

# District 7 News



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## Back to School

September is underway, which means the kids are back in the world's largest daycare institution. They're going through a lot right now. They're excited to see their buddies again and getting accustomed to their new teachers. Some are already inspired, others are already in trouble. By the time they reach my age they'll forget the names of most of their teachers. But I remember most of mine, with a special place reserved for one in particular.

Barrie Vaughn was my music teacher in first through fourth grade. A few times a week the class formed a line and marched up the stairs to Barrie's corner classroom where she greeted us with a warm and gentile smile. She was always dressed impeccably and her hair was perfect. Most of all when I heard her beautiful soprano singing voice my world stood still.

Other than Barrie's class my early school memories are not really good ones. I was a fat kid and the frequent target of ridicule and bullying. My academic performance was mediocre at best. On the home front things turned upside down when my parents divorced. But in Barrie's class I thrived. Her class was consistently and by far my happiest elementary school experience.

She was much more than just a nice teacher. Barrie helped me build a foundation of self esteem that carried me through my remaining school years and continues to serve me today. Feeling the genuine care and gaining the approval from this remarkable woman shaped me in a very profound way.

I'm not the only one who carries lasting memories and benefits from a great teacher. Who was yours? How did they influence you? And what did they teach you that you can bring to our Craft?

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

September 10	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
September 12	Monday	Lakeside #258 *	Stated
September 14	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
September 15	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
September 19	Monday	West Gate #128 *	Stated
October 5	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
October 6	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
October 8	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
October 10	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated

\* *Tennant improvements are still underway at the new Lodge facility in Redmond. Lakeside #258 will meet at the Kirkland Lodge for its September stated communication and West Gate #128 will meet at the Falls City Lodge*

### Lakeside #258

Lakeside's next stated communication, Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, will be held at Kirkland Lodge while the Brothers of Lakeside await final occupancy permits for their new home in Redmond. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m. MWGM Jim Mendoza is expected to attend this meeting.

### West Gate #128

The next stated communication for West Gate #128, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, is presently expected to be held at Falls City Lodge, pending the issuance of the occupancy certificates for the new Lakeside Lodge.

### Unity #198

On Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> the stated communication for Unity Lodge #198 will feature the award of 50 Year pins to two Brothers, Randy Rauschmier and Ronald Woods. All District 7 Brothers are encouraged to attend to help Unity and the deserving recipients celebrate this major milestone.

## Myrtle Lodge #108

Plans are underway for a Master Mason conferral on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A formal request has been submitted to the Widows Sons to perform the conferral. For more information contact WM Mark Staveley at [mark.staveley@gmail.com](mailto:mark.staveley@gmail.com).

## Letters to the Editor

### *Why? (8/27/2016)*

John,

Oh why, oh why!

So many of us are dysfunctional starting with how we were raised. Many get over it using useful role models outside of their birth family. Just many, not all.

It seems unless a person has something useful within themselves they stay on the dark side all their lives. We pray this is not so.

Thanks, John, for being!

Love, hugs,

~ *Dad*

### *Relief for Louisiana*

WB Editor,

Our Grand Master's Memorandum for Assistance to Louisiana was read in our little lodge at our September 1 Stated Communication and the Brothers were united in approving a contribution of \$1000.00 for relief of our Brothers and their families. Mercer Island Lodge #297 is, I am happy to say, a great lodge. I am very proud of its recovery, with which I have had very little to do.

We are full of bright young Masons these days and I was humbled by their actions. As we used to say in the military, they should be "mentioned in dispatches".

Fraternally,

~*WM Roger A. Barnstead*

Mercer Island Lodge #297

## Public Service Announcement Section



*Good Men are Safe Men*

## 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

<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Meeting Times</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
<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: Frank Schumacher IV <a href="mailto:fjsiv.com@gmail.com">fjsiv.com@gmail.com</a> Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Schumacher)
<b>Myrtle #108</b>	<i>Street Address:</i> 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 <i>Mailing Address:</i> 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: Mark Staveley <a href="mailto:mark.staveley@gmail.com">mark.staveley@gmail.com</a> Sec: Jeff Swanson <a href="mailto:jeffswanson@platosnw.com">jeffswanson@platosnw.com</a>
<b>West Gate #128</b>	11440 Avondale Road Northeast Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://westgatelodge.org">westgatelodge.org</a>	3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Henry Fletcher <a href="mailto:hfletchmo@aol.com">hfletchmo@aol.com</a> Sec: Les Snavelly - <a href="mailto:lsna761057@aol.com">lsna761057@aol.com</a>
<b>Kirkland #150</b>	702 1/2 Market St. Kirkland, WA 98033 <a href="http://www.kirklandmasons.org">www.kirklandmasons.org</a>	2nd Thursday (3rd Thursday June) except July, August. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	WM: Bill Reynar <a href="mailto:wireynar@gmail.com">wireynar@gmail.com</a> Sec: Topher White <a href="mailto:topher.white@comcast.net">topher.white@comcast.net</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 : Jonathan Seaton <a href="mailto:jonathanseaton@gmail.com">jonathanseaton@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: Todd Pike <a href="mailto:toddpike@mac.com">toddpike@mac.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: Roger Barnstead <a href="mailto:Roger.A.Barnstead@gmail.com">Roger.A.Barnstead@gmail.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: Bill Werner <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@hotmail.com</a> Sec: Craig Wood <a href="mailto:cwood1234@hotmail.com">cwood1234@hotmail.com</a>

## District 7 Officers

District Deputy of the Grand Master: VWB Gene Ulrich [nsnwinc@gmail.com](mailto:nsnwinc@gmail.com)

	<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 Frank Schumacher	WB Mark Staveley	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Todd Pike	VWB Roger Barnstead	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SW</b>	Br David Hisel	Br Chad Reece	Br Earl Lara	Br Demetrius Alusi	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Mike Campbell	Br Dan Taylor	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>JW</b>	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	WB Frank Seldon	Br Brian Clubb	Br Chad Swaim	Br Enzo Sainato	VWB Dean Quigley	Br JN
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavely	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
<b>Treas</b>	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavely	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB John Gebhart	WB Craig Wood
<b>SD</b>	Br Joshua Bushman		Br Vance Hill	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	WB Thomas Acquino	WB Doug Stamper
<b>JD</b>	Br Noah Phillips		Br Kurt Egts	Br MG		Br Kevin French	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Todd Pike
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam		VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin		VWB Gene Ulrich
<b>Mrsh</b>	Br Warren Oltman		WB Phil Nylin	Br Gary Weber		Br Praveen Sattaru (pro tem)		Br Randy Coggan
<b>Mu</b>	Br Carlmer Sorensen		Br Bert Bertram			Br Praveen Sattaru		
<b>SS</b>	Br Alan Olson		Br Arjay Protacio			Br Pat Brennan		
<b>JS</b>	Br Nick Anderson		Br Ken Hill			Br David Ulrich		
<b>T</b>	WB Corey Birch	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB David Pearson		WB Jim Groves	WB Paul Hoeffler	Br Helmut Fischer

\* WB Topher White is Master of Ceremonies for the Festive Board