

# District 7 News



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## Guilty Admission

Sometimes I have a backlog of editorials ready to go for the next few issues of D7N. Other times I have to look for something at the last minute and hope I can turn it into an editorial. It's rare to have a backlog and then have a last-minute topic drop into my lap, but that happened this week with the news about the college admissions scandal. The actions of the scam artist, the immoral parents, and the complicit coaches make for a pretty good story. Throw in a couple of Hollywood's leading ladies and this story has almost as much sizzle as back-to-back Paul Manafort sentencing hearings.

Public reactions have ranged from sadness to disgust. Everyone agrees that the guilty parties should be punished. We're sickened by the arrogance of the wealthy parents, but they have enough money to afford their punishment. Our hearts go out to the unknown ranks of legitimately qualified yet rejected applicants, but they had to learn sooner or later that life can be unfair; this injustice might not be their first, almost certainly won't be their last, and in the long run might actually make them stronger.

The greatest harm was to the kids who undeservedly gained admission. Their parents have signaled that they can't stand on their own two feet and make their own place in the world. At best they've been robbed of the personal accomplishment they may have achieved on a legitimate path. At worst they labor under the burdens of humiliation, false pride, and delusion.

Why is this topic in a Masonic newsletter? Well, our District has a backlog of candidates awaiting or going through the degrees. As they progress let's ensure that they enjoy the benefits of legitimate achievement.

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

March 14	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
March 16	Saturday	Unity #198	EA degree
March 22	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
<i>Date pending</i>	Tuesday	<i>Location pending</i>	LOMA
April 3	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
April 4	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
April 8	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
April 11	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
April 13	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated

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

## Unity #198 Degrees

*"This is a Masonic Call ... We need you!"*

~ WM Jonathan Seaton

We are having a bit of trouble filling the positions for the **March 16<sup>th</sup> Entered Apprentice Degree** because of the conflict with the Lodge Leadership Retreat. I ask that Brothers from any of our District Lodges t give up a couple hours on Saturday. I will be happy to repay the favor.

**Rehearsal starts at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th.  
The degree starts at 3:00 p.m.**

What we have so far:

- VWBs Bill Werner and Gene Ulrich will confer.
- VWB Jim Russell has offered to do the lecture.
- Bro Gerry O'Brien we be the main Senior Deacon.
- WB Mike Inman will be accompanying SD
- WB John Gebhart will sit in the West and do the Apron lecture.
- EA Nikolas (via Mike Inman) will be a JS.
- WB Ernie Jenner will sit in the South.

### **Volunteers needed:**

- Working Tools Lecture
- Two accompanying Senior Deacons
- Chaplain
- Senior Steward
- Tyler
- Someone to organize the food (Costco, pizza or Chinese, etc.) Unity will pay.

This is a rare chance for us to bring in six Candidates in one day. Please be a part of it, enjoy the event, some refreshment, some Brotherly communication, and a sense of doing good for six young Candidates.

Plans are underway for a Fellowcraft degree with Myrtle Lodge on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed and further details are pending.

**To volunteer for the degree team or for more information contact WM Jonathan Seaton at [jonathanrseaton@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com).**

## **Falls City #66**

### **Annual Masonic Chili Invitational By WM David Hisel**

The 2019 Masonic Chili invitational is right around the corner and YOU are invited to compete or just come out for the great fellowship and festivities. Last year we had a wide representation from the Lodges of District 7 and I encourage you to represent your Lodges again this year. The chili will be judged and the Lodge that enters the chili that is decided as the favorite will have their name inscribed on the "Ladel" trophy and will have the honor of having a \$50 donation made in the Lodge's name to a charity of its choice. Dress will be casual and your families are encouraged to participate. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Set up – 5:00 p.m.

Judging – 5:30 p.m.

Stated Meeting – 7:30 p.m., libations and cigars after

## **Mercer Island #297**

**Welcome Brother Marinello.** On the morning of Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> several past masters of Mercer Island Lodge accompanied then-candidate Daniel Marinello to Daylight Lodge #232 in Seattle to receive his Entered Apprentice degree. Daylight Lodge, known for skill and artistry in degree conferral, did not disappoint.



*Bro. Marinello, second from left, flanked by WBs Gebhart, Taylor, Reece, and Anderson (WB Reece insisted on the photo bomb pose).*

Brother Kahlil Blocker conducted Daylight's candidates, and WB John Gebhart conducted Brother Marinello. VWB Sam Ali presented an excellent lecture in a very unique and engaging manner by employing an exemplar, dressed in candidate garb and hoodwinked, to reenact key elements of the degree ceremony.



*VWB Coe Tug Morgan, with a captive audience, holds forth*

As is customary at Daylight, prior to the conferral the candidates met with VWB Coe Tug Morgan who spread gossip, debunked myths, and otherwise imparted Masonic Wisdom for the Craft's newest members.

**March Stated Meeting.** At its stated meeting on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> the Lodge welcomes the Bellevue Rainbow Assembly as their dinner guests. The Rainbow Girls were promoting their annual fund raiser Pancake Breakfast to be held at Applebee's in Factoria on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit Camp Erin.



A highlight of the evening was the Rainbow Girls' presentation of "Ready for Life" in which a series of enduring life lessons were shared, all represented by one of the colors in a rainbow.

A second highlight of the evening was a Circle the Lodge discussion facilitated by WB David Hisel, Worshipful Master of Falls City Lodge #66. WB Hisel's well received topic was "Sharing and Caring", in which he revisited his short essay that appeared in the October 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the District 7 News.

### And Then There Were Seven

It's (all but) official ... after having been an integral part of District 7 for many years, West Gate Lodge is moving to the Everett Scottish Rite Temple and will be reassigned to District 8.

The move to Everett has been under discussion for several months and was formally approved by the Lodge earlier this year. Changing demographics and proximity to a meeting place have been the principal reasons for this change. MWGM Kendall has indicated that he will approve the move, however formal approval cannot take place before Grand Lodge Annual Communication. West Gate's new meeting date will be on the third Wednesday.

VWB Doug Stamper spoke on behalf of all District 7 Brethren when we said: "We will miss you and have appreciated your fellowship and friendship."

## Concordant Body Meetings at EMC

<i>Lakeside OES</i>			
Mar 21	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Apr 18	Thursday	Stated Meeting and Officer Installation	7:30 p.m.
<i>Bellevue Rainbow Assembly</i>			
Mar 14	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mar 28	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Apr 11	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
Mar 27	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Apr 10	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job's Daughters Bethel</i>			
Mar 16	Saturday	Stated Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Apr 1	Monday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Apr 14	Sunday	Stated Meeting	5:00 p.m.

### Deadline

Submissions for the March 31<sup>st</sup> issue of the **District 7 News** are due **Saturday, March 24, 2019**. Early submission is encouraged.

### Letters to the Editor

#### *Listen (February 28, 2019)*

WB Editor,

Keep beating that drum to get us current with the reality of today's demands on good men.

~WB Dan Taylor

WB Editor,

I can relate to your editorial and prefer well-read to fumbling with words during degree work.

~RWB Charles "Woody" Wood

John:

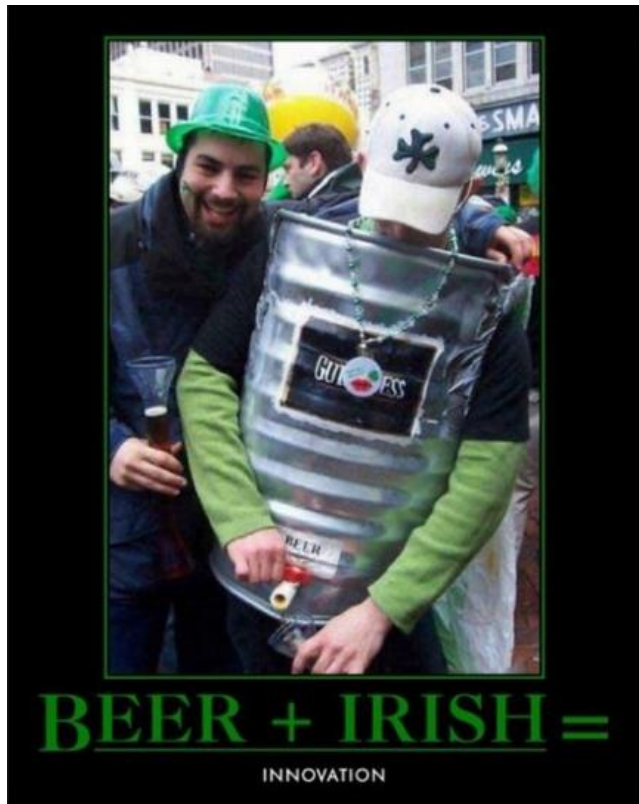
Could the Principle of Inclusion apply here?

Love, hugs,

~Dad

## No Thanks, I'll Have Heineken

## 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, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Oddfellas Pub, 102 West Main Street, Auburn, on the corner of Main and "A" Street SW.

**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: Laurence Lance <a href="mailto:laurence.lance@gmail.com">laurence.lance@gmail.com</a> Sec: Brian Thomas <a href="mailto:bjt19@comcast.net">bjt19@comcast.net</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: Bryan DeNosky <a href="mailto:bryan@denosky.com">bryan@denosky.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: Jonathan Seaton <a href="mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com">jonathanrseaton@gmail.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: Mike Campbell <a href="mailto:mikecampbell_759@hotmail.com">mikecampbell_759@hotmail.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: Tomas Aquino <a href="mailto:naraniag@yahoo.com">naraniag@yahoo.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, \$30.	WM: Bill Werner <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@hotmail.com</a> Sec: Joe Oates <a href="mailto:joates_48323@yahoo.com">joates_48323@yahoo.com</a>

## District 7 Officers

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

	<b>Falls City #66</b>	<b>Myrtle #108</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 Laurence Lance	WB Bryan DeNosky	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Mike Campbell	WB Thomas Aquino	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SW</b>	WB Frank Schumacher	Br Gerry O'Brien	Br Steve Preston	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Todd Pike	Br Carl Bronkema	VWB Gene Ulrich
<b>JW</b>	Br Joshua Bushman	Br Mike Inman	Br Ron Quartel	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Derk Benisch	WB Paul Hoeffler	Br. Sheraz Malik
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Brian Thomas	WB Bill Reynar	WB Dean Markley	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>Treas</b>	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Brian Thomas	WB Bill Reynar	Br David Bach	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Scott Anderson	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>SD</b>	Br Guy Everett	Br Ian Frease	Br Collin Visser			WB David Pearson	Br Mihai Manolache
<b>JD</b>		WB Chad Reece	Br Rod Beacham			Br Dane Shaffer	WB Brian Wheeler
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Jeff Craig	WB Dan Chadrow			VWB Roger Barnstead	VWB Homer Beathe
<b>Mrsh</b>		Br Thomas Mounds	Br Zach Carpenter				Br Randy Coggan
<b>Mu</b>						WB John Gebhart	
<b>SS</b>							
<b>JS</b>							
<b>T</b>			WB Brian Clubb				RWB Hellmutt Fisher

\* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor