

District 7 News



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Goodbye Rocketman

I was in second grade in 1962 when Brother John Glenn became the first human to orbit the earth. He traveled to space again aboard the space shuttle in 1998 to become the oldest person on record to travel to space. Last Thursday he departed for one final journey, this time to the Celestial Lodge.



Brother Glenn was elected to receive his degrees in 1964, but due to a busy life of public service was not raised until 1978. In 1998 he was conferred the 33rd degree. Other than a few brief acknowledgements of his membership in our Fraternity there isn't much published about his Masonic career. But there's a lot about his other careers.

He flew 149 combat missions as a US Marine in both World War II and the Korean War. He then became a test pilot before joining NASA in 1958. Starting in 1974 he represented Ohio in the US Senate for 15 years.

Amazingly, in this modern age and living constantly in the public eye, our good Brother Glen was not once involved or implicated in any political scandal.

Occasionally we get to travel on a brief journey into the "rare air". Brother Glenn spent a lifetime there.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

December 10	Saturday	Myrtle Lodge #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
January 4	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
January 9	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated

District 7 Installations

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	Done	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

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.**

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Kirkland #150

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WM Bill Reyner with the 2017 Officers of Kirkland #150

Despite the inclement weather most of the Officers found their way to the Lodge for the installation. Those in attendance included SW Br Brian Clubb, JW Br Brian DeNosky, Treasurer WB Bob Wilson, Marshal Br Gary Weber, Chaplain WB Dan Chadrow, and SD Br Steve Preston

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 – Mercer Island #297

Mercer Island Lodge No. 297 was Chartered June 16, 1954 on Mercer Island in King County. This island and the town were named for Judge Thomas Mercer, who was captain of a wagon train that arrived in Seattle in 1853. He also named Lake Washington and Lake Union. When the Lake Washington Floating Bridge was built the island population grew greatly and the need for a Lodge in the area was seen by local Masons. This Lodge has participated In a Junior student Award for 25 years. They have had a Senior student Scholarship for 15 years, which has grown to two awards for \$1,000.00 each. They take their Lodge widows Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias, and also include them in their Ladies nights. A special program of the Lodge is providing free Kid's Identification Cards to almost 280 children. This is accomplished at local fairs, and promotes identification of children so that In case they become missing, the police and other law agencies will have information and a picture of them to use in the search. The Lodge also annually gives \$500 to the Northwest Multiple Service Center and has an educational talk at each meeting. Membership has ranged from a high of 136 down to the current 104, with attendance running about 20% of the membership even though about 25% percent live outside the Puget Sound area. The Lodge meets at the Mercer Island Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall and is getting some younger members, which will help the Lodge grow In the next few years.

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 Snavely - 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 wjreynar@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 Brian Clubb	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Mike Campbell	WB Paul Hoeffler	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
JW	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	Br Vance Hill	Br Bryan DeNosky	Br Chad Swaim	Br Enzo Sainato	WB Thomas Aquino	Br JN
Sec	WB Nick Michaud	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavelly	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
Treas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavelly	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
SD	Br Joshua Bushman		Br Kurt Egts	Br Steve Preston	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