

# District 7 News



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## Cheers!

*Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name.*

*And they're always glad you came.*

*You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same.*

*You wanna be where everybody knows your name.*



Cheers was easily one of the best sitcoms of all time. Great cast, great script, and a setting that appealed to just about everybody: a pleasant detour from the outer world where fellowship always awaited. On Thursday nights millions tuned in to relax, laugh, and maybe fantasize just a little bit about being among the regulars gathered around the bar at Cheers.

By coincidence my Lodge meets on Thursday. Like Cheers, we also have a great cast. I'm always happy to see my Brothers and I'm pretty sure they're happy to see me. It's my pleasant detour and my favorite night of the month.

If the good men in the outer world had any idea about what a good time we're having we wouldn't be able to beat them away with a stick.

Why don't they know about the good time we have?

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

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

## Mercer Island #297

At its next Stated Communication, Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Brothers of Mercer Island Lodge are proud to welcome MWB Sam Roberts, who during the dinner hour will offer an enlightening presentation on the history of Freemasonry. Masons and their ladies and friends are welcome.

Happy hour starts at 6:00 p.m. and a catered dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., \$20 per person suggested donation. **RSVP is required no later than noon on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> to WM Dan Taylor at [dantaylor@msn.com](mailto:dantaylor@msn.com).**

## Royal Arch Degree Day

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington has scheduled a degree day on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.



*January 19, 2017 Degree Day, Our Grand Master and 18 additional Brothers became Royal Arch Masons*

Petitioners will have the opportunity to receive all four Royal Arch degrees in this special ceremony.

Master Masons interested in the Royal Arch can contact REC John Smiley, Grand King at [smiley195@gmail.com](mailto:smiley195@gmail.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 and information are available at this link: [2017 Leadership Retreat](#).

### Masonic Tribune

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

### Humor

*Submitted by VWB Dean Quigley*

Several Mensa members went out for lunch at a local café. When they sat down, one of them discovered that the salt shaker contained pepper and the pepper shaker was full of salt. How could they swap the contents of the two bottles without spilling any and using only the implements at hand?

Clearly this was a job for Mensa minds.

The group debated the problem, presented ideas and finally came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw and an empty saucer. They called the waitress over, ready to dazzle her with their solution.

"Miss", they said, " We couldn't help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt & the salt shaker" - but before they could finish, the waitress interrupted:

"Oh! sorry about that". She leaned over the table, unscrewed the caps of each shaker and switched them.

### Letters to the Editor

***What Do Masonic Principles Say Now? (Feb 15, 2017)***

John,

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?

These just about cover what many humans do. It takes much work on self to overcome low-life characteristics. None of the religions I know support practices that reduce or remove them.

Love, hugs,

~Dad

Dad,

*Good thing we're not a religion.*

Love, hugs,

~John/Editor

WB Editor,

Amen, my Brother.

~Brother Richard Masch

### Deadline

Submissions for the March 15 issue of the District 7 News are due on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**. Early submission is encouraged.

### Poorly Placed Advertising Section – Part 2



### 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: David Hisel <a href="mailto:dlh.mason@yahoo.com">dlh.mason@yahoo.com</a> Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Hisel)
<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 Snively - <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:wireynar@gmail.com">wireynar@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: Mike Campbell <a href="mailto:mikecampbell_759@hotmail.com">mikecampbell_759@hotmail.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>	Br David Hisel	WB Chad Reece	WB Earl Lara	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Mike Campbell	WB Dan Taylor	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SW</b>	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.
<b>JW</b>	Br Joshua Bushman	WB Jeff Craig	Br Vance Hill	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	WB Thomas Aquino	Br JN
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavely	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 Snavely	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
<b>SD</b>	Br Noah Phillips	VWB Bill Werner	Br Kurt Egts	Br Steve Preston		Br Kevin French	Br Carl Bronkema	WB Todd Pike
<b>JD</b>	Br Norris Daltman	Br Gerry O'Brien	Br Arjay Protacio	Br MG	Br David Bach	WB Jim Groves	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 Oltmann	Br Shane White	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Derk Benisch	VWB Roger Barnstead	Pending
<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 Ken Hill			Br Kevin Ward	Br. Stephen Burns	
<b>T</b>	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