

District 7 News



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Larry

Whether you read it in this column or heard me talk about him you may know that I want to be more like my grandfather, our good Brother, Ed Gebhart, Sr. Pop was about as close as one can get to the Perfect Ashlar. A man of few words, he let his faith, morals, work ethic, and kindness do the talking. My father likes to say, "He didn't tell me how to live, he showed me." I like to say he's still showing me.

As an overall role model Pop is my gold medalist, but in the sport of business the gold goes to Larry. Not the Larry from *Lodge #49*, no, my Larry was a venture capitalist who invested in the company where I first became a CEO.

Larry's reputation as a demanding investor, who could either be the CEO's best friend or worst nightmare, preceded him. For some reason he and I clicked during my job interview, initially to become the company's CFO. A couple months after I was hired things changed when my CEO abruptly resigned. Rather than wait and wonder who my new boss might be I threw my hat into the ring. Larry gave me the job.

CEOs that abruptly resign sometimes leave a trail of broken glass, as did my predecessor. Rookie CEOs often make mistakes when cleaning up the glass, and I certainly did. Rather than become my worst nightmare Larry became my muse. He repeatedly allowed me to wander far enough off the path to almost get into trouble and then he'd ask me one question, the answer to which provided the clarity I desperately needed. This taught me the value of carefully choosing the right questions and to ask them in a way that can empower the respondent. This works well in business, but it works just as well outside of business.

I'll always want to be more like Pop, but I'm also trying to be more like Larry.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

November 15	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
November 19	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
December 4	Tuesday	EMC	D7 LOMA
December 5	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
December 6	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
December 8	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
December 10	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
December 13	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
December 17	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
December 17	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
December 20	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated

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

District 7 Installations

West Gate #128	November 19	7:30 p.m.	Closed
Mercer Island #297	December 6	7:30 p.m.	Open
Kirkland #150	December 15	11:00 a.m.	Open
Renaissance #312	December 17	6:30 p.m.	Open
Lakeside #258	January 5	2:00 p.m.	Open
Myrtle #108	January 12	10:00 a.m.	Open
Unity #198	January 12	2:00 p.m.	Open
Falls City #66	January 12	7:00 p.m.	Open

Seahawks Viewing Parties

Myrtle Lodge continues to host viewing parties for 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 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)**
 - Purpose: **meeting open to all Masons** in the District to ensure proper coordination and good cross-pollination across all Lodges in the district/jurisdiction.
 - Recurring meeting day: First Tuesday of each month at a rotating location in the district.
 - Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 4th at Eastside Masonic Center 7:00 p.m. (*subject to change, check here for updates in the next issue*)
2. **District Meeting**
 - Date/Time: Friday: January 11th. 6:30 p.m. meal, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
 - Location: Eastside Masonic Center
 - Open to all Masons from the District (and others) and their spouses.
3. **Preparations for District Meeting for WMs (or their representatives)**
 - 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.
- 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.

Secrets of the Chair

For first-time-Masters, save the date: *Saturday, January 26th at 2:00 p.m.* The SOTC conferral will take place at Unity Lodge with WB Jonathan Seaton presiding. For more information: jonathanrseaton@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>			
Dec 6	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
Nov 28	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Dec 12	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job's Daughters Bethel</i>			
Nov 18	Sunday	Stated meeting	3:00 p.m.
Dec 3	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.

Deadline

Submissions for the November 30th issue of the **District 7 News** are due **Saturday, November 24, 2018**. Early submission is encouraged.

Letters to the Editor

Political Situation (October 31, 2018)

WB Editor,

Nice story, WB. More like the America I remember of 60 or so years ago.

~ *WB Helmuth Swobo*

WB John,

Thank you for the personal story that you shared. We could use more interactions like that.

~*WB David Pearson*

Dear Brother John,

Politics, one of the third rails of Masonry. It is a touchy subject and I often get asked by people what I think. For instance, I get asked about the caravan. All I can say is if they are hungry - feed them, naked - clothe them, barefoot - give them shoes (if they want them, of course). I have recently been involved in bringing food to homeless camps and it has thrown me for a loop. I am a crabby-get-a-job kind of guy but in fact many can't fend for themselves.

I will now touch on another third rail of Masonry. If one reads [Chapter 25 of the book of Matthew](#) starting around verse 35 there are specific instructions on what to do.

Truth is I want that friendly gay trans couple next door to grow their pot and have a great wedding cake and be able to defend their property with their very own firearms. What party can I get that from?

~ *Brother Barn (VWB Roger Barnstead)*

P.S. Coffee is on me. Regardless of what side anyone is on.

John:

White or black, there is no Nationalism in coffee. Let's be fully Patriotic, yes! Thanks, John, for a good post to your group and to me.

Love, hugs,

~*Dad*

Labor Saving Devices 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.kirkland150.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 Derk 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