

District 7 News



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プレーボール (Play Ball)

As the World Series approaches it's time again for the **D7N Annual Baseball Issue** featuring a report about my first Japanese baseball game, which I enjoyed in August. The Hanshin Tigers of Osaka visited the Yakult Swallows, who play in Tokyo's Meiji Jingu Stadium. It was a great game with the teams trading leads four times. The Swallows won on a walk-off RBI with two outs in the 9th. The winning hit came from a "foreigner", Carlos Rivero. The locals pronounce his name "Leave-eh-low".

Japanese baseball is virtually identical to its US cousin, but there are a few notable exceptions:

1. An original song for each player is enthusiastically sung by the fans when he's at bat, accompanied by each team's trumpet corps. Every player. Every at bat.
 2. No more than three foreigners are allowed on each team. (A rule that would have cost a few US teams a pennant.)
 3. Teams are named for companies. Hanshin is a railway operator and Yakult sells food and beverage products.
 4. There are real cheerleaders (sweaters, pleated knee-length skirts and pom-poms). No Daisy Dukes.
 5. There's a fireworks show after the fifth inning that lasts about three minutes, just enough time for the grounds crew to tidy up the infield.
 6. Select English phrases are energetically spoken by the stadium announcer: Two outs!, Nice pitching Ishikawa!, Swallows Chance! (when a runner is in scoring position), and Go Go Leave-eh-low!
 7. Extra innings stop at the bottom of the 12th after which the game ends if still tied.
- Best of all the beer sales never stop, even when the game goes to extra innings.

WB Gebhart-san

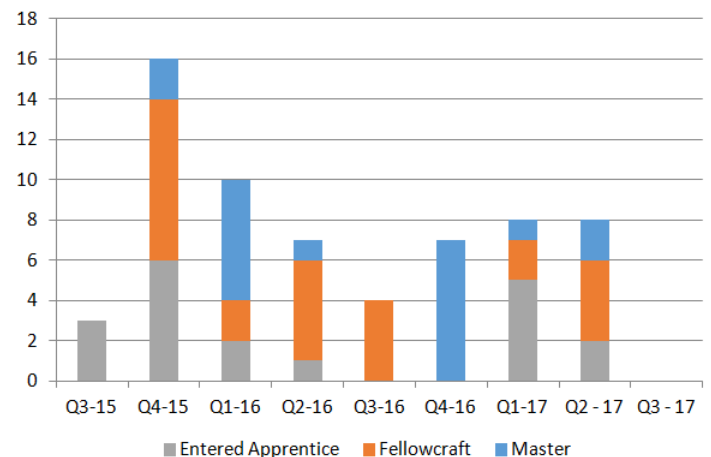
District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

October 14	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
October 16	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
October 19	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
October 26	Thursday	Kirkland #150	MM Degree
October 30	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated
November 1	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
November 2	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
November 8	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
November 11	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
November 13	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
November 16	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated

DDGM schedule at more-out-there.blogspot.com

Q3 2017 Degree Report

Distict 7 Conferrals, by Calendar Quarter



Breaking a streak known to have started in Q1-2015 (the earliest date for which D7N has kept such records) there were no degrees conferred in our District during the three months ended September 30th.

Thankfully the Brothers of West Gate Lodge ended the *Degree Drought of 2017* last week. (see below).

West Gate #128

Submitted by WM Earl Lara

On October 7th 2017, we initiated a new Brother, Jossel "Ray" Walintukan, who currently resides in Everett and works at Boeing (as most of our members do) and was able to learn more about Masonry. Ray is the newest Entered Apprentice of West Gate Lodge and very excited to learn and travel within our fraternity. In a short time we have come to learn that he is a good man, and he wants to do what brothers before him have done: become a better man.



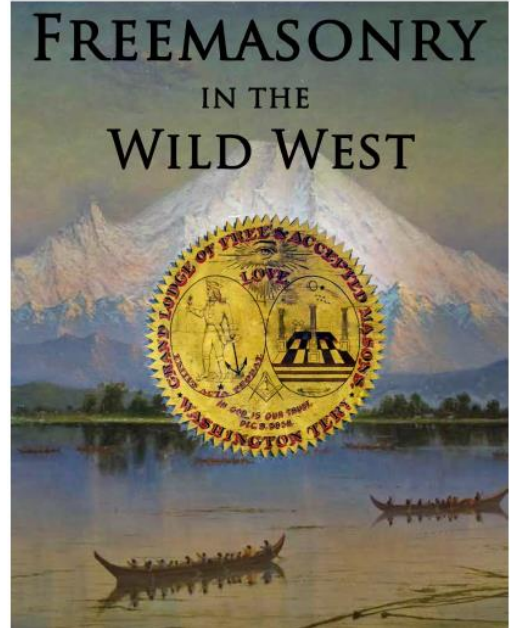
It is now a bit colder but that's what refreshments for. Before refreshments, I hope we can come to labor again for our Stated Communication, Monday, October 16th, at which we will hold a closed installation. VW Henry is preparing a great meal and I hope you are all going to join. Installing Masters will be MWB Santy Lascano, VWB Ray Lavadia, and myself. Our 2018 officers are:

Worshipful Master	WB Earl Lara
Senior Warden	VWB Ray Lavadia
Junior Warden	VWB Henry Fletcher III
Secretary/Treasurer	WB Donn Castro
Chaplain	VWB Mark Williams
Marshall	WB Jim Nash
Senior Deacon	Bro Arjay Protacio
Junior Deacon	Bro Karl Egts
Tyler	WB Henry Castro
Musician	Bro Bert Bertram

Finally, I want you all to know that I have not forgotten WB Les Snavely's Memorial (who could forget him?). I plan to schedule a memorial for our dearly departed and honor him within the fraternity he truly loved.

Myrtle #108

At its next stated communication, Thursday, October 19th Myrtle Lodge will host a presentation by Brother Kyle Grafstrom: "How the First Masonic Charter Came to the PNW." Brother Kyle will take us on a journey of how the Pacific NW gained masonry and will speak about his new book "Freemasonry in the Wild West." Don't miss this educational journey through our history.



The Lodge will be off session during Brother Grafstrom's presentation; friends and family are welcome. For more information contact WM Chad Reece at damnthings@gmail.com.

Kirkland #150

A Special Communication is schedule for Thursday, October 26th for the conferral of the Master Mason degree. Lodge will open at 6:30 p.m. The candidates are instructed to arrive at 6:45 p.m.

One courtesy degree is available and help from a few visiting Brethren to round out the degree team will be warmly welcomed. Please note that the Brother slated for MEKS is tentative at press time. **For further information contact Br. Brian Clubb, Senior Warden, at bclubb@outlook.com.**

Mercer Island #297

At its next Stated Communication, Thursday, November 2nd, the Brothers of Mercer Island Lodge will feature a dinner presentation and discussion by Lisa Borders, Director of Corporate Engagement for the Salvation Army in Seattle. Ms. Borders was recently dispatched to the front lines of the Salvation Army's relief mission to Houston in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey where she served in the capacity of Public Information Officer. Family and friends are welcome to attend this presentation.

Happy Hour starts at 6:00 p.m., dinner at about 6:45 p.m. and the business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation for dinner is \$20 (the Lodge's cost), and **RSVP is most appreciated. Please email WM Dan Taylor at dantaylor@msn.com.**

Unity #198

Submitted by WM Matt Roalkvam

Unity Lodge is looking for a Brother who would be interested in joining our Lodge and serving as our Secretary/Treasurer for 1-2 years while we work on training our new EA and FCs. If there's nobody willing to, we will have to find a way to get by without someone sitting in either position. In addition to respectable compensation, the WM will be offering an additional boon to whoever fills the role. If interested, please contact WM Matt Roalkvam at webmattr@hotmail.com

Hurricane Relief Donation Links

<http://www.msana.com/msappeals.asp>

<http://give.salvationarmyusa.org>

<http://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/hurricane-relief>

<http://www.unicefusa.org/mission/emergencies/hurricanes>

<https://www.helpmedonate.org/>

Rainbow Girls: Chemo Care

Bellevue Assembly is gathering items to create Chemo Care Packages for people going through chemotherapy

treatment. Collections will be made through the end of October. Items needed include:

- fuzzy socks
- teas
- lip balm
- hard candy
- magazines
- books
- playing cards

Cash donations will also be accepted. For more information contact Mother Advisor, Jean Dankberg, at jean@dankberg.com.

Letters to the Editor

The Right to Protest (September 30, 2017)

Editor's Note: With a week to go before publishing the September 30th issue and no idea what I was going to write I received an email from Br. David Bach informing me of WB Jenner's 40-year pin and the story behind his award. The following day the NFL anthem protests were broadcast and my editorial sort of wrote itself. Since then the District 7 News has received numerous messages of thanks to WB Jenner for not compromising his values and reminding us of ours.

WB Gebhart,

Very timely, and very inspiring. Thank you, WB Gebhart.

~WB Jim Groves

WB John,

Years ago I almost walked away from Masonry for the same reason when a similar event almost happened (it didn't) at a lodge I belonged too. I hope with all my heart never see that again. I met many Prince Hall Masons when I was with the fleet and we would all laugh about how we weren't supposed to recognize each other. The usual greeting went something like, "Hey boats, you know that cat with a cain"? Good Masons will always find each other and recognize Brothers.

~VWB Roger Barnstead

WB Editor,

This is awesome, and in my opinion what it means to be a Mason .

Thank you for sharing this.

~Br. Justin DeWolf

John,

Without compassion, without a heart, one cannot be a Mason, a Tai Chi member, or follow the Path International Sufism. ☺

Love, hugs,

~Dad

WB John,

I received this week's newsletter literally minutes after showing my children Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria's speech today to the Air Force Academy [\[Silveria Speech\]](#) on this very same topic. It was an excellent opportunity to teach them that we should respond to bad ideas with better ideas. For those who have not seen the speech yet, I can honestly say it was one of the most moving speeches I have seen in quite some time. The message being communicated in both the newsletter and that speech is the very reason I became a Mason, and I am grateful to be inspired by those that stand up for what they believe is right.

Thank you WB Jenner!

~Br. Stephen Burns

General Interest

WB Editor,

An interesting and maybe scary report: A fairly recent MIT & Boston University economics study reports that between 1990 and 2007, robots displaced some 670,000 workers mainly in industrial trades. They predict that by 2025 factory robots will quadruple, costing 3.4 million more jobs and cutting wage growth as much as 2.6 per cent. Think Google, Uber, Amazon, and things like driverless trucks. The logical question is, if this proves true will it affect our Craft membership too?

~VWB Coe Tug Morgan

Deadline

Submissions for the October 31th issue of the **District 7 News** are due on **Friday, Oct 27, 2017**. Early submission is encouraged.

Slinky Accessories Section

SLINKY
ALL NEW and TIMELY!

SLINKY SATELLITE BEANIE
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!
UNBREAKABLE PLASTIC
Kids will demand them. Satellite bobs back and forth as head moves Slinky spring motion. Complete with strap and constellation headband decoration.
\$1.29 CATALOG NO. 325
1 doz. per carton. Weight 7 lbs.

SLINKY POPUP
Push down on spring—then wait for him to blow his top. Fun for adults and children. Packed for counter or rack.
69c CATALOG NO. 450
2 doz. per carton
Weight 4 lbs.

SLINKY SPINNER
Makes its own orbit! A different action. Top whirls and jumps around. Packed for counter or rack.
79c CATALOG NO. 175
2 doz. per carton. Weight 5 lbs.
Minimum prepaid weight 200 lbs.

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,  @dstamper

	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