

District 7 News



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Political Situation

We're supposed to avoid discussions of politics. That's hard to do these days, but I will. Instead I'll tell you a story from the pre-Trump years that started out political but I'm happy to remember it as something else.

On a very pleasant fall afternoon while walking through Pioneer Square headed for a Starbucks a young woman holding a clipboard approached me and said, "Hi, do you want to fire our president?", to which I said, "No thanks, I'd like to keep him." About five steps later as I entered Starbucks I heard her say, "Oh, coffee is a good idea", and she followed me inside.

I stood patiently in line anticipating an appeal from her but it never came. When it was my turn to order I asked for my usual (tall dark roast, no room) and then pointing to the young woman I said, "And give my fine (*other party*) friend here anything she wants."

She politely protested, assuring me that I didn't have to do that. But I told her that I believe that the two-party system is essential to our democracy. We may not agree but we actually need each other and it's important that we respect each other. She thanked me profusely, adding that so many of those from her opposing party often tell her to F%*# off. How unfortunate.

It appears that next week's election will draw an all time high in voter turnout. Voting is part of being a good citizen, which we've all promised to be. If you haven't yet cast your ballot please do. You never know, it might make a difference.

While you're at it, buy a coffee for a stranger from the other party. You never know, it might make a difference.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

November 1	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
November 6	Tuesday	Kirkland #150	D7 LOMA
November 7	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
November 8	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
November 10	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
November 12	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
November 15	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
November 19	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated

DDGM schedule at more-out-there.blogspot.com

Mercer Island Lodge #297

By WM Dan Taylor

Changing of the guard is a good thing. It offers the opportunity to move worthy Brothers up the officer line, reinvigorate important projects that fell by the wayside, and bring a new buzz to the Lodge. Both Congress and our state are going through the motions of elections, but theirs will not be nearly as smooth as what our Lodge will accomplish at our next stated meeting. Be sure to attend so your voice and vote is heard. Circle your calendars for Thursday, November 1st.

Another great reason to attend our next stated meeting is our special guest speaker for Shrink the Lodge. We are honored to host WM David Hisel from Fall City Lodge to speak on a topic that is near and dear to his heart. It is part of his Hidden Mysteries Series and the subject is "*Sharing is Caring*"....another Benefit of Having Brothers. Feedback from our prior STL sessions has been very positive. These sessions bring special value and richness when we have a good turnout of Brothers. Don't miss this excellent Masonic education opportunity.

Happy Hour starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m. **RSVP for Dinner to Carl Bronkema at cbronkema@msn.com**

I look forward to seeing you at my final meeting as Master (... *this time, Editor*).

Myrtle Lodge #108

By **WB Brian Thomas, Secretary**

Excerpts from WB Thomas's Secretary's Letter:

It's been a while since your Lodge has communicated with you – I apologize. Stand by for news! But first note our new logo! Cool!



Your Lodge is healthy both financially and regarding membership. We have the gift of a long term leasee, Rogue Brewing, routinely paying rent to the Issaquah Masonic Building Corporation. In addition, we have eight lodge/dining room renters. We have a several new Master Masons, three Fellowcrafts and two Entered Apprentices. They are all well recommended, morally sound and well investigated. I dare say, “We are on the upswing with quality Brothers, community activism, brotherhood activities and an active program of Masonic education”.

Grand Lodge has instituted a new online system of membership accounting called “Grand View”. Each member of the Grand Lodge of Washington is responsible for his own personal data in the system – that’s YOU! If you feel uninformed it’s probably because you haven’t logged into the Grand Lodge web site www.freemason-wa.org, gone to the “Member Portal” and created a membership account on Grand View. Events and happenings will be posted on Grandview. If you’re not current on Grand View you’re outside the information flow. We will be increasingly relying on Grand View to promulgate information and solicit dues payments.

You are invited and urged to join us on the third Thursday of each month for a lively and informative stated meeting. We see ourselves as the Masonic Education Lodge, emphasizing the philosophical and esoteric aspects of Masonry. We continually ask “Why” rather than what or how. Why do we have the symbols we have, why do we do the ritual we do, why do we have the values we have. We are “seekers” not doubters. We enthusiastically accept the precepts of Masonry but seek to discover the underlying concepts, philosophy and mythology.

Come join us each third Thursday at 7:30 and share your thoughts about Masonry. The dress is business casual. No need to dress up. We welcome Masonic visitors and sojourners.

Our business meetings are short and we go “off session” for a roundtable discussion of a pre-selected Masonic topic discussion. Our “Shrink the Lodge” discussions are informative, enlightening and enjoyable. All Masons are invited and welcome.

It’s a privilege to be known as a Freemason. It’s also a duty to reflect the values of Masonry in our conduct and demeanor. We are an ancient fraternity based on TRUST and RESPECT. Trust and respect is due you and conversely you to others in the fraternity. We are special because we have taken the oath of morality and brotherhood. We have reason to be proud, yet humble, because we have access to and knowledge of the proven ancient precepts of the universe. Let’s act accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact me an bjt19@comcast.net or call me at 425-226-0463.

Seahawks Viewing Parties

This fall Myrtle Lodge will be hosting viewing parties of select Seahawks games. Brothers, their families, and friends are welcome. Bring your favorite game day beverages and food for a potluck and win prizes by playing football squares.

This is a Masonic event so please remember your actions and words reflect upon yourself and the fraternity. Be civil and kind even to those who root for the other team.



Event Dates and Times:

- Nov 4- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (1:05 p.m. kickoff)
- Nov 11- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (1:25 p.m. kickoff)
- Nov 25 - 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m. kickoff)
- Dec 16- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (1:05 p.m. kickoff)
- Dec 30- 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (1:25 p.m. kickoff)

Event Location:

Myrtle lodge 108
 57 West Sunset Way
 Issaquah, WA

Attire:

Casual, preferably in Seahawks colors. Please keep t-shirts with sayings that are family friendly.

D7 Notes from DDGM Doug Stamper

1. **LOMA (Lodge Officers Management Association)**
 - o Purpose: **meeting open to all Masons** in the District to ensure proper coordination and good cross-pollination across all Lodges in the district/jurisdiction.
 - o Invites will always be sent no less than 72 hours in advance to allow for the proper logistical support.
 - o Recurring meeting day: First Tuesday of each month at a rotating location in the district.
 - o Next Meeting will be Tuesday, November 6th at Kirkland Lodge 7:00 p.m. (no meal)
2. **District Meeting**
 - o Date/Time: Friday: January 11th. 6:30 p.m. meal, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
 - o Location: Eastside Masonic Center, Willows Road, Redmond
 - o Open to all Masons from the District (and others) and their spouses.
3. **Preparations for District Meeting for WMs (or their representatives)**
 - o Same as before
 - Come ready to speak to the population of brothers from your lodge

- Be prepared to speak to the reason you meet (what is your lodge about)
- Be prepared to speak to the strengths and weaknesses of your lodge & how you want to exploit the strengths, and turn the weaknesses into at least neutral.
- o Concordant Bodies
 - The GM would like to have heavy participation from the concordant bodies - so if you/your Lodge are involved with those bodies, please contact them regarding participation in our District meeting.

D7 Road Trip!

The Wednesday November 7th visit to United Peninsula Lodge on Vancouver Island might be on the ropes. Potential RSVPs, which initially surged to 5 or 6 Brothers has dwindled to 2, and they're both tentative.



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

Concordant Body Meetings at EMC

<i>Lakeside OES</i>			
Nov 15	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<i>Bellevue Rainbow Assembly</i>			
Nov 8	Thursday	Stated Meet	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
Nov 14	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Nov 28	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job's Daughters Bethel</i>			
Nov 5	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
Nov 18	Sunday	Stated meeting	3:00 p.m.

Deadline

Submissions for the November 15th issue of the **District 7 News** are due **Saturday, November 10, 2018**.
Early submission is encouraged.

Letters to the Editor

Tape Heads (October 15, 2018)

WB Editor,

How does one go about receiving the Mark Master without joining the Royal Arch? I'm interested in taking the Degree but not in joining the York Rite

~*Brother Max Box*

Brother Box,

Thanks for your note, and even more thanks for validating the wisdom of the Grand Chapter's new stance. At press time there are various Royal Arch Chapters working on implementation. Updates will be featured in the D7N when known.

~*Editor*

General Interest

Hi Brothers,

I'm currently in London with work and am staying at the Andaz Hotel on Liverpool Street. I had an opportunity today to tour the hidden Masonic temple that they have on-site.

Wanted to share some photos with you and a bit of history about the temple via the links below.

[Andaz Masonic Temple Photos](#)

[Andaz Masonic Temple History](#)

Enjoy!

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

~ *WB Mark Staveley*

Lazy Halloween Costume 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.

Lincoln Park Lodge #80 Past Masters welcomes Masons and friends in South King and Pierce counties to breakfast at Anglea's Restaurant, 7511 E. Portland Ave, Tacoma, 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