

District 7 News



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Vote

As Master Masons we have an obligation to vote when measures come before our Lodge. We have also sworn to cheerfully conform to the laws of our country. When one considers the struggles that some have endured to attain the right to vote, and the lives that have been sacrificed to protect that right, there really ought to be a law that requires the public to vote. But there isn't.

On the other hand maybe we're better off without such a law. We don't like to be told what to do. It's better that we vote because we want to, and on this point I have to confess that I'm not sure I want to vote this time. I'm not taking a political stand here. Rather, I'm voicing a dilemma; this year I don't know what to do.



Our good Brother Winston Churchill had this to say about voting:

"At the bottom of all the tributes paid to democracy is the little man, walking into a little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little bit of paper – no amount of rhetoric or voluminous discussion can possibly palliate the overwhelming importance of that point."

So okay, I'll vote, if for no other reason than to make sure I remember how to do it when the next election rolls around. Maybe that one will cheer me up.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

November 10	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
November 12	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
November 14	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
November 17	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
November 21	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
December 1	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
December 3	Saturday	Myrtle #108	MM Degree
December 7	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated

Myrtle #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.

District 7 Installations

Falls City #66			
Myrtle #108			
West Gate #128			
Kirkland #150	Tyled	12/8/16	
Unity #198			
Lakeside #258	Open	1/7/2017	2:00 p.m.
Mercer Island #297	Open	12/1/16	7:30 p.m.
Renaissance #312		12/19/16	6:30 p.m.

Subject to change

Secrets of the Chair

The Secrets of the Chair for first-time Worshipful Masters will be held the last Saturday of January (the 28th) at 3:00 p.m., location to be determined. Secretaries will be asked to provide a letter acknowledging the election of the Master attending and Masters are asked to bring \$3 with their letter. All Past Masters are invited to attend. Refreshments will be

provided. For more information contact WB Jonathan Seaton at jonathanrseaton@gmail.com

District 7 History – West Gate #128

West Gate Lodge No. 128 was chartered June 10, 1903 at Seattle. As one of the three gates important to Masonic legend, West Gate also has the reason that Seattle is the west gate to the nation from the ports on Puget Sound. They had met at the old Main Masonic Temple in Seattle from the time it was built. They moved to the Bellevue Masonic Temple in June of 1975 as the declining membership in downtown Seattle and the potential population that Bellevue offered for new members looked promising for Lodge growth. From 1955, to 1970 the Lodge had dropped from 450 members to 222. The move did not stop the decline, as the members now number 117 in 1994, but it is an active Lodge with good prospects for the future. In 1986 the Lodge looked for a Charity to support and Eastside Literacy Council was chosen. Member donations were matched by the Lodge, and material support, tutors and a member for the board of directors were provided to the Council by the Lodge. This Charity finally found strong supporters by 1993 and the Lodge moved its support to the Seattle Valley of the Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders. They donated \$2,500, which is enough for tuition for one child for one year. This Lodge has tried to find more interesting affairs for its members and in 1993 the Lodge sponsored the Masonic Float in two Seattle Seafair parades, has started a program of visitations and has held Table Lodges. Plans are being made to write the Lodge's Centennial History for the great event in the year 2003.

Letters to the Editor

Christopher Walken (October 29, 2016)

John,

I do believe many folks believe what Walken has said. I don't, it's only partially the whole truth.

Love, hugs,

~Dad

One-Stop-Shopping Advertising Section



If the baby doesn't want the beer maybe the parents will

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