

# District 7 News



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## It Feels Like They Run Better

Our good Brother, Ed Gebhart, Sr. once told my college girlfriend, "I like to wash my cars. It makes me feel like they run better. I know they don't but I still like the way it feels." My girlfriend just about melted when he said this. That's no surprise; small children and most dogs reacted to similarly to my grandfather. He liked making things better, and when that didn't work he at least tried to make things seem better.

I enjoyed that just-washed-my-car feeling the other night when I put new strings on my guitar. It felt like I had bought a brand new guitar all over again. The guitar wasn't any newer and I didn't play any better, but I was happier when all six of the new strings were in tune and I started to play.

I realized that I wasn't just feeling better about the guitar. My entire mood got better, and it made me think about what other little things I do that I don't really enjoy until I've done them.

I don't particularly like working in my yard, but I really like the way I looks when I'm done. I don't look forward to doing pushups but I do them because I know they make me healthier and I'm both relieved and satisfied when I finish my sets. Nobody particularly enjoys taking out the trash but the whole house feels cleaner once those cans are sitting on the curb.

I believe that there's probably an extended benefit from these tasks. If the people I deal with see on my face or hear in my voice that I'm in a better mood then maybe that helps them be in a better mood too. What's not to like about that?

After all, every human being has a claim on our kind offices. We don't always need to return lost wallets to fulfill that claim. Sometime we just need to wash a car.

*WB John Gebhart*

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

August 17	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
August 28	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated

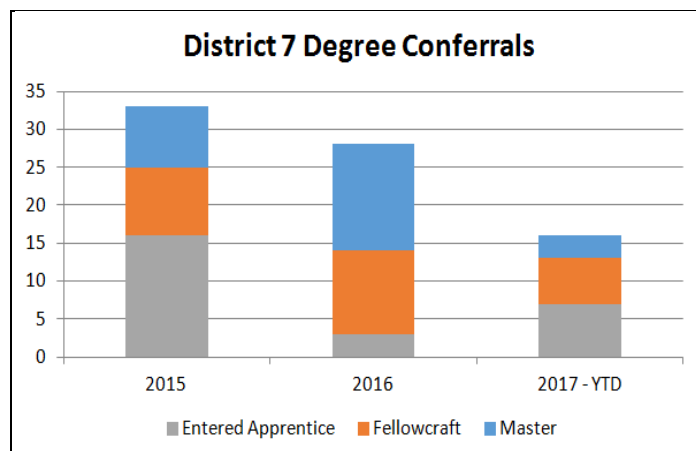
## DDGM Calendar

August 5	Saturday	Open Air Degree, Granite Falls	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
August 28	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
September 6	Wednesday	Unity #98	Stated
September 9	Saturday	Falls City Chapter #54, RAM	Stated
September 9	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
September 13	Wednesday	Falls City Chapter #54, RAM	Mark Master Degree
September 14	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
September 18	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated

I will get to the other half of the Lodges in October (Mercer/Lakeside/Myrtle/Renaissance). WMs, if you have a very compelling program for September and you want me to attend I will try to squeeze you in.

*VWB Doug Stamper*

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Editor: 2017 data through June 30.

## Myrtle Lodge #108 Submitted by WM Chad Reece

Issaquah, WA, July 20

This day your correspondent has found himself in a unique vantage from which to observe the performance of a first degree. Peering from the East a view of full sidelines and patient Brothers awaited the Worshipful Master of Myrtle Lodge to open the meeting. Suddenly, as quickly as a turtle, the WM moved his right hand rapping the Brothers up and down and speaking sentences harkening back to old English. The officers replied in kind until the Lodge was open. The WM quickly began addressing the tasks before him this night. First introductions welcomed guests David Bach and Joshua Coutts of Unity 198, VWB Doug Stamper of Kirkland 150, Adrian Boyed of Winter Garden 165 (FL), Jason Buchanan of Fellowship 345 (MO), and WB Dan Taylor of Mercer Island 297. The WM then welcomed the return of four Sojourning Myrtle Brothers, VWB Ray Zimmerman, WB John Ezekwugo, Brett Meyer and Laurence Lance. A petition for the degrees was read and an investigation committee assigned. There was an unveiling of Myrtle's recently restored and framed charter. Phoenix Restoration in Issaquah performed the work over a two month period and the results are a beautiful charter. No longer rolled up and hidden in a metal vestibule, it is framed behind protective glass for display. WB Geoff Joosten was paid many wages for working with Phoenix Restoration on this. After this short business, the meeting transformed and the initiation for Michael Inman commenced.



Myrtle Lodge welcomes its newest Brother, Michael Inman (center)

Brother Matthew Stull filled the role of JD, Shane White SD, Ray Zimmerman SS, Brian Thomas Secretary, Mark Staveley treasurer, Jeff Craig JW, Geoff Joosten SW and your correspondent, WM. At the commencement Matthew began the degree at the behest of the WM and we soon had our candidate standing in the Lodge room ready to receive his first Masonic degree. The WM, having had a long day after being kept up by a new puppy, had a near immediate cognitive stall which set the pace for his performance. Shane and Matt did a great job not allowing the WM's performance to intrude upon theirs. As the degree moved along a stride was found and the Lodge began running like a well-oiled machine. Jeff Craig and Geoff Joosten were outstanding in their roles and both provided local prompting to those who needed it. As the machine hummed along it threw a rod when another cognitive stall sent the WM into an uncomfortable pause between the obligation and the explanation that comes after. Brother Ian Freas provided Brother Michael with his apron and delivered the apron lecture with ease and acumen. Shortly thereafter Ian reprised his great delivery by providing the working tools and explained their uses. After a brief interlude as we transitioned from the participatory part of the degree to the vicarious; the lecture was provided via an excellent 25 minute video presentation. It drew in our attention as it guided us through the lecture with images related to the topic at hand. Finally, the charge was delivered by the WM and then began the congratulatory welcoming the Lodge's newest Brother. The WM proceeded to close Lodge in due form and the Brethren retired to the pub for a round of drinks.

Myrtle welcomes our newest Brother and congratulates him on beginning his new journey. The Masonic symbolism and meaning is a unique story unfolding amidst each of us. These tales share a common theme with diverging context and content.

**Correspondent's disclaimer:** Your correspondent has endeavored to bring you a factual recount, but some may disagree with this account. Think not ill of your correspondent for this is dredged from questionable mental reserves.

**Editor:** Never let the facts get in the way of a good story.

## The Bird Feeder

*Submitted by Frank Gaudé*

The first week, no bird found the bird feeder for it was almost hid in the Fir tree. Then I shifted it to another tree, a little higher up. I said, "Jesus, I hope the birds find it." Well later they did find the seeds. Some birds flew straight up to it, while others watched. Then the more timid birds kind of hopped around it on limbs and finally would approach it. Some birds became bullies or territorial and pecked at the birds and darted after them chasing them away. Today I saw one bird offering the seed from his mouth to another bird that was shivering. It was most heartwarming to see this. Now my yard has many more birds than usual in it and there is a chorus of heavenly music. I don't intend to offer human qualities to birds, but there seems to be distinctions. I hope one day the shivering bird (like me at times) will just walk right up to that foreign object and see there is nothing to fear.

*Kaffea Lalla, Potlatch, Idaho, August 2, 1999, Internet Open Circle Mail List*

### Deadline

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

## Consumer Alert Section

### Officials Warn Consumers of Counterfeit Tickets Ahead Of Solar Eclipse



Source: [The Onion](#)

### 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

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	<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>	WB 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 Hoeffer	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 Snavelly	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 Snavelly	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	VWB 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