

District 7 News



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A Good Officer

Two seemingly unrelated things were very prominent in my childhood: West Point and Happy, my beagle.

I'm not sure why I was drawn to West Point. Maybe it was the TV show about the cadets that aired in the late 50s, which was one of my first impressions of television. Or maybe it was my fascination with the cadets marching at Pennsylvania Military College, a little West Point near my house. In any event, the key to getting me to do things was to simply tell me that West Point cadets did what I was being told to do. For example, my mother would tell me to make my bed, and like any kid I'd reply that I didn't want to. Then she would say, "West Point cadets make their beds", after which I'd immediately charge up the stairs and make my bed. Visions of someday being a West Point cadet and then becoming an officer filled my boyhood dreams.

Happy was easily the best beagle there ever was. I totally adored her and I'm pretty sure she felt the same way about me. I was a young boy in love with my dog; there's not much more that has to be said.

One day when I was about nine I was outside playing with Happy when my father came to the kitchen door and told me to feed her and then come clean up for dinner. I must have been very hungry and replied that I'd feed her after I had my dinner. My father's next sentence forever changed my life.

"A good officer never eats until his men are fed."

He could have hit me with a hammer and it would have felt better. I was overcome with remorse when I realized that my conduct was unbecoming an officer and I had almost failed the best dog in the world. Of course, I fed Happy right away.

Life moved on. I didn't go to West Point and I still don't like to make my bed. But I've always remembered that a good officer never eats until his men are fed.

WB John Gebhart

District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

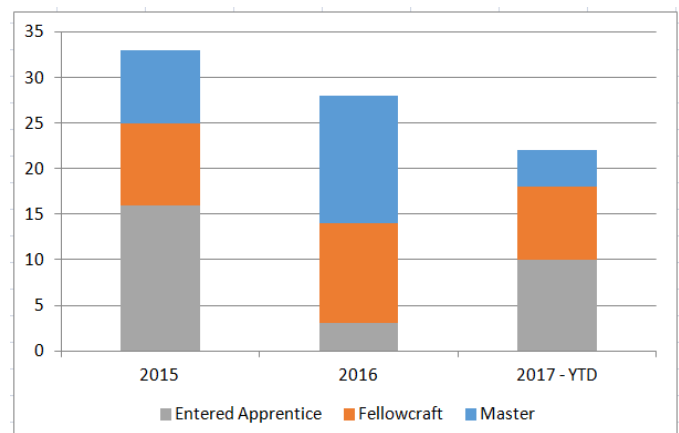
January 15	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
January 18	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
January 19	Friday	Lakeside #258	D7 Meeting
January 25	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Degree Team
January 27	Saturday	Unity #198	SOTC
February 1	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
February 7	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
February 8	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
February 10	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
February 12	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
February 15	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
February 19	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated

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

District 7 Installations

Falls City #66	Done	
Myrtle #108	Done	
West Gate #128	Done	
Kirkland #150	Done	
Unity #198	January 20	TBD
Lakeside #258	Done	
Mercer Island #297	Done	
Renaissance #312	Done	

District 7 Degrees 2015-2017



Editor: We can do better!

West Gate #128

By WM Earl Lara

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year! When our meeting comes (Monday, January 15th), we will be half-way through the first month of the year! I'm sure we all have lots to share as we catch up at our next Stated. I'm very excited to share our agenda for this evening. We will be opening on the Fellowcraft Degree so please come prepared! We are inviting any new Masons from your respective Lodges so please let me know if you are coming as a guest. We would like to ensure we have enough food for all.

Members, If you have yet to receive your dues cards, please contact WB Donn Castro at donncastro@westgatelodge.org We have pretty short agenda but a lot to talk about. I trust you won't regret.

Our main program will involve a Masonic video on "Freemasonry - What Is It?" followed by a revival of a Rusty Mason Degree (FCM). This is something our Lodge used to do to help develop some of our Brothers and ask questions on really anything (i.e. posting lectures, degree work, or any general questions). We will be limiting ourselves to everything but the Third Degree so Brothers, please join us and help our younger Masons. I know I will come with questions myself.

I hope all is well and hope to see you at the next Stated. We will be kind of light in attendance as we have a lot of Brothers traveling the world!

District 7 Meeting

By VWB Doug Stamper

The annual District 7 meeting will take place evening of Friday, January 19th at the Eastside Masonic Center, 8561 Willows Rd. NE, Redmond, WA 98052.

Who can attend: All Brothers from District 7 and their +1 (EA-MM). Please encourage all to attend, and not just MMs.

Date and Time (New Time!): January 19th, meal begins at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment: (during the meal) Songbird, an acoustic duet, will perform a set of original tunes

Main Course: Chicken, unless I get feedback that we need veggie and fish options as well

Main Meeting Agenda: (approx. 1.5 hour meeting)

- Introductions and Opening Comments by DDGM (10 mins)
- District 7 Annual Report comments by DDGM (approx. 15-25 mins)
- Each WM will speak about his lodge and planned programs (5-10 mins)
- Grand Master's Achievement Award (5 mins)
- MWGM and his Line will share their message regarding the district/year/plans (approx. 20-30 mins)
- Q&A with MWGM and his staff (15 mins)
- Benediction and Closing comments (5 mins)

Please RSVP to dstamper@outlook.com.

Secrets of The Chair

A Special Notice to First-Time Worshipful Masters

Secrets of The Chair will be on the last Saturday of January, the 27th, at Unity Lodge at 4:40 p.m. with fellowship and snacks/light dinner immediately after.

All first-time Masters are reminded in the most friendly manner that this is not an optional event. All Past Masters are warmly invited to come assist their newly installed fellows settle into their exalted positions.

If any Past Master wants to be a part of the SOC team, including starting to learn the Right Worshipful Master's part, please email **WB Jonathan Seaton, Keeper of the Work**, at info@unity198.org.

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

Lost Masonic Ring

A well-worn man's gold ring bearing the emblems of nine Masonic Bodies has been found in the vicinity of North Bend. Please contact WB Ernie Jenner for further information. cejenner272@gmail.com

Meet the District 7 Masters

Five Questions for WM Brian Clubb, Kirkland #150

When did you become a Mason and why?

I petitioned Kirkland lodge in early 2013 and was raised in January 2014. I had a great-uncle growing up who was a Mason. He was very respected in my family. He passed away when I was an early teen, but I was always curious about this organization he was a part of. Fortunately, a friend of mine married a Brother from Kirkland and she let me know that he was a Mason. He helped me petition and I've been working with the Brothers at Kirkland Lodge ever since.



WM Brian Clubb, Kirkland Lodge #150

Is this your first year as WM, and if not when and where previously?

First year as WM.

What do you like most about Freemasonry?

Fellowship with good, upstanding men from my community.

What do you like least about Freemasonry and what are you doing about it?

Not enough Masonic education. WB Reynar started a Master Craftsman study group that I am a part of. We are also implementing a "degree team" this year where we will have an open practice for a degree one month, then a live degree the next. This will allow us to discuss the esoterica of the degree during practice and invite

brothers who wish to learn and/or participate to get involved in the degree work.

What goals do you have for our lodge in 2017 and how can the D7 Brethren help you accomplish this?

The goal for our lodge this year is to help with Masonic education through the degree team. The participation of interested brothers from the district to come to the practices to learn and/or participate will help tremendously. We are meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month. January 25th is practice for the EA degree. See our lodge calendar for more details!

Concordant Bodies at EMC

<i>Lakeside OES</i>			
January 18	Thursday	Stated meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 15	Thursday	Stated meeting	7:30 p.m.
February 24	Saturday	Wine Tasting & Auction	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue Rainbow Assembly</i>			
January 25	Thursday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
January 27	Saturday	Officer Installation	1:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
January 24	Wednesday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job's Daughters Bethel</i>			
January 21	Sunday	Stated meeting	2:00 p.m.
February 5	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Eastside Scottish Rite Club</i>			
January 31	Wednesday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Cultural Resolution (December 31, 2017)

WB Editor,

We live in troubled times my Brother. The Golden Rule always applies to male and female alike.

~VWB Roger Barnstead

WB Editor,

A good reminder for us all.

~WB Dan Boone

WB Editor,

Nicely stated and by setting an example for others to follow.

One must not be afraid to correct others when we see inappropriate behavior.

~RWB Charles "Woody" Wood

Worshipful Sir,

Thank you for your editorial in the Dec. 31 edition of the District 7 News. It was, hands down, the best thing I've read on this difficult subject. It was balanced, insightful, and challenging.

~WB Jim Groves

WB Groves,

Thank you for your kind words. I'm very glad you spotted the challenge. That's what I was going for.

~Editor

John,

Good show! But we all know how hard it is to change a habit, patterns that start in early childhood. Men's respect for women has been mixed for thousands of years. Nonetheless, we can each change ourselves if we truly desire to change. It starts with empathy!

Love, hugs,

~Dad

Deadline

Submissions for the January 31st issue of the District 7 News are due on **Friday Jan 26, 2018**.

Early submission is encouraged.

Playoff Empathy Section

I'm sorry your fantasy football team failed to make the playoffs despite being touted as the "best team ever drafted"



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

Lodge	Address	Meeting Times	Contacts
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 davidhisel@outlook.com Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Hisel)
Myrtle #108	Street Address: 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 Mailing Address: 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: Donn Castro - donncastro@yahoo.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: Brian Clubb bclubb@Outlook.com Sec: David Pearson dpearson@gmail.com
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 :
Lakeside #258	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 www.lakeside258.org	2nd Monday, except July & August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Vincenzo Sainato vsainato@me.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: Joe Oates joates_48323@yahoo.com Sec: Bill Werner bigwer1@hotmail.com

District 7 Officers

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	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 Brian Clubb	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Vincenzo Sainato	WB Dan Taylor	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
SW	Br Joshua Bushman	WB Geoff Joosten	VWB Ray Lavidia	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Jim Groves	WB Thomas Aquino	WB Todd Pike.
JW	Br Robert Coats	WB Jeff Craig	VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Steve Preston	WB Ernest Jenner	WB Mike Campbell	Br Carl Bronkema	VWB Gene Ulrich
Sec		WB Jeff Swanson	WB Donn Castro	WB David Pearson		WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	VWB Bill Werner
Treas		WB Mark Staveley	WB Donn Castro	WB Bill Reynar	Br David Bach	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Paul Hoeffler	VWB Bill Werner
SD	Br Noah Phillips	VWB Bill Werner	Br Arjay Protacio	Br Ron Quartel		Br Dirk Benisch	Br Brent Fleckner	Br. Sheraz Malik
JD		Br Gerry O'Brien	Br Karl Egts	Br Rod Beacham	Br David Bach	WB Todd Pike	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Brian Wheeler
Chp		Br Thomas Monds	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Max Box	VWB Roger Barnstead	Br Mihai Manolache
Mrsh		Br Shane White	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Stephen Burns	
Mu			Br Bert Bertram				WB John Gebhart	
SS				Br Jorge Coronel		Br Kevin Ward		
JS				Br Zach Carpenter				
T	WB Frank Schumacher	WB Brian Thomas	WB Henry Castro					

* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

** Br Andy Precious is Master of Ceremonies for the Festive Board