

District 7 News



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Think About It

Tom Ellis was my Geography teacher in eleventh grade. Actually, he was my China teacher because as far as Mr. Ellis was concerned China was the center of the universe and Nixon's trip to China was more significant than Neil Armstrong's giant leap for mankind (he may have been right about Nixon's trip). My classmates and I, all being full of teenaged wit, did not share Mr. Ellis's fascination with China. Often this was manifested in comments during class that were offered in jest, but that's a story for another time.

Well OK, maybe I have room for one quick story. Billy Turner did a report about the Wu Han industrial region. As Billy presented his research, which sounded a little bookish, he stated that the Wu Han industrial region was rich in atomic ores. Apparently suspicious about the depth of Billy's research Mr. Ellis asked, "Bill, exactly what are atomic ores?" Awkward silence followed.

Billy was a good guy. I couldn't stand to see him suffer. So I quickly raised my hand and blurted out, "Come on Mr. Ellis, that's easy. Everybody knows that atomic ores are what you use to row an atomic boat!"

Other than the alleged atomic ores in Wu Han I don't remember much about Mr. Ellis's China; I had my mind on other things. But one day on a rare non-Chinese tangent he did say one thing that really stuck; he told us how to read. He said, "The smallest part of reading is actually reading. Most of reading is the time you spend thinking about what you've read."

Ever since that day I've followed Mr. Ellis's advice and think a lot about what I read. Who wrote it and why, how will others react, do I agree, did I learn, what does it mean, etc.

I'll stop now so you can think about it.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

April 5	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
April 6	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
April 8	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
April 10	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
April 13	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
April 17	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
April 20	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
April 24	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated

Mercer Island Lodge #297

Getting Off the Island, by WM Dan Taylor

Mark your calendars and make special note of the location of our Thursday, April 6th stated meeting. **We will be holding it at Myrtle Lodge in Issaquah (57 W. Sunset Way next to the salmon hatchery).** The VFV will be undergoing internal painting during the month of April and will not be usable for any events. However, we are in for a rare treat to hold our stated meeting in an elegant formal lodge setting and historic building. Myrtle Lodge is on the second floor above the Issaquah Brew House, which is one of their tenants. The lodge entrance is on the backside where you will also find free parking behind the fish hatchery.

We will still hold our Lodge Proficiency program from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and I encourage our new EAs to attend and practice the EA Posting Lecture and Obligation. Also, please plan to have dinner with us at the Brew House beginning at 6:30 p.m. (no host). A private room has been reserved and you can order dinner and spirits from the menu.

Contact WM Dan Taylor at dantaylor@msn.com for more information.

(Editor: Following a great Myrtle tradition, the first round at the Brew House after Lodge is on the Lodge.)

Lakeside Lodge #258

At its next Stated Communication, Monday, April 10th, Lakeside Lodge will feature a presentation from the Redmond Police Department during the pre-meeting dinner. The menu will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans, suggested donation is \$10 dollars. **RSVP for dinner at mikecampbell_759@hotmail.com.**

Also, the Lodge we will be conferring the EA degree on April 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for one candidate. Bro Phu Huynh will be conferring the degree.

Meet the District 7 Masters

Worshipful Brother Mike Campbell will preside over Lakeside Lodge #258 during 2017. Recently the D7N field reporters caught up with him, proposed the required questions and the following answers were returned:



WB Michael Campbell

1. When did you become a Mason and why?

I sent an email to Renaissance Lodge for information on how to join the fraternity. I received an invite to WB Terry Slosson's installation. I turned in a petition within a few weeks. I took my Entered Apprenticed Degree on May 4th, 2009.

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

I have held several positions within the lodge. I moved past a few positions to make it to the East this year.

3. What do you like most about Freemasonry?

The history of Freemasonry and the fellowship. I like to talk to members and non member about the history of Freemasonry and the fellowship of the craft.

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

Candidates that join the fraternity and go through one degree and then never return. At Lakeside Lodge we have been working the 6 steps to initiation to find good men that want to be better men.

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

I am planning to have meetings every Monday for ritual practice, degree proficiency or just some good fellowship. I feel the lodge needs to get back to charity and having good educational program within lodge.

Unity Lodge #198

On Friday, March 17th Unity Lodge delivered bikes to the winners of the Bikes for Books program at Opstad Elementary School in the Snoqualmie Valley School District.



Emma Gorski and Binh Danielson

The two winning students were selected by the Librarians as part of the school's Reading Achievement Program.

York Rite Degree Days

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

Royal Arch Masons who are interesting in continuing their journey in the Council of Royal and Select Masters are invited to a Grand Council degree day on Saturday, May 27th. For information contact Grand Recorder, RPC Bryan Bechler at bry.kat@frontier.com.

Both degree days will be held in Tacoma Puget Sound Ave. There is ample parking in the lot across the street and this is a single-story building for ease of access.

Rainbow Textile Drive

Spring Cleaning Time!!

The Bellevue Assembly of Rainbow Girls is collecting: Clothing, Shoes, Accessories, Hats, Towels, Bedding, Purses, Stuffed Animals, Small Kitchen Appliances, CDs, DVDs, and Books. (No Pet Bedding, Pet Supplies or Pet Accessories).



Funds raised will help the Bellevue Assembly cover costs for the Grand Assembly (State Conference).

Please contact your Rainbow Girl, or Jean Dankberg jean@dankberg.com for donation collection during March and April.

Hard-goods and soft textiles should be in separate bags.

Dean Quigley: A Journey From a Dirt Floor Farmhouse to Mercer Island

By Robert Harper

During the dust bowl years of the early 1930's, Dean Quigley was growing up on a farm near Indianola in Southwest Nebraska. One day, when he was 10 or 11 years old, his father dismantled a chicken coop and Dean was allowed to use the materials to construct a make-believe airplane, kindling a fascination with aviation that would remain with him for the rest of his life.



Although the Depression made life difficult, Dean's family farm still provided a decent living which was supplemented when his father received an appointment as the Indianola Postmaster in 1935. Dean graduated from Indianola High School in May of 1941; he was the valedictorian, and started class at a nearby junior college. After Pearl Harbor he tried to enlist, but was rejected due to medical issues. It was rumored, that because of the war, jobs would be available with Boeing in Wichita, Kansas. School was becoming increasingly difficult to finance so, he moved in with family in Wichita, taking a short sheet metal working class and then being hired by Boeing to fabricate aluminum parts for the B-17. Although that job lasted only a short time, it led to several others before, in October of 1942, he learned that the Army Air Corps was looking for sheet metal specialists to work at the flight depot. By that time, the military had relaxed the medical requirements so that he was now qualified to

serve in a "limited" capacity and he enlisted on October 31, 1942.

Dean's wartime training took him to Arizona, Texas, Illinois and California. He trained and worked on a wide variety of airplanes and, in true military fashion, just about every specialty other than sheet metal work! In 1944 the Army decided that certain "limited" duty personnel could be sent overseas and Dean was soon onboard a train for Norfolk, Virginia. There he boarded a troop transport ship for a long voyage to Bombay, India via the Panama Canal and Australia.

After a short stay in Bombay, notable for his stint on kitchen (KP) duty where he learned to prepare and eat water buffalo, he was assigned to the 9th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron at Barrackpore which is near Calcutta. There he became a mechanic on the F-5, the photo reconnaissance version of the famous P-38 fighter. Dean's memories of the extreme poverty he witnessed in India remain vivid to this day: boys diving into the polluted Ganges River to retrieve used chewing gum and a mother deliberately blinding her child so it could be a beggar.

As the Allies pushed the Japanese out of Burma in late 1944, Dean's squadron relocated to Myitkyina, Burma. Dean traveled by train and jeep to the new base, a trip highlighted by a chance encounter with a hometown friend who was working on the railroad. At first, Myitkyina was close enough to the front lines that the fighter-bombers would take off, bomb the enemy positions and circle back to land without raising the landing gear. Dean was assigned as a Crew Chief on an F-5, a duty that included being crammed into a space in the back of an F-5 cockpit normally used for a radio and flown to remote locations to repair and recover disabled airplanes.

In April of 1945, with the Burma campaign winding down, Dean's squadron relocated back to Piardoba, northwest of Calcutta. Dean made the trip in a B-24 that was also hauling a load of salvaged Harley Davidson motorcycles that his squadron mates had recovered and restored. Upon landing the military police confiscated these as the squadron was not "authorized" to have them! As the war was coming to a close, Dean had the

opportunity to enjoy some of the vestiges of British Colonial rule, including visits to a Rajah's Palace and an R&R (rest and relaxation) trip to Kashmir.



Staff Sergeant Dean Quigley

After the Japanese surrendered in September of 1945 the military decided to destroy a large number of aircraft rather than absorb the expense of shipping them back to the US. Dean was assigned to fly on a flight of two B-25s to southern India, where they were to be dismantled and destroyed. The flight encountered a typhoon and at one point Dean's aircraft was hurled skyward in a severe updraft. Unfortunately, the other aircraft was caught in the accompanying downdraft and crashed. Dean's aircraft made an emergency landing at a British air base and waited out the storm.

In November of 1945 Dean's squadron started the long trip home. First by air to Karachi circling the Taj Mahal enroute, and then by ship through the Red Sea, Suez Canal Mediterranean and then across the Atlantic to New York City, circumnavigating the globe in a little over a year with a few stops in between. Dean was mustered out of the service on December 10, 1945.

During his time in Burma, Dean had been impressed with the Lockheed Service Engineers who helped to maintain the F-5s and decided that was what he wanted to do when he returned to civilian life. Using the GI Bill, he enrolled at the University of Nebraska in 1946 and graduated in 1949 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Being hired by Boeing in June of 1949, he moved to Seattle to work on the B-47 project. In 1950, he transferred to the Military Field Service Group and spent several years as a field engineer working at various bases and facilities around the country, as well as periodic postings back to the Seattle area. Returning to the Seattle area for good in 1960, Dean began managing various engineering projects, primarily related to Boeing's military contracts. Dean's last position with Boeing was as the Business Manager for Logistics and Engineering Operations of Boeing Aerospace Operations.

During his first few years in Seattle Dean met and married Donna Clark, whom he had met while she was managing a theater in Queen Anne. Dean adopted her two children and soon they had a daughter of their own.

Dean and his new family first moved to Mercer Island in 1954, moving into a small house on First Hill. When they returned to the area permanently in 1960 they purchased a lot near the high school and built the home they would occupy until Donna's death in 2013. Dean sold the house and moved to the Island House in 2014.

Dean had become a Mason in 1948 and became deeply involved supporting Masonic youth organizations: the Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughter International and the International Order of Rainbow Girls. Over time, he has held many leadership positions within the local Masonic Lodge including Master and Secretary as well as the District Deputy of the Grand Master of Washington.

When Mercer Island incorporated in the early sixties, he decided to run for City Council. Although he narrowly lost the election, the Council recognized his unique talents for helping youth and asked him to chair the committee that would determine the structure of the organization that would eventually become Mercer Island Youth and Family Services. Dean became instrumental in setting up the organization and hiring the initial staff. He remains an ardent and active supporter.

Dean has been a tireless volunteer working with our youth. From 1966 through today, he has been on the Masons' MIHS scholarship committee. He has worked

with the MIPD on the DARE program and volunteered for many years as a Little League umpire. Every Friday since 2003 you will find Dean at the Seatac USO volunteering to help the soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Coast Guard transiting the airport (25,000 in December 2016). Maybe his commitment to youth programs was influenced by his time in India.

Dean joined Mercer Island VFW Post 5760 in the '70s and has served in every leadership position, including six terms as Post Commander. At 93 he is one of the Post's honored Trustees and continues to attend the monthly meetings and participate in the Post's various social and fundraising activities.

Dean not only served his country with honor but throughout his time on Mercer Island, he has been one of the pillars that keep the community strong and cohesive. We honor him as a VFW comrade.

Robert Harper lives on Mercer Island and is a member of VFW Post #5760. Reprinted with permission from Mercer Island Living magazine.

Letters to the Editor

We're Doing it Wrong (March 15, 2017)

WB Editor:

I'm sure you are getting a dearth of replies because we are all too stunned by the suggestion to think clearly. I'm wondering how many brothers are sitting there thinking: "if we don't discuss business, what else do we talk about?" And therein is the key (e.g. the opposite of nothing is everything | infinity).

~ WB Paul Hoeffler

WB Editor:

Renaissance Lodge #312 is a Lodge predicated upon Convivial Fellowship, an excellent Festive Board, and topics which engender thoughtful discussion among the members and visitors. Br. Robert W. first piqued my curiosity about Information Storage, Retrieval and Sharing. Consider that Word Programs from 30 years ago may not be readily available now, but in Star Trek they can download a computer databank from centuries before—and even if it is Alien ... That is not realistic ...

EVERY Man is made a promise about Masonry before he first passes the portal to become a Mason: "...Freemasonry consists of a course in Moral and Philosophical instruction, illustrated by hieroglyphics and taught according to ancient custom by Types, Emblems and Allegorical figures..."

When Masons are reminded of this and asked: Sooo, how is that course going? They invariably say: What course?

My proposal is that Renaissance Lodge take on this project for 2017. Perhaps even consider this as part of our Raison d'être, extending into the next several years. After all, IF Lodges were doing this already there would be no membership issues.

There are several aspects to this subject to consider. Here are just a few:

1. The "Taught according to ancient custom": What is the methodology for keeping continuity of the teaching method as well as Information Storage (i.e. how are the "instructions stored", and how are they transmitted?
 - a) Mouth to ear—historical background—Illiteracy for millennia is one thing, but a brain/mind that is prepared to receive and retain is still possible. What is the human brain capable of?
 - i. Memory Palace vs. Rote Memorization—Fahrenheit 451.
 - ii. Electronic Storage; Paper; The differences between what is written and what is actually communicated; duration of storage; understanding the text.
2. Define Moral and Philosophical instruction
3. What are hieroglyphs, Types, Emblems and Allegorical figures?
4. What are Symbols, and what is the process of preparing the Initiate to their power and significance?
5. Who will Train the Trainers? Masonry has many members—but how many are even aware of this responsibility, let alone learning how to duly transmit this process and responsibility to the Initiate?

This is a daunting Long Range Project. If accepted, then ALL Renaissance Members should consider the need to buy into it --in the sense of not just promoting it, but also in being part of the process for researching and presenting, and then passing it forward to others... Each of the points made above is worthy of research and presentation to the Members—and there are more topics within each of them!!

VIVAT!!

~VWB Bill Werner, WM Renaissance Lodge #312

Deadline

Submissions for the April 15 issue of the District 7 News are due on **Tuesday, April 12, 2017**. Early submission is encouraged.

Multi-Vitamin Advertising Section



Editor: Your results may vary. I wonder if there are side effects.

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

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	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
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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