masonic Wages from WB David Hisel:** I want to personally thank Brother Robert Coats for heading the Chili Committee. I know that one of his favorite things is to contribute to the community, and he contributes with his heart and soul. Thank you, Brother Robert! We had another wonderful event where I saw joy, laughter, comradery, and good food.

## Lakeside #258

*By WM Enzo Sainato*

The last month has been busy at Lakeside and we are better for it! At our Stated we conferred a 50 year pin, Br. Malcolm Maciver proved-up for the MM degree in open Lodge, Br. Max Box led a discussion on how radically different Masonry is practiced in Japan versus Bainbridge Island, which was a set-up for a future conversation about what experience do you want your Lodge experience to be. We were happy to have a contingent of Brothers from Mercer Island join us in Lodge. Our theme for the dinner was Jamaican BBQ and they did come specially dressed for that.



On April 21 (pictured) we conferred the FC degree for Brs. Jaime Speicher and Michael Cramer, both of whom were able to pass their proficiency within a month of being initiated. This year we have been more systematic with the coaching. WB Charles Johnson has organized our coaching for the degrees and it has been going smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to add a special thanks to WB Jim Groves for conferring the degree, WB Michael Campbell for organizing, and VW Cary Cope for delivering a wonderful Middle Chamber lecture.

This past week a few of us visited our sister lodge in Canada, Tsawwassen Lodge, to take part in their raising a Master Mason. There were about 60 brothers in attendance and it was practically standing room only. The work in Canada is very different from our own and there were a number of cool surprises that I best not get into in this forum, however if you have the chance to experience this work in British Columbia then do it. And some of the embellishments that they have implemented are distinctive and unique.

Speaking of the Master Mason degree, we have a forthcoming degree scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., at our Lodge (dinner to follow). We will be raising at least one and more likely two (subject to proficiency) in the sublime degree. Special thanks to WB Jim Groves for organizing.

Lastly, our regular Stated is on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. It will feature a very cool educational piece (it’s a secret for now ... but not to be missed). Dinner will be provided before at 6:30 p.m. with the gavel at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we dwell together in unity in Redmond at the EMC.

## Traveling Gavel Update

*By WB Dean Markley*

Lakeside Lodge is in possession of the Traveling Gavel, and that will remain the case unless:

1. At least four members of a given Lodge must simultaneously visit at meeting at Lakeside.
2. The visitors must have signed the Tyler’s register as such.
3. At least one of visitor’s principal officers must be among the four or more visiting Brothers.

4. If more than one Lodge is represented by the required number of visiting Brothers the gavel shall be awarded to the Lodge with the higher percentage of Brothers in attendance in relation to their total membership.

*Editor: If the gavel is claimed WB Markley must submit a report to the District 7 News. Furthermore, if Mercer Island #297 earns the gavel it will be left at Lakeside since Mercer Island's closet at the VFW is already full.*

### Fraudulent Email Alert

If you receive an email that appears to be from MWB Jim Mendoza or "Jim V." asking you to purchase I-Tunes cards or other items, it is a fraudulent email.

### Concordant Body Meetings at EMC

<i>Lakeside OES</i>			
May 17	Thursday	Stated Meeting	6:30 p.m.
<i>Bellevue Rainbow Assembly</i>			
May 10	Thursday	Stated Meet	7:00 p.m.
May 24	Thursday	Stated Meet	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
May 9	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 23	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job's Daughters Bethel</i>			
May 7	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
May 20	Sunday	Stated meeting	2:00 p.m.
<i>Eastside Scottish Rite Club</i>			
May 30**	Wednesday	Stated meeting (at Myrtle Lodge)	7:00 p.m.

### Eastside Scottish Rite Club

*By WB Brian Thomas*

The Eastside Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month that has a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Meetings alternate between Myrtle Lodge in Issaquah and the Eastside Masonic Center in Redmond. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Myrtle Lodge in Issaquah where we will be discussing why Masonry was compelled to come out of the shadows in 1717 and why the ritual only mentions New Testament themes once. It will be an interesting

history lesson. All Master Masons are invited. Dress is casual.

*"Education is lighting a fire, not filling a vessel"*  
~Socrates. Masonry needs to think about this concept.

Contact WB Brian Thomas at [bjt@comcast.net](mailto:bjt@comcast.net) or 425-226-0463 if you're interested or would like to receive email notices.

### Junior Grand Warden Candidate Forum

Videos of Daylight Lodge #232's candidate forum are at the links listed below:

1. [Introductions](#)
2. [Qualifications](#)
3. [Grand Treasurer](#)
4. [Board of Directors](#)
5. [Technology in Fraternity](#)
6. [Fighting Misinformation](#)
7. [Most Pressing Issue](#)
8. [Helping Struggling Lodges](#)
9. [Funding Sources](#)
10. [Improving Lives of Masons](#)
11. [Sunset Clause](#)
12. [Prince Hall](#)
13. [Closing Statements](#)

### Deadline

Submissions for the May 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the ~~District 7 News~~ are due **Saturday, May 12, 2018**. Early submission is encouraged.

### Letters to the Editor

*We've Been Here Before (April 15, 2018)*

If you recall I mentioned that Grand Lodge adopted a long range vision for our Fraternity: Six Supports of Long Range Vision for Grand Lodge of Washington. This vision was voted on at Grand Lodge last year.

Not only is it a vision for the fraternity but one could apply this to themselves as a vision for their Masonic life.

It very close to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs quotes.

~RWB Charles (Woody) Wood

*Editor: The full text of the vision statement appears at the end of this newsletter.*

WB John,

I would like to suggest this book, [41 Million Men](#), recommended by a member of this Lakeside #258 who is a Millennial. I have heard that it is making the rounds in NYC among Masons.

~WB Enzo Sainato

WB John,

Women in Lodge. There are jurisdictions that have women "Co-Masons", Elks have women members. Do these organizations have success with expanding membership?

I have had inquires about the Masonic implement on the rear of my car. I usually respond "Are you a Mason?, why not" It is tough to recruit men here at the Old Folks Home with average age above 80!

Take care and keep the faith, we will succeed.

~WB Bob Decker

WB John,

I find it interesting that MWB Schoeben and RWB Woody are the only purples, in the years I have lived in Washington, who give us numbers, rounded ones, of course, but numbers and trends.

~WB Helmuth Swobo

John,

The Sufi Orders of which I'm part of never advertise in papers or radio and TV. For it is said those who have it in them will find us and join in the work. Seems, though membership is never publicized, we have more than doubled in size in the last ten or so years. "Attract like-minded", both men and women through example, through character, seems to do the trick. If asked one will say they belong to such-and-such Order, that's it. Large numbers are never the goal. Masons are known just as Sufis are but without much knowledge of what they are all about. So be it.

Love, hugs,

~Dad

## What? Section



## Square Meals

**Myrtle #108** welcomes Masons and friends to breakfast at the Gas Lamp in Issaquah every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

**Goose and Gridiron, Nest 0** meets Mondays for lunch at the Longhorn restaurant in Auburn.

**Falls City #66 Sticks & Stones** meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lit Cigar Bar in Snoqualmie Casino. Consumption of solid food at this "meal" is not customary.

**Fern Hill #80 Past Masters** welcome Masons and friends in South King and Pierce counties to breakfast at Angleas Restaurant just south of E. 72nd St on S. Portland Avenue (behind Safeway), Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.

**Mission of Grand Lodge:** Freemasons of Washington will be recognized as a relevant and respected Fraternity, committed to attracting and retaining all men of high quality who strive for self-improvement and the opportunity to make a positive difference in their community.

### **Six Supports of Long Range Vision for Grand Lodge of Washington**

With a focus on these Six Supports, Masonry in Washington is growing in membership and has the public perception as an honorable and positive influence on society. Masonic events are well attended and considered of great value by their members. Lodges are providing inspirational education programs that are both thought provoking and highly anticipated. Individual lodges work together to expand their capabilities and share their unique talents. Masons have an expanded sense of camaraderie with other Masons in their lodge and across the state.

The Grand Lodge of Washington is viewed by the Masonic community as a supportive organization. Its repository of educational materials and the best practices of its constituent lodges are of great value to the individual lodges. The Grand Lodge supports the efforts of the member lodges and is a source of consultative services to assist member lodges in being successful. The Grand Lodge Officers are seen as prudent and effective leaders that guide the fraternity by precept and example.

### **Membership experience**

Engage and retain members and their families through an enhanced, sustaining, and relevant membership experience.

### **Masonic education**

Educate members and communities about the fraternity's intriguing and enduring history, values, practical application of our principles, and relevance to society today.

### **Leadership and management**

Strengthen our leaders and cultivate new ones; strengthen management and governance effectiveness at all levels.

### **Beyond the lodge**

Instill a wider Masonic perspective, inside and outside the fraternity, by deepening the connection between members, lodges, the worldwide body of Freemasonry, concordant organizations, and the Public at large.

### **Philanthropy**

Focus our philanthropic efforts through Washington Masonic Charities

### **Technology**

In all areas, leverage technology for communications, education, management, charities, and deepening the connections of members to our Fraternity.

We want to know your opinion! Do you feel these elements represent what should be the focus for the Grand Lodge, the Constituent Lodges & all Masons in our Jurisdiction?

Yes ? No ? Why or Why Not?

## District 7 Stated Communications

Lodge	Address	Meeting Times	Contacts
<b>Falls City #66</b>	4304 337th Place Southeast Fall City, WA 98024 <a href="http://www.fallcitylodge.com">www.fallcitylodge.com</a>	2nd Saturday, 1st Saturday June; dark July & August. 7:30 p.m. except January, 7:00 p.m.	WM: David Hisel <a href="mailto:davidhisel@outlook.com">davidhisel@outlook.com</a> Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Hisel)
<b>Myrtle #108</b>	Street Address: 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 Mailing Address: PO Box 766 Issaquah, WA 98027 <a href="http://www.myrtlelodge108.org">www.myrtlelodge108.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (The lights stay on in the Summer months)	WM: Chad Reece <a href="mailto:damnthings@gmail.com">damnthings@gmail.com</a> Sec: Brian Thomas <a href="mailto:bjt19@comcast.net">bjt19@comcast.net</a>
<b>West Gate #128</b>	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://westgatelodge.org">westgatelodge.org</a>	3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Earl Lara <a href="mailto:earllara@westgatelodge.org">earllara@westgatelodge.org</a> Sec: Donn Castro - <a href="mailto:donncastro@yahoo.com">donncastro@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Kirkland #150</b>	702 1/2 Market St. Kirkland, WA 98033 <a href="http://www.kirklandmasons.org">www.kirklandmasons.org</a>	2nd Thursday (3rd Thursday June) except July, August. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	WM: Brian Clubb <a href="mailto:bclubb@Outlook.com">bclubb@Outlook.com</a> Sec: David Pearson <a href="mailto:dpearson@gmail.com">dpearson@gmail.com</a>
<b>Unity #198</b>	119 North Bend Way North Bend, WA 98045 <a href="http://www.unity198.org">www.unity198.org</a>	1st Wednesday. If Holiday, 2nd Wednesday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Matt Roalkvam <a href="mailto:webmattr@hotmail.com">webmattr@hotmail.com</a> Sec :
<b>Lakeside #258</b>	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://www.lakeside258.org">www.lakeside258.org</a>	2nd Monday, except July & August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Vincenzo Sainato <a href="mailto:vsainato@me.com">vsainato@me.com</a> Sec: Dean Markley <a href="mailto:wdeanm@gmail.com">wdeanm@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mercer Island #297</b>	1836 72nd Avenue Southeast Mercer Island, WA 98040 <a href="http://www.mercerislandmasons.org">www.mercerislandmasons.org</a>	1st Thursday; 2nd Thursday if Holiday or Grand Lodge, dark July & August  Open bar 6:00 p.m., catered dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner, \$20.	WM: Dan Taylor <a href="mailto:dantaylor@msn.com">dantaylor@msn.com</a> Sec: Scott Anderson <a href="mailto:papabear120@hotmail.com">papabear120@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Renaissance #312</b>	11440 Avondale Road Northeast Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://www.renaissance312.org">www.renaissance312.org</a>	Last Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December; if holiday, next available Monday that is not a holiday.  Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Table Lodge at 7:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner, \$25.	WM: Joe Oates <a href="mailto:joates_48323@yahoo.com">joates_48323@yahoo.com</a> Sec: Bill Werner <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@hotmail.com</a>

## District 7 Officers

District Deputy of the Grand Master: VWB Doug Stamper [dstamper@outlook.com](mailto:dstamper@outlook.com),  @dstamper

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<b>WM</b>	WB David Hisel	WB Chad Reece	WB Earl Lara	WB Brian Clubb	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Vincenzo Sainato	WB Dan Taylor	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>SW</b>	Br Joshua Bushman	Br Laurence Lance	VWB Ray Lavidia	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Jim Groves	WB Thomas Aquino	WB Todd Pike.
<b>JW</b>	Br Robert Coats	Br Gerry O'Brien	VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Steve Preston	WB Ernest Jenner	WB Mike Campbell	Br Carl Bronkema	VWB Gene Ulrich
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB David Pearson		WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	VWB Bill Werner
<b>Treas</b>	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB Bill Reynar	Br David Bach	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Paul Hoeffler	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SD</b>	Br Noah Phillips	Br. Brett Meyer	Br Arjay Protacio	Br Ron Quartel		Br Dirk Benisch	Br Brent Fleckner	Br. Sheraz Malik
<b>JD</b>		WB Goeff Joosten	Br Karl Egts	Br Rod Beacham	Br David Bach	WB Todd Pike	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Brian Wheeler
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Jeff Craig	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Max Box	VWB Roger Barnstead	Br Mihai Manolache
<b>Mrsh</b>		Br Thomas Monds	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Stephen Burns	
<b>Mu</b>			Br Bert Bertram				WB John Gebhart	
<b>SS</b>				Br Jorge Coronel		Br Kevin Ward		
<b>JS</b>				Br Zach Carpenter				
<b>T</b>	WB Frank Schumacher		WB Henry Castro					

\* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

\*\* Br Andy Precious is Master of Ceremonies for the Festive Board