

# District 7 News

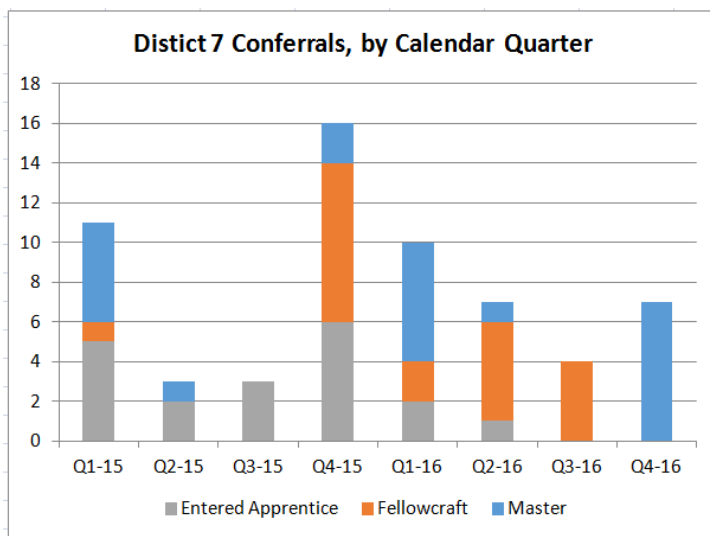


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## Crystal Ball

Casey Stengel said “You could look it up.” And if you looked up what I said on October 1, 2016 you would find that using historical data instead of a crystal ball I said “District 7 needs petitions”. I sure wouldn’t call that Nostradamus stuff but the chart below says I really nailed that one.



On the heels of a pretty active 2015 it’s been more than six months since our District’s last EA conferral. Of course, it could be that there are plenty of candidates in waiting. And there are signs that we’re headed for a spring thaw; Mercer Island will initiate two candidates next month and I feel like I’ve heard a buzz about a few more in other Lodges

We shouldn’t run out and fill our funnel just so we’ll have a full funnel. And of course there’s that no solicitation rule, but at times we may have over interpreted that one. Still, I think we’d all agree that membership growth is essential.

Fill the room, and by all means let’s do it right.

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

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
February 1	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
February 2	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	EA Degree

## District 7 Installations

On Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> Unity held its installation with VWB Bill Werner installing WB Matt Roalkvam for a second consecutive term.



(L to R) Br David Bach - JD, WB Mark Goodwin – SW, WB Matt Roalkvam – WM, WB Ernest Jenner – JW, WB Jonathan Seaton, Secretary & Treasurer

Falls City #66	Open	1/14/2016	7:00 p.m.
Myrtle #108	Done	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	Done	1/4/2017	7:30 p.m.
Lakeside #258	Done	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.

### **Myrtle Lodge #108**

Brother Chad Reece will be installed as Worshipful Master by VWB Bill Werner in an open ceremony on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cin21century@gmail.com).**

### **Lakeside Lodge #258**

On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:LakesideLodge258@outlook.com).**

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

Bringing the 2017 Installation season to a close, 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).**

## **Meet the District 7 Masters**

**WB Dan Taylor** will preside over Mercer Island Lodge #297 during 2017.



### **1. When did you become a Mason and why?**

I was initiated as an EA in October 2012 and raised to a MM in April 2014.

I first learned about Masonry on Mercer Island from our very own District 7 News editor, John Gebhart, who pulled me aside at the Lodge's booth at Mercer Island's annual Summer Celebration in July 2012. John immediately proceeded to tell my son, who was walking

alongside me, that he had a 'magic pen' that he would gladly give me that would break the code to all the secrets of Freemasonry. Who could resist an offer like that? (*Editor: What I really said was that he should go to our web address to activate the pen. But my job is to report the interview responses accurately.*) So my son accepted John's pen and the conversation at the booth quickly moved on about the good work Masons do in the community, the mission of helping make good men better, etc. I also shared that my grandfather was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason back in Pennsylvania and that I was active in DeMolay in high school and enjoyed that experience. However, I had lost track of Masonry until that point when John flagged me down. It was perfect timing when I look back on it. I was a recent empty nester with all my children off creating their futures at college and elsewhere and I was looking to for something to replace all the school activities and boards I had participated on for years.

### **2. Is this your first year as WM, if not, when and where previously?**

Yes, this is my first year.

### **3. What do you like most about Freemasonry?**

I have had the opportunity to meet many great men that I would have not had the pleasure of meeting in my usual business and social circles. The diversity within Freemasonry is fantastic. Plus, I have enjoyed learning some of the why's behind the ritual, the degrees, and the Fraternity and the fact that I have just seen the tip of the iceberg. There is so much more to learn and experience for self-awareness and improvement.

### **4. What do you like least about Freemasonry and what are you doing about it?**

I am often disappointed with attendance at Lodge meetings and degrees and wish we had more Brothers come to Lodge to participate and share in the experience. Having a full Lodge always makes it more entertaining and rewarding. I think continuing to experiment with the agendas and programs for stated meetings is a great way to encourage Brothers to come and continue coming to lodge. I will be listening closely to all my Brothers in MI 297 to try and keep our meetings

relevant and interesting and to keep them wanting more!

### 5. What goals do you have for your lodge in 2017 and how can the D7 Brethren help you accomplish this?

I have three main themes for the year that are divided into 4 month blocks. First up is 'Making a good Lodge even better'. With that theme in mind, I will be putting our newly installed Lodge Mentor, VWB Dean Quigley, to work helping us better understand the ritual and symbolism of Masonry and improving our floor work. We also hope to host an EA Degree in February.

The next two themes for the remainder of the year are 'Making a good Brother a better Brother' and 'Making a good Masonic community a better community'. I will be soliciting input from all our Lodge Bbrothers on how we can best tackle those two challenges. I have started a running list of ideas for programs and events to support these themes and would welcome input on some tried and true ideas from other lodges that we can copy or repurpose.

### District Meeting – January 13<sup>th</sup>

District 7 will greet our Grand Master at Lakeside Lodge on the evening of Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 January 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. a Unity Lodge. Secretaries should 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 [jonathanseaton@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanseaton@gmail.com)**

### Entered Apprentice Degree

At its Stated Communication on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mercer Island #297 will initiate two candidates. There is room for one courtesy degree. **Contact WM Dan Taylor for information at [Dantaylor@msn.com](mailto:Dantaylor@msn.com).**

## Leadership Retreat

Registration is now open for the 2017 Leadership retreat to be held March 17 – 19 at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, WA. **Avoid late fees by registering before March 1, 2017.** Registration form and more information is available at this link [2017 Leadership Retreat](#).

## Letters to the Editor

### Statler and Waldorf (December 31, 2016)

When did I ever impart wisdom?

~ VWB Coe Tug Morgan

*I was just trying to be nice.*

~Editor

### Letters to the Editor (December 31, 2016)

You had a proofreader?

~ VWB Roger Barnstead

*I know ... it was hard to tell. I think the typesetters got to him. If I could run this place without those troublemakers I would.*

~Editor

## Who Needs A Word Processor Section



## 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 Fall City, WA 98024 <a href="http://www.fallcitylodge.com">www.fallcitylodge.com</a>	2nd Saturday, 1st Saturday June; dark July & August. 7:30 p.m. except January, 7:00 p.m.	WM: Frank Schumacher IV <a href="mailto:fjsiv.com@gmail.com">fjsiv.com@gmail.com</a> Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Schumacher)
<b>Myrtle #108</b>	<i>Street Address:</i> 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 <i>Mailing Address:</i> PO Box 766 Issaquah, WA 98027 <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 Summer months)	WM: Chad Reece <a href="mailto:damnthings@gmail.com">damnthings@gmail.com</a> Sec: Jeff Swanson <a href="mailto:jeffswanson@platosnw.com">jeffswanson@platosnw.com</a>
<b>West Gate #128</b>	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 <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> Sec: Les Snavely - <a href="mailto:lsna761057@aol.com">lsna761057@aol.com</a>
<b>Kirkland #150</b>	702 1/2 Market St. Kirkland, WA 98033 <a href="http://www.kirklandmasons.org">www.kirklandmasons.org</a>	2nd Thursday (3rd Thursday June) except July, August. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	WM: Bill Reynar <a href="mailto:wjreynar@gmail.com">wjreynar@gmail.com</a> Sec: Topher White <a href="mailto:topher.white@comcast.net">topher.white@comcast.net</a>
<b>Unity #198</b>	119 North Bend Way North Bend, WA 98045 <a href="http://www.unity198.org">www.unity198.org</a>	1st Wednesday. If Holiday, 2nd Wednesday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Matt Roalkvam <a href="mailto:webmattr@hotmail.com">webmattr@hotmail.com</a> Sec : Jonathan Seaton <a href="mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com">jonathanrseaton@gmail.com</a>
<b>Lakeside #258</b>	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://www.lakeside258.org">www.lakeside258.org</a>	2nd Monday, except July & August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Todd Pike <a href="mailto:toddpike@mac.com">toddpike@mac.com</a> Sec: Dean Markley <a href="mailto:wdeanm@gmail.com">wdeanm@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mercer Island #297</b>	1836 72nd Avenue Southeast Mercer Island, WA 98040 <a href="http://www.mercerislandmasons.org">www.mercerislandmasons.org</a>	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 <a href="mailto:dantaylor@msn.com">dantaylor@msn.com</a> Sec: Scott Anderson <a href="mailto:papabear120@hotmail.com">papabear120@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Renaissance #312</b>	11440 Avondale Road Northeast Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://www.renaissance312.org">www.renaissance312.org</a>	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 <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@hotmail.com</a> 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 #66</b>	<b>Myrtle #108</b>	<b>West Gate #128</b>	<b>Kirkland #150</b>	<b>Unity #198</b>	<b>Lakeside #258</b>	<b>Mercer Island #297*</b>	<b>Renaissance #312**</b>
<b>WM</b>	WB Frank Schumacher	WB Chad Reece	WB Earl Lara	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Todd Pike	WB Dan Taylor	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SW</b>	Br David Hisel	WB Geoff Joosten	WB Phil Nylin	Br Demetrius Alusi	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Mike Campbell	WB Paul Hoeffler	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>JW</b>	Br Robert Coats	WB Jeff Craig	Br Vance Hill	Br Brian Clubb	Br Chad Swaim	Br Enzo Sainato	WB Thomas Aquino	Br JN
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavelly	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
<b>Treas</b>	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Mark Staveley	WB Les Snavelly	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
<b>SD</b>	Br Joshua Bushman	VWB Bill Werner	Br Kurt Egts	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	Br Carl Bronkema	WB Todd Pike
<b>JD</b>	Br Noah Phillips	Br Gerry O'Brien	Br Arjay Protacio	Br MG		Br Kevin French	Br Denis Osmanbegovic	Br Sheraz Malik
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam	Br Thomas Monds	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Doug Stamper
<b>Mrsh</b>	Br Warren Oltman	Br Shane White	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Praveen Sattaru (pro tem)	VWB Roger Barnstead	
<b>Mu</b>	Br Carlmer Sorensen		Br Bert Bertram			Br Praveen Sattaru	WB John Gebhart	
<b>SS</b>			Br Karl Egts			Br Pat Brennan	Br. Brent Fleckner	
<b>JS</b>	Br Nick Anderson		Br Ken Hill			Br David Ulrich	Br. Stephen Burns	
<b>T</b>	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