

District 7 News



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I Used to be a Big Shot

I was a big shot. I got the “it” job right out of college: I was hired by Arthur Young & Co., one of the Big 8 CPA firms. Arthur Young is long gone, having merged just like the rest of the Big 8 leaving the Big 4 today. But the fact remains that it was a big deal to make the cut and bag a spot in one of the elite firms and be surrounded by the best and brightest of the profession.

After five years I became a bigger shot when I was promoted to manager. Suddenly I had a secretary and flew first class. But the more I advanced the more specialized the work became. A couple years later it I realized that I wanted to be involved in all aspects of a business, not just the accounting. It was time to look for a new job. No big deal, I was a big shot.

True to form, I was recruited by a very cool start-up before I left the accounting firm and instantly became the top finance manager in my new company. But suddenly I wasn't a big shot anymore. I had been accustomed to barking out orders and stuff happened. This technique didn't work at the new gig.

My boss saw that I was struggling and he gave me some very important advice. He said, “When you ask someone to do something they have to hear in your voice that you believe that they're the best person to do that particular job and that you have full confidence that their performance will be outstanding.” He showed me that in my new company nobody cared about my credentials. They only cared that I regarded them with care with respect.

It actually worked. I've been doing it ever since.

Some would say that my boss taught me about the power of positive expectations. Masons might say that he showed me a way to meet on the level.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

June 15	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
June 19	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
June 20	Tuesday	Lakeside #258	MM Degree
June 26	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
July 20	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated

Lakeside Lodge #258

Fellowcraft Degree

On Monday June 5th Lakeside Lodge conferred the Fellowcraft Degree for Brother Max Box as well as a courtesy conferral for Brother Joshua Coutts of Unity Lodge #198.



Brothers Coutts and Box, center

Brother Phu Huynh conferred the degrees and provided the lecture. He was assisted by VWB Gene Ulrich as Senior Deacon, Brother Karl Egts of West Gate Lodge who delivered the working tools lecture, and WB Jim Groves who delivered the G Lecture and the Charge.

Master Mason Degree

On Tuesday, June 20th at a Special Communication Lakeside Lodge will hold a Master Mason Degree. **For further information contact Bro. Phu Huynh at reasoning.mind@gmail.com.**

Renaissance Lodge #312

by WB Craig Wood

It truly is a pleasure to take wine with the members and visitors at our Festive Board on the last Monday of every even-numbered month. Please mark your calendars to remind you to attend our stated meeting on June 26th, August 28th, October 30th, and December 18th this year.

Ladies and guests will enjoy musical entertainment provided by John Gebhart during our brief stated on Ladies Night on June 26th. WB John has written beautiful songs inspired by events in his life. He performed a few of these original songs at our District meeting in January and delighted all in attendance. Plan to attend and bring guests. *It's never too early to RSVP (cwood1234@hotmail.com or via the Lodge website, <http://www.redmondmasons.org/paypal>).*

Letters to the Editor

You Pay the Tax (May 15, 2017)

WB Editor,

I think there was a Masonic message in the story. Your brother was humanity, your grandfather Masonry and you were the world. Masonry was extending its charity to humanity and the world scoffed and thought the Mason was being played for a fool. The charity extended was actually kindness and compassion, and more would have been given if it were required.

As Masons we know that charity is the bond of peace and the perfection of every virtue and every human being has a claim on our kind offices; not just a Brother Mason.

~Bro. Brent Fleckner

Deadline

Submissions for the June 30 issue of the **District 7 News** are due on **Sunday, June 25, 2017**.
Early submission is encouraged.

Masonic FAQ Section



Q: How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

A: What do you mean "change"?

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 Doug Stamper dstamper@exchange.microsoft.com

	Falls City #66	Myrtle #108	West Gate #128	Kirkland #150	Unity #198	Lakeside #258	Mercer Island #297*	Renaissance #312**
WM	WB 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	VWB Doug Stamper
Mrsh	Br Warren Oltmann	Br Shane White	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Derk Benisch	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