

District 7 News



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It Was a Very Good Year

1966. The Orioles swept the Dodgers in the World series, John Lennon apologized for saying the Beatles were more popular than Jesus, the Ford Mustang turned three, and WBs Rauschmeier and Woods were initiated as Freemasons.

Last week our District honored these two Brothers for their 50 years of service in our Fraternity. Twenty five Masons including the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy, four Past Deputies, and representatives from every District 7 Lodge, flocked to Unity Lodge to mark the occasion.

It's great that so many accomplished and decorated Masons attended. But to me the coolest thing is that every District 7 Lodge was represented, particularly because it didn't start out that way.

All of our District Lodges have been through up and down cycles and Unity is currently working through a recent drop in membership and attendance. Knowing that there was a chance that the turnout might be light DDGM Ulrich sent an email blast to the District's Lodge officers and commissioned a summons to be published to the D7N subscription list. The Brothers of our District responded.

I've seen this kind of response before, the first time at my own initiation when Mercer Island was trying to turn things around. After my degree I met my new Brothers and learned that most were from other Lodges. The fact that they were willing to leave their homes and go off into the night to help a stranger become a Mason left a lasting impression on me, one that's been reinforced in the ensuing years. Especially this week.

1966 was a very good year. WBs Rauschmeier and Woods became Masons. 2016 is looking pretty good too.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

October 8	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
October 10	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
October 13	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
October 17	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
October 20	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
October 24	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
November 2	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
November 3	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated

Unity #198 Celebrates 50-Year Members

On Wednesday, October 5th the Stated Communication for Unity Lodge featured the award of 50-year pins to WBs Randall Rauschmeier and Ronald Woods.



(L to R) MWGM Jim Mendoza, We Rauschmeier, VWB Woods, and VWB Ulrich

WB Rauschmeier was Master of Unity Lodge in 1972. He now lives in Montana. VWB Woods was Master of Unity Lodge in 2002. His son Robert Woods was Master of Unity Lodge 198 in 2003 and 2007.

Mercer Island #297

The Happy Hour and dinner preceding this weeks' October Stated Communication for Mercer Island Lodge

welcomed several prospective members and Steve Heitman, Chief of the Mercer Island Fire department. Chief Heitman provided a very interesting discussion and Q&A about the fire department including its history and mission and the range of services provided. He also responded to questions about increased building of multi-family structures on the island, building codes, training of firefighting professionals, and resource sharing arrangements with Seattle and Bellevue.



Chief Steve Heitman responds to a question during the Q&A

Lakeside #258

The next meeting of Lakeside Lodge #258, Monday October 10th, will be held at its new home, 8561 Willows Rd NE, Redmond, WA 98052. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., Lodge for open for the shortest possible business meeting at 7:30 p.m., and all in attendance will be welcome to enjoy the Grand Opening Open House as soon as the closing gavel sounds. MWGM Jim Mendoza is expected to attend and all Masonic groups are invited.

Myrtle Lodge #108

Plans are underway for a Master Mason conferral on Saturday, December 3rd. 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.

International

Bellevue Rainbow Fundraiser

The Bellevue Rainbow Girls are taking over Applebees in Factoria (520 Factoria Blvd SE), to serve you breakfast! This flapjack fundraiser is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

on Sunday, October 9th. You will be served pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and bacon with your choice of coffee, milk or juice. Tickets are \$10. For tickets please see a member of Bellevue Assembly or email Jean@Dankberg.com.

Oriental Chapter #19 - RAM

On Saturday October 8th Oriental Chapter #19 will host a RAM degree day at which all four Chapter degrees will be conferred. Lunch will be served and additional refreshments will be enjoyed following the Royal Arch Degree. For further information contact RIC John Smiley at jsmiley195@gmail.com.

Bad Math Advertising 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.

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>
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: Frank Schumacher IV fjsiv.com@gmail.com Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Schumacher)
Myrtle #108	<i>Street Address:</i> 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 <i>Mailing Address:</i> 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: Mark Staveley mark.staveley@gmail.com Sec: Jeff Swanson jeffswanson@platosnw.com
West Gate #128	11440 Avondale Road Northeast Redmond, WA 98052 westgatelodge.org	3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Henry Fletcher hfletchmo@aol.com Sec: Les Snavelly - lsna761057@aol.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: Bill Reynar wjreynar@gmail.com Sec: Topher White topher.white@comcast.net
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 : Jonathan Seaton jonathanrseaton@gmail.com
Lakeside #258	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 www.lakeside258.org	2nd Monday, except July & August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Todd Pike toddpike@mac.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: Roger Barnstead Roger.A.Barnstead@gmail.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: Bill Werner bigwer1@hotmail.com Sec: Craig Wood cwood1234@hotmail.com

District 7 Officers

District Deputy of the Grand Master: VWB Gene Ulrich nsnwinc@gmail.com

	Falls City #66	Myrtle #108	West Gate #128	Kirkland #150	Unity #198	Lakeside #258	Mercer Island #297	Renaissance #312*
WM	WB Frank Schumacher	WB Mark Staveley	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Todd Pike	VWB Roger Barnstead	VWB Bill Werner
SW	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.
JW	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	WB Frank Seldon	Br Brian Clubb	Br Chad Swaim	Br Enzo Sainato	VWB Dean Quigley	Br JN
Sec	WB Nick Michaud	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavelly	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
Treas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavelly	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB John Gebhart	WB Craig Wood
SD	Br Joshua Bushman		Br Vance Hill	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	WB Thomas Acquino	WB Doug Stamper
JD	Br Noah Phillips		Br Kurt Egts	Br MG		Br Kevin French	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Todd Pike
Chp	WB Matt Roalkvam		VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin		VWB Gene Ulrich
Mrsh	Br Warren Oltman		WB Phil Nylin	Br Gary Weber		Br Praveen Sattaru (pro tem)		Br Randy Coggan
Mu	Br Carlmer Sorensen		Br Bert Bertram			Br Praveen Sattaru		
SS	Br Alan Olson		Br Arjay Protacio			Br Pat Brennan		
JS	Br Nick Anderson		Br Ken Hill			Br David Ulrich		
T	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