

District 7 News



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The Little Guy

An Open Letter to the 2017 Lodge Masters

Dear 2017 Lodge Masters,

Last year I read The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. I've never rowed competitively so didn't have a connection to the sport. And I knew how this story of 9 scrappy UW students who traveled to Nazi Germany to take on Hitler's team was going to end. Still, I couldn't put it down. If you haven't read it you must.

Faster boats win races; well, even I knew that. The good guys beat the bad guys; not an original theme and not what was so engaging about this book. What hooked me was the author's captivating explanation of how 9 men were shaped and tuned into one unit. They all appeared to do the same thing but each seat in the boat had a different job. This is particularly hard for the casual onlooker to spot because they all look kind of the same. That is all except the one facing the crew: the coxswain, that little guy sitting up in the bow.

The coxswain's first qualification is to be about half the size of the guys who pull on the oars. Instead of an oar he gets a megaphone. It looks like his job is to set the pace for the oarsmen. But his real job is to know the strengths and personalities of each crew member better than he knows himself. With that knowledge he synchronizes the crew onto one single heartbeat, producing far greater power than the sum of the parts.

My dear incoming Masters, surely you realize that I've once again presented an everyday non-Masonic observation and now offer it as a Masonic metaphor. It is yours to emulate from your station in the East.

Be the Little Guy. Find that single heartbeat. You'll know that you've gotten really good at this when you no longer need to use the megaphone.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

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
January 12	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
January 14	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
January 16	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
January 19	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated

Christmas Break



We were cleaning up the pressing plant to get ready for the December 24th edition when one of the typesetters found this sign on the internet. We realized we had no choice. We have to shut down next week.

We'll resume publication on December 31st. In the meantime, Happy Holidays to all from the entire staff at the District 7 News.

Master Mason Degrees

Myrtle #108

On Saturday December 10th Brothers representing each of our District's Lodges gathered at Myrtle Lodge to raise four Fellowcraft Masons to the sublime degree of Master Mason.



(L to R) WB Ray Conwell with Brothers Shane White, Matt Stull, David Bach, and Gerry O'Brien

VWB Bill Werner conferred the degrees with the assistance of VWB Gene Ulrich as Senior Deacon. WB Ray Conwell filled the role of King Solomon with Phu Hyun serving double duty as King Hiram and providing the degree lecture.

Lakeside Lodge #258

A Master Mason degree is planned for Saturday, December 17th 12:00 p.m. at Lakeside Lodge. For more information contact WM Todd Pike toddpike@mac.com

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	1/3/2017	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

Rumors of hacking the Grand Lodge database to swing the vote have proven false so 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 RedmondMasons.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**.

District Meeting – Save the Date

District 7 will greet our Grand Master at Lakeside Lodge on the evening of Friday, January 13th. More details when available.

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 – Renaissance #312

Renaissance Lodge No. 312 was Chartered and Constituted on August 17, 1990 for the Kirkland-Redmond area Masons. Redmond was settled in 1871 by William W. Perrigo and Luke McRedmond, with the town first being called Salmonberg, because of the large

number of spawning salmon that swim up the Sammamish Slough. It was renamed Melrose for Perrigo's former hometown in Massachusetts and finally Redmond after McRedmond, who platted it in 1891 and was the first postmaster. This Lodge was formed to serve the City of Redmond as the population had been growing and it had become a major business and residential area east of Seattle. A Masonic Dinner Club, called the "Alnwick Club", was formed to emphasize the festive aspects of Masonry. Due to the success of this club, several members felt that establishing a new Lodge with the goal of being a smaller, more festive and ritualistically correct Lodge would prove worthwhile. Dispensation was granted for this Lodge May 22, 1989, with WM George R. Bordewick appointed as Master, with VW Norman J. Parkinson as Senior Warden and VW Louis S. Bauer as Junior Warden. With fifteen other founding members, and the intention to stay a small, well organized Lodge, they began to work as a Lodge. The Lodge first met at the Redmond Motor Inn, and after a Resolution concerning the use of alcohol was proposed by the Lodge and passed in Grand Lodge, the Lodge was able to move to the Redmond Elks Lodge. By order of Grand Master William R. Miner, the capacity of the Lodge to confer the three degrees was again demonstrated and permission to Constitute the new Lodge was granted and the Constituting was held in Myrtle Lodge No. 108, which had sponsored Renaissance originally, on August 17, 1990.

MW Bordewick was again elected Master and again in 1991. Today dress for members is formal, with white gloves and aprons provided for visitors. Members are expected to attend Lodge or to extend their apologies through another member of the Lodge. The annual dues are fixed at \$150.00 and the joining fee at \$250.00. This has enabled the new Lodge to support requests for Charity and to assume the past responsibility of Kirkland No. 150 of providing scholarships for students at Redmond High School. There is an annual Ladies' Night Dinner and Dance, at which time the members show their ladies their thanks for support of the Lodge. As a result of the demonstration by Renaissance Lodge of the benefits of

holding "Table Lodge" after-proceedings, many other Lodges have extended their activities to include such a program. This was the way that early Masonic Lodges met, and it is the intention and hope of these dedicated Brothers that these proceedings after a Lodge will secure the future of Masonry and encourage members to attend. The 1994 membership stood at twenty.

Letters to the Editor

Goodbye Rocketman (December 10, 2016)

WB Editor:

Thanks for the education. I didn't know John Glenn was a Mason. He was a boy hood hero of mine - who didn't love astronauts?

~VWB Roger Barnstead

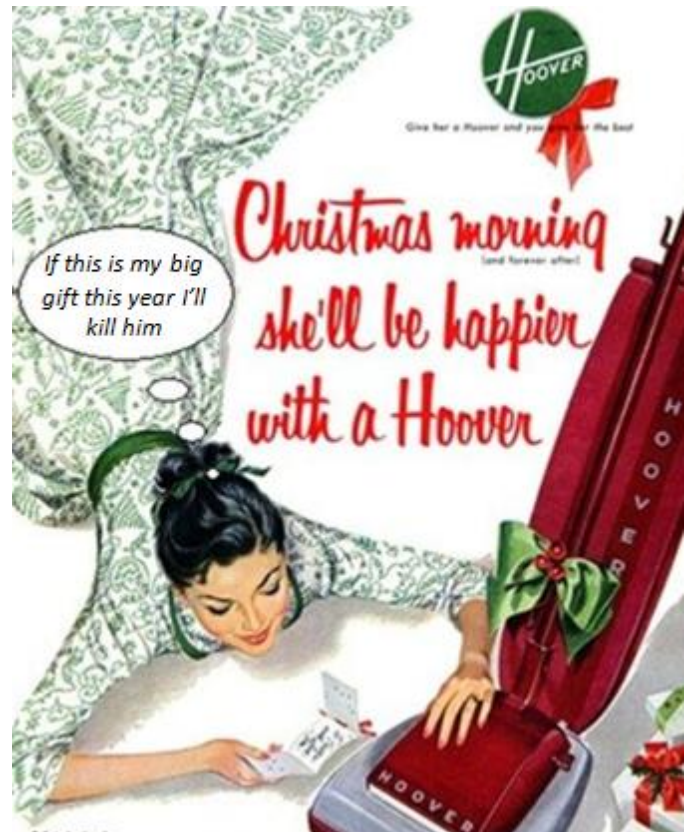
John,

A nice tribute this man!

Love, hugs,

~Dad (from Gilroy with its garlic air)

D7N Holiday Gift Guide



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: 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: 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 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 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