

District 7 News



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Don't Lecture Me

I always enjoy spending time with Brother Phu Huynh. When I saw him at a Royal Arch meeting a few weeks ago I told him that I was pretty sure he had delivered every degree lecture in our District in the past year except one. His reaction was telling: "I missed one?"

Brother Phu was raised at Lakeside Lodge in 2011. All of his degree lectures were delivered by VWB Carey Cope, and the EA lecture particularly impressed and inspired him. Eleven months after being raised Brother Phu, sounding like a seasoned past master, delivered his first EA lecture. He has since mastered the other two as well.

Some of us struggle with memory work. I know I do. But I also know that when I've put in the time I come away with a lot more than a string of memorized words. It's not about memorizing, it's about learning; there's a big difference. Whether it's presenting an EA his apron, delivering the closing charge, conferring a degree, or installing officers, when I study our ceremonies I gain a deeper appreciation of how our Fraternity works and how it benefits each of us. Brother Phu says he experiences the same thing, and since there's so much in the lectures it's fair to say that he has become one very enlightened Mason.

Brother Phu's lectures get rave reviews, which is one reason why he is routinely invited to give them. The other reason is that so few in our District believe they can adequately learn them. If you haven't witnessed one of Brother Phu's lectures you're missing out. And you're also missing out if you haven't at least tried to learn them yourself.

Many of us signed up because we were drawn to the idea of Masonic education. Well, here's your chance.

I just changed my mind. Go ahead, lecture me.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

December 7	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
December 8	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
December 10	Saturday	Myrtle #108	MM Degree
December 10	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
December 12	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
December 15	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
December 17	Saturday	Lakeside #258	MM Degree
December 19	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
December 19	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
January 3	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated

VWB Stromberg Receives 50-Year Pin

On November 16th Genesis Lodge #305 honored VWB Bob Stromberg for his long service to our Fraternity with a 50-Year pin. MWB Santy Lascano conducted the ceremony and a delegation of District 7 Brothers was on hand to mark this special occasion.



(L to R) District 7 Brothers VWB Ray Lavadia, VWB Bob Stromberg, WB Craig Wood, Br Chad Reece, and Br Matthew Stull

Congratulations to VWB Stromberg for reaching this important milestone!

District 7 Installations

On Thursday, December 1st WB Dan Taylor traveled to the East to become Mercer Island Lodge's 64th Worshipful Master. MWB Jim Mendoza served as Installing Master and VWB Dean Quigley was installed in the honorary office of Mentor.



WM Dan Taylor, MWGM Jim Mendoza, and VWB Dean Quigley

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

Subject to change

Kirkland Lodge #150

Kirkland Lodge will hold its installation at its Thursday, December 8th 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**). 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 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. Dinner reservations (\$25/pp) may be made via PayPal at www.renaissancelodge.org, 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.

Lakeside Lodge #258

On Saturday, January 7th at 2:00 p.m. Brother Michael Campbell will be installed as Worshipful Master in an open installation by MWB Satoru Tashiro. Taco bar will follow the installation. For more information or **RSVP please contact WM-Elect Michael Campbell** at LakesideLodge258@outlook.com.

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.

Master Mason Degrees

Myrtle Lodge #108

Dear Brothers and Friends of Myrtle Lodge #1108,

Some lodges slow down as the holidays approach, but not Myrtle. We have a number of worthy Brothers who have proved up (or who are in the process of proving up) and we would like to celebrate their accomplishments with a Master Mason degree on the 10th of December.

We have confirmed availability of our candidates, secured the building (making sure it is booked for us) and we are working hard to put together a degree team - and we could sure use your help as we want to make this degree extra special for our Brothers.

To help with signing up for the degree, we've created an electronic sign-up genius page [Dec 10 MM Signup](#)

As with our other degrees, we would rather have something that is well-read rather than worrying about memorizing every little part - our only ask is that you do your best for the part you have signed up for.

We hope you will consider the length of your cable tow and consider being a part of this very special degree.

District 7 History – Lakeside #258

Lakeside Lodge No. 258 was Chartered June 11, 1924 at Bellevue In King County. The word Bellevue was a French term meaning “beautiful view” and was selected by a committee to name the post office in the early 1880's. This Lodge was named to show that it was on the east side of Lake Washington, and to denote that it serves all the lakeside communities. This area has continually grown eastward and in all directions from the lake. The original downtown location of the Temple was moved quite a ways east to a new building with parking and many excellent facilities for all the groups that meet there. During the time period of 1977 to 1993 the Lodge conferred 244 Masonic Degrees, plus four Courtesy Degrees, for an average of 14 per year. This Lodge honors one of its members as Lakeside Lodge Mason of the Year each year. This is a good idea that more Lodges might try. The following have been so honored since 1977: WB George L. Johnson - 1977, WB Carl A. Morris – 1978, WB Dale M. Percy - 1979, VWB Sprague G. Vigus - 1980, VWB Glenn V. Peck - 1981, Br Duane K. Damen - 1982, WB Harry M. Lehrbach - 1983, Br Max Dodd - 1984, Br Douglas A. Benedict - 1985, WB George C. Bentley - 1986, Br. Harold A. Mahnke - 1987, WB Robert S. Mitten - 1988, WB John B. Pratt - 1989, MWB George R. Bordewick - 1990, Br Cecil W. Parrott - 1991, WB George C. Bentley - 1992, Br Henry R. Ryberg, Jr. - 1993. The membership of Lakeside Lodge as of January 1994 was 245.

Letters to the Editor

Madam President (November 12, 2016)

WB Editor,

I have supported the idea that there should be two lines to be officers. If there are two lines to be ship's captain, why not in Masonry?

Unfortunately we get good ritualists, but not necessarily good managers.

~ Br Bob Decker

Besides - it would be nice to be able to see all of you before the holidays and our stated meeting in December - gives us another excuse to share in some fellowship and fraternal tidings. Thank you for supporting Myrtle - we are glad you are part of our Lodge and the Fraternity.

Sincerely Yours,

WM Mark Staveley
mark.staveley@gmail.com

Lakeside Lodge #258

A Master Mason degree is planned for Saturday, December 17th at Lakeside Lodge. For more information contact WM Todd Pike toddpike@mac.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 contact WB Jonathan Seaton at jonathanrseaton@gmail.com**

A Pitch for the Competition

Our Grand Secretary, MWB Sam Roberts, had decided to go into the newsletter biz and has turned out an awesome monthly publication, ***The Grand Lodge Messenger***. This missive is full of useful and timely tips and updates as well as a personal space where Sam recounts his recent relocation adventure. Subscribe to the Messenger at this link: [GL Messenger Subscription](#).

All of us at the District 7 News wish MWB Sam and the staff at the Messenger good luck and continued success in keeping Washington Freemasons well informed. And we're particularly pleased that the publication of the Messenger hasn't cut into our ad sales (yet).

More Stuffing? (November 19, 2016)

John,

Gosh, if more folks believed and lived this, no charity too small or too large!

Love, hugs,

~Dad

D7N Holiday Gift Guide



For those who missed Christmas 1952

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 O 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: Earl Lara earllara@westgatelodge.org 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 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: Dan Taylor dantaylor@msn.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	WB Dan Taylor	VWB Bill Werner
SW	Br David Hisel	Br Chad Reece	WB Phil Nylin	Br Demetrius Alusi	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Mike Campbell	WB Paul Hoeffler	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
JW	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	Br Vance Hill	Br Brian Clubb	Br Chad Swaim	Br Enzo Sainato	WB Thomas Aquino	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 Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
SD	Br Joshua Bushman		Br Kurt Egts	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	Br Carl Bronkema	WB Doug Stamper
JD	Br Noah Phillips		Br Arjay Protacio	Br MG		Br Kevin French	Br Denis Osmanbegovic	WB Todd Pike
Chp	WB Matt Roalkvam		VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin	Br Dane Shaffer	VWB Gene Ulrich
Mrsh	Br Warren Oltman		WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Praveen Sattaru (pro tem)	VWB Roger Barnstead	Br Randy Coggan
Mu	Br Carlmer Sorensen		Br Bert Bertram			Br Praveen Sattaru	WB John Gebhart	
SS	Br Alan Olson		Br Karl Egts			Br Pat Brennan	Br. Brent Fleckner	
JS	Br Nick Anderson		Br Ken Hill			Br David Ulrich	Br. Stephen Burns	
T	WB Corey Birch	WB Brian Thomas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB David Pearson		WB Jim Groves	WB Steve Paige	Br Helmut Fischer

* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

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