

District 7 News



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What Do Masonic Principles Say Now?

I'm new to Masonry and I'm looking at how to apply it in my life. So I ask:

Does Masonry have anything to say about:

- Assigning derogatory names to people who disagree with my views?
- Taking a person's statements out of context and immediately condemning them?
- Attempting to shout down an opponent with emotional tirades?
- Shunning someone with a different viewpoint?

Does Masonry offer us any guidelines for listening or sympathizing with a Brother or Sister who expresses fear in the uncertainty of change or who holds different beliefs? Is this a part of Brotherhood (whether to men or women)?

Finally, are we expected to honor the principles and tenets of Masonry in our personal lives, relating to all the people we meet as we do with brother Masons?

The questions above have answers mentioned in this still timely "Short Talk Bulletin" from April 2014, titled "Civility," published by the Masonic Service Association of North America: [Short Talk: Civility](#)

What I hear from Masonic principles leads me to focus on promoting the welfare and happiness of all human beings, learning brotherly love, charity, and the truth of the highest moral standard in all my relationships.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" ... and civility.

Brother David Bach

Editor: Congratulations to Brother Bach for submitting this excellent editorial, D7N's first by a Guest Columnist.

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

February 16	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
February 20	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
February 27	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
March 1	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
March 2	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
March 9	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
March 11	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
March 13	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
March 16	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
March 20	Monday	Westgate #128	Stated

Renaissance Lodge #312

by WM Bill Werner

For our stated communication, Monday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m., Renaissance #312 will be discussing a multi-year topical project centered around: Masonic Knowledge and Lore--Storage; Longevity; Understanding; and Transmission. While it may sound "dry", consider that from a Masonic viewpoint, how much "Knowledge" has been successfully saved/ stored over the last 300-700 years? Why? What could have been done better to safely store and archive that knowledge? So, one topic may be on what are current methods of storing knowledge--and will that medium be able to last for 20, 50 or 500 years--and then be readily accessible to future generations? Continuing-- If you look at "Understanding"--then the words themselves change meanings and are also viewed differently between Cultures... What are some solutions? "Transmission"--are Electronic storage systems reliable over time? What are some options?

Trying to cover the subject in one or two meetings would do it a tremendous disservice....

We may not ever arrive at fully "Knowing" these topics-- but the different investigations such as Memory Palaces, Continuity of Symbols, and Spiritual Roots-- will in themselves be of great value to our Brothers and should lead to lively discussion.

The Festive Board will follow the business 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.

West Gate #128 MM Degree

by WM Earl Lara

On January 24th we introduced our newest Master Mason, Cordaro V. King. Known to friends and Brothers as "Cord", he has furthered his enlightenment by progressing through the degrees. West Gate Lodge #128 has gone back to the roots and begun the development of raising our own brothers. This is a dawn of a new age for West Gate as we invest in our own Lodge and focus on the development of our Brothers and the Lodge.



Brother Cordaro (center) with the West Gate members

Brother Cordaro is a fine gentleman who is a father of four and the husband of Jessica King. Brother Cordaro began his journey in February of 2016 and displays the fraternal affection to those around him. Please welcome him as he continues his journey in Freemasonry.

I would also like to thank those who participated in this degree:

- Bro Nestor Martija of Yancy C Blalock #265
- Bro Vaughn Schnelle of Bellingham Bay #44

- Bro Phu Huynh of Lakeside Lodge #258
- WB Mike Marave of Genesis Lodge #350
- VWB Cary Cope of Alpha Lodge #212
- VWB Gene Ulrich, Deputy To the Grand Master of District #7 and of Lakeside Lodge #258

Mercer Island #297 EA Degree

Mercer Island Lodge welcomed two new Entered Apprentices at its Stated Communication on February 2, 2017. The degree was expertly conferred for Brothers Zandrix Tello and Morgan Pettis by MWB Santy Loscano, who also provided the lecture.



Brothers Tello and Pettis to MWB Loscano's left

WB Paul Hoeffler served as Senior Dean and WM Dan Taylor delivered the charge.

Myrtle #108 EA Degree

On Saturday, February 11th, WM Chad Reese conferred the entered apprentice degree for Brother Ian Freas of Myrtle Lodge as well as a courtesy degree for Brother Jonathan Coutts of Unity Lodge #198.



Brothers Coutts (center) and Freas (far right)

Brother Gerry O'Brien was Senior Deacon and Brother Phu Huhn provided the lecture.

Meet the District 7 Masters

WB David Hisel will serve as Worship Master of Falls City Lodge #66 this year.



When did you become a Mason and why?

February 2012. I joined because I enjoy learning about esoteric topics such as the Kabalah, Hermeticism, and other spiritual topics, and, I really need like-minded men that I can relate to in my life.

Is this your first year as WM, if not, when and where previously?

Yes, this my first year in the East.

What do you like most about Freemasonry?

I like the fact that I have Brothers and that we have a code of conduct.

What do you like least about Freemasonry and what are you doing about it?

What I like least is all the administrative tasks that need to be done. I will keep an eye out for any opportunities to streamline or simplify the administrative tasks.

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

I have a couple goals for my year in the East: 1) Continue providing the community with excellent events such as the Pancake Breakfast and the Chili Cook-off, and 2) Bring Masonic education into our stated meetings.

For the community events, especially the Chili Cook-off, I would like to see more Brothers coming down to Falls City to compete. As for Masonic education, I will be asking D7 Brethren for suggestions on all aspects of how to introduce educational topics into our stated meetings, and potentially outside of stated meetings as well.

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 and information are available at this link: [2017 Leadership Retreat](#).

Grand Lodge Messenger

Since taking office as Grand Secretary MWB Sam Roberts has gotten into the newsletter biz and it seems that he has found his calling. All of us here at the District 7 News warmly welcome the competition.

If you don't already subscribe to the Messenger you should. Follow this link: [GL Messenger](#). Best of all, it's free!

Masonic Tribune

The Spring 2017 edition of the Masonic Tribune is now available online at: [Masonic Tribune](#)

Letters to the Editor

1865 (Jan 31, 2017)

John,

It comes down to the same reason there aren't more Sufis, good men/women are few and far apart. It's difficult to teach goodness! We either get it or we don't. Love, hugs,

~Dad

Dad,

I thought it was because our marketing strategy was stale. But come to think of it, I don't know if we have a marketing strategy.

Love, hugs,

~John/Editor

Brother John,

There are two books that document the economic, social and political currents of the 1800s: *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America*, by Colin Woodard, and *The Coming Fury: the Centennial History of the Civil War*, by Bruce Catton.

Both these books belie the opinion that history is only a collection of facts. Both reveal the turbulent realities that have stretched from those early times right through to the present. The first details distinct philosophical characteristics of different parts of the early United States. The latter shows the underlying conflict that led to war and why a constitutional amendment was necessary to abolish slavery. Those facts are quite different from what I was taught in school. Both make excellent reading.

~Brother David Bach

Deadline

Submissions for the February 28 issue of the District 7 News are due on **Saturday, February 25, 2017**. Early submission is encouraged.

Poorly Placed Advertising Section – Part 1



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: David Hisel dlh.mason@yahoo.com Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Hisel)
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: Chad Reece damnthings@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: Mike Campbell mikecampbell_759@hotmail.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	Br David Hisel	WB Chad Reece	WB Earl Lara	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Mike Campbell	WB Dan Taylor	VWB Bill Werner
SW	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	WB Phil Nylin	Br Brian Clubb	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Vincenzo Sainato	WB Paul Hoeffler	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
JW	Br Joshua Bushman	WB Jeff Craig	Br Vance Hill	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	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 Mark Staveley	WB Les Snavely	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
SD	Br Noah Phillips	VWB Bill Werner	Br Kurt Egts	Br Steve Preston		Br Kevin French	Br Carl Bronkema	WB Todd Pike
JD	Br Norris Daltman	Br Gerry O'Brien	Br Arjay Protacio	Br MG	Br David Bach	WB Jim Groves	Br Denis Osmanbegovic	Br Sheraz Malik
Chp	WB Matt Roalkvam	Br Thomas Monds	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Doug Stamper
Mrsh	Br Warren Oltmann	Br Shane White	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Derk Benish	VWB Roger Barnstead	Pending
Mu	Br Carlmer Sorensen		Br Bert Bertram			Br Praveen Sattaru	WB John Gebhart	
SS			Br Karl Egts			Br Pat Brennan	Br. Brent Fleckner	
JS			Br Ken Hill			Br Kevin Ward	Br. Stephen Burns	
T	WB Frank Schumacher	WB Brian Thomas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB David Pearson		WB Josh Rice	WB Steve Paige	Br Jeff Guthrie

* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

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