

# District 7 News



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## Petty Officer Rich

I wish I could find Petty Officer Rich, who in 1972 made me stop and think. I was a couple months out of high school and perhaps the best way to describe me at that time was “rudderless”. Seeking a rudder I decided to join the Navy.

Petty Officer Rich greeted me with open arms when I stepped through the door at the recruiting center in Chester, PA. After the niceties he scheduled my physical exam in downtown Philadelphia. The doctor there declared me physically fit to serve and then they had me take the Armed Forces entry exam. When a sergeant gave me my test results he told me that mine was the high score in Philadelphia that month and urged me to tell my recruiter right away. Within an hour I was sitting in front of Petty Officer Rich, who asked me if I wanted to take the Navy entrance exam. I felt like I was on a roll so I said, “Sure”. I aced it.

What happened next amazes me to this day. Petty Officer Rich said, “With these test scores you ought to go to college and then come back here in four years and be an officer.” His job was to enlist me so I realized that the universe had just sent me an important message. I went home to think it over and called West Chester State College to make an appointment for the following day. There I told my story to the admissions dean. Then the universe spoke for the second time in two days when he said, “Sounds like you could use a choice so I’ll give you one. I’ll accept your application right now.”

I chose college. A piece of me still wishes I had served but I can’t complain about how it all turned out. So wherever you are Petty Officer Rich, thank you for understanding that some should be officers.

Masonry benefits many Brothers by providing the valuable growth experience of their first leadership position. Still, we should never pressure a Brother to fill a chair in which he won’t be successful.

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

December 4	Tuesday	Atomic Infotech, (details below)	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](http://more-out-there.blogspot.com)

## District 7 Installations

West Gate #128	Done		
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

## Mercer Island #297

By WM Dan Taylor

Our annual installation of Lodge officers will take place at our next stated meeting on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. WB Tomas Aquino will be installed as our Worshipful Master for 2019. MWB Santy Lascano will preside as Installing Master. This is an open installation and we welcome all Brothers to bring their spouses, significant others, and friends to participate in this special occasion.

The festivities will kick off with a social beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by a special Filipino-themed dinner prepared by Patty Quigley. The installation will begin at 7:30 p.m. The dress for this occasion is suits or coat and tie for men and cocktail party attire for women.

Please RVSP directly to me at [dantaylor@msn.com](mailto:dantaylor@msn.com) as soon as possible to advise whether you will be attending

**and how many guests you will be bringing.** We will need an accurate headcount for the meal service. There is no charge for dinner for Lodge members or guests, however those that do not RSVP will eat last.

I would like to thank all of the Mercer Island Lodge #297 Brothers for their support and guidance during my two terms as Worshipful Master. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve all of you. I look forward to toasting with each of you at the installation.

### **Kirkland #150**

Brother Bryan DeNosky will be installed as Worshipful Master of Kirkland Lodge #150 on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in an open ceremony. A reception will immediately follow the installation and will feature a Chipotle bar and cake along with scotch, wine, beer, soda, fruit juices and water.

### **West Gate #128**

***WM Earl Lara returns to the East ... again.*** On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, West Gate Lodge kicked off our District's installation season with 117<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers.



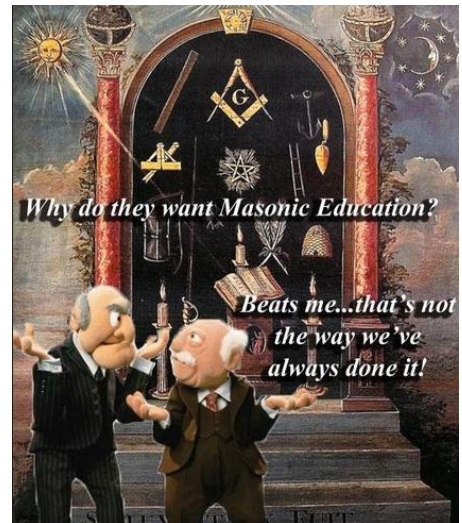
After a delicious prime rib dinner prepared by WBs Henry and Donn Castro the Lodge was called to order and a memorable introduction of the officers was provided by Installing Secretary, WB Vince Marave. The very capable VWB Ray Lavadia presided over the ceremony in which WM Earl Lara began his third consecutive term in the East. VWB Gene Ulrich served in his now familiar role of Installing Marshall, and VWB Doug Stamper delivered the Charge to the Wardens.

***Change in Venue.*** A brief business meeting followed the installation during which the Lodge formally adopted a resolution to begin the process of relocating to the Scottish Rite Temple in Everett. The proposed move is necessitated by the changing home locations

for the majority of the Lodge's membership. More details will be provided as they become available.

### **Statler and Waldorf Holiday Bonanza**

After taking a much needed year off the event organizers are proud to announce the return of the ***Statler and Waldorf Holiday Bonanza***. Statler and Waldorf, the world famous Muppets believed to be prospectively modeled after WBs Gebhart and Anderson, will not be in attendance.



The 2018 Bonanza will return to Mercer Island's (not yet) internationally renowned Roanoke Inn on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Festivities will get underway around 4:00 p.m. Seating will be on a first-come first-seated basis at this nonexclusive no-host event. Free parking.

### **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:**

- Dec 2 - 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. (1:25 p.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 Recurring meeting day: First Tuesday of each month at a rotating location in the District.
  - o Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Atomic Infotech, 371 NE Gilman Blvd. Suite 140, Issaquah WA 98027, 7:00 p.m.
2. **District Meeting**
  - o Date/Time: Friday: January 11<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 p.m. meal, 7:30 p.m. meeting.
  - o Location: Eastside Masonic Center
  - 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.

**Secrets of the Chair**

**For first-time-Masters**, save the date: Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com).

**Concordant Body Meetings at EMC**

<i>Lakeside OES</i>			
Dec 7	Friday	Whoopi Party*	6:30 p.m.
Dec 20	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.
<i>Bellevue Rainbow Assembly</i>			
Dec 13	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
Dec 12	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Dec 26	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job's Daughters Bethel</i>			
Dec 3	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
Dec 16	Sunday	Stated meeting and Installation	9:00 a.m.

\* Editor: The D7N fact checkers have not confirmed rumors that Whoppi Goldberg will attend this party held in her honor

**Deadline**

Submissions for the December 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the **District 7 News** are due **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Early submission is encouraged.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Larry (November 15, 2018)**

John:

"Empower the respondent" ... yes, that helps toward seeing a wider view of not only business but of all life, its unity.

Love, hugs,

~Dad

**Labor Saving Devices (November 15, 2018)**

WB Editor:

The photo was cute, except today's tapping is wireless.

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~VWB Jim Scardelis

## Now Available at Pep Boys

Finally I understand why cars have these things...



## 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
<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 <a href="mailto:nickalan@comcast.net">nickalan@comcast.net</a>
<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.kirkland150.org">www.kirkland150.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: Bill Reynar <a href="mailto:wjreynar@gmail.com">wjreynar@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 : Dean Markley <a href="mailto:wdeanm@gmail.com">wdeanm@gmail.com</a>
<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

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	<b>Falls City #66</b>	<b>Myrtle #108</b>	<b>West Gate #128</b>	<b>Kirkland #150</b>	<b>Unity #198</b>	<b>Lakeside #258</b>	<b>Mercer Island #297*</b>	<b>Renaissance #312**</b>
<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 Bill Reynar	WB Dean Markley	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	WB Nelson Aquino	Br Ron Quartel		Br Derk Benisch	Br Brent Fleckner	Br. Sheraz Malik
<b>JD</b>		WB Goeff Joosten	WB Henry Castro	Br Rod Beacham	Br David Bach	WB Todd Pike	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Brian Wheeler
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Jeff Craig	MWB Santy Lascano	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Max Box	VWB Roger Barnstead	Br Mihai Manolache
<b>Mrsh</b>		Br Thomas Monds	Br Arjay Protacio	Br Gary Weber		VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Stephen Burns	
<b>Mu</b>							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 Rolando Herrera					

\* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

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