

# District 7 News



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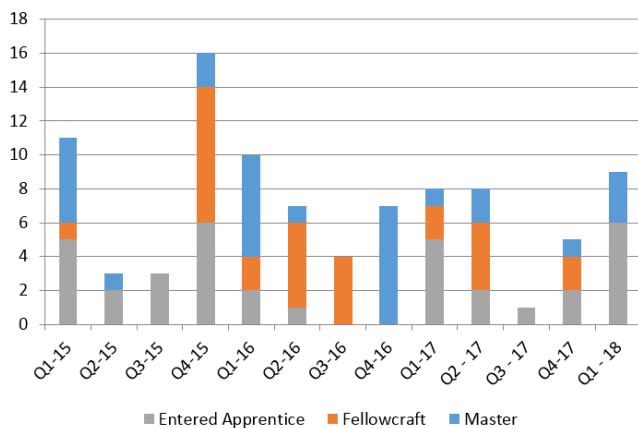
March 31, 2018

## Keep the Power On

VWB Dean Quigley tells a great story to the very talented high school students who submit applications for the Lodge Scholarship awards. He was among the Boeing engineers at the first test flights of the 707. As the plane cruised in for a landing the throttle was cut, but the jet engines continued to produce too much lift for the plane to touch down. After a few failed attempts the engineers decided the only way to land was to power onto the runway. They radioed the pilot and gave the instruction: "Keep the power on".

The lesson to the students is that despite their high achievements they haven't landed. Keep the power on.

District 7 Conferrals, by Calendar Quarter



Degree conferrals in our District softened during the second half of 2017, but 2018 started strong. Six Entered Apprentice degrees and three Master Mason degrees have been conferred through March. Great news by any measure, but I respectfully submit not enough.

I recently read that the average time from raising to NPD or demit is three years. And there's been some chatter lately about the well-established trend of member attrition. If this trend ever reverses it will be because we were willing to evolve our Fraternity's structure, rules, methods, and habits. Until that happens we must do the best we can within the current structure.

Keep the power on.

WB John Gebhart

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

April 4	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
April 5	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
April 9	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
April 12	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Falls City #66 Chili Cookoff</b>	
April 14	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
April 16	Monday	West Gate #128	Stated
April 19	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
April 21	Saturday	Lakeside #258	FC Degree
April 30	Monday	Renaissance #312	Stated

DDGM schedule at [more-out-there.blogspot.com](http://more-out-there.blogspot.com)

## Mercer Island #297

At its next Stated Communication, Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., Senior Grand Warden RW Charles "Woody" Wood will be paying a special visit to lead a discussion on the challenges and potential solutions to building and sustaining Masonic membership.

**WM Dan Taylor forcefully recommends all District 7 members to be in attendance.** It should be a great evening of discussion and debate on this critical issue.

Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m., preceded by happy hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner (suggested contribution, \$20/pp). **RSVP for dinner to by April 2<sup>nd</sup> to SW Carl Bronkema at [cbronkema@msn.com](mailto:cbronkema@msn.com).**

## West Gate #128

*By VWBs Doug Stamper and Bill Werner*

At West Gate Lodge's March stated communication VWB Bill Werner led a discussion on the "*Individualism of Freemasonry*", a paper authored by Committee on Masonic Research and Education, James H. Begg, Executive Secretary, MW Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington, 90 years ago. The comments, feedback and involvement from all of the Brothers was very very interesting.



*Brothers of West Gate #128*

The conversation explored the Spiritual Framework of Human Character we all work to evolve within ourselves.

### **Lakeside #258 – EA Degree**

*By WM Enzo Sainato*

On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> the Brothers of Lakeside Lodge initiated Mr. Michael Cramer as a Mason. The Degree was conferred by WB Vincenzo Sainato. The lecturer was VW Cary Cope who also presented the Lodge with a gift of a handmade bible stand for the altar. The apron was presented by Br. Max Box, working tools by Br. Jaime Speicher, and charge by WB Jim Groves.



*Brother Michael Cramer with the Lakeside degree team*

Lakeside has been purposely including FC and EA masons to contribute to the degree work- as a function of helping them contribute and learn the work as they progress by steps through their own degrees; as such, EA's Br. Jaime Speicher and Br. Joshua Jongema (West Gate) and FC Br. Malcolm Maciver contributed to degree. They also pulled double-duty spending the afternoon doing carpentry

work at the lodge on some lodge enhancements. Masonic wages to all!

Our next degrees will be a FC on April 21<sup>st</sup> and MM on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Annual Chili Cook-off – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

*By Brother Robert Coats*

Falls City #66 and Unity #198 are having our **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili cook-off** and if your schedule permits, we would be honored to have you join us in the festivities!

Last year, we had one of our biggest gatherings yet with 14 chilis entered in the cook-off. The competition last year was tough but ultimately, it was the fantastic chili of WB Vincenzo Sainato of Lakeside Lodge that took the top honors. (Trust me ... it is worth attending just to get a taste.) So bring a chili or just bring an appetite but do make plans to attend. We would certainly love to see you there and families are certainly invited, so bring them along as well. Also, be sure to share the news with the members of your lodge – we are looking to have this our biggest year yet!

Included with the multiple chili entrees will be beverages, hot dogs and all the fixings. Like last year, there are no tickets required for chili sampling, just make a donation at the door or bring a chili. And as always, all donations will be going to our Masonic supported charities. I look forward to seeing you there!

#### **DATE:**

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

#### **WHERE:**

Falls City Lodge #66

4304 337<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE Fall City, WA 98024

Google Map & Directions: [Falls City #66](#)

#### **TIMES:**

- Royal Arch Masons - Come early for RAM #54 @ 4:00 PM
- Chili Cook-off set-up @ 5:00 PM
- Chili Cook-off judging @ 6:00 PM SHARP.
- Stated Meeting to follow @ 7:30PM.

#### **CHILI COOK-OFF RULES:**

- 1) Show up. (*Please RSVP*)
- 2) Bring your best chili (or two) and represent your lodge.
- 3) Enjoy some Brotherhood and fine chili.

Judging will begin sharply at 6PM and will consist of 3 (possibly 4) judges.

**1st place gets:**

- a) \$50 donation to a bone fide charity of their choosing,
- b) Winner’s name on the “ladel” trophy (Yes, it is the “ladel” trophy and not the ladle trophy), and
- c) Boasting rights for a full year unless you can repeat the performance the following year!

**Concordant Body Meetings at EMC**

<i>Lakeside OES</i>			
April 5	Thursday	Deputy Instructor Honor Night	7:30 p.m.
April 19	Thursday	Installation and Stated Meeting	6:30 p.m.
<i>Bellevue Rainbow Assembly</i>			
April 12	Thursday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 26	Thursday	Stated Meet	7:00 p.m.
<i>Bellevue DeMolay Chapter</i>			
April 8	Sunday	Game Day	2:00 p.m.
April 11	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 25	Wednesday	Stated Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<i>Job’s Daughters Bethel</i>			
April 2	Monday	Stated meeting	7:00 p.m.
April 15	Sunday	Stated meeting	2:00 p.m.
<i>Eastside Scottish Rite Club</i>			
May 30**	Wednesday	Stated meeting (at Myrtle Lodge)	7:00 p.m.

**Traveling Gavel Update**

*By WB Dean Markley*

Lakeside Lodge is in possession of the Traveling Gavel, and that will remain the case unless:

- 1. At least four members of a given Lodge must simultaneously visit at meeting at Lakeside.
- 2. The visitors must have signed the Tyler’s register as such.
- 3. At least one of visitor’s principal officers must be among the four or more visiting Brothers.
- 4. If more than one Lodge is represented by the required number of visiting Brothers the gavel

shall be awarded to the Lodge with the higher percentage of Brothers in attendance in relation to their total membership.

*Editor: This is a friendly competition. No cash shall change hands.*

**Eastside Scottish Rite Club**

*By WB Brian Thomas*

The Eastside Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month that has a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Meetings alternate between Myrtle Lodge in Issaquah and the Eastside Masonic Center in Redmond. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Myrtle Lodge in Issaquah where we will be discussing why Masonry was compelled to come out of the shadows in 1717 and why the ritual only mentions New Testament themes once. It will be an interesting history lesson. All Master Masons are invited. Dress is casual.

*“Education is lighting a fire, not filling a vessel” ~Socrates.* Masonry needs to think about this concept.

Contact WB Brian Thomas at [bjt@comcast.net](mailto:bjt@comcast.net) or **425-226-0463** if you’re interested or would like to receive email notices.

**Junior Grand Warden Candidate Forum**

Videos of Daylight Lodge #232’s recently held candidate forum are now available online at the links listed below:

You Tube Playlist (plays all of them, about 42 minutes). [Candidate Forum](#)

- 1. [Introductions](#)
- 2. [Qualifications](#)
- 3. [Grand Treasurer](#)
- 4. [Board of Directors](#)
- 5. [Technology in Fraternity](#)
- 6. [Fighting Misinformation](#)
- 7. [Most Pressing Issue](#)
- 8. [Helping Struggling Lodges](#)
- 9. [Funding Sources](#)
- 10. [Improving Lives of Masons](#)
- 11. [Sunset Clause](#)
- 12. [Prince Hall](#)
- 13. [Closing Statements](#)

## Letters to the Editor

### *Seeing Everything (March 15, 2018)*

WB John,

My wife taught German for 31 years. In that time we took students to Europe twelve or more times. We had a standard set of cities we visited and had been to most of them several times. Of course we thought we "knew" them quite well. It was always a pleasant surprise when some 15 year old would point at something and say, "Wow, look at that!" A new set of eyes always saw something we had missed in the past.

~VWB Bob Stromberg

WB John,

There is a saying: Sometimes we do not see the trees for the forest is greater. Easier to see big than to see small, less work you might say.

~ RWB Charles "Woody" Wood

John,

We miss much of life having a narrow view. We are dealing with the tapestry of life, racial and religious diversity, homosexuality, abortion, advice: Start with clear thinking and logic and realize the world is changing, changing fast! **It is about staying open to one's inner state of knowing and following one's inner guidance as it arises.**

Love, hugs,

~Dad

### **Deadline**

Submissions for the April 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the **District 7 News** are due on **Tuesday April 10, 2018**.  
Early submission is encouraged.

### **Humor from our late WB Jack Robinson**

#### *A True Story*

A few years ago I needed some information from Jack so I called him. I left a voicemail but he didn't respond. So I emailed him. Again no response. So I called and emailed again and again. After about week he finally picked up the phone:

*Jack* – "Hello."

*John* – "Jack this is John Gebhart, I'm a pain in the ass."

*Jack* – "You didn't have to call to tell me that, John."

### **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
<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:davidhisel@outlook.com">davidhisel@outlook.com</a> Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Hisel)
<b>Myrtle #108</b>	Street Address: 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 Mailing Address: 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: Brian Thomas <a href="mailto:bjt19@comcast.net">bjt19@comcast.net</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: Donn Castro - <a href="mailto:donncastro@yahoo.com">donncastro@yahoo.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: Brian Clubb <a href="mailto:bclubb@Outlook.com">bclubb@Outlook.com</a> Sec: David Pearson <a href="mailto:dpearson@gmail.com">dpearson@gmail.com</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 :
<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: Vincenzo Sainato <a href="mailto:vsainato@me.com">vsainato@me.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: Joe Oates <a href="mailto:joates_48323@yahoo.com">joates_48323@yahoo.com</a> Sec: Bill Werner <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@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 Brian Clubb	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Vincenzo Sainato	WB Dan Taylor	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>SW</b>	Br Joshua Bushman	Br Laurence Lance	VWB Ray Lavidia	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Jim Groves	WB Thomas Aquino	WB Todd Pike.
<b>JW</b>	Br Robert Coats	Br Gerry O'Brien	VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Steve Preston	WB Ernest Jenner	WB Mike Campbell	Br Carl Bronkema	VWB Gene Ulrich
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB David Pearson		WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	VWB Bill Werner
<b>Treas</b>	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Brian Thomas	WB Donn Castro	WB Bill Reynar	Br David Bach	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Paul Hoeffler	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SD</b>	Br Noah Phillips	Br. Brett Meyer	Br Arjay Protacio	Br Ron Quartel		Br Dirk Benisch	Br Brent Fleckner	Br. Sheraz Malik
<b>JD</b>		WB Goeff Joosten	Br Karl Egts	Br Rod Beacham	Br David Bach	WB Todd Pike	Br Dane Shaffer	WB Brian Wheeler
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Jeff Craig	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Max Box	VWB Roger Barnstead	Br Mihai Manolache
<b>Mrsh</b>		Br Thomas Monds	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		VWB Henry Fletcher	Br Stephen Burns	
<b>Mu</b>			Br Bert Bertram				WB John Gebhart	
<b>SS</b>				Br Jorge Coronel		Br Kevin Ward		
<b>JS</b>				Br Zach Carpenter				
<b>T</b>	WB Frank Schumacher		WB Henry Castro					

\* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

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