

District 7 News



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An Open Letter from our New DDGM

Fraternal Greetings my District 7 Brethren:

I want to begin by thanking VWB Gene Ulrich for his service for the past two years. He was exactly the type of Deputy this district needed and his legacy is one of a solid leader, a great friend and a talented mentor.



VWB Doug Stamper 2017 – 2019 DDGM in District 7

I would like to send you all fraternal greetings from our Most Worshipful Grand Master Warren Schoeben. As many of you have likely already heard, his key message is to “Communicate to Educate”. This takes many forms – from making good on the promises that we make to our candidates in the preparatory lecture they receive before their EA degree, to mentoring those newest brothers through their MM degree & beyond, as well as educating our communities about the values we promote as Freemasons. None of us goes about this alone, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue VWB Gene’s efforts to pull our Brethren even closer together as an extended family.

As always, you should consider me a resource for the district who is here to serve all of our lodges and our interests. Please safely enjoy the July 4th Holiday, and I look forward seeing many of you across the summer.

VWB Doug Stamper

District 7 Month-at-a-Blink

July 20

Thursday

Myrtle #108

Stated

Lakeside Lodge #258

On Tuesday, June 20th at a Special Communication Lakeside Lodge will held a Master Mason Degree for Brother Max Box and provided a courtesy degree for Brother Jorge Coronel from Kirkland Lodge.



Brothers Coronel and Box, second and third from right

Brother Phu Huynh conferred and delivered the lecture and WB Jim Groves gave the charge. Special thanks go to the visitors who filled important roles on the degree team.

A Goodbye

By VWB Gene Ulrich

And so it begins...

On May 16, 2010, WB Dean Markley, Secretary of Lakeside Lodge, received this email:

Hello,

I am interested in becoming a member and would like to learn more about joining a lodge.

Sincerely,

~ Phu

On May 24, 2010, I sent this email after meeting Phu for the first time at the regular Monday informal gathering for Lakeside Lodge:

Hi Phu,

It was a pleasure meeting you this evening and having a chance to chat for a while. I hope you enjoyed meeting a few of the lodge members and look forward to seeing you again next week.

Please let me or Dean know if you have any additional questions in the next few days.

Sincerely,

~Gene Ulrich, Worshipful Master

On September 13, 2010, WB Dean Markley sent this email after the Lakeside Stated meeting:

Mr. Huynh,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you were elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in Lakeside Lodge at our stated meeting on September 13, 2010.

We are planning to confer the Entered Apprentice Mason degree at Lakeside Lodge on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7:00pm for you.

I had the pleasure to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on Phu on the 27th day of September, 2010.



*Lakeside Lodge EA conferral, September 27, 2010
Brother Phu to VWB Ulrich's right*

Brother Phu was a bit of a slow starter and he was not ready to be a part of the next degree Lakeside conferred to Pass Brothers to the Fellowcraft degree. The next

opportunity was November 22, 2010 and Brother Phu was ready. Mother Nature was seemingly conspiring to delay the journey as a snowstorm descended upon the area. More than 3 inches of snow did not deter eight Brothers and two candidates from attending the degree. It was again my pleasure to confer.

On January 24, 2011 I again was the conferring Master for Bro. Phu's Master Mason degree.

A matter of degrees...

On April 16, 2012, less than 15 months after being raised as a Master Mason, Brother Phu delivered his first degree lecture, the Middle Chamber Lecture. This happened to be the first meeting Lakeside's current SW, Bro. Vincenzo Sainato, attended in Washington.

Two weeks later Brother Phu delivered the lecture of the Master Mason (3rd) degree.

And the rest is history, as they say. I have no record of how many degree lectures Bro. Phu has delivered, but I can say with certainty that he has graced many lodges and candidates with his gracious and exemplary work. Truly a generation (in this day and age) of District 7 and Puget Sound area Masons have benefitted from Bro. Phu's commitment to our craft.

Life is what happens...

When you have made other plans.

During the time our Brother Phu was engaging us, he somehow also found time to marry and start a family!

Family and professional obligations take priority over Masonic ties, and Brother Phu and his family have relocated to California for the foreseeable future.

I have to leave, but I will do it with a flourish...

As our Brother Phu prepared to move he organized and conferred FOUR degrees, further cementing his legacy as an amazing Brother who will be greatly missed and honored.

You will be missed...

Brother Phu, you have created and left an indelible imprint upon my life and my soul. I have no doubt many Brothers can and will say the same. It has been my great

honor to be a part of your Masonic journey from the very beginning. I hope to be a part of it in the years to come.

By your efforts and dedication to the craft, in seven short years, you have made an immeasurable difference. Well done.

Come back to us if you can. If you can't, share your heart and soul with those who you will know in the future.

Mercer Island Lodge #297

Once again Mercer Island Lodge will partner with the Mercer Island Kiwanis Club and VFW Post #5760 of Mercer Island for the July 4th Fireworks sale.



June 28. 11:00 – 5:00
June 29 & 30. 11:00 – 7:00
July 1. 10:00 – 8:00
July 2 & 3. 10:00 – 9:00
July 4. 10:00 – 8:30

Island Fireworks

Providing Mercer Island families with fun consumer fireworks for over 30 years.

Located on the east side of the Rite Aid Parking lot
78th Ave SE @ SE 32nd Street

Sponsored by MI Kiwanis club, MI Masonic Lodge #297 F & AM and VFW Post #5760

TNT® Fireworks is the leader in state-approved consumer fireworks.

The fireworks sale is the Lodge's principal fund raiser

Goose and Gridiron

The District 7 News received a request for more information, including phone and/or email contacts, for Goose & Gridiron. However, the requested information was not provided for a very good reason: we don't have it. If any reader can provide this information and other details beyond what we already carry in the *Square Meals* section, kindly forward it. We'll print it!

Summer Hours

The days are longer and most of our District Lodges are dark. Accordingly, the D7N will be published only at month end in July and August. Complaints (which will be ignored) about this schedule curtailment should be

addressed to District7News@gmail.com, attention: The Typesetters.

Deadline

Submissions for the July 31 issue of the *District 7 News* are due on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**. Early submission is encouraged.

Fake News Section

Rural Working-Class Archbishops Come Out in Drovers to Welcome Trump the Vatican



<http://www.theonion.com/article/rural-working-class-archbishops-come-out-droves-we-56092>

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 Snavelly - 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 wjreynar@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@outlook.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 Snavelly	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
Treas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Mark Staveley	WB Les Snavelly	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