

District 7 News



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Trivial Pursuit

I bet Masons would never say “Thank you, now I’m a better man” after being corrected for missing a word or two in the ritual. Yet the oft practiced habit of pointing out our errors persists. The Brother offering the correction might know the proper words, but does he know what that particular part of the ritual represents? Just because he has memorized the words doesn’t necessarily mean he truly understands and embraces them in his quest to become a better man.

And I mean no disrespect to the Brothers who have earned the Proficiency in Lodge Management certificate. Rather, I admire their commitment. But I must call attention to question #27 on the PILM exam:

A Mason’s Apron is worn on the outside of your business suit, according to:

- TSW 5-4
- WMC Sec. 15.11 B.L
- LOH 3-37
- None of the above

Is knowing this what we came here to do? It’s 2018, searchable PDFs exist, and almost everybody knows how to use Ctrl-F. Why spend any time studying this and similar points of Masonic trivia? How could the study time be better spent on becoming a better man? (As an aside, can somebody tell me how knowing the proper use of an apron helps one better manage a Lodge or why it matters? And don’t get me started on suits.)

Being a good Masonic technician is not the same as being a better man. The 24-inch gauge teaches us to make judicious use of our time. How judicious is it to use time on technical proficiency when there might be unattended opportunities to become better?

Thank you for reading this. I feel better.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Blink

August 16	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
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DDGM schedule at more-out-there.blogspot.com

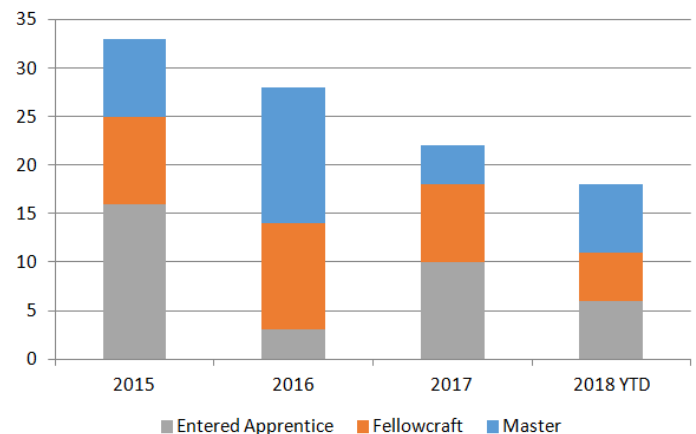
Lakeside Lodge #258

On Saturday, June 30th Lakeside Lodge conferred the sublime degree of Master Mason for Brothers Michael Cramer, Malcom Maclver, and Jaime Speicher.



WB Jim Groves was Conferring Master and was ably assisted by VWB Cary Cope who served as both Senior Deacon and Lecturer.

District 7 Degrees



Mercer Island Lodge #297

Following another very successful fireworks sale the Brothers of Mercer Island donated \$3,000 to the Mercer Island High School Marching Band in support of their efforts to bring their Puerto Rican Sister Band to march with them in the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade.



In addition to the Lodge's contribution the fireworks customers donated an additional \$1,048.

D7 Road Trip!

Your editor had such a good time when visiting United Peninsula Lodge in Sannich, BC last month that he's decided to (sort of) organize a road trip so a bunch of D7 Brothers could visit together. United Peninsula meets on the first Wednesday of each month and the organizing committee has circled Wednesday, November 6th and our visitation date. United Peninsula will hold its military recognition ceremony that night and members who are active or retired military are asked to attend in uniform.



Sannich, BC is on Vancouver Island, so you'll need a passport (or enhanced driver's license) and a ferry crossing will be required. The Lodge is situated about 25 miles north of Victoria so a case can be made for arriving a day or two before or staying a few days after the Lodge meeting.

Here's what is included in the D7 Road Trip:

- The address of the Lodge
- A list of the D7 Brothers who will be attending
- Hotel suggestions and investigation of possible group discounts

Here's what's *NOT* included:

- Everything else. But if you want to organize (and manage) a meal or some other group activity the District 7 News will promote your event at a generously discounted rate.

If you are interested in joining the road trip please email me at john.e.gebhart@gmail.com.

One final note, if we're going to go all the way to Canada to visit a Lodge on the first Wednesday of the month then we really ought to pick another first Wednesday and also go the much shorter distance to North Bend and visit Unity Lodge.

Lansdowne Portrait Fund Raising

By MWB Jim Mendoza

Our Grand Master, MW Jim Kendall, is pleased to introduce a special fundraising initiative to fund our continuing efforts with the Honor Flight program, to assist members of our youth groups in the area of leadership development, and to reintroduce George Washington in our schools.



Originally done in 1796, the Lansdowne Portrait portrays Washington as "a civilian commander in chief." Here, he is depicted as a man of peace, but nonetheless shown as strong, holding a compelling oratorical pose, while clutching a ceremonial sword.

The history of the portrait is storied. When the British were descending on the White House during the War of 1812, President James Madison sent word to his wife, the nation's beloved First Lady, to evacuate. Before she did, quick-thinking Dolly made sure their copy of Stuart's work was rescued, so it would not be destroyed or claimed by the advancing invaders. She had it broken out of its frame and spirited away from the White House's hallowed halls before she made her escape. The White House was burned, but the Madisons and the treasured Lansdowne were preserved.

34 X 44 framed replicas of this portrait are presently available for sale. The idea is for individuals, lodges, or concordant bodies to then donate the replica of the portrait to a local school or government office.

We are asking \$250.00. As this is a partnership with the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, \$130.00 will be returned to them to fund their charitable effort, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. The remainder will fund our Grand Master's charitable efforts.

If lodges or individual brethren wish to purchase a portrait or have questions, please contact project chairman MW Jim Mendoza at jim@mendozaline.net.

Concordant Body Meetings at EMC

Lakeside OES			
<i>Dark</i>			
Bellevue Rainbow Assembly			
August 9	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 23	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Bellevue DeMolay Chapter			
August 8	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 22	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Job's Daughters Bethel			
August 6	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
August 19	Sunday	Stated meeting	2:00 p.m.

Deadline

Submissions for the August 31st issue of the **District 7 News** are due **Saturday, August 25, 2018**.
Early submission is encouraged.

Letters to the Editor

Comfort (June 30, 2018)

WB Editor:

Selected pithy sayings:

A body in motion tends to stay in motion, a body at rest tends to stay at rest. Many Masons are at rest - we are in comfortable patterns and it's easier to stay that way.

Breakthroughs only come when the frustration level is high enough to cause you to change. I'm sure you've heard this in exec coaching, etc. Right now our frustration level isn't high enough that we want to change. Our founding fathers didn't want to throw off the yoke of England either, but finally the frustration level became too much to bear.

Ever hear the story of the dog and the nail? A young man is walking down a street and sees an old man sitting on the porch. Next to him is a dog, howling in pain. The young man starts to go past but curiosity gets the better of him. He asks the old man why the dog is howling, and the old man replies it's because the dog is sitting on a nail. Perplexed, the young man asks why the dog doesn't get off the nail. "Guess it doesn't hurt that bad" was the old man's reply.

When will membership become such a source of frustration we will change? I heard that while Rainbow is doing OK, Job's Daughter's numbers are so bad that in 10 years they will cease to be a viable organization in WA.

~ WB Paul Hoeffler

Hello once again, dear John!

Excellence, comfort, what about happiness? We should seldom be comfortable until we have arrived at 'unity'. Now unity is a word bigger than just about any other word except truth, love. We become happy when we have seen that light that gives us vision into unity of creation, all humans and other beings, even inanimate ones. We get there and here by forgetting self and

spending our time and thoughts helping others who need and ask for help!

Love as always, hugs,

~Dad

Advertising Section

Advertising

“There are features about advertising—some kinds of advertising—that are emphatically not points in a gentleman’s game. The major part of the activity is honorable merchandising, without taint. But there are projects that undertake to exploit the meaner side of the human animal—that make their appeal to social snobbishness, shame, fear, envy, greed. The advertising leverage that these campaigns use is a kind of leverage that no person with a rudimentary sense of social values is willing to help apply...”—W.A. Dwiggins, LAYOUT IN ADVERTISING (1928)

*Editor: And the more things get different
the more they stay the same*

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.

District 7 Stated Communications

Lodge	Address	Meeting Times	Contacts
Falls City #66	4304 337th Place Southeast Fall City, WA 98024 www.fallcitylodge.com	2nd Saturday, 1st Saturday June; dark July & August. 7:30 p.m. except January, 7:00 p.m.	WM: David Hisel davidhisel@outlook.com Sec: Nick Michaud nickalan@comcast.net
Myrtle #108	Street Address: 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 Mailing Address: PO Box 766 Issaquah, WA 98027 www.myrtlelodge108.org	3 rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (The lights stay on in the Summer months)	WM: Chad Reece damnthings@gmail.com Sec: Brian Thomas bjt19@comcast.net
West Gate #128	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 westgatelodge.org	3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Earl Lara earllara@westgatelodge.org Sec: Donn Castro - donncastro@yahoo.com
Kirkland #150	702 1/2 Market St. Kirkland, WA 98033 www.kirklandmasons.org	2nd Thursday (3rd Thursday June) except July, August. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	WM: Brian Clubb bclubb@Outlook.com Sec: Bill Reynar wjreynar@gmail.com
Unity #198	119 North Bend Way North Bend, WA 98045 www.unity198.org	1st Wednesday. If Holiday, 2nd Wednesday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Matt Roalkvam webmattr@hotmail.com Sec : Dean Markley wdeanm@gmail.com
Lakeside #258	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 www.lakeside258.org	2nd Monday, except July & August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Vincenzo Sainato vsainato@me.com Sec: Dean Markley wdeanm@gmail.com
Mercer Island #297	1836 72nd Avenue Southeast Mercer Island, WA 98040 www.mercerislandmasons.org	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 dantaylor@msn.com Sec: Scott Anderson papabear120@hotmail.com
Renaissance #312	11440 Avondale Road Northeast Redmond, WA 98052 www.renaissance312.org	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 joates_48323@yahoo.com Sec: Bill Werner bigwer1@hotmail.com

District 7 Officers

District Deputy of the Grand Master: VWB Doug Stamper dstamper@outlook.com,  @dstamper

	Falls City #66	Myrtle #108	West Gate #128	Kirkland #150	Unity #198	Lakeside #258	Mercer Island #297*	Renaissance #312**
WM	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.
SW	Br Joshua Bushman	Br Laurence Lance	VWB Ray Lavidia	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Jim Groves	WB Thomas Aquino	WB Todd Pike.
JW	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
Sec	WB Nick Michaud	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB Bill Reynar	WB Dean Markley	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	VWB Bill Werner
Treas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB Bill Reynar	Br David Bach	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Paul Hoeffler	VWB Bill Werner
SD	Br Noah Phillips	Br. Brett Meyer	Br Arjay Protacio	Br Ron Quartel		Br Dirk Benisch	Br Brent Fleckner	Br. Sheraz Malik
JD		WB Goeff Joosten	Br Karl Egts	Br Rod Beacham	Br David Bach	WB Todd Pike	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Brian Wheeler
Chp	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Jeff Craig	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Max Box	VWB Roger Barnstead	Br Mihai Manolache
Mrsh		Br Thomas Monds	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Stephen Burns	
Mu			Br Bert Bertram				WB John Gebhart	
SS				Br Jorge Coronel		Br Kevin Ward		
JS				Br Zach Carpenter				
T	WB Frank Schumacher		WB Henry Castro					

* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

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