

# District 7 News



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## More Stuffing?

I just remembered another good story about my kid ... I hope that's OK. As her 10th birthday approached she announced that she didn't want any presents at her party and instead wanted food donations for Northwest Harvest. The party was a great success and Northwest Harvest got a couple hundred pounds of food that day.

This idea was entirely hers, seeded a few years earlier during a home remodel when we found ourselves living in a Seattle apartment across the street from Northwest



Harvest. On her way to school each day she saw people lined up waiting for the food bank to open. She asked my wife why they were there and

was told that the food bank was for people who couldn't afford to buy food. My young daughter was outraged. How could people not have enough money for food?

Through boom and bust, recession and recovery, the sad truth remains that too many people simply can't afford to eat. Next week we're going to celebrate Thanksgiving and officially kick off the holiday season. For many of us our biggest worry is that we'll overeat. While we lick our plates clean the food bank line will still be there, on Thanksgiving Day and every day.

In my Masonic journey I was taught (and even a 10-year old kid knows) that no amount of charity is too small.

More stuffing?

*WB John Gebhart*

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

|             |           |                    |           |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 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    |
| December 15 | Thursday  | Myrtle #108        | Stated    |
| December 19 | Monday    | West Gate #128     | Stated    |
| December 19 | Monday    | Renaissance #312   | Stated    |

## Mercer Island PMs Install EHP Barnstead

On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> WVB Roger Barnstead, who next month will finish his term as Worshipful Master of Mercer Island Lodge, was installed as Excellent High Priest of Snohomish County Chapter #15, RAM. A group of Mercer Island's Past Masters, led by WB/EC John Gebhart as Installing High Priest, fielded out an all-Island installation team.



*(L to R) EC Al Aussman, C Kevin Leach, EHP Roger Barnstead, EC John Gebhart, C Scott Anderson, and VEC Dean Quigley*

Congratulations to VWB/EHP Barnstead on his (re) ascension to the East!

## District 7 Installations

On November 12<sup>th</sup> West Gate Lodge kicked off the District 7 installation season in an open ceremony. WB Earl Lara is now sitting in the East after being installed by MWB Santy Lascano.



WM Earl Lara (center) with members of West Gate Lodge

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|---------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| <b>Falls City #66</b>     | Open  | 1/14/2016  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Myrtle #108</b>        | Open  | 1/7/2017   | 10:30 a.m. |
| <b>West Gate #128</b>     | Done  | 11/12/2016 | 2:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Kirkland #150</b>      | Tyled | 12/8/16    | 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Unity #198</b>         | Tyled | 1/4/2017   | 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Lakeside #258</b>      | Open  | 1/7/2017   | 2:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Mercer Island #297</b> | Open  | 12/1/16    | 7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Renaissance #312</b>   | Open  | 12/19/16   | 6:30 p.m.  |

*Subject to change*

### **Mercer Island Lodge #297**

Brother Dan Taylor will be installed in an open ceremony on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication, at which WB Bill Reynar will be installed for a second consecutive term. WB Scott Brown will preside as Installing Master.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. (**RSVP for dinner to WM Bill Reynar at [wjreynar@gmail.com](mailto:wjreynar@gmail.com)**). Lodge will

open at 7:30 p.m. on the Master Mason degree for the tyled installation followed by 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Dinner reservations (\$25/pp) may be made via PayPal at [www.renaissancelodge.org](http://www.renaissancelodge.org), or contact **WM Bill Werner at [bigwer1@hotmail.com](mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com)** or **WB Craig Wood at [cwood1234@hotmail.com](mailto:cwood1234@hotmail.com)**. Dinner selections are prime rib, salmon, or vegean.

### **Falls City Lodge #66**

On Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dlh.mason@yahoo.com)**.

## **Myrtle #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)**.

## **Secrets of the Chair**

The Secrets of the Chair for first-time Worshipful Masters will be held the last Saturday of January (the 28<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com)**

## **District 7 History – Unity #198**

Unity Lodge No. 198 was Chartered June 11, 1913 at North Bend in King County. There are 34 Unity Lodges in the United States. This town was originally called Snoqualmie and platted by W.H. Taylor who settled there in 1872. It also was called Mountain View and

South Fork, but it was renamed North Bend because it is situated where the South fork of the Snoqualmie River bends to the North, and is located very close to the summit of Snoqualmie Pass. In 1979 the Lodge started its first annual Widow's Night and they also hold a Salmon Bar-B-Que during the North Bend Annual Celebration, which has proven to be a fairly good income project for the Lodge. The Lodge does many activities each year, such as Past Master's Night and a Homecoming Dinner, the members look forward to these events and enjoy fellowship together. In 1994 this Lodge had 84 members.

## Closed for Thanksgiving

Thank you for your readership and support!



We have much to be thankful for here at the District 7 News World Headquarters. And we know that giving proper thanks takes time, so we're going to take some ... no newsletter next week. We'll be back on the job in plenty of time for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

## Letters to the Editor

### ***Madam President (November 12, 2016)***

John,

How about that? Yes, as we each change our attitudes coming from earlier times, the atmosphere, atmosphere changes around the globe.

Love, hugs,

~ Dad

WB John,

Wow, one of the best. Honestly, I think the results will speak for themselves with the CEO. If it works, others will copy. Thanks for digging this up - I hope other jurisdictions follow that lead.

~ WB Paul Hoeffler

WB Paul,

*Thank you for your very kind words. My little secret is that when I'm stuck for something to write just google "Freemason news". I usually find some amazing stuff.*

*I think there will be two ways to measure Madame President's performance: 1) did membership grow, or at least stop declining, and 2) what will she be able to see that her male predecessor couldn't.*

*As the proud father of a daughter I like her odds.*

~ Editor

Brother Gebhart,

Great news and a great show of leadership. Our jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, is doing the same thing, hiring a CEO to manage the business side of the fraternity. Administration of the membership, managing the lodges, marketing, financial management, managing the building of Grand Lodge, all these aspects require professional attentions of someone young and energetic, not necessarily a retired volunteer from the ranks of the membership. The Grand Master, being the face of the fraternity needs to be an inside man skilled in our craft and the CEO needs to be a professional business manager skilled in running a multi faceted franchise organization.

~Brother Issac Lazar

WB Editor,

I like her glasses. Lots of character!

~VWB Coe Tug Morgan

## Fun Things To Do on Black Friday



## 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<br>Fall City, WA 98024<br><a href="http://www.fallcitylodge.com">www.fallcitylodge.com</a>   | 2nd Saturday, 1st Saturday June; dark July & August.<br>7:30 p.m. except January, 7:00 p.m.  | WM: Frank Schumacher IV <a href="mailto:fsiv.com@gmail.com">fsiv.com@gmail.com</a><br>Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Schumacher)  |
| <b>Myrtle #108</b>        | <i>Street Address:</i> 57 West Sunset Way<br>Issaquah, WA 98027<br><i>Mailing Address:</i> PO Box 766<br>Issaquah, WA 98027<br><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<br>Summer months)   | WM: Mark Staveley <a href="mailto:mark.staveley@gmail.com">mark.staveley@gmail.com</a><br>Sec: Jeff Swanson <a href="mailto:jeffswanson@platosnw.com">jeffswanson@platosnw.com</a>           |
| <b>West Gate #128</b>     | 8561 Willows Road NE<br>Redmond, WA 98052<br><a href="http://westgatelodge.org">westgatelodge.org</a>   | 3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.  | WM: Earl Lara <a href="mailto:earllara@westgatelodge.org">earllara@westgatelodge.org</a><br>Sec: Les Snavely - <a href="mailto:lsna761057@aol.com">lsna761057@aol.com</a>                    |
| <b>Kirkland #150</b>      | 702 1/2 Market St.<br>Kirkland, WA 98033<br><a href="http://www.kirklandmasons.org">www.kirklandmasons.org</a>  | 2nd Thursday (3rd Thursday June) except July, August.<br>7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.   | WM: Bill Reynar <a href="mailto:wjreynar@gmail.com">wjreynar@gmail.com</a><br>Sec: Topher White <a href="mailto:topher.white@comcast.net">topher.white@comcast.net</a>                       |
| <b>Unity #198</b>         | 119 North Bend Way<br>North Bend, WA 98045<br><a href="http://www.unity198.org">www.unity198.org</a>  | 1st Wednesday. If Holiday, 2nd Wednesday except<br>July, August. 7:30 p.m.   | WM: Matt Roalkvam <a href="mailto:webmattr@hotmail.com">webmattr@hotmail.com</a><br>Sec : Jonathan Seaton <a href="mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com">jonathanrseaton@gmail.com</a>           |
| <b>Lakeside #258</b>      | 8561 Willows Road NE<br>Redmond, WA 98052<br><a href="http://www.lakeside258.org">www.lakeside258.org</a>   | 2nd Monday, except July & August.<br>7:30 p.m.   | WM: Todd Pike <a href="mailto:toddpike@mac.com">toddpike@mac.com</a><br>Sec: Dean Markley <a href="mailto:wdeanm@gmail.com">wdeanm@gmail.com</a>   |
| <b>Mercer Island #297</b> | 1836 72nd Avenue Southeast<br>Mercer Island, WA 98040<br><a href="http://www.mercerislandmasons.org">www.mercerislandmasons.org</a>   | 1st Thursday; 2nd Thursday if Holiday or Grand Lodge,<br>dark July & August<br><br>Open bar 6:00 p.m., catered dinner at 6:30 p.m.,<br>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><br>Sec: Scott Anderson <a href="mailto:papabear120@hotmail.com">papabear120@hotmail.com</a> |
| <b>Renaissance #312</b>   | 11440 Avondale Road Northeast<br>Redmond, WA 98052<br><a href="http://www.renaissance312.org">www.renaissance312.org</a>  | Last Monday of February, April, June, August, October<br>and December; if holiday, next available Monday that<br>is not a holiday.<br><br>Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Table Lodge at 7:30 p.m. RSVP<br>for dinner, \$25. | WM: Bill Werner <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@hotmail.com</a><br>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<br/>#66</b> | <b>Myrtle<br/>#108</b> | <b>West Gate<br/>#128</b> | <b>Kirkland<br/>#150</b> | <b>Unity<br/>#198</b> | <b>Lakeside<br/>#258</b>     | <b>Mercer Island<br/>#297</b> | <b>Renaissance<br/>#312*</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>WM</b>    | WB Frank Schumacher       | WB Mark Staveley       | WB Earl Lara              | WB Bill Reynar           | WB Matt Roalkvam      | WB Todd Pike                 | VWB Roger Barnstead           | VWB Bill Werner              |
| <b>SW</b>    | 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.            |
| <b>JW</b>    | Br Robert Coats           | WB Geoff Joosten       | Br Vance Hill             | 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 Kurt Egts              | Br Bryan DeNosky         | WB Ernest Jenner      | Br Phu Huynh                 | WB Thomas Acquino             | WB Doug Stamper              |
| <b>JD</b>    | Br Noah Phillips          |                        | Br Arjay Protacio         | 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          |                        | WM Jim Nash               | 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 Karl Egts              |                          |                       | Br Pat Brennan               |                               |                              |
| <b>JS</b>    | Br Nick Anderson          |                        | Br Ken Hill               |                          |                       | Br David Ulrich              |                               |                              |
| <b>T</b>     | 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