

District 7 News



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On Digging Deeper

I saw an amputee walking down Olive Street the other day. His prosthetic leg was an engineering marvel compared to what was available when I was a kid: a crutch and a safety pin to hold the empty pant leg off the ground. Evidence of just how far things have come for the disabled was in a recent issue of Sports Illustrated (I'm a loyal subscriber since the early 80s) that featured Special Olympians in "Faces in the Crowd", a section usually reserved for grade schoolers who have achieved a notable athletic feat.

Years ago I viewed the Special Olympics as a feel good "everybody's a winner" event for young people with a disability. It has since evolved into a level playing field for a new class of elite competitive athletes.

Faces in the Crowd showcased a record breaking performance by a blind swimmer, a tennis champion with spina bifida, a double amputee who is a top middle-distance runner, a wheelchair racer with cerebral palsy, a power lifter who contracted polio as an infant, and an amputee who medaled in the long jump and the 100 meter sprint. Can you begin to imagine what these athletes had to do to build their confidence and strength before they could begin to imagine such lofty achievements?

For those with disabilities it must take enormous effort to lead something that resembles normal life. The elite Special Olympians had to dig much deeper to find and unleash something more. What if an able bodied person applied that kind of effort to self improvement?

We tell other people, and each other, that we became Masons to become better men. I think it's working for me but the stories of the Special Olympians make me wonder if I'm digging deep enough.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

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
November 7	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
November 10	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
November 12	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated

West Gate #128

The next Stated Communication of West Gate Lodge will be held on Monday, October 17th at the Lodge's new home, 8561 Willows Road NE in Redmond.

Editor: Please note that the chart at the end of this newsletter erroneously posted West Gate's new address in the past several editions, for which I most sincerely apologize. I am very proud that we hire only the very cheapest labor here at the D7N, but every now and then I am reminded that cheap isn't really cheap.

Renaissance #312

The next Stated Communication for Renaissance Lodge will be Monday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. WB Chris Huntley will be presenting a new paper he has researched at the request of WM Werner: The Cult of Idol Worship: The role of Media in Shaping Public Consciousness in the 21st Century. This discussions will examine the evolution of media from print (books, newspapers, magazines), to movies, radio, television, and now the internet, as well as the evolution of the message from informing to "deciding for you." This will be a politically neutral presentation.

WB Chris has many years of experience in media, is well spoken, and the evening promises to be informative and interesting.

A Festive Board will follow the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner are required and requested by Wednesday, October 19th (\$25/pp). See www.renaissancelodge312.org to pay via Paypal or contact WM Bill Werner at bigwer1@hotmail.com or [425 894 4410](tel:4258944410).

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.

Advertising Slogans that Won't Work on Radio 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	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 westgatelodge.org	3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Henry Fletcher hfletchmo@aol.com Sec: Les Snively - 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 wireynar@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 Snavely	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
Treas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavely	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