

District 7 News



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Madam President

Calm down, this isn't going to be about the outcome of last week's election. I'm just a sucker for misdirection, that's all. No, this is going to be about a woman who really did become Madam President and what her ascension might imply for our Fraternity.

Last week the Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australia) appointed a new CEO, Jane Sydenham-Clarke. I find it interesting that the Grand Lodge of Victoria has a CEO in addition to a Grand Master. This could be the topic of one of my weekly rants, but I'll save that for later.



Jane Sydenham-Clarke

Ms. Sydenham-Clarke's charge as the new CEO is to tackle a long standing problem that has confounded her predecessors; since 1960 membership has plummeted from 110,000 to 9,500 and continues to decline. The Grand Lodge wanted the best person for the job and Ms. Sydenham-Clarke's qualifications fit the bill. Here's more: [The Woman Set to Save Freemasonry](#)

One can only imagine the heated debates at the recruiting committee. Yet, even though they've never done it that way before the Grand Lodge of Victoria dared to try something new.

How about that?

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District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

November 12	Saturday	West Gate #128	Installation
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
December 8	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
December 9	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
December 12	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated

VWB Stromberg to Receive 50 Year Pin

On Wednesday, November 16th Genesis Lodge #305 will award VWB Bob Stromberg a 50-Year pin, the first awarded in the history of Genesis Lodge. This will also be Past Masters night and it is likely that WVB Stromberg will be sitting in the East for the closing. The Lodge meets at the Edmonds Masonic Center and serves a dinner before lodge (about 6:30 p.m. – **RSVP to Br. Brent Arnold, brentfinancial@gmail.com**)

District 7 Brothers are strongly encouraged to attend this special event.

District 7 Installations

Falls City #66	Open	1/14/2016	7:00 p.m.
Myrtle #108			
West Gate #128	Open	11/12/2016	2:00 p.m.
Kirkland #150	Tyled	12/8/16	7:30 p.m.
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	Open	12/19/16	6:30 p.m.

Subject to change

West Gate Lodge #128

Brother Earl Lara will be installed as Worshipful Master on Saturday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m. with MWB Santy Lascano and WB Marc Ignacio sharing the duties of Installing Master. This will be the first installation held in West Gate Lodge's new home. For further information or **RSVP for refreshments contact WM-Elect Earl Lara at earllara@westgatelodge.org**

Mercer Island Lodge #297

Brother Dan Taylor will be installed in an open ceremony on Thursday, December 1st. Happy hour starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. (\$20/pp donation suggested for Masons, guests are complimentary). **RSVP for dinner to WM-Elect Dan Taylor at dantaylor@msn.com.**

Mercer Island Lodge will welcome MWGM Jim Mendoza as Installing Master. Following the standard installation of elected and appointed officers VWB Dean Quigley will be installed in the honorary office of Mentor.

Kirkland Lodge #150

Kirkland Lodge will hold its installation at its Thursday, December 8th Stated Communication. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. (**RSVP for dinner to WM Bill Reynar at wjreynar@gmail.com**). Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. on the Master Mason degree for the tyled installation and a brief business meeting.

Renaissance Lodge #312

Amid cries for term limits VWB Bill Werner will again be installed as Renaissance Lodge's Worshipful Master on Monday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. MWGM Jim Mendoza will preside over the open Installation.

The Festive Board will follow the installation at 7:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner are required (\$25/pp) may be made via PayPal at www.renaissancelodge.org at or contact **WM Bill Werner at bigwer1@hotmail.com** or **WB Craig Wood at cwood1234@hotmail.com**. Dinner selections are prime rib, salmon, or vegan.

Falls City Lodge #66

On Saturday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. Brother David Hisel will be installed as Worshipful Master by VWB Bill Werner. Hors d'oeuvres will be offered starting at 6:00 p. m. For more information or **RSVP please contact WM-Elect David Hisel at dlh.mason@yahoo.com**.

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**.

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 contract WB Jonathan Seaton at jonathanrseaton@gmail.com**

District 7 History – Kirkland #150

Kirkland Lodge No. 150 was chartered June 13, 1906 at Kirkland in King County. This town was named in honor of Peter Kirk, an English millionaire who founded the town in 1886 hoping to develop it into a steel manufacturing center. An excellent history of this Lodge was written by W. Glenn Eagon, who served as Master in 1957, with the assistance of W. Louis Marsh on the updating of the original written work. This gives details about the Lodge, pictures and a history of the Past Masters and is fascinating reading for any Mason. Copies of the Charter, by-laws, pictures of the old meeting place and the new Temple are vivid reminders of Masonry in the early years of the Lodge. The year the Lodge began, it often met two or three times a week, with 35 Degrees that first year. Originally meeting at the Ancient Order of United Workmen Hall, in 1922 the Lodge purchased the Campbell Building (now 7th Avenue and Market Street) where the Lodge has met ever since. The Depression years slowed the candidates, but during and after World War II, the numbers at the door increased.

By 1955, the Lodge was traveling to British Columbia for its annual visit with Burnaby Lodge No. 150. Recent years have seen many updates on the Lodge building. The brick walls were thoroughly cleaned and repaired, a

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new all-metal covered entrance has replaced the old wooden stairs, the kitchen has been modernized and plumbing and wiring brought up to code. New blue carpet in the Lodge room and adjoining areas really improved the appearance of the Lodge. During the period of this history, the Lodge accomplished many things. In 1979 the Kirkland Masonic Players presented the play, "A Rose upon the Altar". Other plays have entertained and educated the members since then. New furniture for the stations, Altar and Tyler's desk of white oak were added. The Lodge awards scholarships to deserving students from three local high schools, often donates to worthy charities and supports the Order of DeMolay. Ollis W. Patty Chapter of DeMolay was named after one of the Charter members and third Master of the Lodge.

The Lodge subscribes to the Masonic Tribune for the widows of deceased members, a way of keeping them informed about Masonry. In 1991 the Lodge received special Dispensation from the two Grand Masters involved, to open and put on a Fellowcraft degree for one of their members at Burnaby Lodge in British Columbia. This was the first known time a degree has been conferred out of our jurisdiction. Each year in the Lodge history lists the degrees, the activities on a month to month basis, and highlights of many outstanding events of the years. I can only wish more Lodges had kept, or would start to work on, a history such as this. Too often the records are lost and then no one will ever be able to piece together all the actions of the Lodge. Congratulations to Kirkland Lodge and W. Glenn Eagon for such a fine history. The 1994 roster shows the Lodge to have 235 members, and a visit there will show that many of them are very active.

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

Lodge	Address	Meeting Times	Contacts
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: Earl Lara earllara@westgatelodge.org 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	WB Earl Lara	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Todd Pike	VWB Roger Barnstead	VWB Bill Werner
SW	Br David Hisel	Br Chad Reece	WB Phil Nylin	Br Demetrius Alusi	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Mike Campbell	Br Dan Taylor	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
JW	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	Br Vance Hill	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 Kurt Egts	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	WB Thomas Acquino	WB Doug Stamper
JD	Br Noah Phillips		Br Arjay Protacio	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		WM Jim Nash	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 Karl Egts			Br Pat Brennan		
JS	Br Nick Anderson		Br Ken Hill			Br David Ulrich		
T	WB Corey Birch	WB Brian Thomas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB David Pearson		WB Jim Groves	WB Paul Hoeffler	Br Helmut Fischer

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