

District 7 News



Editor: WB John Gebhart
District7News@gmail.com

December 31, 2016

The Coolness of Being a Newspaper Brat

I'm a proud newspaper brat. Lots of cool things come your way when your dad is the sports editor, like: watching Phillies games in the press box; getting fitted for suits by both [Danny Murtaugh](#) and [Mickey Vernon](#) when they worked at the local men's store in the off-season; meeting an all-county high school athlete named [Billy "White Shoes" Johnson](#) ; and, walking up to the Portland Trailblazer's bench at halftime to say hi to [Dr. Jack Ramsay](#) who responded "you're Eddie's boy aren't you". These are just some of the highlights.

A really cool thing was when Dad's press pass bumped us to the front of all those three-hour-long waiting lines at the New York World's Fair in 1964. But perhaps the coolest thing was getting my picture in the paper.



Photo courtesy of *The Chester Times* (1956)

Happy New Year!

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

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

Three New Master Masons

On December 17th Lakeside Lodge hosted its first degree conferral at their new facility. VWB Gene Ulrich conferred the Master Mason degree for Lakeside Brothers Derk Benisch and Kevin Ward, and WB Bill Reynar conferred for Kirkland Brother Rob Beacham.



Brother Derk Benisch, second from left, and Brothers Kevin Ward and Rod Beacham to his left

WB Topher White filled the role of King Solomon with WB Jim Groves as King Hiram, who also gave the charge. Keeping his streak alive, Brother Phu Huynh gave the lecture.

District 7 Installations

On December 19th Renaissance #312 held the last District 7 Lodge meeting of 2016, at which VWB Bill Werner was installed as Worshipful Master. MWGM presided as Installing Master.



Under the watchful eye of VWB Gene Ulrich, VWB Bill Werner promises our Grand Master that he will Make Masonry Great Again

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	Done	12/19/16	6:30 p.m.

Subject to change

Unity Lodge #198

WB Matt Roalkvam will be installed for a second consecutive term as Worshipful Master in a tyled ceremony at Unity's next stated communication, Wednesday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are requested to help on the installation team. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. **RSVP to WM Matt Roalkvam at webmattr@hotmail.com.**

Myrtle Lodge #108

Brother Chad Reece will be installed as Worshipful Master by VWB Bill Werner in an open ceremony on On Saturday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be offered starting at 10:00 a.m. For more information or **RSVP please contact WM-Elect Chad Reece at cin21century@gmail.com.**

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 – January 13th

District 7 will greet our Grand Master at Lakeside Lodge on the evening of Friday, January 13th. There will be a casual dinner at 6:30 p.m. (Sandwiches and salads as well as some fruit, plus beverages. Cake for dessert). The meeting portion will start around 7:30 p.m. and is open to all and family and friends.

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**

Remembering WB Phil Nylin

Our good Brother Phil Nylin, a member of West Gate Lodge #128, was called to labor in the Celestial Lodge last week following a courageous battle with cancer.



WB Phil Nylin

WM Earl Lara remembers WB Nylin as “a blunt and well-put individual who can turn his stern look to that of a friendly face”. WM Lara requests emails to share stories about or quotes from WB Nylin, which will be compiled into a Memoriam on the West Gate Lodge web site. Please reply to earllara@westgatelodge.org.

Statler and Waldorf Bring Holiday Cheer

The second annual installment of the Statler and Waldorf Holiday Bonanza convened atop the highest building west of the Mississippi this year. Brothers from two districts representing at least five lodges were among the assembled mass of merry-makers, yet Statler was nowhere to be found.



WBs Gebhart and Taylor listen with great interest as VWB Coe Tug Morgan imparts wisdom

Statler’s absence was a heartbreaker for many. To make up for this organizers are considering throwing an after-party, with Statler in attendance, in the New Year.

Letters to the Editor

The Little Guy (December 17, 2016)

John,

When we sense the others are us, that we are one, we have arrived at Life. So much to experience before this oneness occurs. Yes! Be invisible even as a leader

Love, hugs,

~ Dad

WB Editor,

The coxswain sits in the stern, not in the bow.

~WB John Gebhart

WB Gebhart,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention, you’re the only person who has said anything about this. The buck stops with me, so I have fired our proofreader. Regrettably, until a replacement is recruited the odds are now higher that similar mistakes will occur the future.

~Editor

New Year’s Resolution Section



Be a better man, and be more interesting

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 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 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 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 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 Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	Br Carl Bronkema	WB Todd Pike
JD	Br Noah Phillips		Br Arjay Protacio	Br MG		Br Kevin French	Br Denis Osmanbegovic	Br Sheraz Malik
Chp	WB Matt Roalkvam		VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Doug Stamper
Mrsh	Br Warren Oltman		WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Praveen Sattaru (pro tem)	VWB Roger Barnstead	
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 Jeff Guthrie

* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

** Br Andy Precious is Master of Ceremonies for the Festive Board