

District 7 News



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I Struggle To Understand

Lately I write a lot about Japan ... hope it's not too much. I spend a lot of time there; 32 days over six trips so far this year and the year's not over. I'm not complaining. Japan is welcoming, fascinating, clean, and safe. The Japanese people are among the most gracious I've encountered. And it doesn't hurt that I love my job and the folks I'm so fortunate to work with.

I'm in my third year of this very-long-distance commute and by now I think the novelty has worn off. A few routines have developed and I circulate in a network of bankers, attorneys, and other business partners, so along with my co-workers I mostly see the same people on every trip. Some might conclude that I'm in a rut. So why am I so happy there?

I haven't figured out the language other than a small amount of vocabulary gleaned from two years of Japanese classes. My ear is still not sufficiently trained to understand most of what I hear. And forget about learning to read Japanese in my lifetime. I try to communicate but it's a struggle.

The Japanese people try very hard to be understood and to understand me. It's immensely rewarding when we struggle together and connect. This happened a couple weeks ago when I bought a bus ticket to the airport. The young man who sold me the ticket could speak only a few words of English. After the several minutes it took for me explain to him, and for him to confirm, that I wanted one ticket on the 10:30 bus we both nodded. But his smile told me that we had accomplished more than just a ticket sale.

Imagine if we all struggled to understand each other about bigger things than bus tickets, even when we're speaking the same language.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

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
November 28	Saturday	Myrtle #108	EA Degree
November 20	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated

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

Myrtle #108

At a special communication on Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 a.m. the Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred at Myrtle Lodge. To help on the degree team follow this link [Nov 18 EA Degree Team](#). For more information contact WM Chad Reece at damnthings@gmail.com.

Kirkland #150

Submitted by WM Bill Reynar

Bro. Thomas Olsen of Kirkland Lodge #150 was raised to a Master Mason on Oct 26th.



Bro. Thomas Olsen (center front row)

Conferring the degree was WM Bill Reynar. Both WB Dan Chadrow who delivered the Charge and Bro. Steve Preston, SD who gave the Lecture did outstanding jobs.

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 a boon to whoever fills the role. If interested, please contact WM Matt Roalkvam at webmattr@hotmail.com

Fire, Earthquake and Hurricane Donations

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

<http://give.salvationarmyusa.org>

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

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Red-Cross-Helps-as-Fires-Burn-Out-of-Control-in-California>

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

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

Letters to the Editor

Play Ball (October 15, 2017)

WB John,

When I was doing a lot of business in Japan for Boeing I loved to watch baseball games on TV. Ichiro was playing for Seattle, and he was popular in Japan too, so they would televise the Mariners games live, sometimes in the middle of the night. I was watching the Tigers who were playing the Karp (from Hiroshima, I believe). There was an announcer whose voice and speech pattern was just like Dave Niehaus, only in Japanese, and I was casually listening while doing some work in my hotel room. All of a sudden the batter hit one out of the park with bases loaded. The announcer became pretty excited as he proclaimed "Grand Sram Home Runoo!"

Cheers.

~WB Steve Pennington

WB John,

Well "take me out to the ball game" or "put me in coach, I am ready to play"!.

~VWB Roger Barnstead

Deadline

Submissions for the November 15th issue of the **District 7 News** are due on **Saturday Nov 11, 2017**.
Early submission is encouraged.

Lazy Halloween Costume Section



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